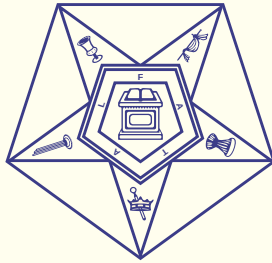


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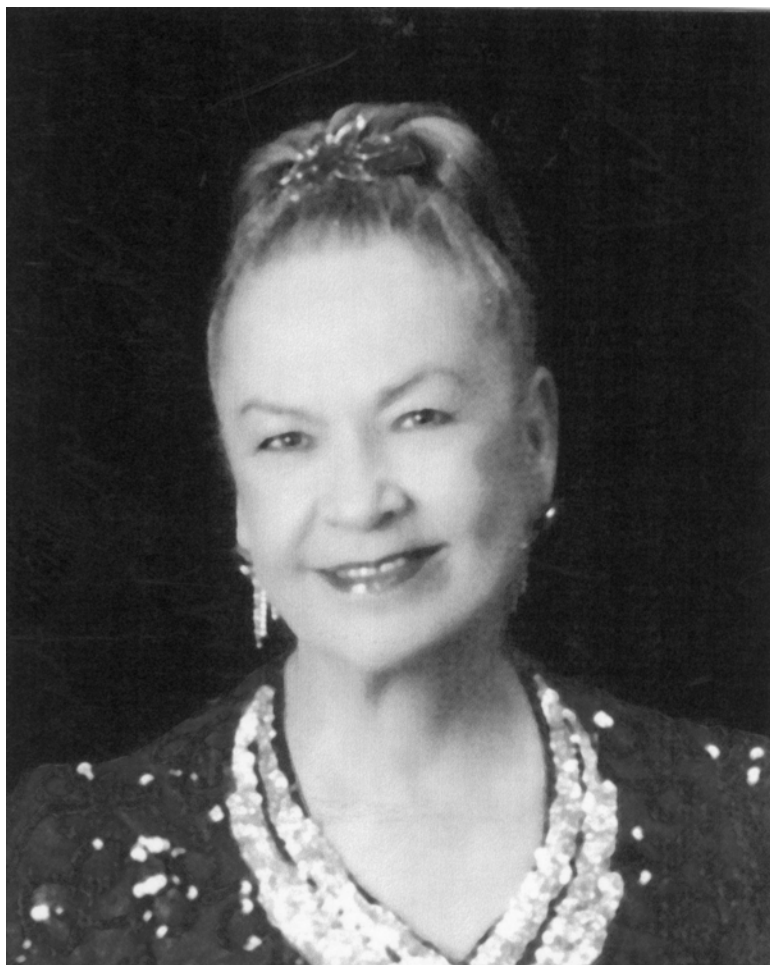
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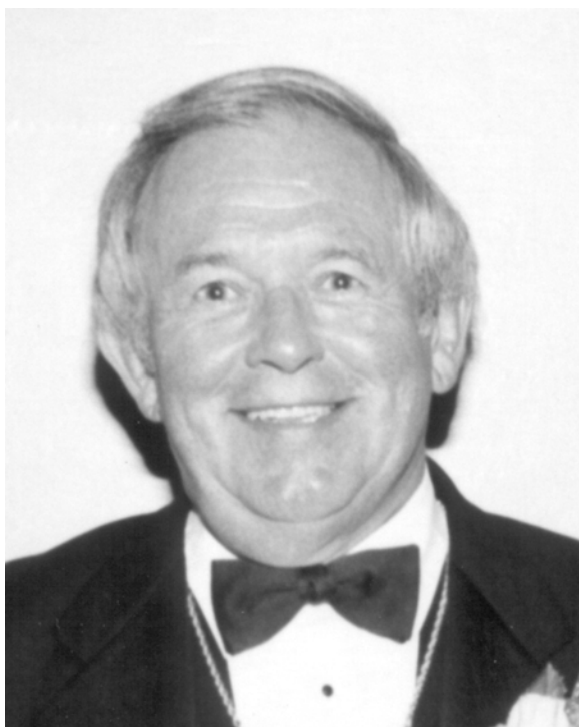


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Most Worthy Grand Matron



WILLIAM 'BILL' OWEN
Most Worthy Grand Patron

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2006–2009**



DENNIS JORDAN
Worthy Grand Organist

California's General Grand Chapter Committee Members 2006–2009



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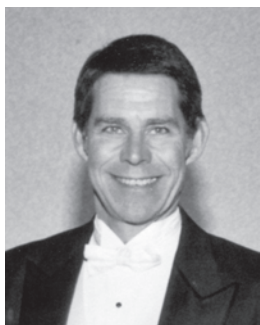
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WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S EMBLEM

THE HEART ENCOMPASSING THE SUN

The Heart represents the compassion we strive to exemplify throughout our lives, for one another and for our communities. When that which is in our heart guides our thoughts and actions, our acts are genuine.

The Sun is symbolic of a bright and prosperous future; a future in which we envision growth and prosperity. As in the story of Esther, the sun represents the light and joy extended to those she held dear to her heart.

The Border of Purple denotes the bond of loyalty we share for our Sisters and Brothers, and for our Order. It represents a devotion to a worthwhile purpose.

ROYAL PURPLE AND RASPBERRY, WITH ACCENTS OF GOLD

The majestic hue of Royal Purple represents loyalty and service to our family and friends, to our Sisters and Brothers, to our Order, and to our communities. It is reminiscent of my years of service in 1992, 1998, 1999 and 2003.

Deep Red Raspberry denotes energy, determination, courage and love. It is also a tribute to that special year of service in 1987.

Accents of Gold represent the treasured members of my Golden Oak and Manzanita Chapters.

TULIPS

Tulips are a traditional symbol of spring, which signify love and hope. Tulips come in a variety of vibrant color, providing both beauty and individuality.

WATCHWORDS

Compassion - Service - Loyalty - Vision

MOTTO

"Envisioning A Bright Future"

THE GIRAFFE AND LADYBUG

"GRACIE"

The Giraffe is a gentle and graceful creature that enjoys a peaceful and quiet existence. Giraffes rarely make sounds, but rather, communicate with their eyes, a very powerful manner of conveying the beautiful and unique patterns on identical giraffes in the world.  but rather, communicate with their eyes, a very powerful manner of conveying thoughts and feelings. They are known for their skin. Like humans, there are no two

The Tilted Crown reminds us to temper life with humor. Keeping laughter in your heart is a valuable life lesson.

In many cultures the precious ladybug represents luck and good fortune. The ladybug is a colorful creature that always manages to evoke a smile, and brighten our day.





WORTHY GRAND PATRON EMBLEM

JACOB'S LADDER

Standing on the solid foundation of my Masonic background is Jacob's Ladder. It was the starting "rung" of my journey through the Masonic family and the beginning of my Love of The Order of the Eastern Star. The letters on the ladder stand for Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. These wise tenets have guided Masons for centuries. So, what better words to have as our Watchwords.

OUR WATCHWORDS

Temperance:	Self restraint in our conduct
Fortitude:	Patient endurance of trouble; courage
Prudence:	Cautious in conduct; practicing sound judgment
Justice:	Fairness; to uphold what is right

OUR FUN EMBLEM

AGENT COYOTE 007



Wiley the Coyote is the perfect picture of perseverance. He pursued his goal (aka The Roadrunner) with real GUSTO. Unfortunate for him, he never succeeded. But not so with our AGENT COYOTE 007 in his NASCAR he is always in the winner's circle. The year 2007 will find our 007's in the winner's circle in their Chapters as they excel in leadership and ritual.

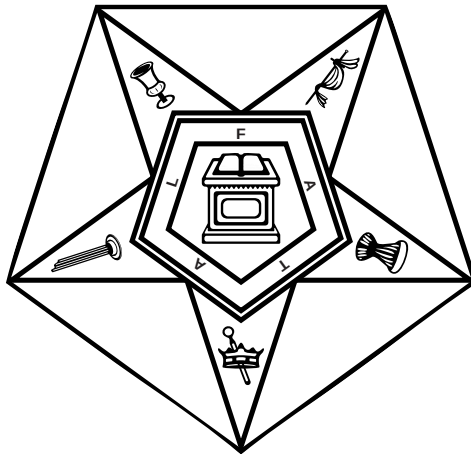
SCRIPTURE:

"To speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men", Titus 3:2

OUR NAME:

The 007's

PROCEEDINGS
of the
GRAND CHAPTER of CALIFORNIA
Order of the Eastern Star



One Hundred Thirty-Fourth Annual
“ENVISIONING A BRIGHT FUTURE” SESSION

October 23rd – 27th, 2007

Bakersfield Convention Center
1001 Truxtun Ave.
Bakersfield, California

“ENVISIONING A BRIGHT FUTURE” SESSION

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 25, 2007

FORMAL OPENING

The backdrop in the Grand East featured the outline of city buildings at night with lights outlining the buildings, and a black sign lettered in white with the theme “Envisioning a Bright Future” There were tulips lining both sets of stairs to the east. The area between the stairs featured the Golden Gate Bridge lit as if it were evening, with Wiley Coyote and Gracie the Giraffe driving across the bridge in Wiley’s NASCAR racer.

8:30 a.m. Musical Prelude

Entrance: Grand Pages
Grand Representatives
Deputy Grand Matrons

Escort: Hostess: Norma Stilwell, Jr. Past Grand Matron
Host: Michael Cornell, Jr. Past Grand Patron

Norma Stilwell, Jr. PGM: Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to call this 134th Session of the Grand Chapter of California to order.

Musical Selection

EMBLEM CEREMONY

Emblem Bearers: 2007 Grand Star Point Officers

ENTRANCE OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Bible Bearer: Barbara Scott, Grand Conductress

Entrance: 2007 Grand Officers

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

Norma Stilwell, Jr. PGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Escort: Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron
David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron

Norma Stilwell, Jr. PGM: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother David “Skip” Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron, of the Grand Chapter of the California, Order of the Eastern Star.

You will join me in extending Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Norma Stilwell, Jr. PGM: Sister Karen, I would like to present this gavel to you for the 134th Session of the Grand Chapter of California. I know you will use it wisely and well for the benefit of the members of our Order.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Norma for being with us this morning, and presenting my gavel to me for the Formal Opening of this 134th Annual Grand Chapter Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

Sisters and brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Norma Stilwell, Junior Past Grand Matron, and Brother Michael Cornell, Junior Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

You will join me in extending Grand Honors to our Junior Past Grand Matron and Junior Past Grand Patron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

Good morning, sisters and brothers. It is our very distinct privilege this morning to have with us Sister Norma and Brother Mike, our Hostess and Host for this Formal Opening Session.

Sister Norma and Brother Mike, we would be pleased to have your Welcome at this time.

WELCOME

(by Norma Stilwell, Jr. PGM and Michael Cornell, Jr. PGP)

Norma: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Matron, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, Our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Owen, Sister Pat Rasmussen, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Loyal Stark, our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers. Welcome to this 134th Session of the Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for giving us the privilege of welcoming our members to this session.

Michael: Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, and all of our other State guests, happy days!

Sister Barbara and Brother Bill, I also extend warm greetings from your sister Dorothy Winterly who I had the pleasure of visiting this past week.

We all will have a wonderful time at our Session and we'll take home some fond memories of this Grand Chapter Session.

Norma: There will be time to meet and greet old friends, to make new ones, and to conduct our business. After the festivities of last night in the Jungle, today we are ready for our Session.

Michael: This is the time we, as members, need to listen to the arguments for and against each piece of legislation that is brought before us. Be attentive and vote for the good of the Order. Thus, we can complete another chapter in the history of our Order.

We have been “Envisioning a Bright Future”, and we will be awaiting the beginning of another year over the horizon.

Embrace the present. Realize that in your hands is the future of our Order. Stay involved. Be active in your chapters, and work for the benefit of our Order.

Together: Again, welcome to Grand Chapter.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Norma and Brother Mike, our Junior Past Grand Matron and Junior Past Grand Patron, it is almost impossible to fathom that only one short year ago we were opening your “Pathway of Friendship” Grand Chapter Session. We have traveled many miles together over the last several years and are pleased that you were able to join us this morning and welcome our members at our Formal Opening Session of our “Envisioning A Bright Future” Grand Chapter Session. Thank you

Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Norma and Brother Mike, I would also like to add my thank you for being our Host and Hostess for this Opening Session.

Sister Norma, we enjoyed the leadership and friendship that you shared with us as we traveled all over the state of California with you, Brother Mike, and your Grand Family, and even though Brother Mike could not teach me how to march, he did demonstrate how to be a Good Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you both for your remarks and welcoming our members and guests to the 134th “Envisioning a Bright Future” Session.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Will the Singing Stars entertain us?

California Singing Stars . . . “This Land I Love”

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Secretary, you will give the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee.

Maryann Barrios, Grand Secretary: Worthy Grand Matron, as of 5:00 p.m., October 24, 2007, 150 Chapters have registered. Therefore, at this time the constitutionally required numbers of Chapters are represented.

For general information, the constitutional number of Chapters that constitutes a quorum is 100.

Respectfully submitted, Geri Terry, Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: As there are more than the constitutional number of Chapters represented, we will proceed to open the Grand Chapter.

FORMAL OPENING

OPENING ODE

“America the Beautiful”

O Beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain.

For purple mountain majesties across the fruited plain.

America, America, God shed His Grace on Thee

And Crown thy good with Brotherhood

From sea to shining sea.

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

Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 9:29 a.m.)

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: Woven together by the Red, White and Blue, Fellow Americans are loyal and true. Remember those who sacrificed for the Land of the Brave that the Flag of our Country may continue to wave.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will assist the Flag Bearer in making the presentation of the Flag of our Country.

AMERICAN FLAG PRESENTATION

Flag Bearer: Al Weisser, PP (577)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

Karen Fletcher, 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 this Grand Chapter.

Grand Officers, you did a marvelous job this morning. Thank you very much.

Before we begin, I would like to bring a few items to your attention. Like any James Bond thriller, I am certain that the suspense and intrigue of our Grand Chapter session will keep you on the edge of your seats and begging for more! Now, we realize that there will be times when some of you will need to leave the session because the “*Spy Who Loves You*” is calling, or your “*Goldfinger*” is pointing you to the restroom. We request that, except in the event of an emergency, you opt to “*Die Another Day*” and not exit during the time a report is being given. And please, do come back. Don’t make “*Her Majesty’s Secret Service*” come find you.

When you received your credentials, you received a program listing the activities of this week. Please read it carefully so that you do not miss any clues or scheduled events.

After the close of each session, please remain seated until the Retiring March of Grand Officers and Grand Pages is complete. We will appreciate that courtesy.

So much appreciation is given to those who are serving this week as our Outer and Inner Guards. Please remember to wear your credentials so that they can easily be seen, and have your dues receipts handy as you enter the seating areas. We don't want "*Doctor No*" to have to send you back to your hotel.

Will our Grand Pages please rise? These Sisters and Brothers have agreed to be the support and legs of our Grand Officers. Should you need a note sent to the East, please see one of these Grand Pages that are seated on the stage.

And finally, please be careful as you maneuver the ramps and steps. Our Sister Janet McClanahan, our paramedic, has her hands full with me this week. And trust me, "*You Only Live Twice*" is just a movie.

California Singing Stars . . . Musical Selection

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much. At this time, it is my pleasure to present Brother Richard Mullard, who will be serving as our Parliamentarian during this Annual Session. Brother Richard will be pleased to meet with you informally, should you have any questions about the parliamentary procedure of this Grand Chapter session. Brother Richard, will you please present the Proposed Standing Rules for this session.

PARLIAMENTARY RULES FOR SESSION

(by Richard Mullard, PP (147) Parliamentarian)

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Before I present the standing rules, I want to thank you for appointing me.

The Standing Rules of the Session, Constitution and Laws Section 111:

(a) Member Addressing Grand Chapter. Every member addressing the Grand Chapter shall announce her or his name, and the name, number and location of the Chapter for which she or he belongs, and if speaking on a question properly on the floor, shall state whether she or he is for or against the question.

(b) Limitation on Speaking. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, except members of committees in relation to their reports, without the permission from the presiding officer, or of the Grand Chapter.

(c) Motion Seconded Before Discussion. All motions shall be seconded and stated by the presiding officer before they shall be open to discussion or action.

(d) Division of the Question. Any member may call for a division of the question if the sense will permit.

(e) Motion to Lay on Table. A motion to lay on the table is not debatable and when used to lay aside a question temporarily for more urgent business, it requires only a majority vote. If it is used as a means to suppress a question, it may, in the discretion of the presiding officer, require a two thirds vote.

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

(g) Order of Questions. All questions shall be put in the order in which they are moved, and in filling blanks the smallest sum or quantity and the longest time shall be first put.

(h) Voting Sign. The voting sign of the Grand Chapter shall be by raising the ballot in the form of a colored card, provided to each delegate at the time of registration.

(i) Ballot Vote upon Request: A ballot vote may be ordered upon a 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 with the consent of the Grand Chapter up to the time the vote is taken.

(j) Majority Vote Determines. A majority vote shall determine all questions, except as otherwise specifically provided.

(k) “*Robert’s Rules of Order*”. The most recently revised edition of “*Robert’s Rules of Order*” shall be the authority in all cases not covered by the Special Rules of the Grand Chapter.

Added Rules to Be Approved by Delegates

No. 1. Amendments to Preamble: Amendments can only be made to that portion of the resolution, not the “Whereas” portion. Delegates are cautioned to refer to what follows the “Therefore be it resolved” part of the legislation when voting.

No. 2. Limitation of Debate: Each speaker shall be limited to two minutes in debate. The proponent of the proposed legislation or maker of the motion will be allowed to speak first in support of the proposed amendment or motion and shall be allowed to speak last. The proponents will be seated west of the Grand Secretary and have exclusive right to the microphone stationed

there, sharing the Grand Marshal's microphone if needed. All proposed changes must be referred to the committee and proponents so that the intent is not altered by the change. Debate will be limited to three speakers for each side of the question, except that a proponent of the proposed amendment or the maker of the motion who has spoken first shall also be allowed to speak last, notwithstanding that there have been two other speakers in favor of the amendment or motion, provided that there have been speakers in opposition to the proposed amendment or motion.

No. 3. Amending a Proposed Amendment: Any amendment to a proposed amendment, which shall change five or more words of the proposed amendment, shall be submitted in triplicate before the member proceeds to the microphone. The member desiring to amend the proposed amendment shall obtain 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.

Additional Information from "Robert's Rules of Order"

Point of Order: When a voting delegate believes the rules of Grand Chapter are being violated, she or he may make a Point of Order by addressing Grand Chapter in the usual manner and after being recognized by the presiding officer, say "Worthy Grand Matron [or the title of the presiding officer], I rise to a Point of Order." Point of Order need not be seconded and is undebatable.

Point of Information: Any voting delegate desiring further information or explanation of an amendment or a motion may obtain the floor in the usual manner, and after being recognized by the presiding officer, may state her or his request. A request for inquiry requires no second and is not debatable. Please note that a Point of Information is not information being provided by the speaker.

Parliamentary Inquiry: A voting delegate desiring to obtain information on a matter of parliamentary law or the Rules of Grand Chapter bearing directly on the business on the floor may address Grand Chapter in the usual manner and say "Worthy Grand Matron [or the title of the presiding officer], I rise for a parliamentary inquiry." A parliamentary inquiry requires no second, is undebatable and is answered by the presiding officer.

Closing Debate: If a member wishes to close debate, she or he should proceed to a microphone. After being recognized, she or he will make the following motion: "I move the previous question." This motion requires a second and a two thirds vote to pass. Calling out the word "question" from the audience will not be recognized by the presiding officer.

MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of these Rules.

(Vote was taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The Standing Rules of the Grand Chapter Session are **ADOPTED**.

Brother Richard, thank you very much for agreeing to serve as our Parliamentarian.

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

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: Sisters and Brothers, I now ask that you give attention to the address of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister Karen, we would be pleased to hear your Annual Report at this time.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

(by Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron)

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

In compliance with the Constitution and Laws of our Order, I am to present a written report to the Grand Chapter reviewing the work of my term of office, setting forth the general condition of the Order in this Jurisdiction, and recommending such legislation, as I may deem necessary.

One year ago, at our “Mission Possible” Installation, I spoke to you about the importance and significance of change. Not change for the sake of change, but change that would produce meaningful results. I explained that change can be gradual or sudden, and have varying degrees of impact on those involved. Although most people welcome change, they find it difficult to accept if it directly affects them. However, change is necessary to remain vital and relevant. Our order is rich in the tradition of the past, however, much like any business, we must look to the future and be on the cutting edge, or we will take a back seat to other service and social outlets available to our members and our prospective members.

I asked you the question: How many things are we doing in Eastern Star, simply because it has always been done that way before?

It has been said, if we always do what we have always done, we will always get what we have always gotten. I challenged our members to embrace the Vision of our Order in California, and to question and evaluate the status quo. I asked our members to think outside of the box, that we might positively IMPACT our Order.

I am proud to say that our members in California accepted my challenge by embracing our Vision and giving life to our common goals by enthusiastically supporting our IMPACT sessions, participating in innovative Official Visits, which included our community partners and engaged our Masonic family and prospective members, and we raised tens of thousands of dollars for cancer research through the very powerful and spiritual Relay for Life events.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Grand Officers: Each Worthy Grand Matron is privileged to select and serve with 10 Appointive Grand Officers. Many of our members are very deserving of this honor. It was my desire to appoint 10 members who were committed to serving with enthusiasm, humility and compassion. I wanted these Grand Officers to make a real and lasting connection with our members throughout California, and they truly did just that. These ladies and gentlemen shared their humor, their talents and their genuine love for our Order with every member they encountered. Their service this year has made me very proud.

Bert Ferris	Grand Chaplain
Kim Hegg	Grand Marshal
Don Snyder	Grand Organist
Delma Davis	Grand Adah
Linda Hoeser	Grand Ruth
Tammy Kinzy	Grand Esther
Karen Fiegehen	Grand Martha
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Our 2007 Grand Family was made complete with the addition of six of our elective Grand Officers. Our Grand Secretary served her first year with us, learning the duties of her new position with incredible speed and accuracy. Sister Maryann has proven to be a very valuable asset to this Grand Chapter. The assistance she has provided me and her willingness to make every single day a learning experience has earned her my respect.

Your Grand Treasurer has shared her financial knowledge and skills with our Grand Chapter, while serving on our Finance Committee. Sister Beverly's friendship and commitment to the principles of our Order is certainly worthy of recognition. She has added a wonderful spark to this Grand Family, and I thank her for her service.

Our Grand Line Officers have been tremendously supportive of our ideas and projects this year. I congratulate each of them on working together toward a common vision and goals. We look forward to supporting you as you lead our Order.

Deputy Grand Matrons: It was my pleasure to invite 53 Past Matrons to serve their respective districts as Deputy Grand Matron. In that each Deputy Grand Matron is charged with the duty of representing the Worthy Grand Matron, it was important to me that each serve with kindness, compassion and grace. While the ritual work of our Order is extremely important and beautiful, I felt strongly that each Deputy should consider the strengths and weaknesses of their Chapters' officers, and provide instruction and constructive feedback as appropriate.

Peggy Mecham-Carlotti (63)	District 1
Kay Hodges (39/93)	District 2
Lorraine Hanson (53/246)	District 3
Janet Williams (17)	District 4
Kathleen Kelly (86)	District 5
Alice Cook (549)	District 6
Bette Ahrens (48/31)	District 7
Brenda Hanson-Smith (62/195)	District 8
Ginger Jackson (57)	District 9

President of the Northern Bond Girls

Marri Jackson (631/117)	District 10
Peggy Orrell (117/513)	District 11
Nancy Stiles (60)	District 12
Gee Gee Querry (58/80)	District 13
Heidi Bucher-Lamb (33/215)	District 14
Cherri Whiteley (59)	District 15
Mary Grant (234)	District 16
Shirley Evans (135)	District 17
Pam Stanfill (205/234)	District 18
Cynthia Howell (252/8)	District 19
Susan Amirsehhi (203/551)	District 20
Donna Philpott (250)	District 21
Dianne Schulenburg (31/342)	District 22
Carolyn Roberts (46/273)	District 23
Dale Williams (47)	District 24
Lydia Eckert (165/556)	District 25
Emmie Weis (123/338)	District 26
Stephanie Fletcher-Cox (348)	District 27
Irmgard Fowler (118/150)	District 28
Renee Hall (126)	District 29
Pamela Wilson (555)	District 30
Darlene Puett (114)	District 31

President of the Central Bond Girls

Vicky Edwards (125)	District 32
Karen Ader (107)	District 33
Jean Denton (78)	District 34
Pearl Chandler (642)	District 35
Joy Pruett (237)	District 36
Kimberlie Kruse (632)	District 37
	District 38
Stephanie Bezner (245)	District 39
Cindy Baker (174)	District 40
Cindy Collier (173)	District 41

Kat Farris (347)	District 42
Karen Meador (259)	District 43
President of the Southern Bond Girls	
Aldene Felton (378)	District 44
Jerry Broaker (547)	District 45
Nancy Geyer (145)	District 46
Edwina Kellner (578/346)	District 47
Shannon Ordaz (162)	District 48
Michelle Alves (241)	District 49
Bonnie West (360)	District 50
Betty Bock (287)	District 51
Betty Coronel (358)	District 52
Michele Luhman (300/358)	District 53

I thank these ladies for performing their duties and meeting my expectations. You have been a very positive force as you have served as our 2007 Bond Girls. Thank you for accepting this mission.

It is with regret that the appointment of the Deputy Grand Matron to District 38 was rescinded in September 2007.

My heartfelt gratitude is extended to Sister Tricia Stewart, the Chairman of our Deputy Grand Matrons. You are a wealth of information and have phenomenally supported these 53 Deputy Grand Matrons. Thank you for instilling in them your sense of pride in our Order. You are truly a loyal friend. Thank you.

Grand Representatives: I had the privilege of recommending the names of 33 Sisters and Brothers to Worthy Grand Matrons of other Jurisdictions for appointments as Grand Representatives of that jurisdiction in California. It has been exciting to share in these appointments, and I wish our Grand Representatives, the Ambassadors of our Order, safe travels as they visit their respective Jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction	Representative	Expires
Alabama	Clifford Randall (385/631)	Jul. 1, 2009
Arizona	Dixie Lee Miller (619/33)	Aug. 31, 2009
Arkansas	Omer Durham (93)	Mar. 10, 2009
Bolivia	Aurelia Martinez (177)	Mar. 9, 2009
Colorado	Donald Farris, Jr. (347)	Apr. 1, 2009
Delaware	David Hoban (126)	Dec. 31, 2008
Florida	Audrey Hanno (106)	Dec. 31, 2008
Georgia	Gordon Thomas (417)	Sept. 1, 2009
Illinois	Chester Facey (131)	Sept. 30, 2009
Indiana	Dorothy Campini (62/639)	Jan. 21, 2009
Iowa	Nancy Guy (92/365)	Apr. 1, 2009
Massachusetts	Donna Belle Ostrum (426/391)	Dec. 31, 2009
Michigan	M. Annette Francis (547)	Jan. 1, 2009

Minnesota	Janice Terry (531)	Dec. 31, 2008
Montana	Reuben Gomez (378)	Dec. 31, 2008
Nebraska	Coren Andrews (412/514)	Oct. 1, 2009
New Hampshire	Kathy Cox (346)	Jun. 1, 2009
New Jersey	Ruth Smith (138)	Jan. 1, 2009
New Mexico	Jerry Carr (241)	Dec. 31, 2008
North Carolina	Charles Cook (18/214)	Dec. 31, 2008
North Dakota	Montie Himes (20/83)	Jan. 1, 2009
Ohio	Rey Coronel (358)	Aug. 1, 2009
Oklahoma	Donald Wood (292)	Oct. 1, 2009
Puerto Rico	John Unger (195/128)	Mar. 1, 2009
São Paulo	Sharon Plunkett (57)	Dec. 31, 2008
Texas	Betty Walker (147/105)	Oct. 9, 2009
Utah	Karley Sue Price (163)	Mar. 31, 2009
Vermont	Jeanne Schultz (319)	Jan. 15, 2009
Virginia	James Lotspeich (185/78)	Dec. 31, 2008
Washington	Betty Lee (213/141)	Sept. 1, 2009
West Virginia	Merwyn Bergquist (108/299)	Jul. 31, 2009
Wisconsin	Clyde R. (Jerry) Davis (219)	Jun. 1, 2009
Wyoming	Darren Spark (51)	Dec. 31, 2008

At the request of Worthy Grand Matrons in other Jurisdictions, I was also pleased to commission the following 24 Grand Representatives to California, whose commissions expire December 31, 2008:

Jurisdiction	Representative
Alberta	Joan Siddall
Arizona	Jerry Stauber
Arkansas	Betty Hopper
District of Columbia	Lois S. Chlap
Florida	Suzie Powell
Georgia	Vicky Griffith
Illinois	Felicia Remich
Indiana	Fran Wilson
Iowa	Barbara Craun
Kentucky	Peggy Mattingly
Maine	Harriet P. Goodwin
Manitoba	Ruth McKinlay
Michigan	Henry Lozier
Minnesota	Pat Chupurdia
Missouri	Terri Politte
Nebraska	Glee Warnke
North Carolina	Dorothy Britt
Oklahoma	Mabel L. Allen
Ontario	Donna Lee

Puerto Rico
São Paulo
Saskatchewan
South Dakota
Utah

Julia Matos
Amilcar A. Mathias
Patricia Meddins
Lowell Holmgren
Laurel Wadley

Standing, Special and Grand Chapter Week Committees: My grateful thanks is extended to those members who accepted the responsibilities of their appointments on Standing, Special and Grand Chapter Week Committees. The Grand Chapter and I are very indebted to each of you for your faithful service.

BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

Eastern Star Homes of California

Linda Bernhard (106) — President

Martie MacKidd (144)	Walt Patterson (50/165)
Henry Gannett (214)	Susan White, PGM, (287/524)
David Buck, PGP (197)	Richard Wing (213)
Karen Fletcher, WGM (128/342)	David “Skip” Skipworth, WGP (547)

California Eastern Star Foundation

Patricia Caceres (59/189) — President

Rosanne Grigsby (397)	Jim Wilson, II (555)
JD Hammett (21)	Diane Reed (576)
David “Skip” Skipworth, WGP (547)	Collette Serio Gole, AGM (21)

STANDING COMMITTEES

Constitution and Bylaws

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Kathleen MacDonald, PGM (195)	Frank Young, PGP (18)

Jurisprudence

Sarahann Shapiro (250) — Chairman

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Finance

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Karen Fletcher, WGM (128/342)	David “Skip” Skipworth, WGP (547)
Beverly Cratsenburg, GT (524)	

Aims and Objectives

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Melissa Cronin (260)	Jean Cook (18/214)
Judy Dreiman (163)	Kathie Ketels-Lichtig (214)
Jeraldine S. Creager, PGM (358)	John Fletcher, PGP (128/342)
Beverly Wade, AGC (556)	

Annual Session Site

Jean Gannett (214) — Chairman

Katie Nielsen (358/348)

Pat Wagner (556)

Appeals and Grievances

Linda Dolman (96/358) — Chairman

Karen Hutchison (537)

Dorothy Russell (327)

Jean Haynes (20/83)

Judy Hullinger (299/367)

Max Luy (178)

Jerry Sherrill (13/94)

Jerry Davis (219)

Tim Heer, Sr. (273)

Marla Myers (319)

Barbara Scott, GC (557)

Audit

Denny Rae Grist, PGM (48) — Chairman

Fred Schulenburg (31/342)

Larry Coffin (89)

Benevolent Fund

Sandy Nieder (174) — Chairman

Patti Cady (23)

Peggy DeMichele (129)

Malinda Caven (35/104)

Jill Ramsey (104)

Judy Parker (385/631)

Linda Frost (3/213)

Barbara Journeay (115/140)

Mike Mancuso (186)

Shirley Bradley (31)

Zelma Ladendorff (296/348)

Louisa Bowron (94)

Mary Carolyn Curran (643)

Barbara Weaver (78)

Dorothy Russell (327)

Kathy Cox (346)

Connie Espino (144/173)

Penny Knight (449)

Jerry Carr (241)

Jaynee Stott (338/515)

Sherrie Wilkerson (345/412)

Cancer Assistance

Mary Kay Bowser (177) — Chairman

Nancy Bay (23)

Connie Biaggi (201)

Kathleen Whisler (131)

Marianne Mooney (181)

Sharon Hardwick (103/601)

Karen Klever (28/60)

James Calkins (140/178)

Karen Graf (1/305)

Denise Robertson (46/581)

Barbara Clark (50/339)

Martha Holder (45/557)

Joetta Lyons (176)

Susan Premo (632)

Linda Taylor (327)

Bonnie Coombs (260)

Karen Hutchison (537)

Arlena Wales (3/59)

Shirley Radder (41/555)

Consolidations

Katie Nielsen (358/348) — Chairman

Pat Harper (9)	Susan Lorenzen (8/384)
Laura Meadows (163)	Sally Sanders (14/17)
Ruth Smith (138)	Brian Whitaker (78)
Cindy Baker (174)	Louisa Bowron (94)
Carole Gaston (21)	Donna Tucker, PGT (360)
Alice Austin (218)	Rick Bonbright (551)
Alyson Grant (96/358)	Lee Hoven (241)
Ken Kessel (181/48)	

Credentials

Geri Terry (384) — Chairman

Susan Wamsley (515) — Co Chairman

Darlene Adrian (515)	Sam Camden (292)
Nancy Camden (292)	June Dwyer (109)
Sue Lynn (205)	Sheila Reid (95)
Joan Taylor (231)	

Dispensations and Charters

Clinton Dillon, PGP (172/108) — Chairman

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Distribution

Sue Bishop, PGM (46/252) — Chairman

William J. Bray, III, PGP (403)	Steve Nicholas, PGP (60)

Endowment Fund

Ginger Bassett (581) — Chairman

Tricia Coombs (76/189)	Joeana Frantz (246)
Cathie Cunningham (14/17)	Charlotte Riegelhuth (55/233)
Peggy Salm (28/60)	Becky Costa (58)
Sue Heller (59/189)	Kay Quillin (205)
Connie Hastings (8/205)	Marsha Nichols (1/46)
Corin Gross (250)	Gretta Hamm (47)
Joan Patterson (50/165)	Karen Nuccio (118/372)
Linda Westernen (13)	Mary Carolyn Curran (643)
Sheila Reid (95)	Diane Lotspeich (78/185)
Cindy Burkhart (108/637)	Susan Callens (160/299)
Kathleen Stein (449)	JoAnn Krausman (147)
Mary Carnes (537)	Pat Starr (576)
Lynda Giggy (202)	June Close (345)

Fraternal Correspondence

Diane West (141/195) - Chairman

Pat Mastalir (203)	Claudia Unger (128/195)

General Chairman Grand Chapter WeeK

Dave and Sandy Jopson (48) — Chairmen

Activities

David and Kathy Long (345) — 2008

Tina and Wayne Adams (93) — 2009

Jerry and Barbara Journeay (115/140) — 2010

Jay and Debra Learn (205) — 2011

Membership

Kat Farris (347) — Chairman

Debra Learn (205) — Co-Chairman

Deborah Winn (347) — Co-Chairman

Karen Ader (107)

Calin Cook (28)

Susan Reynoso (428)

Jackie Thornton (103/177)

Karen Meador (259)

Judy Schnabel (118/372)

George Sluder (310)

Patsy Benfield (273)

Suzanne Forde (205)

Eilene Hoffman (648)

Judy Bradley (447)

Lynne McCarthy (556)

Cynthia Smiley (128/342)

Kathi Brant (242)

Sandra Murch (125/188)

Suzi Siemer (332/490)

Lucille Sullivan (346)

Lori Fike (118/373)

Susan Froomin (252)

Son Smith (47/581)

Public Relations

Marie O'Neil (3) — Chairman

Curt Bohannon (515)

Mary Dixon (82)

Scholarship

MaryLouise Radford (57/524) — Chairman

Patti Whitehill (3)

Donald Nielsen (259)

Brenda Hanson-Smith (62/195)

Brenda Hansen (639)

Web Site (www.oescal.org)

Todd Williams (46/273) — Chairman

Ben Davis, Jr. (126/365)

Justin Jordan (126)

John Fletcher, PGP (128/342) — Respondent

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Cal Star News

Bj Kirste (89/200) — Editor/Publisher

Eastern Star Journal

Harriot Pettersen (109)

Excess Property

Gwen Quinton (125) — Chairman

Home Fiesta — “007’s Wild Animal Park”

Kat and Donald Farris, Jr. (347) — Chairmen

Gina and Jon Davis (347) - Co-Chairmen

Heart Research

Lester and Jeanne Schultz (319)

Liaison to General Grand Chapter

Dennis Jordan, PGP (126)

Liaison to Grand Lodge

Frederick Sorsabal (62) — Past Grand Master

Liaison to Youth Groups

Vickie Diem (622) — Chairman

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Theresa Markert (178)

Job’s Daughters International

Tamra Keen (135)

International Order of the DeMolay

Paul Lacroix (346)

Barnum-Weisheimer Silver Tea

Dorothy Lo Schiavo (252)

Special Projects of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

Relay for Life

Leslie Routt (348) — Chairman

Community Resource Liaison Program

Patricia Player (178) — Chairman

Community Service Program

Stephen and Glenda Johnson (2)

Vision Quest

Donna Herring, PGM (555) — Chairman

Vickie Diem (622)

Frederick Sorsabal (62) — Past Grand Master

“We Care” Program — Honoring our Military

Tomé Martin-Duvall (92/365) — Chairman

Masonic Family Day at Covina

Catie McQuater (162) — Chairman

Roster Advertisements

Tuppence Kelby (17) — Chairman

Barbara and Art Weiss (632) — Co-Chairmen

GRAND CHAPTER WEEK COMMITTEES

Advisor

Janet Robinson, PGM (348)

Arts and Crafts

George Wheatley, Sr. (202)

Auditor

Kent Armstrong (348)

Banquets

Melanie Chase (31/342)

Cancer Dressing Gift Wrap

Michael (211/212) and Barbara Wollery (211) — Chairmen

Committee Rooms

Joyce Honerlah (45)

Courtesies to Dignitaries

June Deatherage (378/547) — Chairman

Sandi Sakamoto (117/385) — Co-Chairman

Donna Berry (372/373)

Anna Sue Eldridge (547)

Carole Haggart (642)

Laurella Kerr, PGT (123/384)

Dixie Miller (338/619)

Pat Neu (531)

Betty Ozunas (378/547)

Helen Welch (118)

Special Courtesies Committee

Paula Remington, PGM (276) — Chairman

Decorations

Terry and Bob Gentry (47) — Chairmen

Drayage

Jerry Sherrill (13/94) — Chairman

Michael Hawley (338/537) — Co-Chairman

Election Board

Linda Kephart (245) — Chairman

Entertainment

J.D. Hammett (21) — Chairman

Sarilyn Stine (154/390) — Co-Chairman

Escort/Grand March

Fred Schulenburg (31/342) — Chairman

Kick-Off

Sarah Neff (360) — Chairman

Fun Night

Deborah Winn (347) — Chairman

Grand Guards

Royce Ford (128) — Captain

Walt Kennedy (345) — Co-Captain

Grand Inner Guards

Kim Wattles (3) — Captain

Jo Ann Chinn (47) — Co-Captain

Grand Pages

Cynthia Smiley (128/342) — Chairman

Health and Personal Service

Lynda Wing (213) — Chairman

Housing

Marlene Larsen (128) — Chairman

June Dwyer (109) — Co Chairman

Mary Ann Dansby (426)

Installation

Susan White, PGM (287/524)

Lost and Found/Information

Sandy Butler (211) — Chairman

Masonic Family Honor Session

Kent and Denise Armstrong (348) — Chairmen

Grand Choir Director

Shirley Hicks

Necrology/Divine Service

Kathe Larick (96/358) — Chairman

Leonard Froomin (252)

Susan White, PGM (287/524)

Parliamentarian

Richard Mullard (147) — Chairman

Alyson Grant (96/358) — Co-Chairman

Pictures

Kathy Randall (385/631)

Programs

Richard and Yvonne Clinton (250)

Publicity

Nellis Johnson (125/391)

Safety Coordinators

Jerry Chandler (642) — Chairman

Seating

Diane Bonbright (177/551)

Secretarial Services

Secretary to the General Chairman

Jan McPherson (428)

Legislative Committee

Susie Thornton (21)

Set-up Grand Chapter Floor — Auditorium

David and Valmarie Duncan (90) — Chairmen

Ann and Dave Smith (637) — Co-Chairmen

Signs

Laura Hoover (135/214)

Sound and Lighting

Harry and Sharon Hardwick (103/161) — Chairmen

Special Duties

Daryl and Suzanne Forde (205)

Transportation

Jenny Buford (524) — Chairman

George Cronin, II (260) — Co-Chairman

Vendor Coordinator

Jay Learn (205) — Chairman

Todd Williams (46/273) — Co-Chairman

IMPACT Sessions: “Involving Members Promoting Active Change

Today:” Our five IMPACT sessions were a tremendous success. Our goal of communicating, educating and motivating our members was accomplished with approximately 1,000 members participating in these sessions. We were very appreciative of each of you who attended and shared your vision for the future of our Order. With the commitment of members at all levels of this organization, we will make a positive impact.

A special thank you is extended to our Brother JD Hammett and Sister Collette Serio Gole for partnering with me to make this a success. Thank you for sharing your expertise with our members.

2006–2007 IMPACT SESSIONS

December 3 Siminoff Center, Masonic Home for Adults, 34400
Mission Blvd., Union City

December 10 Escondido Masonic Center, 1331 S. Escondido Blvd.,
Escondido

- January 6 OES Senior Living Community, 16850 Bastanchury Road, Yorba Linda
- January 7 Tehran Shrine Center, 5407 E. Olive St., Fresno
- January 14 Marysville Masonic Center, 324 Eighth St., Marysville

CONDUCTRESS/ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS TRANSITIONALS

- December 1 — San Francisco / Peninsula / Monterey Bay Associations
- December 8 — San Fernando / Greater Los Angeles / Central Coastal Associations
- December 17 — Desert Sierra Association
- January 5 — Orange County Association
- January 7 — Northern San Joaquin / Central San Joaquin Associations
- January 12 — Superior/Shasta Associations
- January 19 — Redwood Empire / Silverado / East Bay Associations
- January 26 — Kern County Association
- January 28 — San Diego / Imperial Associations
- February 23 — Orange Belt Association

Official Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron:

This year, our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were given the option to host a traditional, reception, or social style Official Visit. Each of the Official Visits we attended, regardless of the style, was unique and enjoyable. It was rewarding to see that so many districts included their communities in their plans. Some districts invited guest speakers to participate just prior to their traditional or reception style event, while others planned their social event to honor a particular group or organization. Honoring our military personnel, police and fire rescue workers, the Head Start program, the Avon Breast Cancer Walk, Freedom in Motion and Relay for Life are just a sample of the innovative ideas we enjoyed this year. Highlights also included time spent Bowling to Strike Out Cancer with the members of our Worthy Grand Patron's district, and a trip to the San Francisco Zoo with my own home Association, to enjoy a behind the scenes tour to actually feed and pet the giraffes, returning to the Masonic Center to enjoy the documentary "Tall Blondes," a film chronicling giraffes in Africa.

2006-2007 OFFICIAL VISITS:

- January 13 District 27, Mt. Oso Masonic Center
1601 Tracy Blvd., Tracy
- January 20 District 17, Castro Valley Masonic Center
4521 Crow Canyon Road

January 21	District 30, Clovis Masonic Center Fifth and Dewitt Avenue
January 27	District 35, Palmdale Masonic Center 2231 East Avenue Q
January 27	District 42, Norwalk Masonic Center 12345 Rosecrans Avenue
January 28	District 53, El Cajon Masonic Center 695 Ballantyne Street
February 2	District 25, Murphys Masonic Hall 384 Church Street
February 3	District 12, Athens/Silveyville Masonic Hall 1655 Da Vinci Court, Davis
February 10	District 9, John H. Robinson Masonic Hall 956½ Lincoln Way, Auburn
February 11	Districts 10/11, George A. Primrose Masonic Center 3010 Becerra Way, Sacramento
February 16	Districts 19/20, Brotherhood Masonic Center 855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco
February 17	District 18, Richmond Masonic Hall 5050 El Portal Drive
February 24	District 51, Escondido Masonic Center 1331 S. Escondido Boulevard
February 25	District 52, East San Diego Masonic Center 7849 Tommy Drive, San Diego
March 3	District 32, Bakersfield Masonic Center 1920 18th Street
March 3	District 31, Porterville Lindsay Center 2440 West Henderson Avenue
March 10	District 43, Acacia Grove Masonic Center 11270 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove
March 11	District 49, Perris Masonic Center 27221 McCall Blvd., Sun City
March 16	District 34, Ventura Masonic Center 482 East Santa Clara Street
March 17	District 33, Atascadero Masonic Center 2607 Traffic Way
March 23	District 15, Springbrook Masonic Temple 101 Temple Way, Vallejo
March 24	Districts 4/5, Molino Masonic Center 25020 Tehama-Vina Road, Los Molinos
March 24	District 6, Chico Masonic Family Center 1110 West East Avenue

March 25	District 7, Marysville Masonic Center 324 Eighth Street
April 10	District 44, Winnedumah Masonic Center 156 East Line Street, Bishop
April 11	District 45, Ridgecrest Masonic Center 625 North Norma Street
April 12	District 47, York Rite Temple 2888 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino
April 13	District 50, Yucca Valley Masonic Center 7062 Theatre Road
April 14	District 41, Bellflower Masonic Center 9813 Beach Street
April 21	District 48, Temescal Masonic Center 2313 South Main Street, Corona
April 27	District 46, Ontario Masonic Center 1025 North Vine Avenue
April 28	Districts 36/37, Glendale Masonic Center 244 North Maryland Avenue
May 4	Districts 23/24, Salinas Masonic Family Center 48 East San Joaquin Street
May 5	District 16, Martinez Masonic Center 700 Masonic Street
May 6	District 26, Oakdale Masonic Temple 357 8th Street
May 18	Senior Living Community 16850 Bastanchury Road, Yorba Linda
May 20	District 38, Lexington Masonic Center 4017 North Tyler Avenue, El Monte
June 8	District 29, Chowchilla Masonic Center 224 Ventura Avenue
June 9	District 8, Placerville Masonic Center 2820 Cold Springs Road
June 10	District 3, Susanville Masonic Hall 84 North Lassen Street
June 16	District 2, Yreka Masonic Center 101 Third Street
June 20	District 1, Ferndale Masonic Center 212 Francis Street
June 21	District 13, Clearlake-Callayomi Masonic Center 7100 South Center Drive, Clearlake
June 22	District 14, Sebastopol Masonic Center 373 North Main Street

June 23	District 28, Linden Fraternal Hall 4971 North Mill Street
June 24	Districts 21/22, Mountain View Masonic Center, Church and Franklin Streets

Events: It was my pleasure to attend ten Association events, four visits to our Eastern Star and Masonic homes, three fundraising breakfasts or teas, the four Youth Order Annual Session events, the reception for our Grand Worthy Advisor, the annual session of three of our concordant bodies, one Vision Quest workshop, Grand Lodge, and a reception to honor the 2006–2007 Grand Master of Masons in California. I was also pleased to represent California as your Worthy Grand Matron at General Grand Chapter’s Triennium in Minnesota, and at the Grand Chapter Sessions of Oregon and Arizona.

Anniversary Celebrations: As our Order becomes richer in history, our Chapters too, are celebrating their own milestones. I was privileged to attend Anniversary Celebrations for Amador, Seaside, Pacific Star, Gardena, and Valley Star Chapters. It was my honor to express the admiration I have for our members and their continued service to make their individual Chapters strong.

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

June 9	Amador No. 66, Jackson Masonic Hall 15 Broadway Street

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

March 18	Valley Star No. 250, Los Altos Masonic Center 146 Main Street
April 22	Seaside No. 259, Huntington Beach Masonic Center 601 Palm Avenue
May 5	Pacific Star No. 252, Brotherhood Masonic Center 855 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco
July 7	Gardena No. 260, Gardena Masonic Center 1250 West 155th Street

Fiesta: Our “007’s Wild Animal Park” Fiesta was a single day event with a BBQ following the day’s festivities. We were very pleased to once again spend time with the Residents and the staff of our Senior Living Community. From the In-N-Out Burger truck, to the “Pin the Butt-Bow on the Worthy Grand Matron” booth, all had fun as we raised funds to benefit our Residents.

2007 Special Project, Relay for Life: Our special project, Relay for Life, not only generated funds for a very worthwhile cause, the American Cancer Society, it afforded us the opportunity to participate in local relays, thus giving us visibility in our individual communities. It further supported the inclusion

of our Masonic family in our activities. My grateful thanks is extended to all those who supported this effort. You will truly be amazed at the amount of money we, as an Order, have raised this year. Please plan to share the afternoon with us on Saturday, to hear that very special announcement.

Official Communications:

(Printed on pages 26–30)

Chapter Bylaw Changes:

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS APPROVED

October 22, 2006–October 27, 2007

Suisun No. 2	2-15-07	Increase Dues to \$30.00
Shasta Northern Light No. 14	3-10-07	Consolidation
Hollywood No. 21	7-03-07	Consolidation
Yolano No. 28	9-13-07	Consolidation
San Jose No. 31	5-12-07	Change meeting exceptions to add No meeting 4 th Friday in November
Amapola Vernon Lyman No. 35	6-01-07	Change Meeting exceptions to No meeting on 3 rd Thursdays of January, April, June and September. In January, April, June and September the stated meeting shall be held on the Saturday following the 3 rd Thursday at 2:00 PM; Change frequency of Treasurer's report.
Rising Star No. 36	10-24-07	Provide for a Board of Trustees
Aurora Placer No. 40	9-08-07	Addmeetingexception:themothofNovember the Chapter will meet the 1 st Monday at 7:30 PM
Ariel No. 42	1-20-07	Increase Dues to \$35.00
Magnolia No. 45	11-18-06	Increase Initiation Fee to \$30.00; Increase Affiliation Fee to \$15.00; Increase Dues to \$35.00 plus the amount of the Grand Chapter Annual Per Capita fees and special assessments
Reveille No. 47	1-20-07	Consolidation
Golden Valley No. 60	7-03-07	Change name of meeting place to Yolo Masonic Center; Increase Dues to \$30.00
Amador No. 66	1-20-07	Change meeting dates to Third Wednesday; Change meeting exceptions to August; October meets 1 st Wednesday
Covelo No. 80	7-03-07	Change meeting date to 1 st Saturday; Change meeting time to 2:00 PM; Change meeting exceptions to Dark in December and January
Mizpah No. 97	1-20-07	Consolidation
Pasadena No. 108	9-13-07	Consolidation
Alameda No. 115	9-08-07	Increase Dues to Grand Chapter Per Capita and special Assessments plus \$25.00
Woodbridge Oaks No. 118	1-20-07	Change meeting date to 2 nd Saturday; change meeting exceptions to Dark in July
Sierra Star No. 129	5-12-07	Change meeting time to 7:00 PM

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Season's Greetings

May the spirit of this holiday season
bring you
cherished moments shared with family and friends.

Warmest wishes,

Karen Fletcher

Karen Fletcher
Worthy Grand Matron

David Skipworth

David Skipworth
Worthy Grand Patron

And the
2007 Grand Family



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January 10, 2007

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Happy New Year! We hope your holiday season was filled with the love and laughter of family and friends. This 2007 year of service to our Order has begun with much enthusiasm.

Our five **IMPACT** Sessions were a tremendous success. Our goal of communicating with, educating and motivating our members was accomplished, with approximately 1,000 members participating in these sessions. Our appreciation is extended to each of you who attended and shared with us your vision for the future of our Order. With the commitment of members at all levels of our organization we can make a positive impact. The results of what we learned from our members will be shared in future communications so we may all reap the benefits of this extraordinary effort.

The American Cancer Society is at work in communities all across the country providing programs aimed at reducing the risk of cancer, detecting cancer as early as possible, ensuring proper treatment, and empowering people facing cancer to cope and maintain the highest possible quality of life. One of these programs, 'Relay for Life,' has been selected as our Special Project for 2007. Relay for Life is a community gathering, where everyone can participate in the fight against cancer. By participating in the Relay for Life, we can each do our part in raising funds for Cancer Research, and/or supporting those who are participating by volunteering at the Relay. We look forward to your participation as we continue to strive to make the name of "Eastern Star" synonymous with service to our communities.

We wish you the best in this new year of service to our Order, and look forward to sharing time with each of you as we attend events in your respective areas.

Keep Laughter In Your Heart,

Karen Fletcher
Worthy Grand Matron

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May 7, 2007

Dear Members,

On April 16, 2007, the jury in Santa Ana Superior Court returned its verdict in the case of *Pamela Daut, Erika Collins and Jennifer Stevenson vs. Eastern Star Homes of California*. Plaintiffs charged Eastern Star and its Trustees with mismanaging the Senior Living Community and committing numerous regulatory violations which forced them to quit their jobs. The vote in favor of Eastern Star was 12-0; Plaintiffs did not persuade a single juror. The jury awarded no compensation to Eastern Star on its cross-complaint against Pamela Daut for self-dealing in connection with the sale of a condominium. This verdict was the culmination of a hard-fought litigation battle lasting almost two years.

This great victory upholds the good work and worthy mission of Eastern Star in caring for aging members of our Order in a responsible and compassionate manner.

The coming weeks will bring post-trial motions before Judge Monarch, and possibly an appeal by the Plaintiffs. Eastern Star will be seeking to recover from the Plaintiffs our very substantial costs of suit.

Fraternally,

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August 15, 2007

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer with family and friends. Whether you traveled to exotic locations or enjoyed time at home, we hope you experienced good health and relaxation. Your Grand Family continues to enjoy spending time with our members as we attend receptions and Association events throughout our State. The kindness and friendship you have shown us has been overwhelming and very much appreciated.

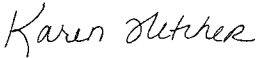
Your support of our 2007 Special Project, Relay for Life, has been outstanding! We are diligently working toward our goal of earning \$150,000 for cancer research, in the name of Eastern Star, and you are quickly making this goal a reality. We thank you for your commitment to community service - keep up the good work!

Included in this mailing is a summary of our IMPACT sessions and the survey results you so generously shared with us. We again thank you for your attendance and participation. This program proved to be beneficial on a variety of levels and we are encouraged to know that our members want to learn more about our Order and how we can be relevant to our society in 2007. We look forward to "Keeping the Vision Alive" in 2008.

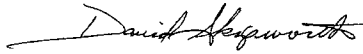
The International Eastern Star Headquarters building in Washington DC is a magnificent property owned by our General Grand Chapter. This building will be 100 years old in 2009 and as you would expect, in need of ongoing improvements to maintain its beauty and value. The building is in excellent condition, however, the driveway needs to be replaced. As a result, we are asking that you designate a coin march or make a donation during the month of September 2007 to this worthwhile project. This will assist our Brother Clint Dillon, General Grand Chapter Committee Member - International Temple, in attaining his goal for our Grand Jurisdiction.

We hope that each of you are planning to attend our "Envisioning A Bright Future" Grand Chapter Session in Bakersfield. We are planning fun and innovative events and activities that you will not want to miss. One such event is a "Community Service Day" to be held on Wednesday, October 24th. If you are not involved in practices, please plan to join other members in performing community service in the City of Bakersfield. More details will follow...save the date!

Keep Laughter In Your Heart,



Karen Fletcher
Worthy Grand Matron



David Skipworth
Worthy Grand Patron

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Ami Tai No. 147	9-13-07	Consolidation
Ami Tai No. 147	10-24-07	Provide for Paid Life membership
Escondido No. 154	2-15-07	Change meeting date to 1 st Tuesday; Change meeting exceptions to January 1 st ; July 4 th
San Lorenzo No. 177	5-12-07	Consolidation
Vista Cerrito No. 178	11-18-06	Change Meeting Location to Rockridge Masonic Center, 5449 College Avenue, Oakland
Heber No. 181	10-24-07	Delete tenure for Secretary and Treasurer
Santa Paula No. 185	3-10-07	Changemeetingdaysto1 st Tuesday;Changemeeting exceptions to January 1, July; If no meeting on the 1 st Tuesday then meet 3 rd Tuesday
Peninsula No. 186	9-08-07	Increase Dues to \$25.00
Tehachapi No. 188	5-12-07	Change meeting day to 3 rd Thursday; Change meeting location to Tehachapi Senior Center, 500 East 'F' Street, Tehachapi; No meetings in July and August; Change meeting exceptions to If Grand Chapter the October meeting will be held on the first Thursday.
Las Mariposas No. 200	5-12-07	Providechangesto costofPaidLifeMembership
Tri-Star No. 211	7-03-07	Consolidation
Lake No. 231	1-20-07	Consolidation
Natoma San Juan No. 233	3-10-07	Consolidation
Los Cerritos No. 234	11-18-06	Increase Dues to \$40.00
Tahquitz-Victoria No. 241	6-01-07	ChangenameofmeetingplacetoHemetMasonic Family Center; Provide for Paid Life Membership; Provide for Ways and Means Committee; Change relief amount.
Barstow No. 242	2-18-07	Change meeting dates to 2 nd and 4 th Tuesday; Change meeting exceptions to July; August; 4 th Tuesday in November, December
Menifee Valley No. 243	9-13-07	Consolidation
Gardena No. 260	11-18-06	Increase Dues to \$35.00
Santa Cruz Redwoods No. 273	10-03-07	Change meeting exceptions to no meeting on the 4 th Monday of May, July and December
Castro Valley No. 294	11-18-06	Increase Dues to \$35.00; Increase Initiation Fee to \$35.00; Increase Affiliation Fee to \$17.50
Arcadia Star No. 299	2-18-07	Consolidation
Sunshine No. 327	6-01-07	Change meeting exceptions to Dark in July and August.; Add new Section 4 to Duties of Officers making Chapter officers responsible for Chapter Rituals, Constitution and Laws and Chapter building keys.
Burbank No. 352	2-18-07	Consolidation
Coachella Valley No. 360	9-13-07	Consolidation
Caledonia No. 391	2-18-07	Consolidation
Caledonia No. 391	6-01-07	Provide for Trustees
Bellflower No. 397	11-18-06	Increase Dues to \$32.00

Estrella No. 412	11-18-06	Add meeting exceptions: the week of Christmas or the first Tuesday in January: Increase Dues to \$25.00 plus the amount of the Grand Chapter Annual Per Capita fees and special assessments; Change Treasurer's report to Annually from quarterly.
Patterson No. 417	10-24-07	Change meeting time to 7:30 PM
Livingston No. 531	11-18-06	Increase Dues to \$15.00 plus the amount of the Grand Chapter Annual Per Capita fees and special assessments
Desert Holly - Joshua Tree No. 547	7-03-07	Consolidation
Simi Valley No. 637	5-12-07	Change meeting time to 7:30 PM

SPECIAL DISPENSATION REQUESTS — 2007

Approved:

To Receive, after waiver of jurisdiction, on account of residence in another Grand Jurisdiction

2006	December 6	Five Star No. 51 – petition of Kady Carnazzie
	December 6	Five Star No. 51 – petition of Amena Walker
2007	June 1	Five Star No. 51 – petition of Jessica A. Carmazzi

To Ballot and Initiate at the Same Meeting

2007	February 28	Five Star No. 51 — petition of Janet Thompson
	March 2	Imperial Valley No. 276 — petition of Michael Munden
	March 29	Conejo Valley No. 632 — petition of Marvin Kruse
	May 11	Las Mariposas No. 200 — petition of Dianne A.R. Fritz
	May 14	Security No. 426 — petition of Jennifer Linds Scott
	June 15	Poinsettia No. 287 — petition of Sandra Schwartz
	June 15	Poinsettia No. 287 — petition of Peter Schwartz
	June 19	Poinsettia No. 287 — petition of Ruth Allyn Anderson
	June 28	Five Star No. 51 — petition of Jaime Alexis Stout
	June 28	Five Star No. 51 — petition of Lesa Ann Jacobs
	June 28	Five Star No. 51 — petition of Jessica Arrin Carmazzi
	June 28	Five Star No. 51 — petition of Joanna Lynn McElrath
	July 9	Fallbrook No. 390 — petition of Sai Han Ackerman
	August 8	Camellia No. 63 — petition of Dannyall Miller
	August 8	Camellia No. 63 — petition of Sara Jones
	September 10	Kern River Valley No. 643 — petition of Della Kerns Teigen
	September 11	Menifee Valley No. 243 — petition of Donna Colleen Flemens
	September 25	Escondido No. 154 — petition of Jessica Christian Kenyon Brinkman
	October 9	Silver Spray No. 59 — petition of Ian Kruljac
	October 9	Silver Spray No. 59 — petition of Angela Kruljac
2007	October 10	Fallbrook No. 390 — petition of Robert Neil Jordan
2007	October 15	Fallen Leaf No. 90 — petition of Wally Anthony Lundry

To Hold the Annual Installation of Officers after November 30

2006	December 4	Ione Chapter No. 283
	December 20	Woodbridge Chapter No. 118
2007	June 28	La Sierra Venus Chapter No. 555
	September 24	Mt. Whitney No. 197

Contributing

2007	January 13	Athena No. 46 — contribute \$10,000.00 to San Benito Lodge Hall Assoc. for building repairs.
	February 15	Rose No. 292 — contribute \$ 1,031.00 to Roseville Masonic Hall Board for purchasing a refrigerator for the kitchen.
	March 8	Chowchilla No. 365 — contribute \$1,500.00 to Chowchilla Masonic Bldg. Assoc. to assist in the expenses of storage cabinets in the Dining Room area.
	April 2	San Lorenzo No. 177 — contribute \$300.00 to Acacia Masonic Temple for the purchase of three round tables for the dining area.
	April 25	Chispa No. 151 — contribute \$1,000.00 each to the Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay located in Anaheim for their general fund.

Approved in Part:

2007	January 13	Amapola Vernon Lyman No. 35 — to change mtg. time to 2pm for meetings April 21 st and June 16 th (not approved 9/15/07).

Other

2006	November 30	Amapola Vernan Lyman No. 35 — to change mtg. time to 2pm Jan. 20, 2007
2007	February 1	Camellia Chapter No. 63 — meet in the Arcata Masonic Center for their regular meeting since the Odd Fellows Hall was double booked.
	February 13	El Dorado Tahoe Fern No. 62 — meet in the Placerville Masonic Center for their regular followed by the DGM's reception.
	March 6	Mission Bell No. 276 — hold their regular meeting on August 9 th at 8:00 p.m. to not conflict with the Deputy Grand Matron's reception.
	April 5	Fallbrook Chapter No. 390 — have an anteroom meeting at the First Unitarian Universalist Church at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Grand Martha's reception.
	May 24	Pacific Star Chapter No. 252 — have an anteroom meeting at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in San Francisco followed by the DGM's reception on August 17th.
	July 17	Los Cerritos Chapter No. 234 — initiate on their dark meeting Karin Campbell.
	July 17	Los Cerritos Chapter No. 234 — initiate on their dark meeting Nancy and Kirsten Phillips.
	October 2	Welcome Redding Chapter No. 17 — meet in the Western Star Lodge No. 2, Old Shasta, for their regular meeting.

Not Approved:

Other

2007	April 19	Sierra Star Chapter No. 129 — temporarily change meeting time to 7:00 p.m. until their amendment to Bylaws is approved by committee.
2007	April 25	Electa Modesto Chapter No. 72 — temporarily change meeting to 2:00 p.m. for their July 3 rd meeting.

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons: It has been an honor for me to serve with some extremely talented and devoted women, the Worthy Matrons of California.

I thank you for the community service you have performed as you served as line officers of your respective Chapters, and for the leaders that you have become. Together with your Worthy Patrons, you have implemented new ideas and served with open minds and enthusiasm. Thank you to both the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons for their service to their respective chapters. I am very proud of you.

Distinguished Members: Our Distinguished Members play a significant role in our Order. I thank those Distinguished Members who supported this year of service, a year of service committed to incorporating the ideas and desires of our members.

Worthy Grand Patron: Brother David Skipworth, I thank you for accepting my invitation to serve on that very fateful April Fool's evening. You and Linda truly love our Order. I thank you for the support you have shown our members, and me, personally. Our members love you both very much. Thank you for sharing your lives with us.

My Chapters: To Golden Oak and Manzanita, my Chapters, you are absolutely fabulous. John and I will forever be grateful for the love and support you have shown us. We are coming home.

Brother John Fletcher: I thank you for your focus and ability to always see the bigger picture, keeping absolutely everything in perspective. You have provided me so much support behind the scenes. While I always tell everyone he is golfing, that's about half true. He is usually typing or filing or feeding my cat. You have done so much for me. I love you.

Conclusion: These last five years have been an experience that I will cherish for a lifetime. I thank the Members of California for the honor of serving as your Worthy Grand Matron, and congratulate each of you on your vision for our Order in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Our mission this year was possible, and with the support of each one of you we did IMPACT our Order!

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Sister Karen. If there is no objection, the Annual Report of the Worthy Grand Matron will be accepted and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

(No response.)

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: It is so ordered.

Worthy Grand Matron, it is my desire that you resume your authority.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Sisters and Brothers, let's stand for a moment to stretch, and beg the Singing Stars to sing again.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I will try not to surprise you so much in the next sessions. I now ask that you give attention to the address of the Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Skip, we would be pleased to hear your Annual Report at this time.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

(by David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron)

Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers of the 134th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star: in compliance with the Constitution and Laws of our Order, I am honored to present my Annual Report to you.

General Grand Chapter: We began our year by attending General Grand Chapter in Minnesota. I was pleased to see so many members from California in attendance. Sister Pat Rasmusson, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, afforded me the distinct honor of welcoming the delegates on behalf of California. It was also an honor to share the East with our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Loyal Stark, and the Worthy Grand Chaplain, Brother William J. Bray III.

Installations: As we stepped out on the racetrack at our Installation to the cheers and good wishes of California, we knew we were headed to the winner's circle. Our race started by attending many Installations where I installed several Brothers as 2007 Worthy Patrons. I regret that time and distance prevented me from installing many more Brothers, who were so kind as to send me invitations.

IMPACT Sessions: Every member of a Chapter knows that good leadership is essential to the success of our Order. Although excellent ritual and floor work is essential, leadership is uppermost. Leadership is not limited to the Line Officers but to every member of a Chapter and this is why we believe that leadership training is important. We were able to present this training to our members in five Impact Sessions this year. It was something new, something not done before and was very well attended by over one thousand of our members and we are delighted to know that Sister Collette and Brother Jim will continue the sessions in 2008.

Official Visits: Due to the creative scheduling of our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Karen Fletcher and her travel advisor Past Grand Matron Kathleen McDonald, Linda and I were able to attend all of the Official Visits throughout California. We encouraged the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and members to step out of the box and try a variety of Official Visits. They not only stepped out of the box but also on several occasions jumped out of the box. The very creative and fun filled Social Style Official Visits were well attended by our members, their family, friends and community leaders of various organizations. We were able to honor our teachers, firemen and policemen, heads of various non-profit organizations, and the important men and women of our Armed Forces.

Linda and I received many Honorary Memberships, and we are very grateful to those Chapters who were so generous.

A highlight that I will never forget was the signing of the John L. Sullivan Masonic Bible. I am honored to have my name forever listed among such distinguished and famous people.

Star Clubs: I issued three letters of approval to organize Star clubs. Due to budget issues one has dissolved, and all information on the other two will be turned over to Brother Jim Whiteley.

Special Events: Special events have filled our calendar, starting with the Christmas Party at the Senior Living Community where we were welcomed with opened arms by the residents who were dressed in their holiday attire. The food and fellowship were wonderful.

We enjoyed many Association events and got to participate in singing, dancing, and hula hooping. We rode on trains, admired vintage old cars, and enjoyed a day at a fish hatchery. It was evident that all the events were well thought out and an extra effort was made to make all events successful. Our thanks to all the Sisters and Brothers who went out of their way to make us feel very special at all these events they were a highlight of a wonderful year.

The Fiesta “007’s Wild Animal Park” was a huge success. The chairmen Kat and Don Farris went above and beyond to make the one-day event an event that we would not soon forget. The day came to a perfect end with a Bar-B-Que for 400 guests. The Senior Living Community staff was once again very supportive and we thank them for all that they do. A special thank you to Fina Wazir and her crew who stepped in to cook and serve the dinner when the caterer cancelled at the last moment; you truly displayed teamwork.

We were able to share in the celebration of 100th and 125th anniversaries of numerous chapters and our congratulations go out to all of you for reaching this milestone in the life of your Chapter.

While attending the Grand Guardian Council, Northern DeMolay Conclave, Grand Court Amaranth, Grand Assembly International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Grand York Rite Session, Grand Bethel, Grand Master’s reception, Southern California DeMolay Conclave and Grand Lodge, I was reminded that together the adults and youth are indeed the Family of Freemasonry. They have the capability to change the future of our Masonic family.

Relay for Life: The special project for this year has exceeded our wildest dreams. The Order of the Eastern Star has certainly made their presence know this year on the tracks of California. Thanks to all the members who made this project such a success.

Committees: This year I served on the Home Board of Trustees for our Senior Living Community, the Finance Committee and the California Easter Star Foundation. Thank you to the Sisters and Brothers who serve on these committees; we realize the decisions you are challenged with are difficult, but you continue to keep the interest and welfare of our members in mind.

Other Grand Chapters: We were fortunate to be able to support other jurisdictions by attending Oregon and Arizona's Grand Chapter Sessions. The support and hospitality these Sisters and Brothers showed us while visiting their sessions is an example of the bond we share as members of this fraternal organization. There truly is no limit on our Fraternal Family.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Karen, when you asked on April Fool's Day if Linda and I would like to take this journey with you and John we were not sure if you were serious or if it was a cruel joke. When you laid the snoring Giraffe on the table, however, we realized it was not a joke. What an honor it has been to stand beside someone who has been true to her vision of creating a stronger and more successful Order. I thank you for including Linda and me in this journey and we will always cherish the friendship of the Fletchers.

General Grand Chapter Officer and Committee Members: Brother Dennis Jordan, our Worthy Grand Organist, it has been a pleasure to serve with you this year and wish you the best that the next two years have to offer.

To Sisters Susan White, Donna Herring, Danna Willoughby and Brothers Bill Betts, Jim Chormicle, Clint Dillon and Terry Holts, thank you for your dedication to General Grand Chapter and to the Grand Chapter of California. Your willingness to serve our Order is outstanding.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons: You are a dedicated and distinguished group, and you have also been a wonderful support group. Even though there are times that we have agreed not to agree I have always valued your input. I am looking forward to becoming a member of such a distinguished group of Sisters and Brothers.

Grand Officers and Escorts: It has been an honor for Linda and me to serve this year with all of you. You have treated each other with love and respect. You have always put the interest of the membership before your needs. If we want our Chapter Officers to work as a team and support each other's needs we must lead by example and you have done just that. The Grand Line and Appointed Officers had included each other in all plans, meetings and fun times. All have demonstrated true leadership. The many compliments from our members this year just proves that your dedication to our order and to one another as a united family has been appreciated. I wish each one of you success in the years to come and know that you will continue to work for the Good of our Order.

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons: To the Gracies and the 007's of California, you are an example of extreme dedication and leadership as you have led your Chapters to a successful and fun filled year. It has been an honor for me to represent you as your Worthy Grand Patron.

Deputy Grand Matrons: To Tricia Stewart and The Bond Girls, you have represented our Order with class and dignity. Linda and I thank you for your friendship and for all the memories we will share.

The Grand Chapter Office: Sister Maryann Barrios, you and your staff are to be commended on your service to our Order. Each phone call is answered in a timely and courteous manner. The respect that you show to all who call with questions is much appreciated. I know that you will continue to support our members throughout the years to come.

Members of California: Special recognition goes to all of you, our 75 and 50-year members, the residents of our Senior Living Community, sideliners, cooks, dishwashers, set up and clean up crews. Your dedication to our Order, your friendship, hospitality, smiles, hugs and handshakes have made this the most wonderful and memorable year of my Masonic life. You are the backbone of our beautiful Organization, and you have made 2007 a year we can all be proud of.

Desert Holly-Joshua Tree Chapter: There are not enough words to express how grateful Linda and I are to you for all the support and love you have given us these last two years. From the Official Visit to the Reception, you have always been there with tremendous support and dedication.

Desert Sierra Association: For a new Association, you have proven that you have the ability to find fun and creative things to do. We are looking forward to attending more events in the years to come.

My wife: You are my best friend and critic. You have ironed my clothes, straightened my tie, and combed my one hair. You have been my navigator, put up with my sighs and remarks, been my sounding board, and through all of this you proudly stood beside me. I have been lucky to share the last 31 years with you, and you will always have my unconditional love and support. Thank you for being you and for always being there for me.

Conclusion: These last two years have not only been wonderful years, but they have been two years of meeting and listening to members of the Order of the Eastern Star from one end of California to the other. As I listened to concerns, new ideas and plans for the future of our Order I realized that constant micromanagement, steady criticism and the inability to ever give praise were pretty much all it took to kill anyone's desire to continue to do what they had previously enjoyed. Our members are working diligently to keep these factors out of their Chapters. The desire to see their Chapters prosper is uppermost on their mind.

With each Official Visit I have seen members that have worked together to make this year a successful one for their Chapter. They have been creative and willing to accept the challenge to stir things up a bit. I thank you for a wonderful year and know that you will continue to be the Driving force that will Impact the future of our Order.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Skip.

If there be no objection, the Annual Report of the Worthy Grand Patron will be accepted and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

(No response.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: It is so ordered.

Secretaries play a significant role in our Order, whether in our local chapters or our Grand Chapter. Our Grand Secretary, Sister Maryann, has done an absolutely incredible job during her first year in office. I am grateful for her assistance.

Sister Maryann, we would be pleased to have your Annual Report at this time.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

(by Maryann Barrios, Grand Secretary)

At Installation last year, a comment was made that this would be my first attempt at the California Grand Chapter racetrack. Well, this year's race has been run, the finish line is in view, and I must say that the scenery along the track has been quite varied and always interesting — which could explain why I crashed two separate cars this year — the fans extremely raucous and enjoyable, and the crew totally supportive.

At this time, I want to introduce you to the members of my team, your Grand Chapter Office staff:

Pamela Sandstrom, Assistant to the Grand Secretary.

Russ Kleber, Controller.

Eva Paulson, Accountant.

Nell Marie Forsey, Membership.

James Hannum, IT and Supplies.

Katie Streeter, Accounting Clerk/Receptionist.

These are the best pit crew a driver could have, and I can't thank them enough for making this first run around the track so smooth.

Let me give you some vital statistics for your 2007 NASCAR records.

Each monthly mailing went to between 350 and 400 different addresses and ran anywhere from \$575 to over \$800 per mailing, depending on the weight of the envelopes.

Your Grand Chapter Office staff mailed out 208 boxes of Constitution and Laws and Instruction books, at 11 pounds per box (yes, do the math, that's over one ton of books!) to the various Chapters. In addition, over 700 copies were provided at no cost to various members as provided for in the Constitution and Laws. This mailing gave a whole new meaning to the word "caravan", as it took four full carloads to bring everything to the Post Office.

All publications were distributed on a timely basis in accordance with the Constitution and Laws.

We held two Secretary/Treasurer workshops. One was at the Senior Living Community in Yorba Linda, and one was at the Los Altos Masonic Center in Los Altos. They were both well attended, and a lot of information was passed out at the sessions. My thanks to everyone who helped make these workshops a success.

We issued 524 25-year pins, 403 50-year pins, and 19 75-year pins. We also arranged to give out 61 Dr. Rob Morris awards, and 189 Service Awards.

Our membership, as gathered from the Annual Report of the 207 Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction, is as follows:

Membership as of June 30, 2006	38,159
Gained by Initiation	543
Gained by Affiliation from inside the Jurisdiction	232
Gained by Affiliation from outside the Jurisdiction	27
Gained by Reinstatement	72
Deceased in Error	14
Total Gained	888
Loss by Demit	498
Loss by Resignation	37
Loss by Consolidation	25
Loss by Suspension for nonpayment of dues	464
Loss by Suspension for other causes	15
Loss by Death	1,750
Presumed Deceased	195
Total Lost	2,984
Total Membership as of June 30, 2007	<u>36,063</u>

Of this figure, 5,736 are fifty-year life members, 214 are residents of charitable homes, and 637 had their dues remitted. This brings the total of dues paying members to 29,476. Life Sponsors of the Eastern Star Home total 17,784. There are 1,677 members who belong to two Chapters in California. All Chapters have paid their per capita assessments.

There are 6 consolidations that should be final before the end of the year, bringing the total Chapters in California to 201.

The synopsis of this Session will be available within the next two weeks, and may be reserved for three dollars in the Grand Chapter Office outside. The small Itineraries will also be three dollars, and are on sale at the Grand Chapter booth. For those of you who would like to place ads to the 2008 State Roster, order forms are available here and at the office next to Credentials. Just a side note on the 2008 rosters: The opinions on the bigger format this year have run about two to one in favor of the bigger roster. Therefore, the 2008 roster will again be printed in the five and a half by eight and a half size.

Now that you've heard the statistics, it's time for the victory lap.

Thank you, Sister Karen and Brother Skip, for your love and support during my rookie season. It was my honor to sport your numbers and colors as I raced my car around California this year.

To the 2007 Grand Officers, it has been said the first one is always special, and you are no different. I love you all.

I have had the pleasure of serving as Secretary to both the Finance Committee and the Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees, and I am grateful to have been able to see their service to our Order up close and personal. I have also had the opportunity to work with Clair Meske and the staff at the Senior Living Community. Their professionalism and caring shines through in everything they do. They have been wonderful to work with.

Sister Susan White, Past Grand Matron, you have been a wealth of knowledge and support, and have spent numerous hours helping us. I thank you.

To my predecessors, thank you for the navigational help as I wound my way around the Grand Chapter office this year. Your maps were easy to read, and your directions were a real help when I got lost.

Sister Collette Serio Gole, Associate Grand Matron, when I told you back in 2003 that I would help you with whatever you needed as you traveled through the Grand Line, I had no idea I was going to end up here. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I know that 2008 will be an All Star year with you and Jim at the helm of our Order.

To Hollywood Chapter No. 21, I know you were concerned about my decision to enter this year's race, but you supported me one hundred percent. I hope I've made you proud.

Sisters and Brothers, thank you for giving me this privilege to serve as your Grand Secretary this year.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you Sister Maryann. We were certainly glad that you were in our race.

If there be no objection, the Annual Report of the Grand Secretary will be accepted and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

(No response.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: It is so ordered.

Our Grand Treasurer holds a very responsible and respected position in our Grand Chapter. Sister Beverly, you have certainly been diligent in your duties by attending all of our Finance Committee meetings, and other meetings related to the finances of our Grand Chapter.

Sister Beverly, we would be pleased to have your Annual Report at this time.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

(by Beverly Cratsenburg, Grand Treasurer)

It has been an honor for me to serve as Grand Treasurer this year. My awesome journey started by attending the Grand Officers' school and both Deputy Grand Matrons' schools. The IMPACT sessions started in December, and I was able to attend all of these. These replaced the All Officer Instructionals, and were well attended.

I was able to attend all but seven Official Visits. I missed four, due to attending the Secretary/Treasurer workshop held at the Senior Living Community in Yorba Linda in March. Another workshop was held in Los Altos in June. These were well attended and probably will be continued each year.

Our Worthy Grand Matron stepped outside the box this year by allowing the Districts to have either a social or reception style Official Visit, as well as the traditional style. It was interesting to attend the social ones. We learned that a lot of our members are quite involved in activities in their communities. I also attended Centennial celebrations and several District events such as the Jam and Jelly Day held at the Masonic Home in Union City, the Kern County Dinner, the Orange Belt luncheon, the Masonic Family Day held in Covina, the East Bay Event, the Desert Sierra Association Event, to name a few.

The Grand Secretary and I once again shared a booth at the Fiesta held at the Senior Living Community. It was a great day. A lot of money was raised for the residents in the home. It was only one day this year, followed by a wonderful dinner with entertainment provided by our Grand Organist, Don Snyder.

Another of my duties involved attending Finance Committee meetings and the joint meetings of the Finance Committee and the Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees. I attended all but one Finance meeting. For the first time, this year, some of the Finance meetings and Home Board meetings were held at the Masonic Home in Union City. This made it possible for the Grand Line to attend more of the meetings.

Grand Treasurers are usually asked questions about finance, solvency, our investments, and so forth. I hope you all look at the printed information in your packets regarding the annual reports and budgets. The litigation concerning our Home is resolved, and I can assure you that we are financially sound and the auditors found that the books are correct.

My CB handle this year was Ms. Money Penny. And I can assure you, that no penny or dollar of our money has gotten into the hands of the 007 villain, Goldfinger.

Another duty of the Grand Treasurer is to sign checks that the Grand Secretary cannot. I did go to the Grand Chapter Office four or five times to sign checks in her absence. This was easy for me to do, since I do live in Orange County.

I want to thank San Clemente - Saddleback Chapter No. 524 for giving the Treasurers of California and me such a wonderful reception. It was the culmination of a year traveling to the Districts and meeting my Treasurers, getting to know each of you, and making lasting friendships. I shall treasure this year always.

The theme of my reception was Casino Royale, but if you don't want to gamble and would rather put your money on a sure thing, why not put some of your money to our Eastern Star charities and Home Endowment? We help our members who are in need, or have cancer and other health problems. It is something to think about.

To this Grand Family of 2007, words cannot express how I feel about you. We have had some great times together, lots of laughs, not a lot of sleep, great fellowship and created friendships that will last forever. There is not enough money in the world to buy the memories that I have of this year.

Now that my year is drawing to a close, I would like you to remember this:

Some things are "For Your Eyes Only".

We do not have "A License to Kill".

"Tomorrow Never Dies".

"The World is Not Enough" and "Diamonds are Forever".

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Beverly.

If there be no objection, the Annual Report of our Grand Treasurer will be accepted and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

(No response.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: It is so ordered.

It has been our desire this year to highlight the talents of our members, because we don't have many talents up here. We don't march. We don't sing. As a result, our Chairman of Entertainment, Brother JD Hammett, and our Co-chairman, Sister Sarilyn Stine, have contracted with a variety of outstanding performers to keep us entertained.

This morning, it is our great privilege to have two members from my home Association, Sisters Ann Carlson and Margie Burke. Sister Margie is one of our Worthy Matrons, who will be performing.

Musical Selection

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much. Sister Grand Secretary, you will please read the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws.

Maryann Barrios, Grand Secretary: MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws and Instruction Book as presented and distributed according to the Constitution, be considered read.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**; the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws as published and distributed are considered read.

Maryann Barrios, Grand Secretary: MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, the proponents of the proposed amendments 11 and 14 request that those amendments be withdrawn. I, therefore, move that they be withdrawn.

(Motion seconded, discussion held, vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: ADOPTED: The amendments are withdrawn.

Brother Russ Kleber, we always look forward to your informative and creative reports. Would you please share your report with our members at this time.

(Russ Kleber enters attired in a cardboard box with "bows".)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONTROLLER

(by Russ Kleber, Controller)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and members of the Grand Chapter of California, it is once again time for the Controller's Annual Report. And first off, Worthy Grand Matron, I cannot express to you enough how elated I am that you challenged each and every one of us this year to think outside the box. I was so motivated by the concept that I charged right into action, only

to be abruptly reminded by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, that numbers aren't very accommodating to that type of thinking. I can, without exception, say that being outside the box, or even inside the box for that matter, would be an improvement on this.

I don't have to allude to the difficulties one can encounter in this position. Just use your imagination. And then to make matters even worse, some Grand Organist Disciple ran up and pinned this butt bow on me, so that all that was left to do was to get Rae Deane to make this matching bow tie. So thank you very much Worthy Grand Matron, you certainly have made this a most interesting year.

Now, before I can get anymore inspired or abused, I will let modern technology take over and complete this report:

Car: Wow, I'm finally here. I can't believe I've waited two years and now I'm in the big time "Grand Chapter Session" Oh boy, Oh boy, Oh boy!

Giraffe: Hey, hold your exhaust big shot, I'm in charge here, It's all about me. I'll be the one giving you the green flag, or more than likely the yellow one. Just Remember... No Automobile Speaks in the Controller's Annual Report!

Car: Well this should be a great report then, since Giraffes rarely make sounds, but communicate with their eyes. In case you weren't aware of it, Giraffe Restricted Attendees Cannot Interpret Eyes

Giraffe: That's nice, so very, very nice, but in case you weren't aware of it, I'm not just an ordinary giraffe; I can use way more than my eyes.

Car: All right, I think the track is pretty well defined; I get to talk and you get to communicate with more than your eyes. Now wave the green flag and let's get started. What's first?

Giraffe: Show me the money! How much do we have and how much did we make?

Car: I better have 007 handle that; he is far better equipped to protect our assets. Secret Agent Man - show us how much money we have in our Endowment Fund, and how much it earned.

That's great 007, what you're showing is that we have about \$35,176,000 in our Endowment Investments and they're divided into four categories: money markets, bonds, stocks and mutual funds. Now how much did we make? I see that about \$1,300,000 of that income came from contributions and asset sales from our incoming residents. That sure helps to supplement the earnings our investments make.

And now the Foundation; how did it do?

O.K. The Foundation has \$7,867,000 and the categories are the same as the Endowment Fund so its earnings pretty much mirrored the percentage of return that the Endowment Fund had. However, contributions to our Foundation Charities were only 54% of what was contributed to the Endowment Fund. While all contributions are appreciated please remember that our smaller charities are doing some BIG things too!

Giraffe: We earned a lot of money; did we have to spend all of it?

Car: I'm sure 007 can handle that request. Show us how much of our income we had to spend during the year.

Keep up the good work 007; we can see that the major expense of the Endowment Fund is transfers to the S.L.C. to assist with its maintenance. These transfers generally take place on a monthly basis and are the reason we have the Endowment Fund. Now how about the Foundation?

As we can see here over half of the expenses are for charitable purposes, or for assistance to our members, and since we are in the charity business this is appropriate. The outside donations are the money, which passed thru our Foundation for the Worthy Grand Matron's special project. A lot more was sent directly to the Cancer Foundation. This is accomplished thru our charities and Worthy Grand Matron Special Projects.

Giraffe: It appears we did O.K. Are there any particulars we should know about?

Car: Yes, the Eastern Star Foundation income is not as simple as it appears. Their investments are distributed between the various charities, each one sharing based upon their participation. As can be seen J. C. Lee has the largest participation and therefore receives the largest portion of the income. While our smaller charities such as Benevolent and Memorial Cancer Dressing Stations have a much smaller participation but, still assist many members and charitable causes.

Margurite Rennie Investments are about $\frac{1}{3}$ rd the amount J.C. Lee has, and it has pledged to assist almost as many members as J. C. Lee. While this year the income may appear to be adequate these charities continue to need our earnest support.

Giraffe: I'm going to stick my neck out and predict that our members are up to the challenge!

Car: I know they do their best but here are some interesting statistics, which show how things have changed over the years.

Over the last 10 years our membership has declined from 62,950 to 36,035 and while we lost 3,500 members in 1999 and only 2,100 members this year the percentage of loss was 3 tenths of a percent higher. Also in 1999 we only needed \$1.59 per member to raise \$100,000 this year in would have required \$2.79.

Giraffe: Those numbers sure are informative but also depressing; can you give us some good news?

Car: Yes, I guess you could call it good news. Our Endowment Fund increased during this fiscal year by \$1,120,000, but remember we had almost that amount in Resident Asset sales, which we can't always count on.

Over the last four years our investments have earned an average of 10.8%, but it is important to keep in mind that while we have experienced this high return in the past, our investments are intended to earn an average of 8% over the long run, and we should only count on that when we plan the financial support for our order. Remember we could have years when our investments only earn 6%.

Giraffe: I hope all of our members realize how important all this information has been, and understand the value it can have in the decisions that we make at our sessions. The leadership of our Organization from the Worthy Grand Matron and Patron to the elected and appointed volunteers serving on committees, hope you take the time to listen and evaluate the ideas which will come before you.

Both: Have a great Grand Chapter Session and please, work for the good of our Order!

Car: Whew! That just about wraps up this report, and I guess I've about run my last race. I just wanted to take a moment to thank all my sponsors, the committees of the Grand Chapter and all the volunteers, the Grand Line and escorts, Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Representatives and finally my Pit Crew, the Grand Chapter Office. You all made this race worth waiting for.

Giraffe: I could have said that. No . . . really . . . I could have said that. *(SIGH)*

Russ Kleber, Controller: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Karen, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Skip, it has been a pleasure to work with you this year, as we have tried new things and mixed them with some of the old, making it a very, very, very interesting year. Thank you so much.

I would like to let you have, Sister Karen, this butt bow, and Brother Skip, this bow tie, as a remembrance of your year.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: It's truly all about the size of the bow. I was a little concerned that that giraffe looked like a Foster Farms chicken! Brother Russ Kleber, you are wonderful. Thank you very much for your creative report. We certainly enjoyed that.

If there be no objection the annual report of our Controller will be accepted and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

(No response.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: It is so ordered. I think the bows can go to Distribution, too.

Brother Dennis Jordan, our General Grand Chapter Officer and Chairman of our Finance Committee, will you please introduce the members of our Finance Committee and present your report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

(by Dennis Jordan, PP (126) Chairman)

Sisters and Brothers, serving on the Finance Committee for five years has been a unique and challenging experience. Through the years I have been most impressed by the depth of dedication shown to this task by the members who have comprised this committee. The Order of the Eastern Star in California has been well served by these devoted members. This year I have been most honored to work with the other four appointed members, and it is my pleasure to introduce them: Sisters Donna German, Tracy Lee, Tricia Stewart, and Brother Fred Schulenburg.

These four have served with distinction, and each has added her or his expertise and insight as we five did our very best to meet the awesome challenging task of overseeing the financial demands of our Order. My heartfelt thanks to each of them.

I also want to express my gratitude to the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, and the Grand Treasurer for their active participation on this committee. These three outstanding leaders have added depth and knowledge to the work we have worked together to accomplish.

The general membership needs to understand the role of our Controller, Russ Kleber, and the role that he plays in working with this Committee. Brother Russ works for the Finance Committee who hires, oversees and evaluates a Controller's performance. Our committee is most pleased with his performance, and we thank him for his hard work on our behalf and for the financial well being of the Order in this jurisdiction.

Our Grand Secretary, Maryann Barrios, has been outstanding this year in keeping the minutes of our Committee. She has also kept us well informed on the performance of her employees and the numerous tasks that our Grand Chapter Office performed on behalf of all members in California.

We have now gathered for the 134th Grand Chapter in California. The year 2007 finds the world continuing to change in mind boggling ways. The survival of our fraternal way of life is being challenged on many fronts. Our membership continues to decline. We continue to meet and discuss what we can do to reverse this trend, but have yet to discover the answer. Living costs march ever upward, as we try as a fraternal Order to keep doing charitably with fewer dollars what we have done in the past.

Yet, the deep seated faith that each of us have in this awesome fraternal way of living, keeps each of us committed to working together to build and save our fraternity.

Sisters and Brothers, our survival rests in each of our hands, and especially the hands of those here assembled today. There are no others who can chart the course from this point. It is our challenge, and it is our challenge alone.

A quick look at the 17 proposed amendments makes it very clear that we are confronted with the greatest financial challenges we have yet faced in our Order in California. Two thirds of the proposed amendments involve money. The underlying truth is we are at the crossroads as a fraternity. We must not retreat from the hard decisions we must make in the coming months, as we accept the basic reality we cannot continue to do business as usual. We will either work together to streamline and refocus our charitable acts that we are now doing, or we will ultimately find ourselves reaching a point of no return.

We are all confronted with the great challenge of making certain that our “fraternal heart” does not overpower or run ahead of our “business mind”. The Order of the Eastern Star in California is a big business. And all of us as key stockholders are faced with making some hard decisions in the very near future.

We have made great strides with the creation of our California Eastern Star Foundation. This committee has accomplished much and continues to labor to provide the very best in meeting the needs of our many members. However, some of these charities are hurting, because of our failure as members to adequately support their growth. Since the year 2000, thousands of charitable dollars have gone outside the fraternal walls to many worthwhile activities. The real question that needs to be asked is: How much has been accomplished for our fraternal well being and exposure, and how much better known are we today for having given outside?

With the coming of Star Care, the Benevolent Fund has been called upon as never before in its history. The needs of our members have greatly increased, yet the income from this particular charity has decreased.

With the coming of the Outreach program, the earnings on the Endowment Fund have been tapped for more than \$580,000 in the last five years. This is a marvelous, yet costly act of charity.

We are all committed to helping those precious members of our Order and their families who are the victims of cancer. Our two great cancer charities, JC Lee and Marguerite Rennie, continue to reach out with assistance to these suffering members. Yet, we have placed under the umbrella of the Foundation a process whereby we have given thousands of dollars to institutions that deal with cancer research. This is a very worthwhile act of charity, but it is not one that directly helps our members. With all we have given in this matter, there has been little received that really promotes our name as Eastern Star members in California. Perhaps the time has come to rethink this matter.

Our Senior Living Community is our greatest charity. This charity came into being at a time in history when a need for such a service was paramount. The years have passed, and we are now housed in an outstanding, beautiful facility. We have, as Brother Russ has presented, an Endowment Fund in the mid 30 millions, and a facility that is worth \$12 to \$15 million. In other words, Sisters and Brothers, we have an investment of \$50 million that is being used to serve 54 members. The Board of Trustees of our Senior Living Community is to be commended for a continuing effort to control the costs of this charity. However, the cost of living increases continue to undermine our ability to totally finance this undertaking with the Endowment Fund. The present cost per year for each member in the home is approximately \$77,000. This basically works out to \$6,500 per month, or \$213 per day. In plain terms, we have committed \$92,000 of Eastern Star assets to cover the expenses of caring for one member. For the 54 SLC residents, we have committed \$50 million.

Our Grand Chapter Office serves the membership well. The Grand Secretary and her staff work diligently to see that the needs of our members and Chapters are met in a timely manner. Yet, we must remember that this service does run approximately one million dollars a year.

I have often heard the question: Why does it cost so much? This question is followed by comments such as: With the coming of the computer age, all this work should be accomplished more quickly and cheaply. Another comment I often hear is: With the declining number of members, there should be less work required. Thus, making it less costly to run the Grand Chapter.

I need to make certain that you have noted that the proposed budget for 2008 is \$112,000 less than the actual costs of running Grand Chapter in 2006.

Some of you may be thinking this is a strange Finance Committee report. Perhaps, in one way, it is. I have not given you a litany of figures, nor have I gone in great detail on individual items. However, it is the conviction of the Finance Committee that we do have a fraternal and a moral responsibility to bring before our Sisters and Brothers the basic unalterable truth: We cannot continue from this point with the status quo.

We are definitely at a place in our fraternal history where we must, collectively and charitably, and with the fraternal spirit, come to grips with the challenge. We must decide. Financially, at the present time, we cannot sustain our present charitable activities at the present level. Our fraternity deserves all of us working together to arrive at the conclusion on what charities we will continue to support. We need to determine where we want to go from here.

Let it be known, Sisters and Brothers, that our Grand Secretary, our Controller, our SLC Board of Trustees and the Administrator of the Home, the Foundation Board and Finance Committee all have worked and are working very hard to provide the very best for our wonderful members. In my own feeble way, I

have tried to bring to your attention the enormous challenge that has been placed in all of our hands. Not because our hearts are in the wrong place, but because the present time demands that we must — and I repeat, we must — give serious thought to what we are doing presently, and we must determine where we are going to go from here, because we will not be able to continue long on the path we now travel.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Dennis. The Finance Committee works hard for our Order and is often not recognized for the professional skills and expertise that each member contributes to make this a successful process. I thank you very much for your service.

If there be no objection, the Annual Report of the Finance Committee will be considered submitted.

(No response.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: It is so ordered.

Sister Donna German, will you present the proposed 2007–2008 Grand Chapter Budget for consideration.

(The proposed 2007-08 budget for the Grand Chapter of California, OES, is printed on pages 53 & 54)

Donna German: I wish to thank the Controller and the Grand Chapter Office for working so hard with me in bringing a proposed budget that is lower than last year.

MOTION: I move that the Grand Chapter Budget be adopted as printed.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The proposed Budget of the Grand Chapter of the California is **ADOPTED**.

Sister Roseanne Grigsby, we look forward to hearing your report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

(by Roseanne Grigsby, PM (397))

Worthy Grand Matron, I want to thank each member of the Board of Trustees for being a part of the Foundation.

As a member of the Board of Trustees these past four years, I have had the pleasure of seeing and being a part of the progress and change of our Eastern Star Foundation. Each year we have had to face obligations and have met those obligations. One of our responsibilities is to meet the financial obligations to assist our members in their time of need. Our investments have performed on target. However, our donations have declined over the years.

Our future challenges will lie in our ability to generate the funds necessary to continue helping our members. We are thankful to those Associations that continue to hold fundraisers for these various charities. We know that is not an easy task as our membership declines. Without this support, our challenges would be greater.

We would like to thank all of the chairman and their committees of the Foundation, that have taken on the responsibility of speaking to the Chapters on behalf of their charity. You are an important part of this Foundation, to not only help a member in need, but to also educate our members on our charities.

One other way to support our charities is through our Planned Giving. We thank Brother Jeff Eichner for his hard work. The Scholarship Committee received a bequest from the estate of Sister Lillian Chandler of Pacific Star Chapter. Her generous bequest will allow the Foundation to award 35 more scholarships over the next five years. We also received a bequest from Sister Marie Adair of Pasadena Chapter, which benefits our J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund, and we hold these members dear to our heart.

We have several groups each year and every year that has an event to benefit our charities, and we thank you for your continued support.

We also appreciate your support in getting our name out to our community with service projects and donations to the various cancer research projects of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Sisters and Brothers, the future of our Order and your Foundation is in the hands of the members by their generosity and support. Please take a moment to stop by our booth and get a brochure that describes our charities, and also please take time to stop by and talk to Jeff Eichner of Planned Giving. He is a wealth of information.

We do need your continued support, so that we can help our members when they need it most. Remember, that in all things, charity begins at home. Let us also remember that our members are our family, and Eastern Star is our home.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for all that you do for our Order, and for allowing me the opportunity of being part of this Board.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Rosanne, for providing this report on behalf of our Sister Pat Caceres, the President of our Foundation. Each of you works for the benefit of our charities and for our members, and we thank you for your commitment.

Sister Roseanne, would you please present the 2007–2008 proposed Foundation Budget for consideration.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA

2007–2008 Proposed Budget

	2005 - 2006 Actual	2006 - 2007 Budget	Proposed 2007 - 2008
Revenues			
Member Dues	125,777	130,475	118,000
Insurance - Per Capita	149,022	165,115	154,000
Bequests & Memorials	28,449		-
Donations	1,328		-
Sale of Roster Ads	5,035	3,500	3,500
Fundraising Projects	54,701	28,000	5,500
Other Investment Income - Grand Chapter	5,528	6,000	19,000
Other Investment Income- Insurance	344	50	650
Other Investment Income- GGC	6,494	200	-
Other Investment Income - Membership	1,642	750	8,400
Sale of Rosters	1,745	1,500	-
Sale of Membership Supplies	74,236	97,800	134,900
Administration Fees - Endowment	163,052	139,550	138,500
Administration Fees - Home	257,150	234,400	224,750
Administration Fee - Eastern Star Professional Plaza	2,875	3,825	2,625
Administration Fees - Foundation	184,834	159,725	153,300
Consolidations	950	2,000	1,500
Fines	291	500	250
Misc Income	9,670		
	1,073,122	973,390	964,875
Additional Income sources			
Pass Thru Revenue	143,111	52,350	
Transfer from Membership Fund			1,000
Total Revenue	1,216,232	1,025,740	965,875
Expenses			
CofS - Member Supplies	47,026	81,500	95,000
CofS - US Postage	14,875	19,500	15,550
CofS - UPS	5,141	3,500	6,000
Use Tax	1,894	1,500	1,775
Travel Program	414	1,600	1,600
Triennium Assembly	130,000	-	
Chapter Training - Secty/Treas Workshop	-	1,500	1,000
Membership Training -Impact	-		5,000
Standing Committee Meals	576	1,200	1,200
Standing Committee Lodging	2,939	3,000	3,000
Standing Committee Mileage	4,686	2,800	2,800
Standing Committee Travel	2,618	2,500	2,500
Special Committee Reimbursements	1,735	750	750
Committee Compensation	2,905	1,800	1,800
GO/DGM Visits - Lodging	6,073	25,000	20,000
GO/DGM Visits - Meals	1,840	2,200	1,500
GO/DGM Visits - Mileage	9,560	15,000	10,000
GO/DGM Visits - Miscellaneous Expense	-	5,000	2,500
Allowances - Grand Line	37,500	37,500	42,500
Jewelry - WGM & WGP	3,100	1,550	1,550

Grand Chapter of California

2007–2008 Proposed Budget

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	2005 - 2006 Actual	2006 - 2007 Budget	Proposed 2007 - 2008
Donations to Masonic Organizations	-		2,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,872		
Fundraising Expenses	21,450		
Committee Expense	804		
Salaries & Wages	375,777	402,929	
Grand Secretary			65,000
Controller			90,746
Support Staff			245,072
Litigation Overtime	2,706		
Payroll Taxes	32,092	35,986	33,900
Employee Retirement	6,436	8,059	8,017
Employee Medical Insurance	32,003	36,000	41,000
Employee Training & Manuals	246	750	750
Employee Travel	451	300	450
Contract Labor - Temp Help	5,688	-	700
Web Page Design and Maintenance	-		1,000
Audit & Tax Service	6,197	3,150	4,500
Investment Fees - M. Lynch	180	180	180
Office Rent	36,966	38,425	38,425
Janitorial Service	2,703	2,950	2,950
E-Mail, Internet	767	360	325
Telephone	3,659	4,600	3,800
Utilities	7,628	6,250	5,250
Office Supplies	10,534	11,000	12,000
Kitchen Supplies	1,268		1,000
Computer Software	1,459		3,500
Computer Hardware	4,977	6,500	200
Computer Software - Replacement Program	4,309	-	
Copier Rental & Maintenance Fees	9,132	8,500	8,500
Computer Maintenance Fees	13,361	13,500	11,000
Repair & Maintenance	662	500	500
Software Technical Support	-		200
Security Monitoring Service	315	470	300
Other Equipment Rentals	4,543	2,600	2,600
Other Equipment Maintenance Fees	855	-	
Liability Insurance	151,287	143,802	140,000
Travel Accident Policy	-	1,000	1,000
Director & Officer Insurance	-	13,332	13,000
Workers Compensation	7,724	7,000	7,000
Bank & Payroll Charges	1,845	2,100	2,300
Business & Property Taxes	498	600	1,000
Business Licenses/Fees (Local & State)	70	50	60
Furniture & Fixtures	2,030	8,200	750
Depreciation Expense	4,873		*
Off-Site Data Base Storage	-	25	25
Holiday-Birthday Fund	550	725	650
Funerals & Flowers	39	200	200
Printing	3,497	-	
Pass Thru to General Grand Chapter Fund	41,964		-
Total Expenses	1,077,245	967,442	965,875

* No Longer Budgeting - non cash item

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(The 2007-08 proposed budget for the California Eastern Star Foundation is printed on page 57)

Roseanne Grigsby, PM (397): MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this Budget be adopted as printed.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The proposed Budget of the California Eastern Star Foundation is **ADOPTED**.

Sister Jerry Creager, the Chairman of our 2006 General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly Committee, could we have your report at this time.

**FINAL REPORT OF THE 2006 GENERAL GRAND
CHAPTER TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE**

(by Jeraldine Creager, PGM, (358), General Chairman for California)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of California for their support during the past nine years. You gave both financially and physically in support of Brother Loyal Stark's journey in General Grand Chapter. He has completed that journey, and now bears the title of Past Most Worthy Grand Patron. We are proud to have traveled that journey with him. Getting to know Sister Pat Rasmussen and the members of Minnesota was an added bonus. We are pleased that these two fine leaders are present at this "Envisioning a Bright Future" Grand Chapter Session.

The purpose of this report is to bring you financial information. Our commitment to Minnesota as our share for executing the 2003 Installation in Portland and the 2006 Triennial Assembly in Minneapolis was \$200,000. However, during the Assembly meeting in Minneapolis, it was voted that General Grand Chapter should share in the financial burden for this International Convention. Its purpose and benefit is for all Grand Jurisdictions, and not just for our two states.

As a result of that legislation \$150,914.09 was returned to our Grand Chapter. The Candlelighter Association advanced our Grand Chapter \$11,000 to assist with the original \$200,000 commitment. Since money was returned to our Grand Chapter, they returned \$11,000 to the Candlelighter Association. That left \$139,914.09 remaining in the General Grand Chapter Fund account.

In the original resolution it was noted that any remaining funds would be put in the Convention and Mileage Fund. Later, during legislation at one of our Grand Chapter Sessions, the Mileage part of this fund was deleted, leaving only the Convention Fund. Therefore, that is where the Finance Committee was required to put the remaining funds.

With your support, the Candlelighter Association was able to pay all of their commitments to the 2003 and 2006 Triennial Assemblies, and still have a remaining balance in their treasury. The amount of \$55,665.88 was donated to the Grand Chapter to be deposited in the Eastern Star Foundation Scholarship Fund under the name Loyal Stark Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership Account. These funds are to be permanently restricted, and only the income from these funds is to be used for religious scholarships each year. These funds are to be distributed according to the dictates of the Constitution and Laws of Grand Chapter.

In the past, when our Most Worthy Grand Patron or Most Worthy Grand Matron completes their years to General Grand Chapter, our state has purchased an item to be put in the Eastern Star Temple. However, at Brother Loyal's request, this was not done. Instead, the remaining \$11,000 was donated to the Grand Chapter Membership Fund, to be distributed under the direction of Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Loyal Stark, for Vision Quest and IMPACT related expenses.

In the coming days, when I have had a chance to organize my notes, I will send a copy to our Grand Chapter office. This can be placed on file for future use, if needed.

As General Chairman, this has been a challenging but enjoyable task. Working with dedicated members has made it all worthwhile.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much, Sister Jerry, for that report. As General Chairman, you did a magnificent job with the partners in California and in Minnesota, and I thank you very much on behalf of our Grand Chapter for all the work that you did. And I know that our Brother Loyal is standing back there waiting for you, and our Sister Pat. You did a fabulous job. Thank you very much.

We have been very fortunate this year to have many dedicated and talented members to serve on our Standing Committees. The following appointments were made to fill vacancies.

Annual Session Site. Our sister Pat Wagner resigned due to health reasons, and was replaced by Brother Patrick Burke.

Endowment Fund Chairman. Sister Virginia Williams resigned due to other commitments, and was replaced by Sister Ginger Bassett.

Activities Group Chairman. Brother Jerry and Sister Barbara Journeyay resigned due to family responsibilities, and were replaced by Art and Barbara Weiss.

Worthy Grand Patron, do you have announcements?

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2007-2008 Proposed Budget

Revenue

	Benevolent	JC Lee	Rennie	Scholarship	Cashion	ESTRAL	Disaster	Cancer Research	Cancer Dressing	Heart	Total Budget
Member Dues 26000 @ \$.10	2,600			2,600							5,200
Chapter Donations	5,000	14,000	2,500	20,000	1,000	1,000	1,500		7,000	7,000	59,000
Interest & Dividends	9,000	100,000	50,000	9,400	3,000		100		4,600		176,100
Investment Gains-Realized	8,000	92,000		7,500	3,000				4,200		114,700
Sale of Investments	30,100	72,475	97,350	47,400	2,950				8,175		258,450
Total Revenue	54,700	278,475	149,850	86,900	9,950	1,000	1,600	-	23,975	7,000	613,450

Expense

Promotion/goodwill Board Discretion	500	5,750	6,500	3,750	600		500		1,500	100	19,200
Committee Expenses/Travel & Lodging	500	1,750	1,000	1,500					300		5,050
Assistance to Members	50,000	50,000	100,000								200,000
Scholarships & Awards (donations 2007 = Carryover)				75,000	3,000	850					78,850
Audit & Tax Service	200	4,900	3,675	300	250				375		9,700
Investment Fees-Merrill Lynch	500	60,500	17,200	4,500	1,600		200		2,700		87,200
Office Supplies		500	500								1,000
Material & Supplies									15,000		15,000
StarCARE	500	27,000	2,000	500							30,000
Fund Administration Fees	2,500	121,525	18,975	1,350	4,500	150	100		4,100	100	153,300
Donation to Outside Organization							800			6,800	7,600
Total Expenses	54,700	271,925	149,850	86,900	9,950	1,000	1,600	-	23,975	7,000	606,900

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(The Worthy Grand Patron made announcements.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: We wish to thank all the members present for your attention at our Formal Opening Session this morning. Please remain seated until the Grand Officers and the Grand Pages have retired.

We will be discussing very interesting and intriguing legislation matters this afternoon, so please be prepared and prompt.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

(Grand Conductress attended the altar.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Thursday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 2:00 p.m. Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 11:29 a.m.)

(Retiring March of Grand Chapter Officers and Grand Pages.)

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“ENVISIONING A BRIGHT FUTURE” SESSION

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 25, 2007

1:30 p.m. Musical Prelude

Escort: Hostess: Paula Remington, Past Grand Matron
Host: Vernon Gordon, Past Grand Patron

Paula Remington, PGM: The Grand Chapter Officers will enter the Grand Chapter Room.

Entrance: 2007 Grand Chapter Officers

Paula Remington, PGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Escort: Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron
David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron.

Paula Remington, PGM: Sisters and Brothers, we have the honor of presenting Sister Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

You will unite with me in extending Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Paula Remington, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Vernon Gordon, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. Brother Vernon is also a Past Grand Master of Masons in California and Hawaii. You will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

Paula Remington, PGM: Sister Karen, it is with a great deal of honor, love and respect that I present to you your gavel this afternoon for this Thursday Afternoon Session of our Grand Chapter. I know that you will use it in a very kind and judicious manner.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Paula.

Welcome back to our Afternoon Session. We hope you had a wonderful lunch and are ready to conduct business. Sister Paula, our Past Grand Matron, we would be pleased to hear your Address of Welcome at this time.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(by Paula Remington, PGM)

It is a great honor for me to have the privilege of greeting you, our guests, this afternoon. California Eastern Star has experienced an exciting year under the leadership of Sister Karen and Brother Skip, and we are pleased that all of you are here with us this week of "Envisioning a Bright Future". Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Karen, for extending this courtesy to me.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother William Owen, your official visit to our Grand Chapter Session in this first year of your triennium is most pleasing. Thank you for encouraging so many of your General Grand Chapter Officers to be with us this week.

Sister Pat Rasmussen and Brother Loyal, we welcome you home to California Grand Chapter.

Sister Karen, I have been excited with you and for you from the very time that you called and told me that you had been appointed as Grand Marshal. You were an outstanding Deputy Grand Matron for me in 1992, and I knew that you would be the kind of leader for this Grand Chapter that you have become. You have guided your Worthy Matrons well, and instilled them with the desire to do their very best in our ceremonies, to be imaginative in their planning, and to have fun along the way.

I was not surprised that you chose "Compassion" as one of your watchwords. You have always exhibited consideration for others, both as individuals and in listening to their ideas.

Your service project, the state wide participation in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, brought us out of our Chapter rooms to help and work within our communities.

Your IMPACT Sessions caused us to take a second look at ourselves as we planned for the future of our Order. It caused us to see that in some cases, "we have never done it that way before", was a good reason to try something new. At least, we have embarked on some new adventures.

But through it all, Worthy Grand Matron, you have remained Karen Fletcher, a loving, loveable human being. You have displayed your caring nature and have done your best to give everyone his due. You have served this Grand Chapter with poise and dignity, which befits the office you represent. I am so very proud of you.

Brother David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron, I regret that I did not have the privilege of knowing you before you were installed as Associate Grand Patron. When a Grand Conductress chooses a person to serve with her for two years, she looks for a person or, in truth, usually a couple, whose aspirations for California Grand Chapter are similar to hers, a man who will bring

substance to the office of Worthy Grand Patron. Your reliance upon the tenets of Freemasonry within your Jacob's ladder has brought strength to this office. Thank you for your strength of character and the support that you have given our Worthy Grand Matron and this Grand Chapter.

Again, to our visiting guests to this Grand Chapter, we are so excited to have you here, and we hope that we have the opportunity of meeting each one of you.

To the delegates of this Grand Chapter, we have much important legislation before us. May you all remember the charge that you were given when you were installed in your respective stations at Installation. (*Ritual pages 124-125*)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Vernon, we would be pleased to hear from you at this time.

GREETINGS

(by Vernon Gordon, PGP)

Thank you, Sister Karen, my goddaughter. Buenas tardes mia familia.

My first pleasant duty is to commend Sister Karen and Brother Skip for the very kind and friendly manner in which they preside over our Grand Chapter this year. As I stand at this lectern to address you, my Sisters and Brothers, it is a privilege and an honor, which I am not certain that I have completely earned, but I am here and you are here. I sincerely thank you for your most courteous reception into this Grand room. And I trust that the thoughts that you allow me to share with you this afternoon will, in some way, contribute to the significance of this annual communication, and perhaps merit your consideration as we set out to do what we came here to do.

October, that delightful month of the year signifying the harvest, finds us assembled in our annual communication to exchange fraternal greetings and to renew and enjoy our associations with each other. We come to listen to the wise counsel of our leaders, both past and present. We come also to pay tribute to our Sisters and Brothers who came so often to these chambers, but will no more. And last, but not least, we come to do the business of this Grand Chapter, and always with an eye to the future of this beautiful Order, and with the resolution to make its future even greater than its glorious past.

My friends, all of these things can become a reality by the exercise of one simple word, and that word is "attitude". Attitude is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, more important than circumstances, than failures or successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more effective and more important than being gifted or having skill, because in reality it can make or break a company, a school, a home, or a fraternal Order.

The remarkable thing is that we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that point and the time of our lives. All of the things that we propose to do here at this session can become a reality by the attitude by which it is presented, and by the attitude by which it is received. Our lives, my sisters and brothers, are governed 10 percent by what happens to us, and 90 percent by how we react to it.

My friends, this convocation indeed has a purpose for such a gathering of our membership. However, if we have a mission to fulfill that began the moment we knelt at the altar of Eastern Star, then that mission is simply this: To seek that which is most worthwhile in the world, to exalt the dignity of every other person in our daily activities, to give the maximum service to humanity, to aid in mankind's search for identity, development and destiny, and thereby achieve better people and a better world, happier people and a happier world, and wiser people and a wiser world. In short, our ultimate goal is mankind's moral, spiritual and intellectual development. It is our leaders of today and those whole follow who will direct and guide us on this fraternal mission.

I gleaned the following words from my Grand Master's address at the Grand Lodge in 1980, because I believe they ring true today, even 27 years later:

May each one of us as people of faith rededicate ourselves to the task of building for eternity, so that our works will stand the test of time and bear the true marks of fraternalism. In the endeavor, let us be guided by the thought of John Ruskin who once said, "When we build, let us think that we built forever. Let it not be for the present delight nor for present use alone. Let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for and let us believe that, as we symbolically lay stone on stone, that the time will come when those symbolic stones will be held sacred simply because our hands have touched them. And people will say as they look upon our labor and its substance, "This was done for us."

My friends, we are master builders, but not in the sense of building skyscrapers or massive bridges. We are builders of faith in each other and, indeed, faith in our own individual communities and the communities of the world.

I close with these words: I searched for my soul, but my soul I could not see. I searched for my God, but my God eluded me. I searched for my fraternal family, and I found all three.

Build, my Sisters and Brothers. Build not for your sake alone, but for generations to come. And may the great God of all that is grant you strength and resolve in this important endeavor.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Paula and Brother Vernon, serving as one of your 1992 Deputy Grand Matrons was an honor. You instilled in me the importance of graciousness and humility in serving our Order. The opportunity you afforded me nurtured my growth as a leader and as a human being. Your support and friendship means the world to me. Thank you very much for your Welcome.

Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Sister Paula and Brother Vernon, for your Greetings and all that you do for our Order. At every event that I have attended over the last two years in your area, I have always been aware of what hard workers you are in your Chapters. No sitting on the sidelines for you. I have seen you in the kitchens, as well as in the Chapter rooms. You certainly lead by example. Thank you again for being with us this afternoon.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

(Grand Conductress attended at the altar.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Thursday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of the California called from refreshment to labor.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 2:22 p.m.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sue Bishop, Chairman of our Distribution Committee, would you please present the members of your committee and give your report?

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

(by Sue Bishop, PGM (46/252), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you so much for our appointments to this committee, and for these very handsome gentlemen. It was our pleasure to serve you and Skip and our Grand Chapter this past year. All resolutions, amendments and recommendations received by this committee have been distributed to the appropriate committees for presentation at this Grand Chapter Session:

To Constitution and Bylaws: Resolution No.1 and Amendments No. 1, 2, 3, and 5.

To Finance: Amendments No. 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, and 16.

To Jurisprudence: Amendments No. 14 and 17.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Sue and your handsome committee members, for the efficient manner in which you performed your duties for this Grand Chapter Session. Your efforts are appreciated. If there be no objection, this report will be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

(No response.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: It is so ordered.

Sister Sheri Weisser, Chairman of our Constitution and Bylaws Committee, would you please introduce your committee and present your report?

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

(by Sheri Weisser, PGM/PGT (177) Chairman)

Thank you for the opportunity to once again serve on this committee.

This committee has specific duties set forth in our Constitution and Laws. We are to examine all proposed amendments and report on them to Grand Chapter. On July 13th, we met at the Masonic Home in Union City with members of the Jurisprudence Committee, the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Secretary. Most of the Grand Line Officers were also in attendance. We reviewed all the proposed amendments to determine if they were in proper form and the intent of the amendment was clear.

Following this Annual Session, we will meet with the Jurisprudence Committee to make all changes required to the Constitution and Laws as a result of the legislation adopted at this Annual Session. At this meeting, we will also authorize housekeeping corrections such as spelling, punctuation, grammar and so forth.

We are to examine and report on all decisions of the Worthy Grand Matron of legislative importance and, in conjunction with the Jurisprudence Committee, make the appropriate changes to the Constitution and Laws with regard to these decisions.

The duty that keeps us busy throughout the year is the examining of the Bylaws of the subordinate chapters and their proposed bylaw changes. This year, the committee reviewed 56 proposed bylaw changes, including 18 Consolidation bylaws. Unfortunately, nearly a third were returned to the Chapters because they were in conflict with our Constitution and Laws. Many of the Chapters are not using the most recent Uniform Code, nor are they updating their bylaws with changes made at the Annual Session. We strongly urge the Chapters to use the pre printed Uniform Code, and just fill in the blanks. Usually, only chapters with trustees, life memberships or term limits need to add to the pre printed form. These forms are available on our website or from the Grand Chapter Office.

This committee works closely with the Jurisprudence Committee, and we have enjoyed a great working relationship and developed strong friendships. We extend our thanks to the Grand Secretary and her dedicated staff for all their assistance this year. The proposed bylaw changes have been forwarded to our committee almost as soon as they are received in the office, and the staff is always cheerful and willing to perform any research that we may require.

Our thanks also go to our secretarial staff this week: Susie Thornton, Della Smith and Jean Cook. We appreciate their efforts as they prepare our presentation sheets, type and copy any changes, and are ready whenever we need them.

Worthy Grand Matron, we thank you for our appointments to this committee. We have enjoyed serving you and our Grand Chapter.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: My grateful appreciation is extended to the wonderful members of this committee for the work that they do all year long. Thank you very much for sharing your expertise and knowledge of the Order with us. It is appreciated. If there be no objection, this report will be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

(No response.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: It is so ordered.

Sister Sarahann Shapiro, Chairman of our Jurisprudence Committee, would you please introduce your committee and present your report?

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

(by Sarahann Shapiro, PM (250) Chairman)

What do you get when you mix a Burns and Allen comedy routine with a Road Runner cartoon? We don't know what to call it, but it makes for a wild ride. How wild, you may ask? This year the Jurisprudence Committee was called upon to assist our members to avoid falling anvils, to make long jumps over canyons, to get rid of dynamite before the fuse blew, and to stay away from any product made by ACME Corporation, as we helped interpret our Constitution and Laws for our queenly Sister Karen, our wily Brother Skip, and their most important audience, our California members. We were called upon to answer many questions, and the toughest one this year was: Can a giraffe and a ladybug truly form a close relationship with a coyote? We have watched carefully all year, and our answer is a resounding yes.

This year, the Jurisprudence Committee rendered four unanimous opinions, reviewed eight contracts and agreements, assisted with the drafting of the legislation and housekeeping items, including the addition of changes approved at the 2006 General Grand Chapter Session, responded to questions from Grand Line Officers and members, worked closely with the Constitution and Laws Committee to prepare last year's legislation, and prepare one Worthy Grand Matron's legislative book.

Thank you very much, Sister Karen and Brother Skip, for appointing us to this committee. I must particularly thank you for giving me two such wonderful men to help me. I like this ratio. Seriously, my special thanks go to Brother Stephen, who prepared a wonderful updated summary of the sections of the California Masonic Code that apply to our Grand Chapter, and to Brother Gary, who took the time to serve this year, even though he had a few other things to do.

Our thanks also go to Sister Sheri Weisser of Constitution and Laws, who has been such a pleasure to work with this year. Sister Maryann Barrios, our Grand Secretary, has helped us with information and documents all year long, and a special thanks goes to our legislative secretarial staff for their assistance in preparing legislation for presentation at this Session.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Our Jurisprudence Committee works behind the scenes all year long to ensure that our Order operates smoothly. The skill each of you on this committee brings to the table is extraordinary. It is such a comfort to know that you are just a phone call away, always willing to go above and beyond to provide your support and guidance. I have been blessed to have three very wonderful people available to me all year long. If there be no objections, this report will be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

(No response.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: It is so ordered.

Sisters Jean, Katie and Brother Pat, will you please present the report on the Annual Session Site Committee at this time? This report is presented for your information. We will be voting on recommendations during our Friday Morning Session.

2010 SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

(by Jean Gannett, PM (214) Chairman)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for our appointment to the Session Site Committee this year. We appreciate it very much. We also want to thank you, our members, for your trust and confidence in our committee to diligently research the site selection possibilities that would be best to meet the needs of our dynamic membership for our annual Grand Chapter.

The Site Selection Committee is made up of three members that have traditionally served for three years, starting in the first year to learn about the process, and culminating as the Chairperson in the third year.

A review of what the Site Selection Committee does is this:

1. Utilizing ethical business principles and practice, they research and visit viable locations for our Grand Chapter and make at least two recommendations to the Finance Committee for consideration, with a third alternate available. This is accomplished by sending out a "Request for Proposal" (RFP) to the locations that seem as though they might be a possibility. The committee then works with the convention and city officials to make sure the proposals come as close to meeting our criteria as possible. This includes visiting the city in question and personally touring the convention facilities to see that they match those described in the proposal.
2. Filtering that information for the recommendation to the Finance Committee and the membership.
3. Report on the locations that have met the necessary criteria for consideration to our delegates at Grand Chapter.

After the Grand Chapter delegates vote on the location, the contract is turned over to the Grand Chapter Week Committee for the year that was voted upon. The Grand Secretary issues a non binding Letter of Intent that indicates our intention to hold our meeting there. The Worthy Grand Matron of the referenced year signs the contract as one of the first things she does after she is installed for her year, three years later. For example, the Worthy Grand Matron will sign for 2010 after Grand Chapter and she is elected for that year.

The needs for meals and housing for attendees are changing every year. One of the challenges is to, as accurately as possible, guesstimate how many room nights will actually be used, and on which nights, three years in the future. The pricing we are quoted depends on those numbers, and if they are inaccurate, the Grand Chapter of that year could have an unpleasant surprise when they receive the bill. Most of the quotes have a qualifier of certain minimum numbers. The pricing we have reflected on your charts is for 2000 room nights in 2010.

One of the issues that we need to remember is that we, as a group, are voting our desire, based on the quotes we have to work with. Once the location has been chosen by a vote of this body, all of the terms and conditions are turned over to the Grand Chapter Week Committee for that year. The Grand Chapter Week Committee then renegotiates any particular needs that may be desired or necessary for that Grand Chapter.

Our system could be improved in a few areas. Some of the suggestions this committee has for improvement are as follows:

Have at least two members of the Grand Chapter Committee for the year being evaluated involved with the committee as advisors. This would be the anticipated Worthy Grand Matron for the referenced year, and the Past Grand Matron that is advising that committee. This would accomplish at least two important things: first, the site would have some continuity and accountability for the discussions and offers that are made in the sales process. Our old system created the condition wherein the site has sharpened their pencils for the Site Selection Committee, and done their best, and then we send the Grand Chapter Committee and their advisor, which becomes a second team in to ask for more. All the while, we still haven't signed a contract. Fortunately, our Grand Family saw the wisdom of the advisory communications when we presented it to Finance, and it is being implemented for next year. It would also create a condition that would allow for improved communication between the two committees, which should create a better image of our Order with the public, and a teamwork approach to making the best situation possible for our members for the Grand Chapter. The old style of thinking seemed to be that we couldn't involve the incoming group, as there might be unfair influence. Many of our members simply have not understood the process. We have found that many of our members thought that our committee signed the contracts, which is simply not the case. This all boils down to teamwork, communication and working together.

Many of our members have long thought that we received a rebate from the Fresno City Tax. That is simply not the case. We have written correspondence from the City Finance Director and the Assistant City Attorney documenting the fact that any rebates are not coming from the TOT or City Tax. What has happened when we have received rebates in the past? Well, we have correspondence from the Picadilly that would indicate that they are coming from the hotels, calculated or indexed against the city tax amount. This makes them mirroring amounts, which is confusing. What the new president of the Convention Bureau explained is that those hotels which have chosen to be members of the Convention Bureau must contribute on a per room basis, and those funds along with some subsidy the city provides create the marketing budget they use in Fresno's behalf to be competitive. That is why only member hotels are included in the bid list.

Fresno and Bakersfield are managed by SMG. The Convention Bureau in Fresno is hired and supervised by SMG. In essence, the City of Fresno has partially privatized these services, and the Convention Bureau is a completely separate company hired by SMG. The policy of these locations is not to be as transparent, as they are private and hired by the city, which is different from other venues that we have received quotes from.

When we voted on a venue last year, we chose to have the Grand Chapter meeting to be supported by attendees in the form of a room rebate from the hotels. Since then, it was determined by the Grand Chapter Committee that there were sufficient funds left over from General Grand Chapter in Minnesota that this amount could be used to support Grand Chapter and not use the room rebate in 2009. What has happened here is that the burden of supporting the Grand Chapter meeting was taken off the attendees and spread to the membership as whole.

There is evidently enough leftover in the funds from Minnesota to do this for a little while, but a fundamental funding decision needs to be made going forward from 2009. If the funds are going to come from the membership as a whole rather than the attendees, there's an entire budgeting process that, when completed, would help the Site Selection Committee get the best creative offers and quotes in the future.

The committee needs to know when the Request for Proposal is put together, what they are asking for. No one likes to have to create a bid twice. It's bad enough that we ask this of a venue that will get the bid, but with our need to present three, this means we are asking two other venues to go through double the bid process work for nothing.

Our Constitution and Laws calls for the Site Selection Committee to present to the Finance Committee at their July meeting. Recognizing the need to put together an organized presentation, I set a deadline to receive proposals as Friday, June 29th of this year. I received the Fresno proposal by Saturday delivery Fed Ex, after I went home from presenting what we had to the Finance Committee on July 14th, more than two weeks after the deadline. We were asked as committee to go back to the drawing board with the proposals, since we didn't have one from Fresno at that time. The suggestion here is to have a more formalized proposal deadline in order for us, as a body, to be fair and ethical in our dealings with all of the vendors.

Our current procedure is to have the venue held out in the breeze without a formal contract until the Worthy Grand Matron of the referenced year is installed. There could very easily come a time when our chosen venue could have another offer from another group willing to sign a contract, and we could very easily get bumped. The common business practice when there is a Letter of Intent in place is to give the group with the Letter of Intent a 10 day notice to sign the contract or lose the slot. While the ten day notice is common, it is not necessary. We are a much smaller group than we once were, and we don't have the clout we once did. This could very easily happen to us. It is questionable as to whether we would be able to perform in ten days.

I would like to direct your attention to the proposals for the 2010 Grand Chapter meeting you have in your packets. We have been very fortunate to review some excellent locations as we have indicated on the bottom of the page, but for various reasons the selection came down to the three indicated in alphabetical order. The selection criteria is indicated, and they were asked to bid with and without room night credits, as we were unsure of whether or not Grand Chapter funds would be available to support the process.

Fresno has been upgrading their facilities and has installed new arena seats. Bakersfield is the same as last year. Their facilities have not changed. Visalia has installed new tiered seating. At Visalia, there are no stairs to enter the main convention hall. Due to the size of the facilities, the fact that all their rooms and parking are at one facility and the overall quality of the facilities, the committee is recommending Visalia for our 2010 Grand Chapter.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Jean and your committee for your report. Remember, delegates, we will be voting on the venue of our 2010 Session at our Friday Morning Session. If there be no objections, this report will be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

(No response.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: It is so ordered.

California Singing Stars . . . Musical Selection

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Linda Bernhard, President of our Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees, introduce our Trustees and present your Annual Report to our members.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTERN STAR HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(by Linda Bernhard, PM (106) President)

Prior to giving my annual report, the Board of Trustees has requested that I inform the delegates the reason for the withdrawal of Proposed Amendment No. 11. The Board feels that the wording of the proposal confuses Home Maintenance with Home Assessment. The intent of the proposal was to assist our Endowment Fund and continue our obligation to the care of our members in their senior years.

Sisters and Brothers, the wonderful supporters of our Senior Living Community, I'm honored to stand before you to talk about the wonderful strides our Senior Living Community has made this past year. At the beginning of the 2006 2007 year, the Home Board began with a strategic planning seminar, which we had the honor to share with the Finance Committee and Grand Line. We also invited several members of committees working with our facility to assist in the planning. A wonderful five year plan emerged, one we have begun to implement this last year, starting with the two town hall meetings, one north,

and one south. Because of some of the things brought to our attention by the membership during these two meetings, the Home Board has begun implementing ideas, including meeting on a more regular basis with the Foundation and the Finance Committee.

We had a very successful Fiesta, condensing it from two days to one, and having a wonderful barbecue with entertainment in the evening. We aimed at not only serving our membership, but also bringing into our Home the community surrounding us. We brought in an In-N-Out hamburger truck, and expanded our fun zone, along with offering tours of the facility, and we feel we were successful in beginning to bring much of the Yorba Linda community into our Home. The evening barbecue was an overwhelming success, and we thank our staff who went the extra mile to make sure no one was turned away from the evening event and made it look easy to turn 250 reservations into 400 full plates of food.

We would be remiss if we did not thank Don Snyder, our Grand Organist, and his friends for the wonderful entertainment. You are a god, period.

With the support of our director Mr. Clair Meske, we have surrounded our residents with the Eastern Star ceremonies that they came into our home to enjoy. Our staff takes them to Yorba Linda Chapter, where many of them are now not only members, but also officers. We also have made sure that they have gone to several Official Visits and Grand Officer receptions, along with receptions for Deputy Grand Matrons in the area.

We were fortunate to have the Grand Line give the Memorial Service for us this past May, and Palo Alto Chapter came in June, along with our Worthy Grand Patron, to give the re Obligation for our residents. Many of our youth groups have also come to the Home to do meetings, allowing our residents to participate.

In September, we once again hosted the community of Yorba Linda with a mixer for the Chamber of Commerce.

I commend the staff under the visionary leadership of Clair Meske, for the wonderful job they have done this past year. We have withstood the challenges of litigation and prevailed, a topic that our Sister Collette Gole will speak to you about later, and continued to give our residents the high standard of care that we, as Eastern Star members, strive to give.

We were evaluated by the State this past September and were found to be in total compliance with all the regulations of the state. Our residents are feeling their continued connection with their world of Eastern Star, and because of a wonderfully dedicated staff in our Outreach and Star Care Department, we were able to also give exceptional care to many of our members who anonymously are able to get that needed amount of help that will ease their daily burdens and possibly set them on a road to rebuilding their lives.

It was previously mentioned in the Finance report that we have approximately \$50 million in assets to serve 54 members. In actuality, the Endowment Fund of approximately \$35 million is not only serving those 54 residents of our Senior Living Community, but also all the members who choose to be assisted anonymously by our Outreach and Star Care program.

I would again like to thank the Home Board for their continued support of our facility, staff and residents. Along with the Grand Line, you have worked tirelessly this past year.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Karen, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Skip, I thank you for your commitment this year as you served on our Board, and look forward to next year when Sister Collette and Brother Jim will join us as voting members. Thank you to the members of the Grand Chapter who have continually supported our residents with not only your donations, but also with your love.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Linda, you have done a remarkable job serving as the President of this Board. Your commitment to always do what was right for the residents and our Order, regardless of popular opinion, has rendered your service outstanding. I thank the entire Board for the commitment that they make to our Order, and to our individual residents. Your time and energy to serve is amazing. Thank you very much for serving in this capacity. If there be no objections the report of the Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees will be accepted and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

(No response.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: It is so ordered.

Sister Linda, please present the 2007–08 proposed Eastern Star Homes Budget.

(The proposed 2007–08 budget for the Eastern Star Homes of California, is printed on pages 73 & 74)

Linda Bernhard, Board of Trustees President: MOTION: I move that the SLC budget printed in the legislative booklet be adopted.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The proposed Budget of the Eastern Star Homes of California is **ADOPTED**.

Sister Linda, you will please present the 2007–08 proposed Budget for the Eastern Star Professional Plaza.

(The proposed 2007–08 budget for the Eastern Star Professional Plaza, is printed on page 75)

SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

2007–2008 Proposed Budget

	APPROVED BUDGET 2006 - 2007	PROPOSED BUDGET 2007 - 2008
S.L.C. REVENUE		
Contributions	824,229	875,000
Private Pay Revenue	145,000	148,000
Other Revenue	4,200	7,300
S.L.C. TOTAL REVENUE	973,429	1,030,300
 S.L.C. EXPENSES		
Employee Expenses		
Salary & Wages	1,321,160	1,381,916
Payroll Taxes	142,795	205,102
Employee Benefits	13,000	13,000
Employee Insurance	391,764	344,200
Other Employee Expenses	26,200	30,600
Employee Travel	9,675	12,950
General Overhead Expenses		
Grand Chapter Administration Fee	234,400	224,750
Audit & Tax Service	20,000	21,475
Legal Fees	30,000	30,000
Office Supplies	29,400	29,885
Insurance - Business	183,100	183,100
Dues and Subscriptions	9,610	10,585
Bank Charges, Payroll and Other Fees	32,200	32,200
Property Taxes	7,500	7,500
Utilities	317,100	314,250
Office Equipment Rental, Repair & Support	11,800	16,000
Contract Labor	143,700	143,500
Housekeeping	21,100	19,000
Dietary	236,500	236,700
Activities	74,154	55,200
Building & Grounds Maintenance	95,350	89,350
Other General Overhead Expenses	27,200	41,900
Board Expenses		
Board Expenses	34,250	34,250
Resident Expenses		
Resident Medical Care	209,400	147,300
Resident Personal Care	96,700	95,950
Outreach Expenses		
Assistance to Members	250,000	250,000
Planned Giving Expenses		
Planned Giving Expenses	89,245	89,245
Star Care Expenses		
Star Care Expenses	31,613	31,613
Eastern Star Expenses		
Other Facility Activities	9,500	12,500

Senior Living Community 2007–2008 Proposed Budget (continued)

	APPROVED BUDGET 2006 - 2007	PROPOSED BUDGET 2007 - 2008
Other Operating Expenses		
Expenses Directly Off-Set with Revenue		
Capital Improvements & Expenses	45,200	90,000
S.L.C. Total Operating Expenses	4,143,616	4,194,021
S.L.C. & E.S.P.P. Operating Revenue		
E.S.P.P. Income (Revenue - Expenses)	120,721	138,296
S.L.C. Revenue	973,429	1,030,300
S.L.C. & E.S.P.P. Total Operating Revenue	1,094,150	1,168,596
Endowment Income for S.L.C.	3,029,466	3,025,425
Depreciation	385,000	385,000

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Linda Bernhard, Board of Trustees President: MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the Eastern Star Professional Plaza Budget as presented in the legislative booklet be adopted.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The proposed Budget for the Eastern Star Professional Plaza is **ADOPTED**.

Linda Bernhard, Board of Trustees President: MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, as the Home Assessment has been three dollars per member since 1992, I move that the Home Assessment be seven dollars per member, starting with the 2007–2008 fiscal year.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **NOT ADOPTED**.

As each of our members is aware, this year has been a challenging one, as we spent much time and energy devoted to the details surrounding our pending litigation. The diligence, commitment and support of the Home Board, staff and residents was commendable.

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EASTERN STAR PROFESSIONAL PLAZA

2007–2008 Proposed Budget

	ACTUAL BUDGET 2006-2007	PROPOSED BUDGET 2007-2008
E.S.P.P. REVENUE		
Rental Income	247,350	260,000
Misc. Income		
E.S.P.P. TOTAL REVENUE	<u>247,350</u>	<u>260,000</u>
E.S.P.P. EXPENSES		
Contract Labor		
Contract Labor - Landscaping	9,500	10,300
Contract Labor - Outside Lighting	600	600
Contract Labor - Pacific Coast Refrigeration	1,600	1,600
Contract Labor - Termite Prevention	3,200	3,200
Total Contract Labor	<u>14,900</u>	<u>15,700</u>
ESPP Portion of Employee Wages, Taxes & Insurance		
Labor provided by SLC Director of Plant Operations - ESPP portion	7,560	7,560
Labor provided by SLC Maintenance - ESPP portion	12,500	12,500
Payroll taxes - ESPP portion	2,100	2,100
Workers' Comp - ESPP portion	3,450	3,450
Medical Insurance - ESPP portion	1,700	1,700
Dental Insurance - ESPP portion	350	350
Vision Insurance - ESPP portion	85	85
Total ESPP Portion of Employee Wages, Taxes & Insurance	<u>27,745</u>	<u>27,745</u>
Professional Fees		
Audit & Tax Service	2,200	2,200
Legal Fees	500	500
Administrative Fees - Grand Chapter	3,825	2,625
Total Professional Fees	<u>5,950</u>	<u>5,325</u>
Insurances - Business		
Liability Insurance	1,430	1,430
Fire & Property Insurance	2,754	2,754
Total Insurances - Business	<u>4,184</u>	<u>4,184</u>
Bank & Payroll Charges	50	50
Property Taxes		
Property Taxes - Orange County	15,000	15,000
Total Property Taxes	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Utilities		
Electric	5,000	5,000
Water & Trash	5,500	5,500
Total Utilities	<u>10,500</u>	<u>10,500</u>
Building & Grounds Maintenance		
Pest Control	1,700	900
Landscape Repairs & Supplies	2,300	2,000
Electrical & Lighting Repairs & Supplies	1,500	2,500
Plumbing Repairs & Supplies	3,000	2,000
Painting Repairs & Supplies	1,000	1,000
Roof, Walls, etc. - Repairs & Supplies	200	200
Heating & Air Conditioning Repairs & Supplies	2,500	2,500
Building & Grounds Equipment Rental, Repair & Supplies	2,500	2,500
Total Building & Grounds Maintenance	<u>14,700</u>	<u>13,600</u>
Building Improvements	33,600	29,600
Total Building Improvements	<u>33,600</u>	<u>29,600</u>
E.S.P.P. TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>126,629</u>	<u>121,704</u>
EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	120,721	138,296

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Sister Collette Serio Gole, our Associate Grand Matron, served as the liaison between our attorneys and the Board. Collette donated hundreds of hours of her time to assist in preparing for trial to ensure that we would prevail in this matter. I would like at this time for our Sister Collette to provide a synopsis of that litigation and its outcome.

LITIGATION REPORT

(by Collette Serio Gole, Associate Grand Matron)

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to report to the members of this Grand Chapter as to the status of the lawsuit filed against the Eastern Star Homes of California. I present this report as the liaison between the law firm of Finestone & Richter and the Home Board. I also thank the Trustees of the Home Board for giving me the opportunity to be of service to our Order.

Approximately two years and two months ago, on August 9, 2005, Pamela Daut, the former Executive Director of the Senior Living Community, and two former employees, Erika Collins and Jennifer Stevenson, filed a lawsuit against the Eastern Star Homes of California in the Orange County Superior Court alleging claims of wrongful termination, battery, and other torts, and seeking three million dollars in damages.

In preparation for trial there were many months of pre trial discovery. The staff of the Grand Chapter Office and Senior Living Community had to review, accumulate and organize numerous documents and financial records pertaining to the Grand Chapter and the Home. This resulted in copying thousands and thousands of pages of documentary evidence.

On March 20th, 2007, the case proceeded to jury trial. Linda Bernhard, President of the Home Board, was present every day of the trial. Martie MacKidd and other Trustees of the SLC, and members of the Finance Committee also attended the trial. During the trial, numerous Home Board Trustees, employees of the Grand Chapter Office and Senior Living Community testified. In addition, there were numerous expert witnesses called on behalf of the SLC.

The most spectacular sign of unity among the members of our Order was on the day of closing arguments. Present at the closing argument were our Trustees, employees of the Grand Chapter Office and the Senior Living Community, your Worthy Grand Matron and me. If we could have applauded after our attorney gave his closing argument, we would have.

After almost one month of trial, on April 16th, 2007, the jury returned a verdict in favor of Eastern Star Homes against plaintiffs Daut, Collins and Stevenson on their case of wrongful termination.

After the trial, Eastern Star Homes asked the Court to order the plaintiffs to pay our costs, including the expert witness fees and expenses. We were not permitted by law to recover attorney fees. On June 20th 2007, the Court ordered the three plaintiffs to pay Eastern Star, the prevailing party costs in the amount of \$131,619.70. On August 2nd, 2007, Pam Daut filed a Notice of Appeal from the Court's order to pay the fees.

Eastern Star Homes and the three plaintiffs have now agreed that to satisfy the Judgment and resolve all issues, including the appeal, the plaintiffs could pay \$127,500. Our lawyer has received a cashier's check in the amount of \$42,500 from Erika Collins. Pam Daut's check in the amount of \$85,000 is in route, along with papers terminating the case, once and for all.

It has always been the opinion of our attorney, Eric Edmunds Jr., and his colleagues at Finestone & Richter, as well as our insurance adjuster, that the lawsuit was without merit, and they would vigorously defend the rights of the members of the Home, without any disruption in service to our residents.

They did just that, and justice has prevailed.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Collette was a huge asset in this process, and I certainly thank her for all that she has done.

This afternoon, to get you in the mood for legislation, we have Sisters Nellis Johnson and Donna Belle Olstrom, who are going to perform.

Entertainment

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Donna Belle and Nellis, wow! We even lost the Grand Organist. Now, if that doesn't put you in a good mood, I don't know if we have much hope. Thank you for that wonderful presentation. We enjoyed it very much.

(The delegates considered and voted on Proposed Amendments 1 through 8, and considered and postponed Resolution No. 1 until Friday's session.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: See, I knew that song put you in a good mood. We accomplished a lot this afternoon. I thank you very much for your attention.

We hope that you will all join us this evening for our Informal Opening Session, at which time we will honor our visiting dignitaries and enjoy an evening of entertainment orchestrated by our own Grand Organist, Brother Don "Fingers" Snyder, and you certainly do not want to miss the Grand March. This session is open to non members, so please bring your friends.

Worthy Grand Patron, do you have announcements?

(The Worthy Grand Patron read the announcements.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

(The Grand Conductress attended the altar.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Thursday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of California, called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 7:30 p.m. for our Informal Opening Session.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 4:10 p.m.)

(Retiring March of Grand Chapter Officers and Pages.)

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“ENVISIONING A BRIGHT FUTURE” SESSION

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 25, 2007

INFORMAL OPENING

7:30 p.m.

Formation and Drills

NARRATION

(by Janet Robinson, PGM)

As the Grand Officers enter the Chapter room, we reflect upon a year of change. A year of firsts, and a group of men and women, Sisters and Brothers, dedicated to our beautiful Order, showing their love for Sister Karen and Brother Skip, the 2007 Grand Officers.

Where would the Grand Officers be without their Pages to carry their belongings, get them to breakfast, lunches and dinners at the correct time? They are prepared to sit in the chair of Grand Officers when given “the look” from their Grand Officer that says “Now I need to leave, and I need to leave now.” They, too, show their love to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, as they take their place in our formation.

Our Deputy Grand Matrons, the Bond Girls, represented the Worthy Grand Matron, and served their district as a teacher, a confidant and a guide. Not only did they have the unique opportunity to meet and really get to know the members of their association, they have had the opportunity to gain new friendships with their Sister deputies, which will truly last a lifetime.

Sisters and Brothers, the Deputy Grand Matrons now take their place in our formation.

Our traveling ambassadors, the Grand Representatives, complete our formation tonight. California is well known throughout the world of Eastern Star, as these Sisters and Brothers have traveled the world not only bragging about their wonderful Golden State, but also learning about the traditions and opportunities afforded other members in their respective state or country, and sharing it with the members of California. Sisters and Brothers, the Grand Representatives of California and other Jurisdictions now take their place in our formation.

The heart is worn, their love obvious, and providing the adrenaline that jump-starts the heart to keep beating are these wonderful individuals. We thank you, Sister Karen and Brother Skip, for a tremendous year full of giraffes and ladybugs, coyotes and NASCARs. You envisioned the bright future. You did it with compassion, service, loyalty and vision, and always with much laughter in your heart. You are truly loved.

Entrance:

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron, and Escort
David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron, and Escort

Janet Robinson, PGM: Sisters and Brothers, the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Karen Fletcher, and her escort John, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother “Skip” Skipworth, and his escort, his wife, Linda. Thank you for everything you have done for California.

Honorary Marshals: Kathleen MacDonald, PGM
Sheri Weisser, PGM

Escort: Dave and Sandy Jopson
General Chairmen, Grand Chapter Week

Sandy Jopson, General Chairman: Sisters Honorary Grand Marshals, you will escort the Host and Hostess to the East.

Host: Jim Chormicle, GGCCM

Hostess: Janet Robinson, PGM

Sandy Jopson, General Chairman: Sisters, Brothers and Friends, I have the honor of presenting Brother Jim Chormicle General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Membership, and a Past Grand Patron of California, and Sister Janet Robinson, PGM of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. You will unite with me in extending the Grand Honors to our Distinguished Members.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Janet Robinson, PGM: I have the pleasure of presenting Sister Sandy Jopson and Brother Dave Jopson, Chairmen of our Grand Chapter Week. Let's show them just how much we appreciate their work.

(Applause.)

Janet Robinson, PGM: Sisters Honorary Grand Marshal, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and their escorts to the East.

Escort: Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron and Escort
David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron and Escort

Janet Robinson, PGM: I have the honor to present Sister Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. You will unite with me in extending the Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Janet Robinson, PGM: It is also my honor to introduce Brother John Fletcher, Past Grand Patron, the husband of our Worthy Grand Matron, and Sister Linda Skipworth, Past Matron of Desert Holly Joshua Tree, Ridgecrest, the wife of your Worthy Grand Patron. You will unite with me in extending the Grand Honors to our Brother John, and a warm welcome to our Sister Linda.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Honorary Grand Marshal, you will escort the 2007 Grand Officers and their escorts to the East.

Escort: 2007 Grand Officers and Escorts

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: It is my honor to introduce:

Sisters Collette Serio Gole, Associate Grand Matron, Hollywood Chapter, South Pasadena, and her escort, Brother Gary; and Brothers Jim Whiteley, Associate Grand Patron, Silver Spray Chapter, Napa, and his wife, Cherri. Sister Cherri is serving as a 2007 Deputy Grand Matron.

Maryann Barrios, Grand Secretary, Hollywood Chapter, South Pasadena, and her husband, Art.

Beverly Cratsenburg, Grand Treasurer, San Clemente Saddleback Chapter, Lake Forest, and her escort, Gloria Leger.

Barbara Scott, Grand Conductress, Fort Millerton Chapter, Fresno, and her husband, John.

Beverly Wade, Associate Grand Conductress, Star of Vista Chapter, Vista, and her husband, Bob.

Bert Ferris, Grand Chaplain, Torrance Chapter, and his wife, Beth.

Kim Hegg, Grand Marshal, San Lorenzo Chapter, Hayward, and her escort, Marty Andrews.

Don Snyder, Grand Organist, Hollywood Chapter, South Pasadena, and his escort, Scott Smissen.

Delma Davis, Grand Adah, San Jose Chapter, and her escort, Shirley Bradley.

Linda Hoeser, Grand Ruth, Gold Ridge Star Chapter, Sebastopol, and Wheatland Chapter, and her husband, Herb.

Tammy Kinzy, Grand Esther, Mt. Whitney Chapter, Bishop, and her escort, Brother John Lamb.

Karen Fiegehen, Grand Martha, Harbor Lights Chapter, San Diego, and her escorts Lynne McCarthy, and her mother, Katie Neilsen.

Zelma Ladendorff, Grand Electa, Joaquin Chapter, Tracy, and Ceres Chapter, and her escort Dennis Le Clerf.

Simon Dias, Grand Warder, Riverside Chapter, and his wife, Chris.

John Utne, Grand Sentinel, Summit Chapter, Knights Ferry, and his wife, Karen.

The Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

I now declare this Thursday Evening Informal Opening Session of the Grand Chapter of California, called from refreshment to labor.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 7:55 p.m.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Honorary Grand Marshal, you will escort the Deputy Grand Matrons to the east.

Escort: Deputy Grand Matrons.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and guests, it is my honor to present the 2007 Bond Girls:

Sisters Tricia Stewart, Welcome Redding Chapter, Redding. Sister Tricia is the Chairman of our Deputy Grand Matrons.

Ginger Jackson, Crystal Chapter, Auburn. Sister Ginger is serving as the President of our Northern Deputy Grand Matrons Association.

Darlene Puett, Palm Leaf Chapter, Porterville. Sister Darlene is serving as the President of our Central Association.

Karen Meador, Seaside Chapter, Huntington Beach. Sister Karen is serving as the President of our Southern Deputy Grand Matron Association.

Peggy Mecham-Carlotti, Camellia Chapter, Eureka.

Kay Hodges, Stella Chapter, Yreka.

Lorraine Hanson, Sincerity Chapter, Greenville, and Plumas Chapter, Quincy.

Janet Williams, Welcome Redding Chapter, Redding.

Kathleen Kelly, Citrus Chapter, Orland.

Alice Cook, Paradise Chapter.

Bette Ahrens, Wheatland Chapter.

Brenda Hanson-Smith, El Dorado Tahoe Fern Chapter, El Dorado.

Marri Jackson, Rio Linda Chapter.

Nancy Stiles, Golden Valley Chapter, Davis.

Gee Gee Querry, Kingsley Chapter, Ukiah, and Augusta Chapter, Covelo.

Heidi Bucher Lamb, Marin Star Chapter, San Rafael, and Rose Valley Chapter, Santa Rosa.

Mary Grant, Los Cerritos Chapter, Martinez.

Shirley Evans, Semper Fidelis Chapter, Livermore.

Pam Stanfill, Mission Bell Chapter, Richmond.

Cynthia Howell, Pacific Star Chapter, San Francisco.

Susan Amirsehhi, Sequoia Chapter, Menlo Park, and San Carlos Chapter.

Donna Philpott, Valley Star Chapter, Los Altos.

Diane Schulenburg, San Jose Chapter, and Manzanita Chapter, Morgan Hill.

Carolyn Roberts, Athena Chapter, Hollister, and Santa Cruz
 Redwoods Chapter, Santa Cruz.
 Dale Williams, Reveille Chapter, Salinas.
 Lydia Eckert, Crescent Chapter, Murphys.
 Emmie Weis, Tuolumne Star Chapter, Sonora.
 Stephanie Fletcher Cox, Joaquin Chapter, Tracy.
 Renee Hall, Mercedes Chapter, Merced.
 Pam Wilson, La Sierra Venus Chapter, Fresno.
 Vicky Edwards, Bakersfield Chapter.
 Karen Ader, Corona Chapter, San Luis Obispo.
 Jean Denton, Channel Islands Chapter, Ventura.
 Pearl Chandler, Old West Chapter, Newhall.
 Joy Pruett, Glencrest Chapter, Glendale.
 Kimberlie Kruse, Conejo Valley Chapter, Thousand Oaks.
 Stephanie Bezner, Ocean Park Chapter, Santa Monica.
 Cindy Baker, San Pedro Harbor Chapter, Sandra Pedro.
 Cindy Collier, Long Beach Chapter.
 Kat Farris, Yorba Linda Chapter.
 Aldene Felton, Kearsarge Chapter, Independence.
 Jerry Broaker, Desert Holly-Joshua Tree Chapter, Ridgecrest.
 Edwina Kellner, Rim of the World Chapter, Twin Peaks.
 Shannon Ordaz, Crown Chapter, Corona.
 Michelle Alves, Tahquitz Victoria Chapter, Hemet.
 Bonnie West, Coachella Valley Chapter, Coachella.
 Betty Bock, Poinsettia Chapter, Oceanside.
 Betty Coronel, Harbor Lights Chapter, San Diego.
 Michelle Luhman, Star of the East Chapter, El Cajon.

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

Sisters Honorary Grand Marshal, you will escort the representative from the City of Bakersfield to the East.

Escort: Doug Heaton
 General Manager and Chairman,
 Convention and Visitors Bureau City of Bakersfield.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: It is my distinct privilege to introduce Mr. Doug Heaton, General Manager and Chairman of the Convention and Visitors Bureau for the City of Bakersfield.

REMARKS

(by Doug Heaton)

Hello, and good evening, ladies and gentlemen. It is my pleasure to welcome to you Bakersfield, California's 11th largest city, and the 58th largest city in the nation. Again, I'm here as Chairman of the Convention and Greater Bakersfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, but I also wanted to extend a warm welcome to you from our Bakersfield Mayor Harvey Lee Hall. Mayor Hall had a previous commitment and couldn't be here, but his loss is my gain, because it is truly an honor to be with a group of people that are so respected, so well dressed and so happy to serve. So, thank you for letting me be a part of this.

May I ask how many people are here who live in Bakersfield? I want to thank those residents of the Bakersfield that are here, because you help the quality of life that make it a great place to live and a great place to visit.

Now, how many of are you here for the first time? Well, a special welcome to you. We are hopeful that in the few days you have with us, you will find many reasons to return and that you enjoy your first visit.

How many have been here before? We especially want to welcome the veterans back. And again, we appreciate you finding reasons to return not only this time, but in the future, and also for this gathering that is returning to Bakersfield. Thank you very much, all.

Whether you are a first time visitor, or you have enjoyed our city before, many don't know how Bakersfield got its name. Bakersfield came about with Colonel Thomas Baker, who had generously offered his land to weary travelers in the mid 1800s. Their animals could also freely graze and get replenished before they moved on. In fact, today, in this very room, we are on the spot of that original field. We did a little changing, upgrading, but this is where the field was. Today in this room and in a wall outside the facility on Truxton, there is actually a plaque that commemorates this very location as the origins of Bakersfield.

So, as you can see from our history, we have a long standing tradition of hospitality. And in keeping with the spirit of Colonel Thomas Baker and the generations that followed him, I welcome the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star to Bakersfield. On behalf of Mayor Hall, the Bakersfield City Council, and the citizens of Bakersfield, we hope you enjoy your stay. I know you will find our people friendly and eager to please in whatever we can do to make your visit a good one. Welcome.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: We thank you very much on behalf of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, for joining us this evening to represent your fine city. We have had many conventions in this convention center, and it is nice to be back, and we thank you for the hospitality

of the residents of Bakersfield and for all of the services that we have been afforded. We do appreciate it. You are more than welcome to stay and learn to march, but we certainly understand if you wanted to forego that opportunity. You are welcome with us any time.

We were very fortunate to have our Sister Sandy and Brother Dave Jopson be escorted to the East and call this session to order. They have worked very hard as our General Chairmen for this wonderful Grand Chapter week, and it would be my pleasure at this time to ask them to come forward and give us their greetings.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(by Dave and Sandy Jopson, (48) General Chairmen)

Dave: Gracie and 007 have definitely arrived. On behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Karen Fletcher, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother David “Skip” Skipworth, it is our special privilege to welcome the 2007 Grand Family, our members and guests to the “Envisioning a Bright Future” 134th Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

We are honored this evening by the presence of our General Grand Chapter Officers and General Grand Chapter Committee Members, as well as Distinguished and Honored Members from other Jurisdictions. To each of you we extend a warm California welcome, and hope that your stay with us is not only enjoyable but will be filled with many fond memories. To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of California, thank you for again being with us on this special night.

Sandy: A very special welcome is extended to those of you attending Grand Chapter sessions for the first time. Enjoy the new friendships you will cultivate this week, and we urge you to attend each year. There are members of this Order who can say that they have not missed a session in decades. We hope that someday you will be one of those special members. To all of you who have attended in the past, welcome back, and thank you for your continued support of our beautiful Order.

Our Grand Chapter Activities Week Chairmen have worked very hard all year to make these sessions the best they can be, for everyone in attendance. If during your stay there is something that we can do to assist you, our office is right outside in the lobby area. Please stop by and say hello.

Dave: Many new or at least different ideas have been tried this year, one of them being the layout of this room. Although it only partially resembles the layout that we are all used to seeing, and it presented many obstacles along the way, it allows all of our members, regardless of physical capabilities, to participate in every part of the 2007 sessions which, for many, would not have been possible had we set up as in past years. We thank you for your willingness to accept these modifications and give them a chance to work.

Sister Karen, thank you for having the faith and confidence in us to ask us to serve as your General Chairmen five long years ago. It has been a privilege working with you and Brother Skip, Brother John and Sister Linda, and of course, our advisor, Sister Janet Robinson, PGM, as the 2007 sessions came together. We also want to extend our thanks to the four group chairmen, 35 committee chairmen, and the over 200 committee members for all of their hard work and cooperation this past year. An endeavor such as this takes the effort of a team, and a team is what we have become. We urge all of those in attendance today to say thank you to the committee chairmen and committee members when you see them performing their duties as the week progresses. Without their hard work and dedication, no sessions would ever take place. The introduction of the chairmen and the committee members will take place Saturday morning. We urge you to show your appreciation for all of their hard work at that time.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Sandy and Brother Dave. You did a fabulous job putting this Grand Chapter week together, and we look forward to paying a special tribute to you and your committees on Saturday.

Brother Jim and Sister Janet, our Host and Hostess for this Informal Opening Session, we would be pleased to have your address of welcome at this time.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(by Jim Chormicle, GGCCM and Janet Robinson, PGM)

Janet: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, I'll bet there are many of you who at this time are thinking: We have already been here over an hour, and they are just welcoming us now? How long is this night going to last?

Sisters and Brothers, we have but three short days to complete the business of Grand Chapter, to eat as many meals as possible, to shop as much as we can to stand, bow, clap to as many members as possible, to visit with friends from around the globe and to say thank you to a Grand Family that has led us on a year of wonderful firsts, and in a few short days we will welcome a new one. So, really, what's an hour?

Jim: It is a privilege to welcome each and every member, not only from the Grand Chapter of California, but those visiting from throughout the world of Eastern Star, to our 134th Annual Grand Chapter Session. It is a special honor for me to welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Owen, and many of the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members who are with us this week. We are excited to have you with us, and though you may have been here with us before, this is a special trip, as you make your Official Visit to California, and our members welcome you.

Janet: The duties of this 2007 Grand Family began immediately. Off to Minnesota they were to witness a successful and beautiful General Grand Chapter session led by two members who are so near and dear to all of us in this room. We are grateful they are with us this evening.

Thank you, Sister Pat Rasmussen and Brother Loyal Stark for your leadership, friendship, and the love you have given to the world of Eastern Star. To many, you are the Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, but to the members of California, you are more than that. You are our friends. You are family.

Jim: Sister Karen and Brother Skip, you have had a wonderful year full of innovative ideas and plans for the future of California Eastern Star. You have worked hard, you have played hard, and this Grand Chapter is an accumulation of years of service. Congratulations to you both on a job well done.

We are also missing many parts of our members who have registered for this Grand Chapter but because of the devastating fires in Southern California found themselves unable to travel to Bakersfield. I would encourage each of you to pray for these people who are missing from Grand Chapter, and for those people who are affected by these disastrous fires in Southern California, and for the emergency services personnel who are working day and night to save life and property.

Janet: Sister Karen, in the year 2003, you began your trek on Starship Hope. That year, we dared to be different and tried to take enthusiasm and excitement wherever we went. You, my friend, have taken the lessons learned, listened to the wants of our members, had fun as you worked in our Order, and worked to play. In the year 2007, you not only envisioned a bright future, but with compassion, service and loyalty, you gave the membership the vision to work towards their own future. You have opened the doors of California Eastern Star to the members of our local communities, and have given them a glimpse of our world. I am so proud of the work that you, Brother Skip, and the entire force of 2007 have provided this jurisdiction. You, my very dear friend, have earned your place in an incredible dynasty, and I look forward to many more years of friendship. Congratulations on the work you have done and the business you will complete this week. Again, welcome to California's Grand Chapter.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Janet and Brother Jim, you are truly incredible. It is because of you that I am standing here tonight. Thank you for affording me the honor of serving this Grand Jurisdiction. Your support, coupled with the support and enthusiasm of all of those fabulous 2003s, has truly made this journey fantastic. Your guidance and encouragement have been truly phenomenal. Thank you for welcoming our members and guests to our Informal Opening Session this evening.

Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you at this time?

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Janet and Brother Jim, as well as Sisters Pat and Sharon, thank you for your greetings this evening at our Informal Opening Session. Both Linda and I had the opportunity of traveling you in 2002, and we cherish the friendships we share with you.

Sister Janet, a guy couldn't have a better aunt than you, and I consider myself very lucky. Your smile and humor are such a delight. Brother Jim, you have been so supportive, and I congratulate you on your General Grand Chapter Appointment.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: We are very fortunate to have with us some very Distinguished and Honored Members who have joined us this week in celebrating our "Envisioning a Bright Future" Session.

Our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron will please retire for escort.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Escort: Barbara Benton, Most Worthy Grand Matron
William Owen, Most Worthy Grand Patron

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, it is my extreme honor to present Sister Barbara Benton, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother William E. Owen, Most Worthy Grand Patron, of the General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star.

You will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Escort: Pat Rasmussen, PMWGM
Loyal Stark, PMWGP

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sister Pat Rasmussen, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, and a Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, and Brother Loyal Stark, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, our own Past Grand Patron, of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

You will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Elective General Grand Chapter Officers to the East.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sisters Bobbie White, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia, and Helen Westmoreland, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, a Past Grand Matron of Florida, of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

You will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our General Grand Chapter Officers.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Appointive Officers of our General Grand Chapter to the East.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sisters Elizabeth Pullum, Worthy Grand Marshal, a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma, and Brother Dennis Jordan, Worthy Grand Organist, our own Past Grand Patron of California.

Susan Thomas, Worthy Grand Adah, a Past Grand Matron of New Hampshire.

Clara Wampler, Worthy Grand Ruth, a Past Grand Matron of the District of Columbia.

Linda Hattrick, Worthy Grand Esther, a Past Grand Matron of Idaho, and Audrey Well, Worthy Grand Warder, a Past Grand Matron of North Dakota, of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

You will join with me in extending the Grand Honors to our Appointive General Grand Chapter Officers.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the General Grand Chapter Committee Members of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, it is my honor to present:

Sisters Margaret Hull, General Grand Chapter Committee Member

Ambassador to Scotland, a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma.

Darla Redmond, Benevolence, a Past Grand Matron of Idaho.

Betty Friend, Eastern Star Journal, a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Carolyn Ferguson, Education, a Past Grand Matron of North Carolina.

Oleta Wickham, ESTARL, Past Grand Matron of Arizona.

Andrea Storjohann, Visionquest Northwest Region Coordinator, a
Past Grand Matron of Idaho.

Brothers, Charles Callen, Appeals and Grievances, a Past Grand Patron of Washington.

And Tom Benton, Triennial Assembly Co chairman, a Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma.

Sisters and Brothers, please join me in extending the Grand Honors to our General Grand Chapter Committee Members of other Grand Jurisdictions.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort California's own General Grand Chapter Committee Members to the East.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sisters and Brothers, Clint Dillon, International Temple; Susan White, Necrology; Terry Holts, Scottish Rite Learning Center; Donna Herring, Visionquest; Danna Willoughby, Youth; and Jim Chormicle, Membership.

All Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the Grand Chapter of the California, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our General Grand Chapter Committee Members.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our visiting Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Brother Hunt Compton, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, Order of the Eastern Star.

You will join me in extending the Grand Honors to this Worthy Grand Patron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Ellen Balko, District of Columbia; Dorothy Reynolds, Illinois; Helen Walker, West Virginia; Jill Edgecomb, Massachusetts; Kathryn Newman, Rhode Island; and Brothers Ron Newman, Rhode Island, and Casey Cosby, Arizona.

The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in extending the Grand Honors.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of California to the East.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sisters Zoe Harris, Hildegard Smith, Earlynn Albright, Ardath Garst, Jerry Creager, Yvonne Beckenhauer, Paula Remington, Kathleen MacDonald, Sherrie Gustafson, Denny Rae Grist, Sue McKinney, Sheri Weisser, Doris May Parrish, Sue Bishop, Janet Robinson, Norma Stilwell, and Brothers Earl Eckert, Don Hull, Frank Young, Ernie Lewis, Glenn Jones, Bill Bray, Steve Nicholas, Dave Buck, and Mike Cornell; the wonderful Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the Grand Chapter of the California, Order of the Eastern Star.

You will join with me in extending the Grand Honors to our Distinguished Members.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Elective and Appointive Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present these Grand Officers from other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sisters Theresa McKinley, Associate Grand Matron, Oregon.

Sharon Cooke, Grand Organist, Oregon.

Karen Beebe, Grand Adah, Oregon.

Marian Lutz, Grand Esther, Oregon.

Stella Bryant, Grand Warder, Oregon.

Billie Bradfield, Associate Grand Matron, Arizona.

Ila Remy, Grand Ruth, Arizona.

June Butler, Grand Warder, Kansas.

Debbie Tanner, Grand Conductress, Nevada.

And Onetta Munkres, Grand Esther of Quebec, and a member of California.

The Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions. Please help me welcome them.

Onetta Munkres, Grand Esther, Grand Chapter of Quebec: Sister Karen and Brother Skip, I bring you greetings from the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and we have a little gift for each of you.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Past Grand Masters of California to the East.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present the Past Grand Masters of Masons in California: Brothers R. Steven Doan, and Charles Alexander.

Please join with me in showing them a very warm welcome.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Grand Secretary Emeritus to the East.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sister Shirley Orth, Grand Secretary Emeritis of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

You will join me in extending a very warm welcome.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Deputy Grand Matrons of the other Grand Jurisdictions to the East.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Tori Loll, District Inspector of the Grand Chapter of Arizona.

Please extend a warm welcome to our visitor.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Grand Treasurers to the East.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present our Past Grand Treasurers, Sisters Donna Tucker and Laurie Kerr, and Brother Dave Long, the Past Grand Treasurers of the Grand Chapter of the California, Order of the Eastern Star.

Please welcome them.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the President of the International Grand Representatives Association to the East.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sister Mary Thompson, President of the International Grand Representatives Association, a member in Oklahoma.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Friends of a Feather to the Most Worthy Grand Matron to the East.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present the Friends of a Feather to our Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Sisters Ginger Owen, Alabama.

Donna Adami, Arkansas.

Willa Mae Bodner, California.

Barbara Anderson, Montana.

And Joan Kershner, Washington.

Please welcome these wonderful ladies, the Friends of a Feather to our Most Worthy Grand Matron.

It is always a pleasure for any Worthy Grand Matron to welcome the Escorts of our Distinguished Members. Will the wife and husband of our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron please rise?

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is my great pleasure to introduce Sister Evelina Owen, and Brother Tom Benton, the wonderful escorts to our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you for being here.

Will Sister Joan and Brother Gary please rise.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to introduce Sister Joan Stark, the wife of our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you so much for being here, And Sister Pat, please send our love to Gary.

Would all of the escorts of our Distinguished Members of California and our visiting dignitaries, please rise. I know you are just looking for an excuse to stretch, so I will give it to you.

Thank you so much, each and every one of you, for being here and for all that you do for your loved ones. I know that they appreciate it, and it is certainly a privilege to have you with us this evening.

GREETINGS

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: It is an honor to welcome our Distinguished and Honored Members to our wonderful Informal Opening Session, a night to honor our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, and our many Distinguished and Honored Members and visitors. It has been an honor to have each of you with us and to share in the love and spirit of California. We thank you for the many miles you have traveled and for the hours that you devote to our beautiful Order. We hope you enjoy this evening of fellowship and entertainment.

Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, being from the south I want to extend to both of you a true Southern welcome in Choctaw, but I could not find the word for “ya’ll”. Plus, with this accent, it just seemed a little off. I know what a schedule you and your officers have, and it is such an honor to have all of you with us. Thank ya’ll for being with us tonight at our Informal Opening. I would also like to thank all the members of this “Envisioning a Bright Future” Session. Your attendance throughout this year has been awesome, and I wish you a wonderful 134th session of Grand Chapter. I hope that you make several new friendships, renew old friendships, and come back year after year.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Barbara Benton, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, we would be pleased to hear your remarks at this time.

REMARKS

(by Barbara Benton, Most Worthy Grand Matron)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter, Tri Family, all Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

Chik chikka maw!

Now, in the morning when I see you, to greet you in Choctaw talk, remember it is only one chik chikka maw.

If you just want to say “hello”, the word is “helito”. Helito.

The word “Oklahoma”, means “Land of the Red Man”. “Ahyahoma” means “Land of the Red Woman”.

Now, other than my home in Oklahoma, there’s no place I’d rather be tonight than right here in California with you folks. I like everything about you, even your state motto. You know what it is: By 30 our women have more plastic than your Honda.

I have done some research on California.

In 1958 to 1961 you had 574 chapters, and a membership of 164,205.

In 2003 to 2006 you had 233 chapters and 40,432 members.

Now, Sisters and Brothers, I don’t have any magic words to say about how to get our membership back to the good old days. I can only say that I hope you will continue working on the Robert Morris Membership Jewel that was established to help increase membership. You must earn a total of 300 points. And by the way, those points can be carried over from the 2003- 2006 Triennium. They will be accepted. But you get 100 points for being a top line signer on a petition for the degrees of the Order, and 50 points for being a second line signer. And the Secretary of your chapter must verify and put the seal on your request for the jewel, and send it to the General Grand Chapter Membership Chairman Brent Dart in Oregon, and you will receive your Robert Morris jewel.

It is our responsibility to search for new members to help our own chapter and to make it grow. Each One Bring One is my special project, and it is to bring in one person to replace yourself. And the cost of this cute little Indian pin that you will receive if you get one new member is \$5. And again, you request this pin through the Membership Chairman in Oregon.

The Eastern Star Journal is a very, very, wonderful magazine. I hope that all of you are familiar with it and are subscribers to it. I would like to think that we might have four thousand subscriptions by the end of this triennium. We have 3,431 domestic and 227 foreign subscriptions, and in the current issue there are articles about Italy, Aruba, Brazil, Mexico and other Chapters in other Grand Jurisdictions. And I certainly always enjoy reading the articles that are sent in for California. So, keep those articles coming, and keep on subscribing to the Eastern Star Journal.

In 2009, the beautiful Belmont Mansion Washington, DC, now our International Headquarters, will turn 100 years old. To celebrate this milestone I envision a weekend for our members in our Nation's capitol. While our planning has just begun, we want you to be aware of this event, so that you can mark the date on your calendar and make plans to join us for this celebration. The date is September 11th, 12th, and 13th of 2009. Activities are still in the planning stage, but will culminate in an open house at the International Headquarters on Sunday, September 13th, and this event will give all of the Eastern Star members an opportunity to tour our beautiful headquarters and see the many, many valuable artifacts housed there.

All of your General Grand Chapter Committee Members should have our project pins that we are sponsoring for General Grand Chapter: The Shriner's Hospital, the Heart, the Cancer and the Youth pins. For ESTARL we have a symbolism book. It also has some Native American trivia. This book sells for five dollars. The project pins sell for five dollars. And the money for the proceeds comes back to your Grand Jurisdiction for you to distribute. So, I hope that you keep these in mind and will be sure that you have one.

I always like to say how proud I am of our Most Worthy Grand Patron. And he has not been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star the 52 years that I have been, and I thought that you might like to hear a little story about Brother Bill.

Many moons ago, before Bill met Evelina, there were two Indians and Bill walking along together in the desert. When all of a sudden, one of the Indians took off and ran up this hill to the mouth of the cave. He stopped and hollered into the cave. "Woo, woo, woo," and then listened very closely until he heard the answer, "Woo, woo." He then ran into the cave. Bill was puzzled and asked the other Indian what that was all about. Was that Indian goofy or something?

No, said the other Indian, it is mating time for us Indians, and when you see a cave and holler "Woo, woo, woo," and get an answer back, that means that she is in there waiting for you.

Well, just about that time, the other Indian saw another cave. He took off and ran up to the cave, then stopped and hollered, "Woo, woo, woo." When he heard the return, "woo, woo, woo," into the cave he goes.

Well, Bill started running around looking for a cave, like he saw these other Indians, and what they had talked about. So all of a sudden he looked up and he saw this great, big cave. As he looked in amazement he was thinking, “Man, look at the size of that cave. It’s bigger than the ones that those Indians found. There must really be something really great in this cave.”

Well, he took off up the hill at a super fast speed. He got in front of the cave and hollered, “Woo, woo, woo”. He was just tickled all over when he heard the answering call of, “Woo, woo, woo, woo.” With a big smile on his face, he raced into the cave.

The next day smoke signals from the Indians said, “White man run over by freight train.”

Sisters and Brothers of California, your General Grand Chapter Officer Dennis, your Worthy Grand Organist and ours, is very proud to live in California. That Dennis has a very special talent and he is a very giving person. He and your current Grand Organist actually put on the performance of a lifetime at our Homecoming just a week ago in Oklahoma. It was a wonderful program, Don and Dennis, and thank you for being our General Grand Chapter Worthy Grand Organist.

Dennis has told all of us: You live in California when you make over \$250,000 and you still can’t afford to buy a house.

And your Brother Bill, General Grand Chapter Committee person says: You live in California when the high school quarterback calls a time out to answer his cell phone.

James Chormicle says: You live in California when the fastest part of your commute is going down your driveway.

Clinton Dillon says: You live in California when you know how to eat an artichoke.

And our little Miss Herring says: You live in California when you drive your rented Mercedes to your neighborhood block party.

Terry Holts believes that you live in California when your co-worker has eight body piercings, and none are visible.

Susan White believes that you live in California when you take a bus and are shocked at two people carrying on a conversation in English.

Our Sister Willoughby believes that if your child’s third grade teacher has purple hair, a nose ring and is named Flower, you live in California.

Willa Mae Bodner says, “You live in California when you can’t remember if pot is illegal.”

Now, I hope that you have been proud of your General Grand Chapter people here in California, because they definitely are representing you well over our United States, and I can't imagine that you might even want one other or one more appointment, but I would like to give you another one from California tonight. My Ambassador of Australia, Nancy Tilman in Oklahoma passed away, and I have to replace that appointment. If Jerry Creager is here and will accept, I take it that you accept and would like to have this appointment.

Jerry, will you accept the appointment of Ambassador of Australia?

Jeraldine Creager, PGM: I humbly accept this appointment, and I will carry out the duties to the best of my ability.

Barbara Benton, Most Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Jerry.

I would like to also thank at this time the General Grand Chapter Officers, if they would please stand. I would like to add to this group, all of the General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Ambassadors. If they would please stand. Also, all of the General Grand Chapter Special Appointments. I would like to add the Tri Line Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons.

Sisters and Brothers, you see those that are standing. I am so proud of whatever reason they are here. Whether it is for us, or for you, but I do know that it is expensive to travel and they have chosen to spend their money to come and be with you in California. I appreciate it.

All of us invite you to come to our Grand Jurisdictions, and we will try to give back to you the hospitality that California has extended to us.

Now, I do have to tell you a little story about your Loyal. Loyal was sitting in an airplane when another guy took the seat beside him. The new guy was an absolute wreck. Pale, hands shaking, biting his nails, and moaning in fear. Now, can't you just hear Loyal saying, "Hey, pal, what's the matter?"

"Oh, man, I've been transferred to California," the other guy answered. "There's crazy people in California, and they have shootings, gangs, race riots, drugs, the highest crime rate."

Loyal says, "Hold on. I'm going to interrupt you. I have lived in California all my life, and it is not as bad as the media says. Find a nice home, go to work, mind your own business, enroll your kids in a good school and it's as safe as anywhere in the world."

Well, the other passenger relaxed and stopped shaking for a moment and said, "Oh, thank you. I've been worried to death. But if you live there and you say it's okay, I'll take your word for it. What do you do for a living?"

"Me?" said Loyal. "I'm a tailgunner on a Budweiser truck in Oakland."

Sister Pat Rasmussen, I cherish your kindness and thoughtfulness to me. You always have been ready to help me. And I always need help, you know that. It was nice to have had you in Oklahoma just last week and for our Grand Chapter session there. Thank you. I love you, Pat.

Worthy Grand Matron Karen, and Skip, Worthy Grand Patron, many thanks for the roses in our room, the corsage tonight, and for all the courtesies extended to my Tom and me. And lots of thanks for the drivers and the Page. I have had more than one. They have been very good to me. All have taken care of us.

And I have to tell you what I learned about Karen, if you want to hear.

When Karen was just about six years old, the schoolteacher gave her a word to use a sentence in. The teacher said, "Karen, make a sentence with the word 'fascinate.'"

Well, Karen thought a minute and thought a minute. Finally, she says, "My sister has a sweater with ten buttons, but she could only fasten eight."

Skip's teacher was talking about George Washington, and her comment was, "George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted to doing it. Now, do you know why his father didn't punish him, Skip?" You know what Skip's answer was? "Because George still had the axe in his hand."

Well, I have had fun with you, so I'm about ready to sit down now, but I do want to tell you that I thank you all for the courtesies that you have extended to all of us, all of your distinguished guests, and I want to also wish you the very, very best for continued success in this session. It has been wonderful.

I want you to learn one more word. It is "*ee hay aniesjay*". It means, "Until we meet again." Sisters and Brothers, I hope you know that I love you bunches and gobs. Thank you very much.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Barbara, you are a wonderful and funny lady. I hope when you take your show on the road, night after night, after night, they are paying you big bucks for your routine. I thank you very much for traveling to California this year to share in our "Envisioning a Bright Future" Session. We hope that you will enjoy our great state and come back and share in our California spirit.

On behalf of the members of California, we thank you most sincerely for the appointments that you made honoring our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. It is certainly our honor to watch them as they serve our General Grand Chapter. And the announcement of Sister Jerry is spectacular. Thank you very much.

Brother Bill our Most Worthy Grand Patron, it would be our pleasure to have your remarks at this time.

REMARKS

(by William Owen, Most Worthy Grand Patron)

Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers all:

It's a pleasure for me as the Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, to bring greetings to the 134th Annual Session "Envisioning a Bright Future" of California Grand Chapter. You are to be congratulated, first of all, of reaching the ripe age of 134 years. Oklahoma's Grand Chapter just celebrated our 99th year, so you have 35 years on us. Freemasonry teaches that with age comes wisdom, and it is based on wisdom that Freemasonry reveals each and every laudable enterprise. So you are to be congratulated on reaching this milestone.

This is my second visit to California Grand Chapter. I was out here last year when you met in Fresno. But for most of those that don't know me, I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself. I'm a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a MBA degree in Accounting and I have got a LLB from University of Oklahoma City University in Law. I've come from a large family. I have nine sisters and one brother, and I have four daughters and one son, named James.

A few years ago I moved into this neighborhood and the neighbor boy asked James, "James, what does your Daddy do for a living?" And he said, "Oh, my Daddy is a CPA. He does bookkeeping and income tax returns, works with the Internal Revenue Service." He said, "What does your dad do for a living?" The neighbor boy said, "Oh, my Daddy is an attorney." And James said, "Honest?" "Oh, no, he's just a regular attorney."

When I graduated from the University of Oklahoma, I almost became a Californian. The first thing I did when I graduated from college, I moved my family to Long Beach California to get rich. Well, the first surprise was that I moved to Long Beach because I wanted to be next to the ocean and swim like they did on the Beach Boys, and all that. My first disappointment was finding out how cold that water was when I jumped into it the first time.

The second thing was figuring out it would take me an hour to drive to work every day and an hour back. I lasted nine months, and then I went back to Oklahoma. But otherwise, I might have been living down in Long Beach.

On the 22nd of this past year, I ended up going to Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City — I had bleeding diverticulitis. I was in ICU for 14 days, and I was in the hospital for another four. During that period of time, I appointed Brother Loyal as my Special Deputy to Romania. And Loyal, I appreciate your taking that job and doing it for me, because for about two months I wasn't able to do anything. And people tell me that they are glad to see me, and I tell them: Well, I would rather be seen than be viewed!

Sister Barbara was talking about membership, and how it's been down. And since March, this is my 27th Grand Chapter that I have visited. I have had an opportunity to visit with a lot of Grand Masters of these lodges, as I was a Grand Master of Masons in Oklahoma 2005, and I visited them about their membership. And for the first time in several years, you might say they are envisioning a bright future for Masonry, because several of the Grand Lodges have projected a net increase this year for the first time. This would be Vermont, Maine, Maryland and Colorado. I visited with your own Grand Master here in California, and I read a little article he wrote for the Long Beach Scottish Rite where he had projected 1,250 new candidates this year. And as of July the 6th, he was 20 percent ahead of that. So that has added another 500 members. He said this was the most candidates in the last 16 years in California, and the average age was 39½ years of age.

So, you can say that California is looking bright. Although the membership has been decreasing over the years, it looks like it may be ready to level off.

But what can you do to keep this membership going? Well, it has got to be up to you, and you, and you, to get these members back into the fold. One thing you can do is carry a petition with you. You can remember your obligation, and you can set a good example.

In Oklahoma, the Grand Master in 2004 set up a program for Amaranth and for Eastern Star members. And there was a pamphlet put out by the Grand Lodge. Inside, it had a petition to the lodge, and it gave facts about Masonry. And the Grand Master at that time recommended if you had a son or a grandson that you thought would make a good Mason, that you fill out the petition for him, because you know everything that is on that petition. You attach a check to it for the amount of his dues for the initiation. Then you make him a big glass of milk and bake his favorite cookies, whether it be chocolate chip or whatever, set him down at the table, and when he is about halfway through, say, push this petition at him and say, "Sign it. I want you to become a Mason." After all, who can refuse Grandma?

So that is what was successful in Oklahoma. And maybe, you might consider it here in California.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron has a project. And my project is to help renovate the Eastern Star headquarters in Washington, D.C. You heard Sister Barbara invite you to come up in 2009 for celebrating its 100th birthday. That means the plumbing and the molding in that building is a hundred years old. Up on the top floor where the Grand Officers stay when they come up, there are 15 bedrooms and two bathrooms. So, you know, during the middle of the night that gets kind of crowded.

And there are the two bathrooms; there are two bathtubs, but no showers. The Most Worthy Grand Patron has a beautiful suite, and he has a beautiful bathtub, but no shower. So, my project is to set up a Friends of the Temple 100 Club. And for a \$100 contribution, it's my goal to build a shower in the Most

Worthy Grand Patron's bedroom, and also up on the top floor. And we are in process of designing a pin. You will get a charter, and your name will go on the charter. And we are presenting that to Sister Barbara in Tulsa in 2009. So, I would invite you to join that.

As I said, this bathtub is about this high, and the problem is when you get into it, how do you get out of it? Now, my wife Evelina was asking, "When you get in that bathtub, how do you get out of it?"

I said, "Well, I don't know for sure. I would suggest leave a little water in the bottom of it, and leave sides real soapy slide down, double up your knees and push real hard, and just hope you get out the first time."

But that's my project, and I would invite you to join.

You know, today I had the opportunity go over and visit the Buck Owens Museum. And when I first started practice, Buck Owens came back to Oklahoma City and recorded the Buck Owens' show there at Channel Four in Oklahoma City. I got to meet Buck, and so I wanted to go through the museum. And as we went through it, I saw a picture in there with him and Conway Twitty, who was another country singing star. It reminded me this buddy of mine back home, a traveling salesman, selling vacuum cleaners several years back when Conway Twitty was right at his height. So he went up and knocked on the door in this little Mississippi town, and an elderly woman came to the door, opened it, and she saw Ronnie and said, "Conway Twitty!"

He said, "No, ma'am. My name is Ronnie, and I'm here to sell you a vacuum cleaner."

So he went on down the street a couple of blocks, and there's a middle aged woman came to the door, opened it up and looked at him and said, "Conway Twitty!" He said, "No, ma'am, I'm not Conway Twitty." He said, "My name is Ronnie, and I'm here to sell you a vacuum cleaner."

So this went on, and he went down the street about three blocks and knocked on the door and a beautiful blond about 34 years old came to the door. She had just stepped out of the bathtub and she had a towel wrapped around her. She looked at him and said, "Conway Twitty!"

"Hello, darlin'!"

I want to thank California's Grand Chapter. I have got one other person I need to introduce: in Oklahoma, they appoint the Grand Sentinel, and that gets you started in the Grand Line. And my fraternal mom is here tonight, and her name is Margaret. Margaret, would you stand up? Let's give her a big hand.

I want to thank the California Grand Chapter for the beautiful roses, the corsages, and all the other courtesies you have extended to me, and I appreciate your having me here. Thank you.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Bill, your presence in our state is an honor, and we welcome you to our sessions. Do you have the same joke writer as Sister Barbara?

It is truly wonderful to have you here. As the daughter of two Midwestern parents, I appreciate the values that you represent and the long history that you have with our Masonic fraternity. I wish you much luck with your special project, because there is no doubt it is always good when the Most Worthy Grand Patron can bathe. Thank you so very much for sharing this week with us. We appreciate it.

ESCORT OF OUR GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

It is my honor to present the Ambassadors of our Order, the Grand Representatives of this and other Grand Jurisdictions.

Cliff Randall, representing Alabama in California.

Dixie Miller, Arizona in California.

Omer Durham, Arkansas in California.

Aurelia Martinez, Bolivia in California.

Walter Stott, British Columbia in California.

Leslie Wilpolt, California in Colorado.

Don Farris Jr., Colorado in California.

Jane Shultz, Connecticut in California.

Dave Hoban, Delaware in California.

Martha Pfershy, District of Columbia in California.

Audrey Hanno, Florida in California.

Gordon Thomas, Georgia in California.

Wilma Logan, Idaho in California.

Dorothy Ann Cusack, Idaho in Colorado.

Chester Facey, Illinois in California.

Dorothy Campini, Indiana in California.

Nancy Guy, Iowa in California.

Lyn France, Kansas in Oregon.

Carol Lattin, California in Kansas.

Roger Nieder, Kansas in California.

Dorothy Ryan, Kentucky in California.

Harry Anderson, Maine in California.

Dale Naylor, Manitoba in California.

Sandra Murch, Maryland in California.

Donna Ostrom, Massachusetts in California.

Annette Francis, Michigan in California.

Pat Chupurdia, California in Minnesota.

Geri Terry, Minnesota in California.

Terri Politte, California in Missouri.

Bob McElroy, Missouri in California.

Ruben Gomez, Montana in California.

Coren Andrews, Nebraska in California.

Kathryn McGinis Nevada in California.

Mary Kelsy, California in Nevada.
 Willard Strong, New Brunswick in California.
 Kathy Cox, New Hampshire in California.
 Ruth Smith New Jersey in California.
 Jerry Carr, New Mexico in California.
 Laird Crandall, New York in California.
 Chuck Cook, North Carolina in California.
 Montie Hines, North Dakota in California.
 Marsha Young, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Arizona.
 Marsha McBrayer, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in California.
 Mable Allen, California in Oklahoma.
 Don Wood, Oklahoma in California.
 Donna Lee, California in Ontario.
 Millie Schneider, Oregon in California.
 John Unger, Puerto Rico in California.
 Lee Wilson, Quebec in California.
 Miles Thompson, Rhode Island in California.
 Sharon Plunkett, Sao Paolo Brazil in California.
 Arthur Bowron, Saskatchewan in California.
 Loretta Miller, Scotland in California.
 Nancy Rodger, South Carolina in Arizona.
 Nancy Jones, California in South Carolina.
 Frieda Borley, South Carolina in California.
 Ray Parkins, South Dakota in California.
 Fred Garside, Tennessee in California.
 Betty Walker, Texas in California.
 Laurel Wadley, California in Utah.
 Karley Sue Price, Utah in California.
 Jeanne Shultz, Vermont in California.
 Jim Lotspiech, Virginia in California.
 Betty Lee, Washington in California.
 Merwyn Bergquist, West Virginia in California.
 Jerry Davis, Wisconsin in California.
 Darren Spark, Wyoming in California.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, you will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our wonderful Grand Representatives.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Our Grand Representatives are a wonderful group, and we thank each and every one of you for being here with us this evening.

Sister Collette Gole, our Associate Grand Matron, we would be pleased to have your welcome to our Grand Representatives at this time.

WELCOME TO THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

(by Collette Serio Gole, Associate Grand Matron)

Hear Ye, Hear Ye. The Superior Court of the Grand Chapter of California is now in session.

People of the State of California versus the Grand Representatives of this and other Jurisdictions.

The Charge: Or about October 25, 2007, in the City of Bakersfield, State of California, the crime of Disturbing the Peace while Crossing State Lines, a violation of Section 007 of the Penal Code of the State of California, was committed by numerous men and women, more commonly known as our Sisters and Brothers.

Grand Representatives, how do you plead to this charge? Did you say 100 percent not guilty? Gee, I think I heard that before, and we might be hearing that in Las Vegas again.

Remember, you have the right to remain silent. Hmmmmmm, Eastern Star members remaining silent? That's a hard one. Anything you say, can and will be held against you in a court of law.

Each of you have the right to have an attorney represent you. If you cannot afford one, an attorney will be appointed by the Court. Now, Grand Representatives, don't tell me you can't afford an attorney. This Court knows how Grand Representatives spend their money: Matching formals, look a like vests, travel outfits, pins to trade, meals and traveling.

This criminal complaint alleges that you have been seen making loud and unreasonable noises while talking to strangers about Eastern Star, in particular our Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project, Relay for Life, Community Service, and the IMPACT they have made in our Order in 2007.

Grand Representatives, look out into this group. This is a jury of your peers, unreasonable men and women; I mean reasonable men and women. They will hear this case and make a determination of your guilt or innocence.

Grand Representatives, the world is watching you. Court TV and the cell phone sees and hears everything you do. Whether you are in a courtroom or traveling, you are the representatives of Eastern Star.

Each of you has been selected to serve our Order because of your commitment to service and the pride and honor you have in Eastern Star. You have had the privilege of spreading the vision of Eastern Star wherever your travels have taken you.

We welcome those who have traveled from other states or countries to attend our Grand Chapter session. We hope you make lasting friendships and will return to sunny California, again and again. We also welcome our own Grand

Representatives. You have represented California Eastern Star in a superb manner. Thank you for always having a cheerful smile on your face as you have traveled up and down our Golden State. We hope that you will continue to enjoy your travels next year and as you spread the vision of California Eastern Star.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Jury, the Grand Representatives have made a compelling argument that they were not disturbing the peace by unreasonable and loud noise while crossing state lines, but they were merely “Keeping Laughter in their Hearts” and “Envisioning a Bright Future”.

The verdict form, please.

Not guilty. The Court imposes the verdict of jury, and finds the Grand Representatives are not guilty.

Case dismissed.

On behalf of this Judge, our Deputy Chief Probation Officer, which you might recognize as our Worthy Grand Matron, and the Sheriff of the very small town of Boron, California, who happens to be our Worthy Grand Patron, we would like to give you this final admonition.

Welcome to California.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Collette. That was fabulous.

But Marie Melman you lost your phone. You got me in trouble with the Judge. It has been ringing off the hook back here. Come and see me. You owe me \$20.

Sister Marsha McBrayer, President of our Northern Grand Representatives Association, would you please give us your response.

RESPONSE

(by Marsha McBrayer, NGRA President)

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

Thank you, Sister Collette for those very special remarks. I am most honored to have been asked to make this Response and to welcome each of you to our “Envisioning a Bright Future” session on behalf of all the Grand Representatives.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the courtesies you and your Grand Family have extended to us. We are delighted to be Ambassadors of Goodwill between this and other Grand Jurisdictions, and we hope that we have represented our beautiful Order with dignity, grace and pride. We are proud to have been selected to represent Eastern Star in this manner, and the principles for which it stands. We want to thank the Past Grand Matrons for our special appointments.

We have traveled many miles, met and made many wonderful friends and spread the words of charity, truth and loving kindness through smiles, hugs and handshakes. To those of you who have traveled many miles to be with us this week, may you take home with you a deep appreciation of the time you have spent here with the members of California.

Sister Collette and Brother Jim, at the close of this Grand Chapter session you will assume the responsibility of our Order. We wish you and your Grand Family a most successful year of 2008.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me to make this response on behalf of all the Grand Representatives of California and other Jurisdictions, and we wish all of you safe travels and happy memories.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: For decades, our Informal Opening Session has been a night of pageantry, paying tribute to our Distinguished and Honored members who have served our Order with much dedication and compassion. Tonight is no exception, and we thank you for sharing with us in this wonderful evening.

We have been very fortunate this year to be able to benefit from the extraordinary talents of our Grand Organist, Brother Don “Fingers” Snyder, and his wonderful escort, Scott. These two gentlemen can transform any event, any event at all, into a beautiful and exciting performance worthy of a Tony Award. They have truly worked hard to orchestrate a performance for your enjoyment tonight that highlights the true gold that we experience every year in California.

Following the Proclamation, I invite our guests in the east and in the stands to my left, to retire to the audience to enjoy some fabulous entertainment, followed by our Grand March.

I now proclaim this Thursday Evening Informal Session of the Grand Chapter of California, called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 9:58 p.m.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Don, it is all yours, and we will see you from the audience.

Entertainment

Grand March

(Evening Recess.)

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“ENVISIONING A BRIGHT FUTURE” SESSION

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 26, 2007

8:30 a.m. Musical Prelude

Entrance: Grand Pages
Grand Representatives
Deputy Grand Matrons

Escort: Hostess: Pat Rasmussen, PMWGM
Host: Loyal Stark, PMWGP

Pat Rasmussen, PMWGM: Good morning.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Grand Officers into the Grand Chapter room.

Entrance: 2007 Grand Officers

Pat Rasmussen, PMWGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Escort: Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron
David “Skip” Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron

Pat Rasmussen, PMWGM: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother “Skip” Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

You will join with me in extending the Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present Sister Pat Rasmussen, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, and a Past Grand Matron of Minnesota, and Brother Loyal Stark, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, our own Past Grand Patron of California, of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

You will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

Good morning Sisters and Brothers. Did you have fun last night?

We are very pleased this morning to have with us two very wonderful people who are our Hostess and Host for this morning's session. Sister Pat and Brother Loyal, we would be pleased to have your Address of Welcome at this time.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(Pat Rasmussen, PMWGM and Loyal Stark, PMWGP)

Pat: Well, hello, Junior Past Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Loyal: Well, hello, Junior Past Most Worthy Grand Matron. My, those are wonderful titles, aren't they?

Pat: Yes, they are.

Hello California!

Good morning, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers. We particularly wish to welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, our General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members and Ambassadors.

Loyal: Sister Barbara and Brother Bill, we are very proud of your leadership of our General Grand Chapter. We wish for you the very best in all your travels throughout the world of Eastern Star, as we especially are very familiar with the path that you travel.

Pat: Now, to you, the members of California, we stand here in great admiration and heartfelt gratitude to you for your outstanding efforts in supporting the 45th Triennial Assembly held just a short one year ago in Minneapolis. The teamwork between California and Minnesota was fantastic, and resulted in a most successful Assembly.

Loyal: We especially want to thank Sister Jerry Creager and Brother Glenn Jones, and all the team members, for your dedication and assistance throughout all the years.

Pat: We now return to our rocking chair and golf clubs with happy, happy memories of a most glorious journey. We thank you.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Pat and Brother Loyal, you are truly amazing people. The leadership you have provided the world of Eastern Star has been a priceless gift. I know firsthand that your vision for our Order has helped this Grand Jurisdiction to prosper. This Grand Line took the lessons we learned from you and implemented significant changes that we believe will help our Order be relevant in the 21st century. You laid the foundation for us to become better leaders. Your simple statements, "What if" and "Imagine how much we could accomplish if it doesn't matter who gets the credit" have resonated with us all year.

Thank you for welcoming our members to this very important session where we elect the future leaders of our Order in California.

Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: When you look up the word “vision” in the dictionary, the pictures next to it should be those of Sister Pat and Brother Loyal. We not only thank you both for your greeting this morning, but for your leadership over the years. You are the perfect wake up call for this Friday Morning Session, and we are not even attempting to hit the snooze button.

(Grand Conductress attends the altar.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Grand Chaplain, lead our devotions.

PRAYER

(Bert Ferris, Grand Chaplain)

Dear Lord, as we return to our deliberations, we ask that Thy blessing again rest upon us, and that Thy grace shall guide us to success as we work together to strengthen our Order. Make it so that we can always remember that we are Brothers and Sisters in our Order and in Thy sight. Use us, our talents and our time, and thus growing in grace we shall each have a day of clearer vision of our coming together. Amen.

Karen Fletcher, 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 at 9:06 a.m.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Our Singing Stars, may we hear from you?

California Singing Stars . . . “You Raise Me Up”

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you Sister Anne, and our Singing Stars.

Sister Geri Terry, our Chairman of the Credentials Committee, may we have you introduce your committee and give your report?.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(by Geri Terry (384) Chairman)

It has been my pleasure to serve as chairman of your 2007 Credential Committee. I said “yes”, even knowing what was ahead of me. Go figure.

Thank you, Sister Karen, for this appointment to a very important committee. I appreciate your confidence in me and hope that I have lived up to your expectations.

This year, we are working in a “Lady Bug Land” atmosphere. As the official greeters of this Grand Chapter, I do hope that our smiles and greetings warmed you and made you feel welcome. We continue to have only three people at a table, working two books. This has worked well for us, and has been much less congested for our workers.

It is with pride that I introduce to you this hard working Standing Committee, Sister Susan Wamsley, who will be your chairman next year. If you desire to work, please see her. She is looking for workers. Darlene Adrian, Nancy Camden, June Dwyer, Sue Lynn, Sheila Reid, Joan Taylor, and let’s not forget our Brother Sam Camden. Thank you all. You are fantastic.

If you ever wanted to feel sorry for someone, it should be our lonely Brother. He gets it all.

Many members of our Order assist us, and a special thank you is extended to all of these members for giving of their time to serve our Order in this job.

Look around and give special greetings to those members with ladybugs on their credentials. They are our first time visitors this year.

Our primary duty is to register and distribute credentials, ballots, and other important information to every California member, and to keep an accurate account of our work. We also register and welcome our out of state members.

A special thanks to Vickie Rideour and Jan Allard for registering our special members with medical needs. And Kathy Nagle, as always, for doing our sorting. She is very dependable, and wonderful to work with. I thank each of them for their efforts.

Also, a special thank you to Dave and Sandy Jopson for all of their help and support. It has been a pleasure to work for these two wonderful people.

On behalf of the 2007 Credentials Committee, I have the pleasure to present the following preliminary registration report. As of 9:00 o’clock this morning, there are a total of 1,127 California members registered for this “Envisioning a Bright Future” session. Each of these members was issued a ballot and a voting card, in accordance with our Constitution. Therefore, 1,127 ballots have been issued at this time. Of these, 46 are first timers with ladybug stickers. We have registered 86 members from other Grand Jurisdictions. This gives us a total of 1,213 currently registered for this 2007 Grand Chapter session.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Geri. In 2003 you said to me, “I’ll do anything for you, just ask.” Well, I took you up on the offer, and I thank you for agreeing to serve on this very busy and important committee. Thank you so much for all that you have done to make this session successful.

(Resolution No. 2 was read and sent to committee for review.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Pam Wilson, did you have a motion?

Pam Wilson, PM (555): Worthy Grand Matron, I did not understand that by defeating the seven dollar Home Assessment motion made by the Board of Trustees, now that leaves a zero assessment for 2008.

MOTION: As I voted with the prevailing side, I move that we reconsider the Home Board Assessment motion.

(The Motion to Reconsider was seconded, and the vote was taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The Motion to Reconsider was **NOT ADOPTED**.

Singing Stars, may we hear from you?

California Singing Stars . . . Musical Selection

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much, Singing Stars.

Sisters and Brothers, the hour is drawing near to the time designated in our Constitution and Laws for the election of Grand Officers and Trustees of our Senior Living Community.

Sister Linda Kephart, Chairman of our Election Board, would you please explain the proper election procedure that will be followed when the hour of 10:00 a.m. arrives.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ELECTION BOARD COMMITTEE

(by Linda Kephart, PM (245) Chairman)

I thank all of the committee members for the work they will be doing during the legislative process for Grand Chapter. The members of the committee were given instructions on the balloting process and received their individual assignments, and I have confidence that the members of the committee are prepared to perform their duties.

The Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter provide that every member in California in attendance shall have one vote. When you registered, you received your official voting card and your official ballot in your packet. Please remember to sign both cards and keep them with you at all times and bring them to every session, because you will never know if a secret ballot will be called for. If you lose or misplace your ballots, they cannot be replaced.

You must be present during the business sessions in order to vote. You may not give your ballot to another person to cast your ballot for you. Each person is entitled to only one vote.

It is important that the delegates remain in their seats during the balloting process to allow the tellers to have free access to the aisles and stairs. Please do not set purses, books, tote bags or anything else in the aisles or the stairs. The ballot container will be passed to you, and the tellers have been instructed to collect ballots only from those members who are seated. The exception to this is the Guards, who will step to the nearest teller and deposit their own ballot. No ballots will be collected outside the Grand Chapter room or in undesignated areas. Please remember, only official ballots are to be placed in the containers, and nothing else.

When there is one candidate for the office, the vote will be by show of the voting cards. When there are two or more candidates for an office, a ballot will be taken and the member receiving a majority of the votes cast will be declared elected.

Due to a change, there is only one candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer. There are five candidates for Trustee of the Eastern Star Home Board, with one position available in the North and two in the South, each for a three year term. Further instructions will be given at the time we ballot. Please refer to the résumé section of your legislative booklet for the correct spelling of the names.

Our Constitution requires a two third majority to pass legislation to amend our Constitution, and also to amend our Instruction Book. When a ballot has been called for, you will be given instructions at the appropriate time as to which ballot to use. All incorrect ballots will be declared invalid.

After the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the ballot open, the members of the Election Board will pick up their ballot containers and report to their assigned sections. Please have your ballot ready when a member of the Election Board arrives in your section. After the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the ballot closed, remain in your seats so that the business of Grand Chapter may continue.

Last year we implemented new ballot containers with lids and handles. They were well received and balloting went smoothly. As a refresher, each of the lids has two slots big enough for you to deposit your ballot, but small enough to make it very difficult for ballots to fall out. You might find it easier to slide your ballot across the lid, as opposed to trying to just dropping it in.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during the ballot collection.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much, Sister Linda.

Linda Bernhard, do you have a motion?

Linda Bernhard, Board of Trustees President: MOTION: In order to have Member support to our Home, I move a Home Assessment of three dollars.

(The Motion was seconded, and discussion was held.)

Cynthia Howell, PM (252): MOTION: I'm concerned that three dollars is not going to be enough money to support our Eastern Star home appropriately. I think that a seven dollar assessment is probably more than most Chapters would be prepared to handle at this time. Therefore, I move to amend the motion to make the Home Assessment five dollars.

(The Motion to Amend was seconded, discussion was held, and the vote was taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The Motion to Amend is **ADOPTED**.

(The vote was taken on the amended motion.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED AS AMENDED**. The 2008 Home Assessment will be \$5.00.

Sister Ginger Bassett has been serving as the Chairman of our Endowment Fund. Thank you very much for giving your report just a little bit early.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

(by Ginger Bassett, Chairman)

It is my pleasure to once again become involved in our Home Endowment fund. Thank you, Sister Karen for allowing me to assist our Sister Virginia Williams, the 2007 State Chairman. It is a project that is close to my heart, as I feel it embodies the purpose of our Order.

In our Initiation ceremony, the Worthy Matron explains that our Order exists for the purpose of providing for the welfare of the wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters of Master Masons. She goes on to say that here we may aid, comfort and protect each other. This is what makes our Order so unique.

The Area Chairmen have been wonderful to work with, and very gracious in accepting the change in State Chairmanship this summer. Nearly all of them provided their reports by the deadline. Mary Caroline Graham actually turned in her report on the very first day after the end of the Home Endowment year, and 45 days before the deadline. Unfortunately, one Area Chairman turned in her report a few days before Grand Chapter, and another has yet to turn hers in.

Many members have been very generous this year. Some have donated via Life Sponsorships and the Star Plus program, while others voted in their chapters to make a substantial donation.

Special mention should be made of a generous bequest from a member of Reveille Chapter No. 47, Salinas. Additionally, I thank Starlight Chapter No. 401, San Jose, for the 60 Life Sponsorships, and 49 Star Plus donations they made. Honorable status is awarded to Chapters that donate one dollar or more to the fund for each Chapter member. Pasadena Chapter No. 108,

La Posa Chapter 282, King City, and Manchester Chapter 449 in Downey, continue their long run of maintaining Honor Roll status for 46 years. Seventy chapters obtained this status during the 2007 Home Endowment year, which is July through June. 27 of those Chapters have done so for 20 years or more.

I wish to thank every Chapter with Home Endowment donations, regardless of the amount. I admit that I was disappointed that not every chapter reached Honor Roll status, but there's always next year.

Chapter Name	Chapter No.	%	No. of years at
			100% as of 2007
Golden Gate	1	112	27
Suisun	2	99	3
Gateway	3	109	25
Alameda Oak Leaf	8	43	1
Evangeline	9	87	1
Evening Star	10	53	2
Lucerne	13	274	2
Shasta Northern Light	14	0	3
Welcome Redding	17	19	0
Wild Lily	18	103	8
Vesper	20	32	1
Hollywood	21	86	7
Ferndale	23	161	2
Yolano	28	263	19
San Jose	31	115	26
Rose Valley	33	27	12
Amapola Vernon Lymon	35	NoRpt	1
Rising Star	36	100	7
Stella	39	0	1
Aurora Placer	40	0	3
Lily of the Lake	41	26	1
Ariel	42	48	15
Magnolia	45	127	40
Athena	46	120	26
Reveille	47	34678	43
Wheatland	48	0	1
Stockton Oaks	50	24	2
Five Star	51	105	17
Sincerity	53	143	17
Marysville-Friendship	55	223	7
Fidelia	56	NoRpt	3
Crystal	57	0	0
Kingsley	58	131	4

Chapter Name	Chapter	%	No. of years at
	No.	2007	100% as of 2007
Silver Spray	59	25	36
Golden Valley	60	377	6
El Dorado-Tahoe Fern	62	3	0
Camellia	63	0	2
Amador	66	211	9
Electa Modesto	72	61	12
Rohnerville-Redwood	76	0	1
Azalia Angels	77	37	9
Channel Islands	78	93	30
Augusta	80	177	8
Sotoyome-Clover Leaf	82	0	6
Molino Star	83	NoRpt	4
Citrus	86	0	1
Raisina Fresno	89	NoRpt	0
Fallen Leaf	90	0	1
Madera	92	NoRpt	2
Concordia	93	NoRpt	1
Tulare-Corcoran	94	26	0
Bethlehem-Estero Pines	95	39	1
La Paloma Star	96	0	21
Mizpah	97	NoRpt	20
Golden Wave	103	26	1
Josephine Chico	104	NoRpt	2
Ungava	106	NoRpt	13
Corona	107	NoRpt	3
Pasadena	108	204	46
Elk Grove Onisbo	109	240	2
Star of Claremont	110	0	1
Ocean View	111	11068	4
Palm Leaf	114	19	1
New Hope	117	0	2
Woodbridge Oaks	118	0	8
Tuolumne Star	123	0	4
Bakersfield	125	53	11
Mercedes	126	NoRpt	0
Golden Oak	128	35	5
Sierra Star	129	541	17
Fidelity	131	27	2
Semper Fidelis	135	15	4
Summit	138	182	3

Chapter Name	Chapter No.	%	No. of years at
			100% as of 2007
Nova Dies-Oakland	140	0	0
Miramonte	141	86	8
Emerald Star	143	NoRpt	2
Whittier Star	144	NoRpt	27
Stardust	145	0	1
Ami Tai	147	NoRpt	21
Del Norte	149	0	0
Lodi	150	NoRpt	1
Escondido	154	0	6
Penrhyn	159	0	1
Downey	160	165	2
Gold Ridge Star	161	96	18
Crown	162	21	2
Scepter	163	NoRpt	36
Mother Lode	165	193	19
Alpha Star	171	136	24
Lexington	172	NoRpt	2
Long Beach	173	159	39
San Pedro Harbor	174	198	31
Miguelito	176	116	30
San Lorenzo	177	12	2
Vista Cerrito	178	23	12
Heber	181	0	0
Santa Paula	185	0	3
Peninsula	186	97	18
Tehachapi	188	216	5
Silverado	189	237	4
Santa Clara	195	117	6
Mt. Whitney	197	NoRpt	3
Las Mariposas	200	51	4
Beckwith Portola Star	201	109	17
West Covina	202	137	40
Sequoia	203	171	13
Mission Bell	205	105	28
Arcata	207	0	1
Tri-Star	211	NoRpt	0
Gate City	212	145	6
Palo Alto	213	85	18
Diablo Star	214	50	10
Marin Star	215	178	36

Chapter Name	Chapter	%	No. of years at
	No.	2007	100% as of 2007
Mill Valley	219	75	14
Lake	231	0	0
Natoma-San Juan	233	NoRpt	2
Los Cerritos	234	73	3
Glencrest	237	201	29
Tahquitz-Victoria	241	NoRpt	2
Barstow	242	NoRpt	0
Menifee Valley	243	NoRpt	4
Ocean Park	245	104	37
Plumas	246	97	16
Valley Star	250	118	36
Pacific Star	252	0	4
Seaside	259	NoRpt	19
Santa Cruz Redwoods	273	101	30
Imperial Valley	276	0	2
La Posa	282	458	46
Ione	283	NoRpt	0
Poinsettia	287	117	22
Rose	292	0	0
Castro Valley	294	94	1
Ceres	296	23	0
Arcadia Star	299	NoRpt	9
Star of the East	300	0	5
Unity	305	25	1
Meridian	310	NoRpt	23
Nova Star	319	NoRpt	2
Sunshine	327	26	4
Coronado	332	0	17
El Rio	333	0	2
Van Nuys	338	159	33
Pentalpha	339	NoRpt	0
Manzanita	342	234	3
Atascadero	344	692	6
Chula Vista	345	0	2
Upland	346	167	5
Yorba Linda	347	NoRpt	5
Joaquin	348	145	5
Burbank	352	73	12
Harbor Lights	358	0	34
Blythe	359	NoRpt	1

Chapter Name	Chapter No.	%	No. of years at
			100% as of 2007
Coachella Valley	360	88	5
Chowchilla	365	1588	9
Linden	372	191	11
Kearsarge	378	64	0
Torrance	380	104	27
Concord	384	117	2
Harmony	385	18	1
Fallbrook	390	0	5
Caledonia	391	522	11
Bellflower	397	72	3
San Fernando	398	NoRpt	0
Starlight	401	3479	4
Horizon Star	403	108	5
Estrella	412	0	1
Patterson	417	0	1
Fuchsia	425	0	4
Security	426	107	7
El Camino	428	88	10
Escallonia	447	0	1
Manchester	449	492	46
Big Bear	485	41	18
Point Loma	490	0	36
Temple	513	0	4
Yucaipa-San Gorgonio	515	120	6
Vallecito	523	29	3
San Clemente-Saddleback	524	136	32
Livingston	531	NoRpt	1
Victor Valley	537	NoRpt	2
Desert Holly-Joshua Tree	547	NoRpt	5
Paradise	549	NoRpt	0
San Carlos	551	100	26
La Sierra Venus	555	0	0
Star of Vista	556	0	7
Fort Millerton	557	92	0
Rim of the World	578	NoRpt	0
Carmel	581	232	36
Desert Valley	602	NoRpt	0
Del Mar	604	0	0
Star of Palmdale	619	120	9
Riverside	622	NoRpt	1

	Chapter	%	No. of years at 100%
<u>Chapter Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>as of 2007</u>
Rio Linda	631	102	1
Conejo Valley	632	0	4
Simi Valley	637	36	3
Delta Star	639	76	3
Old West	642	NoRpt	23
Kern River Valley	643	335	8
Star of the Valley	648	21	4
Trinity Star	650	NoRpt	0

Last year in my report I made some suggestions regarding the forms and processes supporting the Home Endowment Fund based on the viewing the program from my past experience as an Area Chairman for five years, and then as the 2006 State Chairman. Virginia Williams implemented several of those suggestions this year.

As Secretary of my Chapter for 2007, I have now seen the program from still another perspective. Additionally, our Grand Secretary was gracious in allowing me to spend several hours with the staff in August. Russ Kleber, our Controller, Jim Hannum, our Information Technology representative, and Eva Paulson, our accountant, answered my many questions, made suggestions and provided numerous reports for analysis.

I now have a better understanding of the data flow regarding the program, as well as the tasks of the Chapter Secretaries. Having been given the privilege by our soon to be Worthy Grand Matron-elect of serving as State Chairman in 2008, I hope to make use of this broader perspective. I won't go into detail, but let's say I look forward to working with the 2008 Area Chairmen, as well as the Chapter Secretaries.

We will be trying some new ideas, and the reporting process has been simplified and clarified. The committee is looking forward to a great year.

To the 2007 Area Chairmen, I thank you for your devotion to our Order, for your work on this committee, and for being patient with me as I became involved again in July. It has been a pleasure to work with many of you again and getting to know the new ones. I realize many of you are serving your Chapter as Secretary and other responsible positions, still in the work force, caring for family and involved in other organizations. I really appreciate the time you have given to the Home Endowment Committee.

To those finishing your appointment, I will miss you, but I know I will see you around the state. To those continuing on or just beginning, I'm looking forward to an exciting year.

Lastly, thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Your continued loyalty to the purpose of our Order is critical to our beautiful Senior Living Community and for expanding the Outreach program.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Ginger, I thank you most sincerely for stepping in and taking over this committee when our Sister Virginia Williams was no longer able to serve. Your experience was very helpful, and I thank you for volunteering your expertise. You work very hard for this Order, and I do appreciate it.

Sister Sandy Nieder, Chairman of our Benevolent Fund, we would be pleased to have your report at this time.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT FUND COMMITTEE

(by Sandy Nieder (174) Chairman)

The Benevolent Committee received from October 1, 2006, to September 30, 2007, 41 inquiries. Included in this number were eight phone inquiries from members. However, when I sent out the Benevolent applications to the members to complete, these eight applications were never returned. Therefore, 33 applications were received, and 31 applications processed and payment made through the Grand Chapter Office. Two applications were denied.

The total Benevolent Funds spent in 2007 were \$48,443. Outreach reimbursed Benevolent \$6,216 against two Benevolent applications. Therefore, total Benevolent expenditures were \$42,227.

For most of the Benevolent applications received during 2007, the members needed assistance to pay utility bills, rent, and prescription bills, for Social Security as the only income for many of our members, the need for a one time assistance helps them out of a financial situation. Others need assistance for a few months.

Benevolent assisted two members who needed help in paying funeral expenses. The \$1,000 allowed for funeral expenses does not go far in paying funeral expenses. However, with both of these members, the \$1,000 paid to the mortuary against their bill, allowed them to use their funds for bills that had been left by their spouse.

Two applications were to assist members in nursing homes until Outreach could take over for assistance. These applications were the two applications that Outreach reimbursed Benevolent in the aforementioned amount of \$6,216.

Each case is handled on an individual basis, and in extreme confidence. Just because one member is helped for a particular reason, does not mean that other members would qualify for assistance for the same reason. As with last year, most of the Benevolent applicants call Star Care on the 800 number or called me directly for assistance. A few of my Area Chairmen were contacted directly by the members for assistance, and the Grand Chapter Office received two Benevolent phone calls this year.

Area Chairmen, please do not think that you are not needed. There were two incidents this year where I needed paperwork faxed to me. The member did not have the funds to fax the paperwork, so I contacted my Area Chairman for help in obtaining the paperwork and faxing it to me. That way, the bills could be paid the next day.

Area Chairmen, I encourage you to visit Chapters in your district and neighboring districts to promote donations to the Benevolent Fund.

My year as Benevolent Fund Chairman this year has been somewhat easier than last year, and I credit it to three elements. First, the assistance from Star Care staff has been outstanding this year. When I received a call from Outreach, they not only gave me the name and phone number of the member requesting the assistance, they also provided essential information regarding the member's request. This was very helpful to me, as I had some history of the situation, so when I contacted the member I did not need to obtain the same information and could concentrate on their situation and bills that needed to be paid.

Second, the Grand Chapter Office staff support again this year has been excellent. To Sister Eva Paulson, Accountant, once again your help has been invaluable. Our phone lines and our fax machines have continued to be in almost daily use.

Sister Nell Marie Forsey, I thank you once again for your timely response in providing me with the many member records.

Sister Katie Streeter, thank you for calling me so promptly when one of my fax pages doesn't go through.

The Benevolent Fund Chairman needs to work very closely with the Grand Chapter Office, and all of you have continued to be wonderful to work with. A big thanks to all of you for your support.

Third, I learned a lot during my first year, and that experience has made the job much easier for me this year.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for asking me to continue to serve a second year as Benevolent Fund Chairman. It has been a lot of work, however, it is very rewarding to me.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: You have done a tremendous job as the chairman of this Benevolent Fund. Your dedication, compassion, and attention to detail have truly positively impacted the operation of this Fund. I thank you for the abundance of time and energy that you devote every single day to this committee.

We are just five minutes away from our exciting Election of Officers.

Brother Don, can you help us out here?

Don Snyder, Grand Organist: You were all at the show last night, I know. How much do you appreciate the sopranos in our Order? See, that's what happens to the baritones, tenors and the altos. Vickie can probably concur with me on this song. And I know that Evelyn is not here this morning, so I can get away with this song. But unless you are in the theater, you don't truly appreciate this.

It's all about "The Damn Sopranos".

Musical Selections . . . "The Damn Sopranos" and "A Bicycle Built for Two"

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Don.

The hour of 10:00 a.m., having arrived, we will proceed with the elections.

RÉSUMÉS OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE

*(The résumés for the candidates for
Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand
Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer,
Grand Conductress, and Associate Grand Conductress are on pages 123–130.)*

ELECTION OF 2008 GRAND OFFICERS

There being but one nominee for each of the offices below, the following were declared elected unanimously, with the proper motions, seconded and carried, for the ensuing Grand Chapter year:

Collette Serio Gole	Worthy Grand Matron
Jim Whiteley	Worthy Grand Patron
Barbara Scott	Associate Grand Matron
JD Hammett	Associate Grand Patron
Maryann Barrios	Grand Secretary
Debra Maiman	Grand Treasurer
Beverly Wade	Grand Conductress
Kim Hegg	Associate Grand Conductress

RÉSUMÉS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*(The résumés for the candidates for
the Home Board of Trustees are on pages 131–135.)*

ELECTION OF 2008 EASTERN STAR HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There being but one nominee for the office of Eastern Star Home Board of Trustee from the North, Sally Wells was declared elected unanimously, with the proper motion, seconded and carried, for the ensuing three year term.

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FOR THE OFFICE OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Collette Serio Gole
8436 Allenwood Road
Los Angeles, California 90046

PERSONAL:

Born: September 16, 1952, Los Angeles, CA
Married: 24 years, Husband Gary Gole, Hollywood # 21, W.P. 2005,
So. Pasadena Lodge # 290
Husband's Employment: Attorney
Children: Evan and Curtis

EDUCATION:

BA: UCLA, 1973
JD: University of La Verne, 1976

PROFESSIONAL:

Attorney: 1976 to 1989
Court Commissioner, Los Angeles Superior Court: 1989 to Present

CHAPTER SERVICE:

Initiated into Hollywood Chapter # 21, 1980
Worthy Matron, 1984

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE:

Inner Guard, 1985
Jurisprudence Committee, 16 years, Chairman, 11 years
Aims and Objectives, 2005
Appeals and Grievances, 2006
California Eastern Star Foundation, 2007
Grand Warder, 1997
Grand Marshal, 2004
Associate Grand Conductress, 2005
Grand Conductress, 2006
Associate Grand Matron, 2007

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS:

International Order of Rainbow for Girls - Worthy Advisor, 1968
Grand Cross of Color, 1969
Grand Representative to New Hampshire, 1970

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT:

President, Parent's Association, Temple Israel
Los Angeles County Bar Association, California State Bar, U.S. District
Court, American Bar Association, Women's Lawyer Association
of Los Angeles, California Women's Lawyer, California Judges
Association, Women's National Judges Association, California Court
Commissioner's Association, Women's National Judges Association,
Los Angeles Superior Court Domestic Violence and Criminal Law
Committee
Teen Court, Los Angeles Unified School District
Presidential Award for Humanitarian Service, Grace Center

FOR THE OFFICE OF WORTHY GRAND PATRON

James M. Whiteley
6081 Manganite Street
El Dorado, California 95623

BORN:

April 19, 1944, Napa, CA

EDUCATION:

Graduated Napa High School

Attended Napa College

1964-1968 Mare Island Naval Shipyard Apprentice Electrician Program

CAREER:

Mare Island Naval Shipyard, 6 years Journeyman Electrician, 20 years management, retired 1994 as Superintendent of Electrical Shop
Electrical Contractor since 1994

FAMILY:

Married 1965 to Cherri, Past Matron, 07 DGM, Rainbow Grand Deputy

Son: Steven, member of Napa Valley Lodge, Silver Spray Chapter

Daughter: Janice Lund, Past Rainbow Grand Officer, Member Silver Spray Chapter, Grand Page 2005

Grandson: Matthew Lund

FRATERNAL:

Masonic:

Raised Master Mason 1986

Master, Silverado Lodge 1992 (now Napa Valley Lodge)

Hiram Award 1998

Secretary 1997 to present

Eastern Star:

Initiated Silver Spray Chapter 1988

Patron 1991, 1996, 2001, 2003, 2004

Grand Chapter Consolidations 1998-99

Service Award 2001

Eastern Star Journal 2004

Rob Morris Membership Award 2004

Grand Warder 2005

Chairman, Special Duties 2006

Associate Grand Patron 2007

Youth Service:

Rainbow Advisory Boards and Assembly Dad for 3 Assemblies

Grand Cross of Color 1990

State Rainbow Dad 2004

COMMUNITY:

1957-2002 Redwood Baptist Church, Napa, many leadership roles

10 years service to Girl Scouts

6 years Vintage High School Music Boosters

Member Park Community Church, serving on Church Council

FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON

Barbara J. Scott
6287 N. Lead
Fresno, California 93711

FRATERNAL:

Initiated 1975, Ft. Millerton Chapter No. 557, Fresno

CHAPTER SERVICE:

Worthy Matron, 1980
Associate Matron, 1979
Conductress, 1978
Associated Conductress, 1977
Ruth, 1976
Electa, 2005
Acting Associate Matron 2007

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE:

Deputy Grand Matron, 2001
Chairman of Childcare, 2002
Credentials, 2003
Grand Marshal, 2005
Aims and Objectives 2006
Associate Grand Conductress 2006
Grand Conductress 2007

SERVICE OF YOUTH GROUP:

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
Grand Cross of Color, 1979
Mother Advisor, 1978–79, 1981–83
Advisory Board, 1978–79, 1981–83, 1997–2000
Grand Deputy, 2001–2004

EDUCATION:

Fresno State University – Liberal Arts Degree/Elementary Education
Fresno State University – Master Teacher / Clad Certification

WORK EXPERIENCE:

1972–1977 China Department/Bridal Registration at Retail Store
1977 – current Elementary School Teacher/Fresno Unified

FAMILY:

Husband – John R. Scott, Ft. Millerton Chapter No. 555, Worthy Patron 1981; served Grand Chapter as Grand Warder 2004; Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge #366; Fresno Scottish Rite.
Daughters – Katie Scott – Past Worthy Advisor and Grand Patriotism 2006 I.O.R.G. and Jody Scott Adney.
Sons – Robert Scott, a member of Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge #366 and Randy Scott; one Granddaughter and three Grandsons.

FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON

John David Hammett
1964 Rodney Dr. #304
Los Angeles, CA 90027

EDUCATION:

BBA – New Mexico State University – Las Cruces, NM
Graduate Studies in Business – USC, Los Angeles, CA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

THE ZENITH	2004–Present
National Manager, Security and Policy Awareness	
WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK	1996–2004
Project Consultant, Deposit Services Division, CA/NY	
Project Manager, NY	
National Manager, HR Strategic Staffing, CA/WA	
Manager, HR Strategic Staffing, CA	
Corporate Recruiter, CA	

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Board of Governors, Goodwill Industries of Southern California
Chairman, San Fernando Business Advisory Board Goodwill Industries
Business Advisory Board, BUILD WorkSource
Facilitator Myers Briggs Type Indicator
Archer Technologies Certified Professional – Incident Management
Toolbook Certified Professional – Training Administrator

FRATERNAL:

Masons:

Initiated into Val Verde Lodge #62, Hatch, NM – 1969
Dual Member – Hollywood Lodge # 355 – Tarzana, CA – 1983
Organist and Junior Deacon

Eastern Star:

Initiated into Hatch Chapter #52 – 1970
Dual member Hollywood Chapter #21 – 1999
WP – 2000, 2004, 2006
Foundation Board – 2006 – 2010
Grand Organist 2004
Co-Chair Masonic Youth Session – 2006
Co-Chair Entertainment Committee – 2007
IMPACT Facilitator – 2007

Amaranth:

Supreme Commissioner of Appeals – 1980–1983
Supreme Musician – 1978, 1980, 2007; PGRP – 1974
Chairman Grand Trustees – 2003–2005
RP – 1971, 2003, 2004, 2008

White Shrine of Jerusalem: Organist – 5 years

Youth Service:

Rainbow Dad; Member Advisory Board

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY

Maryann Barrios
12048 Emery Street
El Monte, CA 91732

PERSONAL:

Born: Oct. 17, 1954, Glendale, CA

Married: 27 years, Art Barrios, Hollywood No. 21, Lexington Lodge No. 104

Children: Andrea, 24, PHQ, Hollywood No. 21; Anthony, 21.

PROFESSIONAL:

2007 Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of CA: Supervise staff of 6, conduct correspondence with and answer C&L and other questions from other Grand Jurisdictions, Chapter Secretaries and Members, record minutes of Home Board and other committee meetings, ensure that deadlines set by C&L are met on timely basis, other duties as required.

1998–2006 Project Analyst – ProMed Health Care; Obtained and analyzed statistical data for Independent Practitioner Associations.

2001 – Microsoft Office Instructor – El Monte/Rosemead Adult School.

1983–1997 Accountant/Analyst – Kaiser Permanente – prepared and analyzed regional financial statements, departmental budgets, governmental agency reports, annual audits, and special projects, supervised staff of 30.

EDUCATION:

BS, Bus. Admin. – Cal State, Los Angeles 1976

CREDENTIALS:

Certified Public Accountant (inactive)

Adult Teaching Credential for office and accounting applications

Notary Public License

FRATERNAL:

Guardian Treasurer and Council member, IOJD, 1995–2000.

Initiated into Hollywood Chapter No. 21, July 1999.

Chapter Service:

Martha, 2000

Associate Conductress, 2001

Conductress, 2002

Associate Matron, 2003

Worthy Matron, 2004

Electa, 2005

Chaplain, 2006

Adah, 2007

Grand Chapter Service:

Grand Secretary, 2007

Escort to Deputy Grand Matron, 2005

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER

Debbie Maiman
5711 Larryan Drive
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

PERSONAL:

Married to Sheldon 31 years
Sons – Joseph and Michael
Daughter – Lauren (Past Grand Worthy Advisor-California IORG – 2004)

EDUCATION:

California Lutheran College
Certification – No Child Left Behind emphasis in Math/Science/English

CAREER:

Certified Dental Technician - Removable/Ceramics – 1969–1977
Special Education High School Classroom Assistant for Math/Science –
1984 to present
Financial Manager – D & K Dental Lab – 1997 to present
Experienced in Peachtree, Quickbooks, and various Accounting
programs.

EASTERN STAR

Ocean Park Chapter #245 – Initiated 1971
Worthy Matron – 1979, 1980, 1989, 2001
Deputy Grand Matron – 1983
Grand Page 1991, 2002
Grand Esther – 1994
Consolidations Committee – 9 years (Chairman 1992, 1993, 2002)
Liaison to Youth Groups – 2006

YOUTH GROUPS

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls:
Mother Advisor - San Fernando Assembly – 1999 to present
State Grand Executive Committee – Mother Advisor – 2001–2003
State Leadership Team – 2005 to present

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CONDUCTRESS

Beverly A. Wade
1263 Coventry Rd.
Vista, CA. 92084

FRATERNAL:

Initiated 1969, Star of Vista Chapter #556 – Vista

CHAPTER SERVICE:

Electa 1970, 2005, 2006, 2007
Associate Conductress 1991, 2001
Conductress 1992
Associate Matron 1993
Worthy Matron 1994
Treas. 1996-1999
Marshal 2000, 2003
Service Award 2001

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE:

Inner Guard 1995
Deputy Grand Matron 2002
Grand Electa 2005
Grand Marshal 2006
Assoc. Gr. Conductress 2007
Aims & Objectives Comm. 2007

SERVICE TO YOUTH GROUPS:

PHQ / Majority Member-Bethel #190 – Vista
Served on Bethel Guardian Council
Served as Advisory Bd. Member for Golden Star Assembly
Master of the Grand Cross of Color

EDUCATION:

Graduate of Vista High School
Palomar College
Continuing Education- Loma Linda Univ.

CAREER:

1966-1969 Pacific Telephone Company – L. D. Operator / Receptionist
1969-1989 General Dentistry and Orthodontics-Chairside, Ins. Sec.,
Bookkeeper, Office Manager
1989-2005 Carlsbad City Library – Circulation Supervisor

FAMILY:

Husband: Robert L. Wade, Star of Vista #556, WP 1994, 2000. WM 1974,
1995 Vista Lodge #687. San Diego Scottish Rite. Bd. Member for Lloyd
Ellis Griffith Scholarship Fund. Site Selection Committee for Grand
Chapter 2006.
Daughter: Kelli L. Miller, PM and A.C. of Star of Vista #556; PWA of Golden
Star Assembly & Gr. Rep. to Alaska 91-92; and four grand-daughters
Son: Kevin B. Wade – Helicopter Pilot

FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS

Kim Hegg
1225 Taylor #201
San Francisco, California 94108

Personal:

Born: Billings, Montana – May 8, 1961
Daughter, Keli, 22

PROFESSIONAL:

Member Services Manager, Grand Lodge of California – 22 years
Maintain membership records for 67,000 members of California lodges;
coordinate logistics and materials for wardens' leadership retreats,
lodge management certification programs, inspector seminars,
secretaries' retreats and participate as a trainer in each; coordinate all
aspects of the annual communication; assisted in the development
and implementation of member database system.

YOUTH SERVICE:

Worthy Advisor (1977)
Master of the Grand Cross of Color (1979)

EASTERN STAR:

Initiated into San Lorenzo Chapter #577 (now San Lorenzo No. 177) –
1984
Worthy Matron (1999, 2002)
Associate Matron (1998, 2001, 2007)
Conductress (1997, 2006)
Associate Conductress (1996)
Secretary 1989-1991, 2000
Marshal 1989
Adah 1988
Martha 1987
Ruth 1986
Service Award 2000

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE:

Grand Marshal 2007
Deputy Grand Matron 2001
Election Board 2000, 2005
Roster Advertising, Chairman 1999
Grand Chapter Page 1999

HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES — NORTH

Sally Wells
120 Spring Point Road
Castroville, CA 95012

PERSONAL:

Born in Salinas, California May 26
Married 40 years to Willis L. Wells. Willis served as Past Patron of Castroville Chapter #580.1980 and Past Master of Confidence Lodge #203; Hiram Award 1996

FRATERNAL:

1975 initiated into Castroville Chapter #580, Castroville
1991 Castroville Chapter #580 consolidated with Reveille Chapter #47

CHAPTER SERVICE:

Associate Conductress, 1997; Conductress, 1978, 1995
Associate Matron, 1979, '90, '96, 2004
Worthy Matron, Castroville Chapter 1980, Reveille Chapter 1997, 2005
Deputy Grand Matron, Castroville Chapter 1987
Grand Esther, Reveille Chapter 2004
Served Castroville Chapter as Electa, 1984, '85, '88, Esther 1976, '83, '86
Reveille Chapter, Electa 2001, Marshal 1992, '99, 2003, Warder 1993, 2003

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE:

Co-Chairman Information/Lost and Found 1989, Chairman Information/Lost and Found 1990
Served on Credentials, Courtesies to Dignitaries, Decorations, Drayage, Elections (several years), Set-up for Grand Chapter.

COMMUNITY:

President, North Monterey County ALTURAS, INC.
Served on the Prunedale Senior Center Council for several years; served as President for the Senior Center
Volunteer, Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital

EDUCATION:

Sallinas Union High School Graduate
Hartnell College, Business Administration

CAREER:

I retired in 2002, after 40 years of service with Monterey County Health Department.
I started working in purchasing, handling all of the buying for the Health Clinics, Environmental Health, etc.. I was the Administrative Manager for the following Divisions: Payroll (600 employees), Appeals and Grievances, Telecommunications, Personnel, Safety, Travel, Facilities and Construction (I handled 26 facilities and help design three new facilities). I designed the billing system for the Home Health Agency which become Visiting Nurses Association and established the intake and billing procedures for the Family Planning Division, which became Planned Parenthood.

HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES — SOUTH

Linda Bernhard

5740 Via Cervantes

Riverside, California 92506

PERSONAL:

Born: Los Angeles July 29, 1953

Married 31 years to Stu Bernhard

Children: Son Eric, 29, (married Kelly, 28, in 2005); Daughter Kim, 27, Past Princess, Bethel 340 and Majority Member, Bethel 264 IOJD, member of Ungava Chapter 106, Riverside.

FRATERNAL:

1990: Initiated into Ungava Chapter 106 Riverside

1991-1994: Guardian Council member, Bethel 340 IOJD

CHAPTER SERVICE:

1991: Martha

1992 & 2005: Associate Conductress

1993 & 2006: Conductress

1994 & 2007: Associate Matron

1995: Worthy Matron

1996: Marshal

1997: Electa

1998 & 2002: Esther

1999: Ruth

2004: Chaplain

1996-1998: Grand Chapter Inner Guard

1998: Roster Advertising Committee Member

1999: Chairman Health and Personal Services, Grand Chapter Session

2000-2001: Deputy Grand Matron

2003: Grand Martha

2004-present: Home Board of Trustees, (President 2005 to present)

1992-present: Association Secretary

COMMUNITY:

1983-1988: Elementary School parent volunteer

1992-1996: High School Football Booster Club

1994-1998: High School Band Booster Club

EDUCATION:

1974: ADN from Los Angeles Valley College Dept. of Nursing

1974 & 1975: Camp Nurse, Crippled Children's Society

1974: Orthopedic Nurse, St. John's Medical Center

1975-1985: Med/Surg Nurse, PACU Nurse, San Bernardino Comm. Hospital

1985-1994: PACU Nurse, St. Bernardine Medical Center

1994-1995: DOU Nurse Manager, Monterey Park Hospital

1995-present: PACU Nurse, Riverside Community Hospital

1995-present: PACU Nurse, Surgical Staff, INC

Hold Registered Nurse License, CA

Also certification in: BLS, ACLS, and PALS

HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES — SOUTH

Christine M. Dias
6888 Little League Drive
San Bernardino, California 92407

BORN:

Salem, Ohio- April 5, 1955

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Arts: Anthropology, Minor-History, Certificate Latin American Studies, California State University, San Bernardino, 1993.

Master of Arts: Archaeology, California State University, Long Beach, 1996.

FAMILY:

Husband: Simon, Past Patron of Riverside Chapter #622-2001, 2005, Grand Warder, 2007, Service award 2005, Chairman – advisory board, IORG, Chairman of Grand Assembly Floor Setup, IORG. Married 33 years.

Daughter: Rachael Dias, Past Grand Officer, IORG.

Daughter: Jessica Dias, Past Grand Officer, IORG.

PROFESSIONAL:

Adjunct Lecturer – Anthropology – California State University, San Bernardino, 1999–Present.

Adjunct Lecturer – Anthropology – Chaffey Community College, Rancho Cucamonga, 1996–present.

Owner – Dias and Associates, archaeological consulting service, 1996–present.

Various State, County and Government archaeological projects/contracts, position – archaeologist.

YOUTH SERVICE:

Master of the Grand Cross of Color (1972)

Advisory board member – 11 years for Helen G. Mc Callum assembly.

Mother Advisor (2000–2001).

EASTERN STAR:

Initiated into Riverside Chapter #622, 1995.

Worthy Matron 2001, 2005.

Ruth, 1996, Electa, 2006, 2007.

Service award - 2005.

GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES:

Inner Guard 2002

Southern chairman for Grand Electa Fiesta Booth.

FRATERNAL:

Member of Daughters of the Nile – Ard-el-Gannah Nile Club #3.

COMMUNITY:

Troop leader Girl Scouts, Student advisor – Alpaca Anthropology Club – CSUSB.

HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES — SOUTH

Martie MacKidd
15826 Rushford St.
Whittier, CA 90603

Current Home Board Trustee

EDUCATION

Rio Hondo College, AA Degree
ASB Secretary, Senator, Liaison to Board of Trustees
Cal State Fullerton; Cal State Hayward, Paralegal Certificate
John F. Kennedy University School of Law, Juris Doctor
School of Law Alumni Assn President 1997
JFK University Alumni Assn Board of Directors 1994–98

PROFESSIONAL

Attorney: Estate Planning, Probate, Trusts, Real Estate
State of California Ombudsman, Contra Costa County 1995–97
Contra Costa Bar Assn 1994–2002, Family Law Section, Real Estate/Tax Section
Conservatorship, Probate, Trust Section Board of Trustees 1995–98
American Bar Assn 1994–2001
Riverside County Bar, Desert Bar Assn 1997–2000
Southeast District Bar Assn 2001–03, Whittier Bar Assn 2004–present
30+ yrs assisting seniors with medical, life & estate planning, administration,
accounting (wills, trusts, probate); providing educational seminars

FRATERNAL

Job's Daughters Majority Member, Past Bethel Guardian
Whittier Star Chapter; initiated 1978
Offices: Electa, Martha, Esther, Ruth, Marshal, Chaplain, Secretary, AC,
Cond., Assoc. Matron, Worthy Matron 2005; Chapter Board of
Trustees 3 yrs.;
Rob Morris Award, 2 Rob Morris Membership Awards
Downey Chapter, currently Conductress
Grand Chapter Comm.: Special Duties, Appeals Counselor, Inner Guard,
Elections
Whittier Rio Hondo Noblettes, Past President
Daughters of the Nile

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Various business & community service organizations, officer/board
positions

HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES — SOUTH

Doris May Parrish
10202 Beverly Drive
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92646-5429

FRATERNAL:

Harbor Star Chapter #521 – Initiated 1973 (Now Scepter #163);
Coachella Valley Chapter #360; Daughters of the Nile, Merret Temple
#103

CHAPTER SERVICE:

Electa 1975;
Esther 1976;
Assoc. Conductress 1977 – Worthy Matron 1980.
Chrm. 1988 Gr. Chaplain & 1992 Gr. Representative Receptions

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE:

Inner Guard 1982–87–89–94;
DGM 1985;
Housing Chm. 1986;
Gr. Page 1988;
Special Duties 1990;
Decorations 1991;
Courtesies to Dignitaries 1992–95;
Co-Chrm. Courtesies Luncheon 1995;
Grand Electa 1993;
Grand Marshal 1996;
Assoc. Gr. Conductress 1997, Gr. Conductress 1998,
Assoc. Gr. Matron 1999; Worthy Grand Matron 2000.
Home Board – 1997 through 2000;
Installation Chairman and Advisor for 2004 year.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS:

P.H.Q. Job's Daughters, Bethel #25; Guardian Council, Bethel 313 7 years;
Blue Bird & Camp Fire Leader.

CIVIC:

Past President, Calif. Federated Women's Club; 4 Years a Volunteer at
Fairview State Hospital; Sunday School teacher.

EDUCATION:

Fairfax High School – L.A City College.

CAREER:

Prudential Ins. Co., Western Valley Mtg. Co.; Parrish's Bakery Supplies.

FAMILY:

Husband, Richard (Dick) Parrish (Deceased–2005) Harbor Star Chapter
#521, P.P. 1980 & 1993; Past Master, Mar Vista Lodge #820 F&AM;
Scottish Rite; Al Malaikah Shrine.
Daughters Merle Fenske and Alice Raymond ~ Both PHQs of Bethel #313;
Each Daughter served as Worthy Matron Harbor Star Chapter #521,
Alice in 1993; Merle in 2000; four grandchildren.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I find the names of Sisters Linda Bernhard, Chris Dias, Marty MacKidd, and Doris Parrish all properly recommended for two three year terms from the South.

The candidates will please proceed to the stage at my left.

Sister Linda Kephart, have you instructions for this ballot?

Linda Kephart, Election Board Chairman: Sisters and Brothers, you are about to ballot on a candidate for Trustee of the Eastern Star Home Board from the South. There are four candidates running for this office with two positions available. Please refer to the résumé section of your legislative booklet for the correct spelling of the names of the candidates. You will be using the section of your purple ballot card marked Election C, Home Board South. Please be careful when you separate your ballot and use only Election C, Home Board South.

Write in only one candidate's name. If you use any other section of your ballot, the ballot will not be counted. A candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast to be declared elected.

When the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the ballot open, the members of the Election Board Committee will pick up their containers and report to their assigned sections.

After the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the ballot closed, please remain in your seats so that the business of Grand Chapter may continue.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Each of the candidates will be holding a sign indicating their name, so it is clear who they are for this election.

I now declare the ballot open.

Sisters and Brothers, we are being asked to just pause for a moment.

Sisters and Brothers, our Chairman of the Election Board is going to clarify this, so everyone is clear on what they are voting for.

Linda Kephart, Election Board Chairman: You will just enter one name only on the ballot. The person receiving the highest majority will be declared elected first. And if no one else, then we go to another ballot. But we are only writing in one name.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declared the ballot closed. Have we legislation?

(The members considered and voted on Resolution No. 1, and proposed Amendments No. 9, 10, 12, 13, and 15.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Could our Singing Stars entertain us one more time?

California Singing Stars . . . "I am Flexible"

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Singing Stars. Sister Sarahann Shapiro, would you please address the delegates at this time.

Sarahann Shapiro, PM (250): Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Sisters and Brothers, I have heard some people say they had some confusion about the election because we are voting for only one candidate, and some people have expressed concern they have two people that they want to vote for. And I was asked to simply clarify that, that what we do is we are going to ballot on one candidate. Hopefully, Sister Linda is going to come up here, and, if we have a majority, we will have at least one of our people elected. As you know, we will vote again. If we still don't have a majority, we drop a name and ballot again. At the end of that process, we have elected one person. After we elect the first person, all of the candidates will be put back in as eligible candidates, and we will start over with the remaining people. That will be your opportunity to vote for your second candidate.

It is fair that way, because if the person that was dropped would be your second pick, but you were voting for your first person, we still want you to have the chance to vote for that number two pick. So, that is how we assure that you get to have a good vote for your number one, and your number two. And even though you are only writing down one name, you will have that opportunity.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Sarahann.

Sister Linda, Chairman of our Election Board, do you have the results of our election?

Linda Kephart, Election Board Chairman: Yes. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

The report on Election C for the office of Home Board of Trustees South, is as follows:

Total votes cast, 979. The majority needed to pass, 491.

Votes cast were as follows:

Linda Bernhard, 334.

Christine Dias, 244.

Martie MacKidd, 198.

Doris Parrish, 191.

Invalid ballots, 12. They consisted of the wrong letter ballot being used, and a write in of other names, not that were recommended for the Trustee.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Linda. A majority having not been reached, we will ballot a second time.

Will the candidates please rise and join me at my right.

The candidates will stand to my right and hold up their name cards so you are clear on who the candidates are.

Sister Linda, will you please give your instructions for this ballot.

Linda Kephart, Election Board Chairman: Sisters and Brothers, as no one received a majority for Trustee of the Eastern Star Home Board from the South, you will be again be voting on all four of these candidates. You will use Election D, Home Board South, and it is the next one up. Do not use any other letter, because it will not be counted. And please only write in one of these four names. No other names.

As a reminder, please remain in your seats while the collection is in process. And keep the aisles clear. Once the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the ballot open, the tellers and the members of the Election Board will take their respective places. After the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the ballot closed, please be attentive and in your seats, so that we can resume the business of Grand Chapter.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the ballot open.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the ballot closed.

May we have another musical selection? And while that's happening, our Sister Bj is here in the East with us. Will our Grand Line officers and those participating please join me in the East.

California Singing Stars . . . "I Would Call on the Lord"

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so very much.

We have a special presentation at this time, while we are waiting for our Election Board to come back with our election results. As many of you know, our Sister Bj Kirste has announced her retirement as the editor our "CalStar News". Sister Bj's service to our Order in this capacity has been tremendous. On behalf of all of the subscribers and the Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and Grand Line Officers with whom you have served as editor, I wish to thank you for your years of service.

Sister Bj, will you step forward with all of those on the stage coming to make this presentation.

Thank you so much for all that you have done for our Order. Your expertise and skills have been much appreciated. You were Editor for five years from 2002 to 2007. However, I know that you were involved much, much longer than that. So on behalf of all of these people, we want to say thank you, and present you with this award that says: Bj Kirste, Editor “Cal Star News” 2002, to 2007.

Sister Linda, do you have a report from the Election Board?

Linda Kephart, Election Board Chairman: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

The report on Election D for the office of Home Board Trustee in the South, is as follows:

Total votes cast, 920. Majority needed to pass, 461.

The votes cast were as follows:

Linda Bernhard, 475.

Christine Dias, 216.

Martie MacKidd, 125.

Doris Parrish, 99,

Other ballots, 5.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Linda. A majority having been reached, I declare Sister Linda Bernhard elected to the Home Board of Trustees for a three year term from the South.

We will continue with the election of the Home Board of Trustees during our afternoon session, immediately after opening that session.

Worthy Grand Patron, do you have any announcements?

(The Worthy Grand Patron made announcements.)

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: Brother Len, would you care to speak?

Len Froomin, PP (252): I will be very brief, but very sincere.

Sisters and Brothers, by your passage of the proposal the other day to establish a Scholarship Endowment Fund, you have done a wonderful thing. That's in the opinion of all those students, past and present, who have been benefited from our scholarships, and from our committee members, past and present. As a thank you beyond what I am saying to you, thank you very much, I couldn't write that many thank you notes. And so, instead, I have a check here from a Sister and Brother in my Lodge, in my Chapter for \$25. In the same envelope from one of my Sister chapters, is a check for \$1,000. I also have the assurance that a Masonic Lodge that meets in the same facility as this chapter will do the same, with another \$1,000 and there's more to come. Thank you for passing that legislation.

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Brother Len.

(Grand Conductress attended the Altar.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for your attention this morning. You have done a fabulous job, and we are working very quickly through our legislation, and I appreciate it.

I now declare this Friday Morning Session of our Grand Chapter of California called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 12:06 p.m.)

(Retiring March of Grand Chapter Officers and Grand Pages.)

(Midday Recess.)

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“ENVISIONING A BRIGHT FUTURE” SESSION

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 26, 2007

1:30 p.m. Musical Prelude

Entrance: **Host:** Clint Dillon, GGCCM
 Hostess: Kathleen MacDonald, PGM

Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron: Sisters Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Grand Officers into the Grand Chapter room.

Entrance: 2007 Grand Chapter Officers

Kathleen MacDonald, PGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Escort: Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron
 David “Skip” Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron

Kathleen MacDonald, PGM: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

You will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Kathleen MacDonald, PGM: Sister Karen, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present to you your gavel to use on this very important Friday Afternoon Session.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Brother Clint Dillon, General Grand Chapter Committee Member International Temple, and a Past Grand Patron of California, and Sister Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

You will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our distinguished guests.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

Welcome back, Sisters and Brothers. We hope you enjoyed your lunch.

Brother Clint, we would be very pleased to have your address of welcome at this time.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(by Clint Dillon, GGCCM)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Barbara Benton, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, our Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers. What a great day this is. Sister Kathleen and I have the honor of welcoming you this afternoon, and we are kind of like the pickle that goes in the middle of the sandwich. It makes the sandwich more palatable. Well, we come forth here in the afternoon in the middle of the day to make that sandwich more digestible.

Twenty years ago and one week, I stood here as your Worthy Grand Patron, and what a joy that was. But do you know what we were arguing about on the floor of the Grand Chapter? Back in those days, I had to take a break and go off and get a smoke, and we were arguing about ten cents per member for the Benevolent fund. I'm talking to one of the members on the Finance Committee, we lost hundreds of thousands of dollars on the stock market, because that was the day that it crashed in 1987. I told the Committee member, "We are out there arguing about ten cents, and you're back here worried that we are going to go completely broke, aren't you?" And he said, "Yes". It was not an easy thing to swallow back in those days.

It is a special honor for me to welcome Sister Barbara to our Grand Chapter Session. She is a great Most Worthy Grand Matron, and what a nice thing for us to welcome her here.

It is also a privilege for me to serve here with Sister Kathleen MacDonald. She is an educator, a leader, and still very active in her school.

Thank you for being here for this afternoon's session. You are looking at something this afternoon that is going to get even better. When you look on your program, it says, "Envisioning a Bright Future." Well, I changed that a little bit. Envision a much, much brighter future. And when you see the people from the Eastern Star Home perform this afternoon, I think you will think then about that brighter future, and it will look much brighter for you and I.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Clint. Sister Kathleen, we would be pleased to hear from you.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(by Kathleen MacDonald, PGM)

It is my pleasure to welcome you, our California Members and our out of state visitors to this, our 134th Annual Session. This is a very important afternoon as we continue our 2007 legislation and our election process.

Sister Karen, on behalf of the members of the San Francisco Peninsula Association, we would like you to know how proud we all are of you, and thank you for your service to our Order and for representing us in such an outstanding manner during the last five years. We look forward to welcoming you home, and to seeing you and John at our upcoming events.

Brother Skip, thank you for serving with our Sister Karen, and please know that you and Linda are always welcome to be with the members of the San Francisco Peninsula area.

Sister Karen and Brother Skip, I know that you are both looking forward to Sunday when you have “nothing to do”. I said that same thing 12 years ago, and I’m still waiting for that opportunity. Please know at that time you will feel very satisfied that you have done your very best and tried many new ideas in 2007. Your ideas were very well accepted by our members, and you can consider your service to our Order as a job well done.

Again, welcome everyone to our Friday Afternoon Session as we proceed with our elections and our business.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Clint, it was my privilege to serve with you and our Sister Barbara Campbell in 1987, 20 years ago, when I served as Worthy Matron for the very first time. That was a very special year as the Red Wave swept through the state of California, encouraging all to save time to enjoy the sunset. You are a wonderful man, and we certainly appreciate the fact that you have kept the spirit of 1987 alive and well. We congratulate you on your General Grand Chapter appointment, and wish for you much success.

Sister Kathleen, I feel very blessed to be from your district, and to have you as a friend. Your support has been something that I have grown to count on over these last many years. You are always there for me and John, and for our members. Your motto, “Together, Everyone Achieves Miracles”, is illustrated in everything that you do. Thank you for all of your assistance in planning for this year and for your unconditional friendship. Your welcome this afternoon was wonderful.

Worthy Grand Patron may we hear from you?

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Sister Kathleen and Brother Clint. You are such dynamic leaders of our Order, and we have all benefited from your leadership. You are just another example of all that is right with our Order.

Congratulations, Brother Clint on your General Grand Chapter appointment. Thank you for opening this Friday Afternoon Session with your greetings.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Friday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from refreshment to labor.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 2:14 pm)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, we are in for a treat this afternoon. The wonderful and talented Sisters and Brothers of our Senior Living Community are here to entertain us. Please help me in showing them just how excited we are that they are here in Bakersfield and a part of our lives.

(Senior Living Community Members perform a chair dance.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: These wonderful residents have shared their lives with us all year. They most graciously opened their home to us on numerous occasions so that we might share in their energy and love for our Order, and life itself. These residents participated in the Relay for Life event in Yorba Linda to show their support for our 2007 special project, and to illustrate the importance of raising funds for cancer research. You are truly amazing and we love you very much.

Please help me thank them for being here and for entertaining us.

Sister Kat and Brother Don Farris, the Chairmen of our "007's Wild Animal Park" Fiesta, may we have your report at this time?

007'S WILD ANIMAL PARK FIESTA REPORT

(by Kat Farris, PM (347) Co-Chairman)

As the sun rose over the Serengeti, you could hear the animals start to stir from their sleep and come to life. On June 2nd, animals from all over the State of California traveled to our Wild Animal Park to join Fiesta 2007. Sister Karen, Brother Skip and the 2007 Grand Officers, thank you so much for all of your support during this Fiesta. You supported with the enthusiasm that was needed to make this, our one day event, such a big success.

As we have heard throughout this Grand Chapter session, you have encouraged us to think outside the box. Allowing us to include the community at our Fiesta not only enabled the community to get to know us and what we do, but also to spark an interest in membership.

You have all heard about the wonderful barbecue and the outstanding entertainment that finished off the night. Huge thanks go to Brother Don Snyder and his entourage, JD Hammett and the beautiful Connie Woodman. When Don was approached about the entertainment for the night, no hesitation on his part was given. He jumped in with both feet.

We can't give enough attention and thanks to our residents for sharing their home with us, and the staff not only embracing the Fiesta every single year, but this year the response in accommodating the number of attendees which dramatically jumped almost double at the dinner within the last 24 hours.

Special thanks for the many hours put in by the booth chairmen. Your work behind the scenes helped us pull off this great adventure, and without you we'd be in big trouble.

Sister Karen and Brother Skip, thank you for allowing us to bring your vision of a Wild Animal Park Fiesta 2007, to life.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Kat and Brother Don, you took on an amazing feat this year, agreeing to serve as the Chairmen of our Fiesta. Not only did we change this to an one day event, we threw in a small little barbecue just to make your lives interesting. You are wonderful friends, and we thank you for all that you do and what you did at our Fiesta.

The Executive Director of our Senior Living Facility is a gentleman with many credentials but, more important than his education, experience and any awards that he may receive, is his character and commitment to the residents of our SLC and the members of California. It is my distinct privilege to present Clair Meske, the Executive Director of our Senior Living Community. And just as a point of information, Clair has received his first degree.

SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY REPORT

(by Clair Meske, Executive Director of the SLC)

It just wouldn't be right if we didn't start off with a few introductions. I would like to introduce the residents that came down here today, so if the residents would stand or wave.

We are very excited to have a large group of residents come with us. We took two buses today to get them here.

Secondly, I would like to introduce to you the wonderful staff that accompanied them today: Erin Wilson, Elena Bor, Debra Stewart, Barbara Brady, Doris Yamashiro, Vern King, Lou Basalina, and Rosa Reyes.

Now, every year I stop and take a step back and look at the past and ask: Have we done our job to provide the members of the Order of Eastern Star a desirable quality of life in their senior years by assisting in housing, health care and related services in a secure loving and respectful environment?

Our mission statement is an excellent yardstick to measure our success by. I am consistently awed by the founders' selfless generosity of commitment to caring and providing for their members. Together, as we look to the future, there are many roads available for us to choose from. As one individual person, I cannot make that choice for the membership. That is something that you as the body of the membership will do. It will not be decided just by votes this week; rather, it will be decided in the weeks and months and years to come, by your support: support of the mission, support of the vision, support of the ideals, and last, but not least, your long term financial support. I see increased communication and

cooperation between the Board, the Committees, the Grand Chapter Office, and the Senior Living Community. Everyone may not agree at this point on how to accomplish the goal, but we all agree on the goal, and that is doing what is right for the senior members of this wonderful Order.

Looking back, the Senior Living Community has accomplished a lot. We have worked hard to find ways to mitigate the rising costs of everything we do in such a way as to not have a negative impact on the quality of life of our residents, and to improve the quality of life for many. This has been no easy task, but my managers have pulled together and have been very successful.

The physical plant is one of our largest assets and we work hard to maintain it in top condition. We replaced a major part of the air conditioning system this last year. It was expensive but, by doing so, we insured the comfort of our residents and ensured that the value of the Senior Living Community would remain.

We have made a determined effort to become a visible part of the surrounding community. We hosted the Executive Directors and Board members of the Masonic and Eastern Star Homes this summer when they gathered in Southern California for our annual conference. We treated them to the real California experience, with some of the best California has to offer.

We have hosted a Chamber of Commerce mixer at the Senior Living Community. We told those who attended about the Senior Living Community, why it is here, and some of the principles of Eastern Star and Masons. I was told after the mixer concluded, that there were a few inquiries made as to how to become a member.

We have succeeded in bringing Eastern Star back into the Eastern Star Home. We have now had receptions, initiations, and memorial services at the Senior Living Community. Thanks to the Fiesta funds, we are now taking residents to Eastern Star receptions and events throughout Southern California.

We are also inviting all of you to attend events at our home. Watch for announcements for family dinners, Christmas party, things like that. As the reputation spreads of the kind of parties that we put on, it's becoming more and more important to RSVP. We don't want to leave anybody out in the cold.

As you heard from Kat, we had a great Fiesta this year. We packed a whole weekend's worth of fun into one day, and we successfully invited community members from the surrounding area to participate. We hosted a fun filled barbecue dinner, despite many surprises along the way. And we want to thank those of you who attended. We want to thank you for your patience, and a big thank you to Paul LaCroix for stepping up to coordinate some of the youth groups who were our wait staff for over 400 guests. Just a few days prior to that, we had RSVP for hardly 250, so it is important that you let us know you are going to be there.

The one day Fiesta makes it much more reasonable for members from all over the state to attend. It gives them an additional traveling day.

We have long been successful in providing an amazing home for our Residents. Last year, I spoke to you about our ceramics shop, and the mug that I made. I'm not sure that all of you can see it closely, but this is my abstract vision of a Star mug. It's even got all the colors.

One of the residents was talking a lot about golf recently, and there was a number of us who enjoy it as well, so we got together and we took her golfing. Now, I look for every opportunity to do things with the Residents, because, well, I enjoy playing with them for one thing, and my golf game needs all the help it can get.

Most of you know how I feel about food. I enjoy it immensely, both cooking and eating. I have been known to try out recipes on the residents from time to time, and they got me my own chef coat. Also, the other day I surprised had the residents by joining them on their latest red hat outing. My red hat made quite a stir there, too.

Now I'd like to touch on a few more serious notes. Recently, the Outreach program has come into its own. Deborah Stewart, our Outreach Director, has been primarily responsible for this. Outreach and Star Care have had outstanding success in assisting members with what they need, and assisting them in finding additional support and assistance throughout the state. Their success is noted in many ways, but none more clearly than by coming in under budget, and doing so with a caring focus on the recipients.

As Outreach and Star Care grows, we are looking for ways to bring family members into a full partnership with Outreach assistance. By being good stewards of our financial resources, we are able to and will continue to be able to meet the needs of our members. There will be no need for strict caps on assistance that ignores need.

Now, looking forward into the future: where are we going, and how are we going to get there? Last December, we hosted a gathering of the minds in a retreat for planning for the future. In that strategic planning session, we opened a dialogue for charting the course for the future. Some ideas and plans were simple and easy to accomplish. Others were more difficult to accomplish, and still others are being debated yet.

We agree on the mission. What form it takes depends on you, the membership, and how you choose to step up and support your mission with your time, emotional support and financial commitment.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve your members at the Senior Living Community.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much, Clair, for your report. You have done an incredible job as our Executive Director. You had a challenging year, but have managed to keep the morale of the residents and your staff untarnished. You are extremely effective in the manner in which you run the operation of our beautiful facility. The compassion and loyalty you demonstrate on a daily basis is much appreciated.

And for our membership, we received word that our attorney's office received the settlement check today in the amount of \$85,000.

Sister Collette Serio Gole, will you please join us in the East?

Clair and Sister Linda, do you have a presentation?

Clair Meske, SLC Executive Director: Last year, the Home Board began a tradition of recognizing one member of the Order who has gone above and beyond in their commitment to the Residents and the Senior Living Community for Eastern Star in California.

We are blessed with many who put our Residents and the SLC as a priority. This creates a problem each year how to select the Fraternalism Award recipient. The first recipient of this distinction was Bart Bodner, a true gentleman and friend of the Residents.

This year's Fraternalism Award recipient was with us almost every day, guiding us with advice and calm reassurance that all was going well. As you might guess, the months leading up to the trial were difficult for all of us, Residents and staff alike. This year's Fraternalism Award recipient was there with suggestions on how to assist our legal team prepare for the trial. Once the trial began, this year's recipient guided us to respond in a moment's notice to developments in the trial and to provide our legal team with information that helped secure our ultimate victory in court.

It is with deep honor and respect that I have the privilege to present to you this year's Fraternalism Award recipient, Collette Serio Gole.

Linda Bernhard, Board of Trustees Chairman: We love giving this to Sister Collette. You do know how important you were to all of us during the challenge that we faced, and your calm attitude through the whole thing just made it so much easier for the rest of us. This is for you to keep wherever you choose to keep it, in your office, and your name will be permanently placed on the Fraternalism Award plaque that is in the Senior Living Community.

Collette Serio Gole, Associate Grand Matron: To the members of the Home Board, thank you very much for this honor. I love the Home and what it stands for, and it was an honor to represent each and every member of the Home, as well as the Home Board throughout the litigation. Thank you very, very much.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Singing Stars, may we hear from you?

California Singing Stars . . . "It's a Miracle"

(Grand Conductress attended the altar.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: We will now proceed to continue with elections.

Before our break, we filled one of the three year terms for the Board of Trustees from the South. We will now proceed to ballot on the remaining three year term in the South.

Will the candidates please approach the East?

The three candidates for the one three year term from the south for our Board of Trustees, are Christine Dias, Martie MacKidd, and Doris Parrish.

Sister Linda Kephart, have you instructions for this ballot?

Linda Kephart, Election Board Chairman: Sisters and Brothers, you are about to ballot on a candidate for the Trustee of the Eastern Star Home Board from the South. There are three candidates. You will use ballot Election E, Home Board South. Write in only one name for the candidate of your choice. Remember, when you separate the ballots, to only include the one that I have requested. And in this case it is election E. Do not keep the yes\no ballots attached to it, because if we do end up needing them later for ballot vote, you will not have anything to ballot with.

Please keep the aisles and the stairs clear and remain seated. The only people that should be moving around are the Election Board Committee.

When the Worthy Grand Matron declares the ballot open, the Election Board Committee will report to their assigned sections and to the counting room. After the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the ballot closed, please remain in your seats so we can continue with the business of Grand Chapter.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the ballot open.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the ballot closed.

(The members considered and voted on proposed Amendment No. 16.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Patron, it is my desire that you preside.

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Sarahann, we would be pleased to have you present the decisions of the Worthy Grand Matron she has deemed appropriate to include in our Constitution and Laws, with the approval of the Grand Chapter.

DECISIONS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

(by Sarahann Shapiro, Jurisprudence Chairman)

Sisters and Brothers, this year the Worthy Grand Matron has rendered one decision that she wishes to be incorporated into our Constitution and Laws. It is as follows:

Definition of dues payable by life members. Chapters whose bylaws allow for Paid Life Membership may not charge their Paid Life Members for per capita increases, even if their bylaws provide for their dues to increase with increases in the per capita. Paid Life Members are not required to pay further dues to the Chapter, however calculated.

MOTION: Worthy Grand Patron, I move that this decision of the Worthy Grand Matron be adopted for inclusion in our Constitution and Laws.

(The Motion was seconded, and the vote was taken.)

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: The decision is **ADOPTED**.

(The Committees reported on Resolution No. 2.

The Resolution was discussed, and a ballot was taken.)

Linda Kephart, Election Board Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, the report on Election E for the office of the Home Board of Trustees South, is as follows:

Total votes cast, 967.

Majority needed to pass, 485.

The votes were cast as follows:

Christine Dias, 503.

Martie MacKidd, 296.

Doris Parrish, 168.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: A majority having been reached, I declare Christine Dias elected to the Home Board of Trustees for a three year term from the South.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Jean Gannett, Chairman of our Annual Session Site Committee, may we have your report.

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10/15/2007 Response Information from 2007 Requests for Convention Center Venue
Proposals for " 2010 Grand Chapter Meeting"

Location	Bakersfield	Fresno	Visalia
Hotels	All rooms subject to 12.045% tax <u>Headquarters Hotel</u> ; would be the <u>Holiday In Select</u> , 175 Rooms would be blocked at \$99/room <u>Best Western</u> \$94 <u>Four Points Sheraton</u> \$105 <u>Hampton</u> \$110 <u>Best Western Crystal Palace</u> \$110 <u>Hilton Garden Inn</u> \$109 <u>Doubletree</u> \$139 <u>Red Lion Hotel</u> \$119.95	All rooms subject to 12% tax <u>Headquarters Hotel</u> ; would be the <u>Radisson</u> \$104 - \$159. 321 guest rooms - 265 blocked <u>Best Western</u> \$79 One, \$89 Two <u>Best Value Water Tree</u> \$99 <u>Picadilly</u> \$115 Single – Quad <u>Picadilly Express</u> - \$105 <u>Super 8</u> 1 Queen \$80, 2 Queen \$90, Others \$110-\$135	All rooms subject to 10% tax <u>Headquarters Hotel</u> ; would be the <u>Marriott</u> \$125 - 201 rooms -100 blocked <u>Comfort Suites</u> \$105 – 69 blocked <u>Hampton Inn</u> \$105 Opened 7/12/2007-3mi <u>Holiday Inn</u> 256 rooms \$112-6mi <u>Lamp Lier Inn</u> \$85 – 3 mi <u>La Quinta</u> \$95 – 4mi. Others close by: <u>Best Western</u> -1/2mi; <u>Days Inn</u> -3mi; <u>Econo Lodge</u> -2mi; <u>Fairfield Inn</u> -4mi; <u>Marco Polo Motel</u> -3mi; <u>Murphy's Motel</u> -1.5 mi; <u>Spalding House B&B</u> -1mi; <u>Super 8</u> -3mi; <u>Ben Maddox B&B</u> -1mi.
Parking Cost	Free parking	Quoted as 1/2 off of \$7/car. Senior Rate \$2.50/car In City lot. Radisson guests free at Radisson. Actual 2006 collected \$4182 total	Free parking
Parking Proximity	Close to the Arena	City lot close, and Radisson Garage + other behind the Buildings. Currently 75 handicapped spaces..	Parking at the Convention Center, and across the street in the city lot, and at the headquarters hotel. Willing to designate whatever we request for handicapped spaces.
Arena/Flat Floor/Theater	Arena and Theater available	Arena style available with new seats in 2006	Arena style with no stairs into the hall. New seats as of 2007.
Banquet Facilities	Acknowledgment of request received but no proposal received. All catering done through one caterer.	Services provided at the Radisson primarily with a one caterer option. Adjacent to the Convention Center	7 approved caterers and several rooms available in the convention center available for meals as well as concession areas that can be opened. On the site tour it was noted that the local Masonic lodge is extremely close, and rooms were also available for smaller groups at the Comfort Inn across the street.
Convention Costs: Assumptions for each location *2000 sleeping rooms.	\$23,469. Equipment Rental, Exhibitor Booths and Tables, Stagehands and Set-up Staffing and services estimate. Rent for Arena/Theater N/C Additional event staff may be needed at \$14/hour to assist and/or transport handicapped members.	\$63,661 If the Room night credit is declined. Room night credit of \$24,000 offered to offset convention center cost. \$39,661 if the Room night credit is accepted. These amounts are derived by taking the Fresno quote, and adding the expenses paid in 2006, inflated by 3%per year as quoted estimates were received as "To Be Determined" for these line items that have been pulled from the 2006 bill. The Seroyan was reduced by 3 days, as it was felt we didn't need the 6 days quoted.	\$28,740 If the Room night credit is declined. Room night credit of \$19,000 offered to offset the convention center cost. \$9,470 If the Room night credit is accepted.

Various other locations were considered and not presented for various reasons. Some locations were not available for Grand Chapter week, some were too expensive to consider, some were not handicapped friendly, and just didn't have what we need. Some of the locations we considered are: Ontario Convention Center; – UCLA – Royce Hall approximate capacity 1800. USC Galen Center - Approximate capacity 4700 lower deck. The Wilmet Theatre and the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium – Approximate capacity 3000 people. Modesto is building a performing arts facility that should be explored for future years as well. The Westin Bonaventure in Los Angeles; The Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, and the convention facilities in Stockton. Location Evaluation Grid 10/15/2007

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL SESSION SITE COMMITTEE

(by Jean Gannett, PM (214) Chairman)

I would ask that everyone take out of their packets a sheet called "Response Information from 2007 Request for Convention Center Venue Proposals for 2010 Grand Chapter Meeting". On that sheet are three venues that are listed alphabetically: Bakersfield, Fresno and Visalia.

We reported that the committee recommends Visalia for a number of reasons, but it is in fact the decision of this body and whatever this body wants. So, let's review for a moment if we might what some of the features of the different venues have.

With regard to hotels, in Bakersfield, all rooms are subject to 12.045 percent tax. In Fresno, they are all subject to a 12 percent tax. And in Visalia, they are all subject to a 10 percent tax.

Here in Bakersfield, the headquarters hotel would be the Holiday Inn Select. It is right here. In Fresno, the headquarters hotel will be the Radisson. And in Visalia, the headquarters hotel would be the Marriott. And that's the one that's adjacent, as the Holiday Inn Select is here. The Radisson in Fresno is directly across the street.

There are various other hotels in all of the cities. Those that have been submitted to us, we have listed, and so they are all there for your purview.

The parking cost: in Bakersfield, there is free parking. You all have been parking to get here, so you know how convenient or not convenient it is. In Fresno, it is quoted as one half off of seven dollars a car. The seniors' rate is \$2.50 a car in the city lot, and guests are free at the Radisson.

The actual money that was collected by Fresno last year was \$4,182 from our members. In Visalia, the parking is free, and it's either across the street or behind. There are different lots around, but it is all free parking. The parking proximity is close to the arena in Bakersfield. In Fresno, the city lot is close, and the Radisson garage and other, behind the buildings.

There are currently 735 handicapped spaces in Fresno. In Visalia, the parking at the convention center and across the street in the city lot is all close and available, as well as at the headquarters hotel. They are willing to designate right out the door the convention center as many handicapped spaces as we would request.

Arena: flat floor or theater? You see what we are doing here in Bakersfield and you see how that works. So, if this is something you are pleased with, this is what Bakersfield has to offer. They have the arena and this theater available. They have basically converted the theater here for us.

In Fresno, there's the arena style available, and they put in beautiful new seats in 2006, and they have also installed many handicapped rails that are for the benefit of our members and other handicapped people that have problems getting around.

In Visalia, they have new arena style seating. There are no stairs to get into the hall. Their seats are new as of this year. Our committee went down and looked at them, and they look very nice.

Banquet facilities: Here in Bakersfield, they have acknowledged our request. You all have been having the banquets here. There is one choice. This facility is run by SMG, and Pardini's is the caterer, so you have been experiencing what you would have available there. In Fresno, the services are provided at the Radisson. Again, you have one choice. Again it is Pardini's, and so that's what goes on there. In Visalia, there are seven approved caterers, and several rooms available in the convention center for meals, as well as concession areas that can be opened. We did note on a site tour that the local Masonic Lodge is extremely close, and rooms were also available for smaller groups at the Comfort Inn across the street.

Convention costs: Now, in our request for proposal we asked each site for a proposal for 2000 room nights. And so the effort there was to have as close to an apple and an apple of a proposal, rather than an apple and banana as we could get. And so when the cost that came through for Bakersfield, it was \$23,469. Evidently, we have enough room nights on a 2000 room basis that they wouldn't be charging for the arena. The \$23,496 is for the items listed, equipment rental, exhibitor booths, tables, stagehands, et cetera.

Fresno is a little bit different of a situation there. We received a bid and the bid indicated that we needed six nights at the Saroyan. After meeting with the Finance Committee, they said we didn't need that many. So we had to back that out. But we never did get pricing for costs in fact what they did is that when we requested those costs, they sent us a copy of last year's bill, rather than a proposal for the costs. And so if we accept the room night credits and the cost of the convention center is borne by the attendees that stay in the participating hotels, the costs for our body would be \$39,661. If we don't accept the room night credits, and we somehow negotiate to have the room night costs reduced by that amount, it would be \$63,661.

When we go to Visalia, and if we accept the room nights that they are offering, our cost would be \$9,470. If we don't accept it and we ask that the room nights be reduced by the amount of credit that has been offered, which is my understanding what the Grand Chapter Committee has done for 2009, then the cost for Grand chapter would be \$28,740.

Jean Gannett, PM (214): MOTION: I move that the 2010 Session of the Grand Chapter of California be held in Visalia.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**.

We will now hold our Necrology Service in memory of our departed members.

NECROLOGY SERVICE

Musical Prelude: Don Snyder, Grand Organist
Evelyn de la Rosa

“THE COLORS THAT TOUCH OUR LIVES”

(Narrated by Käthe Larick (96/358) Chairman)

Today, we celebrate the lives of more than 1,700 Sisters and Brothers who have left this mortality and now walk the path eternal. Please join our Sister Evelyn de la Rosa in our Gathering Hymn, “For All that is Our Life”. The words are printed on the inside of your program insert.

We dedicate this hymn to our departed members.

Gathering Hymn . . . “For All that is Our Life”

Käthe Larick (96/358): Please join in our Responsive Reading, “We Remember Them”, printed on the back of your program insert. I will begin by reading the regular print, and you will please read the phrases in the italics.

Käthe Larick : In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

All: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.

Käthe Larick (96/358): In the opening buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

All: In the blueness of the sky and the warmth of the summer, we remember them.

Käthe Larick (96/358): In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

All: In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

Käthe Larick (96/358): When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

All: When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

Käthe Larick (96/358): When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

All: So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are a part of us, as we remember them.

California Singing Stars . . . “The Colors of My Life”

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: We come here to honor our departed members and to remember their service to our Order and the love and joy they brought into our Chapters and our lives.

We will now drape the altar in memory of our departed members.

PRAYER

(by Bert Ferris, Grand Chaplain)

We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, that the lessons of our Order teach us that Thou art ever present so we have the comforting and peaceful thought that our loved ones are with Thee. May the memory of their love and service inspire us to go forward following His Star in the East, until we, too, shall find eternal rest with our Master. Help us to exemplify in our daily lives the great principles of our Order. May these virtues govern our actions, purify our thoughts, and make us pleasing and acceptable in Thy sight. Bless and comfort those who mourn. Give them the trustful faith of Martha, that God doeth all things well, and that in His own time we shall understand. May the peace and blessing of our Heavenly Father rest upon us all, now and forever more. Amen.

(Altar is draped.)

"Blessed Be the Tie that Binds"

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: In honor of the Departed Distinguished Member of the Grand Chapter of California, Sister Paula Remington, our Past Grand Matron, will deliver the eulogy for Sister Jean Powers, Past Grand Matron.

EULOGY FOR JEAN POWERS, PAST GRAND MATRON

(by Paula Remington, Past Grand Matron)

Elizabeth Jean Miller Powers. Born April 29, 1925, in Akron, Ohio. Passed away at the California Masonic Home on July 6, 2007, at the age of 83 years.

Jean Powers was initiated into Billow Chapter in Akron, Ohio, in 1945. She received her 50 year pin in 1995, and she was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for nearly 62 years.

There are many facts about our sister Jean which could be enumerated here. She served on many Grand Chapter Committees, was often the chairman of the same. She was Worthy Matron in Star of the West Chapter in 1970, and again in 2003, for her consolidated Chapter, Claremont. She was dedicated to her Chapter and her members, and helped in many ways.

But most importantly, Jean Powers was a loving, kind, beautiful woman. Always, she was a lady in every respect, a lady in her speech, a lady in her attire, a lady in her actions toward other people. When she spoke to you, you felt that you were the only person in the world to her.

Even though she was petite in stature, she was strong in her convictions of right and wrong, and always loyal. Loyalty was another one of her strengths. She was ever so loving and loyal to her husband Bob for 63 years. She was loyal to her wonderful son, Buz, and his wife, Sandie. She was so proud of her grandchildren, and she was loyal to the values and ideals of her Order of the Eastern Star.

When the 1988 Grand Officers gathered and met for the first time in the summer of 1987 at Morro Bay, we were each given a memo pad with the letters "P E P" on the outside of the cover. Yes, she wanted to be a "peppy" and a joyful Grand Family, but beyond that she wanted us to express the qualities that those three letters stood for: Prayer, Empathy and Preparation. She taught her Worthy Matrons and her Grand Officers to start each day with a prayer, to have empathy with each other and with all of our members, and to always, always, always, to be prepared.

She was one of the most organized women I have ever known. Even in her busy schedule of working an eight hour day and serving Eastern Star and managing a household, she found time to think of others, to send many notes and cards to those who were sick or shut in. She never forgot a birthday or anniversary, and seemed flawless in remembering people's names and their family facts in history.

Our Jean was a deeply religious person who believed in God and His protection and in His direction. She believed in the goodness of people. She was a positive and forward looking person who never sought self aggrandizement, but whose life was one of service, humility, and bundles of love.

I have also believed that Jean felt a very special relationship with God. She chose as colors for her girls and for her year in 1988, all the colors of nature. She loved the blues of the sky and the waters, and the many greens of nature. She looked forward annually to the opportunity for Bob and her and her family to gather at their summer home in an island on Canada, where they would enjoy God's beautiful world away from the hustle of urbanization and the rush of working life.

Jean's Fun Emblem was the butterfly. Our Grand Officer dresses always had a butterfly somewhere, as her gift. The Monarch Butterfly was her favorite. I only recently realized that our Grand Officers' stay at Pismo Beach had a further meaning. It is one of the homes of the Monarch Butterfly, and each year the community celebrates the migration of hundreds of thousands of Monarch Butterflies.

The butterfly must be strong to work out of his cocoon. It develops into a creature of wonder and beauty. But at the same time, in its maturity, the wings are thin and fragile. This too was symbolic of our Jean. A strong, happy, beautiful woman, whose beauty and life's work continued even as she became more fragile.

Consider a butterfly may come and light beside you. You marvel at its color and at its strengths, even as you are aware of its fragility. In another instant, it will be gone, and you will always be grateful for having been in its beautiful presence.

Jean was our mentor, our teacher, our inspiration and our friend. We will always love her and miss her, as we continue to appreciate the example she set and the lessons she taught us. We know that our Sister Jean is happy with her Heavenly Father in that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

May God continue to bless you, dear Jean, and keep you in His infinite care.

HOMILY FOR MEMBERS

(written by Käthe Larick and presented by Karen Fletcher, WGM)

The colors that touch our lives are numerous and varied, both in their hue and in the emotions they evoke. Pale yellows, soft greens and shades of pink or powder blue from our earliest memories may come to mind as the gentle ballet of our early childhood. The vibrant tones of purple or scarlet or indigo bring warm memories of youth groups that happily occupied our teenage days. The colors of Eastern Star fill our adult lives with joy and laughter, and bonds of friendship and love that can never be broken. These are the colors that live foremost in our hearts and minds, but there are others that creep silently into our lives. They color our loss and mark our grief with their poignant presence, for there are very few of us who have not been touched by their occurrence. They are the colors that represent the many different types of cancer that touch our lives.

Our Eastern Star ritual teaches us that white represents light, purity and joy. But in the world of cancer, white represents those stricken by lung cancer. Lung cancer is responsible for 30 percent of all cancer deaths, and is the leading cause of cancer among Caucasian, African American, Asian and Hispanic males. However, thanks to decreasing tobacco use and advances in treatment and detection, methods made possible by donations from people like our Sisters and Brothers, lung cancer rates have finally stabilized for women and are decreasing for men. If we continue to fight the battle against lung cancer with the courage and determination exemplified by our noble Queen Esther, we will prevail.

Blue symbolizes fidelity, and like Adah, we must be brave and faithful in our resolve to make prostate cancer disappear from the face of the earth. Many strides have been made in the early detection, treatment, and prevention of this disease, thanks to the efforts of scientists and doctors who have received grants from organizations like ours.

Red symbolizes fervency and zeal, and has been clearly demonstrated in its efforts to support breast cancer research over the past few years. By supporting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life program and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer three day walk, we are definitely making strides against breast cancer.

Yellow ribbons have come to symbolize many things in our nation. They represent support for our military troops, suicide prevention and adoptive parents. But to those fighting the battle against cancer, they represent loved ones diagnosed with bladder or liver cancer. Cancer statistics show a growing number of liver cancer patients each year. Therefore, like Ruth, we must remain constant, steadfast and true as we seek to fund much needed research against both these cancer foes.

In the fight against cancer, green symbolizes leukemia and kidney cancer. Like Martha, we have reason to hope as great strides have been made in the treatment of these diseases. If we continue to support causes like Team in Training and Action to Cure, this progress will continue. We must continue to work for the cure, to strive, and most of all, to hope.

The purple ribbon represents all cancer patients and the fervent hope that a cure will soon be found. Purple is the color worn by cancer survivors, but it is also a symbol of remembrance of those who have lost their battle against this disease. Their strength and courage must live on in our hearts, just as our loving memories of them live on in our hearts and minds.

Rebecca Seubert, WM (300) . . . "I Am Better Because I Knew You"

Käthe Larick (96/358): Joining our Sister Rebecca Seubert on that beautiful song was Sister Lauren Maven.

The baskets that our Deputy Grand Matrons are holding by our Grand Star Points, contain our tributes of love and affection, our tributes of remembrance to those who have lost their battle against cancer. After this Necrology Service, we invite you to visit the Cancer Dressing gift-wrap table where these baskets will be arranged, and we invite you to take a token of that remembrance of whatever color has touched your life.

Our closing reading is by Robert Marshall. After our California Singing Stars have performed our Musical Benediction, our Grand Organist will play our Postlude.

May those who follow after us sense our happiness, our involvement, our feeling of self worth and group accomplishment. May we share with them not only our fears and uncertainties, but also the style with which we face down our troubles and shortcomings. Whether in laughing bravado or in steadfast determination, may we be examples of the endurance of wisdom, of joy, and of compassion. From our persistent stance, may those who follow learn of bravery and generous living.

Life has sweetness and a charm for all its manifold failures and shortcomings and torments. A few years of peace, a few crusts of bread, a few words of love, and even the most pessimistic want to run the risk of life. It takes so little to make us happy, and so much to make us sad. If this were not so, the human race long since would have given up.

We are here because we have not given up. We have the will to overcome. We are here to continue to risk all for life. We are here because we mean it.

BENEDICTION

California Singing Stars . . . "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

(Grand Conductress attended the altar.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Käthe, thank you for a beautiful and touching ceremony.

I now declare this Friday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of California, called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 4:57 p.m.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, for attending this Afternoon Session and sharing with us in this very special Necrology Service.

Have a wonderful evening, and we will see you in the morning.

(Evening Recess.)

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but decided that it would be best if we didn't.

“ENVISIONING A BRIGHT FUTURE” SESSION

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 27, 2007

8:30 a.m. Musical Prelude

Entrance: Grand Pages
Grand Representatives
Deputy Grand Matrons

Escort: Hostess: Sheri Weisser, PGM

Sheri Weisser, PGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Grand Officers into the Grand Chapter room for the last time.

Entrance: 2007 Grand Officers

Sheri Weisser, PGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Escort: Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron
David “Skip” Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron

Sheri Weisser, PGM: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother David “Skip” Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

You will unite with me in extending the Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Sheri Weisser, PGM: Sister Karen, our Worthy Grand Matron, I am very pleased and honored to present you with your gavel to preside today.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Sheri Weisser, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join with me in extending the Grand Honors to our Past Grand Matron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

Good morning. Welcome back. Sister Sheri, our Hostess for this Morning Session, we would be pleased to have your Address of Welcome at this time.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(by Sheri Weisser, PGM)

As you can see in the program, Brother Ron Behnke was to be our Host this morning. He was looking forward to Grand Chapter this year, as our Grand Esther and Brother Skip presided. Unfortunately, he will soon be starting dialysis, and he and Cathy felt it more prudent to stay close to home.

Sister Karen and Brother Skip, he is very sorry to miss this special time, and he sends his love to both of you.

Last evening we had the opportunity to enjoy socializing with friends, and perhaps even getting a good night's sleep. From the looks of this audience, I think some of you are still sleeping.

This morning we will take up the final business of this annual session and recognize the committees who worked so hard to make this week a success.

Sister Karen and Brother Skip, we congratulate you on an outstanding Session. You have achieved a perfect balance of business and entertainment.

Just as each day we, as individuals, should make an effort to improve ourselves, each year our Order, as an Order, should also make an effort to improve and increase the participation of our members.

Karen, we are so proud of you. You have endeavored to make a difference and have encouraged our members to envision a brighter future. We know that this journey is not a bed of roses or, in your case, tulips, but you have met each obstacle and hurdle with compassion, dignity and fairness.

You have enjoyed the membership, and they love you and all that you have tried to accomplish. Soon, Gracie will be free in the pasture in back of your home. She will be able to leisurely graze on the tall, tender grass, and enjoy the sun shining on her back.

Skip, you too have earned the love and respect of our members. Your NASCAR is headed for the garage. As you take the victory lap, reflect on all that has been accomplished and know that you were a driving force behind those endeavors.

Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for the opportunity to welcome our members this morning, and our visitors. You are a very special friend to us, and I love you very much.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sheri Weisser, it was a great honor for me to serve as Grand Esther under your leadership and that of Brother Ron Behnke. You held the Key to California Gold, and shared every single bit of it with our members. You are a wealth of knowledge about our

Order, and I do thank you for always being there to share that wisdom and knowledge with me. You have made this journey much easier, just knowing that you were a phone call away. I love you very much. Thank you for all that you do for our Order.

We certainly miss our Brother Ron, and I will give him a call and wish him well.

Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

David Skipwoth, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Sheri, it is indeed an honor to have an important part of your family extend greetings at this Saturday Morning Session. Your leadership in '99 was memorable, and the support you have given this 2007 Grand Family will never be forgotten. And I too want you to tell Ron we love him, and give him our best wishes.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

(Grand Conductress attended the altar.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Grand Chaplain, lead our devotions.

PRAYER

(by Bert Ferris, Grand Chaplain)

Our Heavenly Father, as we enter upon this final day of this Grand Chapter convocation, we thank Thee for Thy guidance in our deliberations. We will go forward from this time and place comforted in the knowledge that our work has been blessed with Thy presence. As we return to our respective homes and chapters, may we take with us the confidence in our leaders, love of our Order, and faith that we walk always with Thee. Amen.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Saturday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California, called from refreshment to labor.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 9:10 a.m.)

(The members considered and voted on Proposed Amendment 17.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Associate Grand Matron, do you have something to bring before the delegates?

Collette Serio Gole, Associate Grand Matron: I do.

MOTION: I move that California Eastern Star Foundation Grand Chapter of California Cancer Research Fund be continued for the year 2008, with the net proceeds going to the UCLA Jonsson Cancer Center, and such funds being donated to the center.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**.

Collette Serio Gole, Associate Grand Matron: MOTION: I move that the California Eastern Star Foundation Grand Chapter of California Cancer Research Fund be continued for the year 2008, with the net proceeds going to Relay for Life, with the funds being donated to the American Cancer Society.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**.

Collette Serio Gole, Associate Grand Matron: MOTION: I move that the Grand Chapter of California continue their support of the We Care Program in 2008.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**.

Collette Serio Gole, Associate Grand Matron: I move to allow the California Eastern Star Foundation and the Eastern Star Homes of California to participate in a direct mailing solicitation to our membership for fundraising purposes.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**.

Sister Grand Conductress, do you have anything that you would like to bring before the delegates at this time?

Barbara Scott, Grand Conductress: I do.

MOTION: I move that the Grand Chapter of California participate in a fundraising program with the members of California, for the sale of large calendars containing our Grand Chapter activity dates, to be mailed in early fall of 2008, and that we be allowed to access the addresses of our members to facilitate this program, with the proceeds going to benefit the Grand Chapter General Fund.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**.

Barbara Scott, Grand Conductress: MOTION: I move that the Grand Chapter of California participate in fundraising with the members of California for the sale and distribution of pocket calendars, with the proceeds to benefit the Grand Chapter General Fund.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**.

Barbara Scott, Grand Conductress: MOTION: I move that the Grand Chapter of California participate in fundraising with the members of California for the sale and distribution of a pin, with the proceeds to go to the Cancer Research Fund of the California Eastern Star Foundation.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**.

Barbara Scott, Grand Conductress: **MOTION:** I move that the Grand Chapter of California participate in fundraising with the members of the California by securing advertising to be placed in our roster, with the proceeds to benefit the Grand Chapter General Fund.

(Vote taken.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**.

Will our Singing Stars entertain us this morning?

California Singing Stars . . . "I Am a Fine Musician"

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much, Singing Stars. Sister Sue Bishop, may we have the final report of the Distribution Committee.

FINAL REPORT OF THE DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

(by Sue Bishop, PGM (46/252) Chairman)

All matters referred to the Distribution Committee have been distributed to the appropriate committees, and have been acted upon by this Grand Chapter.

It has been a pleasure working with Brothers Bill and Steve. And on behalf of the three of us, we thank you for the opportunity to serve on this very important committee.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Sue and your committee, for your work not only this week, but in preparing for this session. Thank you very much.

Sister Geri Terry, may we have your final report of the Credentials Committee.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(by Geri Terry, PM (384) Chairman)

It has been a pleasure to serve as chairman of the 2007 Credential Committee; I hope that we have functioned to the satisfaction of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Thank you to our Standing Committee Members for their service and dedication, and to each of our assistants for their continued smiles and hard work. "Thank you" just doesn't seem like enough praise, but I do appreciate all that you have done for this important committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Credential Committee, it is my pleasure to submit the following final registration report for the 2007 "Envisioning a Bright Future" Session.

Our out of state Members:

- 16 General Grand Chapter Officers.
- 9 General Grand Chapter Committee Members.
- 3 Grand Officers.
- 8 Past Grand Matrons.
- 1 Past Grand Patron
- 21 Grand Representatives.
- 28 visiting members.

Making a total of 86 out of state visitors.

Our California Members:

- 1 General Grand Chapter Officer.
- 6 General Grand Chapter Committee Members.
- 18 Grand Officers,
- 15 Past Grand Matrons.
- 15 Past Grand Patrons.
- 50 Deputy Grand Matrons.
- 37 Grand Representatives.
- 6 Past Elected Grand Officers.
- 85 Worthy Matrons.
- 80 Worthy Patrons.
- 114 Associate Matrons.
- 58 Associate Patrons.
- 70 Conductresses.
- 61 Associate Conductresses.
- 396 Past Matrons
- 100 Past Patrons.
- 122 members.

Making our total California Members 1,234.

And a grand total combined of 1,320.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Geri. You and your committee have worked diligently all week, and we certainly appreciate your efforts and your report this morning.

Sister Sarahann, may we have your final report of the Jurisprudence Committee?

FINAL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

(by Sarahann Shapiro, PM (250) Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, all of the business that has been referred to Jurisprudence has been dealt with in this Grand Chapter Session. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, for your help.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: My sincere appreciation is extended to the members of this very, very important committee. I have a great deal of respect for each of you, and I thank you very much for sharing your expertise with the members of our Order.

Sister Sheri Weisser, may we have the final report of our Constitution and Bylaws Committee?

FINAL REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

(by Sheri Weisser, PGM (177) Chairman)

All business referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee has been dealt with at this Grand Session.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Sheri and Kathleen and Brother Frank, as members of this committee you work hard all year to ensure that our Chapter Bylaws are in proper order. Thank you very much for the countless hours you spend making sure that we are top notch and in order.

This Grand Chapter Week was a success due to the hard work of our General Chairman and all of our Grand Chapter Week Committees. Sister Sandy and Brother Dave Jopson, you have faced many challenges as you have worked as Group Chairmen up to this point as General Chairman, and have been afforded the opportunity to work with so many of our talented and dedicated members in making this week a complete success. You have been fabulous. We thank you very much for accepting this mission. You have certainly made this week enjoyable.

We would be pleased to hear your report at this time.

GRAND CHAPTER ACTIVITY WEEK COMMITTEE REPORT

(by Dave Jopson (48) and Sandy Jopson (48) — Co Chairmen)

Sandy: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure and pride that we present all of the Grand Chapter Activities Week Committee Chairmen and their committee members who have worked so hard to make these sessions not only fun, but actually take place. Although some of these committees work throughout the year, and some do most of their actual work at Session, all of them donate their time and talents for the benefit of all who attend Grand Chapter. As General Chairmen, we considered it a privilege to have worked with each of them this past year, and their dedication makes our job much easier.

GRAND CHAPTER WEEK COMMITTEE MEMBERS

General Chairman Grand Chapter Week

Dave & Sandy Jopson (48)

Advisor

Janet Robinson, PGM (348)

Activities

Group 1 - 2008 — David & Kathy Long (345)

Group 2 - 2009 — Wayne & Tina Adams (93)

Group 3 - 2010 — Jerry & Barbara Journeay (115/140)

Group 4 - 2011 — Jay & Debra Learn (205)

Arts and Crafts

George Wheatley (202)

Auditor

Kent Armstrong (348)

Banquets

Melanie Chase (31/342)

Cancer Dressing Gift Wrap

Barbara Woolery (2 11)

Michael Woolery (211/212)

Committee Rooms

Joyce Honerlah (45)

Courtesies to Dignitaries

June Deatherage (547/378) — Chairman

Sandi Sakamoto (117/385) — Co-Chairman

Donna Berry (372/373)

Anna Sue Eldridge (547)

Carole Haggart (642)

Laurie Kerr (123/384)

Dixie Miller (338/619)

Pat Neu (531)

Betty Ozunas (378/547)

Helen Welch (118)

Special Courtesies Committee

Paula Remington, PGM (276) — Chairman

Cal Star News

BJ Kirste (89/200)

Credentials

Standing Committee

Geri Terry (384) — Chairman

Susan Wamsley (515) — Co-Chairman

Darlene Adrian (515)

Sam Camden (292)

Nancy Camden (292)

June Dwyer (109)

Sue Lynn (205)

Sheila Reid (95)

Joan Taylor (231)

Committee

Dixie Batto (189)
Debbie Bernsdorf (384)
Mary Carlson (384)
Toni Rathburn Coburn (57)
Kitty Cryderman (234/384)
Lois Dalton (147/347)
Mary Dixon (82)
Suzanne Gallichio (2)
Sandy Halburian (515)
Marsha Herron (231)
Shirley Hosman (619)
Lorella Kerr (123/384)
Marianne Lomicka (622)
Patricia Lovett (259)
Debbie Lytle (397)
Rosita Miller (3)
Rich Minor (234)
Denise Naylor (300)
Marie O'Neill (3)
Jean Rosewall (110)
Ginny Stevenson (95)
Jackie Thornton (177)
Peggy Tucker (287/300)
Rose Wilfer (339)
Jan Allard (282)
Barbara Layton (390/537)

Karalee Beatie (234/384)
Judi Brady (385/292)
Joyce Cheney (202)
Jackie Cole (31)
Judi Curnow (639)
Pam Davis (622)
Susan Frooman (252)
Jean Godair (639)
Sue Heller (59)
Jean Hopton (292)
Teri Jackson (233)
Dorothy Lo Schiavo (252)
Becky Long (234)
Lorene Luce (212)
Linda Miller (125)
Paula Minor (234)
Kathy Nagel (31)
Marsha Nichols (1/46)
Harriot Peterson (109)
Pat Star (576)
Ruth Tetley (144)
Gay Rita Todd (109)
Monette Vest (339)
Terry Ramos (60)
Vicki Ridenour (282)

Decorations

Terry Gentry (47) — Co-Chairman

Bob Gentry (47) — Co-Chairman

Sandra Abrams (47)
Phyllis Chinn (47)
Barbara Rahl (13)
Denise Robertson (581)
Dennis Smith (581/47)
Gayle Torgersen (47)
Sally Wells (47)

Jo Ann Chinn (47)
Laurella Kerr (123/384)
Jack Rahl (13)
Bill Robertson (581/47)
Sun Smith (581)
John Torgersen (47)
Willis Wells (47)

Drayage

Jerry Sherrill (13/94) — Chairman

Michael Hawley (338/537) — Co-Chairman

Election Board

Linda Kephart (245) — Chairman

Nina Murray (245) — Co-Chairman Diana Davidson (319) — Co-Chairman

Martha Peters (59) — Co-Chairman Jeanne Schultz (319) — Co-Chairman

Peggy Turnage (397) — Co-Chairman

Glenn Jones, PGP (36) — Captain Ray Murphy (417) — Captain

Tom Remington (276) — Captain Lester Schultz (319) — Captain

Alan White (524) — Captain

Alice Austin (28)	Ruth Barron (425)
Dixie Batto (189)	Emma Behymer (144)
Mary Kay Bowser (177)	Jackie Bozeman (62/36)
Gil Buck (397)	Evelyn Buderus (177)
Roni Burmeister (211)	Sandie Butler (211)
Deanna Carr (241)	Grine Carroll (171)
Joyce Cheney (202)	Jim Chormicle, GGCCM (619)
Sharon Chormicle (619)	Michael Cornell, PGP (384)
Norma Cornell (384)	Kitty Coutts (160)
Virginia Fischer (425)	Clarence Green (333/296)
Mary Green (333/296)	Phyllis Green (273/89)
Ila Hammond (241)	Carol Hanna (97)
Aida Heidke (397)	Suzanne Gallicho (2)
Sue Heller (59/189)	Lois Holden (233)
Elle Hoover (524)	Carol Hutchison (107)
Mae Jarman (181)	Jerry Jones (36)
Martha Kauer (602)	Margaret Levin (177)
Sue Lynn (205)	Debbie Lytle (397)
Kenneth Miller (145)	Pat Miller (145)
Joy Murphy (417)	Katie Nielsen (348/358)
DeeDee Price (310)	Kay Quillin (205)
Terry Ramos (60)	Marjorie Rasmussen (417)
Sue Reynoso (428)	Deanna Robinson (245)
Robbie Robinson (245)	Sue Reynoso (428)
Deanna Robinson (245)	Robbie Robinson (245)
Kathie Runcie (31)	Pat Scott (62)
Dennis Smith (581/47)	Ruth Smith (524)
Sun Smith (581/47)	Louise Taylor (245)
Elsa Templin (78/632)	Jackie Thornton (177/103)
Jean Tozer (1)	Debra Watts (602)
Sally Wells (47)	Geri West (384)
Barbara Wiedenhoef (14)	Chuck Wiest (485)
Virginia Wiest (485)	John Williams (47)
Deborah Winn (347)	Jayne Woods (360)
Jimmie Woods (360)	JoAnne Wright (177)

Entertainment

J D Hammett (21) — Chairman
Sarilyn Stine (154/390) — Co-Chairman

Escort/Grand March

Fred Schulenburg (31/342) — Chairman
Jackie Cole (31/342) Leonard Froomin ((252)
Rita Johnson (31/195) Donna Josue (203/213)
Phil Josue (203/213)

Fun Night

Deborah Winn (347) — Chairman

Grand Guards

Royce Ford (128) — Captain
Walt Kennedy (345) — Co-Captain
Joe Fischer (425) George Graham (162)
John Jansen (397) Art Laing (537)
Bill Miller (125) Joe Morrow (352)
Dale Naylor (300) Ed Nelson (485)
Bill Netemeyer (181) Dave Smith (637)
Edward L. Sutton (78) Raymond Weldon (181)

Grand Guardettes

Frieda Borley (397) JoAnn Berglund (174)
Louise Berglund (72) Ramona Davis (126)
Marguerite Gilbert (449) Aneth Harris (397)
Kate Iverson (643) Florajansen (397)
Beth Wendling (397)

Grand Inner Guards

Kim Wattles (3) — Captain
Jo Ann Chinn (47) — Co-Captain
Bobbie Allen (287) Maggie Baum (164)
Kathi Brant (242) Robbi Bryant (163)
Carole Burke-Jorgensen (327) Kaye Burns (3)
Jan Butler (143) Lynn Carter (524)
Zoe Chambers (14) Fran Clark (62)
Gail Clark (391) Cynthia Dawson (62)
Mary Dixon (82) Annapegg Eckroth (327/537)
Linda Frost (3) Brenda Hansen (639)
Carolyn Manry (203) Linda Mason (338/602)
Peg McElroy (549/161) Dolores McKendry (3)
Rosita Miller (3) Nan Nelson (485)
Janice Paull (31) Peggy Salm (60/28)
Debbie Sanborn (93) Connie Snow (390/287)
Suzi Siemar (332) Pat Westernmen (189)

Grand Choir

2007 Singing Stars

Shirley Hicks (233) — Chairman

Ruth Wahpecome (358) — Co-Chairman

Karen Batagglia (233)	Gene Bassett (581)
Jeanette Callis (551)	Leona Reif (45)
Peggy Salm (60/28)	Jean Sampson (36)
Jerry Sherrill (13/94)	Pat Stokes (428)
Edna Taylor (107)	Marilyn Tremblay (96)
Dorothy Wheeler (233)	June Close (345)
Sylvia Colanter (76)	Kathryn Cole (338)
Bonnie Coombs (260)	Dottie Cronin (260)
Melissa Cronin (260)	Richard Darrow (171)
Mary Davis (233)	Barbara Dove (642)
Marilyn Dupray (233)	Vicki Fisher (327)
Barbara Gilmore (233)	Ken Harris (215)
Shirley Harris (215)	Ted Harris (292)
Sherel Harris (292)	Betty Jane Hooven (143)
Terri Jackson (563)	Phil Josue (203)
Darrene Kalinin (233)	Laurie Kneeland (82)
Mary Ann Kenyon (632)	Carole Koch (76)
Margaret Kraisinger (344/20)	Edith Mc Clintock (327)
Bob McElroy (549/161)	Peg McElroy (549/161)
Cindy Murphy (76/57)	Betty Ruth McFaden (358)
Carol Morran (643)	Janice Parker (529)
Judy Parker (529)	Wanda Preuss (390)
Dean Ragsdale (335)	Jerry Davis (219)
Jean Hopton (292)	Peg Bogard (259)
June Hoerler (28)	Micheal Burror (72)
Wendy Wooten (547)	

Grand Pages

To the Worthy Grand Matron

Cynthia Smiley (128) — Chairman

Joan Kempf (128)	Jack Kempf (128)
Marlene Larsen (128)	Claudia Unger (128)
Margaret Wolford (342/31)	Melanie Chase (342/41)
Maria Richter-Miller (342)	Patty Sue Ghazanfari (203)
Virginia Levertton (342)	Ken Levertton (342)
Marilyn Travis (128)	

To the Worthy Grand Patron

Bob Francis (547) — Co-Chairman

Bruce Johanson (547)	Gerald Flagg (547)
Peggy Flagg (547)	Donna Park (547)

	<i>To the Associate Grand Matron</i>	
Margaret Aldershof (21)		Margaret Gaston (21)
	<i>To the Associate Grand Patron</i>	
Janice Lund (59)		Rene Bassett (59)
<i>To the Grand Secretary</i>		Carole Gaston (21)
<i>To the Grand Treasurer</i>		Gloria Leger (524)
<i>To the Grand Conductress</i>		Josette Losurdo (557)
<i>To the Associate Grand Conductress</i>		Ruth Wick (556)
<i>To the Grand Chaplain</i>		Eleanor Riccardi (380)
<i>To the Grand Marshal</i>		Al Weisser (177)
<i>To the Grand Organist</i>		JD Hammett (21)
<i>To the Grand Adah</i>		Connie Manuto (31)
<i>To the Grand Ruth</i>		Kitty Frisbie (161)
<i>To the Grand Esther</i>		Teri Parks (197)
<i>To the Grand Martha</i>		Sue Haverkamp (358)
<i>To the Grand Electa</i>		Julie Jones (296)
<i>To the Grand Warder</i>		Vickie Diem (622)
		Pam Davis (622)
<i>To the Grand Sentinel</i>		Jennifer Ross (138)

Health and Personal Services

	Lynda Wing (213) — Chairman	
Jerry Chandler (642)		Sandra Cochran (106)

Housing

Marlene Larsen (128) — Chairman
June Dwyer (109) — Co-Chairman

Installation of 2008 Grand Officers

Sue White, GGCCM - Youth (287/524)

Kick-Off Lunch

Sarah Neff (360) — Chairman

Lost and Found

Sandy Butler (211) — Chairman

Masonic Family Honor Session

Denise Armstrong (348) — Co-Chairman
Kent Armstrong (348) — Co-Chairman

Necrology/Devine Services

	Kathe Larick (96/358) — Chairman	
Leonard Froomin (252)		Sue White (287/524)

Parliamentarian

Richard Mullard (147) — Chairman
Alyson Grant (96/358) — Co-Chairman

Pictures

Kathy Randall (631/385)

Programs Grand Chapter Week

Rich & Yvonne Clinton (250) — Chairmen

Tricia Stewart (17/23)

Publicity

Nellis Johnson (125/391)

Safety Coordinator

Jerry Chandler (642) — Chairman

Secretarial Services

Secretary to the General Chairman

Jan McPherson (428)

Legislative Committee

Susie Thornton (21)

Set-up Grand Chapter Floor Auditorium

David and Valmarie Duncan (90) — Chairmen

Dave and Ann Smith (637) — Co-Chairmen

Bob Davis (555)

Becky Davis (555)

John Dawson (62)

Bob Creager (358)

Signs

Gwen Quinton (125)

Sound and Lighting

Harry & Sharon Hardwick (161/103) — Chairmen

Special Duties

Francis Bishop, Jr. (46/252) — Chairman

Rosie Hooten (125)

Bill Miller (125)

Linda Miller (125)

Cynthia Young (581)

Robert Young (581)

Transportation

Jenny Buford (524) — Chairman

George Cronin, II (260) — Co-Chairman

Vendor Coordinator

Jay Learn (205) — Chairman

Todd Williams (273/46) — Co-Chairman

Sandy: We want to thank you. These are the people who make Grand Chapter Session happen.

Dave: I have one more thing. We had one special person helping us this week, and that was Janet Jopson, who was our gopher this week, and we couldn't have made it without her.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, every minute of strategizing and planning and worrying has paid off. You made everything appear effortless. Thank you so much for all the work that you have done.

Sandy: To make a Grand Chapter Session take place, planning and the initial work starts well before the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are actually installed. The General Chairmen work closely with the future Worthy Grand Matron as she progresses up the Grand Line, and they start making note after note during the sessions that take place prior to their year as General Chairman.

We also need to thank Sister Janet Robinson, PGM, Advisor, for helping us work through the many questions and problems that came up along the way.

Working relationships with the Grand Secretary's office and the many standing committees of Grand Chapter soon develop and assist the General Chairmen in the performance of their duties. To each of these groups, and the General Chairmen who served before us and took us under their wing, we extend to you a hearty thank you.

Dave: A special thank you needs to be made to the Secretary of the General Chairmen, Jan McPherson. She has been an absolute godsend to us, taking care of all the meeting minutes, putting together and distributing our Gracie's Gazette newsletter, and offering her help wherever we need it. Jan, thank you so much for all of your help. It was indeed comforting to know that we could always count on you.

To the Group Chairmen, Dave and Kathy Long, Wayne and Tina Adams, Art and Barbara Weiss, and Jay and Debra Learn, thank you for your support and cooperation throughout the year. We wish each of you well as you travel up the line with your Grand Line Officer to become General Chairman. Our Auditor, Kent Armstrong, has been a wealth of knowledge for us, as he also served as Auditor in 2003. Thank you, Kent, for your support and help.

An often forgotten and taken for granted part of our Eastern Star family is the "Cal Star News" and its Editor, Bj Kirste. For many years, "Bj and the News" has kept us informed of the goings and comings of California Chapters and Members, and published necessary information about sessions. We love you Bj, and thank you for all that you do for "Cal Star News" and Eastern Star itself.

Sandy: Sister Karen, Worthy Grand Matron, where should we start?

Little did we know that that fateful day at the 2002 Session when you asked us to be your General Chairman, that so many wonderful events would enter our lives. The first wonderful event was finding out how little we knew about the inner workings of Grand Chapter. That led to thousands of questions, hundreds of emails, and burning the midnight oil to learn what we needed to know.

The next wonderful event was putting together our budget. This was really wonderful, in that it took going over the budget from the previous five years, tracking the attendance and overall membership decline percentages, and finally coming up with a budget that could be sent for approval.

The final wonderful event actually was wonderful. It was during your year as Grand Conductress when you announced your choice for Associate Grand Patron. We were so thrilled that Brother Skip agreed to serve with you, that we shifted into a higher gear, and became more determined than ever.

We hope that our efforts have met with your approval, and we want to say thank you for asking us to serve as your General Chairmen.

Dave: And last but not least, a huge thank you needs to be extended to all of you for attending the 2007 sessions of the Grand Chapter, because it really is all about you.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: You have done an amazing job pulling this together. It is always a challenge when you go to a different venue that we haven't used on a regular basis; you have done a beautiful job and incorporated all of the ideas and innovations that Sister Janet and I have talked about for many years. Thank you very much.

This morning, we are pleased to have back with us Sister Nellis Johnson and Donna Bell Ostrom, who will be performing.

Musical Selections . . . "Hello Dolly"

"Is It True What They Say About Dixie"

"I Ain't Misbehavin'"

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so much. And Sister Mary, thank you very much for accompanying her.

We have a very special announcement that came in yesterday. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Jurisdiction of New York called and indicated that yesterday morning they had a breakfast and collected \$7,000 to be contributed to our Disaster Fund for the victims of our Southern California fires.

Worthy Grand Patron, do you have announcements?

(The Worthy Grand Patron made announcements.)

FAREWELL ADDRESS

(by Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron)

Sisters and Brothers, as I stand before you this morning, my heart is filled with gratitude. I thank you, the Members, for the honor and privilege of serving as your Worthy Grand Matron. Each of you has truly touched my life, and for that I am very grateful.

Our single and most important goal this year was simply to live the vision of our Order, share with our members in demonstrating mutual respect for one another, to become more visible in our communities through unselfish acts of service, and to be innovative in our programs to engage our members and appeal to prospective members, all while working cohesively with our Masonic Family.

This journey afforded me the opportunity to visit Chapters throughout our beautiful state, a unique opportunity to listen to our Members and to understand and share ideas about how our Order may be strengthened for the benefit of all. We implemented new ideas and included our communities in the activities of our Order, which have historically been hidden within our Chapter walls. I thank the members of California for being open to new ideas, and for realizing that while implementing change may present challenges, it is necessary for the future of our Order.

So many of you are responsible for making this year a success. I am very appreciative of the support demonstrated by our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Loyal, and many of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. To those Distinguished Members who supported our vision this year, I thank you for your encouragement and assistance.

Our Appointive Grand Officers and their escorts have served with enthusiasm and a genuine love for our Members. I am so very proud of each of you, and thank you for the service that you have given our Order. We will forever be the 2007 Grand Family, and we will share this very special bond through the years, which will only grow stronger. I love you very much.

Our Elective Grand Officers, you hold the future of our Order in your hands. Guard it well. Take advantage of every opportunity to make a positive difference, and never take for granted the trust our Members have instilled in you. You have my support.

Deputy Grand Matrons, I thank you for your service. You have taught with kindness, compassion and humor, and I thank you. The bond of friendship we have established this year will be strengthened in every passing year. You have truly represented me well.

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, I commend you on the service you have rendered to your respective chapters. You have implemented new ideas and demonstrated strong leadership. Thank you for your support and friendship.

To Sister Collette and Brother Gary Gole, thank you for all that you have done to support this 2007 Year of Service. We have shared so many ideas and plans with each other over the years. Much of my personal success this year has been because of the pact we have made to work together to benefit our Order. You are truly family.

Sisters Janet Robinson, Sheri Weisser and Kathleen McDonald, I am so proud to be associated with women of your caliber. Thank you for your constant support, guidance and friendship. We are truly part of an amazing dynasty.

Brother Skip and Sister Linda, thank you so very much for serving with me. You have endeared yourselves to our Members through your humor and dedication. You are true friends. Thank you for always being there for me, and for this fabulous Grand Family.

To my Golden Oak and Manzanita Chapters, thank you for your love and encouragement. You are wonderful friends who have been a tremendous support to John and me. I look forward to returning home.

To my wonderful Peninsula San Francisco Association, the bond of friendship we share is dear to my heart. You have supported us in everything we have attempted to accomplish. You are wonderful. Thank you.

To my wonderful John, you are the world to me. Thank you for taking this journey with me. I love you very much, and I am looking forward to our time together. I love you.

Sisters and Brothers, I have attempted to serve our Order with Loyalty, Compassion and Vision. With your support we have made a difference in our communities and have positively impacted our Order. I sincerely thank the members of California for the distinct honor of serving as your Worthy Grand Matron. It has truly been a gift that I will treasure for a lifetime.

Farewell.

Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

FAREWELL ADDRESS

(by David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron)

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Karen Fletcher, my congratulations on a very special “Envisioning a Bright Future” Session. Your insight on what the future of our Order should be has always been inspired. You have served the Members with love, and definitely with laughter. Each Worthy Grand Matron is special — and maybe I’m just a bit prejudiced — but to me, you put the Grand in the Worthy Grand Matron.

I don't know if there are enough words to describe what an honor it has been to serve as the Worthy Grand Patron of such a dynamic jurisdiction. As I accepted the obligation taken at our altar a year ago, I asked God to do everything I could to the benefit of our Order.

To those that have supported us, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Deputies, and especially the Members, you were the support group that made our job easy, and I can never thank you enough for that.

With the sip of that first martini two years ago, the travel began. The cars were fueled, the race track was smooth, and now they are in the Winner's circle. The bottom of the glass is empty and the cars are out of fuel, but what a fine race we ran, and what a wonderful journey it has been. It's one that Linda and I will never forget.

Our watchwords this year: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, should be the foundation of our dealings with others. Through Temperance comes self restraint in our conduct. Through Fortitude comes the strength of mind to counter adversity with courage. Prudence reminds us to be constant in our conduct, always using sound judgment. And Justice reminds us to always be fair, to uphold what is right. What wonderful words to lead us to a brighter future in our Chapters, our Order, and all that we strive to do.

Sisters and Brothers, thank you for a wonderful 2007, and I wish you much success in the years to follow. And remember, you are the driving force that will impact the future of our Order.

Farewell.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: We will now close this session of our Grand Chapter. Immediately following the close, there will be a Recessional Ceremony. We would appreciate it, if you would please remain in your seats and share that experience with us.

Let us unite in singing our Closing Ode.

CLOSING ODE

*May the good Lord bless and keep you,
Whether near or far away.
May you find that long awaited golden day today.
May your troubles all be small ones,
And your fortune ten times ten,
May the good Lord bless and keep you,
'Till we meet again.*

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Grand Chaplain, lead our devotions.

PRAYER

(by Bert Ferris, Grand Chaplain)

Eternal God, our labors are complete and we ask that, as we return to our respective places of abode, you will send us with memories that will bring happiness to our hearts and smiles to our lips, until we meet again.

Give us the wisdom to always know the right, the courage to accept it, and the strength to do it. Make it so, Almighty God, that our successes may be reflected in the welfare and happiness of others, and to Thee we shall ascribe all honor and glory. Amen.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

(Grand Conductress attended the altar.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Saturday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 1:00 p.m. for our Masonic Family Honor Session.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 11:00 a.m.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Please remain in your seats as we prepare for our recessional.

RECESSIONAL

(Narrated by Janet Robinson, Past Grand Matron)

They have served this year with laughter and love, guided all by
the Lord above, blessed by our member's true loyalty and our
lessons of fidelity. Though they now may shed a tear, it truly has
been a wonderful year.

Their badges they now lay to rest, trusting that they have done the best.

The Crossed Swords brought Security.

The Peaceful Dove for Harmony.

Electa's Cup of Hospitality.

Martha's Column, Hope of Immortality.

The Crown and Scepter for Loyalty.

The Golden Sheaf of Constancy.

The Sword and Veil, a vow obeyed.

The Lyre for sweet music plays.

The Crossed Batons for Courtesy.

The open Bible, God's Word to see.

The Baton means Leadership that's fair.

The Scroll and Baton, plans made with care.

The Crossed Keys to keep our funds securely.

The Crossed Pens for records that will endure.
The Star within the Star, the Divine Guidance does show.
The Effulgent Sun, to make our Principles glow.
The Square and Compasses for cherished ties.
The Gavel, where careful authority lies.
At the altar they received them. At the altar they now leave them.
May this year's heritage ever reflect duties performed with love and respect.

You Grand Officers are now a family. You were brought together by two very special people who saw in you unique and special qualities that they admired. They thought enough of you to ask you to join them as they were about to embark on a road trip that would take almost a year to complete. Yes, you were unique, but soon you would be brought together as a group to form a family, a family that would forever be known as the 2007 Grand Family of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

You have worked hard. You have played hard. And now it is time to rest. As one by one you leave this Grand East for the very last time, you will be met by those who have gone before you. Embrace them as you begin this new journey. It is time for a well-deserved rest.

So although you bid each other farewell, we know that though your eyes may fill with tears and sadness may overwhelm you, that you may be comforted by the words of your Worthy Grand Matron she instilled all year, "Keep the Laughter Within Your Heart."

Farewell.

"Friends"

(Video presentation.)

(Midday Recess.)

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“ENVISIONING A BRIGHT FUTURE” SESSION

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 27, 2007

MASONIC FAMILY HONOR SESSION

12:30 p.m.

Musical Prelude

Eric Throne, PP (117/428)

Entrance of American Flag

Josh A. Alvarez-Mapp, Master Councilor
Northern California DeMolay Association

Entrance of Youth Order Flags

DeMolay — Jeremy Spurley, Jurisdiction Master Councilor,
Southern California Jurisdiction, Order of DeMolay

Job's Daughters — Coral Osip (51)

Past Honored Queen, Miss California Job's Daughter

Rainbow — Sarah Daniel,

Grand Executive Committee and Rainbow Banner Bearer,
Grand Representative to Canada, New Hampshire and Vermont

Entrance:

Kent and Denise Armstrong, Chairmen

Denise Armstrong (348) Co-Chairman: As your tour guide, I welcome all of you aboard the Eastern Star Express. Kent and I would like to thank Worthy Grand Matron Karen and Worthy Grand Patron Skip for allowing us to take you on this special train ride today. Our journey today will take us to a Bright Future with stops along the way at Job's Junction, DeMolay Depot and Rainbow Ravine. Along this journey, we will meet future leaders of our wonderful organizations.

Kent Armstrong (348) Co-Chairman: I will be your conductor for the train ride. Your tickets were collected as you entered the train station. We thank you for your contributions that will help our future leaders make this world a better place in which to live. Our train may be going through some long, dark tunnels. As soon as the room is dark, we ask that you shine your flashlights so no one trips and falls or injures themselves. Now, sit back and enjoy the scenery. All aboard!

Denise Armstrong (348) Co-Chairman: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Host to the East.

Escort: Most Worshipful R. Stephen Doan, Past Grand Master

Kent Armstrong (348) Co-Chairman: It is my honor to present the Most Worshipful R. Stephen Doan, Past Patron of Ocean Park No. 245, Santa Monica, and Past Grand Master of Masons in California, our host for this afternoon's Session.

Most Worshipful R. Stephen Doan: I have the pleasure to present Denise Armstrong, Past Matron, and Kent Armstrong, Past Patron, Joaquin Chapter No. 348, Tracy, our chairpersons for this Masonic Family Honor Session.

Denise Armstrong (348) Co-Chairman: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Chairman of the Liaison to Youth Groups and the Liaisons to the Masonic Youth Groups to the East.

Escort of Liaisons to Youth Groups:

Chairman — Vickie Diem, PM (622)

Rainbow — Theresa Markert, WM (178)

Job's Daughters — Tamra Elaine Keen, PM (135)

DeMolay — Paul Lacroix, WP (346)

Denise Armstrong (348) Co-Chairman: I have the pleasure to present Vickie Diem, Chairman of the Liaison to Youth Groups.

Sister Vickie, we would be pleased to have you introduce the Liaisons.

Vicki Diem (622) Liaison Chairman: It is with pleasure that I present the Liaisons.

Liaison to Rainbow for Girls, Theresa Markert, Worthy Matron, Vista Cerrito No. 178, Oakland.

Liaison to Job's Daughters, Tamra Keen, Associate Matron, Semper Fidelis No. 135, Livermore.

Liaison to DeMolay, Paul Lacroix, Worthy Patron, Upland No. 346.

Kent Armstrong (348) Co-Chairman: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our super sleuths, our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron to the Parlour Car in the East.

Escort: Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron

David "Skip" Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron

Kent Armstrong (348) Co-Chairman: Sisters, Brothers, our Masonic Family and friends, I have the honor to present Sister Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother David "Skip" Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. Members will join in extending the Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Would the Grand Officers of Eastern Star, Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Representatives please stand for recognition.

It is an honor to welcome our Masonic Family to our “Envisioning a Bright Future” Masonic Family Honor Session this afternoon. Many of us began our Masonic lives in one of our youth groups, and many of us share membership in the many Concordant and Appendant bodies represented here today. Thank you for your attendance and for sharing the afternoon with us, as we solve a real “Whodunnit” on the Eastern Star Express.

Brother Steve Doan, our Past Grand Master, we would be pleased to have your Address of Welcome at this time.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(by Most Worshipful R. Stephen Doan, PP)

Our Worthy Grand Matron has selected Murder Mystery as the theme for this afternoon’s program. Why are mysteries popular? A primary reason to tune into a TV mystery is to figure out whodunnit. A dastardly deed has been committed, and you try to piece together the clues to guess the culprit, at least before the actors can.

While I come from a Masonic family, I did not join the Masonic family until I was initiated into DeMolay in the 1960s. When I joined DeMolay, there were ten Chapters in our League, which stretched from downtown Los Angeles to the beach, from the Santa Monica Mountains to LAX. Now, there is only one DeMolay Chapter in the same area. Whodunnit? Since I joined DeMolay, the number of California Master Masons and the number of California Eastern Star members has dropped by 75 percent. Whodunnit? Who’s the culprit?

Robert Putnam, the author of “Bowling Alone”, has done many surveys to explain why volunteer organizations have had a drop in membership and found four major culprits: Television, two wage earner households, longer working hours and longer commutes to work. According to Putnam, Masonic membership is down because people do not have the time anymore.

The George Gallop polling organization has been sampling people’s attitudes for decades. One startling result has been the drop by about one half over the last fifty years in the number of people who say that they are joiners. According to Gallop, Masonic membership is down because people don’t want to join anymore.

A recent “Newsweek” article observes the obvious: America has a no accountability culture. As the late comic Flip Wilson used to say through his character Geraldine — and by the way, Flip Wilson was a Mason — “The Devil made me do it.” We live in a society where someone else, parents, school, bad neighborhood, are the excuses why people are not expected to take personal responsibility for their actions. According to this theory, Masonic membership is down because the personal responsibility and ethical teachings of our Masonic Family are no longer popular.

So, we have analyzed the culprits, and we think we know the answers, right? But, just when you think you have found the culprit, what happens in a TV mystery? Yes, the screenwriter throws you a plot twist: new facts which make you realize that you have guessed the wrong culprit.

Our California Masonic Lodges have now had eight straight years in a row with more degrees conferred than in each of the prior years. We had more California Master Masons raised last year per Lodge than at any time since 1983. Grand Lodge trains its Lodge leaders at the Wardens Retreats. It is heartening to see the many young men and their wives in attendance who are enthusiastic about Masonry and its teachings. Our Lodges are starting to turn the corner, so why are we not seeing the same turnaround in our Eastern Star Chapters and other Masonic organizations? Whodunnit? What is the culprit this time?

With whodunnit and plot twists, there is also a third element in a TV mystery: Cliffhangers. When the show has you on the edge of your seat, the program is over for that week, and you must tune in next time to find the answer. I have some answers for why Masonic Lodges have turned the corner and what our Masonic organizations need to do to achieve a similar result. However, I am not going to tell you these answers today. You must attend one of Sister Collette's IMPACT programs, at which I am speaking, to learn more. Come to the IMPACT program and learn how you can hitch your Masonic wagon to a rising star.

By the way, my assignment this afternoon was to welcome you. So, welcome to the 2007 Grand Chapter Masonic Family Honor Session. I hope that you leave here today both entertained and with something useful which you did not know before.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Steve, how appropriate it was to have you serve as the Host for our Masonic Family Honor Session. Your support this year has been comforting. Whether it was supporting our IMPACT sessions, Official Visits, Receptions or working on our Jurisprudence Committee, your presence and input has always been appreciated. You and Donna are wonderful friends. Thank you for welcoming our Masonic Family to this special and exciting session.

Worthy Grand Patron, may we have your remarks?

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: Brother Stephen Doan, better known to many as "R", having you as Host for our Masonic Family Honor Session is indeed a pleasure. The theme "Murder on the Eastern Star Express" reminds us that everyone enjoys a good mystery. However, your leadership to our Masonic family has never been a mystery. The outstanding way you instructed our membership on the history of our Order during our IMPACT Sessions is still being talked about. Your knowledge, humor and support have made this year very special. Once again, I thank you for hosting this Afternoon Session.

(Lights out and a scream. The Associate Grand Matron is taken out in a wheelchair)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Saturday Afternoon Session called from refreshment to labor.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 1:20 p.m.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Denise and Brother Kent, thank you so very much for serving as Chairmen of our Masonic Family Honor Session. Your ties to our Masonic Family are extensive and we appreciate your efforts in making this a memorable afternoon. You have done a wonderful job not giving away any important clues to the mystery.

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: Denise and Kent, I know how many hours you have spent getting ready for this Session, and “Thank you” doesn’t seem to be enough, but I do thank you and appreciate all that you do for our Order.

(Lights out, “gunshot” and a scream. The Associate Grand Patron is “carried” out.)

Kent Armstrong (348) Co-Chairman: We wish to express our appreciation to the members of our Masonic Youth Groups who participated in the presentation of the flags.

Al “Holmes” Weisser: I have been called from 221 B Baker Street in London, England to help solve this mystery. Who would have used a brass candlestick? Could it have been Mrs. Barbara Scott and Mr. JD Hammett, trying to rise to the top of the organization as quickly as they can? To me, it’s elementary, my dear Fletcher. Please ponder on this clue for a moment or two.

Denise Armstrong (348) Co-Chairman: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Grand Master of Masons and his wife, Judi, to the East.

Escort by Masonic Honor Guard:

Most Worshipful Richard Wakefield Hopper

Grand Master of Masons in California

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: Sisters, Brothers, Masonic Family members and friends, we have the honor to present the Most Worshipful Richard Wakefield Hopper, Grand Master of Masons in California, and his wife, Judi.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Tamra, would you introduce our next guest, please.

Tamra Elaine Keen, Job’s Daughters Liaison: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, Brothers and guests, I'm so excited that I get to introduce this very talented and accomplished young lady, Coral Osip, our Miss California Job's Daughter 2007-2008. She attends Mt. Lassen Community College and has aspirations of becoming a pharmacist. Coral has been a member of Job's Daughters for five years, and is a Past Honored Queen of her Bethel No. 46, in Susanville.

Now, this is the really cool part. In September, she became a member of Five Star Chapter. Since it took her nine hours to get here, she and her mom may be in the running for the members who traveled the furthest within the state to be here.

Coral has many talents, some of which are playing the flute and French horn, and volleyball.

Now, there's no secret about the fact that I think all Job's Daughters are exceptional young women. Okay, so I might be a little biased. But, Sisters and Brothers, in a moment it will be no mystery to you that Coral truly is one of the best of the best. In order to become Miss California Job's Daughter, she participated in a pageant at Grand Bethel last June where she was judged the all around best ritualist, the most poised public speaker, and the most knowledgeable about the Constitution and Laws. That section alone required her to take an one hundred question, fill in the blank test about California Job's Daughters law. In addition, when she competed at the Miss International Pageant, she was tested on the International law, as well. The two books combined, are about this big. That's a lot of studying and a lot of dedication, particularly when the pageant comes only weeks after you graduated from high school.

It is now my great pleasure to introduce the first Miss California Job's Daughter to address this Grand Chapter, Sister Coral Osip, Miss California Job's Daughter 2007 2008.

Coral Osip, Miss California Job's Daughter: I have shared a constant dream with everyone I meet. You too, can make a difference. You too, can make your dreams come true, and you too can make it a great day.

It expresses that anyone could be what he or she wants to be, if they try hard enough. Great days aren't always handed to you, but you can make the best out of any situation. For me, earning the title of Miss California Job's Daughter has been the dream of mine for many years. My first Grand Bethel, I saw the beautiful girls and their beautiful dresses, and I knew I wanted to be one of them. In June 2006, I tried for the title of Miss California Job's Daughter. I received first runner up, but I was not discouraged. I worked harder to learn the ritual and bylaws. I practiced my memorization of the Initiation work, and I exercised my public speaking abilities. On June 21st, 2007 I earned my title.

I then understood my responsibilities as Miss California Job's Daughter. It was my responsibility to promote the beautiful Order of Job's Daughters, to be the liaison of the adults of our organization, and to strengthen the relationships between the adult Masonic organizations and the Masonic youth. This year, I was very excited to attend my very first Grand Lodge. It was quite an experience. And you know what I saw? Most of the DeMolay present were Masons. And a lot of the Masons were DeMolay when they were young men. This was very powerful to me. To know that in 10 to 15 years, the current DeMolay would be Masons, and that their children would be DeMolay, Rainbow Girls or, of course, Job's Daughters.

After only five years of being in Job's Daughters, I turned 18. Last month, I was initiated into Eastern Star and I am looking forward to receiving my 50 year membership pin eventually.

The cycle can be everlasting. During my initiation, I noticed that most of the floor officers were either Majority Members or Job's Daughters Council members. We just need to keep an open door for the relationships between the adults and the youth.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to present you with a Miss California Job's Daughter pin. I would like to give my best wishes to the incoming Grand Officers. Remember, You too can envision a bright future. You too can make a difference, and you too can make it a great day.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Coral, I had the very distinct privilege of being present at your Grand Bethel Session and participated in the pageant to crown you Miss California Job's Daughter. I was so impressed with you then, and I am even more impressed with you today. You have developed all of the skills that you have strived to develop. You are one fantastic young person, and I congratulate you, and I am certainly proud that you are a member of our Order.

Coral Osip, Miss California Job's Daughter: Thank you.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Grand Lodge Officers to the East.

Escort: Grand Lodge Officers

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Our Most Worshipful Grand Master, it would be our honor if you would introduce your Grand Lodge Officers.

Most Worshipful Richard Wakefield Hopper: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. It is my privilege to introduce to you this afternoon a number of the Grand Family from the Grand Lodge of California serving in this 2008 Masonic year.

From Fresno, a member of Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 the Grand Organist, Worshipful Christopher Morris.

From Meadow Vista, Past Master of Eureka Lodge No. 16, the Grand Pursuivant, the Worshipful Patrick Plunkett and his wife Sharon is in the audience.

From Galt, a Past Master of Riverside Lodge No. 635, the Junior Grand Steward, the Worshipful Ricky L. Lawler, and his wife, Patty.

From Riverside, a Past Master of Riverside lodge No. 635, the Senior Grand Steward, the Worshipful John Lawler, and his wife, Karen.

From Santa Cruz, a Past Master of Mt. Maria Lodge No. 292, the Grand Sword Bearer, the Worshipful Bill Link.

From Glendale, a Past Master of Wisdom Lodge No. 202, the Grand Standard Bearer, the Worshipful Gerard Shirikjian.

From Fresno, a Past Master of Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge No. 366, the Grand Marshal, the Worshipful Cub Jack and his wife, Joan.

From Huntington Beach, a Past Master of Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge No. 273, the Assistant Grand Lecturer of Division IV the Worshipful Douglas Eichen and his wife, Diana.

From San Jose, a Past Master of Mt. Maria Lodge No. 292, the Assistant Grand Lecturer of Division 1, the Worshipful Bud Ramsey and his wife, Susan, one of your Deputy Grand Matrons.

From Newberry Park, a Past Master of Canejo Valley Lodge No. 807, the Grand Chaplain, the Worshipful Arthur Wise, and his wife, Barbara.

From Chatsworth, Past Master of North Hollywood Lodge No. 542, the Junior Grand Warden, the Right Worshipful William J. Bray, III, and his wife, Linda.

From Santa Clarita, a Past Master of Sunset Lodge No. 369, the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Larry Adamson, and his wife, Lynn.

It is also my honor and always my pleasure to introduce you the first lady of Masonry in California, my wife, Judy.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so much. Aren't they wonderful? Please show them how much we appreciate them.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Past Grand Masters to the east.

Escort: Past Grand Masters

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, it is my great honor to present Brothers Vernon Gordon, a Past Grand Master of California and Hawaii, and Charles Alexander, a Past Grand Master of Masons in California.

Please extend a very warm welcome to these distinguished gentlemen.

The escorts to our Past Grand Masters will please rise.

We thank you for your attendance.

We are excited to have some of our promising young detectives with us today, along with their mentors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Youth and Adult Leaders of our Masonic Youth organizations and their Grand Officers to the East.

Escort: Youth and Adult Leaders of Masonic Family Organizations

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and Friends, it gives me a great deal of honor to present our Youth leaders.

Christie Bell, Grand Bethel Honored Queen of the Grand Bethel of California, International Order of Job's Daughters.

Christine, will you please introduce your Grand Bethel Officers.

Christine Bell, Grand Bethel Honored Queen: It is with a lot of love that I introduce Christine Winslow, Grand Bethel Outer Guard, and Past Honored Queen of Bethel No. 328, San Dimas.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Kelly Voss, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in California.

Sister Kelly, would you please introduce your Grand Officers.

Kelly Voss, Grand Worthy Advisor: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

It is with a lot of love I introduce some of the Boogie Woogie Bumblebees of 2008. Starting on my very immediate right, Ms. Leslie Gonzalez, Worthy Associate Advisor, Golden Star.

Robyn Drivere, Hope, Fidelity.

Beth Lawler, Faith, Camellia.

Breanne Gannaway, Nature, Lemon Grove.

Christina Timothy, Patriotism, Manteca.

The following are members of the Grand Executive Committee:

Danica Allen, California Flag Bearer and Grand Representative to Germany, Italy and Michigan, Orange.

Heather McFaden, Christian Flag Bearer and Representative to Florida and Tennessee, Lemon Grove.

Sarah Daniel, Rainbow Flag Bearer and Representative to Canada, New Hampshire and Vermont, from Fremont.

Kira Davis, Lecturer, Natoma.

The following is a member of the “Pot of Gold” staff:

Alex Gibson Circulation Manager and Representative to Oregon and Brazil, Lake.

The following are Grand Representatives:

Brittanie Habberthur, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi, Santa Rosa.

Jessica Bettencourt, Indiana, Kentucky, Victor Valley.

Emily James, Maryland, West Virginia, Santa Cruz.

And Sarah Ingold, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Almond Grove.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Josh Alvarez-Mapp, Jurisdictional Master Councilor for Northern California Jurisdiction Order of the DeMolay, it is wonderful to have you here.

Josh, will you please introduce your officers.

Josh A. Alvarez-Mapp, Master Councilor NCDA: Sure. At this time, on my right, is my Sweetheart for this year, Stephanie Reynolds. She is Past Honored Queen of Danville, Bethel No. 247.

And on my left, is my Senior Councilor Brother Ben Turconi. He is the Master Councilor-elect, also of Northern California.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Jeremy Spurling, Jurisdictional Master Councilor of Southern California Jurisdiction, Order of the DeMolay, will you please introduce your officers.

Jeremy Spurling, Jurisdiction Master Councilor, SCJ: It does give me a great amount of pleasure to introduce Ms. Nicole Parentis, the Southern California Jurisdiction Sweetheart, and Ms. Glenna Peterson, the Southern California Jurisdiction Princess.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Here are our wonderful Adult leaders who serve so many hours with our young folks to make sure that they are given the guidance and support that they deserve.

It is my honor to present Mrs. Lynn Boscosky, Grand Guardian of the State of California, International Order of Job's Daughters, and a member of Chula Vista Chapter.

Mrs. Sara Lee Martin, Supreme Deputy for the State of California, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and a member of Yorba Linda and Josephine Chico Chapters.

Mr. Michael Salazar, Executive Officer for Northern California and Hawaii, Order of the DeMolay, and a member of Semper Fidelis Chapter.

Mr. Richard Jeanson, Executive Officer for Southern California Jurisdiction, Order of the DeMolay, and a Past Patron of Ami Tai Chapter.

And Mr. Raymond Essenger, Associate Grand Guardian of the State of California, International Order of Job's Daughters.

Please help me in welcoming these wonderful people.

We are so very fortunate this afternoon to have some of our Youth leaders and our Adult leaders. At this time, we are very fortunate to have the presentation of the Flower Talk given by Ben Turconi, Junior Councilor of the Northern California Jurisdiction of DeMolay.

DEMOLAY FLOWER TALK

(Presented by Ben Turconi, Junior Councilor, NCDA)

The Flower Talk is one of the most beautiful ceremonies in all of DeMolay ritual work. It is traditionally done after an initiation, and it is given to members who have just joined DeMolay for the first time.

My brothers, you have just been permitted to take upon yourself the name of one of the world's most heroic knightly figures. Now, you can say, "I am a DeMolay." To be deemed worthy of the privilege of entering into the comradeship of that great army of youth, both here and abroad, who have dedicated themselves to the ideals of Jacques DeMolay, demonstrates our confidence that the fineness of your purposes will guide your developing into the highest type of manhood. To be accepted as a DeMolay, is therefore an honor of which any young man may be justly proud.

In being received into our ranks, you have been instructed in the seven cardinal virtues of this great Order. We hope you have been deeply impressed with the lessons they teach. There is no better foundation on which to build your character and future life than the practice of these virtues.

The Order of DeMolay teaches many beautiful lessons, but none is more important than honor and true respect for womanhood and, more especially, for motherhood. It is fitting, therefore, that you have been called upon to stand again before this altar for a few moments of special emphasis upon the virtue, which has been given first place among the jewels that go into the Crown of Youth. Filial Love.

For my purpose now, the altar is dedicated to our mothers, whose love never fails. You may rise to positions of great influence in commercial, political or professional life, but you can never reach the heights of your mother's secret hopes for you. You may sink into the lowest depths of infamy and degradation, but never below the reach of her love. The memory of it will always stir your heart there is no man so completely vial, so entirely base, so utterly low that he does not hold in his heart a shrine, sacred and apart, for the memory of his mother's love.

Were I to draw you a picture of Love Divine, it would not be that of a stately angel with a form that is full of grace, but a tired and toil worn mother, with a grave and tender face. It was your mother who loved you before you were born, who carried you for long months close to her heart and, in the fullness of time, took God's hand in hers and passed through the valley of shadows to give you life.

It was she who cared for you during the helpless years of infancy, and the scarcely less dependant years of childhood. As you have grown less dependent, she has done the countless thoughtful, trouble healing, helpful and encouraging things that somehow only mothers seem to know how to do. You have accepted these attentions more as matters of course, perhaps without conscious gratitude or any expressions of your appreciation.

The ties with which dependency have bound you to your mother may be severed as you grow older. You are rapidly approaching the time in life when you would be entirely independent of her. But that tie of mother love can never be broken.

Thinking back upon the years of your life when you have reached the threshold of manhood, your mother might well say in the words of the poet:

"My body fed your body, son, but birth is a swift thing, compared to one and twenty years of feeding you with spirit's tears. I could not make your mind and soul, but my glad hands have kept you whole. Your groping hands bound me to life with ruthless bands, and all my living became a prayer, while all my days built up a stair for your young feet that trod behind, that you an aspiring way should find. Think you that life can give you pain, which does not stab at me again? Think you that life can give you shame, which does not make my pride go lame? And you can do no evil thing, which sears not me with poison sting."

Because of all that I have done, remember me in life, oh son. Keep that proud body fine and fair. My life is monumented there. For my life, make no woman weep. For my life, hold no woman cheap. And see you give no woman scorn for that dark night when you were born."

The flowers, which you see on our altar, are symbols of that mother love. The white, the love of a mother who has gone; and the red, the mother who still lives to bless your life. Far in the dim recesses of her heart, where all is hushed and still, she keeps a shrine, and 'tis here she kneels in prayer, while from above long shafts of light upon her shine. Her heart is flower fragrant as she prays. Aquiver like a candle flame, each prayer takes wing to bless the world. She works among the love, radiance of the candles there.

We want each of you to choose a flower from this altar. If your mother has passed over to the other shore, you will choose a white flower and keep it always sacred to her memory. May the sight of it always quicken every tender memory of her, and strengthen you anew to be worthy of her hopes and aspirations for you.

If your mother is living, you will choose a red flower, and when you go home tonight, give it to your mother. Tell her it is our recognition of God's best gift to a man, his mother's love. Take her in your arms and say, "Mother, I have learned a great lesson tonight. The ceremonies have helped me realize more fully how much you really mean to me. I'm going to try to show you daily how much I appreciate the sacrifices you have made, and the love and care you give me."

Some day, you will find that flower, I know not where, perhaps in her Bible or prayer book or some other sacred place. A silent witness to what this night has meant to the one whose love for you, her son, is beyond the comprehension of any son.

Each of you will please choose a red or white flower from the altar.

DeMolay can ask no more of you that you shall endeavor so to live as to be worthy of your mother's love. Thank you.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Ben. That is a beautiful ceremony, and every time we witness it we are amazed at what our young people can do. Your rendition was outstanding. Thank you.

Loyal "Columbo" Stark: So there I am, in the middle of my lunch. I'm having pasta faziolo. I'm having lasagne, and I get this call that there's a crime committed and there are two murders. So I got to think. I got to come here and take a look at this, you know. And I listen on the radio in my car, and I can hear my favorite song, "That's Amore."

And you come a here, this nice a place, and nice a poem, but I'm looking . . . I'm — excuse me, Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. Skipworth. Have you . . . have you got an ashtray? Ashtray? Oh, I think I found one. Might not use a that because it is too big. Who would use something like that? Who would have brought something like that to a crime scene? You know, it must have been some older gentleman who likes his smoke. So I gotta keep looking, you know. I got to find something pretty soon, you know.

("Columbo" exits.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: It's scarier all the time, in more ways than one.

Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Distinguished and Honored Members of our Concordant and Appendant Masonic Bodies to the East.

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Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: It is my very great honor to present the leaders of other Masonic orders:

Shirley Dickerson, Queen, Daughters of the Nile, Mokattam Temple,
Los Angeles.

Nora Bryant, Queen, Daughters of the Nile, Menzaleh Temple,
Sacramento.

Maebelle Flannery, Queen, Daughters of the Nile, Sharon Temple.

Joy Scoville, Grand Secretary, Order of the Golden Slipper.

Honored Lady Lynn Olsen, Grand Royal Matron of the Grand
Court of California, Order of the Amaranth.

Honored Lady Judy Harrison, Grand Associate Conductress Grand
Court of California, Order of the Amaranth.

Carolyn Manry, Supreme Second Handmaiden, Supreme Shrine,
the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, and one of my
Worthy Matrons.

Katie Ryland, Supreme Preceptress, Social Order of the Beauceant.

Dewayne Hartman, Chief Rabban, Asiya Shrine, Ancient Accepted
Order of the Noble Mystic Shrine.

Jerrold Wohlfarth, Grand High Priest, California Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons.

Curt Bohannon, First Executive Vice President, California Associa-
tion of High 12 clubs, and a Worthy Patron.

George Tucker, First Vice President, High 12 International.

Paul McElwain, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand
Commandry of the Knights Templar of California.

Fred Parker, President, California Arizona Grotto Association,
Monoarch, Zula Grotto, Ontario, Mystic Order of the Veiled
Prophets of the Enchanted Realm.

and Joe Ryland, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic
Masons, York Rite.

Please help me in extending a very warm welcome to these wonderful leaders.

Each year, our scholarship committee works diligently to evaluate each of the scholarship applications submitted. At this time, Sister Mary Louise Radford, our Chairman, we will be pleased to have your report of the scholarship committee.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

(by Mary Louise Radford (57/524) Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters, Brothers, family and friends, this year the scholarship committee awarded 79 Scholarships. As before, the criteria requested was unweighted 3.00 GPA, and we even received up to a 4.5 GPA.

The Committee was very disappointed that the applicants were required to use the 2006 form on the website. Many e-mails were forwarded from last year's Chair, Janice McPherson as the 2006 application carried her name and e-mail address.

Requests for the 2007 application form were attended to promptly, in a letter explaining the changes required for 2007, and attached to the student's reply e mail. I continued to receive requests for the 2007 application form right up to the March deadline date. The students complied and completed the applications on the computer, mailing it before the deadline date to the Grand Chapter Office. I feel many students just gave up when the appropriate form was not on the website. Students have been using computers for many years, and they are extremely competent in this field.

I thank the Foundation for sending copies of a newly formatted application to two schools. This helped increase the receipt of applications.

Applications were received at the Grand Chapter Office, copied and sent to the five committee members. The committee had approximately five weeks in which to complete the evaluation forms and decision sheets, and return them to the Chairman for use at the workshop in April. Many of the Scholarship Committee members hold down daytime jobs and have about four weeks, using evening and weekends, to complete these tasks.

Trying to decipher hand printed pages, sometimes as many as 15 in a package, makes for a very time consuming task. Computer generated applications are necessary for the committee to complete their assignment timely and efficiently.

I have received 17 cards and 40 e-mails from students thanking the Scholarship Committee for all the efforts made. An example of this type of letter is:

"Thank you very much for the generous scholarship which I received during an Eastern Star meeting in San Francisco. This enables me to continue completing my degree, and encourages me to keep up my grades."

Also received were two letters from staff members at Palomar High School in Chula Vista. The following excerpt is taken from the letter written by the Senior Class Advisor:

“Your scholarship will not only provide the opportunity for students to go on to pursue their academic dreams, it will also inspire other students to make this effort.”

The second letter is from the Scholarship Coordinator:

“You have helped us change the culture of our school. We now offer college prep math and new College Study Skill classes. Now, our students are looking at college as an option that they never previously considered. Two of our previous scholarship winners graduated from college, one from UC Berkeley, and the other from UCSD as a structural engineer.”

You have made a difference, a big difference. Children, or should I say, young adults, are definitely our future and we must not forget this.

The 2007 Scholarship Committee has my sincere appreciation for a job well done.

I would like to introduce the members of this year’s committee: Patti Whitehill, Brenda Hansen Smith, and Brenda Hansen. Unfortunately, Don Neilson is unable to attend today, due to ill health.

I would like to thank the Grand Chapter Office staff, who are always most helpful, and Elizabeth Khars, who made all the copies, collated and mailed them to the Scholarship Committee. I would also like to thank the Foundation for their continuing support. Thank you very much.

Now, I would like to introduce Kira Davis, a member of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, and a three times Worthy Advisor, one of the Chandler Scholarship winners this year.

Kira Davis: Thank you, Mrs. Radford, our Honored East, and all of us who have joined us this afternoon.

Walt Disney once said: “If you can dream it, you can do it.” And college is the perfect place to discover your dreams. Although my dreams have changed once or twice throughout the years, I have always had the dream to graduate from college. The scholarship that I received from the Order of the Eastern Star has helped me start a path to realizing my dreams. I am currently attending California State University Sacramento in the hopes of becoming a high school teacher of math and sociology.

I am extremely thankful for your contribution to my higher education, because it has provided me with the most precious thing in life, that of time. While I do have a part time job, instead of spending all my spare time working, I have been able to focus on my schoolwork, and have been able to make the best of my Grand year with the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

I have been blessed to be born into the Masonic family. Three of my great grandmothers were all members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and my Grammy, who is here today, is still an active member.

The connection I have to the Masonic family has helped me to learn about service and giving to the community. My family's dedication to the Masonic family has interested me to continue to support the generations that follow me in the same way that I have been supported. With that said, I would like to present this petition of membership to the Order of the Eastern Star. But of course, I left it with my Grammy, so it will be turned in eventually.

I would like to thank you again for this scholarship and for helping my dreams come true, and inspiring me to envision a bright future.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: To our scholarship committee, I thank you very much for your dedication in reviewing the applications of so many deserving students. As a recipient of several Masonic scholarships myself, I fully understand the assistance our funds provide in affording students the ability to pursue their educational goals. Thank you very much for that.

And Kira, congratulations on pursuing your education. I know that scholarships are very important, and I wish you well in your endeavors. Thank you.

John "Clouseau" Fletcher: Bon jour. Bon Jour, mon ami and monsieur. I have come all the way from Paree, Indiana, to help you solve this mystery. I have searched the murder place and have found these items: a crown that doesn't fit, a pair of long evening gloves. Hmmmm.

Is there anyone here who could use these items? Aha. I see is a Grand Royal Matron over here, who has a crown and needs a pair of gloves. Could she use these items? Maybe she is trying to take over the organization. We will look into this.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: There's just a few hours left.

We are very delighted to have some special entertainment that we are about to witness from a member of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. We will now have a piano solo from Miss Minna Decker, Worthy Advisor, Heart of the Valley Assembly, Fresno.

Minna Decker . . . Musical Selection

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Minna, you are a very talented young lady, and I thank you very much for sharing your talents and skills with us this afternoon. That was beautiful.

Like our Youth Groups, the Order of the Eastern Star has a service project that they identify for each year, and in 2007 our special project was Relay for Life. The Chairman of our Relay for Life team is Sister Leslie Routt, a Past Matron of Joaquin Chapter in Tracy. I selected Sister Leslie, because of her willingness and experience with the Relay program. For many years she has been involved, and she has been the best cheerleader that this Order has ever seen with regard to this project.

It is my great privilege to present Sister Leslie, so that she may share with you our grand total.

**REPORT ON THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S
SPECIAL PROJECT — "RELAY FOR LIFE"**

(by Leslie Routt, PM (348) Chairman)

Sisters, Brothers, and members of our Masonic Grand Family, 2007 was a year of mystery and intrigue, and just like in the James Bond movies, lots and lots and loss of challenges. Accepting the challenge to organize and execute the 2007 special state service project was not difficult, because I envisioned so many positive results that could be gleaned from the experience.

First, we would be helping to raise funds used to research and educate the avenues of cancer prevention, detection, treatment, cure and rehabilitation.

Second, it was an opportunity for our Chapters to do something visible in the community, letting others know and see we care.

Third, it was an opportunity to ask the assistance of the other Masonic organizations, working together, allowing a strengthening of the Masonic Family bonds we can be proud of.

Fourth, because we would be visibly having fund as a Masonic family, while helping our own communities, we would appear as an interesting group to get to know. The vision of new members was definitely on the horizon.

The first step I took was to contact the American Cancer Society to find out where local relays would be held throughout our state, so that I would be prepared to help those team captains know who to contact on the local level. That phone call resulted in so much more, as the American Cancer Society had not envisioned a nonprofit organization forming a state team. It was unheard of.

Lindsay Dolman became my ACS partner. That's short for American Cancer Society. With her guidance and assistance, California Eastern Star became the first California state team. ACS asked for an estimated commitment. Just 75 chapters participated, with an average of 20 walkers, over 24 hours, raising a \$100 each, thereby earning their relay T-shirt, the to the total could reach \$150,000. Our Worthy Grand Matron Karen Fletcher made that commitment to the American Cancer Society as our 2007 goal. Sounds reasonable, doesn't it?

Our first relay was in Indio, March 3rd, where Coachella Valley Chapter raised \$2,100.

Our second relay from Imperial, team from Imperial Valley Chapter, was the first team to report a total over \$5,000. We were on our way.

The reports kept coming in, with some very interesting twists along the way. In April, Chowchilla Chapter completed their relay, regardless of a torrent of rainfall dropping over three inches on the walkers and washing all but the letter "R" off their state relay sign.

Yorba Linda included a team of residents from our Senior Living Center. The Yorba Linda team and the six chapters that participated with Yorba Linda, made the Yorba Linda relay our top relay for 2007, with a total over \$10,000.

Whether the relay was large or small, it didn't matter. Eastern Star was visible and the members were having fun.

What did we glean? Masonic family teams were formed discovering new ways we could support each other while having fun doing it. One team reported that they learned that mature people should not stay up all night or play midnight madness games. They suggested recruiting some of our young people to be on the teams. It has been reported through the relay teams alone that we gained 16 new Eastern Star members in 2007, the Masonic Lodge gained three new members, and our youth groups gained five new members.

As the figures started to come in, our membership began to realize the potential we had to raise funds for a worthy cause, not by the coins that come out of our own pockets, but by inviting people outside our Chapter walls to join in our desire to make a difference. Goals were set, and many innovative ways were discovered to reach those goals. Yes, you raised the funds in the usual way, but you did so much more. Like the 24 Crop for Life, a scrap booking party held by Castro Valley Chapter, that raised over a thousand dollars.

The Motorcycle Gumball Run sponsored by Madera Chapter that helped their team take home the Relay for Life of Madera's Service Cup Perpetual Trophy. The Old fashioned Car Rally held in District 14 that gleaned over \$2,500.

The 15 minute massages offered for over nine hours by a local massage school that connected with our relay teams at a Relay team for Star of Palmdale and Sunshine chapters at the Palmdale Relay.

Desert Holly Joshua Tree Chapter had an unusual way how to keep track of their laps and race funds and race on site funds, too. Each member donated a penny for each lap they walked. 259.

Our 83 teams relayed in 63 different cities, while spreading the word about Eastern Star. You, the members, are the ones that did this. Can I at this time have everyone who walked in Relay stand up? Thank you.

Karen, Skip, the Grand Officers and I were just your cheerleaders. Thank you, Karen, for asking me to help with this project. This has been an extremely rewarding and awesome experience.

Skip, would you please stand up? It's not all about her today, okay? I would like to present you with a scrapbook that was made by all of the team captains throughout the state, telling you what they did at their relays.

And Karen, you are not going to get forgotten. You have one, too.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so much.

Leslie Routt, Relay for Life Chairman: Karen and Skip, would you like to find out about our not so secret missions?

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I would.

Leslie Routt, Relay for Life Chairman: I would like to invite Nathan MacKusker up here.

Nathan is the Development Manager for the California Division of the American Cancer Society, and today is his 24th birthday.

Can we have a drum roll, please?

Shall I show them first?

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: No.

Leslie Routt, Relay for Life Chairman: I'm going to show them first.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: For those that can't read it, it is \$232,029.58.

Nathan MacKusker: Thank you so much for inviting me. This has been a wonderful experience. I want to thank all the members of the Order of Eastern Star and the Masonic Family for participating in Relay for Life, which gives everyone in the community the opportunity to celebrate those who have gone through the battle, people like me, who have gone through cancer, and it gives them an opportunity to remember those who have lost their battle to cancer. And just as importantly, gives them the opportunity to fight back against cancer, through the programs and services of the American Cancer Society, through education, through advocacy, and one day, hopefully together we can put an end to this disease.

So I thank you all once again, and I look forward to this next year.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: What an amazing accomplishment, Sisters and Brothers. \$232,000 toward cancer research. You should be very, very proud.

Sister Vickie, Chairman of our Liaisons, we would love to have you present the liaisons for each of our youth groups, so that they will introduce their presiding officers.

Vicki Diem (622) Liaison Chairman: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

This year, I have had the pleasure of working with three members who clearly demonstrate a partnership with and a love for our Masonic youth groups. It is certainly no mystery to me, as they have each worked visibly alongside our Youth Orders to help build our future leaders and our future Eastern Star members.

I first met Theresa Markert when her daughter was a Grand Officer in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Theresa's enthusiasm and "can do" attitude, is evident in everything that she does, and this can certainly be seen in how she works with our Rainbow Girls.

Theresa has served as an Advisory Board Member, Mother Advisor, and received the Grand Cross of Color in 2002, which was the same year that her daughter served as a Grand Officer.

Although her daughter has reached her majority, the Markerts continue to work with Rainbow, serving as cooks at Northern Rainbow Camp, helping with the awesome decorations we enjoy every year at Grand Assembly, and in so many other ways.

In addition, Theresa has served Eastern Star in many capacities. She and her husband will be serving in 2009 as the Fiesta Chairmen. And as you can see by her bee costume, she isn't very shy, so it will be easy to find her.

Please welcome Theresa Markert, Liaison to Rainbow, and a member of Vista Cerrito Chapter, who will present our Grand Worthy Advisor.

Theresa Markert, Rainbow Liaison: Yes, I'm not that shy. I'm sorry. But anyway, I have the honor today to introduce our Grand Worthy Advisor. And our Queen Bee, Sarah Lee Martin, Supreme Deputy of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, has certainly appointed quite a busy hive of Boogie Woogie Bumble Bees for 2008. And their head bee, Miss Kelly Marie Voss, Grand Worthy Advisor, is certainly no exception.

Kelly Voss was born on March 28, 1988, in Vallejo, California. She lives in Davis with her mom, Joan, her Daddy-o, Don, brother, Andy, two rat terriers, named Sophie and Brodie, and two cats, named Zoe and Pheobe. She graduated from Davis High School in 2005, and was the president of the French Club and the section editor of her yearbook. She attended Sacramento City College, and will continue there after her Grand year.

She loves France, marine biology, movies and filmmaking. She aspires to be the next Jacques Cousteau, so if you know anyone who is hiring — hmmm, I don't know, Kelly, after this year, don't you think you might like to try entomology instead? Buzzzzzzzzzz.

She likes most music, taking pictures, reading, writing, the colors green, gold, and anything sparkly. Oh, yes, of course, Mickey Mouse and Bumblebees.

Her Masonic career spans across several of our Orders. Miss Voss has been a member of Rainbow for five years, and has been Worthy Advisor of the Woodland Assembly three times. She has been a "Pot of Gold" editorial staff member, and also the Director's Page at Grand Assembly 2007.

She's also been involved in her local DeMolay chapter as Sweetheart for three years. And to our great pleasure, on April 5, 2007, she was initiated into Vacaville Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Kelly has been buzzing up and down our great state, spreading her sweetness everywhere she lands. She has diligently promoted not only Rainbow for Girls, but the entire Masonic family, as well as helping raise money for this year's Grand Service project, Dogs for Diabetics.

Buzz on over to her or any of other Boogie Woogie Bumble Bees. They can expound on the wonderful works on this worthy organization, and they would be happy to accept any donations that you could sweeten their hive with as well.

Sisters and Brothers, I have the distinct honor to introduce to you Miss Kelly Marie Voss, Grand Worthy Advisor in California, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Kelly Voss, Grand Worthy Advisor: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters, Brothers and Friends.

I attended the Eastern Star initiation of a Rainbow friend of mine last month. I was initiated only four days after being installed Grand Worthy Advisor, so only having ever been to my initiation, I was excited to be back and see all of our wonderful lessons again. At my own initiation, face to face with my new Sisters and Brothers from Yolano Chapter No. 28, it was admittedly very difficult to remember everything I was taught. When I was sitting on the sidelines of Yorba Linda Chapter, watching my friend Kim become an Eastern Star Sister, I had the privilege of seeing our beautiful traditions from a different angle.

There are many different angles in the Masonic family. Not just the right angle of the Square, or the angles in the five-pointed star. You can attend a DeMolay, Job's Daughters or Rainbow meeting or, better yet, an initiation, and see the reflections of your own Orders in our beloved lessons. You have the ability to see how our teachings descend from yours. So, you are blessed with the distinct pleasure of seeing our work from a different angle.

Rainbow Girls have a wonderful advantage when we become members of the Order of the Eastern Star. We were taught that being a daughter, sister, wife and mother, and to have respect for these positions is of the utmost importance. No matter what angle you look at it, we all come from the same foundation of sisterhood, service and pretty dresses in every color of the rainbow.

It's from this foundation that we move into the future as mothers and daughters, sisters, wives and friends.

Seventeen of California Rainbow's 42 Grand Officers — that's almost half, including me — are just some of the many Rainbow Girls that are already in Eastern Star.

This year, we are working hard to pay it forward through fundraising for our Grand Service Project, Dogs for Diabetics. California Rainbow Girls raise over \$90,000 annually for different charities. No matter how you look at it, that's a lot of car washes and bake sales. We are looking forward to seeing this total at Grand Assembly.

Speaking of which, I would like to invite you to join us and see the International Order of Rainbow for Girls from a new angle, in Fresno at our Rainbow Safari Adventure Grand Assembly Session, starting Saturday, March 15. You didn't know you were already dressed for it, did you?

Don't worry. The only thing we will be capturing are cherished memories, and the only thing we will be shooting are photographs. That should give Gracie the Giraffe something to smile about.

On behalf of all the Rainbow Girls in California, I thank you for the love and support you give to your local Assemblies. We are your present and future members, and we appreciate your influence in our lives.

We are looking forward to bringing bright new ideas from different angles, as our members become your members, as the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Order of the Eastern Star move forward hand in hand, in love and service, you will see that our future together is so bright, you will have to wear shades. Thank you.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Kelly, you are truly an inspiration. It has been my great pleasure to hear you speak at several events this year. Each and every time I have been impressed by your poise and humor. As a majority Rainbow Girl, I certainly appreciate and value the lessons I learned as a young girl and how those lessons have assisted me in my professional life. It is obvious that the lessons you have learned have served you well, as you demonstrate outstanding leadership skills. Thank you for sharing this week with us and for participating in the business of our sessions. You are incredible.

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: On behalf of the Grand Chapter of California, it is my pleasure to make this presentation to you for your project, and also this gift from us. You have been a wonderful, wonderful officer for Rainbow. Thank you.

Vicki Diem (622) Liaison Chairman: I have the pleasure to introduce Tamara Elaine Keen, Past Matron of Semper Fidelis Chapter No. 135 and Liaison to Job's Daughters.

Tamra Elaine Keen, Job's Daughters Liaison: Thank you, Sister Vickie.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, Brothers and guests, I have to tell you, from my perspective, I feel like I've hit the Job's Daughter Council member/parent lottery. How can it get any better? Not only do I have the opportunity to introduce you to the Miss California Job's Daughter Program, which as you can see is totally awesome, but I get to do this.

Sister Karen, when you asked me to be your liaison to Job's Daughters last year at Jam and Jelly Day in August, I suspect the thought dawned on you because I was the chaperone that day for the Miss California Job's Daughter 2006 2007, Lindsay Solda, and you hadn't figured out who was going to fill that job yet. Been there; done that. Going in as Worthy Matron in November, still there; still doing that. I totally understand, believe me.

By the way, Sisters and Brothers, Lindsay is a member of Semper Fidelis Chapter No. 135, and she attends UC Santa Barbara. She is the young lady who has been instrumental in starting the new Star Club there with the local Lodge. Just another example of the amazing young women in the Miss California Job's Daughter Program. Talk about envisioning a bright future!

Sister Karen, thank you for this appointment. Unbeknownst to both of us, I now get to do this really amazing thing. Maybe, even another first.

Sisters, Brothers and guests, I would like to tell you a little bit about our Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Christine Faith Bell. She's probably a little apprehensive now, about what I might say. Don't worry, sweetheart.

Christie currently attends Los Positas College and has been a competitive Scottish Highland Dancer. She is the youngest of six children. She is a third generation Job's Daughter and has served her Bethel as Honored Queen twice. Once, when she was 14, and most recently, last January when the Senior Princess was unable to continue. Christie, in her first year of college, without being asked, stepped in and filled the term so younger girls were not forced to move up before they were ready.

She has served as an officer in her Bethel consecutively for 16 terms. She has missed six meetings in that entire time, two of which have been just this year.

At Grand Bethel over the last eight years, she has participated and won numerous awards in ritual, singing, and most recently, volleyball. She is a Past Sweetheart of Pleasanton Chapter and a recipient of the Northern California DeMolay Association Past Sweetheart Service Award.

For one to understand who she is as a person, you need only to hear her theme as Honored Queen: Walk towards the Sunshine, and the Shadows will fall behind you. She believes that happiness is a choice, not a condition.

If you haven't figured it out yet from all the clues I've given you on our Murder on the Eastern Star Express Session, I am beyond proud to introduce you to my Sunshine Girl, my daughter, Christie Bell, Grand Bethel Honored Queen of the State of California, International Order of Job's Daughters.

Christine Bell, Grand Bethel Honored Queen: Thank you, Mrs. Keen.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron.

I was thinking that the last time I was standing on this stage, I had just been installed Grand Bethel Honored Queen and was giving my remarks for the first time. Our Grand Bethel Theme this year is "Challenge the Ordinary", and I have to tell you, speaking to so many people continues to be a challenge to an ordinary girl like me. I wonder what it is that I can say that would be of interest to members of the greatest fraternal organization to which both men and women of all ages can belong. So I decided to start with the easy part, the part I love best: It is not only my honor, but my pleasure to bring you greetings from the most beautiful, creative, brilliant, enthusiastic and amazing girls this state has to offer, California Job's Daughters!

I joined Job's Daughters nine days after my eleventh birthday in a special initiation so I could attend my first Grand Bethel just weeks after. The last eight years my life has consisted of endless amounts of Bethel meetings, installations, sleepovers, dinners, dances, fundraisers, and other events that filled almost every moment. Countless times I had to try and explain to my friends why I couldn't go with them somewhere because I had a Bethel event, or why I was wearing a funny looking robe in pictures found about my house, and if I was wearing a crown because I had won a beauty pageant. I tried many ways to explain to them what Job's Daughters was. Most would not and say they understood, but I never felt they really did, or knew how else to explain it. It was not until recently that I heard what I felt was the perfect explanation. We have all tried to simplify it by saying: Job's Daughters is an organization of girls between the ages of ten and twenty who are related to a Master Mason. That is true and a good start, but does not give this Order justice. Because yes, what we are, are girls between the ages of then and twenty who are related to a Master Mason, but who we are is so much more than that. We are young girls taking the first step to becoming young women of value and purpose. The goal of Job's Daughters is to take giggling girls who fidget with their robes and can't

sit still in their chairs and guide them as they become beautiful women who are ready to take on the challenges of this world. Where we do it is within our Bethel. The Bethel is a place where every girl has friends, sisters, and mentors. Where she is free to be herself. Where she can learn how to lead, how to plan and implement what is, essentially, a business plan. Where she can succeed, or fail and try again, all within an atmosphere that encourages her to learn from her successes, but most of all from her trials as she grows into young adulthood. She truly becomes the Fairest in the Land. Now, please, don't think us conceited. Remember, we are taught that to be Fair is to do Good. In using the skills we obtain from the role models we find in the adults who keep Job's Daughters alive, and from our Bethel sisters, the girls who are the reason for its existence, we find ourselves prepared for the obstacles we will face in life. Thanks to the lessons learned from the Story of Job, we are not only appreciative and thankful for the wonderful and good things that happen to us, but willing to accept the challenge to prove our faith and continued strength in the face of adversity.

Next June when it is time to give up my medallion and title, I will not only be ending an incredible year as a Grand Bethel Officer, but more importantly, I will end my years as a more than proud Officer of Bethel No. 14, Pleasanton. It's hard to believe that something that I have devoted so many years to will end. In my opinion, it is way too soon. However, as sad as I am to realize the end of the Bethel Daughter chapter of my life, I am excited to begin a life long experience as a member of Eastern Star, of which I hope to become in March. If nothing else, I know I can use some of the things that Job's Daughters has taught me to help my transition. Here are my Top 9, one for each year I have been a Job's Daughter.

1. No matter how cute the shoes, if they're not comfortable, don't wear them for Initiation or Installation.
2. It doesn't matter how long it takes, how excited you survived through it, or how much you want to, it is never appropriate to begin applauding at the end of escort.
3. While it is important to know both ritual and floor work during a ceremony, it is more important that you can make the sideliners believe you do when things don't fall together just right.
4. If you are ever not sure where to go with your floor work, the farthest distance between two points is probably the right way to go.
5. Yes, the average female may be horrified to discover that someone is wearing the very same dress you are, but we just call them lookalikes or travel dresses.

6. Cake and punch are one of the main food groups left out of the food pyramid.
7. No matter what your age, you will never regret staying up all night talking with your friends, even though you know you will be exhausted in the morning.
8. You are never too old to have a mascot as an accessory to your outfit.
By the way, Mrs. Fletcher, I think Gracie's crown is perfect.
9. And most importantly, you know that as a member of the Masonic family, you are surrounded by people who share the same goal of making this world a better place.

Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. Skipworth, thank you for inviting me to come and speak today, and the time, energy and effort you have spent "Envisioning a Bright Future", to make sure that Eastern Star is relevant to someone like me. Congratulations on completing a wonderful year.

To The Honorable Serio Gole and Mr. Whiteley, I had a wonderful time last night at your "Hooray for Hollywood" Banquet. I wish you the best of success in the coming year, and I really look forward to sharing in your exciting plans for next year.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of California Eastern Star for your continued support of Job's Daughters. In your Vision Statement, you explain Eastern Star as an organization of men and women committed to providing an environment of friendship and fellowship, regardless of age, by implementing innovative ideas, facilitating positive change and planning for the future, while working cohesively with your Masonic Family. If you are anything like Semper Fidelis Chapter, I know you have succeeded in fulfilling that commitment. You have followed through with the action behind the words. As a member of your Chapter, you have not only attended our Bethel Installations and meetings, but played the piano, too. You have served not only as Bethel Guardian, but have filled every Executive Council position. You have financially supported our Bethels by buying tickets, candy, and all the other ridiculous stuff we convince you that you can't live without. Lucky for you, you got me at a good time. I don't have anything to sell at the moment.

Much as a Bethel is a place for girls to become confident women, what you have modeled for me, is that a Chapter is a place where women are supported in being strong, intelligent, funny, joyful resilient, caring and hopeful. Thank you for showing me who I want to be when I grow up, and where I want to be while I do it.

Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. Skipworth, would you please join me? On behalf of the Job's Daughters of California, I would like to present you a small token of our appreciation. The card is from me. It's a very small token of my appreciation, because my parents are unreasonable about my Tiffany's idea.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Christine, you are, by no stretch of the imagination, an ordinary girl . . . you are extraordinary. I congratulate you on your appointment as our Grand Bethel Honored Queen and wish you much success during your term of office. As the daughter of a Master Mason, I understand the significance of our Masonic ties and how those ties are relevant with respect to your membership in Job's Daughters. Thank you for your presence today and for the beautiful Job's Daughters doll. I will cherish it always.

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: On behalf of the Grand Chapter of California, it is my pleasure to make this presentation to you for your project, and also this gift from us. You have been a wonderful, wonderful officer for Job's Daughters. Thank you.

Vicki Diem (622) Liaison Chairman: When I read the bio of our next liaison, it was clear to me that he lets no grass grow under his feet and wastes no time to jump in and get involved.

Paul Lacroix is a Senior DeMolay, and has also served as a Chapter Dad for several years. Mysteriously, his service was rewarded by his appointment as the Southern California Jurisdiction District Governor over the Inland Empire District. I hope that he can fit that on a name badge. He currently is serving as Chapter Dad of Foothill Chapter. I have personally seen Paul work with the boys, and he not only works well with them but develops them to be model members of the Order of DeMolay, demonstrating high standards, good manners, and respect for one another and for others.

He has received many of the DeMolay awards, including Representative DeMolay, Chevalier, Legion of Honor and Cross of Honor. Paul received the Grand Master's Youth Awards Order in 2004.

Although he has only been a member of Eastern Star since 2004, he has jumped in with both feet. He is currently serving as Worthy Patron, and has been recognized by his Chapter with the Rob Morris Membership Award, and the Rob Morris Merit Award.

Please put your hands together to recognize this amazing gentleman, Paul Lacroix.

Paul Lacroix, DeMolay Liaison: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Honored Members and guests, I have the pleasure to introduce Jeremy Spurley, Southern California Jurisdiction Master Councilor.

Jeremy is a Past Oasis District President, Past Master Councilor of Lawrence C. Kelly Chapter in Burbank, and Representative DeMolay. He holds the Lamp of Knowledge and the Blue Honor Key for being a first line signer on 10 petitions. He is an Entered Apprentice Mason of Lodge 406 in Burbank.

Jeremy graduated from Hoover High School in Glendale. He is 20 years old, and is currently a sophomore at Cal State University Northridge.

Jeremy Spurley, Jurisdiction Master Councilor, SCJ: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Honored East and friends, I count it a privilege to be asked to speak before this convening of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. The Masonic family heritage which both of our organizations share emphasizes what it takes to be an upstanding person, a role model for all. The Order of Eastern Star has taken this idea to heart. The members in their daily lives live by the teachings of what Masonry instills in us.

You are all great examples to the youth of the Masonic family, including the Order of DeMolay. As you are here to support us, we, in return, come to you now to openly lend our support to Eastern Star. To quote former President Ronald Reagan, "We truly are that shining city on the top of the hill". President Reagan envisioned America as a shining example for all. The Order of Eastern Star "envision a bright future", and DeMolay shares your vision.

The members of Southern California Jurisdiction are the future leaders of this great nation. In order to have a brighter future, we must follow a path of compassion, service, loyalty and, of course, a well defined vision.

This vision must allow us to advance; it should not allow us to remain static, but instead take us to a place where we could succeed. Having this vision is essential to our growth and prosperity.

Eastern Star, DeMolay, and the entire Masonic family must show compassion to all with whom we come in contact. Historically, this has been a hallmark of our Orders. However, it is worth mentioning that we should not only show compassion to those who agree with our beliefs, but we should continue to take the high road and show compassion to those who might disagree. This act will speak well for our organizations, and will demonstrate that a positive exchange of ideas among all good thinking people will lead us down a path to a brighter future.

Our organizations are based on service, not only service to one another, but also service to the world. We should be proud of the fact that we help our communities, because we know we do it not for self gain, but because we believe service to our fellows is what we are put on this earth to do by our Creator.

“Serve your fellow men.” This is a common theme in all faiths, and if we are faithful servants we should go out each day and lend a hand to those who are in need of our immediate assistance. An example of this assistance is the Eastern Star Homes. Here, many receive care and compassion and have an opportunity to lead peaceful and prosperous lives. Since its inception, the Homes have housed many members of our Masonic family and community. This is just one glorious example of your support for those in need.

In the past, Southern California DeMolay has donated to the Shrine Hospital and has executed multiple community service events. I am pleased at this time to announce that in keeping with our tradition of community service, the members of Southern California Jurisdiction will, at our annual devotional services in March, collect donations for the Eastern Star Home in Yorba Linda, California.

DeMolay is proud of our tradition of service, and we will continue to establish a brighter future for all of us. In order for to us remain strong, we must be loyal to ourselves, each other and to our principles. We believe in doing good in the world. We believe in service to our community and to those less fortunate than ourselves. We believe in a bright future. And when the occasional darkness filters into our lives, as it often does, and fear and uncertainty grips our world, we can look to the shining light that is our Masonic heritage, and know that we are safe and we are warm and that we are loved.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Jeremy, Brother Skip and I had the great privilege to attend the Southern DeMolay Conclave in Riverside this year, and it was our special privilege to meet you and congratulate you on your new office. You have done an incredible job, and it is very clear that our Orders, both our Masonic and Eastern Star, are in good hands with your leadership. The key to our success truly is sharing a vision, and there is no doubt that we are all in this together. Thank you very much for being here and delivering your message. It is appreciated.

On behalf of the Grand Chapter of California, here is our donation from our collection for your project, and also this gift from us. Thank you very much.

Paul Lacroix, DeMolay Liaison: At this time, I would like to introduce Josh Mapp, Northern California Jurisdiction Master Councilor. Josh is a Past Senior Councilor of Northern California Jurisdiction, Past Master Councilor of Capitol Division, Past Master Councilor of Lodi Chapter. He's he's the recipient of the Past Master Councilor Meritorious Service Award, and has recently received the honor of Chevalier. Josh is now a Master Mason of Woodridge lodge No. 131.

Josh A. Alvarez-Mapp, Master Councilor NCDA: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Honored East and the guests here at Grand Chapter:

I find it an amazing thing when we tell each other and our friends and family, and even the stranger, that one should not be judgmental. That outward appearance means nothing. Yet, still we all are, in one sense or another. Picture this, will you, a young man in his teens walking down the street towards you is wearing baggy pants which are sagging of course, because that seems to be the trend an over sized shirt that could probably fit about two of him in there, and probably some flashy shoes that probably cost way too much for his own good, and he is wearing a sideways baseball cap. What would you think?

Picture this, now. Another young man walking towards him, wearing completely black clothes — shirt, pants, shoes, and everything, with all those chains from side to side, which you see from clothing apparel of Hot Topic. What would you do if you saw him walking towards you?

But wait. Think. Now, the story does get better. What if I told you that both of these guys are outstanding members of the Order of DeMolay? Would that change your image about them?

In this world of ours, where everything is different and being different is good, it is hard to judge. Above that, it is hard to communicate. Do you think that you could initially talk to both of those young men? Probably not. But it is a lesson taught across the world that every individual should express themselves the way they can. Thus, communicating to all whom with they come in contact.

Still, it was all hypothetical. But I want to share with you this very lesson that I have attempted to stress this year to NorCal DeMolay. Communication is everything. It is the very maker and breaker of society. And in order to keep our various groups alive, we must have communication. This year has been a very successful year for NorCal DeMolay. Beyond continuing with the traditions which happen every year, such as our Bowling Tournament and Basketball Tournament, our Devotional Day, our PRIDE Ritual Tournament, and our Grand Master's class, we have also changed things up a bit by adding in the weekend for camping, and even a Broomball Tournament.

Yes, DeMolay today is a very wide ranging organization. And no different from the rest of the world, we too must communicate in order to express, share and broaden our perspective on each individual's wants and needs. But still, all of this is only stepping-stones to the future.

NorCal DeMolay is moving to the future with communication. I'm not the betting type, but if the two young men previously mentioned were real, I bet you both that they have two things in common. First, they have a My Space page. And number two, they have a cell phone with text messaging capabilities because, of course, a cell phone is not complete without text messages.

Well, NorCal DeMolay is moving to create our own My Space to better to attempt communication with our members and keep them informed. And what other way to keep them informed than through My Space, the website most visited by them and, as well, probably through text messaging. Just recently, we unveiled our program that utilizes a company that can send one text message to a large amount of people. So, in cahoots with them, NorCal DeMolay will be raising your kid's phone bills dramatically. Just kidding. But it will keep them informed on one of the highest most personal devices ever, that they can check to see when convention, this convention they heard so much about, will be happening, and so much more.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for listening to this communication from myself, and trust that we will take into consideration the greatest lesson of all, the ability to express ourselves for who we are, visually and verbally. I also would like to invite you all to our Annual Convention being held on November 23rd through the 25th at the Double Tree Hotel in Sacramento.

It was mentioned earlier that through our Orders there are always lessons to be learned and to be taught. Not too long ago, the Northern California officers had the great pleasure to attend the Grand Lodge banquet during Grand Lodge this year. You know, DeMolays have to be taught a few things, like etiquette. In approaching, we were told there's going to be a very strict decorum, and don't do anything that would embarrass the family, kind of thing. The usual talk. So we are sitting there, and everything was pretty serious. Next thing you know, we see a very great picture, which the lovely ladies of Jobs and Rainbow will be showing. This picture is a picture taken at Grand Lodge.

(Christie Bell and Kelly Voss hold up a picture of Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron, with a spoon stuck on her nose.)

We had the esteemed pleasure of sitting next to all the Eastern Star ladies, and it is a picture of her showing us how to properly hold the spoon to your nose without hands.

And so, on behalf of Northern California, we would like to give you this plaque that has the picture, so you can always remember it.

The great lesson is that one should always hold their spoons with their nose.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Oh, my goodness. I was so trying to be on my best behavior that night, and it just went downhill. Josh, you are in so much in trouble.

Communication truly is the key to success, and I was simply trying to communicate through the spoon on my nose. I'm not sure that the average member of Eastern Star has their own My Space account, but I know that we are committed to communicating with our Youth groups, and DeMolay in particular. We were very fortunate to be with you last November at your

Northern California Conclave, and because our terms of office are so similar, I have seen you in many, many places this year, always representing the Order of the DeMolay with much dignity and respect. I thank you for the service that you provided. And I guess, for this picture, too.

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: On behalf of the Grand Chapter of California, it is my pleasure to make this presentation to you for your project, and also this gift from us. You have been a wonderful, wonderful officer for DeMolay. Thank you.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I am so impressed by the messages presented by our Masonic youth. Sisters and Brothers, please join me in showing them just how much we appreciate them.

My profession puts me in daily contact with youth and young adults who have chosen crime and gang relationships over education and commitment to our communities. It is such a wonderful contrast to witness firsthand how our Masonic youth groups mold and train their leaders to become the future leaders of our adult Orders, leaders of our communities, and our nation. We are so proud of each of you. Thank you for sharing your lives with us.

Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you. And how come there's no picture of you with a spoon on your nose?

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: It would be easier to put a crown on my head than a spoon.

Ah, youth. It does a body good. This year as we attended the sessions of the youth groups, we were treated royally. Their hospitality was greatly appreciated, and we hope they have had a positive experience visiting us today during this Masonic Family Honor Session. The leaders of all the youth groups are outstanding, and we thank you for all your hard work over the years.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I also want to extend my appreciation to the Liaisons to our youth groups, and our Chairman, Sister Vickie. Each of you has made a real connection with the Orders you presented this year, and I appreciate it very much.

As a tribute to our Masonic Youth, our Grand Organist, Brother Don Snyder has written a song as a tribute to show you just how much we love you.

Don Snyder, Grand Organist: Josh, I just want to let you know, that on behalf of the 2007 Grand Family, we want to thank you for revealing Sister Karen to all of us as we personally know she truly is. She has many talents, and the spoon is only one of them.

I have been so fortunate, and the inspiration of this song has been years and years of hearing our Youth leaders speak to us. And today, you certainly did not disappoint us. We are very, very proud of you. You are our future. And as this song will tell you, this is truly how I feel. And I invite the beautiful Evelyn de la Rosa to come out and help me on the stage with us.

Don Snyder and Evelyn de la Rosa . . . "Because of You"

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: I have the pleasure to introduce and present the Grand Master, Richard Wakefield Hopper.

Our Grand Master begins his association with Freemasonry through the Order of DeMolay, and in fact is a Past Master Councilor and holds the degree of Chevalier. He has received the Rainbow Grand Cross of Color, and currently serves as Chairman of the Grand Executive Committee of Rainbow for Girls in California.

Probably his proudest moment while active in the DeMolay was when he met his wife Judy who was an active Rainbow Girl. They have been married 43 years and live in Visalia. They have a daughter, a son, and two grandchildren.

Brother Hopper was initiated passed and raised in 1964 in Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 in Visalia, and later affiliated with a plural membership in Visalia Mineral King Lodge No. 128, where he served as Master in 1998. Besides being a member of numerous Concordant Masonic bodies, Dick is active at his church and a Past President of the Rotary Club of Visalia. He is also a member of the Lucerne Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in Hanford.

His public school support in the community resulted in his being named a life member of the California Parent Teacher Association.

Brother Hopper is a graduate of California State University Fresno, and is a retired real estate appraiser. He holds the MAI designation as a Member of the Appraisal Institute, and formerly served on the National Governing Council.

Brother Hopper was elected in October of this year to serve our Grand Lodge as its Grand Master.

Sister and Brothers, it is my honor to present our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Richard Wakefield Hopper.

Most Worshipful Richard Wakefield Hopper: I arrived here this afternoon with a few prepared remarks, but there's a couple of other things that I thought I might also share with you, having heard some of the previous speakers and introductions this afternoon.

First of all, I want to be sure and go to one of these IMPACT sessions, so that I can hear Jeraldine.

Secondly, I would like to recognize the young man who is celebrating his birthday this afternoon, and the organization that he represents. Some 17 or 18 months ago I went for a standard physical examination and, afterwards, received a call from the doctor and said: You know, there's something not right here. Maybe you ought to have another one of these PSA tests taken. And I did that. When I got all that done with, he said: You know there's another man you ought to go see, who is a specialist. You ought to call the doctor across town who takes care of these kinds of things.

So I picked up the phone and I dialed the number, and sweet little receptionist answered the phone and said: Urologist office, can you hold?

Well, I gathered my composure back again, but I will tell you that on the 8th of July a year ago, we took care of this matter, and my PSA reading is now less than 0.008.

Those kinds of tests are available because of research done by such organizations as the American Cancer Society.

You know, if we look around us today, we see reminders of the romance and mysteries of trains, once an important way of getting people and goods from one destination to another. Today, many of our youngest visitors have probably never even ridden a train. I heard the whistle a few minutes ago from out behind you. My first thought was it must be bedtime. They only blow those in the middle of the night.

But in fact, some might say that trains are an endangered form of transportation. Does that term "endangered" sound familiar? Those same naysayers could very well be the ones who are predicting the demise of Freemasonry and its concordant bodies. They point to dwindling membership numbers and the lack of influence in our towns and cities. However, let me remind you, that this is only the end if we allow it to be.

I remember a book that was read to me and to many of you over the years. It strikes a chord that I think is critical. But it is also a chord that is often forgotten as we deal with the negative stuff surrounding us today. In it, a little blue engine pulled a heavily loaded train over the mountains after several larger and more powerful engines had refused to help. For generations, The Little Engine That Could theme of motivation with the positive refrain "I think I can, I think I can", has encouraged us to believe in ourselves, to demonstrate bravery and to build self confidence.

Perhaps as a matter of worth noting with this audience here today, I must let you know that my wife Judy, a librarian by profession, reminds me that the little blue train that made that courageous journey was the only train in the yard of the female gender.

We should see the positive possibilities, redirect the substantial energy of our frustration and fear and turn it into positive, effective, unstoppable determination. We have done it before, and we can do it now.

Perhaps we might refer to this as an unlikely source, but Willie Nelson once said that if we replace negative thoughts with positive ones, we will start having positive results. Our positive attitudes, cheerful determination and renewed energy cannot help but attract others. Of course, along with that energy, might come some changes. Once something that we looked at with fear and trepidation in our Masonic world, today we embrace change and welcome the healthy growth that it brings. May we remember that when we are through changing, we are through. Change is inevitable. Well, except for perhaps from the vending machine.

One of my heroes, golfer Arnold Palmer, captures the potential of positive thinking in a plaque that he is reputed to have kept on the corner of his desk, which reads in part: Life's battles don't always go to the stronger woman or man, but sooner or later those who win, are those who think they can.

The late Bishop Fulton J. Sheen once sat down in a dining car of a train in order to order breakfast. When a lethargic waitress came over, he said to her: Give me some ham and eggs, and a few positive words for this day. 15 minutes later she returned and plopped the food down in front of him. There, she said. The Bishop looked at her said: What about the positive words? She thought for a moment, looking at him, and then replied: I would advise you not to eat the eggs.

The message that I want to share and see that you take home today is that we must be sure that we adopt the necessary positive attitude, and when that Little Engine That Could comes to an Assembly, Bethel, Chapter or Lodge near you, that you have your ticket ready and that you are ready to go on board.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I too have had the opportunity this year to share the East with you on many occasions, and I must say to you that it has been an absolute delight. I have enjoyed every moment of it. Congratulations on an outstanding year of leadership that you have brought to this Grand Chapter.

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: Most Worshipful, I was pleased to attend your installation this year and share with all the Brothers in anticipation of your leadership. We thank you for your remarks today, and look forward to supporting you and your officers throughout their year.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Dick, what an honor it is for us to have you speak at our Masonic Family Honor Session. The years of service that you and Sister Judy have given to our Masonic Orders is truly astounding. We wish for you the very best as you serve as Grand Master, a very distinguished and respected position, for which you are most deserving.

Congratulations and best wishes for good health and safe travels.

Al “Holmes” Weisser: Gentlemen, after a long investigation and much research, I learned today that the DeMolay boys use candlesticks in their ceremonies.

Loyal “Columbo” Stark: Very strangely, and a little coincidentally, the Rainbow Girls, they use a Pot of Gold.

John “Clouseau” Fletcher: Oui, oui, and the Job’s Daughters wear the crown. The gloves were just to throw us off the track. Oui, oui.

Al “Holmes” Weisser: It was the Youth Group leaders who are the perpetrators of this crime. They are trying to take over the Orders of the adult groups, to provide us with some refreshing ideas.

Loyal “Columbo” Stark: Forgot the glasses. I’m going to rip off this moustache.

Together: The mystery is solved.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Can you please join me, you scary trio.

Loyal “Columbo” Stark: Scary?

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Very scary.

It is my privilege to introduce to you — and I really didn’t know that Columbo was from Italy.

Brother Loyal Stark, Our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, who is “Columbo”.

Al Weisser, “Sherlock Holmes”.

And John Fletcher, “Inspector Clouseau”.

Thank you very much.

Denise Armstrong (348) Co-Chairman: Our train ride is coming to an end. I hope that you have enjoyed our journey.

Thank you, Collette and Jim Whiteley for being our “victims” this afternoon.

Let’s ask the youth groups to come up here on the stage and join us all in singing the traditional end of the session song, “YMCA”.

“YMCA”

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so much, each and every one of you, for attending this Afternoon Session.

The Vision Statement of the Order of the Eastern Star highlights the importance of working cohesively with our Masonic family. One of my favorite quotes by Robert Fulghum is in “All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten.” The quote is this:

“And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world it is best to watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together.”

We hope you have enjoyed spending this time with us. We know we have enjoyed spending it with you.

I now declare this Saturday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of California, called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 7:00 p.m. for the Installation of our 2008 Grand Officers.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 3:50 p.m.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you for coming.

(Afternoon Recess.)

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2008 “A FIELD OF DREAMS”

135TH ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 27, 2007

Musical Prelude: Helen Wood, PM (292)

Entrance: Grand Representatives
2008 Deputy Grand Matrons escorted
by 2007 Deputy Grand Matrons

PAGEANTRY FORMATION OF ASSOCIATE MATRONS AND ASSOCIATE PATRONS

“Remembering Dreams in Baseball Films”

Robin Barnes, PM (172/521): Now the supporting cast, our 2008 Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Representatives are in their places. The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons for 2008, All Stars, veterans and rookies, will take the field for batting practice in this, their inaugural season.

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, movie buffs, and baseball fans. Thank you for attending this Star Studded Premier. This broadcast is being presented worldwide. You will be hearing our international reporters on this simulcast. Here's one now.

Max Luy, PP (178): (*Speaks Spanish.*)

John Scott, PP (557): Greetings from the Red Carpet and red seats. Fans have been assembling for three days to catch a glimpse of their favorite stars. All the glitz, glamour, and excitement of a state wide premier has been building for over 48 months.

Max Luy, PP (178): (*Speaks Japanese.*)

John Scott, PP (557): Something brand new in the entertainment business has occurred, and that saga is a century of different films that is being compiled into Chapters of one great movie, with the assistance of modern technology and your imagination. The first chapter's premiering is what you will experience tonight. It is a family saga of courage, beauty, strength and dreams come true.

The first installment is a composite of several baseball movies. It is *“Pride of the Yankees”*.

Max Luy, PP (178): *“The Babe”* meets *“Bad News Bears”*.

John Scott, PP (557): With a little bit of *“Angels in the Outfield”* and *“Catcher in the Rye”*.

Robin Barnes, PM (172/521): John, *“Catcher in the Rye”*, isn't a baseball movie.

Max Luy, PP (178): It is so much, all rolled into one sparkling performance.

John Scott, PP (557): A story of a heroine and hero, of daring and sacrifice. This tells the story of the past and the winning future, as the baseball and stars family assemble. They line the streets, waiting for their Most Valuable Players and their stellar team of six to arrive. I hear the stadium announcer now.

Robin Barnes, PM (172/521): Ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys, Sisters and Brothers and fans of all ages, welcome to the opening night of your 2008 Dream Team! Please refrain from throwing objects such as apathy, doubt, and negativism onto the playing field, as these may affect the outcome of the game. Always pay close attention to the activities on the field as bats and balls, joy, happiness, fraternal love, innovations, and surprises may leave the playing field at a high rate of speed, causing excitement and renewed interest in the OES game.

Finally, you are encouraged to participate to your fullest extent in all activities on this “*Field of Dreams*”, and on your local fields as well. So, sit back, relax, and let’s play ball.

John Scott, PP (557): Here they come. A roar is heard from the fans. Let’s greet our 2008 Dream Team!

Collette Gole and her coach Gary were featured in “*A League of Their Own*”, which had a very successful run. It produced two great sequels, as well.

Jim Whiteley and his manager Cherri are best known for “*The Natural*”, which was naturally one of the stepping stones to this next movie.

Rising Stars, veterans and rookies, let’s greet our Dream Team with a fabulous wave.

These two teams successfully joined to co-produce our favorite work, “*A Field of Dreams*”, but now must retire to the dugout for tonight’s premier, a new chapter in film, “*A Field of Dreams, the Future*”.

And now, the rookies that set the trend, the rising stars, batting practice is over. Please return to your seats and take this excitement with you to your own fields, to start your new season.

John Scott, PP (557): The house lights are dimming. We have but a few moments before the curtains go up. The stars are beckoning, and we await the formal entrance of the stars, winners of their own special years. I hear the orchestra tuning up. Excitement is in the air, anticipating the overture. Welcome to our best film of 2008, “*A Field of Dreams, the Future*”. And as a final warmup for our film, please join me in two choruses of “*Take Me Out to the Ball Game*”.

“*Take Me Out to the Ball Game*”

Honorary Marshals: Ardath Garst, PGM
David Von Bima, PGP

Escort of Host: William J. Bray III, PGP

William J. Bray III, Past Grand Patron: Sister and Brother Honorary Grand Marshals, you will retire and escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and their 2007 Grand Officers to the East.

Escort: Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron
David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron
2007 Grand Officers

William J. Bray III, PGP: Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters, Brothers family and friends, I have the honor to present Sister Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. Members will unite with me in giving the Grand Honors to our Distinguished Members.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I have the honor to present Brother William J. Bray III, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, our Host for this evening. You will join with me in extending the Grand Honors to our Past Grand Patron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Skip and I have the honor to present for your recognition the 2007 Grand Officers and their Escorts. Will you please join me in the East?

EMBLEM CEREMONY

"A Fraternal Dream of Our Emblematic Star"

(Narrated by Vernon Gordon, PGP and Past Grand Master)

Honorary Conductress: Patricia Rasmussen, PMWGM

Bible Escorts: Joan Stark, PM and Linda Bray, PM

Emblem Bearers:

Adah Sue Bishop, PGM
Ruth Sherrie Gustafson, PGM
Esther Janet McClanahan, PGM
Martha Norman Stilwell, PGM
Electa Donna Herring, PGM

Dr. Rob Morris: Past Grand Master, scholar. His teachings empowered our Order into centuries three. Our founder one night began to ride into a field of dreams. He journeyed with fraternal insight. Shadows were teeming, the sky changes hue. He contemplated thoughts of values so true.

Stars, diamond like glistened and illumined the night. His dreams seemed inspired by this ethereal sight. He created an organization in enhancing characteristics fine. His field of dreams can be our Order, yours and mine.

Our founder imagined heroines relating to the Star, women of the Bible whose stories are known near and far. He endowed them with beauty. We admire their character strong. Each Star Point conveys lessons of right and wrong.

The first is Adah, and her color, the cloudless sky, is blue. She exemplifies the Daughter, courageous, faithful, true. Her emblem is a sword, portraying God's principle divine. Nothing can be hidden from Him. The veil, you see entwined. Her emblem is the sword portraying God's principle divine.

The second is Ruth, and her shade is a golden yellow hue, symbolic of the Widow, whose devotion to duty grew. Her emblem, a sheaf of sunlit barley, parts minute while small, signify inspiration when constancy was the call.

The third is Esther, in royal purple and sparkling white. Queen of the Persian throne, the Wife whose noble qualities in the kingdom we are widely known. The emblem, the scepter and golden crown, she offered to sacrifice. To save her people she was willing to give both her title and her life.

The fourth is Martha. Her beautiful color in Nature's greens abound. She was a Sister of Lazarus, whose immortality was found. Her emblem, the stately yet broken column, ties the present to the past. Indeed, life is not uncertain. Learn to live with each day, as if it were your last.

And finally, there is Electa, with vivid red symbolizing warm and strong, she was Motherhood and church, institutions where love belongs. Her emblem, the cup, overfloweth with kindness and charity, reminds us to give with the spirit of generosity.

The Bible. We await the entrance of the symbol whose tenets we dearly hold. It is here we find our stories and Testaments, New and Old. In our field of dreams, miracle stories of faith and history tell. Scriptures preserved by ancients, lessons written well. Stories and allegories of the earliest tales of old, give meaning to rituals today, in statements illustrative and bold.

The Bible is placed on the altar, our Order's focal point, emanating strength and wisdom, power, your soul to anoint.

Eastern Star is before you, and in this field of dreams that twines the Star Point emblems' beauty and significance, each with a special sign. We can share in the glow, in our Chapters near and far. Did you believe in this dream? Yes, you can. If you truly have seen this Star.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Honorary Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

(Honorary Grand Conductress attends the altar.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Saturday Evening Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, open for the Ceremony of Installation of the 2008 Grand Officers.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 7:31 p.m.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron will step to the West line.

Honorary Grand Marshals, you will escort our Distinguished Members to the East.

Escort: Pat Rasmussen, PMWGM
Loyal Stark, PMWGP

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers, family and friends, I have the very distinct honor to present Sister Pat Rasmussen, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Loyal Stark, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our Distinguished Members.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: The Grand Master of Masons in California will please step to the podium.

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: I have the honor to present the Most Worshipful Richard Wakefield Hopper, Grand Master of Masons in California. You will give him a hearty welcome.

ENTRANCE OF THE NATIONAL EMBLEM

Flag Bearer: Terry Holts, PGP

David Skipworth, Worthy Grand Patron: You will join me in the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the National Anthem.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

(by Loyal Stark, PMWGP)

The Flag of the United States of America. Did you not have a tingle, as it started in your toes and right into your soul as you watched this hallowed banner conducted to its proper place in the East? This Grand Old flag, this symbol of a true democracy and a beacon of freedom. We enjoy freedoms in this country that people in other lands can only dream about. It still remains a destiny of choice for people from many parts of the world. We live in a land of exceptional services and freedoms. You can easily travel from coast to coast and border to border.

Yes, we know that the since the cowardly attacks by Islamic extremists, there is now screening in airports and certain government buildings, but these are done to protect us from murderous aggression. Our homes are heated in the winter and cooled in the summer without interruption. Grocery stores are stocked with thousands of items. Ambulance, police and fire assistance is just a call away. Education is available for all.

We are truly grateful for all of the safety and comfort that we enjoy. The sacrifices of our men and women in uniform that they are making this very minute are truly remarkable and deserve our constant respect and honor. This all volunteer military force has performed under higher standards of conduct than any other force in history. Their dedication, efforts and support of our country are truly remarkable.

Yes, Old Glory, we are proud of what you mean to many citizens. Thank you for all the benefits we enjoy and we are grateful for all the sacrifices made by so many in the preservation of liberty. May our allegiance to you never fail, and our patriotism never diminish. May you ever fly over the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(by Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron)

Good evening, Sisters and Brothers, family and friends. It is with pleasure that I welcome each of you to this Session of our Grand Chapter. You are witnessing "*The Field of Dreams*" Installation of our 2008 Grand Officers.

Tonight is filled with excitement and happiness for this new corps of officers who have formed their team and are ready to take the field. We wish them a star studded adventure as they serve our Order. Each one will become a celebrity in our Order, and who knows if their combined group will win the Best Ensemble of the year. I know how I'm going to vote.

The red carpet is waiting for them to begin their journey. So, greetings to one and all.

Brother Bill, may we have your Address of Welcome at this time.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(by William J. Bray III, PGP)

Quiet on the set. Quiet on the set. All actors at their stations, ready to roll.

Act One, Scene One, take 135, with the production of "*A Field of Dreams Hollywood Style*".

Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters, Brothers, family and friends, I would like to welcome you to the first taping of "*A Field of Dreams Hollywood Style*". Starring at the bases, Starlet Collette Serio Gole and that debonair gentleman from the north, Jim Whiteley, and co starring the 2008 Grand Officers of the California Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

It is an honor for me to welcome you to the 135th installation of officers of our Grand Chapter. Our Sister Collette Gole is very special to Linda and me. To us, she is a true sister, and we know that under her and Brother Jim's guidance, California will continue to look to the future and make a difference in our Eastern Star world. They are both willing to think and work outside of the box. Their ability to do this reminds me of a story about the little boy who loved to play baseball.

A little boy was overheard talking to himself as he started through the backyard, wearing his baseball cap and toting a ball and bat, saying, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world." He then tossed the ball into the air, swung at it, and missed. "Strike one," he yelled.

Undaunted, he picked up the ball and said again, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world." He swung again, and missed. "Strike two," he cried.

The boy then paused a moment to examine his bat and ball very carefully. He spit on his hand and rubbed them together. He then straightened his cap and said once more, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world." Again, he tossed the ball up in the air and swung at it. And again, he missed. "Strike three." Whereupon he exclaimed, "I'm the greatest pitcher in the world."

The theme, "*A Field of Dreams*" is very appropriate for this evening's Installation. Sister Collette, Brother Jim and their officers have put together a very progressive plan for their year. And just like the story of the little boy and his baseball dreams, they too will keep on trying and know that their Field of Dreams will come true. Our wish for you this evening is to enjoy this very special production of "*A Field of Dreams Hollywood Style*".

Roll 'em.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Bill.

I have the honor to present the Installation participants.

Will the participating Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons please approach the podium or step to the East line.

I have the honor to present:

Sisters Susan White, GGCCM — Necrology	Installing Officer
Brothers Terry Holts, GGCCM — Scottish Rite Learning Center,	Flag Bearer and Jewel Presenter.
Donna Herring, GGCCM — Vision Quest	Emblem Bearer.
Denny Rae Grist	Installing Marshal.
Ardath Garst	Honorary Marshal.
Doris Parish	Narrator.
Sue Bishop	Emblem Bearer.
Sherie Gustafson	Emblem Bearer.
Janet Robinson	Emblem Bearer and Jewel Presentation.
Norma Stilwell	Emblem Bearer.
Dave Buck	Installing Officer.
Steve Nicholas	Installing Chaplain.
David Von Bima	Honorary Marshal.
Vernon Gordon, Past Grand Master of Masons	Narrator.
John Fletcher	Jewel Presentation.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our Distinguished Members.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: It gives me pleasure to present the remainder of our Installing team. Please rise when your names are called.

Sisters Helen Wood	Organist.
Linda Skipworth	Jewel Presentation.
Joan Stark	Bible Escort.
Linda Bray	Bible Escort.
The Singing Stars, Shirley Hicks	Director.
Don Snyder	Grand Organist and soloist.

Thank you for sharing your talents.

I now declare a recess to prepare for the Ceremony of Installation.

“DREAMS OF THE RED CARPET”

*Presentation of 2008 Grand Officers and Escorts
(Red Carpet Hostess: Doris Parrish, PGM, Narrator)*

Ladies and gentlemen, the excitement is in the air. The Grand Officers, the Stars of 2008, are about to take that famous walk down the red carpet. The paparazzi are flashing pictures. The fans are cheering. The gossip columnists are preparing their questions. This premier is “A Field of Dreams” for those Sisters and Brothers who are winners in their own Chapters. They will be the superstars in our Order next year.

Wait. I see our Best Actress nominee approaching, **Sister Collette Gole**; doesn’t she look gorgeous? Her escort, husband Gary Gole, Past Patron of her own Hollywood Chapter, looks handsome, too.

Collette was Worthy Matron in 1984, and then began her 16 years on Jurisprudence. Collette was Grand Warder in 1997, and then she was made an offer she couldn’t refuse, Grand Marshal, for 2004. She was on her way to stardom. Her field of dreams has given her this highest award, Worthy Grand Matron.

It’s the Whiteleys, Jim and Cherri. Here they are. **Jim Whiteley** is up for the coveted Best Actor award as Worthy Grand Patron. He has five starring roles as Worthy Patron in Silver Spray Chapter in Napa, in 1991, 1997, 2001, 2003, and 2004. He served as Worshipful Master, and was presented the Hiram Award. This State Rainbow Dad might have starred in Dr. Doolittle, since he was Papa Llama. He already has one Best Supporting Actor when he served in 2005 as Grand Warder. This debonair Brother is escorted by his sparkling wife, Cherri, a Past Matron.

Do you think that **Barbara Scott** will be here tonight? I see her now. She is up for the Best Supporting Actress, the Associate Grand Matron category. Her date tonight is her husband, John, Past Patron. Fort Millerton Chapter is her Star home where she was Worthy Grand Matron in 1980, Deputy Grand Matron in 2001, and in 2005 when she became the understudy as Grand Marshal. We know that she will enjoy her red carpet walk and be a sparkling star in the near future.

JD Hammett. Calling JD Hammett. We know you have just been offered the role in a new musical and await the honors we know you will earn. You were fabulous as Grand Organist in 2004. Just look at your mother Johnnye’s face, and you know how proud she is. Hollywood Chapter is your Eastern Star home, and the members celebrate your serving in 2000, 2004 and 2006. You were a superstar in Amaranth. We hear the applause of your fans as you walk the Red Carpet as Associate Grand Patron.

I think I see **Maryann Barrios**, our screenwriter extraordinaire coming out on the red carpet. She is about to star in a sequel to her first successful debut as Grand Secretary. We know this character actress who hails from Hollywood Chapter will draw on her credits as Worthy Matron in 2004 to help her with any difficult parts. Her husband Art, a member of Hollywood Chapter, will be escorting his starlet wife.

Debbie Maiman is making her entrance in front of the viewing stand. Gold coins and dollar bills are floating in the air. The Grand Treasurer hails from Ocean Park Chapter, and has many, many roles to her credit. One is to her family, especially to her escort tonight, husband Sheldon, and daughter Lauren, Past Grand Worthy Advisor. Debbie was Worthy Matron in 1979, 1980, 1989, 2001, Deputy Grand Matron in 1983, and her Queen role as Grand Esther in 1994.

It must be **Beverly Wade's** turn on the red carpet. Rosie Racoon's family is scattering red rose petals in her path. Her husband Bob, a Past Patron of her home Chapter Star of Vista, escorts her. A member since 1969, Beverly worked behind the scenes until she was Worthy Matron in 1994, and then Deputy Grand Matron in 2002. Her selection as Grand Electa for 2005 helped catch the eye of the producers in 2006, who thought she was the perfect part for Grand Marshal. The red carpet walk seems natural for this star.

Kim Hegg has entered the red carpet. This new star on the horizon began her career in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Then, in 1984, it was natural that she join the order of Eastern Star in San Lorenzo Chapter. She was Worthy Matron in 1999 and 2002, Deputy Grand Matron in 2001. Grand Marshal this year has been her most recent role. Her proud father, Al Weisser, escorts his and Sheri's daughter as she begins her Grand Line career.

Alameda Chapter's **Joe Ross** is praying that he will have a great review in his debut as Grand Chaplain. He has already practiced for this role as he has served five times as Worthy Patron, 1981, 1983, 1986, 1992 and 2003. He was President of the Northern Grand Representatives. He was also Worshipful Master five times, as well as holding many fraternal starring roles. His best co-star is his lovely wife, Linda.

Wow, Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler are sweeping down the red carpet. Not really, but **Linda Bernhard** and her husband Stu make such a striking couple. If we could interview this Grand Marshal, it would be a miracle. She was recognized in 1995 as Worthy Matron in Ungava Chapter, Riverside, and a talent scout recommended her as Deputy Grand Matron in 2000, with a sequel in 2001. Her Grand Martha role in 2003 and Home Board President for the past two years caught the eye of producer CS Gole, and the rest is history.

Take that first step now, on the Red Carpet.

The “Hills are Alive with the Sound of Music.” **Debi Gannaway** has just waltzed away with this star role in that star musical. She will make Harbor Lights Chapter members proud as she fulfills the responsibilities as Grand Organist. Music is her field of dreams. Even though she has had many roles in many other fraternal orders, her year as Worthy Matron in 1997 will always be her favorite. Her husband, Bob, escorts her as she prepares for her red carpet ride.

The Golden Gate has been the usual path of **Sue Froomin**’s fraternal life, and tonight as Grand Adah, she steps on the Red Carpet. San Francisco’s Pacific Star Chapter is where she and her escort, her husband Len, have served whenever needed. She was Worthy Matron in 1996, 2001, and 2004. Her starring role as Deputy Grand Matron in 2003 brought her to the attention of the casting coach, who knew that the sword and veil would be a wonderful prop in 2008.

It must be **Catie McQuater** who is ready to step up onto the red carpet. Although she said in the interview that the yellow brick road was more to her style, tonight she steps brightly into the premier. Her husband, Will, served with her in 2000 at Crown Chapter in Corona. She served again after she completed her starring role as Deputy in 2004. This Grand Ruth won’t stop smiling as she travels this road to stardom.

Hail to the queen. A royal trip down the palace steps is where every princess dreams to travel. **Cathie Burt** won her role as Grand Esther, and will bring her joy to her devoted subjects. Her husband, King Bill, knows their Chapter, Horizon Star in Tarzana is happy with their queen. Her Worthy Matron years were 1992, 1995 and 2007, and Grand Representative in 1998, and Deputy in 2003. Welcome, Your Majesty.

The sparkling road **Melissa Cronin** is on has many stars. This California Singing Star is a Past Matron of Gardena Chapter where she and her husband George have served many times, in 1986, 2001 and 2006. Up until her Grand Martha script was selected, she was seen in 1997 aboard the hot air balloon. Melissa will be wearing the green as she steps onto the Red Carpet.

What better color for a carpet than the one provided for the Red Ray of our Star? Who better to escort **Jackie Bozeman** down it than her dad, Glenn Jones, Past Grand Patron? And she is following in her mother Jerry’s red footsteps as a family Grand Electa sequel. Jackie is her the Rising Star in Sacramento, where she was Worthy Matron in 1997 and 2001. Drama coach training as Deputy Grand Matron in 2004 helps her walk the star studded path.

I’m sure I saw **Sarahann Shapiro** just inside the door to our screening room. She has already been a star on the Jurisprudence road, and now has the coveted title of Grand Warder. Her Worthy Matron debut came in 1996, with a rerun in 2002, for Valley Star Chapter. She enjoyed her Deputy Grand Matron office in 2003. Her escort tonight is William Mahlstrom, a Past Patron and currently Master of Los Altos Lodge.

Working the outside door, you will see **Bill Robertson**, escorted by his wife Denise, entering our premier. Athena Chapter in Hollister and Carmel Chapter ask for autographs from our Grand Sentinel. He was Worthy Patron in 1997, 2000, 2002, 2005 and 2007. He enjoyed his cowboy role in a John Wayne film when he was Grand Representative in 2004. He happily became one of the 18 officers whose star is shining brightly.

You see before you the Best Ensemble for 2008. They have been carefully selected in casting calls, have practiced their roles and will win the regards of the audience, their Sisters and their Brothers in the Eastern Star. They may not always have had a dream of reaching for the stars, but together they will make an impact as they sparkle in our 2008 Eastern Star epoch. We wish them Godspeed and rave reviews as they travel in "A Field of Dreams".

CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION

Worthy Grand Matron:	Collette Serio Gole (21)
Worthy Grand Patron:	Jim Whiteley (59)
Associate Grand Matron:	Barbara Scott (557)
Associate Grand Patron:	J.D. Hammet (21)
Grand Secretary:	Maryann Barrios (21)
Grand Treasurer:	Debbie Maiman (245)
Grand Conductress:	Beverly Wade (556)
Associate Grand Conductress:	Kim Hegg (577)
Grand Chaplain:	Joseph Ross (8)
Grand Marshal:	Linda Bernhard (106)
Grand Organist:	Debi Gannaway (358)
Grand Adah:	Susan Froomin (252)
Grand Ruth:	Catie McQuater (162)
Grand Esther:	Cathie Burt (403/338)
Grand Martha:	Melissa Cronin (174)
Grand Electa:	Jackie Bozeman (36/62)
Grand Warder:	Sarahann Sahpiro (250)
Grand Sentinel:	Bill Robertson (581/46)

PROCLAMATION

Karen Fletcher, Jr. PGM: Sister Collette, Worthy Grand Matron, I now present you with the gavel of your authority. I know that you will use it with honor and, of course, justice for all of the members of our Order of the Eastern Star in California.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Karen, do you have any other presentations at this time?

Karen Fletcher, Jr. PGM: Thank you, Sister Collette. I do.

It is with a great deal of honor that I present to you the Isabella Harrison Hilditch Worthy Grand Matron jewel that has been worn by all those who have gone before you. I know that you will wear it with pride as you preside over this Grand Jurisdiction. I also present to you the Worthy Grand Matron's seal and the keys to the Grand Chapter Office. You will have a wonderful time, and I congratulate you.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much for this presentation. I know that the Sisters that have worn this jewel have given much to our Order. As I wear this necklace this year, I will always remember the wonderful impact you have made on our Order. This presentation has even more meaning in that I consider you not only my fraternal Sister, my Big Sister, but my real sister.

Brother Skip, do you have a presentation?

David Skipworth, Jr. PGP: Brother Jim, last year brother Mike presented me with the J. Hartley Taylor Worthy Grand Patron ring, and the Joseph F. Reed travel lapel pin. He admonished to wear them with pride and to take good care of them, so I could present them to you at your installation. I am pleased to say, I have done both. I will now trust you to do the same, that you may present them to Brother JD this time next year. Congratulations, Jim.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Brother Skip, for presenting this Worthy Grand Patron ring and the traveling lapel pin. I will wear them with much pride, as I am sure that you and our Brothers who have traveled this way before have done. You have served our Order with honor this past year, and it is with much respect and gratitude that I receive these jewels from you. You have been an outstanding Big Brother. Thank you.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Jim, do you have a presentation?

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, I do.

It with much love and respect that I present to you, on behalf of Sister Cherri and myself, your gavel and sounding block. They were made by Myron Levine, and are made of holly wood, in keeping with your Hollywood heritage. We will observe with much pride as they are used by you and your 2008 Worthy Grand Matrons.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: It is absolutely gorgeous. It says Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron. With beacons of love, Jim and Cherri. And the sounding block has my emblem, as well as my fun emblem. And thank you so much for having it made out of holly wood. It means a lot to me. Thank you.

Sister Janet and Brother John, do you have a special presentation at this time?

Janet Robinson, PGM: Sister Karen will you join us?

It seems like we were just standing on this stage as you were installed Worthy Grand Matron. 2007 has been an outstanding year. This year, you encouraged the members to step outside the box, work for the good of the Order, and always with much laughter in your heart. This Session has been filled with much love and laughter. I am so proud of you, and you have proven that the right decision was made in 2002 when you said “yes”, accepting the responsibility of being our Grand Marshal.

As you come from a dynasty, it is only fitting that you choose for your jewel something unique, something that could be called a girl’s best friend, something other than the norm, something indicative of your personality and a reminder of your special year of service. Like you, your jewel is not traditional, but a symbolic remembrance of a fantastic year. Congratulations on a job well done.

John Fletcher, PGP: Well, Karen, this is the moment. You have certainly earned your Past Grand Matron’s jewel during these past five years of service.

You’re the major element of my life, and have made me so very proud. I am really looking forward to our schedules becoming a little less hectic. You have earned the respect of our members of the Order with your kind, gracious and loving acts, and have added a touch of class to the projects in which you were involved. It is indeed my great pleasure to present you with this pair of diamond earrings, which you have been begging for, for many years, in an effort to persuade you to come home again. Kramer misses you very much, and so do I.

Karen Fletcher, Jr. PGM: Thank you Sister Janet and Brother John.

As Janet mentioned, not much of me is traditional. I certainly wanted to use my love gifts and my love gift from John to purchase something that I could wear every day, not just to formal Eastern Star or Masonic events. This pair of diamond earrings will remind me of this tremendous journey and our incredible members who have made this trip worthwhile. Thank you.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Terry and Sister Linda, do you have a special presentation?

Terry Holts, PGP: Brother Skip, I am deeply honored and it’s a great privilege of mine, with Sister Linda, to present your jewel tonight. You have had a wonderful two years, I’m sure, and I congratulate you on your service. However, by relinquishing your station to Brother Jim, it is not over for you. From now on, you will still travel not so much and you will still perform duties to the Order, and you will still have a lot of fun, meet many wonderful Sisters and Brothers, but all at a much more relaxed pace. I am sure you will be pleased at that.

So I’m going to join Linda in presenting this to you, after she speaks, because we know what a girl’s best friend is.

Linda Skipworth, PM: You have done a wonderful job for two years. I'm very proud of you. I don't know that any jewel could shine as much as you have the last two years, and you have shared your shine with everyone. Unfortunately, your ring had a few problems, so I just bought myself this, and I know you'll wear it with pride. You do have a ring coming.

David Skipworth, Jr. PGP: Yeah, it's in the mail, but you should see the size of this stone she has. Brother Terry, it is an honor for me to have you be here with me this evening, and I thank you for your guidance these last few years.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Most Worshipful Richard Wakefield Hopper, Grand Master of Masons in California and your wife Judi, it is an honor to have you here this evening. We met several years ago as we began traveling the path to become the leaders of our respective organizations. Jim, Cherri, Gary and I have enjoyed working with you and Judi. We want you to know that we will be living your motto, "Freemasonry, Standing Strong", as we travel our wonderful state representing our Order. Thank you for being a true supporter of the Masonic Family.

Brother Dick, we would love for you to introduce your Grand Lodge Officers and give special remarks.

Most Worshipful Richard Wakefield Hopper: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Brother and my very close friend, Jim, congratulations to both of you. It is just wonderful.

Our Grand Family has been represented here today by a number of our Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies. I'm not quite sure how many are yet here. Some did need to return home. And I don't have a list of them, because I didn't know I was going to do this right now. But maybe the best thing to do is, because I did have the opportunity to introduce each of them earlier today at the Afternoon Session, may I just ask the 2008 Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies to please rise.

Sister Collette, Brother Jim, our whole Grand Family salutes you and congratulates you.

Sister Collette, the theme tonight has gone two different directions that kind of interested me. One of them was that somebody said you think outside the box. Well, I want you to think outside the bag. And secondly, we have talked about Hollywood and the films, and we are only a few days away from Halloween and so, of course, one of these fabulous Halloween films that we all just clamor to go and see is a film by the name of "Scream". So, I would like you to take a gift out of that bag.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Well, I have already screamed once today.

Oh! my goodness.

Most Worshipful Richard Wakefield Hopper: So, now you can say, “Ice cream”.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Ice cream.

Most Worshipful Richard Wakefield Hopper: And one of the other Hollywood favorites is called “*In Cold Blood*”. And I want you to take this and treat all of your Grand Family to “In Cold Stone”.

You know, a year ago, you and I talked and we thought we might have created a monster, because the emblem for my year is the Giant Sequoia Redwood, and one of your emblems is the golden retriever, and I have worried with that all year long.

But the emblem for the 2008 Masonic Grand Family is a grove of standing Giant Sequoia Redwood trees. And you will notice, I said “a grove”. Because as I indicated to you last night at your state dinner, these giants don’t stand alone. They have no taproot, and they are not able to do that. But they do stand in groves, so that their root system can intertwine and support each other.

Just like our Grand Families have roots, you and I are both committed this year to intertwining the roots of our Grand Families so that we can say: In California, the Family of Freemasonry is standing strong.

I know that the pile of paper on your desk is as deep as mine, and so I want you to take this crystal paperweight embossed with the emblem and theme of the Grand Lodge for this year, and accept it as a gift of love from me, please.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so much.

Most Worshipful Richard Wakefield Hopper: Brother Jim, the stack of paper on your desk isn’t going to be much smaller, and so I would like to present one of these to you, also.

This Grand Chapter is extremely fortunate to have leadership like this duo, and we are going to make this Grand Year in California something special, when Masonry in all of its forms will grow and become stronger. And you will do that because of these two leaders, and I am as proud of them as you are. Thank you for the invitation you gave to Judi and me to be here, along with all of our Grand Family. We have thoroughly enjoyed it, and wish you the very best.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Dick, please accept this gift as a symbol of our friendship and the unity between our organizations as we work together this year. This is a donation to your special project.

Most Worshipful Richard Wakefield Hopper: Thank you so much.

This will check will go to our project this year. And with an emblem of Giant Sequoias, what could we call our project, other than project TREE, T-R-E-E, Toward Reunification, Education, and Enrichment, in which we endeavor to continue and expand the program on our Masonic Homes campus in Covina

where we are taking children who need to learn to be good kids and parents who need to be good parents, and teaching them each how to be that way, and to reunify them to go back into their homes, into their neighborhoods, and into their communities and be positive attributes to those with whom they live. This will go toward that project. Thank you very much.

**ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON
AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

*(by Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron, and
Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron)*

Collette: The 2007 Grand Chapter year presented the groundwork for our Order, and we do envision a Bright Future for Eastern Star and our Masonic Family. A special thanks to Karen, John, Skip and Linda for your emphasis on the members of our Order this year. Thank you for being such wonderful friends.

Jim: Sister Karen, Brother Skip and the 2007 Grand Family, you have had a wonderful year. Thank you for your creative ideas, challenging your own comfort zones, and stressing leadership and communication. What an impact you have made.

Collette: Thank you Bill Bray, for being our Welcome Host this evening. Your commitment to our Order and Masonry is an example of service at the highest level. We are so proud of your accomplishments, and wish you all the best as you start your journey towards the Office of Grand Master.

Jim: The music tonight was wonderful. Thank you, Brother Don Snyder, 2007 Grand Organist, and Sister Helen Wood, 1997 Grand Organist.

Collette: We thank the Distinguished and Honored Members that have participated in tonight's Installation. Jim and I have a special fraternal connection with each of you. We appreciate your service in being part of this special evening.

Thank you to Sister Ardath for your leadership training in 1984. Sister Denny Rae and Brother Terry for appointing me your 1997 Grand Warder. All of our distinguished members have had a similar goal the betterment of our Order. We look forward to your continued support as we, the leaders of our Order and the Grand Line, develop and present a strategic plan for the future of Eastern Star.

Jim: Thank you to Brother Dave Buck for installing me this evening. I enjoyed serving with your Magical Family in 2005. I look forward to 2008 and working with you, Bonnie, Donna and John.

Collette: Sister Sue White and Brother Steve Nicholas, thank you for your vote of confidence by selecting me to serve as your Grand Marshal. I appreciate your advice and support.

Sue, I know that when times get a little rough, you take a walk along the beach. Keep your cell phone handy, just in case I decide to join you on those walks this year. Also, a special thanks to Alan and Ruth for all the service that you give to our order.

Jim: The 2008 Grand family is quite a group. They surely know how to have fun, and you won't believe how wonderful they are at singing and dancing. Watch out, California.

Collette: We have appointed ten members to serve as Grand Officers this year. Each one of them has been selected for their time, talent and service to our Order.

Jim: The elected Grand Line and their escorts are an awesome group. We have worked together on many weekends when we were not attending Masonic events, and even on very long road trips. The future of our Order looks great, considering the talents of our upcoming leaders. We look forward to our continuing work together, and we are here to support each of you.

Collette: We have appointed 52 Deputy Grand Matrons to serve our Order this year. Would you please stand.

We thank you in advance for the work that you will be doing with your respective Districts. We have also appointed Sister Sarilyn Stine to serve as the chairman of the Deputy Grand Matrons, but the fire down south has prevented her from being here tonight.

We look forward to working with the Grand Representatives this year. Thank you for spreading the vision of our Order to your respective jurisdictions.

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2008 will please rise. Thank you for having made this a spectacular journey. Thanks for living the vision of Eastern Star.

The MVPs have joined the Shining Stars this year, and you have become a wonderful team. We wish you a successful year, and don't forget to enjoy your year.

The 2004 Grand Officers planned this Installation for you, but I would be remiss if I didn't thank the 2001s for all of their help today. And would Linda Bray please stand.

Linda Bray is sitting in the center section. Take a look at this arena. Every decoration and every carry in piece was made with the talent and love and special feeling by Linda Bray. Thank you, Linda.

Sister Sue, thank you for being responsive to my request and to the request of membership to follow last year's Installation format. Your talents are truly evident. Thank you so much.

It is an unbelievable experience to stand before each of you as your Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you for electing me to this position and for your continued support. I will do my best to uphold the values of our Order, respect our Members, and make sure our Order is viable and thriving.

Jim and Cherri, thank you for accepting the invitation to serve with me. I appreciate your friendship and love. Thank you for all the help, support and guidance. Gary and I look forward to many more good times together.

I am quite fortunate to have a large support system. The Members of Hollywood Chapter will stand. My District, and the Greater Los Angeles Association will also stand. Thank you for always lending a helping hand to any job I asked of you. You are the greatest.

How do you serve as Worthy Grand Matron and continue to work as a Bench Officer full time for the Los Angeles Superior Court? It's easy. Well, it's easy with the help of the greatest clerk in the world, Stephanie Jones. She is in charge of my calendar management, and responsible for me getting out of the office early on Friday afternoons. And my court reporter Rosa makes me sound great on paper, no matter what comes out of my mouth.

My family and friends are here tonight, also. Jackie and Richard Schenker, please stand.

They are the godparents of our children, and have been life long friends. They are my family.

Rickie and Joe Gole, my sister and brother in law, thank you for being here tonight. I love you.

Wendy Brogin, a Rainbow Sister and college classmate is here. Go Bruins, Wendy. JD Hammett, the brother I cherish. Go SC.

Linda and Bill Bray, my Sister and Brother, you know I couldn't do this without you. Thank you for the endless advice, the continuous support, and all the love. And even if we don't get that much time together, we sure have a great cell phone bill, don't we?

My cousins Phyllis and Elizabeth Terry drove here from Fallbrook, and I am thankful that they spent the evening with us.

My Mom, my Sister, and my source of strength, Adah Serio. Mom, if you don't want to stand up, just wave. It's been quite a journey, mom. Keep up your health. I love you.

Our sons, Evan and Curtis, what an experience this has been, raising two boys that are dedicated students, dedicated party animals, and have a passion for sports while I was traveling the Eastern Star road. Did I worry? Oh, no. But I spent many hours on the cell phone, and have recently removed the navigational chip that was installed in their bodies. You have been the best, and thanks for always being there to support the family cause. I am so proud of both of you.

And Gary Gole. What did you get yourself into by marrying me? And don't even answer that question. Thank you for listening to those endless conversations that I usually wanted to start when you were ready to go to sleep and I had way too much energy. Thank you for keeping me calm and seeing the bigger picture of our Order. I love you.

Do you have a life plan? Do you have a plan for your work? It really doesn't make a difference if it is written down or just memorialized in your mind. The most important thing is that you have a plan. Businesses operate with a strategic plan for the success of their companies. It starts with a Vision, a Mission, and Goals. From that point, a plan is needed to reflect where the business is and where it will want to be in the next five years.

We, the Members of Eastern Star, have a Vision, a Mission and Goals. We don't have a strategic plan, but that is something we are committed to bringing to our Order.

Strategic planning is a tool for organizing the present on the basis of the projections of the desired future. It is a road map to lead an organization from where it is now to where it would like to be in five to ten years. The purpose of our strategic plan is to assist Eastern Star to establish priorities and better serve the needs of its membership.

This short story, "There is an I in Team", reflects the importance of a plan and working together. There's no I in "team", if you have ever played organized sports. And I can almost guarantee you that every coach that has ever made that statement more than a few times will reflect deeply on this story. These coaches have had a job to do, and that was to build a team. Together, Everyone Achieves More.

Since they were coaching a team sport, it is vitally important to the success of the team to mesh all the talents of each team member. But glory hogs tended to take away from the overall team effort, not to mention the dissension that predictably occurred when one member tried to steal the thunder from the rest of the group.

Vincent Lombardi once said that individual commitment to a group effort, that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work. But he also said that the achievements of an organization are the results of the combined efforts of each individual.

Well, it definitely looks like there is an I in “team”, after all. Each team member depends on each of the others to pull hills or her own weight. If any team member fails to do his or her job, then the entire team suffers as a result. Team building is just what it says it is: Putting a group of individuals together to work as a cohesive unit. This means there’s a lot of “I”s working together.

Coach Lombardi also said: Prepare your team through hard work, gritty determination and an unyielding will to win. He insisted that each team member do his or her part. His team was prepared to win emotionally, mentally and physically. How about you? Do you do whatever it takes, whatever is needed to help your teams at home, at work, at Eastern Star? Are you ready, willing, and most of all, able to pitch in to make your Chapter and Order a winning one? It is absolutely crucial that you dig in and do your part. Your Chapter and our Order need to know that they can count on you to give 110 percent effort each and every, time especially when the tough gets even tougher.

Players win games. Teams win championships. Be a part of the team, and join the 2008 Grand Family as they present six IMPACT Sessions and three mini IMPACT Sessions this year. We will embrace the importance of leadership and motivational training for members and nonmembers. We will encourage a championship attitude for the future of our Order, and work towards a common goal of making Eastern Star an organization people will want to join.

We believe also that the end of cancer starts with research, and we will support the UCLA Jonsson Cancer Clinic as our special project for 2008. In addition, we encourage every Chapter to participate in supporting American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

The name of Eastern Star is becoming more and more visible with our participation in community service and projects in our local community. Jim and I challenge each member of our Order and those members of our Masonic Family, to participate in Sensational Saturday on May 24th, 2008. Sensational Saturday will be a day of community service where we will actually make a difference in our community by collecting items for local food banks, domestic violence shelters, and items for our military personnel.

Be a part of our 2008 “*Field of Dreams*”. And remember, never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game. Thank you.

Jim: I want to express my gratitude to all the members of Grand Chapter for giving me the honor of serving this coming year. I am committed to making this year one of prosperity for our Order. I pledge to give all of my energy to promote harmony among our members.

Collette and Gary, what an incredible opportunity you have given to Cherri and me. There are no words to express the gratefulness I feel for being asked to join you in this journey. I know this year ahead will hold many wonderful memories.

My Chapter and Association have been a wonderful support for me. Will all the members of Silver Spray Chapter and the Silverado Association please stand? They have put forth so much time and energy to show their encouragement to me. They are a small group, only three chapters, but their love and effort are huge. I will never be able to adequately thank them. Thank you for being here.

To my family and special friends who are here, Janice, my daughter and the mother of my incredible grandson Matthew, you are certainly repaying the years of fraternal time we spent with you as a Rainbow Girl and Grand Officer. Having you as one of my Pages, again, has meant more to me than you can possibly imagine. Thank you.

I had pretty well given up on my son being able to be here this evening. They were packed up in San Diego, ready to move out, but at 5:00 o'clock this evening I was surprised by him coming into our hotel room. So, Steve, and Cheryl his lovely wife, would you please stand.

I thank you so much for being here this evening, and I know you have been through a lot this last week, as many other people in San Diego have been. Thank you so much for being here.

Shelly and Sarah Myers, would you please stand? My niece and great niece, what a wonderful surprise to have you make the long journey to be here tonight. Thank you. We love you.

Jim and JoAnn Holmon, would you please stand? My best man from 42 years ago, and I was his 45 years ago. This long standing friendship has certainly qualified you to be called family.

Lauren Maiman, Sarah Aubrey and Erin Hatcher, would you please stand? My Llama Daughters, 2004 was a fantastic experience, and having you here tonight is a great reminder of that memorable year. Thank you so much. Sarah Lee Martin and our extended Rainbow Family, I am going to ask you to stand. I know that we have a lot of Rainbow Family out here. You have been a major part of our Fraternal Family, and we thank you for your support this evening. Thank you so much.

Cherri, it's your turn. You are the love of my life, and this would not be possible without all your love and support. You are that special person, that silent partner behind the scenes that works so hard to help me succeed in my endeavors. Thank you for helping make this journey possible. I love you.

We, as members of the Order of the Eastern Star have as our inspiration the light of the Star. "Light" is one of my watchwords, and an important part of my emblem for the coming year. The revolving Beacon of Light sheds light on all those around it. Likewise, we as members can shed light in our community as we offer ourselves for service. I think it is safe to say that most of you also have many passions, and service to others should be one of our strongest passions. Let me share with you that passion which is a common one for us, as members of the Masonic Family.

During this next year, we will be working very hard to meet the goals established in our Vision Statement. And one of them, to no surprise, is the goal of Service. We recognize the importance of providing assistance to our Members in need, and we are grateful for the vote of the membership to increase the funds available to accomplish this.

We also firmly believe it is essential that we continue our efforts to reach out and become relevant in our communities. We have a great history of our individual members providing volunteer service, and we are excited to know that their service will continue. Our participation as an organization in the Relay for Life has opened many doors, and has provided strong recognition for Eastern Star's active interest in their communities.

This past year has revealed in many ways the effects that Cancer has on all of us, either directly or indirectly, and has really stressed the need to find a cure. We believe our 2008 special project, the UCLA Jonsson Cancer Center, is the very best investment for our Cancer research funds. The Jonsson Cancer Center has been recognized for eight years straight as being the best Cancer center in California, and is in the top ten nation wide. This center is also renowned internationally for developing new Cancer therapies, and for providing the best experimental and traditional treatments. It has also proven its effectiveness by earning the prestigious Gold Star Comprehensive Status.

Many of you participated in the 2007 Relay for Life, which really shows the astounding results of what we can do when we reach out to others in our communities. We are very excited that many of our Chapters have already signed up for the 2008 relay events, and that they have expanded their participation to include other members of the Masonic Family.

I am proud that my Chapter and my Lodge are already preparing to participate in the event in my area. It's a great example of how the Family can work together.

Sensational Saturday, Sister Collette mentioned, will be another way for us to make a positive impact on the communities throughout our great State. And I am very excited about that event, which has the support and will have the participation from Grand Lodge and our youth groups, and I understand our family from the Amaranth will also be joining us.

As we consider the passion of service, let us remember that it is not only the large events and endeavors that will make a difference. Some of the most treasured experiences in life are the random acts of kindness or the simple words that touched the heart and soul. Long ago, William Penn, the English Quaker and founder of Pennsylvania, offered a gift of wisdom that echoes through time when he wrote, "I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness or abilities that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

In closing, let me share one more quote and a question. The quote is from Albert Pike who said, "I have learned that whatever we have done for ourselves alone, dies with us. What we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

Sisters and Brothers, what small act of kindness can you accomplish today? I look forward to serving with you during a great year of light, harmony, kindness, and passionate service. Thank you.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Linda Bernhard, Grand Marshal, would you please join us in the East.

It is with much love that we present you with the symbol of your office, your baton. Thank you for all the work you have done for our Order and the Senior Living Community. We are honored to have you as our Grand Marshal, and will be always there to help you and support you.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Linda, your baton was made by Myron Levine, and also was made of holly wood to keep you connected with all your 2008 family. We hope it will be a constant reminder of how special you are to us and how much we wish you success in the future years.

Linda Bernhard, Grand Marshal: This is absolutely beautiful. It has the Star on both ends, and the holly wood. It is absolutely beautiful. And of course, the green bag matches. It is wonderful. I thank you very much.

I look forward to all of you seeing this as we travel throughout the State of California, and to all of my Marshals who will be able to use it throughout the year.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Associate Grand Matron, have you any further business to bring before this Grand Chapter?

Barbara Scott, Associate Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Matron, I have no further business to present.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Secretary, is there any business on your desk to be brought before the Grand Chapter?

Maryann Barrios, Grand Secretary: There is no further business on my desk, Worthy Grand Matron.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Does any Sister or Brother present have any business to offer for the consideration of the Grand Chapter? If not, we will proceed to close.

Let us unite in our Closing Ode.

CLOSING ODE

"Take Me Out to the Ballgame"

Take me out to the ballgame.

Take me out to the crowd.

Buy me some peanuts and crackerjack.

I don't care if I ever get back.

For it's root, root, root for the home team.

If they don't win it's a shame.

For it's one, two, three strikes you're out,
at the old ballgame.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Grand Chaplain, lead our devotion.

PRAYER

(by Joseph Ross, Grand Chaplain)

Our Dear Father in heaven, we thank Thee for each gift from Thy bountiful hand, for the pleasure of greeting and meeting with the members of this faithful band, and even more than may our prayer rise to heaven with effect, and in the evening a prayer of Thanksgiving for blessings that brighten our way. May the days and the hours be spent wisely, and each known duty faithfully done. And at last, when life's labors are finished, may we hear Thy approval, "Well done." Bless Thy children, oh Father. We ask Thee along life's roadway, be our Guide. Let Thy love like a mantle enfold us. In Thy love, may we ever abide. Amen.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

(Grand Conductress attended the altar.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: After the Proclamation, members and friends and family, please feel free to greet the Grand Officers at their stations.

I now declare the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, to be duly closed.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 10:02 p.m.)

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(Proceedings concluded.)



Karen Sutter
Worthy Grand Matron

David Hegaworth
Worthy Grand Patron

Mayann Barrios
Grand Secretary

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INSTALLATION “DREAM FIELDERS”

General Chairman	Susan White Assisted by the 2004's
Batons for Marshals	Steve and Ruth Nicholas
Carrying Pieces	
Grand Officers stained glass	Linda Bray
Deputy Grand Matron plates	Jo Ann Chinn
Lighthouse stands	Steve Nicholas
Padded Boxes for Grand Officers	Jean Haynes
Corsages	
Installation Team	Gloria Kimrey
Grand Representatives	Peggy Salm, Fay Bergstrom
Decorations	
Stage and well	Linda Bray
Assistants	Sally Wells, Sarilyn Stine, JD Hammett and a cast of loyal and speedy helpers
Formation for 2008 WMs/WPs	Robin Barnes
Assistants and baseball props	Max and Patsy Luy, June Dwyer, John Scott
Jeweled badge holders	Susan Lorenzen
Narrations and scripts	Susan White
Pearls of Wisdom Pages	Jackie Bozeman, Alice Austin
Assistants	Aurelia Martinez, Vickie Diem, Connie Snow, Mary Garside, Susan Wamsley, Kim Stotts, Diane Lotspeich, Louisa Bowren, JoAnn Chinn, Donna Wilson, Joan Taylor
Photographs	MaryJo and Danny See Chin Wong
Programs	Susan and Alan White
Printing partial cost	San Fernando Valley 2004's
Shoe tote keepsake bags	Laurie Kerr
Smorgasbord for 2008's	Donna Wilson, Louisa Bowren

2008 DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

Sarilyn Stine (154/390)	Chairman	Karen Utne (138)	27
Peggy Mecham-Carlotti (63)	1	Carolyn Ridge (531)	28
Jean Monroe (10/131)	2	Tomé Martin-Duvall (92/365)	29
Melissa Terrano (51)	3	Linda Rodie (89)	30
Jennifer Sargent (14)	4	Teresa Vernon (94/13)	31
Jeanne Woodstrup (86/20)	5	Linda Miller (188/125)	32
Peggy Glander (104/338)	6	Ann Lindsey (176)	33
Roberta Shurtz (55)	7	Marjorie Fryklund (523/78)	34
Ginger Jackson (57)	8	Vicki Fisher (619/327)	35
Kathy Randall (631/385)	9	Rita Varsam (403)	36
Brenda Hanson-Smith (62/195)	10	Cheryl Townsend (299/397)	37
Jean Sampson (36)	11	Donna Doan (245)	38
Diane McCombs (109)	12	Robin Logan (171/160)	39
Glenda Johnson (2)	13	Pam Collins (310/380)	40
Becky Costa (58)	14	Judy Dreiman (163)	41
Terri Ewing (33)	15	Donna MacDonald (143)	42
Dayl Brown (3)	16	Aldene Felton (378)	43
Mary Carlson (384/140)	17	Merle Ann Fenske (537/163)	44
Barbara Journeay (8/140)	18	Leola Greer (202)	45
Kelley James (103)	19	Charlene Everhart (485)	46
Anne Carlson (186)	20	Shannon Ordaz (162)	47
Annette Mariel (551/186)	21	Joy Scoville (515/78)	48
Patricia Walton (141/128)	22	B.J. Porter (360)	49
Susan Ramsey (401)	23	Wanda Jordan (390/28)	50
Sun Smith (581/47)	24	Kathie Theener (96/412)	51
Lydia Eckert (165/556)	25	Sherrie Wilkerson (345/412)	52
Tiffany Ruiz (50)	26		

COMMITTEE REPORTS NOT GIVEN DURING SESSION

REPORT OF THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES COMMITTEE

(by Delma Davis, PM (31))

This year, the Aims and Objectives Committee met four times: February in Northern California, June following the Fiesta at the Senior Living Center, July in Fresno following the Associate Matron/Associate Patron Workshop, and August in Southern California. The committee has had a busy year, addressing the ongoing needs of the Grand Chapter, listening to the membership for concerns, and creating tools to assist our Grand Chapter committee members.

Job Descriptions: The Aims and Objectives Committee has continued the task of compiling the job descriptions of the various committees. This involves soliciting the chairman of each committee to review the current job description and to submit updates. These are valuable to our Order - not only in assisting the Grand Line when selecting members on committees, but acting as a guiding tool for the committee members and a listing of expectations of services needed. It has been a challenge getting responses from some of the chairmen (as has been reported in years past), but at the All Committee Workshop in July, a CD of all job descriptions was distributed to the committee chairmen present for the committee's use. These are to be shared with the committee members and kept with the committee procedures manual. The Grand Line officers and the Grand Chapter office were also supplied copies.

Procedure Manual: The committee has started a guideline for the proposed procedure manual for each committee. The basic design and materials will be helpful to each committee — with the chain of command, budget forms, due dates, Grand Chapter resources, communication and publicity guidelines, and other useful information to help the committees perform successfully. This will continue to be developed in 2008.

Librarian/Historian — A Librarian/Historian position was again discussed. This volunteer position would be the point-of-contact and chief coordinator of the job descriptions, procedure manuals, and would assist with the committee transition from year to year. This will continue to be discussed and developed in conjunction with the rollout of the procedure manuals.

Vision Statement — The committee discussed the current California Eastern Star Vision Statement and suggested to the Grand Line that a 'slogan' be created for California Eastern Star. The suggestion was a semantic realignment of "vision" vs. "mission" — suggesting that the current vision statement would best be stated as the "mission statement" and a new "vision statement" be created. This catchy phrase would perhaps assist the members in talking about the order, identifying with the Order, and increase the public's recognition of the Order. The Grand Line responded positively, but felt that the Vision Statement, as currently written, and as promoted to the membership, would be better left 'as

is' for now to promote the concept more fully - continuing to be in alignment with the subordinate chapter Vision statements, and to engrain the concepts of the vision statement into the California Eastern Star culture.

I.M.P.A.C.T. — The committee responded to the Worthy Grand Matron's request to compile the results from the IMPACT surveys. Over 1000 members attended and the results were positive and useful to the committee in hearing the concerns of the membership. We look forward to being an active part of that team next year, also.

All Committee Workshop — The Aims and Objectives Committee hosted an "All Committee Workshop" in July, inviting the chairmen of all standing, special, and Grand Chapter week committees. Forty were in attendance, including the full Grand Line. This was a powerful session and revealed important issues. Among these were:

- The need for better communication to and within each committee regarding the expectations and duties.
- The need for qualified members on the committees - and how to find effective committee members.

In response to those and other needs, the Aims and Objectives Committee made the following recommendations and is taking these actions:

- The newly installed Worthy Grand Matron hold a committee kick-off meeting on the Sunday following installation. This short orientation could provide the Worthy Grand Matron the opportunity to "charge" the committee members with their duties for the year, emphasize the expectations, and distribute procedure books and other working materials to the committee chairmen.
- Finalize the procedure books and perhaps establish a Librarian/Historian position on the committee to oversee the job descriptions and procedure books.
- Review the member resume' forms and/or consider a "job application" to better reveal qualifications of our members so they can share their talents and skills with the members of the Order.
- Work on suggested guidelines for email communications — such as acknowledging receipt of email from committee members and putting "OES" in the subject line so that it is easily distinguished from SPAM.

The members of this committee would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Karen Fletcher, for our appointments, and thank the members of the Grand Line for their positive, thoughtful input. We look forward to serving the membership and improving the Order in California.

VISIONQUEST 2007 REPORT

(by Donna Herring, GGCCM (555), Chairman)

I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Karen Fletcher, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother David Skipworth, for recognizing the need for this important committee and appointing such capable helpers. As a Visionquest Committee Member for General Grand Chapter for this triennium, the vision of our Order is very important to me. I am hoping by the end of my term as Visionquest, all the members of our Order will see its importance and will recognize what their role needs to be. In order for Eastern Star to be viable in the years to come, ALL members of the Order need to take an active part in revitalizing their chapters. Doing this on a state level, you will see California Eastern Star grow and prosper.

Vision? What is "Vision" and how does it relate to the overall health of California Eastern Star? "Vision" is the act or sense of seeing and a "vision" is the creation of the imagination.

Quest? What is "Quest" and how does it relate to the overall health of California Easter Star? "Quest" is to search or seek out.

The words "Visionquest", put together, define an act so essential to our Order that our very existence demands it. "Visionquest" defined means to search or seek, to see our future and to imagine our success. It is taking place right now in our Order and everyone is invited to participate.

The "Visionquest" team of California has completed two very successful events this year – one in Sacramento for the northern half of our state and one in Norwalk for the southern half of our state. These sessions are designed to enable California Eastern Star members to consider our future and equip us with information and skills to help our Order prosper and grow. The team consists of three presenters: Donna Herring, Fred Sorsabal and Vicki Diem. Assisting the team is John Herring who leads the group in exercises for team building. These two sessions of 2007 were well received and will be offered again in 2008 providing new and different information. These workshops are designed to be an extension to the IMPACT Sessions that the Grand Officers will be presenting.

If you see the need for goals — short term or long term; if you see the need to plan for the future of Eastern Star; and if you have dreams or can imagine great things for our Order in the future — you need to be involved! Don't just sit back and leave it to others. Take part!

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

(by Diane West (141/195), Chairman)

Thank you for our appointments. Not every jurisdiction appoints Past Matrons and Past Patrons to serve on this committee. In many states, the duties of the Grand Line include serving on the Fraternal Correspondence committee. I am not sure how these sisters found the time to add this responsibility in with all their other duties of their office.

We thank the Grand Chapter office for forwarding the proceedings to us with return shipping labels. Due to the last shipments arriving less than a month before Grand Chapter, we have several jurisdictions to start reading for next year's report.

The Fraternal Correspondence report was created in 1876 by the WGM of Connecticut. Her idea was to share ideas and promote fellowship among the eight Grand Jurisdictions then in existence. I am sure this sister never thought that 131 years later we would still be enjoying the reports of these committees or be in so many jurisdictions.

In this time of high fuel costs, this is a marvelous way to attend sessions in other jurisdictions. This committee traveled, via proceedings, to 37 jurisdictions, including 3 provinces of Canada and Scotland. The average session length is three days. Some take place over a weekend. Membership in the proceeding we received ranges from 452 members (Washington) to 43,003 (Texas). Well over \$1,500,000 was donated to various Eastern Star and community charities. Some raise money by having golf tournaments, cruises, dinner shows, collecting cancelled stamps, pin sales, motorcycle rides and luncheons. It shows that members care deeply for the order as well as other causes by supporting other Masonic organizations as well as other non-profit organizations by supplying items of comfort such as quilts, wigs, toys and cancer bandages. Some jurisdictions have relinquished their ownership in an Eastern Star Home and share a home with the Masons.

We found that there are many similarities in the jurisdictions as well as different traditions in each Grand Chapter. All the jurisdictions had clever themes and names for their sessions. Some Worthy Grand Matrons had two colors while one had more than ten. Many WGMs and WGP's selected an animal or bird to be their mascots, flowers scriptures and emblems. We all seem to be afflicted by a membership that is declining and aging at a rapid pace. Committees have been appointed to seek solutions to stem the loss. Several committees suggested that we reach out to the community via the newspapers and through our involvement as volunteers with schools and hospitals.

Some jurisdictions elect the Grand Sentinel to then run for Associate Grand Patron the following year. While California has Deputy Grand Matrons, others have Grand Instructors. One jurisdiction also has Deputy Grand Patrons.

No matter what the similarities or differences are, the members of our Order are dedicated to the beautiful principles of our Order. Our membership numbers may be lower but the fraternal spirit of love is very much alive. Our sisters and brothers have a great commitment, work hard and strive to make the world a better place both now and in the years to come.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for appointing me as chairman of my favorite committee and for selecting two longtime friends to serve with me.

REPORT OF THE CANCER ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

(By Mary Kay Bowser, PM (177), Chairman)

Recently the American Cancer Society reported that there had been a decline in the number of new cancer cases for certain types of cancer. This must have trickled down to Eastern Star, as the number of applications for assistance has declined for the past two years. I worry that there are still members who do not know about the funds, or for some reason are not applying.

Since our last Grand Chapter session, 24 applications have been approved. The breakdown is as follows:

J. Clifford Lee: 13 applications for \$15,000 each.

Marguerite Rennie: Nine for \$15,000 each, and two for \$7,500 each.

I want to encourage our members to spread the word about these very important funds. I will continue to believe that this is one of the most important causes we have in Eastern Star.

REPORT ON THE MARGUERITE RENNIE MEMORIAL FUND

(By Janet Jopson, PM (48), Chairman)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron Sister Karen, for again giving me the honor of serving our members in 2007 as chairman of the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund.

We have 34 active files, four new files, 12 inactive files dating back to 1997, two member deaths and one member's relative.

Members, thank you for your donations to keep our Cancer programs going. It is such a loving service to our members when they need it most. The phrase "Give to our Sisters and Brothers" becomes much more meaningful.

I thank Sister Collette Serio Gole, our Associate Grand Matron, for asking me to continue for 2008. I also could not have done as much without the help of Mary Kay Bowser, our Cancer Assistance Chairman. To Eva Paulson, our Grand Chapter Accountant, a special thank you. She is a great teacher and has the patience of a saint. Thank you, Eva; you are appreciated.

Also, thank you to Maryann Barrios, Grand Secretary, for the help she gives so willingly when needed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

(by Denny Rae Grist, PGM (48), Chairman)

The purpose of this committee is to confer with the independent certified public accountants hired to audit the financial statements of the Grand Chapter of California, the Eastern Star Homes of California, and the California Eastern Star Foundation to satisfy ourselves that the financial affairs of these organizations are in order. We review the audit and decide whether it should be accepted. In addition, we approve all non-audit services that might be performed by our auditors and ensure such services conform to standards in the Yellow Book issued by the U.S. Comptroller General.

In December 2006, this committee met at the Grand Chapter Office. In addition to all committee members being present, Russ Kleber, Controller, attended the meeting. A lengthy discussion was held regarding specific items that should be addressed in the current audit of Grand Chapter. Other concerns were also discussed and it was recommended that Russ bring these items before the Finance Committee for approval/action.

In February 2007, a lengthy conference call was held between this committee and the independent certified public accountants. The financial statements of the Grand Chapter of California, Eastern Star Homes of California, and the California Eastern Star Foundation, the report on administrative fees and the management letters were reviewed and discussed. Several recommendations, requests for clarification and corrections were made to the independent auditors. We requested that after these changes had been incorporated, we talk via telephone again. This was accomplished and our committee recommended to each organization to approve and accept those financial statements for which they are responsible. A written request was also sent to the President of the Board of Trustees and the Chairman of Finance to respond to this committee in writing that the recommendations in the report had been implemented.

Since this was the last of a 5-year contract with the independent certified public accounting firm, a RFP was issued to six firms in April 2007. Two firms responded to the RFP and in June 2007, the Audit Committee met with Russ Kleber to make a recommendation as to which firm should be awarded the contract. A letter was then sent to the Worthy Grand Matron recommending that the firm of Mayer, Hoffman, McCann, P.C. be awarded a 5-year contract to perform the services as outlined in the RFP.

It has been a pleasure to work with both Larry Coffin and Fred Schulenburg these past two years. I would especially like to thank Larry for handling the duties that I was unable to attend to while out of the state, and for working with Russ on the issuance of the RFP. I would also like to thank Russ Kleber, Controller, and Maryann Barrios, Grand Secretary, for the assistance they provided during the year.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for appointing me Chairman this year. It was an honor for me to serve on this important committee.

REPORT OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE

(by Marlene Larsen, PM (128), Chairman)

In November 2006 I began working with Verna Self and David Maughan of the Greater Bakersfield Convention and Visitors' Bureau (GBCVB) to settle on the hotels to be used and their room rates. After the contracts with the Holiday Inn Select were settled in December, I began to finalize and print the housing packets.

At the first Grand Chapter Week committee meeting on January 15, 2007, the packets were given out to all committee chairmen present and to all Grand Officers with copies for their pages. Packets were mailed to all committee chairmen not present. The Grand Chapter office was a great help in that they took the originals of each sheet of the packet and made copies that were then sent to all Deputy Grand Matrons, California Chapters and out of state Jurisdictions. My sincere thanks goes to Maryann Barrios and her staff for doing this. Packets were also given to Jay Learn for the vendors, to Bj Kirste for the Cal Star News and to Todd Williams to be put on the website.

The Monday following the committee meeting, I telephoned Verna Self to follow up on some information, and found out that she had left the Bureau, and that Peggy Boyd would be replacing her. As reservations began coming in, Peggy informed me that she was filing them by date received, but would not be working on them until after she finished housing for Job's Daughters, which was in June.

After receiving the list of those who should be at the Host Hotel from the Worthy Grand Matron, it was forwarded to Peggy, along with a list of names of the Deputy Grand Matrons and the Grand Pages. She was also informed that all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of California were to be housed there. As Peggy was unfamiliar with our titles, I worked very closely with her and we made many, many phone calls to each other.

Peggy worked very hard to follow the lists. If not on those lists they were given their second choice. Those with handicaps and those with doctors' forms were set aside to be done at the end. After realizing that there was not enough room at the Holiday Inn Select to house all of the General Grand Chapter members, I contacted the WGM and suggested that we put the General Grand chapter officers and Committee members at the Doubletree Hotel.

Peggy kept in touch with me almost daily to make sure that those being housed at the Holiday Inn Select were on one of the lists. Many members who wanted to be at the headquarters hotel could not be housed there due to the number of available rooms. This was very distressing as I wish all who wanted to could have been at the host hotel. Many members made their own reservations directly with the Holiday Inn Select or for the hotel of their choice even though it was recommended to go through the GBCVB.

Due to many reservations coming in late, the confirmations were sent out later than usual. This resulted in many emails and phone calls regarding where people were being housed. All calls were answered promptly and I reassured people that they did have a reservation.

The complimentary room program this year brought in a total of \$2,404 for Grand Chapter. This total is less than what we received the last time we were in Bakersfield. One of the hotels used previously is under new management and no longer offers comped rooms. Many of the hotels did not have enough rooms booked, or wanted numbers too large for us to fill. The Holiday Inn Select gave us four complimentary rooms along with the six suites that were free as per the contract. Those rooms went to the General Chairmen, the Housing Chairman, the Chairman of the Pages and to Pat Rasmusson, PMWGM.

It was truly a pleasure to work with Peggy Boyd at the GBCVB and Vanessa Vincent at the Holiday Inn Select. Both of these ladies truly worked hard to make sure our members were taken care of.

I thank Worthy Grand Matron Karen Fletcher for allowing me the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter as Housing Chairman. It has been a very challenging and rewarding experience. I talked on the phone and corresponded by email with members from all over California and from many states. I hope to meet some of them at our Session.

I also thank the other members of the committee for being there, and to Joan Taylor and Linda Kephart for answering many questions.

Recommendations for the future are as follows:

1. The list of members approved to be at the headquarters hotel should be obtained from the WGM and given to the person taking the reservations for the Convention Bureau and to the reservations manager at the Headquarters hotel as soon as possible. A copy should also be given to the General Chairmen. It would also be helpful if each committee chairman had a copy of this list so that they would know who has been approved.
2. No reservations should be made for anyone at the headquarters hotel who is not on the approved list without first checking with the housing chairman.
3. Confirmations should be released immediately to everyone who is approved for the Headquarters hotel instead of waiting and trying to process everyone at one time.
4. Grand Representatives should be encouraged to share housing information with their counterparts. I received many phone calls from other jurisdictions about how to get housing information.

5. Members approved for the Headquarters Hotel are urged to make their reservations early and before the deadline date.
6. Members requesting the Headquarters hotel because of medical problems should clearly state their condition and include a doctor's letter in order to be given priority consideration.

REPORT ON THE CAL STAR NEWS

(by Bj Kirste, PM (89/200), Editor/Publisher)

I thank Sister Karen, Worthy Grand Matron for appointing me as editor to serve our State's O.E.S. publication once again. How surprised I was when I learned the first day I arrived at this Grand Chapter Week Session that Sister Karen and Brother John will be our new editors. I congratulate both on their appointment.

Sisters and Brothers, our Worthy Grand Matron Karen, Worthy Grand Patron Skip, 2007 Grand Family, and all Chapter Officers, congratulations for an outstanding year of service to our Order. The members of California are very pleased with the outstanding accomplishments of the 2007 participation with IMPACT Sessions and our Worthy Grand Matron's special project supporting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Cal Star News was very pleased to publish the many activities of these events, which were reported by our members in the four issues published in 2007.

We all know how important communication is for the success of our Order, BUT very few members (if any) enjoy listening to the secretary read lengthy communications at chapter meetings. BORING to the members and TEDIOUS to the secretary! As secretary of my mountain chapter, I know this to be true; watch the chins drop and the eyes begin to shut! Each elected Grand Officer, not only is able to address her or his subordinate chapter officers, but through Cal Star News, he or she who was elected by the voting delegates, has the opportunity to address the entire membership. Therefore, it is important for each elected Grand Officer to promote the growth of circulation to our Eastern Star State Publication and the same applies to our appointed Grand Officers and Grand Chapter committee chairpersons. LET Cal Star News WORK FOR YOU! Not only do we need to submit articles and photos to the editor, adhering to deadlines, but also we, the members, need to give effort towards increasing the circulation of *Cal Star News*.

My utmost thanks to Sister Inge Adair (126/200) who helped me prepare the paper for mailing. She wasn't able to help with our fall issue because she was in Germany at the time, visiting her mother. My grandson, Jason and his wife, Kelli were able to help and the job went very well. The automated bulk-mailing program makes the job easy and efficient.

My grateful thanks to Sister Joetta Lyons (176) who over the years always came to Grand Chapter, shared with me our motel bills and helped at the Cal Star News booth.

It was not an easy decision for me to make, retiring as your editor and publisher but I believe it necessary. I shall miss the job. But change is good! I wish for the new Cal Star News Team nothing but SUCCESS.

To our 2008 leaders, Sister Collette and Brother Jim, and all of your Grand Family for the coming year, I wish you the VERY BEST, battling HOME RUNS all the way! I love you both dearly.

I thank all that submitted articles and photos before deadline this past year. YOU were and are TERRIFIC!

(The financial report for Cal Star News is on page 259.)

REPORT ON THE CANCER DRESSING STATIONS COMMITTEE

(by Karen Fiegehen, PM (358), Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for allowing me to represent you and Grand Chapter as Chairman of the Memorial Cancer Dressings Stations. It has been a very rewarding experience. What a wonderful group of members and volunteers it has been to work with.

To date we have 35 stations. I have heard from 28 and 7 have not reported. The stations this year have donated over 20,000 hours and items to various hospitals, individuals, patients, churches, cancer centers, etc.

I am very proud of everything each of these stations has accomplished this year. Some stations have one or two members while others have 15–20, but they all have the same goal in mind. That goal is to assist Eastern Star members as well as others with cancer items (comfort items).

I look forward to next year as we continue getting the word out regarding our stations and our items.

Please remember those who help with various stations. They deserve our thanks as they continue to donate their time and energies. Give them ideas and make suggestions as to where items might be used. These stations are there for each of us, our family and our friends.

Karen and Skip, thank you again for allowing me to represent these wonderful people who volunteer their time.

CAL STAR NEWS - O.E.S. Publication REPORT

(By Bj Kirste PM (89/200), Editor/Publisher)

Beginning Balance as of September 30, 2006 **\$30,020.00**

Income:

Cal Star News subscriptions	\$10,024.92
Donations	516.00
ClipArt including shipping and handling	3,278.00
Interest earned on savings and certificates	<u>822.51</u>

Total Income:

\$14,641.43

Expenditures:

Bulk mail annual permit fee (shared w/Chapter 200)	\$ 100.00
Publications (4) @ non-profit flats bulk rate	1,953.28
First-class postage	116.33
Postal returns	132.27
Bulk mailing postal update software (thru 12/07)	318.71
Web-press printing (4) publications	5,541.08
Stationery and office supplies	569.04
Grand Chapter week photos	129.50
Mileage and freight	186.00
Internet server	145.82
Computer repair	104.26
ClipArt postage and supplies	<u>400.01</u>

Total Expenditures

\$ 9,696.30

Balance as of November 2, 2007

\$34,965.13

Cash on hand

Checking account	\$ 8,513.14
Passbook savings	5,825.90
Certificate of deposit (2)	<u>20,626.09</u>

Total Cash on Hand

\$34,965.13*

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Total Circulation	1,714

Note:

*\$25,284.20 Cal Star News prepaid subscriptions

*\$ 9,680.93 ClipArt Equipment Fund

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LEGISLATION

(Throughout the Session the various Committees presented the following legislation to the delegates.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS 2007

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1

Whereas, at the 2006 Grand Chapter Session, the Constitution and Laws were changed with regard to the ability to transfer life membership fees to another Chapter, and

Whereas, the Constitution and Laws previously made provision for transfer of life membership funds to the Chapter's general fund upon death or otherwise optional by stating, ". . . the Chapter may (emphasis added) transfer to its general funds all or any part . . ." and

Whereas, the revised Constitution and Laws changed the word "may" to the word "shall", making it mandatory rather than optional for a Chapter to transfer such funds, and

Whereas, some Chapters have life membership funds deposited in investments which do not easily allow for the withdrawal of principal, making it impossible for them to comply with the new mandatory transfer provision;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That, upon demit of a life member, the Chapter may, but is not required to, transfer to its general funds all or any part of the principal of the life membership fee paid by such member.

Signed: Linda E. Frost (3/213)
Heidi A. Bucher-Lamb (215/33)
Pat Caceres (59/189)

Section(s): 181

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

(by Sheri Weisser, PGM (177))

The committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence to whom proposed Amendment No. 1 has been referred, recommends a yes vote, because this will give the Chapter the option of transferring any or all, or none of the Life Membership fund into the General fund, upon the demit of a life member.

(Discussion was held and a vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

Sec. 181. **LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUNDS. . . .**

. . . After the termination of the membership of a life member in said chapter, by death, demit or otherwise, the Chapter MAY ~~shall~~ transfer to its general funds all or any part of the principal of the Life Membership fee paid by such member. Such action may be taken only after special notice to the membership and by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2

Whereas, the Constitution and Laws requires a group desirous of forming a new Chapter to wait a full year after receiving permission of the Worthy Grand Patron to organize the new chapter; and

Whereas, the required waiting period should depend on the period of time which it takes the authorized group to organize, not an arbitrary one year period; and

Whereas, the ultimate decision to issue a dispensation for a new chapter rests with the Worthy Grand Patron who determines whether the organizing group has had sufficient preparation time for the formation of the new chapter;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the one year waiting period to receive a dispensation be eliminated so that a group may receive a dispensation from the Worthy Grand Patron at such time as the Worthy Grand Patron determines that the group is ready to operate under dispensation.

Signed: Stephanie F. Bezner (245)
 Virginia D. Fischer (425)
 Jeanne Schultz (319)

Section(s): 264

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE**
(by Kathleen MacDonald, PGM (195))

The committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence to whom proposed Amendment No. 2 has been referred, recommends a yes vote for the following reasons:

The group may be ready sooner than one year, or it may take longer than one year.

(The vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

Sec. 264. **ORGANIZATION.** Any person or group of persons desiring to organize a group having for its object the petitioning for a dispensation to organize a new Chapter, shall first apply to the Worthy Grand Patron for permission to so organize. After permission is granted, the Worthy Grand Patron, or his designated representative, shall be invited to be present at all meetings of the group. No recognition shall be given any group not complying with this regulation.

No dispensation shall be granted to any such group, or to any of the members of such group, until at least twelve months subsequent to the organization of such group, pursuant to permission of the Worthy Grand Patron DETERMINES THAT THE GROUP IS READY FOR SUCH DISPENSATION.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3

Whereas, Memorial Cancer Dressing Stations were established in 1957 by Marguerite Weisheimer, P.G.M., for the purpose of providing suitable dressings for those afflicted with cancer and its treatment, and

Whereas, advances in treatment have diminished the need for many of those items. Accordingly, comfort items are now made to support the care of the patient. The program has become a viable source for the medical profession and an outreach to the community;

Whereas, as this is the 50th anniversary of the establishment of this program, and in tribute to its founder;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the name be changed to the Marguerite Weisheimer Patient Support Program.

Signed: Kathie Runcie (31)
 Ellen Kneebone (1)
 Dorothy Lo Schiavo (252)

Section(s): 63(20), 64(j), 91, 91B, 106, 111 Rule 19, 420

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE *(by Kathleen MacDonald, PGM (195))*

The committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence to whom proposed Amendment No. 3 has been referred, recommends a yes vote for the following reason:

Those persons most active in this program feel that it is an appropriate tribute to Marguerite Weisheimer, the founder of this program.

(Discussion was held.)

Laura Hoover, WM (214): MOTION: I move that the name be amended to be the “Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program”, because we still provide cancer dressing in some areas, although, we have groups which focus in other areas. *(The motion was seconded.)*

(Discussion was held on the motion to amend, and a vote was taken.)

MOTION TO AMEND ADOPTED.

Proposed Amendment No. 3 (as Amended)

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the name be changed to the Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program.

(A vote was taken on the proposed amendment as adopted.)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Sec. 63. ~~STANDING COMMITTEES; APPOINTMENT.~~ . . .

20. Committee on ~~Memorial Cancer Dressings Stations~~ EASTERN STAR PATIENT COMFORT PROGRAM.

Sec. 64. ~~NUMBER OF MEMBERS.~~ . . .

(j) The Committee on EASTERN STAR PATIENT COMFORT PROGRAM ~~Memorial Cancer Dressing Stations~~ shall consist of a State Chairman and eleven (11) Co-Chairmen throughout the State. One of the Co-Chairmen shall be for two (2) years and the others for one (1) year. The Co-Chairmen shall be a liaison between the State Chairman and the Local Chairman of each PATIENT COMFORT PROGRAM ~~Dressing~~ Station. The eleven Co-Chairmen will publicize this Non-Profit Venture.

Sec. 91. ~~MEMORIAL CANCER DRESSINGS STATIONS~~ EASTERN STAR PATIENT COMFORT PROGRAM. It shall be the purpose of the ~~Cancer Dressings Stations~~ EASTERN STAR PATIENT COMFORT PROGRAM to create suitable dressings and comfort items for cancer patients to be distributed to cancer patients through charitable non-profit organizations serving cancer patients in need. Each such item or package may be labeled or tagged, “Made with loving hands by the Order of the Eastern Star.”

A State Chairman and eleven Co-Chairmen shall be appointed from areas throughout the state to publicize this non-profit project and be a liaison between the State Chairman and the local chairman of each ~~Dressing~~ PATIENT COMFORT PROGRAM Station. One of the eleven Co-Chairmen or the State Chairman will have served the preceding year. The net proceeds of all money received for the ~~Memorial Cancer Dressings Stations~~ EASTERN STAR PATIENT COMFORT PROGRAM shall

be turned over to the California Eastern Star Foundation within thirty days of receipt of such funds. A ~~Memorial-Cancer Dressings~~ PATIENT COMFORT PROGRAM Station may have up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for working capital if needed.

. . .

Requests for information from other Grand Jurisdictions for information about California's programs and practices for use in increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of their own ~~cancer-dressing-stations~~ EASTERN STAR PATIENT COMFORT PROGRAM shall be referred to the General Chairman, who shall make every effort to provide useful information to them.

Sec. 91B. **CANCER GIFTS, MADE IN GENERAL TERMS, ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.** All gifts of any kind hereafter made for any purpose related to cancer, or for any purpose provided in Sections 89A, 91, and 91A, hereof, the terms of which do not make clear for what fund they are intended, shall in each instance be allocated as follows: equally to the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund, the ~~Memorial-Cancer Dressings Stations~~ EASTERN STAR PATIENT COMFORT PROGRAM Fund, and the Cancer Research Fund.

Sec. 106. **COMPENSATION, STANDING COMMITTEES.** For services rendered to the Grand Chapter by members of Standing Committees, compensation shall be paid as follows: . . . fifty dollars (\$50.00) each to the Chairmen of the Committees on Credentials, ~~Memorial-Cancer Dressings Stations~~ EASTERN STAR PATIENT COMFORT PROGRAM and Housing; to each of the other members of the Committees on Credentials, thirty dollars (\$30.00), and on ~~Memorial-Cancer Dressings Stations~~ EASTERN STAR PATIENT COMFORT PROGRAM and Housing, twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50); . . .

Sec. 111. . . .

Rule 19. Distribution of Itineraries and Rosters. The Grand Secretary shall distribute the itinerary and roster as follows: . . .

One copy of the roster to . . . Chairman of ~~Memorial-Cancer Dressings Stations~~ EASTERN STAR PATIENT COMFORT PROGRAM, . . .

Sec. 420. **CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION . . .**

Medical Research Fund
~~Memorial-Cancer Dressings Stations~~ EASTERN STAR PATIENT
COMFORT PROGRAM Fund.
Scholarship Fund

. . . .

Change all index references.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4

Whereas, there is no steady source of funding for our annual Scholarships Program which does not allow us to predict from year to year how much will be available for the Scholarships Committee to award to worthy applicants each year, and

Whereas, having a steady source of funding would enable the Scholarships Committee to plan more consistently and to advance its charitable, educational purpose;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That a Scholarships Endowment Fund be established under the California Eastern Star Foundation. Funds donated to the Eastern Star Foundation marked as donations to the “Scholarships Endowment Fund” would be deposited into the Fund and the principal of the Fund would be restricted so that it cannot be spent except if otherwise required by law. Beginning in the year 2012 or when the principal amounts to \$500,000.00, whichever occurs first, the income of the Fund would be made available to be managed and distributed by the Scholarships Committee and the Finance Committee in the same manner as regular contributions to the general Scholarships Fund.

Signed: Leonard B. Froomin (252)
 Janice McPherson (428)
 MaryLouise Radford (57/524)

Section(s): New 87, 420

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, AND FINANCE

(by R. Stephen Doan, PP (245))

The committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence, and Finance to whom proposed Amendment No. 4 has been referred, recommends a yes vote. Proponents seek to establish a permanent endowment for scholarships. No scholarships would be paid from the fund until 2012, or the fund reaches \$500,000. We support a permanent fund to provide a steady stream of income for scholarships. We note that this legislation will have no impact on the current scholarship program in the California Eastern Star Foundation.

(The vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

Add Sec. 87 as follows:

Section 87. **SCHOLARSHIPS ENDOWMENT FUND.** The Grand Chapter has established, under the California Eastern Star Foundation, a Scholarships Endowment Fund. This Fund shall be a restricted fund and no part of the principal of this restricted fund shall be expended for any

purpose unless required by law. Funds donated to the California Eastern Star Foundation marked as donations to the Scholarships Endowment Fund shall be added to the restricted principal of this fund. Funds donated for scholarships that are not so designated shall be deposited in the unrestricted Scholarship Fund. The income from the Scholarships Endowment Fund and, at the discretion of the Finance Committee, net profits from the sale of investments, shall be transferred to the unrestricted Scholarship Fund and managed, used, and distributed in accordance with those provisions relating to the unrestricted Scholarship Fund.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, until the amount deposited in the Scholarships Endowment Fund reaches \$500,000, or until the Grand Chapter session held in 2012, whichever comes first, the income and net profits generated by the Scholarships Endowment Fund shall be retained in the Scholarships Endowment Fund. This paragraph will automatically be deleted in the revisions to the Constitution and Laws distributed after the 2012 Grand Chapter Session.

Sec. 420. **CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION. . . .**

Scholarship Fund
SCHOLARSHIPS ENDOWMENT FUND

. . . .

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 5

Whereas, a 50 year Life Membership can only be granted to a member of the Order who has been a member in good standing in the State of California for a total of 50 years, and

Whereas, this does not seem to be in the spirit of brotherly love as it implies that a member of our beautiful Order for 50 years combined in two or more jurisdictions is not as worthy as one who has been a member in the State of California for 50 years. All of our 50 year members in all jurisdictions created and built the Chapters that now exist and that we enjoy due to their hard work. They were our beginnings and our growth in membership and finances through the years. They all deserve to be honored and thanked for their services. Perhaps a compromise of ½ California and ½ another jurisdiction(s) would better show our members that we do care;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That, in addition to granting a 50 year Life Membership to members who have belonged in California for the entire 50 years, a Chapter may also grant a 50 year Life Membership to a member who has been a member in good standing in the Order of the Eastern Star for 50 combined years in two or more jurisdictions under the General Grand

Chapter or in Chapters directly under the General Grand Chapter, and who has been a member in good standing in the State of California for a minimum of twenty-five (25) years and a member of the Chapter granting the 50 year Life Membership a minimum of one (1) year.

Signed: Agnes Kelman (178)
Marjorie Kenyon (215/219)
Marcia McBrayer (103/177)

Section(s): 98(a), 193, 245

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

(by Sheri Weisser, PGM (177))

The committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence to whom proposed Amendment No. 5 has been referred, recommends a yes vote for the following reason:

This will allow the Chapter to vote a 50 year life membership upon a member who may have a portion of their membership years in another jurisdiction, or in a subordinate Chapter directly under General Grand Chapter.

(The vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

Sec. 98. **EXEMPTIONS.** Neither Chapters nor members shall be required to pay such fees, dues and assessments on members:

(a) who have been made life members by virtue of having been a member in this jurisdiction for fifty years or more (see Section 193); . . .

Sec. 193. **LIFE MEMBERS.** . . .

Fifty Year Members:

A Chapter may, by motion carried by a majority vote of members present and voting, present a certificate and confer a life membership in such Chapter upon any member who has been a member in good standing of any Chapter(s) WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF ANY GRAND CHAPTER UNDER THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, OR UNDER THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ITSELF, FOR NO LESS THAN A TOTAL OF FIFTY YEARS, AND WHO HAS BEEN A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF ANY CHAPTER(S) IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR NO LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE ~~a total of fifty~~ years, providing the last one (1) year prior thereto was in the Chapter conferring the life membership, without payment of fee into a Life Membership Fund, any provision of the laws of Grand Chapter or the bylaws of the Chapter notwithstanding.

Sec. 245. **EXEMPT MEMBERS.** Exempt members are those who are members and residents of Eastern Star, Masonic or other entirely charitable homes, those who have been adjudged legally insane, and those who have been made life members because of fifty years membership AS DEFINED IN SECTION 193. ~~in the jurisdiction of California.~~

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 6

Whereas, the Benevolent Fund was established in 1916 to assist members in financial need, and

Whereas, a ten cent (\$.10) per member per capita fee was established at the time the Benevolent began, and

Whereas, the number of members needing financial assistance has increased;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the per capita fee for the Benevolent Fund shall be forty-five cents (\$.45) per member in good standing.

Signed: Rosanne Grigsby (397)
 Shirley Orth (135)
 J.D. Hammett (21)

Section(s): 96(d)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, AND FINANCE

(By Sheri Weisser, PGM (177))

The committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence, and Finance, to whom proposed Amendment No. 6 has been referred, recommends a yes vote for the following reason: The needs to our membership has increased since the establishment of the Benevolent Fund in 1916, and has never been increased. We feel that the proposed increase is appropriate.

(The vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

Sec. 96. **ANNUAL PER CAPITA FEES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS PAYABLE BY SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS. . . .**

(d) **Benevolent Fund.** For a special fund, to be known as the Benevolent Fund, for benevolent purposes, FORTY-FIVE ~~ten~~ cents for every member in good standing, or such other sum as may be specifically prescribed by Grand Chapter at each session.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 7

Whereas, many of our members, as they age, suffer from dementia and other loss of cognitive abilities, and

Whereas, when those members can no longer function independently, and may not have family who will maintain their membership, or may seek to terminate it, and

Whereas, the chapter has to annually vote to remit the members dues and may decide to suspend that member for nonpayment of dues;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that upon presentation of a medical diagnosis of dementia, Alzheimer's, or other cognitive impairment of a sufficiently advanced state that the member is no longer able to independently function, the chapter may, by a majority vote, exempt the member from further payment of dues;

Further, that upon such vote of the chapter, the chapter will be exempt from paying assessments upon that member, and

Further, that should such impairment be removed by diagnosis, the chapter shall revoke the exemption from payment of dues.

Signed: Deborah Winn (347)
 Susan K. White (524/287)
 Katherine E.A. Streeter (147)

Section(s): 98, 245, 248, 252

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, AND FINANCE

(by Frank Young, PP (18))

The committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence, and Finance to whom proposed Amendment No. 7 has been referred, recommends a no vote. The committees believe that it is already covered under the financial provisions of the constitution to be able to remit the dues at this time, and we further believe that by doing it automatically, the chapter will lose the contact with not only the member, but the member's family. We feel it is extremely important that we keep in touch with our members.

(Discussion was held, and the vote was taken.)

NOT ADOPTED.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 8

Whereas, the Constitution and Laws only provides for a \$600.00 Petty Cash Fund for the Senior Living Community, and

Whereas, such amount is being found to be insufficient to meet the immediate cash needs of the SLC, and

Whereas, the Grand Chapter of California only meets once a year and is not familiar with the daily operations of the SLC, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Star Homes of California is elected by this body to oversee the Senior Living Community;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the amount of the Petty Cash Fund for the Senior Living Community be determined by the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Star Homes of California.

Signed: Kat Farris (347)
 Linda Bernhard (106)
 Collette Gole (21)

Section(s): 461

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, AND FINANCE

(by Tacy Lee, PM (524))

The committees on Finance, Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence to whom the proposed Amendment No. 8 has been referred, recommends a yes vote for the following reasons: The Home Board of Trustees have access to the day to day analysis of expenditures from the petty cash, that Trustees should have the authority to see that sufficient funds are available when necessary.

(Discussion was held and the vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

Sec. 461. **PETTY CASH FUNDS.** A fund, known as a Petty Cash Fund, heretofore created by draft on the Operating Fund, ~~in the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00)~~ shall be maintained under the authority of the Board of Trustees for use of the Executive Director of the Senior Living Community for petty cash purposes. THE AMOUNT TO BE HELD IN THE PETTY CASH FUND SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS REQUIRED. THE PETTY CASH FUND It shall be replenished, in the manner provided in Section 460, from time to time, as required, on showing of prior expenditures.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 9

Whereas, a visible commitment to Eastern Star's charitable object is the Eastern Star Homes of California, and

Whereas, it is a goal of the Order of the Eastern Star to have an Eastern Star Home Endowment Fund sufficient to make it possible for the Eastern Star Homes of California to be entirely supported from the income from the Fund, and

Whereas, members of the Eastern Star, their families and friends have contributed to the Eastern Star Homes of California since 1930, when the Eastern Star Homes of California, a non-profit corporation, was organized, and

Whereas, under the Constitution and Laws, a Life Sponsorship Program for the maintenance of the Eastern Star Home was created and established, and

Whereas, the title of "Life Sponsor of the Eastern Star Homes" may be obtained by any member of the Order of the Eastern Star, by request of and upon contribution of \$30.00 or more by or on behalf of the member, and

Whereas, there is a "Star-Plus Life Sponsor Certificate Program" for member's first contribution of \$30.00 or more to the Endowment Fund beyond a Life Sponsor membership, and

Whereas, such contributions are added to the restricted fund of the Endowment Fund, and

Whereas, it has been estimated that \$10 million is needed to make the Endowment Fund sufficient to support the Eastern Star Homes of California, and

Whereas, since the Life Sponsor and Star Plus contribution was increased to \$30.00 in 1993, the inflation rate from 1993 to 2007 has been 41.95%, and

Whereas, the contribution has not kept pace with inflation, and

Whereas, to make an effort to help increase the Endowment Fund, and

Whereas, to instill the necessity of increasing the Endowment Fund;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the cost to become an Eastern Star Home Life Sponsor or receive a Star-Plus Certificate be changed from \$30.00 to \$75.00

Signed: David J. Buck (197)
 Jeff H. Eichner, Jr. (59)
 Linda Bernhard (106)

Section(s): 466, 466A, 466B

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, AND FINANCE**

(by Donna German, PM (352))

The committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence, and Finance, to whom proposed Amendment No. 9 has been referred, recommends a yes vote for the following reasons:

There has been no increase since 1993, and it is a voluntary donation, not a mandatory increase assessed to our members.

David Buck, PGP (197): MOTION: I move that the proposed Amendment be amended to change the \$75 to the \$50. That, if accomplished, will allow the continuity of the Life Membership Sponsorship to be continued at 10 times the annual assessment.

(The motion was seconded, discussion was held, and a vote was taken.)

MOTION TO AMEND ADOPTED.

(The vote was taken on the Amended Proposed Amendment.)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Sec. 466. LIFE SPONSOR MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN STAR HOME. . . .

The title of “Life Sponsor of the Eastern Star Home” may be obtained by any individual member of the Order of the Eastern Star, by request of and upon contribution of a sum of not less than \$50.00 ~~\$30.00~~ by or on behalf of said member. . . .

Sec. 466A. STAR-PLUS LIFE SPONSOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM.

. . .

A member’s first contribution of \$50.00 ~~\$30.00~~ or more to the Endowment Fund beyond a Life Sponsor Membership, entitles the contributor to recognition with a Star-Plus Life Sponsor Certificate. Each subsequent contribution of \$50.00 ~~\$30.00~~ or more by a Life Sponsor member shall entitle the contributor to attach to her/his Star-Plus Life Sponsor Certificate a gold seal presented by the Chapter receiving the contribution.

Sec. 466B. STAR-PLUS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM FOR NON-MEMBER OR GROUP CONTRIBUTORS. A contribution of \$50.00 ~~\$30.00~~ or more to the Endowment Fund by a non-member of the Order or by a group shall entitle the contributing non-member or group to a Star-Plus Certificate.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 10

Whereas, the OBJECT of the Grand Chapter and of the subordinate Chapters in California is to promote and practice Charity and Fraternalism, and

Whereas, one of the ways we practice Charity in California is through our Senior Living Community, managed by our Eastern Star Homes of California, for the care and support of our aged, indigent and infirm members of our Order, and

Whereas, a goal of the Order of the Eastern Star in California is to have an Endowment Fund sufficient to make it possible for the Eastern Star Homes of California to be entirely supported from the income from the Fund, and

Whereas, it has been estimated that at least \$10 million is needed to bring the Endowment Fund to where the Fund would produce income sufficient to entirely support the Eastern Star Homes of California, and

Whereas, each petitioner for membership and each applicant for affiliation whose demit or certificate of good standing is from a chapter in a jurisdiction other than California, shall include with the petition or application a contribution of five dollars (\$5.00) for the use and benefit of the Eastern Star Home Endowment Fund, and

Whereas, requiring a \$5.00 contribution by a petitioner or applicant does not signal a very strong Eastern Star commitment to charity, and

Whereas, the \$5.00 contribution has been in effect since at least 1996 and since 1996 to 2007, the inflation rate was over 31 percent, and

Whereas, a cup of coffee will sometimes cost \$5.00, and

Whereas, increasing petitioners' and applicants' contribution to the Endowment Fund would be a way to increase the endowment Fund and engender the idea of larger contributions to the Endowment Fund and other Eastern Star charities in the future, and

Whereas, to convey our Eastern Star commitment to charity;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the \$5.00 contribution to the Eastern Star Homes Endowment Fund that accompanies petitions for membership and applications for affiliation from a jurisdiction other than California be increased to \$25.00.

Signed: David J. Buck (197)
 Jeff H. Eichner, Jr. (59)
 Linda Bernhard (106)

Section(s): 199, UCB

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, AND FINANCE**

(by Tricia Stewart, PM (17/23))

The committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence, and Finance to whom proposed Amendment No. 10 has been referred, recommends a yes vote for the following reason: There has not been an increase in a number of years, and this is a more appropriate amount.

(The vote was taken.)

NOT ADOPTED.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 11

Whereas, the Order of the Eastern Star in California has helped the needy through its charitable activities since 1875, and

Whereas, members of the Order, their families, and friends have contributed to the Eastern Star Homes of California since 1930, when the Eastern Star Homes of California, a non-profit corporation, was organized, and

Whereas, the Eastern Star Homes of California has maintained a home for the care and support of the aged, indigent, or infirm members of our Order, and

Whereas, the Eastern Star Homes of California also helps support (as does the California Eastern Star Foundation) StarCARE that exists as a resource to assist California members and other eligible persons in need of assistance from California Eastern Star charities, funds, and programs, and

Whereas, it is the goal of the Order of the Eastern Star in California to have an Endowment Fund sufficient to make it possible for the Eastern Star Homes of California to be entirely supported from the income from the Fund, and

Whereas, it has been estimated that at least \$10 million is needed to make the Endowment Fund sufficient, and

Whereas, more than \$2 million a year is transferred from the Endowment Fund to the Eastern Star Homes, and

Whereas, the inflation rate from 1976 to 2007 was 264.06%, and

Whereas, there was an annual assessment of \$2.00 from 1976 to 1992 for the Home Maintenance Fund, and

Whereas, the cost of operating the Eastern Star Homes generally increases every year, while growth of the Endowment Fund is not keeping pace with inflation, and

Whereas, none of the Eastern Star fees or assessments for the Eastern Star Homes is keeping up with inflation, and

Whereas, since 1993 many members pay only a \$3.00 annual assessment with their dues for Home Maintenance Fund, and

Whereas, the inflation rate from 1993 to 2007 was 41.95%, and

Whereas, there is no annual assessment to increase the Home Maintenance-Fund, although inflation has been rising annually, and

Whereas, there is need to increase the Home Maintenance Fund to help insure that we continue the love and care provided to our members by the Eastern Star Homes of California; and

Whereas, action should be taken to increase the Home Maintenance Fund and, as one way to help increase the Endowment Fund;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the amount of the per capita assessed for each member in good standing for the Home Maintenance Fund shall be raised from One Dollar to Ten Dollars.

Signed: David J. Buck (197)
 Linda Bernhard (106)
 Jeff H. Eichner, Jr. (59)

Section(s): 96(c)

WITHDRAWN

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 12

Whereas, the Outreach Services Program was established to provide assistance to qualified members not residing at the Senior Living Community in Yorba Linda in obtaining financial and other assistance from federal, state, community and other sources, but was not intended to replace those sources; and

Whereas, the administrative expenses for Outreach Services Program, as included in the Eastern Star Homes of California budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year, is projected to be over \$ 94,000; and

Whereas, since its inception, the Outreach Services Program has received an increasing number of applications for assistance, with a projection for the 2007-08 fiscal year of over \$250,000 for assistance to approximately 25 members, and a maximum amount or duration of Outreach assistance would help assure that funds will be available to fairly and equally assist all eligible members in need; and

Whereas, since its inception, the Outreach Services Program receives a minimal amount of reimbursement from members receiving assistance; and

Whereas, the Outreach Services Program is funded by member contributions and income generated by the Grand Chapter Home Endowment Fund, which have not increased at the same rate that costs and the need for assistance have risen, so that the Home Endowment Fund is in danger within the next few years of not generating sufficient income to maintain the Eastern Star Home at Yorba Linda and/or the Outreach Services Program;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the maximum lifetime amount of unreimbursed Outreach assistance to anyone member shall be Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), including amounts reimbursed to the Benevolent Fund on behalf of that member. In the event the Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees determines that an emergency situation exists, one-time additional assistance of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) maximum may be authorized.

Signed: Henry J. Gannett (214)
Walt Patterson (50/165)
James Chormicle (619/642)

Section(s): 459A

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, AND FINANCE

(by Fred Schulenburg, PP (31/342))

The committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence, and Finance, to whom this proposed Amendment No. 12 has been referred, recommend a no vote for the following reason:

The Outreach Services Program was originally established to offer our members an alternative form of assistance to residing in our Senior Living Community. This assistance allows our members to stay in their homes and local communities near family and friends, in a lower cost than care provided at the Senior Living Community. The Order has never placed a cap to the cost of services provided to our members in the Senior Living Community, and should offer the same consideration to members utilizing the Outreach Services Program.

(Discussion was held, and the vote was taken).

NOT ADOPTED.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 13

Whereas, the members of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Star Homes of California, California Eastern Star Foundation, Committee on Finance and various other Grand Chapter officers, chairmen and committees members are entitled to reimbursement at various rates for mileage expenses incurred in the performance of their duties; and

Whereas, the Internal Revenue Code annually sets forth its guidelines for reimbursement of such mileage expense;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that any member entitled to mileage reimbursement pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter, shall be reimbursed, if requested, at the current Business mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service for that period.

Signed: Walt Patterson (50/165)
 Martie MacKidd (144/160)
 Henry J. Gannett (214)

Section(s): 62, 73(31), 74, 75(e), 83, 104, 454

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, AND FINANCE**
(by R. Stephen Doan, PP (245))

The committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence, and Finance to whom proposed Amendment No. 13 has been referred recommends a no vote for the following reason:

The proponents of this legislation seek to increase mileage reimbursement for those eligible from 20 cents a mile to 48 and one half cents a mile. This change will more than double the Grand Chapter mileage budget. We feel that the current rate of 20 cents a mile is adequate.

(Discussion was held, and the vote was taken.)

NOT ADOPTED.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 14

Whereas, the Worthy Grand Matron and/or Worthy Grand Patron are permitted to solicit and contribute funds for projects as approved by the Grand Chapter members; and

Whereas the purpose of our Order is to provide for the welfare of the wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters of Master Masons; and

Whereas, many of the funds established and managed for the benefit of members of the Order of Eastern Star in California are in immediate jeopardy of being insufficient to meet the needs of members;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the projects of the Worthy Grand Matron and/or Worthy Grand Patron, except in the event of a war or an extreme emergency, shall be limited to those funds or charitable purposes formally established and managed for the benefit of the members of the Order of the Eastern Star in California.

Signed: Sue McKinney (643)
Dennis Jordan (126)
Earl Eckert (556/165)

Section(s): 55

WITHDRAWN.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 15

Whereas, a subordinate Chapter may sponsor Youth Organizations, but its financial contributions are limited to Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per year; and

Whereas, the Masonic youth groups are struggling financially and look to the adult Masonic groups for support, including financial assistance;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That a subordinate Chapter may make contributions to any Masonic Youth Organization up to a maximum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per year.

Signed: Sue McKinney (643)
Henry J. Gannett (214)
Martie MacKidd (144/160)

Section(s): 179, 206

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, AND FINANCE

(by Gary Gole, PP (21))

The committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence, and Finance to whom proposed Amendment No. 15 has been referred, recommends a yes vote. We need to support our Masonic youth organizations. This amendment allows us to give more money than is currently allowed.

(Discussion was held)

Speaker: Worthy Grand Matron, currently, you can get a special dispensation to donate more than \$200 to a youth group. Does this resolution keep that so if you wish donate more than \$500, you can still get a special dispensation, or are you limited completely to the \$500?

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Gary?

Gary Gole, PP (21): The way the amendment is written, you can no longer get any dispensations.

Speaker: Also, I'm confused about the word "contribution". Does that mean donation? If a youth group does work for you and you pay them money for that, are you limited to \$500?

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: We are consulting our attorneys. It's always good to have them.

Gary Gole, PP (21): Just a minute. Let me see what my co-counsel say.

We have decided that it would not count towards the \$500.

Karen Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Gary, can you please repeat that? Our folks didn't hear it.

Gary Gole, PP (21): If the youth organization is working for you serving a dinner, or anything like that, and you pay them for serving the dinner, that would not be a contribution that would go against the \$500.

(Discussion continued)

Martie MacKidd, PM (144/160): MOTION: I move to amend this proposed amendment to add to the end, the language, "... unless otherwise authorized by a special dispensation of the Worthy Grand Matron."

(The Motion to Amend was seconded, discussion was held, and a vote was taken.)

MOTION TO AMEND ADOPTED.

Proposed Amendment No. 15 (as Amended)

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That a subordinate Chapter may make contributions to any Masonic Youth Organization up to a maximum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per year, unless otherwise authorized by a special dispensation of the Worthy Grand Matron.

(Discussion continued on the Amended Proposed Amendment, and a vote was taken.)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Sec. 179. RESTRICTIONS, PROJECTS; SPONSORSHIP OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS. . . .

The Chapter may sponsor one or more Youth Organizations, by vote of the members, but shall not contribute financially to any such group or organization more than two hundred dollars a year without a special dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron. The youth organization to be sponsored need not have a Masonic affiliation. A SUBORDINATE CHAPTER MAY MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANY MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION UP TO A MAXIMUM OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS

(\$500) PER YEAR, BY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS, BUT SHALL NOT CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO ANY SINGLE MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS A YEAR WITHOUT A SPECIAL DISPENSATION FROM THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON.

Sec. 206. **DEFINED AND ENUMERATED.** . . .

(6) To contribute more than two hundred dollars a year each to any youth organization WITHOUT A MASONIC AFFILIATION OR MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS A YEAR TO A MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 16

Whereas, the Constitution & Laws of Grand Chapter limit the amount of financial contributions that can be made by a subordinate Chapter to Youth Organizations; and

Whereas, many of the funds established and managed for the benefit of members of the Order of Eastern Star in California are in immediate jeopardy of being insufficient to meet the needs of members;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That commencing in 2008, contributions by a subordinate Chapter to any charitable or other organization not a part of the Order of the Eastern Star, shall be limited to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per year.

Signed: Henry J. Gannett (214)
 Walt Patterson (50/165)
 Marla Myers (319)

Section(s): 88, 179

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, AND FINANCE**

(by Gary Gole, PP (21))

The committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence, and Finance to whom proposed Amendment No. 15 has been referred, recommends a no vote. This legislation would limit the amount a Chapter could contribute to a charitable organization that many of their members may be interested in. We should not be telling Chapters where their money should go. It should be the decision of each Chapter and their members.

Henry Gannett, PP (214): MOTION: I move to amend this proposed amendment to add to the end, the language, “. . . unless otherwise authorized by a special dispensation of the Worthy Grand Matron.”

(The Motion to Amend was seconded, and a vote was taken.)

MOTION TO AMEND ADOPTED.

Proposed Amendment No. 16 (as Amended)

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That commencing in 2008, contributions by a subordinate Chapter to any charitable or other organization not a part of the Order of the Eastern Star, shall be limited to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per year, unless otherwise authorized by a special dispensation of the Worthy Grand Matron.

*(Discussion was held on the Amended Proposed
Amendment, and a vote was taken.)*

NOT ADOPTED.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 17

Whereas, California is the only jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star that utilizes the tradition of electing the currently appointed Grand Marshal to the office of Associate Grand Conductress, for the ensuring term; and

Whereas, it is desirable to include as many brothers as possible in the Grand Family and the tradition of electing the Grand Marshal to the office of Associate Grand Conductress discourages the possibility of appointing a brother as Grand Marshal; and

Whereas, there are many eligible and qualified sisters who desire to be elected to the office of Associate Grand Conductress, who have never served as Grand Marshal, but who do not wish to contradict the desires of the Worthy Grand Matrons who make such appointments by seeking nomination to that office; and

Whereas, it is also possible that a sister might desire to serve as Grand Marshal but have no desire to enter the Grand Line;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That effective with the 2008–09 term of office, the incumbent Grand Marshal shall not be eligible to be elected as Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

Signed: Henry J. Gannett (214)
 Sandra Geanoulis (490/96)
 Walt Patterson (50/165)

Section(s): 10

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS, AND JURISPRUDENCE**

(By Sarahann Shapiro, PM (250))

The committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence, to whom proposed Amendment No. 17 has been referred, recommend a no vote. The committees want to give Sister Collette's committee a chance to investigate before we make any changes.

(Discussion was held, and a written ballot was taken.)

Total votes cast, 810.

Two thirds needed to pass, 540.

Total yes votes, 280.

Total no votes, 530.

NOT ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, Eastern Star is a fraternal organization, and

Whereas, Eastern Star each year has a declining membership, and

Whereas, at the time Eastern Star was formed and organized the concept of a Vision Statement was not in existence, and

Whereas, our fraternal organization has a working vision statement, it is not codified in our Constitution and Laws, and

Whereas, numerous organizations, both fraternal and non-fraternal, have adopted a vision statement to help them materialize a desired future, and

Whereas, in other organizations, the adoption of a vision statement has helped the organization to grow and prosper; and

Whereas, the adoption of a vision statement is critical for the continued success of the Order;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Order of the Eastern Star in California adopt the Vision Statement prepared in 2004 as its official vision statement, and that it be printed as the preamble to our Constitution and Laws.

VISION STATEMENT

The Order of the Eastern Star is a fraternal organization of men and women committed to providing an environment of friendship and fellowship, regardless of age, by implementing innovative ideas, facilitating positive change and planning for the future, while working cohesively with our Masonic Family.

Goals

- Mutual Respect: To demonstrate mutual respect for each other, while recognizing the strengths and diversities of our members,
- Service: To make the name of Eastern Star synonymous with service to our communities and service and assistance to our members.
- Membership: To engage and revitalize our existing membership and appeal to prospective members through creative programs and activities.

Signed: Fred Sorsabal (62)
Collette Gole (21)
Barbara Scott (557)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

(by Frank Young, PGP (18))

The committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence to whom Resolution No. 1 has been referred, recommends a yes vote. The committees believe that this is the first step in an outstanding plan for our Order and for its future.

(Discussion was held, the Resolution was postponed, the resolution came back before the Grand Chapter, additional discussion was held, and the vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

Insert the Vision Statement as a Preamble to our Constitution and Laws after the Cover Page and before Page 1.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, many members in the past few years have expressed the desire to participate to a greater extent in the selection of the future leaders of our Order; and

Whereas, it is the duty of the Aims and Objectives Committee to conduct a continuing study of the status of the Order in California, and to report to the Grand Chapter such projections of the future of the Order in California as may be reasonably be inferred there-from; and

Whereas, the IMPACT sessions have proved to be an excellent forum for future leadership in our Order;

Now, Therefore be it resolved, that the Worthy Grand Matron shall within the first 30 days of her term appoint an “Ad Hoc” committee to determine the will of the membership and the feasibility of discontinuing the currently established traditional policy of appointing a Grand Marshal with the express purpose that she will be the one candidate for election to the office of Associate Grand Conductress, even though our Constitution provides for a competitive election.

That the committee shall consist of:

Two Past Matrons and one Past Patron representing Chapters in the northern part of the state;

Two Past Matrons and one Past Patron representing Chapters in the central part of the state;

Two Past Matrons and one Past Patron representing Chapters in the southern part of the state;

One Past Grand Matron and one Past Grand Patron from the North;

One Past Grand Matron and one Past Grand Patron from the south;

Two members at large,

and the Grand Conductress; and

That the Worthy Grand Matron direct the Aims and Objectives committee to formulate an objective survey questionnaire to be sent to the entire membership utilizing a bulk mail method of mailing, and to report the results to the Ad Hoc committee through the Worthy Grand Matron prior to April 1, 2008; and

That funds for the cost of the survey in excess of \$250 shall be charged to the Grand Chapter account obtained in 1991 for the purpose of membership programs; and

That the subject of this resolution shall be added to the 2008 IMPACT sessions as a general discussion.

And that the Ad Hoc committee shall report back to the Worthy Grand Matron by June 1st 2008 with a written preliminary recommendation and such legislative resolutions as may be required in support of their recommendation.

Signed: Earl Eckert (556/165)
 Earlynn Albright (123/167)
 David Long (345)

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, AND FINANCE**

(by R. Stephen Doan, PP (245))

The committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence, and Finance to whom proposed Resolution No. 2 has been referred, recommends a no vote, for the following reasons:

The proponents of Resolution No. 2 are well intended and share our concern about the future leadership in our Order. However, we feel that Resolution No. 2 is too limiting. It seems to be focused on replacing the current system with an open election of the Associate Grand Conductress. We think that all selection alternatives should be explored before choosing one.

Resolution No. 2 would have us spend — and we estimate — between \$20,000 and \$50,000 on a survey of all the members. We believe that sampling the views of those now active in Chapter and Grand Chapter leadership would produce a more relevant result, as those interested in, and knowledgeable about Eastern Star leadership would be surveyed, and that this sampling would be far less expensive than an all member survey. We also feel that the proposed legislation's requirement of a completed report in seven months would not allow for the kind of thoughtful study required before we make any change in one of the most important aspects of the Grand Chapter: Identifying our future leaders.

We would recommend that our incoming Worthy Grand Matron, after her installation, appoint a committee to review our current leadership recruitment practices, study the experiences of other American Grand Jurisdictions, and consider the benefits and shortcomings of modifying our current system. This study should include a sampling of the views now active in Chapter and Grand Chapter leadership.

We would hope that this study group can bring to the next Grand Chapter assembly a report on its work. We recommend that this study include discussions on all levels of Eastern Star leadership to identify concerns and proposed changes, with broad support among Chapter and Grand Chapter leadership.

(Discussion was held, and a written ballot was taken.)

Total votes cast, 1,005.

Majority needed to pass is 503.

Total yes votes, 229.

Total no votes, 776.

NOT ADOPTED.

DECISIONS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sec. 193. **LIFE MEMBERS.** A member in good standing of any chartered Chapter whose bylaws provide for life membership may become a life member of that chapter and entitled to a certificate evidencing the same by payment to that Chapter of the sum specified therefor in such Chapter's bylaws, without further action of the Chapter, and thereafter such member shall not be required to pay dues to the Chapter in which the member holds a paid life membership. A paid life membership in one chapter excuses the payment of dues for that chapter only. ONCE A MEMBER HOLDS A LIFE MEMBERSHIP, SUCH MEMBER MAY NOT BE BILLED FOR ANY FUTURE DUES FROM THE CHAPTER IN WHICH SUCH LIFE MEMBERSHIP IS HELD. SUCH MEMBER MAY NOT BE BILLED FOR INCREASES IN THE PER CAPITA, EVEN IF THE BYLAWS OF THE CHAPTER ALLOW FOR AUTOMATIC DUES INCREASES WITH INCREASES IN THE PER CAPITA.

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HOUSEKEEPING

Section 111, Rule 13(a) — Switch “his or her” to “her or his” and switch both “he or she” to “she or he”.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR 2006-2009

Most Worthy Grand Matron	Barbara Benton (Tom)
201 N. Mercedes Dr., Norman, OK 73069-6446	
Most Worthy Grand Patron	William "Bill" Owen (Evelina H.)
6609 N.W. 128th Cir., Oklahoma City, OK 73142-6054	
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron	Rennie Ofton (Paul*)
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Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron	Frederick W. Clarke (Margaret A.)
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Right Worthy Grand Secretary	Bonnie Poindexter (Tommy G.)
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Right Worthy Grand Treasurer	Glenda G. Winchester (David Harold)
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Right Worthy Grand Conductress	Barbara "Bobbi" Browning White (James E.)
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Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress	Helen J. Westmoreland (Victor*)
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Worthy Grand Esther	Linda Hattrick (David)
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1014 Constitution Dr., Bismarck, ND 58501-1941	
Right Worthy Grand Sentinel	John E. Grobler (Barbara)
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*Deceased

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Grand Chapter	Representative	Address	Expires
Alabama	Cliff Randall (385/[631])	1533 Portsmouth Ave., W. Sacramento	95691-2619 Jul 1, 2009
Alberta	Jack Holder (557/[45])	9722 N. Cedar Ave., Fresno	93720-1384 Dec 31, 2007
Arizona	Dixie Miller (619/[338])	10545 E. Avenue S-8, Littlerock	93543-2004 Aug 31, 2009
Arkansas	Omer Durham (93)	4845 N. Hulbert Ave., Fresno	93705 Mar 10, 2009
Australia	Robert H. Wright (390)	1674 Baja Vista Drive, Fallbrook	92028-9118 Dec 31, 2007
Bolivia	Aurelia Martinez (177)	1266 Quintana Way, Fremont	94539-3691 Mar 9, 2009
British Columbia	Walter Stott (515/[338])	2181 Birdie Dr., Banning	92220-7138 Dec 31, 2007
Colorado	Donald Farris Jr. (347)	8097 Carnation Dr., Buena Park	90620-2110 April 1, 2009
Connecticut	Jane Fisher Shultz (161/[48])	7015 Cliff Ave., Bodega Bay	94923-9703 Dec 31, 2007
Delaware	Dave Hoban (126)	3053 Bel Mira Dr., Atwater	95301-9518 Dec 31, 2008
Dist. of Columbia	Martha Pfershy (160)	10001 Frontage Rd., Spc. 163, South Gate	90280-5490 Dec 31, 2007
Florida	Audrey J. Hanno (106)	9391 California Ave., Spc. 89, Riverside	92503 Dec 31, 2008
Georgia	Gordon Thomas (417)	1600 Carleton Dr., Turlock	95382-2731 Sep 1, 2009
Idaho	Wilma Logan (144)	6315 Elmquist Ave., Whittier	90603-3821 Dec 31, 2007
Illinois	Chester Facey (131)	1934 S. Old Stage Rd., Spc. 21, Mt. Shasta	96067-9633 Sep 30, 2009
Indiana	Dorothy Campini (62/[639])	P.O. Box 407, Somerset	95684-0407 Jan 21, 2009
Iowa	Nancy Guy (92/[365])	37844 Avenue 12½, Madera	93646-8673 April 1, 2009
Kansas	Roger Nieder (174)	3551 Primrose Cir., Seal Beach	90740-3128 Jan 1, 2008
Kentucky	Dorothy Lou Ryan (201/[246])	P.O. Box 1532, Quincy	95971-1532 Dec 31, 2007
Louisiana	Howard E. Nielsen (36)	9156 Cecile Way, Sacramento	95826-4536 Dec 31, 2007
Maine	Harry Anderson (338)	12747 Lemay St., North Hollywood	91606-1230 Mar 1, 2008
Manitoba	Dale C. Naylor (300)	9929 Via de Oro, Spring Valley	91977-3043 Dec 31, 2008
Maryland	Sandra Murch (125/[188])	201 Ash St., Taft	93268-2007 May 30, 2008
Massachusetts	Grace Winship (643)	P. O. Box 3980, Wofford Heights	93285-3980 Dec 31, 2007
Michigan	M. Annette Francis (547)	341 E. Wilson Ave., Ridgecrest	93555-4164 Jan 1, 2009
Minnesota	Janice Terry (531)	1760 Lial Ct., Turlock	95380-2225 Dec 31, 2008
Mississippi	Joeana Frantz (246)	P. O. Box 1077, Quincy	95971-1077 Feb 28, 2008
Missouri	Robert McElroy (549/[161])	6444 Shaw Circle, Magalia	95954-9569 Dec 31, 2007
Montana	Reuben Gomez (378)	213 S. American St., Ridgecrest	93555-4203 Dec 31, 2008
Nebraska	Coren Andrews (412/[524])	24909 Madison Ave., #3321, Murietta	92562-9738 Oct 1, 2009
Nevada	Kathryn McGinis (40)	Box 124, Dutch Flat	95714-0124 Dec 31, 2007
New Brunswick	Willard Strong (95)	251 Lark Ave., Paso Robles	93446-4069 Dec 31, 2009
New Hampshire	Kathy Cox (346)	8095 Hillside Rd., Alta Loma	91701-1838 June 1, 2009
New Jersey	Ruth Smith (138)	91 Reed Rd., Oakdale	95361-8202 Jan 1, 2009
New Mexico	Jerry Carr (241)	2024 Nuevo St., Hemet	92545-2473 Dec 31, 2008
New York	Laird Crandall (14/[650])	P. O. Box 2322, Weaverville	96093-2322 Nov 2, 2007
North Carolina	Charles E. Cook (18/[214])	PO Box 2182, Concord	94521-0082 Dec 31, 2008
North Dakota	Montie Himes (20/[83])	PO Box 53, Tehama, CA	96090-0053 Jan 1, 2009
Nova Scotia/P.E.I.	Marcia McBrayer (103/[177])	34388 Gadwall Ter., Fremont	94555-3002 Dec 31, 2007
Ohio	Rey Coronel (358)	8661 Winter Gardens Blvd., Spc. 5, Lakeside	92040-5432 Aug 1, 2009
Oklahoma	Donald C. Wood (292)	8756 Kilkenny Ct., Elk Grove	95624-2516 Oct 1, 2009
Ontario	Lee Astorino (63/[23])	517 15th St., Eureka	95501-2317 Dec 31, 2007
Oregon	Millie Schneider (384)	1830 Woodsdale Dr., Concord	94521-1142 June 1, 2008
Pennsylvania	Patricia Bolen (513)	90 Saginaw Cir., Sacramento	95833-1041 Dec 31, 2007
Puerto Rico	John Unger (195/[128])	4609 Hampton Falls Plc., San Jose	95136-2678 Mar 1, 2009
Quebec	A. Leon Wilson (648)	24297 Virginia Ln., Moreno Valley	92557-6310 June 30, 2009
Rhode Island	Miles Thompson (140/[178])	115 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito	94530-4110 Mar 1, 2008
São Paulo	Sharon Plunkett (57)	PO Box 632, Meadow Vista	95722-0632 Dec 31, 2008
Saskatchewan	Arthur Bowron (94)	1782 Bane St., Tulare	93274-1704 Dec 31, 2007
Scotland	Loretta Miller (13)	315066 Road 132, Visalia	93292-9382 Dec 31, 2007
South Carolina	Frieda Borley (397)	10449 Nava St., Bellflower	90706-4132 Sep 15, 2008
South Dakota	Raymond Parkins (359/[173])	519 E. Murphy St., Blythe	92225-1743 Dec 31, 2007
Tennessee	Fred Garside (299)	6411 Barolo Ct., Alta Loma	91737-3583 Dec 31, 2007
Texas	Betty Walker (147/[105])	1001 N. Placentia Ave., Apt. C, Fullerton	92831-3255 Oct 9, 2009
Utah	Karley Sue Price (163)	230 Pasteur Plc., Placentia	92870-5206 Mar 31, 2009
Vermont	E. Jean Schultz (319)	17701 S. Avalon Blvd., Spc. 175, Carson	90746-6949 Jan 15, 2009
Virginia	Jim Lotspeich (185/[78])	1316 Crestlake Ave., Ventura	93004 Dec 31, 2008
Washington	Betty Lee (213/[141])	860 Cambridge Ave., Menlo Park	94025-5306 Sep 1, 2009
West Virginia	Merwyn Bergquist (108/[299])	3045 Oneida St., Pasadena	91107-5360 Jul 31, 2009
Wisconsin	Clyde R. (Jerry) Davis (219)	387 S. Morningsun Rd., Mill Valley	94941-3863 June 1, 2009
Wyoming	Darren Spark (51)	1620 Byrd Dr., Sparks, NV	89431-1964 Dec 31, 2008

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Alabama	Mrs. Lynn Johnson	315 Johnson Drive, Cleveland 35049	2007
Alberta	Mrs. Joan Siddall	49 Cedar Springs Gardens SW, Calgary T2W 5J9	2008
Arizona	Jerry Stauber	20218 N. 125th Ave, Sun City West 85375-3331	2008
Arkansas	Mrs. Betty Hopper	2632 Avery Dr., Benton 72012	2008
Australia			
British Columbia	Mrs. Rose Marie Werthing	#16 1675 Lac Le Jeune Rd., Kamloops, V1S 1Z2	2007
Colorado	Louise Wilpolt	4628 South Joplin Way, Aurora 80015	2007
Connecticut	Janice M. Rosengrant	61C Charles St., Manchester 06040	2007
Delaware	Mrs. Nancy Burbage	24093 Cari Dr., Millsboro 19966	2007
Dist. of Columbia	Mrs. Lois S. Chlap	2445 Lytonsville Rd., #408, Silver Spring, MD 20910-1932	2008
Florida	Mrs. Suzie Powell	411 Decatur Ave., Pensacola	2008
Georgia	Mrs. Vicky Griffith	151 Tyrus-Carrollton Rd., Carrollton	2008
Idaho	Paul Ousley	605 Remington Ct., Sandpoint 83864	2007
Illinois	Felicia Remich	18152 W. Elm St., Wildwood 60030	2008
Indiana	Fran Wilson	8329 Locust Dr., Charlestown 47111	2008
Iowa	Barbara Craun	235 6th St. SE, Primghar 51245	2008
Kansas	Carol Jean Lattin	1108 N. Sherman St., Newton 67118-2430	2007
Kentucky	Peggy Mattingly	8105 Judge Blvd., Louisville 40219	2008
Louisiana	Edith Wilkerson	511 S. Spruce St., Vivian 71082	2007
Maine	Harriet P. Goodwin	PO Box 663, Intervale, NH 03845	2008
Manitoba	Mrs. Ruth McKinlay	1726-135 Niakwa Rd., Winnipeg R2M 5K2	2008
Maryland	Mrs. Linda Sanner	10338 Tito Ct., Manassas 20110	2007
Massachusetts	G. Robert Edgcomb	16 Sunset Dr., Atkinson 03811-2343	2007
Michigan	Mr. Henry Lozier	2700 Grange Hall Rd., Ortonville 48462-9043	2008
Minnesota	Ms. Pat Chupurdia	27 Horn Blvd., Silver Bay	2008
Mississippi	Terrie Gore	3131 W. Rollins St., Moss Point 39563	2007
Missouri	Terri Politte	1624 Praise Blvd., Fenton 63026-2651	2008
Montana	Joyce Dahlhausen	HC90 Box 95, Moccasin 59462	2007
Nebraska	Mrs. Glee Warnke	7101 Adams St., Lincoln 68507	2008
Nevada	Mary Kelsey	4999 Alcorn Rd., Fallon 89406	2007
New Brunswick	Rita Wells	712 Sand Cove Rd., Saint John E2M 3E1	2007
New Hampshire	Carolyn Busell	P.O. Box 38, Madison 03849-0038	2007
New Jersey	Dawn Jennings	8 Randolph Ln., Sicklerville 08081	2007
New Mexico	Linda Pastorello	P.O. Box 598, Carlsbad 88220-0598	2007
New York	Louise Josephson	1 Briar Rd, Merrick 11566	2007
North Carolina	Dorothy Britt	2201 Stoney View Dr., Hendersonville 28739	2008
North Dakota	Lois Isakson	817 Oakwood Dr., Devils Lake 58301	2007
Nova Scotia & PEI	Mrs. Arlene Antle	57 Glenda Cres., Halifax B3M 2X6	2007
Ohio	Jeanne Lillo	2817 George Ave., Parma 44134	2007
Oklahoma	Mabel L. Allen	3509 S. 85th E. Ave., Tulsa, 74145	2008
Ontario	Mrs. Donna Lee	1520 Lords Manor Ln., Manotick K4M 1K3	2008
Oregon	Jennifer Moyer	1431 NW 19th, Gresham 97030	2007
Pennsylvania	Mrs. Norma J. Ridder	125 Main St., Landisville 17538	2007
Puerto Rico	Julia Matos	Forest View, K-174 Guatemala St., Bayamon 00956	2008
Quebec	Margaret Nayler	130 Fenelon Dr., R.R.#2, Cameron K0M 1G0	2007
Rhode Island	Janet Smith	no address given	2007
São Paulo	Mr. Amílcar A. Mathias	Rua Paganini n. 155 Caninde, 03029	2008
Saskatchewan	Mrs. Pataricia Meddins	132 Ave. V. N., Saskatoon, SK S7M 3E1	2008
Scotland	Mrs. Doris Brown	Lorne House, Front Street, Tynemouth, NE30 4RG	2007
South Carolina	Nancy Jones	610 E. Main St., Rock Hill 29730	2007
South Dakota	Lowell Holmgren	2505 E. St. Frances St., Rapid City 57701	2008
Tennessee	Bertha Gervin	300 Highfield Rd., Knoxville 37923	2007
Texas	Mrs. Jane K. Key	4500 Victory Dr., Apt. 50, Marshall 75672	2007
Utah	Mrs. Laurel Wadley	789 Ponderosa Dr., Sandy 84094	2008
Vermont	Mrs. Ruth Holbrook	386A N. Main St., Barre 05641	2007
Virginia	Lyle M. Garrette	162 Sunset Heights, Amherst 24521	2007
Washington	Bob Beebe	P.O. Box 902, Seahurst 98062	2007
West Virginia	Greg Kennedy	109 Fayette St., Buckhannon 26201	2007
Wisconsin	Deloris Britt	1013 Wilson St., Onalaska 54650	2007
Wyoming	Deanne Harris	4320 Valley Dr., Casper 82601	2007

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GS Abbie Elvenia Wood*	GS Abbie Elvenia Wood*	GS Kate J. Willats*
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GAM	Luci M. Singletarry*	GAM	Mary S. Brown*	GAM	Susan Rucker*			
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*			
GT	Ella Marie Haum*	GT	Melissa Morey*	GT	Isadore Hoarton*			
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GP	Edmund W. Roberts*	GP	Chauncey C. Bush*	GP	Harrison D. Rowe**			
GM	Abbie E. Wilkins*	GM	Mattie Ann Farnum*	GM	Eva M. Porter*			
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GAM	Carrie A. Kingsley*	GAM	Kate E. Boyd*	GAM	Belle Smith**			
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GT	Lora Virginia Ream*	GT	Mary Anna Smith*	GT	Jane F. Raabe*			
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GAM	Elizabeth Phillips*	GAM	Emma Perkins*	GAM	Marie Summerfield**			
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GT	Lovina Gibson**	GT	Arvilla McHarvey*	GT	Kate S. Craig*			
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GM	Gertrude S. Freeman*	GM	Emma Hapgood*	GM	Fannie T. McCowen*			
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GAM	Mary S. Numms*	GAM	Margaret B. Searles*	GAM	Lulu Lucas*			
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GT	Calista Spaulding**	GT	Julie M. Lubeck*	GT	Adaline B. Runyon*			
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GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	
GT	Henrietta Heuer*	GT	Eliza C. Higgins*	GT	Laura M. MacDermott*	GT	Laura M. MacDermott*	
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GP	George F. McNoble*	GP	Phineas F. Ferguson*	GP	Alrik Hammar*	GP	Alrik Hammar*	
GM	Chlo Craig*	GM	Rosa J. Burns*	GM	Elizabeth Wheeler*	GM	Elizabeth Wheeler*	
GAP	Erwin S. Logan+	GAP	Dr. John Paddock*	GAP	Pliny H. Murphy*	GAP	Pliny H. Murphy*	
GAM	Agnes Conant*	GAM	Lucy Anna Curtis*	GAM	Emma Graves*	GAM	Emma Graves*	
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	
GT	Annie B. Barnes*	GT	Marie Sherer*	GT	Eva Harriet Boyd*	GT	Eva Harriet Boyd*	
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GM	Pauline W. Dohrmann*	GM	Ada M. Dalton*	GM	Maude N. Haven*	GM	Maude N. Haven*	
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GM	Anna D. Dudderar*	GM	Martha G. Dinsmore*	GM	Elizabeth Marshall*	GM	Elizabeth Marshall*	
GAP	George W. Earl*	GAP	Briceno A. Fassett*	GAP	Henry C. Haake*	GAP	Henry C. Haake*	
GAM	Alice F. Hickie*	GAM	Leah Nora Earl*	GAM	Margaret E. Sawyer*	GAM	Margaret E. Sawyer*	
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	
GT	Ida H. McCoy*	GT	Charlotte Jameson*	GT	Lillian P. Beckley*	GT	Lillian P. Beckley*	
1907–1908			1913–1914			1919–1920		
GP	Benjamin Cartwright*	GP	Fred L. Kincaid*	GP	Lew E. Wallace*	GP	Lew E. Wallace*	
GM	Emma R. Leach*	GM	Minnie Hiner*	GM	Louise Elsensohn*	GM	Louise Elsensohn*	
GAP	Matthew Stewart*	GAP	Arnold Goodfriend*	GAP	Walter V. Scott*	GAP	Walter V. Scott*	
GAM	Alice S. Dozier*	GAM	Virginia Coate*	GAM	Ida H. Fitschen*	GAM	Ida H. Fitschen*	
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	
GT	Laura P. Butcher*	GT	Theresa J. Catron*	GT	Gertrude M. Mildrim*	GT	Gertrude M. Mildrim*	

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1920-1921		1928-1929		1937-1938	
GM	Effie Easton*	WGM	Pauline A. Hause*	WGM	Mary I. Warner*
GP	Roy Musser**	WGP	Bert R. Hollway*	WGP	Robert P. Easley*
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Susan M. Willats*	GS	Maud M. Smith*
GT	Annie S. Brasch*	GT	Anna L. McKenney*	GT	Flora T. Whitney*
1921-1922		1929-1930		1938-1939	
GM	Maud Dezell Bradley*	WGM	Myra Moyse*	WGM	Maude E. Fluetsch*
GP	Delos Albert Mace*	WGP	Walter W. Bradley*	WGP	John Vale*
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Susan M. Willats*	GS	Maud M. Smith*
GT	Genevieve Norton*	GT	Mildred C. Blair*	GT	Catherine E. Yates*
1922-1923		1930-1931		1939-1940	
GM	Stella M. Linscott*	WGM	Willa J. Hellwig*	WGM	Helen L. Edwards*
GP	Ernest E. Noon*	WGP	Joseph M. Argabrite*	WGP	Ernest E. Williams*
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Stella Linscott, PGM*	GS	Maud M. Smith*
GT	Sue Estelle Tuck*	GT	Florence Newman*	GT	Grace King*
1923-1924		1931-1932		1940-1941	
GM	Maude B. Sibley*	WGM	Elsie M. Pierce*	WGM	Gertrude C. Matson*
GP	Guy W. Brundage*	WGP	John L. McDonald*	WGP	Ralph Boynton*
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Stella Linscott, PGM*	GS	Maud M. Smith*
GT	Georgia E. Hunt*	GT	Grance I. Good*	GT	Margurite McDonald*
1924-1925		1932-1933		1941-1942	
GM	Zella W. Samson*	WGM	Grace Butterfield*	WGM	Corine O. Melville*
GP	Russell La Fontaine*	WGP	Lloyd E. Griffin*	WGP	Walker Peddicord*
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Stella Linscott, PGM*	GS	Maud M. Smith*
GT	Grace D. Beckman*	GT	Gladys H. Robinson*	GT	Sally L. Chalson*
1925-1926		1933-1934		1942-1943	
GM	Cora S. Holland*	WGM	Jessie G. Morris*	WGM	Kathryn Farwell*
GP	Waldo F. Postel*	WGP	Wallace Rutherford*	WGP	Donald A. Boone*
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Stella Linscott, PGM*	GS	Maud M. Smith*
GT	Bessie A. Pierce*	GT	Clara E. Alvarez*	GT	Kittie Briggs*
1926-1927		1934-1935		1943-1944	
GM	Hazael M. Piper*	WGM	Minnie V. Collins*	WGM	Hazel T. Lane*
GP	Raymond H. Griest*	WGP	J. Hartley Taylor*	WGP	Francis J. Herz*
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Stella Linscott, PGM*	GS	Maud M. Smith*
GT	Birdie Eiler*	GT	Anna N. Moncur*	GT	Anna Shrader*
1927-1928		1935-1936		1944-1945	
WGM	Gladys Fitch Pierce*	WGM	Bertie Y. Connolly*	WGM	Lillian W. Podesta*
WGP	Henry F. Pernau*	WGP	Edward Counter, Jr.*	WGP	Logan R. Cotton*
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*
GS	Susan Mills Willats*	GT	Josephine L. Fisk*	GT	Esther M. Serel*
GT	Mattie M. Charette*				
		1936-1937		1945-1946	
		WGM	Rita May Cooper*	WGM	Isabella H. Hilditch*
		WGP	Frank D. Cruse*	WGP	Harry C. Sproule*
		GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*
		GT	Leila Vevoda*	GT	Beulah Ludlow*

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1946-1947		1955-1956		1964-1965	
WGM	Birdie Bassett*	WGM	Mabel Tellefson*	WGM	Ellen C. Walters*
WGP	Carson Hubbard*	WGP	Reuben C. Wright*	WGP	James H. Hoole*
GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maude M. Smith*
GT	Isabelle Mosher*	GT	Agnes C. Barnes*	GT	Helen Bratschie*
1947-1948		1956-1957		1965-1966	
WGM	Thelma Bailey*	WGM	Marguerite Weisheimer*	WGM	Marian F. Schwach*
WGP	George Harlan*	WGP	Elmer J. Walther*	WGP	Edward T. Mancuso*
GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*
GT	Viola L. Rasmeor*	GT	Royetta Wilson*	GT	Ruby M. Parker*
1948-1949		1957-1958		1966-1967	
WGM	Elvetta Grohl*	WGM	Grace M. Hoffman*	WGM	Vivian Kilgore*
WGP	Joseph F. Reed*	WGP	George D. Danielson*	WGP	Robert Armbrust*
GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*
GT	Lillian H. Adkins*	GT	Agnes McGehee*	GT	Isabelle E. Johnson
1949-1950		1958-1959		1967-1968	
WGM	Margaret Lauritzen*	WGM	Annie P. Mills*	WGM	Lura Rae Dales
WGP	Arthur J. Hook*	WGP	Henry L. Wintz*	WGP	Robert M. Lutz*
GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*
GT	Verna Westhoven*	GT	Thelma Schleifer*	GT	Vera G. Blum*
1950-1951		1959-1960		1968-1969	
WGM	Lois B. Tamba*	WGM	Mary E. Balden*	WGM	Florence Dunn*
WGP	Henry J. Hardy*	WGP	James L. Millard*	WGP	Richard Brassell, Jr.*
GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*
GT	Sadie Lumry*	GT	Isabel V. Meager*	GT	Dale A. Ellsworth
1951-1952		1960-1961		1969-1970	
WGM	Helen B. DeBeers*	WGM	Everina Rheingans*	WGM	Bessie V. Robinson*
WGP	James L. Halley*	WGP	Dalora K. Burnham*	WGP	Henry E. Woods*
GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*
GT	Hattie M. Tolle*	GT	Eunice W. Benson*	GT	Ruth H. Chase*
1952-1953		1961-1962		1970-1971	
WGM	Gilma Vick Moyers*	WGM	Helen O. Isberg*	WGM	Elsie K. Mitchell*
WGP	J. Clifford Lee*	WGP	Robert C. Atkinson*	WGP	Thomas W. Thurman*
GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*
GT	Zelma L. Bray*	GT	Ruth V. Burnside*	GT	Grace Anderson*
1953-1954		1962-1963		1971-1972	
WGM	Bernice J. Basich*	WGM	Carol M. Jensen*	WGM	Barbara E. Poole
WGP	Robert J. McMullen*	WGP	Edwin F. Collins*	WGP	Jay E. Miller*
GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*
GT	Viola Larsen*	GT	Ethel Holland*	GT	Helen Andrews*
1954-1955		1963-1964		1972-1973	
WGM	Thelma R. Warner*	WGM	Esther M. Sandman*	WGM	Lilas E. Haug*
WGP	Philip F. Leahy*	WGP	William P. Wilson*	WGP	Jens A. Morley*
GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Gladys M. Johnson*
GT	Jennie E. Young*	GT	Bessie Kidd*	GT	Grace Gould
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1973-1974			1982-1983			1991-1992		
WGM	Zoe Harris		WGM	Anita Simon		WGM	Paula Remington	
WGP	James B. Craven*		WGP	A. Leroy Covey		WGP	Vernon Gordon	
GS	Gladys M. Johnson*		GS	Diane Silva		GS	Diane Silva	
GT	Lois Johnson		GT	Viola Perry*		GT	Sheri Weisser	
1974-1975			1983-1984			1992-1993		
WGM	Eleanor M. Marsh*		WGM	Ardath Garst		WGM	Mary Meixner	
WGP	W. Gordon Gilbert		WGP	Warren Wildman		WGP	William Stiles	
GS	Gladys M. Johnson*		GS	Diane Silva		GS	Diane Silva	
GT	Wilma A. Harrell*		GT	Viola Perry*		GT	Sheri Weisser	
1975-1976			1984-1985			1993-1994		
WGM	Donna M. Smith		WGM	Katherine Hill		WGM	Barbara Pierce	
WGP	Stanley M. Love*		WGP	Delroy Aldershof*		WGP	Frank Young	
GS	Gladys M. Johnson*		GS	Diane Silva		GS	Diane Silva	
GT	LaVerne Walker*		GT	Viola Perry*		GT	Sheri Weisser	
1976-1977			1985-1986			1994-1995		
WGM	Patricia B. Quibell		WGM	Jeraldine Southward		WGM	Kathleen MacDonald	
WGP	Gerald P. Cashion*		WGP	Dennis Jordan		WGP	Irwin "Bill" Betts	
GS	Gladys M. Johnson*		GS	Diane Silva		GS	Diane Silva	
GT	Eunice Thornton*		GT	Viola Perry*		GT	Jerri Jean Golden	
1977-1978			1986-1987			1995-1996		
WGM	Hildegard Smith		WGM	Barbara Campbell*		WGM	Sherie Gustafson	
WGP	John Allen		WGP	Clinton O. Dillon		WGP	David Von Bima	
GS	Gladys M. Johnson*		GS	Diane Silva		GS	Shirley Orth	
GT	Lillian Propst*		GT	Viola Perry*		GT	Jerri Jean Golden	
1978-1979			1987-1988			1996-1997		
WGM	Boyana Brown-Redman*		WGM	Jean Powers*		WGM	Denny Rae Grist	
WGP	Stuart H. Maude*		WGP	Bernard Seamans*		WGP	Terry Holts	
GS	Gladys M. Johnson*		GS	Diane Silva		GS	Shirley Orth	
GT	Viola Perry*		GT	Viola Perry*		GT	Jerri Jean Golden	
1979-1980			1988-1989			1997-1998		
WGM	Earlynn Albright		WGM	Yvonne Beckenhauer		WGM	Sue McKinney	
WGP	Hershel C. Brown*		WGP	Thomas M. Sagar*		WGP	Ernie Lewis	
GS	Diane Dixon		GS	Diane Silva		GS	Shirley Orth	
GT	Viola Perry*		GT	Sheri Weisser		GT	Jerri Jean Golden	
1980-1981			1989-1990			1998-1999		
WGM	Ferne Hammond*		WGM	Kay Cosby*		WGM	Sheri Weisser	
WGP	Earl E. Eckert		WGP	Loyal L. Stark		WGP	Ron Behnke	
GS	Diane Dixon		GS	Diane Silva		GS	Shirley Orth	
GT	Viola Perry*		GT	Sheri Weisser		GT	Jerri Jean Golden	
1981-1982			1990-1991			1999-2000		
WGM	Betty Stubblefield		WGM	June Lucretia Barnum*		WGM	Doris May Parrish	
WGP	David A. Minnich**		WGP	Donald A. Hull		WGP	Glenn Jones	
GS	Diane Silva		GS	Diane Silva		GS	Shirley Orth	
GT	Viola Perry*		GT	Sheri Weisser		GT	Donna Tucker	
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2000–2001

WGM Sue Bishop
WGP William J. Bray, III
GS Shirley Orth
GT Erla Hildebrand

2001–2002

WGM Danna Willoughby
WGP John Fletcher
GS Shirley Orth
GT Erla Hildebrand

2002–2003

WGM Janet McClanahan
WGP James Chormicle
GS Shirley Orth
GT David Long

2003–2004

WGM Susan White
WGP Steve Nicholas
GS Shirley Orth
GT Laurella Kerr

2004–2005

WGM Donna Herring
WGP Dave Buck
GS Shirley Orth
GT Debbie Lytle

2005–2006

WGM Norma Stilwell
WGP Michael Cornell
GS Sharanne Wick
GT David Long

2006–2007

WGM Karen Fletcher
WGP David Skipworth
GS Maryann Barrios
GT Beverly Cratsenburg

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CHAPTERS WITHDRAWN FROM THE JURISDICTION OF CALIFORNIA

No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Action
120	Electa	Austin	5/01/1894 10/16/1901	Admitted to California Grand Chapter Withdrew to Nevada
121	Esther	Carson	5/01/1894 10/16/1901	Admitted to California Grand Chapter Withdrew to Nevada
122	Adah	Reno	5/01/1894 10/16/1901	Admitted to California Grand Chapter Withdrew to Nevada
148	Martha	Wadsworth	4/24/1896 10/16/1901	Instituted Withdrew to Nevada
152	Siver State	Winnemucca	6/11/1896 10/16/1901	Instituted Withdrew to Nevada
156	Argenta	Virginia City	3/20/1897 10/16/1901	Instituted Withdrew to Nevada
166	Iphigenia	Eureka	10/17/1898 10/16/1901	Instituted Withdrew to Nevada

EXTINCT CHAPTERS IN CALIFORNIA

No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Charters
4	California	San Francisco	4/ /1873	Chartered
			10/18/1893	Instituted before Grand Chapter was organized Charter recalled Reorganized as Harmony Chapter 124
7	Alameda	Alameda	4/ /1873	Chartered
			9/18/1878	Instituted before Grand Chapter was organized Charter Surrendered
12	Amador	Drytown Plymouth	3/07/1874 4/22/1878 10/ /1880	Instituted Permission granted to move to Plymouth Charter surrendered
15	Electa	San Jose	2/02/1875 10/15/1877	Instituted Charter surrendered
16	Rainbow	Rohnerville Hydesville	4/03/1875 7/11/1879 10/10/1891 10/23/1891	Instituted Approved Chapter removing their Charter from Rohnerville to Hydesville Charter Suspended by WGP Charter Recalled

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Charters
22	Olive Branch	Hornitos	3/04/1876 8/16/1887	Instituted Charter recalled
24	Centennial	West Oakland	10/11/1876 3/27/1879	Instituted Charter Surrendered
29	Queen Esther	Windsor Healdsburg	4/05/1877 5/07/1879 10/ /1880	Instituted WGP approved the action of Queen Esther Chapter in removing from Healdsburg to Windsor, Sonoma County Charter Surrendered
32	Myrtle	Dixon	9/14/1877 11/10/1885	Organized as Morning Star Name changed to Myrtle before Chartered Charter Surrendered
34	Opal	Winters	4/18/1878 3/22/1883	Instituteed Charter Surrendered
37	Adah	Meridian College City	5/24/1879 8/16/1887	Instituted Charter Recalled

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Charters
38	Pacific	Santa Cruz	11/21/1879 5/17/1884	Instituted Charter Surrendered
43	Woodbine	Walnut Creek	5/08/1880 2/26/1884	Instituted Charter Surrendered
52	Quincy	Quincy	6/21/1881 8/16/1887	Instituted Charter Recalled
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

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Charters
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
101	Elaine	Reedley	3/11/1889 5/22/1899	Instituted Charter Surrendered
132	Chrysanthemum	Sanger	2/14/1894 6/29/1990	Instituted Charter Recalled

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Charters
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
236	San Pedro	San Pedro	2/06/1906 5/12/1910	Instituted Charter Surrendered

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Charters
251	Paul Revere Ideal	San Francisco	4/08/1907 11/20/1929 4/14/1930 10/22/1962	Instituted Charter Suspended Charter Restored Charter Surrendered
256	Marietta	Fruitvale	4/30/1907 10/21/1921	Instituted Charter Revoked
261	Dinuba Alta	Dinuba Dinuba	10/28/1907 1/12/1972 CN 12/13/1972	Instituted 257 Reedley Charter Surrendered
265	Daylight Radiant-Daylight	Los Angeles Los Angeles	2/06/1908 5/28/1971 CN 6/22/1988	Instituted 265 Daylight 421 Radiant Charter Surrendered
285	Garvin	Randsburg	5/26/1909 11/07/1917	Instituted Charter Surrendered

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Charters
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
318	Sierra	Big Pine	4/14/1913 12/15/1945	Instituted Charter Surrendered
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

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Charters
466	Melrose	Los Angeles	7/29/1926	Instituted
			12/20/1964	Charter Surrendered
536	Dunsmuir	Dunsmuir	9/08/1934	Instituted
			11/01/1959	Charter Surrendered

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
1 Golden Gate	San Francisco	11/17/2001	1	Golden Gate	1 Golden Gate
			124	Harmony	
1 Golden Gate	San Francisco	11/17/2005	1	Golden Gate	1 Golden Gate
			99	San Francisco	
2 Suisun	Fairfield	3/12/1870		Instituted	
2 Suisun	Fairfield	11/20/2004	2	Suisun	2 Suisun
			222	Rio Vista	
3 Silver Star	Vallejo	11/22/1870		Instituted	
3 Silver Star	Vallejo	5/12/2003	3	Silverstar	3 Gateway
			30	Silver Gate	
			278	Vallejo	
8 Oak Leaf	Oakland	4/12/1872		Instituted	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
8 Oak Leaf	Oakland	9/15/1980	8	Oak Leaf	8 Oak Leaf
			277	Athens	
8 Oak Leaf	Oakland	4/25/1983	8	Oak Leaf	8 Oak Leaf
			423	Plymouth	
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	6/17/1873		Instituted	
	Nevada City				
9 Evangeline	Nevada City	5/06/1980	9	Evangeline	9 Evangeline
			615	Pelton	
9 Evangeline	Nevada City	11/06/2004	9	Evangeline	9 Evangeline
			304	Bethany	
13 Martha Washington	Visalia	12/09/1874		Instituted	
13 Martha Washington	Visalia	03/11/1988	13	Martha Washington	13 Martha Washington
			334	Exeter	
13 Martha Washington	Visalia	7/27/2002	13	Martha Washington	13 Lucerne
			127	Lucerne	
14 St. John's	Weaverville	1/28/1875		Instituted	
14 St. John's	Weaverville	11/07/1997	14	St. John's	14 Northern Light
			26	Northern Light	
14 Northern Light	Millville	10/29/2005	14	Northern Light	14 Shasta Northern Light
			153	Mt. Shasta	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
17 Welcome	Shasta	4/05/1875		Instituted	
17 Welcome	Shasta	4/27/1993	17	Welcome	17 Welcome Redding
			44	Redding	
18 Lily of the Valley	Watsonville	5/11/1875		Instituted	
18 Lily of the Valley	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	
21 Acacia	Los Angeles	3/14/1876		Instituted	
21 Acacia	Los Angeles	5/14/1971	21	Acacia	21 Acacia-Rose Croix
			317	Rose Croix	
21 Acacia-Rose Croix	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	
21 Highland Park	Los Angeles	11/29/2000	21	Highland Park	21 Acacia
			454	Polaris	
21 Acacia	Los Angeles	02/26/2007	21	Acacia	21 Hollywood
			133	Hollywood	Location: South Pasadena

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
28 Vacaville	Vacaville	03/03/1877		Instituted	
28 Vacaville	Vacaville	05/16/2007	28	Vacaville	28 Yolano
			218	Esparto-Grafton	
30 Silver Gate	Benicia	7/14/1877		Instituted	
30 SilverGate	Benicia	5/12/2003	3	Silver Star	3 Gateway
			30	Silver Gate	
			278	Vallejo	
31 San Jose	San Jose	9/07/1877		Instituted	
31 San Jose	San Jose	11/25/2005	31	San Jose	31 San Jose
			288	Blossom Hill	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
35 Vernon	Gridley	6/01/1878		Instituted	
35 Vernon	Gridley	1/06/1992	35	Vernon	35 Vernon-Lyman
			363	Lyman	
35 Vernon-Lyman	Oroville	11/29/1998	35	Vernon-Lyman	35 Amapola Vernon Lyman
			119	Amapola	
36 Naomi	Sacramento	5/03/1879		Instituted	
36 Naomi	Sacramento	11/17/1995	36	Naomi	36 Rising Star
			593	Rising Star	
40 Aurora	Grass Valley	2/13/1880		Instituted	
40 Aurora	Grass Valley	4/10/2003	40	Aurora	40 Aurora Placer
			49	Placer	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
44 Redding	Redding	6/18/1880		Instituted	
44 Redding	Redding	4/27/1993	17	Welcome	17 Welcome Redding
			44	Redding	
45 Ceanothus	San Juan Bautista	5/22/1880		Instituted	
45 Ceanothus	San Juan Bautista	11/18/1990	45	Ceanothus	45 Magnolia
			73	Magnolia	
47 Reville	Salinas	7/09/1880		Instituted	
47 Reville	Salinas	11/26/1990	47	Reville	47 Reville
			580	Castroville	
47 Reville	Salinas	10/25/2003	47	Reville	47 Reville
			574	El Gabilan	
47 Reville	Salinas	10/29/2005	47	Reville	47 Reville
			68	Monterey Peninsula	
49 Placer	Dutch Flat	3/24/1881		Instituted	
49 Placer	Dutch Flat	3/24/1984	49	Placer	49 Placer
			116	Truckee	
49 Placer	Dutch Flat	4/10/2003	40	Aurora	40 Aurora Placer
			49	Placer	
50 Homo	Stockton	5/21/1881		Instituted	
50 Homo	Stockton	11/25/1991	50	Homo	50 Valley Oaks
			355	Golden Poppy	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
51 Alturas	Alturas	6/03/1881		Instituted	
51 Alturas	Alturas	6/25/1986	51	Alturas	51 Alturas
			232	Bonner	
51 Alturas	Alturas	11/10/2001	51	Alturas	51 High Sierra
			112	Mountain View	
51 High Sierra	Susanville	3/04/2006		Name Change	51 Five Star
53 Sincerity	Taylorville	6/24/1881		Instituted	
53 Sincerity	Taylorville	10/30/1895		WGP - "I authorized Sincerity Chapter No. 53, to remove from Taylorville to Greenville, Plumas County."	
53 Sincerity	Greenville	11/03/2002	53	Sincerity	53 Sincerity
			377	Westwood	
55 Marysville	Marysville	6/25/1881		Instituted	
55 Marysville	Marysville	5/02/1991	55	Marysville	55 Marysville-Friendship
			67	Friendship	
56 Fidelia	Yuba City	6/28/1881		Instituted	
56 Fidelia	Yuba City	7/08/1986	56	Fidelia	56 Fidelia
			431	Smartville	
56 Fidelia	Yuba City	11/14/1998	56	Fidelia	56 Fidelia
			84	Veritas	
58 Kingsley	Ukiah	7/23/1881		Instituted	
58 Kingsley	Ukiah	11/13/2005	58	Kingsley	58 Kingsley
			314	Willits	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
59 Silver Spray	Napa	8/12/1881		Instituted	
59 Silver Spray	Napa	4/05/1984	59 274	Silver Spray St. Helena	59 Silver Spray
60 Yolo	Woodland	8/20/1881		Instituted	
60 Yolo	Woodland	2/22/1985	60 349	Yolo Cacheville	60 Yolo
60 Yolo	Woodland	11/08/2002	60 199	Yolo Golden Valley	60 Golden Valley
61 Morning Star	Petaluma	9/27/1881		Instituted	
61 Morning Star	Petaluma	2/24/1993	61 161	Morning Star Gold Ridge	161 Gold Ridge Star
62 Mountain Fern	Georgetown	10/15/1881		Instituted	
62 Mountain Fern	Georgetown	6/23/1996	62 499	Mountain Fern El Dorado-Lake Tahoe	62 El Dorado-Tahoe Fern
65 Unity	Oakland	3/17/1882		Instituted	
65 Unity	Oakland	4/09/1969	65 504	Unity Rosa M. Shattuck	65 Unity
65 Unity	Oakland	8/13/1984	8 65	Oak Leaf Unity	8 Oak Leaf
66 Golden Star	Jackson	4/11/1882		Instituted	
66 Golden Star	Jackson	11/06/2005	66 71	Golden Star Queen Esther	66 Amador

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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 Monterey	Pacific Grove	3/19/1896		WGP approved name change	68 Ocean Spray
68 Ocean Spray	Pacific Grove	1/18/1993	68	Ocean Spray	68 Monterey Peninsula
			239	Monterey	
68 Monterey Peninsula	Pacific Grove	10/29/2005	47	Reveille	47 Reveille
			68	Monterey Peninsula	
71 Queen Esther	Sutter Creek	6/21/1883		Instituted	
71 Queen Esther	Sutter Creek	11/06/2005	66	Golden Star	66 Amador
			71	Queen Esther	
72 Electa	Modesto	6/29/1883		Instituted	
72 Electa	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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
75 Silver Wave	San Bernardino	7/28/1883		Instituted	
75 Silver Wave	San Bernardino	5/03/1991	75	Silver Wave	75 Arrowhead
			548	Arrowhead	
75 Silver Wave	San Bernardino	4/18/1999	75	Arrowhead	212 Gate City
			212	Gate City	
76 Rohnerville	Fortuna	9/08/1883		Instituted	
76 Rohnerville	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	San Andreas	9/20/1988	77	Azalia	77 Azalia Angels
			134	Angels	
78 Marguerite	Santa Barbara	5/12/1884		Instituted	
78 Marguerite	Santa Barbara	1/24/1988	78	Marguerite	78 Santa Barbara-Marguerite
			501	Santa Barbara	
78 Santa Barbara-Marguerite	Santa Barbara	8/23/2005	78	Santa Barbara-Marguerite	78 Channel Islands
			79	Channel Islands	Location: Ventura
79 Ventura	Ventura	5/13/1884		Instituted	
79 Ventura	Ventura	11/14/1987	79	Ventura	79 Ventura-Fillmore
			361	Fillmore	
79 Venutra-Fillmore	Ventura	4/04/2003	79	Ventura-Fillmore	79 Channel Islands
			322	Oxnard	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
79 Channel Islands	Ventura	6/30/2003	79	Channel Islands	79 Channel Islands
79 Channel Islands	Ventura	8/23/2005	528 78 79	Ojai Santa Barbara-Marguerite Channel Islands	78 Channel Islands Location: Ventura
82 Sotoyome	Healdsburg	9/03/1884		Instituted	
82 Sotoyome	Healdsburg	11/16/1991	82 130	Sotoyome Clover Leaf	82 Sotoyome-Clover Leaf
83 Molino	Tehama	5/31/1884		Instituted	
83 Molino	Tehama	1/12/1978		Change meeting city to Los Molinos	
83 Molino	Los Molinos	3/29/2003	83 279	Molino Mystic Star	83 Molino Star
84 Veritas	Colusa	11/21/1884		Instituted	
84 Veritas	Colusa	11/10/1989	84 368	Veritas Arbuckle-Loyal	84 Veritas
84 Veritas	Colusa	11/14/1998	56 84	Fidelia Veritas	56 Fidelia
85 Valley of the Moon	Sonoma	12/06/1884		Instituted	
85 Valley of the Moon	Sonoma	11/14/1998	85 189	Valley of the Moon Calistoga Keystone	189 Silverado
86 Marshall	Willows	4/18/1885		Instituted	
86 Marshall	Willows	1/08/1987	86 208	Marshall Citrus	86 Citrus

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
89 Raisina	Fresno	4/26/1886		Instituted	
89 Raisina	Fresno	11/27/1995	89	Raisina	89 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	
93 Heliotrope	Selma	4/22/2006	93	Heliotrope	93 Concordia
			309	Concordia	Location: Clovis
94 Tulare	Tulare	11/07/1887		Instituted	
94 Tulare	Tulare	6/25/1990	94	Tulare	94 Tulare-Corcoran
			370	Corcoran	
94 Tulare-Corcoran	Tulare	7/27/2002	94	Tulare-Corcoran	94 Tulare-Corcoran
					510 Sierra Foothill
95 Bethlehem	Paso Robles	3/22/1888		Instituted	
95 Bethlehem	Paso Robles	5/20/1969	95	Bethlehem	95 Bethlehem
			102	Violet	
95 Bethlehem	Paso Robles	11/13/2004	95	Bethlehem	95 Bethlehem-Estero Pines
			525	Estero Pines	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
96 Southern Star	San Diego	4/02/1888		Instituted	
96 Southern Star	San Diego	11/19/1991	96	Southern Star	96 San Diego Star
			264	San Diego	
96 San Diego Star	San Diego	11/04/2001	96	San Diego Star	96 La Paloma Star
			479	La Jolla	
			565	Palomar	
97 Ramona	Arroyo Grande	6/19/1888		Instituted	
97 Ramona	Arroyo Grande	6/22/2006	97	Ramona	97 Mizpah
			100	Mizpah	Location: Santa Maria
99 Beulah	San Francisco	8/16/1888		Instituted	
99 Beulah	San Francisco	8/20/1964	99	Beulah	99 Beulah-Liberty
			451	Liberty	
99 Beulah-Liberty	San Francisco	2/11/1974	99	Beulah-Liberty	99 Amity
			262	Amity	
99 Amity	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	
99 San Francisco	San Francisco	11/17/2005	1	Golden Gate	1 Golden Gate
			99	San Francisco	
100 Mizpah	Santa Maria	9/13/1888		Instituted	
100 Mizpah	Santa Maria	7/26/2001	100	Mizpah	100 Mizpah
			566	Santa Ynez Valley	
100 Mizpah	Santa Maria	6/22/2006	97	Ramona	97 Mizpah

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
			100	Mizpah	Location: Santa Maria
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	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 Hermosa	Santa Ana	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	Pasadena	11/16/1984	108	Pasadena	108 Pasadena-Melita
			467	Melita	
108 Pasadena-Melita	Pasadena	11/16/1990	108	Pasadena-Melita	108 Pasadena
			307	Southland	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
108 Pasadena	Pasadena	3/27/2003	108	Pasadena	108 Pasadena
			473	East Pas Alta	
108 Pasadena	Pasadena	04/27/2007	108	Pasadena	108 Pasadena
			193	Alhambra	
110 Pomona	Pomona	8/31/1891		Instituted	
110 Pomona	Pomona	2/14/1999	110	Pomona	110 Star of Pomona
			468	Star of the West	
110 Pomona	Pomona	03/04/2007	110	Pomona	110 Star of Claremont
			324	Claremont	LC Claremont
111 Ocean View	Mendocino	9/19/1891		Instituted	
111 Ocean View	Mendocino	4/29/1990	111	Ocean View	111 Ocean View
			291	Point Arena	
111 Ocean View	Mendocino	5/16/1993	111	Ocean View	111 Ocean View
			230	Sapphire	
112 Hesperian	Susanville	9/30/1891		Instituted	
112 Hesperian	Susanville	11/27/1999	112	Hesperian	112 Mountain View
			552	Mountain View	
112 Mountain View	Susanville	11/10/2001	51	Alturas	51 High Sierra
			112	Mountain View	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
113 Santa Monica by the Sea	Santa Monica	1/08/1892		Instituted	
113 Santa Monica by the Sea	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	Lindsay	
115 Carita	Alameda	3/09/1892		Instituted	
115 Carita	Alameda	1/19/2001	115	Carita	115 Alameda
			297	Alameda	
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	Sacramento	11/26/1990	117	Columbus	117 Columbus-Fort Sutter
			420	Fort Sutter	
117 Columbus-Fort Sutter	Sacramento	11/15/2001	117	Columbus-Fort Sutter	117 New Hope
			190	Ada-Sacramento	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
118 Woodbridge	Woodbridge	9/17/1892		Instituted	
118 Woodbridge	Woodbridge	3/30/1994	118 371	Woodbridge Live Oak	118 Woodbridge Oaks
119 Amapola	Oroville	7/05/1893		Instituted	
119 Amapola	Oroville	11/29/1998	35 119	Vernon-Lyman Amapola	35 Amapola Vernon Lyman
124 California	San Francisco	11/10/1893		Instituted as California U.D., name changed before Charter issued.	124 Harmony
124 Harmony	San Francisco	8/08/1967	124 440	Harmony Fireside	124 Harmony
124 Harmony	San Francisco	11/02/1967	124 496	Harmony Nonpariel	124 Harmony
124 Harmony	San Francisco	4/26/1977	124 238	Harmony Jewel	124 Harmony-Jewel
124 Harmony-Jewel	San Francisco	11/30/1982		Name change approved by WGM	124 Harmony
124 Harmony	San Francisco	11/18/1995	124 382	Harmony Crocker	124 Harmony
124 Harmony	San Francisco	11/17/2001	1 124	Golden Gate Harmony	1 Golden Gate
125 Bakersfield	Bakersfield	12/18/1893		Instituted	
125 Bakersfield	Bakersfield	11/16/1998	125 323	Bakersfield Taft	125 Bakersfield
125 Bakersfield	Bakersfield	2/21/2002	125 559	Bakersfield Oildale	125 Bakersfield

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126 Mercedes	Merced	2/23/1894		Instituted	
126 Mercedes	Merced	5/26/1998	126	Mercedes	126 Mercedes
			136	Centinela	
127 Lucerne	Hanford	2/15/1894		Instituted	
127 Lucerne	Hanford	7/27/2002	13	Martha Washington	13 Lucerne
			127	Lucerne	
128 Los Gatos	Los Gatos	3/19/1894		Instituted	
128 Los Gatos	Los Gatos	4/11/2003	128	Los Gatos	128 Golden Oak
			553	Campbell	
129 Sierra Star	Sierra Valley	6/12/1894		Instituted	
	Sierraville				
129 Sierra Star	Sierraville	9/16/1972	129	Sierra Star	129 Sierra Star
			224	Celeandine	
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	Dunsmuir	3/27/1999	131	Fidelity	131 Fidelity
			175	Sisson-White Pine	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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 South Gate	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	Location: South Pasadena
			313	Eagle Rock-Glassell Park	
133 Hollywood	South Pasadena	02/26/2007	21	Acacia	21 Hollywood
			133	Hollywood	Location: South Pasadena
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	11/24/1990	136	Centinela	136 Centinela
			545	Dos Palos	
136 Centinela	Los Banos	5/26/1998	126	Mercedes	126 Mercedes
			136	Centinela	
137 Clear Lake	Lakeport	10/9/1895		Instituted	
137 Clear Lake	Lakeport	11/5/2005	231	Lower Lake	231 Lower Lake
			137	Clear Lake	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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 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	
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 Norwalk	Norwalk	4/02/1997	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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
144 Lyra	Whittier	6/06/2002	144 335 584	Lyra Whittier Tri Star	144 Whittier Star
145 Jasmine	Azusa	2/13/1896		Instituted	
145 Jasmine	Azusa	11/17/1996	145 357	Jasmine Foothill	145 Foothill Location: Glendora
145 Foothill	Glendora	05/18/2005	145 179	Foothill Sunrise	145 Stardust Location: Ontario
146 Delano	Delano	3/12/1896		Instituted	
146 Delano	Delano	5/22/1972	146 489	Delano Wasco	146 La Rosa
146 La Rosa	Wasco	11/22/1976	146 514	La Rosa Faith	146 La Rosa
146 La Rosa	Wasco	6/29/1987	362 146	Libertas La Rosa	362 Libertas
147 Pearl	Compton	4/10/1896		Instituted	
147 Pearl	Compton	11/22/1996	147 613	Pearl Century	147 Golden Crown Location: Norwalk
147 Golden Crown	Norwalk	11/10/2004	147 405	Golden Crown Ami Tai	147 Ami Tai Location: Brea
147 Ami Tai	Brea	06/29/2007	147 151	Ami Tai Chispa	147 Ami Tai

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
151 Chispa	Anaheim	06/29/2007	147	Ami Tai	147 Ami Tai
			151	Chispa	
153 Mt. Shasta	Millville	1/08/1896		Instituted	
153 Mt. Shasta	Millville	10/29/2005	14	Northern Light	14 Shasta Northern Light
			153	Mt. Shasta	
155 Mission	San Francisco	12/19/1896		Instituted	
155 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	Downey	11/15/1988	160	Occident	160 Occident-Guardian
			439	Guardian	
160 Occident-Guardian	Downey	2/15/1994	160	Occident-Guardian	160 Downey
			626	In Shallah	
161 Gold Ridge	Sebastopol	1/06/1898		Instituted	
161 Gold Ridge	Sebastopol	11/23/1985	161	Gold Ridge	161 Gold Ridge
			182	Valley Home	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
161 Gold Ridge	Sebastopol	2/05/1991	161	Gold Ridge	161 Gold Ridge
			336	Riverview	
161 Gold Ridge	Sebastopol	2/24/1993	61	Morning Star	161 Gold Ridge Star
			161	Gold Ridge	
161 Gold Ridge Star	Sebastopol	1/20/1995	161	Gold Ridge Star	161 Gold Ridge Star
			634	Santa Rosa	
163 Scepter	Orange	3/11/1898		Instituted	
163 Scepter	Orange	7/14/1986	163	Scepter	163 Scepter
			389	Santa Ana	
163 Scepter	Orange	05/21/05	163	Scepter	163 Scepter
			521	Harbor Star	
167 Esperanza	Los Angeles	2/11/1899		Instituted	
167 Esperanza	Glendale	9/12/1972	167	Esperanza	167 Esperanza-East Gate
			225	East Gate	
167 Esperanza-East Gate	Glendale	10/18/1982	167	Esperanza-East Gate	167 Highland Park
			263	Highland Park	
167 Highland Park	Los Angeles	11/29/1986	21	Acacia-Rose Croix	21 Highland Park
			167	Highland Park	
168 Los Angeles	Los Angeles	2/14/1899		Instituted	
168 Los Angeles	Los Angeles	7/12/1971	168	Los Angeles	168 Los Angeles
			441	Utopia	
168 Los Angeles	Los Angeles	2/25/1977	168	Los Angeles	258 Los Angeles
			258	Golden State	
			281	Pleiades-Orme	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
169 Olive Branch	San Francisco	3/29/1899		Instituted	
169 Olive Branch	San Francisco	9/24/1965	169	Olive Branch	169 Starr King
			204	Starr King	
169 Starr King	San Francisco	6/24/1971	169	Starr King	170 King Solomon's
			170	King Solomon's	
170 King Solomon's	San Francisco	4/04/1899		Instituted	
170 King Solomon's	San Francisco	6/24/1971	169	Starr King	170 King Solomon's
			170	King Solomon's	
170 King Solomon's	San Francisco	8/28/1980	170	King Solomon's	255 Richmond
			255	Richmond	
171 Carnation	Redondo	5/12/1899		Instituted	
	Redondo Beach				
171 Carnation	Lomita	3/26/2001	171	Carnation	171 Alpha Star
			512	Golden Chain	
173 Long Beach	Long Beach	8/07/1899		Instituted	
173 Long Beach	Long Beach	8/14/1992	173	Long Beach	173 Long Beach-Bettina
			399	Bettina	
173 Long Beach-Bettina	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	Mount Shasta	2/12/1983	175	Sisson	175 Sisson-White Pine
			487	White Pine	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
175 Sisson-White Pine	Mount Shasta	3/27/1999	131 175	Fidelity Sisson-White Pine	131 Fidelity
177 Orient	Fremont	03/21/1900		Instituted	
177 Orient	Fremont	03/12/2007	177 577	Orient San Lorenzo	177 San Lorenzo Location: Hayward
178 Berkeley	Berkeley	4/04/1900		Instituted	
178 Berkeley	Berkeley	6/06/1967	178 366	Berkeley Alethe	178 Alethe-Berkeley
178 Alethe-Berkeley	Berkeley	1/16/1984	178 375	Alethe-Berkeley Thousand Oaks	178 Thousand Oaks
178 Thousand Oaks	El Cerrito	8/09/1990	178 550	Thousand Oaks Vista Cerrito	178 Vista Cerrito
178 Vista Cerrito	El Cerrito	11/24/1991	178 290	Vista Cerrito West Gate	178 Vista Cerrito
179 Ontario	Ontario	5/03/1900		Instituted	
179 Ontario	Ontario	8/31/1900		Name Change	179 Euclid
179 Euclid	Ontario	11/15/1990	179 330	Euclid Chino Valley	179 Sunrise
179 Sunrise	Ontario	05/18/2005	145 179	Foothill Sunrise	145 Stardust

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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 Yerba Buena	San Francisco	10/15/1900		Name Change	183 California
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	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 Laurel	San Mateo	11/30/1986	186	Laurel	186 Peninsula
			275	Burlingame	
188 Tehachapi	Tehachapi	1/16/1901		Instituted	
188 Tehachapi	Tehachapi	12/03/1969	188	Tehachapi	188 Tehachapi
			603	Arvin	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
189 Calistoga	Calistoga	1/19/1901		Instituted	
189 Calistoga	Calistoga	6/23/1996	189	Calistoga	189 Calistoga Keystone
			235	Keystone	
189 Calistoga Keystone	Calistoga	11/14/1998	85	Valley of the Moon	189 Silverado
			189	Calistoga Keystone	
190 Sacramento	Sacramento	3/07/1901		Instituted	
190 Sacramento	Sacramento	11/16/1989	190	Sacramento	190 Ada-Sacramento
			301	Ada	
190 Ada-Sacramento	Sacramento	11/15/2001	117	Columbus-Fort Sutter	117 New Hope
			190	Ada-Sacramento	
191 Fullerton	Fullerton	3/19/1901		Instituted	
191 Fullerton	Fullerton	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 Pacific	Los Angeles	2/24/1972	192	Pacific	192 Trinity
			217	Loyalty	
192 Trinity	Los Angeles	2/15/1977	192	Trinity	192 United
			520	Wil-Brea	
192 United	Los Angeles	2/27/1989	192	United	192 Elysian
			354	Elysian	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	Alhambra	11/20/1990	193	Alhambra	193 Alhambra-Granada
			442	Granada	
193 Alhambra-Granada	Alhambra	8/24/1993	193	Alhambra-Granada	193 Alhambra
			554	San Marino	
193 Alhambra	Alhambra	04/27/2007	108	Pasadena	108 Pasadena
			193	Alhambra	
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	
198 Maspha	Brentwood	4/23/1902		Instituted	
198 Maspha	Brentwood	11/06/1993	42	Ariel	42 Ariel
			198	Maspha	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
199 Ionia	Davis	4/29/1902		Instituted	
199 Ionia	Davis	5/22/1996	199	Ionia	199 Golden Valley
			221	Golden Rod	
199 Golden Valley	Davis	11/08/2002	60	Yolo	60 Golden Valley
			199	Golden Valley	
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 Star	Beckwourth	6/30/1996	201	Beckwith Star	201 Beckwith Portola Star
			321	Portola	
202 La Paloma	Covina	8/05/1902		Instituted	
202 La Paloma	Covina	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 Miramar	Richmond	9/14/1984	205	Miramar	205 El Portal
			249	Acantha	
205 El Portal	Richmond	11/22/1992	205	El Portal	205 Mission Bell
			605	Mission Bell	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
205 Mission Bell	Richmond	12/10/1993	205	Mission Bell	205 Mission Bell
			220	Pinole-Crockett	
205 Mission Bell	Richmond	8/25/2003	205	Mission Bell	205 Mission Bell
			283	Beacon Point	
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	Hollywood	11/10/1973	209	Hollywood	209 Hollywood-Malta
			475	Malta	
209 Hollywood-Malta	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	
210 Palestine	Los Angeles	3/07/1903		Instituted	
210 Palestine	Los Angeles	11/28/1972	210	Palestine	210 Mendias-Ray
			495	Mendias-Ray	
210 Mendias-Ray	Los Angeles	1/12/1980	209	Hollywood-Malta	209 Hollywood
			210	Mendias-Ray	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
211 Colton	Colton	7/08/1903		Instituted	
211 Colton	Colton	11/16/1991	211	Colton	211 Rialto
			596	Rialto	Location: Rialto
211 Rialto	Rialto	11/18/2006	211	Rialto	211 Tri-Star
			488	Orange Blossom	
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	
214 Almona	Concord	9/05/1903		Instituted	
214 Almona	Concord	7/10/2005	214	Almona	214 Diablo Star
			571	Diablo Star	Location: Orinda
215 San Rafael	San Rafael	9/11/1903		Instituted	
215 San Rafael	San Rafael	11/21/1993	215	San Rafael	215 Marin Star
			594	Fairfax	
			609	Novato	
216 Sunset	Los Angeles	9/16/1903		Instituted	
216 Sunset	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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	2/24/1972	192	Pacific	192 Trinity
			217	Loyallty	
218 Yosolano	Winters	2/13/1904		Instituted	
218 Yosolano	Winters	3/17/1983	218	Yosolano	218 Esparto-Winters
			341	Esparto	Location: Esparto
218 Esparto-Winters	Esparto	2/28/1987	218	Esparto-Winters	218 Esparto-Grafton
			379	Grafton	
218 Esparto-Grafton	Esparto	05/16/2007	28	Vacaville	28 Yolano
			218	Esparto-Grafton	
220 Pinole	Hercules	2/23/1904		Instituted	
220 Pinole	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	
221 Golden Rod	Dixon	4/02/1904		Instituted	
221 Golden Rod	Dixon	5/22/1996	199	Ionia	199 Golden Valley
			221	Golden Rod	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
222 Rio Vista	Rio Vista	4/5/1904		Instituted	
222 Rio Vista	Rio Vista	11/20/2004	2	Suisun	2 Suisun
			222	Rio Vista	
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	
226 Oakdale	Oakdale	4/11/1905		Instituted	
226 Oakdale	Oakdale	7/31/2002	226	Oakdale	447 Escallonia
			447	Escallonia	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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 Imperial	San Francisco	6/20/1974	229	Imperial	229 Parnassus-Imperial
			269	Parnassus	
229 Parnasus-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 Oceanview
			230	Sapphire	
231 Lower Lake	Lower Lake	4/20/1905		Instituted	
231 Lower Lake	Lower Lake	11/05/1988	231	Lower Lake	231 Lower Lake
			585	Mountain Star	
231 Lower Lake	Clearlake	11/05/2005	231	Lower Lake	231 Lake
			137	Clear Lake	
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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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
233 Natoma	Folsom	7/3/1905		Instituted	
233 Natoma	Folsom	11/11/2006	233	Natoma	233 Natoma San Juan
			563	San Juan	Location: Citrus Heights
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 Glen Eyrie	Glendale	11/09/1994	237	Glen Eyrie	237 Glendale Glen Eyrie
			422	Glendale	
237 Glendale Glen Eyrie	Glendale	11/15/1996	237	Glendale Glen Eyrie	237 Glencrest
			494	Crescenta Valley	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
241 La Victoria	San Jacinto	4/06/1906		Instituted	
241 La Victoria	San Jacinto	11/19/1992	241 351	La Victoria Tahquitz	241 Tahquitz-Victoria
242 Needles	Needles	4/11/1906		Instituted	
242 Needles	Needles	12/29/1996	242 546	Needles Barstow	242 Barstow
243 Elsinore	Elsinore	4/16/1906		Instituted	
243 Elsinore	Elsinore	2/14/2007	243 302	Elsinore Miriam	243 Menifee Valley Location: Sun City
245 Ocean Park	Ocean Park	5/10/1906		Instituted	
245 Ocean Park	Ocean Park	1/19/1984	245 395	Ocean Park Culver City	245 Ocean Park
245 Ocean Park	Santa Monica	11/21/1991	245 446	Ocean Park Ionic-Menorah	245 Ocean Park
245 Ocean Park	Santa Monica	11/19/1992	245 247	Ocean Park Columbia-Beverly Hills	245 Ocean Park
245 Ocean Park	Santa Monica	11/17/1994	113 245	Santa Monica Ocean Park	245 Ocean Park
245 Ocean Park	Santa Monica	11/16/2000	245 456	Ocean Park Triangle Palms	245 Ocean Park
247 Columbia	West Los Angeles	6/14/1906		Instituted	
247 Columbia	West Los Angeles	11/22/1986	247 404	Columbia Beverly Hills	247 Columbia-Beverly Hills

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247 Columbia-Beverly Hills	Los Angeles	11/19/1992	245 247	Ocean Park Columbia-Beverly Hills	245 Ocean Park
248 Hollenbeck	Los Angeles	6/02/1906		Instituted	
248 Hollenbeck	Los Angeles	5/02/1972	248 464	Hollenbeck The Gardens	248 Holly Gardens
248 Holly Gardens	Whittier	11/25/1984	248 623	Holly Gardens La Mirada	248 Holly Gardens
248 Holly Gardens	Whittier	11/17/1990	144 248	Lyra Holly Gardens	144 Lyra
249 Acantha	Richmond	9/07/1906		Instituted	
249 Acantha	Richmond	9/14/1984	205 249	Miramar Acantha	205 El Portal
250 Sunnyvale	Sunnyvale	3/14/1907		Instituted	
	Sunnyvale	1/17/1964		Change meeting place to Los Altos	
250 Sunnyvale	Los Altos	11/15/1998	250 636	Sunnyvale Los Altos	250 Valley Star
252 Casimir	Ukiah	4/13/1907		Instituted	
252 Casimir	Ukiah	1921		Moved Chapter to San Francisco	
252 Casimir	San Francisco	11/18/1965	252 432	Casimir Forest	252 Casimir
252 Casimir	San Francisco	7/14/1980	252 427	Casimir Seaport	252 Casimir

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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 Casimir	San Francisco	4/28/1995	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	4/02/1997	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	4/22/1907		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	4/28/1995	252	Casimir	252 Pacific Star
			255	Richmond	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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 Oriental	Los Angeles	5/26/1970	258	Oriental	258 Golden State
			298	Golden State	
258 Golden State	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	
261 Dinuba	Tulare	9/30/1907		Instituted	
261 Dinuba	Tulare	1/12/1972	257	Reedley	261 Alta
			261	Dinuba	
261 Dinuba	Tulare	12/13/1972		Charter Surrendered	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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 Daylight	Los Angeles	10/15/1971	265	Daylight	265 Radiant-Daylight
			421	Radiant	
		6/22/1988		Charter Surrendered	
266 Garvanza	Los Angeles	2/19/1908		Instituted	
266 Garvanza	Los Angeles	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	
268 West Lake	Beverly Hills	2/22/1908		Instituted	
268 West Lake	Beverly Hills	11/19/1968	133	South Gate	133 South Gate
			268	West Lake	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
269 Parnassus	San Francisco	2/27/1908		Instituted	
269 Parnassus	San Francisco	6/20/1974	229	Imperial	229 Parnassus-Imperial
			269	Parnasus	
270 Eschscholtzia	Coalinga	3/14/1908		Instituted	
270 Eschscholtzia	Coalinga	2/09/1991	41	Lily of the Lake	41 Lily of the Lake
			270	Eschscholtzia	
271 Monte Vista	Orosi	3/16/1908		Instituted	
271 Monte Vista	Orosi	11/27/1989	93	Heliotrope	93 Heliotrope
			271	Monte Vista	
272 South Pasadena	South Pasadena	3/28/1908		Instituted	
272 South Pasadena	South Pasadena	11/23/1991	133	Hollywood	133 Hollywood
			272	South Pasadena	
273 Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz	4/04/1908		Instituted	
273 Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz	11/23/1991	273	Santa Cruz	273 Santa Cruz Redwoods
			638	Valley of the Redwoods	
274 St. Helena	St. Helena	5/02/1908		Instituted	
274 St. Helena	St. Helena	4/05/1984	59	Silver Spray	59 Silver Spray
			274	St. Helena	
275 Burlingame	Burlingame	5/16/1908		Instituted	
275 Burlingame	Burlingame	11/30/1986	186	Laurel	186 Peninsula
			275	Burlingame	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
276 Signal	El Centro	6/08/1908		Instituted	
276 Signal	El Centro	3/19/1977	276	Signal	276 Signal-Alamitos
			316	Alamitos	
276 Signal-Alamitos	El Centro	9/30/1983	276	Signal-Alamitos	276 Signal-Alamitos Crown
			311	Imperial Crown	
276 Signal-Alamitos Crown	El Centro	3/27/1994	267	Golden Rule	276 Imperial Valley
			276	Signal-Alamitos Crown	
			289	Alamo	
277 Athens	Oakland	6/10/1908		Instituted	
277 Athens	Oakland	9/15/1980	8	Oak Leaf	8 Oak Leaf
			277	Athens	
278 Vallejo	Vallejo	9/26/1908		Instituted	
278 Vallejo	Vallejo	5/12/2003	3	Silver Star	3 Gateway
			30	Silver Gate	
			278	Vallejo	
279 Mystic Star	Corning	11/24/1908		Instituted	
279 Mystic Star	Corning	3/29/2003	83	Molino	83 Molino Star
			279	Mystic Star	
280 Amo	San Francisco	1/22/1909		Instituted	
280 Amo	San Francisco	6/20/1931		Name change approved by WGM	280 Occidental
280 Occidental	San Francisco	12/03/1968	280	Occidental	280 Victory
			388	Victory	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
280 Victory	San Francisco	9/24/1979	280	Victory	280 George Washington Victory
			409	George Washington	
280 George Washington Victory	San Francisco	11/11/1994	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	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 Rising Light	Huntington Park	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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
287 Poinsettia	Oceanside	4/14/1998	287 453	Poinsettia Santa Maria	287 Poinsettia
288 Fraternity	San Jose	11/23/1909		Instituted	
288 Fraternity	San Jose	11/26/1991	288 493	Fraternity Jarman	288 Bright Star
288 Bright Star	San Jose	11/23/2001	288 530	Bright Star Willow Glen	288 Blossom Hill
288 Blossom Hill	San Jose	11/25/2005	31 288	San Jose Blossom Hill	31 San Jose
289 Alamo	Brawley	1/13/1910		Instituted	
289 Alamo	Brawley	3/27/1994	267 276 289	Golden Rule Signal-Alamitos Crown Alamo	276 Imperial Valley
290 West Gate	Berkeley	2/01/1910		Instituted	
290 West Gate	Berkeley	11/24/1991	178 290	Vista Cerrito West Gate	178 Vista Cerrito
291 Point Arena	Point Arena	5/31/1910		Instituted	
291 Point Arena	Point Arena	4/29/1990	111 291	Ocean View Point Arena	111 Ocean View
293 Elvesta	Oakland	7/30/1910		Instituted	
293 Elvesta	Oakland	6/10/1980	293 433	Elvesta Foothill	293 Foothill

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
293 Foothill	Hayward	12/29/1986	103 293	Golden Wave Foothill	103 Golden Wave
294 Pleasanton	Pleasanton	9/22/1910		Instituted	
294 Pleasanton	Pleasanton	11/15/1997	294 455	Pleasanton Castro Valley-Hayward	294 Castro Valley
295 Fresno	Fresno	9/30/1910		Instituted	
295 Fresno	Fresno	11/27/1995	89 295	Raisina Fresno	89 Raisina Fresno
296 Wistaria	Turlock	10/01/1910		Instituted	
296 Wistaria	Turlock	11/21/1993	296 416	Wisteria Smyrna	296 Ceres
297 Fruitvale	Oakland	12/21/1910		Instituted	
297 Fruitvale	Oakland	8/20/1982	297 386	Fruitvale Alameda	297 Alameda
297 Alameda	Alameda	1/19/2001	115 297	Carita Alameda	115 Alameda
298 Halcyon	Los Angeles	1/10/1911		Instituted	
298 Halycon	Los Angeles	8/12/1919		Name changed approved by WGP	298 Golden State
298 Golden State	Los Angeles	5/26/1970	258 298	Oriental Golden State	258 Golden State

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
299	Sierra Madre	1/23/1911		Instituted	
299	Sierra Madre	8/21/2001	299	Sierra Madre	299
			608	Sojourner	Friendly Star Location: Monrovia
299	Friendly Star	01/08/2007	299	Friendly Star	299
			367	Arcadia	Arcadia Star Location: Arcadia
300	La Mesa	3/04/1911		Instituted	
300	La Mesa	11/16/1991	300	La Mesa	300
			429	El Cajon	Star of the East
301	Ada	3/23/1911		Instituted	
301	Ada	11/16/1989	190	Sacramento	190
			301	Ada	Ada-Sacramento
302	Miriam	4/28/1911		Instituted	
302	Miriam	02/14/2007	243	Elsinore	243
			302	Miriam	Meniffee Valley Location: Sun City
303	Golden Chain	4/29/1911		Instituted	
303	Golden Chain	8/17/1988	140	Nova Dies-Oakland	140
			303	Golden Chain	Nova Dies-Oakland
304	Bethany	4/24/1911		Instituted	
304	Bethany	11/06/2004	9	Evangeline	9
			304	Bethany	Evangeline

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
305 Ruth	South San Francisco	5/12/1911		Instituted	
305 Ruth	South San Francisco	11/22/1992	305 583	Ruth Crystal Springs	305 Unity
306 Lindsay	Lindsay	6/13/1911		Instituted	
306 Lindsay	Lindsay	3/31/1987	114 306	Palm Leaf Lindsay	114 Palm Leaf
307 Southland	Pasadena	1/13/1912		Instituted	
307 Southland	Pasadena	11/16/1990	108 307	Pasadena-Melita Southland	108 Pasadena
308 Mary E. Partridge	Oakland	1/19/1912		Instituted	
308 Mary E. Partridge	Oakland	8/06/1976	308 410	Mary E. Partridge Lake Merritt	410 Lake Merritt
309 Calkota	Kerman	2/17/1912		Instituted	
309 Calkota	Kerman	12/18/1990	309 320	Calkota Concordia	309 Concordia Location: Kerman
309 Concordia	Clovis	4/22/2006	93 309	Heliotrope Concordia	93 Concordia Location: Clovis
310 Palos Verdes	Long Beach	2/26/1912		Instituted	
310 Palos Verdes	Long Beach	1/27/1990	310 435	Palos Verdes Searchlight	310 Meridian
310 Meridian	Long Beach	11/16/1992	310 502	Meridian All States	310 Meridian

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
310 Meridian	Long Beach	3/13/1994	310 617	Meridian Star of Lakewood	310 Meridian
311 Imperial Crown	Calexico	3/27/1912		Instituted	
311 Imperial Crown	Calexico	9/30/1983	276 311	Signal-Alamitos Imperial Crown	276 Signal-Alamitos Crown
312 Kingsburg	Kingsburg	7/11/1912		Instituted	
312 Kingsburg	Kingsburg	9/24/1979	93 312	Heliotrope Kingsburg	93 Heliotrope
313 Eagle Rock	Los Angeles	9/12/1912		Instituted	
313 Eagle Rock	Los Angeles	11/24/1987	313 486	Eagle Rock Glassell Park	313 Eagle Rock-Glassell Park
313 Eagle Rock-Glassell Park	Los Angeles	11/20/1993	133 192 313	Hollywood Elysian Eagle Rock-Glassell Park	133 Hollywood
314 Willits	Willits	3/13/1912		Instituted	
314 Willits	Willits	11/13/2005	58 314	Kingsley Willits	58 Kingsley
315 Moneta	Los Angeles	11/30/1912		Instituted	
315 Moneta	Los Angeles	5/22/1992	260 315	Gardena Moneta	260 Gardena

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
316 Alamitos	Holtville	2/01/1913		Instituted	
316 Alamitos	Holtville	3/19/1977	276	Signal	276 Signal-Alamitos
			316	Alamitos	
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 Inglewood	Inglewood	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	
319 Centinela Valley	Hawthorne	11/09/2000	319	Centinela Valley	319 Nova Star
			436	Parkside	
319 Nova Star	Hawthorne	1/03/2003		Change location city	319 Nova Star
319 Nova Star	Manhattan Beach				
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 Star	201 Beckwith Portola Star
			321	Portola	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
322 Oxnard	Oxnard	6/28/1913		Instituted	
322 Oxnard	Oxnard	4/04/2003	79	Ventura-Fillmore	79 Channel Islands
			322	Oxnard	
323 Maricopa	Maricopa	7/12/1913		Instituted	
323 Maricopa	Maricopa	1/20/1970	323	Maricopa	323 Taft
			337	Taft	
323 Taft	Taft	11/16/1998	125	Bakersfield	125 Bakersfield
			323	Taft	
324 Claremont	Claremont	3/14/1914		Instituted	
324 Claremont	Claremont	03/04/2007	110	Star of Pomona	110 Star of Claremont
			324	Claremont	Location: Claremont
325 La Puente	La Puente	4/04/1914		Instituted	
325 La Puente	La Puente	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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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 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	
329 Olivette-Wilshire	Los Angeles	11/25/1974	216	Sunset	216 Los Feliz
			329	Olivette-Wilshire	
330 Chino Valley	Chino	7/21/1914		Instituted	
330 Chino Valley	Chino	11/15/1990	179	Euclid	179 Sunrise
			330	Chino Valley	
331 Hayward	Hayward	9/23/1914		Instituted	
331 Hayward	Hayward	11/07/1992	331	Hayward	455 Castro Valley-Hayward
			455	Castro Valley	
334 Exeter	Exeter	2/26/1915		Instituted	
334 Exeter	Exeter	3/11/1988	13	Martha Washington	13 Martha Washington
			334	Exeter	
335 Montebello	Montebello	3/17/1915		Instituted	
335 Montebello	Montebello	11/17/1989	335	Montebello	335 Whittier
			444	Whittier	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
335 Whittier	Whittier	1/31/1991	335	Whittier	335 Whittier
			508	La Habra	
335 Whittier	Whittier	6/06/2002	144	Lyra	144 Whittier Star
			335	Whittier	
			584	Tri Star	
336 Riverview	Guerneville	4/13/1915		Instituted	
336 Riverview	Guerneville	2/05/1991	161	Gold Ridge	161 Gold Ridge
			336	Riverview	
337 Taft	Taft	5/22/1915		Instituted	
337 Taft	Taft	2/02/1968	337	Taft	337 Taft
			364	Buena Vista	
337 Taft	Taft	1/20/1970	323	Maricopa	323 Taft
			337	Taft	
338 Van Nuys	Van Nuys	9/10/1915		Instituted	
338 Van Nuys	Van Nuys	11/27/2000	338	Van Nuys	338 Van Nuys
			452	Canoga	
338 Van Nuys	Van Nuys	11/26/2001	338	Van Nuys	338 Van Nuys
			505	Reseda	
338 Van Nuys	Van Nuys	7/24/2006	338	Van Nuys	338 Van Nuys
			616	Granada Hills	
341 Esparto	Esparto	4/28/1916		Instituted	
341 Esparto	Esparto	3/17/1983	218	Yosolano	218 Esparto-Winters
			341	Esparto	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
343 York	Watts	6/13/1916		Instituted	
343 York	Watts	2/07/1972	343	York	343 Majestic Star
			480	Majestic	
			618	Parva Stella	
343 Majestic Star	Southgate	4/13/1977	343	Majestic Star	343 Majestic Star
			477	Florence	
343 Majestic Star	Southgate	11/26/1984	343	Majestic Star	397 Bellflower
			397	Bellflower	
345 South West	National City	10/09/1916		Instituted	
345 South West	National City	11/25/1996	345	South West	345 Chula Vista
			458	Chula Vista	
349 Cacheville	Yolo	4/24/1917		Instituted	
349 Cacheville	Yolo	2/22/1985	60	Yolo	60 Yolo
			349	Cacheville	
350 Golden West	San Francisco	6/01/1918		Instituted	
350 Golden West	San Francisco	11/03/1975	155	Mission	155 Golden West Mission
			350	Golden West	
351 Tahquitz	Hemet	9/21/1918		Instituted	
351 Tahquitz	Hemet	11/19/1992	241	La Victoria	241 Tahquitz-Victoria
			351	Tahquitz	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
352 Burbank	Burbank	3/31/1919		Instituted	
352 Burbank	Burbank	7/06/1983	352	Burbank	352 Burbank
			598	Magnolia Park	
352 Burbank	Burbank	2/20/1991	352	Burbank	352 Burbank
			465	Heritage-Roseland	
352 Burbank	Burbank	7/20/2005	352	Burbank	352 Burbank
			445	Tujunga	
353 Pittsburg	Pittsburg	6/26/1919		Instituted	
353 Pittsburg	Pittsburg	9/13/1983	42	Ariel	42 Ariel
			353	Pittsburg	
354 Elysian	Los Angeles	6/28/1919		Instituted	
354 Elysian	Los Angeles	3/27/1970	354	Elysian	354 Elysian
			424	Nimshi	
354 Elysian	Los Angeles	3/26/1982	354	Elysian	354 Elysian
			413	Cahuenga	
354 Elysian	Los Angeles	2/27/1989	192	United	192 Elysian
			354	Elysian	
355 Golden Poppy	Stockton	8/04/1919		Instituted	
355 Golden Poppy	Stockton	11/25/1991	50	Homo	50 Valley Oaks
			355	Golden Poppy	
357 Glen	Glendora	10/03/1919		Instituted	
357 Glen	Glendora	1/31/1990	357	Glen	357 Foothill
			509	San Dimas	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
357 Foothill	Glendora	11/17/1996	145 357	Jasmine Foothill	145 Foothill
358 Corinthian	San Diego	12/15/1919		Instituted	
358 Corinthian	San Diego	11/19/1989	358 387	Corinthian Silver Strand	358 North Park
358 North Park	San Diego	11/20/1999	358 478	North Park Harbor Lights	358 Harbor Lights
360 Coachella Valley	Coachella	2/7/1920		Instituted	
360 Coachella Valley	Coachella	5/30/2007	360 576	Coachella Valley Palm Springs	360 Coachella Valley
361 Fillmore	Fillmore	3/13/1920		Instituted	
361 Fillmore	Fillmore	11/14/1987	79 361	Ventura Fillmore	79 Ventura-Fillmore
362 Progressive	Bakersfield	5/12/1920		Instituted	
362 Progressive	Bakersfield	10/18/1928		Name change	362 Libertas
362 Libertas	Bakersfield	6/29/1987	362 146	Libertas La Rosa	362 Libertas
362 Libertas	Bakersfield	11/12/2005	391 362	Caledonia Libertas	391 Caledonia
363 Lyman	Biggs	5/15/1920		Instituted	
363 Lyman	Biggs	1/06/1992	35 363	Vernon Lyman	35 Vernon-Lyman

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
364 Buena Vista	Fellows	7/09/1920		Instituted	
364 Buena Vista	Fellows	2/20/1968	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	Monterey Park	6/21/1985	367	Ramona Star	367 Ramona Star-Belvedere
			402	Belvedere	
367 Ramona Star-Belvedere	Monterey Park	8/29/1988	367	Ramona Star-Belvedere	367 Mission Star
			407	San Gabriel	Location: San Gabriel
367 Mission Star	San Gabriel	11/13/1993	367	Mission Star	367 Rosemead
			430	Rosemead	Location: Rosemead
367 Rosemead	Rosemead	5/10/2005	367	Rosemead	367 Arcadia
			471	Arcadia	Location: Arcadia
367 Arcadia	Arcadia	01/08/2007	299	Friendly Star	299 Arcadia Star
			367	Arcadia	Location: Arcadia
368 Arbuckle	Arbuckle	9/21/1920		Instituted	
368 Arbuckle	Arbuckle	12/09/1975	223	Loyal	368 Arbuckle-Loyal
			368	Arbuckle	
368 Arbuckle-Loyal	Arbuckle	11/10/1989	84	Veritas	84 Veritas
			368	Arbuckle-Loyal	

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369 Maxwell	Maxwell	9/22/1920		Instituted	
369 Maxwell	Maxwell	2/08/1965	326 369	Wild Rose Maxwell	326 Wild Rose
370 Corcoran	Corcoran	11/30/1920		Instituted	
370 Corcoran	Corcoran	6/25/1990	94 370	Tulare Corcoran	94 Tulare-Corcoran
371 Live Oak	Galt	4/13/1921		Instituted	
371 Live Oak	Galt	3/30/1994	118 371	Woodbridge Live Oak	118 Woodbridge Oaks
374 Lebanon	San Francisco	5/21/1921		Instituted	
374 Lebanon	San Francisco	11/07/1991	252 374	Casimir Lebanon	252 Casimir
375 Thousand Oaks	Berkeley	5/27/1921		Instituted	
375 Thousand Oaks	Berkeley	1/16/1984	178 375	Alethe-Berkeley Thousand Oaks	178 Thousand Oaks
376 Sunbeam	Los Angeles	6/02/1921		Instituted	
376 Sunbeam	Los Angeles	6/21/1976	376 498	Sunbeam Composite	498 Composite
377 Westwood	Westwood	6/27/1921		Instituted	
377 Westwood	Westwood	11/03/2002	53 377	Sincerity Westwood	53 Sincerity

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	Richmond	1/20/1990	383	Beacon	383 Beacon Point
			394	Point	
383 Beacon Point	Richmond	8/25/2003	205	Mission Bell	205 Misson Bell
			383	Beacon Point	
384 Concord	Concord	9/28/1921		Instituted	
384 Concord	Concord	6/07/2000	384	Concord	384 Concord
			590	Silver Valley	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
385 Rainbow	Sacramento	10/13/1921		Instituted	
385 Rainbow	Sacramento	11/15/2003	385 529	Rainbow Lauralane	385 Harmony
386 Alameda	Alameda	11/30/1921		Instituted	
386 Alameda	Alameda	8/20/1982	297 386	Fruitvale Alameda	297 Alameda
387 Silver Strand	San Diego	12/17/1921		Instituted	
387 Silver Strand	San Diego	11/19/1989	358 387	Corinthian Silver Strand	358 North Park
388 Victory	San Francisco	2/11/1922		Instituted	
388 Victory	San Francisco	12/03/1968	280 388	Occidental Victory	280 Victory
389 Santa Ana	Santa Ana	3/08/1922		Instituted	
389 Santa Ana	Santa Ana	7/14/1986	163 389	Scepter Santa Ana	163 Scepter
391 Caledonia	Bakersfield	3/13/1922		Instituted	
391 Caledonia	Bakersfield	11/12/2005	391 362	Caledonia Libertas	391 Caledonia
392 Effie Easton	Oakland	4/24/1922		Instituted	
392 Effie Easton	Oakland	6/16/1975	8 392	Oak Leaf Effie Easton	8 Oak Leaf

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	San Francisco	3/12/1982	396	Seal Rock	396 Seal Rock Brilliant Star
			472	Brilliant Star	
396 Seal Rock Brilliant Star	San Francisco	11/11/1994	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
			397	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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
397 Bellflower	Bellflower	7/23/2005	397 561	Bellflower Emera	397 Bellflower
399 Bettina	Long Beach	10/11/1922		Instituted	
399 Bettina	Long Beach	8/14/1992	173 399	Long Beach Bettina	173 Long Beach-Bettina
400 Riverdale	Riverdale	11/29/1922		Instituted	
400 Riverdale	Riverdale	6/21/1944	41 400	Lily of the Lake Riverdale	41 Lily of the Lake
402 Belvedere	Los Angeles	12/23/1922		Instituted	
402 Belvedere	Los Angeles	6/21/1985	367 402	Ramona Star Belvedere	367 Ramona Star-Belvedere
403 Lankershim	Lankershim	1/16/1923		Instituted	
403 Lankershim	Lankershim	11/29/1950		WGM approved name change	403 North Hollywood
403 North Hollywood	North Hollywood	11/19/1991	403 611	North Hollywood Noel	403 North Hollywood-Noel
403 North Hollywood-Noel	North Hollywood	8/07/2002		Location change to Tarzana	
403 North Hollywood-Noel	Tarzana	8/07/2002	403	Name change	403 Horizon Star
403 Horizon Star	Tarzana	11/18/2003	403 592	Horizon Star Home	403 Horizon Star
404 Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	2/02/1923		Instituted	
404 Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	11/22/1986	247 404	Columbia Beverly Hills	247 Columbia-Beverly Hills

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
405 Ami Tai	Anaheim	03/23/1923		Instituted	
405 Ami Tai	Anaheim	08/07/2002		Location change to Brea	
405 Ami Tai	Brea	11/10/2004	147 405	Golden Crown Ami Tai	147 Ami Tai
406 Siloam	Los Angeles	4/11/1923		Instituted	
406 Siloam	Los Angeles	9/08/1972	406 411	Siloam West Adams	406 Tri Star
			543	Windsor	
406 Tri Star	Los Angeles	3/28/1979	406 516	Tri Star Morning Vista	516 Morning Vista
407 San Gabriel	San Gabriel	4/27/1923		Instituted	
407 San Gabriel	San Gabriel	8/29/1988	367 407	Ramona Star-Belvedere San Gabriel	367 Mission Star
408 America	Los Angeles	6/16/1923		Instituted	
408 America	Los Angeles	4/13/1978	408 430	America El Sereno	430 Sereno America
409 George Washington	San Francisco	7/09/1923		Instituted	
409 Geroge Washington	San Francisco	9/24/1979	280 409	Victory George Washington	280 George Washington Victory
410 Lake Merritt	Oakland	7/10/1923		Instituted	
410 Lake Merritt	Oakland	9/19/1975	410 415	Lake Merritt Loma Vista	410 Lake Merritt

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	140 Nova Dies-Oakland
			410	Lake Merritt	
411 West Adams	Los Angeles	7/27/1923		Instituted	
411 West Adams	Los Angeles	9/08/1972	406	Siloam	406 Tri Star
			411	West Adams	
			543	Windsor	
412 Estrella	East San Diego	8/04/1923		Instituted	
412 Estrella	San Diego	11/24/1992	412	Estrella	412 Estrella
			647	Lakeside	
412 Estrella	San Diego	11/28/2000	412	Estrella	412 Estrella
			579	San Miguel	
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 Service	Long Beach	7/12/1983	414	Service	414 El Petrol-Service
			507	El Petrol	
414 El Petrol-Service	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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
414 Mar Vista	Long Beach	11/09/1997	173 414	Long Beach-Bettina Mar Vista	173 Long Beach
415 Loma Vista	Oakland	8/17/1923		Instituted	
415 Loma Vista	Oakland	9/19/1975	410 415	Lake Merritt Loma Vista	410 Lake Merritt
416 Smyrna	Ceres	8/18/1923		Instituted	
416 Smyrna	Ceres	11/21/1993	296 416	Wisteria Smyrna	296 Ceres
418 Arlington	Los Angeles	11/17/1923		Instituted	
418 Arlington	Los Angeles	11/26/1973	329 418	Olivette-Wilshire Arlington	329 Olivette-Wilshire
420 Fort Sutter	Sacramento	11/30/1923		Instituted	
420 Fort Sutter	Sacramento	11/26/1990	117 420	Columbus Fort Sutter	117 Columbus-Fort Sutter
421 Radiant	Hollywood	1/19/1924		Instituted	
421 Radient	Hollywood	10/15/1971	265 421	Daylight Radiant	265 Radiant-Daylight
422 Glendale	Glendale	1/19/1924		Instituted	
422 Glendale	Glenda;e	11/09/1994	237 422	Glen Eyrie Glendale	237 Glendale Glen Eyrie

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
425 Playa Linda	Hermosa Beach	3/01/1924		Instituted	
425 Playa Linda	Hermosa Beach	11/12/1990	425	Playa Linda	425 Playa Linda-Ascot
			437	Ascot	
425 Playa Linda-Ascot	Manhattan Beach	3/28/2001	425	Playa Linda-Ascot	425 Fuchsia
			597	Fuchsia	
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 El Sereno	Los Angeles	4/13/1978	408	America	430 Sereno America
			430	El Sereno	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
430 Sereno America	Los Angeles	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	Oakland	6/10/1980	293	Elvesta	293 Foothill
			433	Foothill	
434 Trinity	San Francisco	8/02/1924		Instituted	
434 Trinity	San Francisco	9/27/1966	434	Trinity	434 Trinity Fireside
			440	Fireside	
434 Trinity Fireside	San Francisco				(CANCELLED right after Consolidation)
434 Trinity	San Francisco	6/23/1969	262	Amity	262 Amity
			434	Trinity	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
435 Searchlight	Long Beach	8/12/1924		Instituted	
435 Searchlight	Long Beach	3/07/1982	435	Searchlight	435 Searchlight
			542	Seal Beach	
435 Searchlight	Long Beach	1/27/1990	310	Palos Verdes	310 Meridian
			435	Searchlight	
436 Sunnyside	Los Angeles	12/15/1924		Instituted	
436 Sunnyside	Los Angeles	11/13/1984		Charter Suspended by Worthy Grand Matron	
436 Sunnyside	Los Angeles	4/04/1985		Charter Restored by Worthy Grand Matron	
436 Sunnyside	Los Angeles	11/21/1987	436	Sunnyside	436 Parkside
			443	South Park	
436 Parkside	Hawthorne	6/01/1989	436	Parkside	436 Parkside
			516	Morning Vista	
436 Parkside	Hawthorne	11/09/2000	319	Centinella Valley	319 Nova Star
			436	Parkside	
437 Ascot	Los Angeles	1/30/1925		Instituted	
437 Ascot	Los Angeles	11/12/1990	425	Playa Linda	425 Playa Linda-Ascot
			437	Ascot	
438 Lynwood	Lynwood	2/19/1925		Instituted	
438 Lynwood	Lynwood	11/23/1998	397	Bellflower	397 Bellflower
			438	Lynwood	
439 Guardian	South Gate	2/19/1925		Instituted	
439 Guardian	South Gate	4/29/1978	439	Guardian	439 Guardian
			500	Jordan	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
439 Guardian	South Gate	11/15/1988	160 439	Occident Guardian	160 Occident-Guardian
440 Fireside	San Francisco	2/27/1925		Instituted	
440 Fireside	San Francisco	9/27/1966	434 440	Trinity Fireside	434 Trinity Fireside (CANCELLED right after Consolida- tion)
440 Fireside	San Francisco	8/08/1967	124 440	Harmony Fireside	124 Harmony
441 Utopia	Los Angeles	3/09/1925		Instituted	
441 Utopia	Los Agneles	7/12/1971	168 441	Los Angeles Utopia	168 Los Angeles
442 Granada	Alhambra	3/25/1925		Instituted	
442 Granada	Alhambra	11/20/1990	193 442	Alhambra Granada	193 Alhambra-Granada
443 South Park	Los Angeles	3/26/1925		Instituted	
443 South Park	Los Angeles	11/21/1987	436 443	Sunnyside South Park	436 Parkside
444 Whittier	Whittier	4/18/1925		Instituted	
444 Whittier	Whittier	11/17/1989	335 444	Montebello Whittier	335 Whittier

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
445 Tujunga	Tujunga	4/20/1925		Instituted	
445 Tujunga	Tujunga	7/20/2005	352	Burbank	352 Burbank
			445	Tujunga	
446 Ionic	Los Angeles	4/27/1925		Instituted	
446 Ionic	Los Angeles	11/20/1980	446	Ionic	446 Ionic-Menorah
			497	Menorah	
446 Ionic-Menorah	Los Angeles	3/20/1984	446	Ionic-Menorah	446 Ionic-Menorah
			498	Composite	
446 Ionic-Menorah	Los Angeles	11/21/1991	245	Ocean Park	245 Ocean Park
			446	Ionic-Menorah	
447 Escallonia	Escalon	5/06/1925		Instituted	
447 Escallonia	Escalon	7/31/2002	226	Oakdale	447 Escallonia
			447	Escallonia	
448 Workman	Temple	5/07/1925		Instituted	
448 Workman	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	6/24/1978	74	Esther	450 North Star
			450	North Star	
450 North Star	Fall River Mills	11/22/1987	450	North Star	450 North Star
			539	Tulelake	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
450 North Star	Fall River Mills	3/22/1997	26 450	Northern Light North Star	26 Northern Light
451 Liberty	San Francisco	6/24/1925		Instituted	
451 Liberty	San Francisco	8/20/1964	99 451	Beulah Liberty	99 Beulah-Liberty
452 Owensmouth	Owensmouth	7/07/1925		Instituted	
452 Owensmouth	Canoga Park	10/01/1931		Name change approved by WGM	452 Canoga
452 Canoga	Canoga Park	11/27/2000	338 452	Van Nuys Canoga	338 Van Nuys
453 Santa Maria	Ramona	7/18/1925		Instituted	
453 Santa Maria	Ramona	4/14/1998	287 453	Poinsettia Santa Maria	287 Poinsettia
454 Harding	Los Angeles	8/04/1925		Instituted	
454 Harding	Los Angeles	11/10/1972	454 517	Harding Holly Vista	454 Polaris
454 Polaris	Los Angeles	11/29/2000	21 454	Highland Park Polaris	21 Acacia
455 Elmhurst	Elmhurst	8/07/1925		Instituted	
455 Elmhurst	Elmhurst	2/17/1987	455 572	Elmhurst Castro Valley	455 Castro Valley
455 Castro Valley	Castro Valley	11/07/1992	331 455	Hayward Castro Valley	455 Castro Valley-Hayward

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
455 Castro Valley-Hayward	Castro Valley	11/15/1997	294 455	Pleasanton Castro Valley-Hayward	294 Castro Valley
456 Triangle	Venice	8/10/1925		Instituted	
456 Triangle	Venice	8/26/1994	456 491	Triangle Palms	456 Triangle Palms
456 Triangle Palms	Santa Monica	11/16/2000	245 456	Ocean Park Triangle Palms	245 Ocean Park
457 Caliz de Oro	Oakland	2/12/1926		Instituted	
457 Caliz de Oro	Oakland	6/02/1980	8 457	Oak Leaf Caliz de Oro	8 Oak Leaf
458 Chula Vista	Chula Vista	2/13/1926		Instituted	
458 Chula Vista	Chula Vista	11/25/1996	345 458	South West Chula Vista	345 Chula Vista
459 Wilmington	Wilmington	2/27/1926		Instituted	
459 Wilmington	Wilmington	11/18/1989	380 459	Torrance Wilmington	380 Torrance
460 Justice	San Francisco	4/05/1926		Instituted	
460 Justice	San Francisco	11/30/1973	1 27 196 460	Golden Gate Ivy San Francisco Justice	1 Golden Gate

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
463 Larchmont	Los Angeles	5/07/1926		Instituted	
463 Larchmont	Los Angeles	4/23/1974	453	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 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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
471 Arcadia	Arcadia	5/10/2005	367	Rosemead	367 Arcadia
			471	Arcadia	
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 Lamanda Park	Pasadena	11/20/1926		Instituted	
473 Lamanda Park	Lamanda Park	12/17/1946		Name Change	473 East Pasadena
473 East Pasadena	Lamanda Park	4/19/1988	473	East Pasadena	473 East Pas Alta
			526	Altadena	
473 East Pas Alta	Sierra Madre	3/27/2003	108	Pasadena	108 Pasadena
			473	East Pas Alta	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
475 Malta	Los Angeles	1/21/1927		Instituted	
475 Malta	Los Angeles	11/10/1973	209	Hollywood	209 Hollywood-Malta
			475	Malta	
476 Bethel	Los Angeles	2/09/1927		Instituted	
476 Bethel	Los Angeles	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 Normal Heights	San Diego	11/23/1991	478	Normal Heights	478 Harbor Lights
			600	Harbor Lights	
478 Harbor Lights	San Diego	11/20/1999	358	North Park	358 Harbor Lights
			478	Harbor Lights	
479 La Jolla	La Jolla	3/07/1927		Instituted	
479 La Jolla	La Jolla	11/04/2001	96	San Diego Star	96 La Paloma Star
			479	La Jolla	
			565	Palomar	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
480 Majestic	Inglewood	4/12/1927		Instituted	
480 Majestic	Inglewood	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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
487 White Pine	Weed	7/25/1927		Instituted	
487 White Pine	Weed	2/12/1983	175	Sisson	175 Sisson-White Pine
			487	White Pine	
488 Orange Blossom	Fontana	8/16/1927		Instituted	
488 Orange Blossom	Fontana	11/18/2006	211	Rialto	211 Tri-Star
			488	Orange Blossom	
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	

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494 Crescenta Valley	Montrose	6/04/1928		Instituted	
494 Crescenta Valley	Montrose	11/15/1996	237 494	Glendale Glen Eyrie Crescenta Valley	237 Glencrest
495 Beacon Ray	Los Angeles	6/14/1928		Instituted	
495 Beacon Ray	Los Angeles	7/22/1971	495 582	Beacon Ray Mendias	495 Mendias-Ray
495 Mendias-Ray	Los Angeles	11/28/1972	210 495	Palestine Mendias-Ray	210 Mendias-Ray
496 Nonpareil	San Francisco	6/16/1928		Instituted	
496 Nonpareil	San Francisco	11/02/1967	124 496	Harmony Nonpareil	124 Harmony
497 Menorah	Los Angeles	6/16/1928		Instituted	
497 Menorah	Los Angeles	11/20/1980	446 497	Ionic Menorah	446 Ionic-Menorah
498 Composite	Los Angeles	6/21/1928		Instituted	
498 Composite	Los Angeles	6/21/1976	376 498	Sunbeam Composite	498 Composite
498 Composite	Los Angeles	3/20/1984	446 498	Ionic-Menorah Composite	446 Ionic-Menorah
499 El Dorado	El Dorado	6/30/1928		Instituted	
499 El Dorado	El Dorado	3/18/1989	499 610	El Dorado Lake Tahoe	499 El Dorado-Lake Tahoe

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499 El Dorado-Lake Tahoe	El Dorado	6/23/1996	62 499	Mountain Fern El Dorado-Lake Tahoe	62 El Dorado-Tahoe Fern
500 Jordan	Huntington Park	7/12/1928		Instituted	
500 Jordan	Huntington Park	4/29/1978	439 500	Guardian Jordan	439 Guardian
501 Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	7/14/1928		Instituted	
501 Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	1/24/1988	78 501	Marguerite Santa Barbara	78 Santa Barbara-Marguerite
502 All States	Long Beach	8/08/1928		Instituted	
502 All States	Long Beach	11/16/1992	310 502	Meridian All States	310 Meridian
503 Olivette	Los Angeles	8/13/1928		Instituted	
503 Olivette	Los Angeles	11/24/1969	329 503	Wilshire Olivette	329 Olivette-Wilshire
504 Rosa M. Shattuck	Berkeley	8/15/1928		Instituted	
504 Rosa M. Shattuck	Berkeley	4/09/1969	65 504	Unity Rosa M. Shattuck	65 Unity
505 Reseda	Reseda	4/01/1929		Instituted	
505 Reseda	Reseda	11/26/2001	338 505	Van Nuys Reseda	338 Van Nuys

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
506 Brea	Brea	4/12/1929		Instituted	
506 Brea	Brea	2/12/1979	191	Fullerton	191 Brea
			506	Brea	
507 El Petrol	Signal Hill	4/22/1929		Instituted	
507 El Petrol	Signal Hill	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	
510 Woodlake	Woodlake	4/27/1929		Instituted	
510 Woodlake	Woodlake	12/05/1994		Location change to Exeter	
510 Woodlake	Exeter	2/07/1996		WGM approved name change	510 Sierra Foothill
510 Sierra Foothill	Exeter	6/27/2002	94	Tulare-Corcoran	94 Tulare-Corcoran
			510	Sierra Foothill	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
512 Point Firmin	San Pedro	5/04/1929		Instituted	
512 Point Firmin	San Pedro	7/29/1994	512	Point Firmin	512 Golden Chain
			591	Lomita	
512 Golden Chain	Lomita	3/26/2001	171	Carnation	171 Alpha Star
			512	Golden Chain	
514 Faith	Taft	7/19/1929		Instituted	
514 Faith	Taft	11/22/1976	146	La Rosa	146 La Rosa
			514	Faith	
515 San Gorgonio	Banning	7/31/1929		Instituted	
515 San Gorgonio	Banning	11/24/2002	515	San Gorgonio	515 Yucaipa-San Gorgonio
			560	Yucaipa Valley	
516 Angeles Vista	Los Angeles	8/03/1929		Instituted	
516 Angeles Vista	Los Angeles	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	Playa del Rey	6/01/1989	436	Parkside	436 Parkside
			516	Morning Vista	
517 Holly Vista	West Los Angeles	8/06/1929		Instituted	
517 Holly Vista	West Los Angeles	11/10/1972	454	Harding	454 Polaris
			517	Holly Vista	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
518 Betsy Ross	Los Angeles	8/07/1929		Instituted	
518 Betsy Ross	Los Angeles	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	
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 Laguna Beach	Laguna Beach	8/14/1984	521	Laguna Beach	521 Harbor Star
			568	Harbor Star	Location: Newport Beach
521 Harbor Star	Newport Beach	05/21/2005	163	Scepter	163 Scepter
			521	Harbor Star	
522 Atwater	Los Angeles	6/17/1930		Instituted	
522 Atwater	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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
524 San Clemente	San Clemente	5/05/1930		Instituted	
524 San Clemente	San Clemente	2/26/2002	524 645	San Clemente Saddleback	524 San Clemente-Saddleback
525 Cambria Pines	Cambria	10/04/1930		Instituted	
525 Cambria Pines	Cambria	11/16/1995	525 587	Cambria Pines Estero Bay	525 Estero Pines
525 Estero Pines	Morro Bay	11/13/2004	95 525	Bethlehem Estero Pines	95 Bethlehem-Estero Pines
526 Altadena	Altadena	3/14/1931		Instituted	
526 Altadena	Altadena	4/19/1988	473 526	East Pasadena Altadena	473 East Pas Alta
527 Baldwin Park	Baldwin Park	4/30/1931		Instituted	
527 Baldwin Park	Baldwin Park	7/15/1988	527 607	Baldwin Park West Covina	527 West Covina
527 West Covina	West Covina	8/10/1991	325 527	La Puente West Covina	325 West Covina
528 Ojai	Ojai	4/16/1932		Instituted	
528 Ojai	Ojai	6/30/2003	79 528	Channel Islands Ojai	79 Channel Islands
529 Loralane	Sacramento	7/14/1933		Instituted	
529 Loralane	Sacramento	11/15/2003	385 529	Rainbow Loralane	385 Harmony

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
530 Willow Glen	San Jose	11/10/1933		Instituted	
530 Willow Glen	San Jose	11/23/2001	288	Bright Star	288 Blossom Hill
			530	Willow Glen	
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 Village	1/23/1973	476	Bethel	476 Westwood Hills
			535	Westwood Hills	
539 Tullake	Tullake	5/31/1937		Instituted	
539 Tullake	Tullake	11/22/1987	450	North Star	450 North Star
			539	Tullake	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
541 Estrellita	Berkeley	7/01/1938		Instituted	
541 Estrellita	Berkeley	2/27/1978		Location change to Orinda.	
541 Estrellita	Orinda	1/22/1990		Location change to Oakland.	
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	11/24/1990	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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
547 Searles Lake	Trona	3/08/1941		Instituted	
547 Searles Lake	Trona	2/22/1993	547	Searles Lake	547 Desert Holly
			558	Desert Holly	
547 Desert Holly	Ridgecrest	11/19/2005	547	Desert Holly	547 Desert Holly-Joshua Tree
			630	Joshua Tree	
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	
550 Albany	Albany	1/28/1942		Instituted	
550 Albany	Albany	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	
552 Mountain View	Janesville	10/07/1944		Instituted	
552 Mountain View	Janesville	11/27/1999	112	Hesperian	112 Mountain View
			552	Mountain View	
553 Campbell	Campbell	10/12/1944		Instituted	
553 Campbell	Campbell	4/11/2003	128	Los Gatos	128 Golden Oak
			553	Campbell	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	Fresno	4/01/1983	534	Venus	555 La Sierra Venus
			555	La Sierra	
558 Desert Holly	Ridgecrest	3/22/1947		Instituted	
538 Desert Holly	Ridgecrest	2/22/1993	547	Searles Lake	547 Desert Holly
			558	Desert Holly	
559 Oildale	Bakersfield	5/20/1947		Instituted	
559 Oildale	Bakersfield	2/21/2002	125	Bakersfield	125 Bakersfield
			559	Oildale	
560 Yucaipa Valley	Yucaipa	7/16/1947		Instituted	
560 Yucaipa Valley	Yucaipa	11/24/2002	515	San Gorgonio	515 Yucaipa-San Gorgonio
			560	Yucaipa Valley	
561 Emera	Long Beach	7/17/1947		Instituted	
561 Emera	Long Beach	10/17/1982	561	Emera	561 Emera
			589	Belmont Shore	
561 Emera	Long Beach	7/23/2005	397	Bellflower	397 Bellflower
			561	Emera	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
562 Menalto	Menlo Park	8/30/1947		Instituted	
562 Menalto	Menlo Park	11/23/1988	141	Miramonte	141 Miramonte
			562	Menalto	
563 San Juan	Citrus Heights	4/27/1948		Instituted	
563 San Juan	Citrus Heights	11/11/2006	233	Natoma	233 Natoma San Juan
			563	San Juan	Location: Citrus Heights
564 Redwood Empire	Garberville	8/18/1948		Instituted	
564 Redwood Empire	Garberville	3/16/1997	76	Rohnerville	76 Rohnerville-Redwood
			564	Redwood Empire	
565 Palomar	San Diego	9/13/1948		Instituted	
565 Palomar	San Diego	11/04/2001	96	San Diego Star	96 La Paloma Star
			479	La Jolla	
			565	Palomar	
566 Santa Ynez Valley	Los Olivos	4/27/1949		Instituted	
566 Santa Ynez Valley	Los Olivos	12/26/1957		Location change to Solvang	566 Santa Ynez Valley
566 Santa Ynez Valley	Solvang	3/03/1994		Charter Suspended	
566 Santa Ynez Valley	Solvang	5/04/1994		Charter Restored	
566 Santa Ynez Valley	Solvang	7/26/2001	100	Mizpah	100 Mizpah
			566	Santa Ynez Valley	
567 Rosemead	South San Gabriel	7/08/1949		Instituted	
567 Rosemead	South San Gabriel	4/28/1988	430	Sereno America	430 Rosemead
			567	Rosemead	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
571 Chabot	Oakland	3/15/1950		Instituted	
571 Chabot	Oakland	11/06/1969		Location change to Lafayette	571 Lafayette
571 Chabot	Lafayette	11/06/1969		Name change	571 Lafayette
571 Lafayette	Lafayette	10/09/2000	571	Lafayette	571 Larinda
			635	Orinda	
571 Larinda	Orinda	11/10/2003	571	Larinda	571 Diablo Star
			588	San Ramon Valley	
571 Diablo Star	Orinda	7/10/2005	214	Almona	214 Diablo Star
			571	Diablo Star	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
573 San Antonio	South Gate	6/28/1950		Instituted	
573 San Antonio	South Gate	12/07/1976	393	Bell	393 Bell
			573	San Antonio	
574 El Gabilan	Salinas	7/08/1950		Instituted	
574 El Gabilan	Salinas	10/25/2003	47	Reveille	47 Reveille
			574	El Gabilan	
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	
576 Palm Springs	Palm Springs	3/15/1951		Instituted	
576 Palm Springs	Palm Springs	12/18/2002	576	Palm Springs	576 Palm Springs
			640	Desert Hot Springs	
576 Palm Springs	Palm Springs	05/30/2007	360	Coachella Valley	360 Coachella Valley
			576	Palm Springs	
577 San Lorenzo	Hayward	3/29/1951		Instituted	
577 San Lorenzo	Hayward	03/12/2007	177	Orient	177 San Lorenzo
			577	San Lorenzo	LocatioN: Hayward
579 San Miguel	Lemon Grove	5/03/1951		Instituted	
579 San Miguel	Lemon Grove	11/28/2000	412	Estrella	412 Estrella
			579	San Miguel	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
580	Castroville	9/17/1951		Instituted	
580	Castroville	11/26/1990	47	Reveille	47 Reveille
			580	Castroville	
582	Mendias	1/30/1952		Instituted	
582	Mendias	7/22/1971	495	Beacon Ray	495 Mendias-Ray
			582	Mendias	
583	Crystal Springs	2/18/1952		Instituted	
583	Crystal Springs	11/22/1992	305	Ruth	305 Unity
			583	Crystal Springs	
584	La Paz	5/01/1952		Instituted	
584	La Paz	11/18/1983	584	La Paz	584 El Rancho de la Paz
			624	El Rancho	
584	El Rancho de la Paz	9/30/1995	584	El Rancho de la Paz	584 Tri Star
			614	Hacienda	
584	Tri Star	6/06/2002	144	Lyra	144 Whittier Star
			335	Whittier	
			584	Tri Star	
585	Mountain Star	6/20/1952		Instituted	
585	Mountain Star	11/05/1988	231	Lower Lake	231 Lower Lake
			585	Mountain Star	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
588 San Ramon Valley	Danville	1/31/1953		Instituted	
588 San Ramon Valley	Danville	8/01/2001		Change meeting location to Pleasanton	
588 San Ramon Valley	Pleasanton	11/10/2003	571	Larinda	571 Diablo Star
			588	San Ramon Valley	
589 Belmont Shore	Long Beach	2/14/1953		Instituted	
589 Belmont Shore	Long Beach	10/17/1982	561	Emera	561 Emera
			589	Belmont Shore	
590 Silver Chalice	Walnut Creek	8/28/1953		Instituted	
590 Silver Chalice	Walnut Creek	4/29/1974		WGM approved change of location to Concord	
590 Silver Chalice	Concord	11/28/1994	590	Silver Chalice	590 Silver Valley
			644	Clayton Valley	
590 Silver Valley	Concord	6/07/2000	384	Concord	384 Concord
			590	Silver Valley	
591 Lomita	Lomita	10/08/1953		Instituted	
591 Lomita	Lomita	7/29/1994	512	Point Firmin	512 Golden Chain
			591	Lomita	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
592 Home	North Hollywood	10/09/1953		Instituted	
592 Home	Granada Hills	11/18/2003	403	Horizon Star	403
			592	Home	
593 Eothen	Carmichael	8/16/1954		Instituted	
593 Eothen	Carmichael	6/06/1955		Name changed	593
593 Rising Star	Carmichael	11/17/1995	36	Naomi	36
			593	Rising Star	
594 Fairfax	Larkspur	8/21/1954		Instituted	
594 Fairfax	Larkspur	11/21/1993	215	San Rafael	215
			594	Fairfax	
			609	Novato	
595 Mono	Bridgeport	8/23/1954		Instituted	
595 Mono	Bridgeport	6/19/1991	197	Mt. Whitney	197
			595	Mono	
596 Rialto	Rialto	8/25/1954		Instituted	
596 Rialto	Rialto	11/16/1991	211	Colton	211
			596	Rialto	
597 Fuchsia	El Segundo	8/26/1954		Instituted	
597 Fuchsia	El Segundo	3/28/2001	425	Playa Linds-Ascot	425
			597	Fuchsia	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	Inglewood	11/22/1972	516	Angeles Vista	516 Morning Vista
			601	Morningside	
602 Desert Star	Twentynine Palms	6/27/1955		Instituted	
602 Desert Star	Twentynine Palms	2/07/1999	602	Desert Star	602 Desert Valley
			629	Yucca Valley	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
608 Duarte Sojourner	Duarte	9/26/1955		Instituted	
608 Sojourner	Duarte	4/23/1993		Location change to Monrovia.	
608 Sojourner	Monrovia	8/21/2001	299	Sierra Madre	299 Friendly Star
			608	Sojourner	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
612 Heritage	North Hollywood	6/30/1956		Instituted	
612 Heritage	North Hollywood	3/21/1984	465 612	Roseland Heritage	465 Heritage-Roseland
613 Century	Compton	8/07/1956		Instituted	
613 Century	Compton	11/22/1996	147 613	Pearl Century	147 Golden Crown
614 Hacienda	Whittier	8/08/1956		Instituted	
614 Hacienda	Whittier	9/30/1995	584 614	El Rancho de La Paz Hacienda	584 Tri Star
615 Pelton	Camptonville	10/06/1956		Instituted	
615 Pelton	Camptownville	5/06/1980	9 615	Evangeline Pelton	9 Evangeline
616 Granada Hills	Granada Hills	3/21/1957		Instituted	
616 Granada Hills	Granada Hills	7/24/2006	338 616	Van Nuys Granada Hills	338 Van Nuys
617 Star of Lakewood	Long Beach	3/22/1957		Instituted	
617 Star of Lakewood	Long Beach	3/13/1994	310 617	Meridian Star of Lakewood	310 Meridian

CONSOLIDATED CHAPTERS IN CALIFORNIA

Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
618 Parva Stella	South Gate	8/04/1956		Instituted	
618 Parva Stella	South Gate	2/07/1972	343	York	343 Majestic Star
			480	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 Dieguito	
621 Centinella Valley	Los Angeles	4/26/1958		Instituted	
621 Centinella Valley	Los Angeles	1/05/1959		WGP approved name change	621 The Valley
621 The Valley	Los Angeles	6/01/1971		Location change to Gardena.	
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	La Mirada	2/01/1971		Location change to Whittier.	
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	

CONSOLIDATED CHAPTERS IN CALIFORNIA

Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
625 Westminster	Westminster	4/23/1959		Instituted	
625 Westminster	Westminster	8/13/1998	105	Golden Harvest	105 Golden Harvest
625 Westminster	Westminster		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 Valley
			629	Yucca Valley	
630 Joshua Tree	Boron	3/14/1961		Instituted	
630 Joshua Tree	Boron	6/20/1989	630	Joshua Tree	630 Joshua Tree
			633	Desert Candle	
630 Joshua Tree	Boron	11/19/2005	547	Desert Holly	547 Desert Holly-Joshua Tree
			630	Joshua Tree	

CONSOLIDATED CHAPTERS IN CALIFORNIA

Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
632 Conejo Valley	Thousand Oaks	9/11/1961		Instituted	
632 Conejo Valley	Thousand Oaks	2/28/2005	632 649	Conejo Valley Camarillo	632 Conejo Valley
633 Desert Candle	Mojave	5/21/1962		Instituted	
633 Desert Candle	Mojave	6/20/1989	630 633	Joshua Tree Desert Candle	630 Joshua Tree
634 Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa	6/06/1962		Instituted	
634 Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa	1/20/1995	161 634	Gold Ridge Star Santa Rosa	161 Gold Ridge Star
635 Orinda	Orinda	6/07/1962		Instituted	
635 Orinda	Orinda	10/09/2000	571 635	Lafayette Orinda	571 Larinda
636 Los Altos	Los Altos	4/07/1964		Instituted	
636 Los Altos	Los Altos	11/15/1998	250 636	Sunnyvale Los Altos	250 Valley Star
638 Valley of the Redwoods	Felton	8/23/1966		Instituted	
638 Valley of the Redwoods	Felton	11/23/1991	273 638	Santa Cruz Valley of the Redwoods	273 Santa Cruz Redwoods
640 Desert Hot Springs	Desert Hot Springs	9/18/1967		Instituted	
640 Desert Hot Springs	Desert Hot Springs	12/18/2002	576 640	Palm Springs Desert Hot Springs	576 Palm Springs

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
641 Sierra Vista	Oakhurst	10/12/1968		Instituted	
641 Sierra Vista	Oakhurst	11/17/1991	200 641	Las Mariposas Sierra Vista	200 Las Mariposas
644 Clayton Valley	Concord	8/12/1972		Instituted	
644 Clayton Valley	Concord	11/28/1994	590 644	Silver Chalice Clayton Valley	590 Silver Valley
645 Saddleback	Lake Forest	8/08/1973		Instituted	
645 Saddleback	Lake Forest	2/26/2002	524 645	San Clemente Saddleback	524 San Clemente-Saddleback
647 Lakeside	Lakeside	9/10/1975		Instituted	
647 Lakeside	Lakeside	11/24/1992	412 647	Estrella Lakeside	412 Estrella
649 Camarillo	Camarillo	9/05/1981		Instituted	
649 Camarillo	Camarillo	1/19/2004		Location change to Thousand Oaks	
649 Camarillo	Thousand Oaks	2/28/2005	632 649	Conejo Valley Camarillo	632 Conejo Valley

SUMMARY CHAPTER INFORMATION

Chapter Name	Chtp No	Date of Institution	Members 6-30-06	Members 6-30-07	Total Assess
Golden Gate	1	05/10/1869	476	453	4,063.60
Suisun	2	03/12/1870	205	202	2,006.20
Gateway	3	11/22/1870	480	459	4,611.40
Oak Leaf	8	04/12/1872	173	152	1,394.90
Evangeline	9	06/17/1873	159	154	1,655.30
Evening Star	10	10/01/1872	77	67	741.40
Lucerne	13	12/09/1874	217	207	2,184.70
Shasta Northern Light	14	01/28/1875	296	268	2,669.20
Welcome Redding	17	04/05/1875	195	189	2,081.10
Wild Lily	18	05/11/1875	195	183	1,901.70
Vesper	20	03/01/1876	117	108	1,309.50
Hollywood	21	03/14/1876	531	482	4,680.80
Ferndale	23	09/01/1876	62	62	760.70
Yolano	28	03/03/1877	203	196	2,003.90
San Jose	31	09/07/1877	477	449	4,616.30
Rose Valley	33	02/21/1878	251	250	2,762.20
Amapola Vernon Lyman	35	06/01/1878	197	186	1,925.70
Rising Star	36	05/03/1879	286	280	3,254.30
Stella	39	05/24/1880	104	102	1,047.70
Aurora Placer	40	02/13/1880	180	168	1,599.30
Lily of the Lake	41	03/23/1880	145	143	1,626.90
Ariel	42	03/30/1880	158	155	1,646.70
Magnolia	45	05/22/1880	100	90	986.70
Athena	46	07/07/1880	76	82	939.00
Reveille	47	07/09/1880	353	324	3,500.10
Wheatland	48	03/23/1881	113	112	1,123.40
Valley Oaks	50	05/21/1881	187	168	1,657.50
Five Star	51	06/03/1881	193	181	1,833.10
Sincerity	53	06/24/1881	89	85	786.10
Marysville-Friendship	55	06/25/1881	105	103	1,198.00
Fidelia	56	06/28/1881	208	201	1,949.40
Crystal	57	07/09/1881	132	134	1,459.50
Kingsley	58	07/23/1881	179	173	1,758.80
Silver Spray	59	08/12/1881	286	277	3,220.00
Golden Valley	60	08/20/1881	191	166	1,685.50
El Dorado-Tahoe Fern	62	10/15/1881	164	158	1,657.50
Camellia	63	10/08/1881	102	100	932.00
Amador	66	04/11/1882	159	149	1,451.30
Electa Modesto	72	06/29/1883	197	195	2,059.90

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Chapter Name	Chpt No	Date of Institution	Members 6-30-06	Members 6-30-07	Total Assess
Rohnerville-Redwood	76	09/08/1883	103	104	1,144.60
Azalia Angels	77	10/13/1883	112	108	1,102.70
Channel Islands	78	05/12/1884	498	458	4,850.90
Augusta	80	07/31/1884	40	39	394.50
Sotoyome - Clover Leaf	82	09/03/1884	85	72	817.20
Molino Star	83	05/31/1884	155	142	1,529.40
Citrus	86	04/18/1885	77	73	712.30
Raisina Fresno	89	04/26/1886	309	284	2,694.50
Fallen Leaf	90	07/14/1886	116	106	1,157.80
Madera	92	04/30/1886	86	83	863.70
Concordia	93	05/02/1887	292	260	2,667.10
Tulare-Corcoran	94	11/07/1887	166	152	1,563.90
Bethlehem-Estero Pines	95	03/22/1888	195	184	1,978.60
La Paloma Star	96	04/02/1888	316	295	2,953.00
Mizpah	97	06/19/1888	322	301	3,177.70
Golden Wave	103	04/05/1889	209	196	1,972.10
Josephine Chico	104	06/28/1889	299	283	2,909.80
Golden Harvest	105	10/13/1888	196	176	2,015.70
Ungava	106	04/11/1890	311	307	3,624.40
Corona	107	06/14/1890	109	106	1,179.00
Pasadena	108	07/11/1890	383	377	3,984.60
Elk Grove	109	09/24/1890	119	130	1,565.50
Star of Claremont	110	08/31/1891	173	160	1,890.80
Ocean View	111	09/19/1891	117	98	992.60
Palm Leaf	114	02/18/1892	218	200	2,112.20
Alameda	115	03/09/1892	197	195	2,109.60
New Hope	117	08/08/1892	267	246	2,365.70
Woodbridge Oaks	118	09/17/1892	129	117	1,216.50
Tuolumne Star	123	08/25/1893	135	122	1,099.10
Bakersfield	125	12/18/1893	251	237	2,002.20
Mercedes	126	02/23/1894	171	153	1,606.50
Golden Oak	128	03/19/1894	216	209	2,216.40
Sierra Star	129	06/12/1894	43	43	491.40
Fidelity	131	08/31/1894	148	145	1,488.70
Semper Fidelis	135	06/03/1895	223	228	2,787.00
Summit	138	12/21/1895	107	92	1,070.10
Nova Dies-Oakland	140	01/02/1896	100	88	925.60
Miramonte	141	01/08/1896	178	171	1,818.30
Emerald Star	143	02/12/1896	167	152	1,695.90
Whittier Star	144	02/12/1896	522	497	5,465.40

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Chapter Name	Chpt No	Date of Institution	Members 6-30-06	Members 6-30-07	Total Assess
Stardust	145	02/13/1896	295	278	3,058.90
Ami Tai	147	04/10/1896	395	356	4,047.90
Del Norte	149	05/15/1896	91	85	942.40
Lodi	150	04/28/1896	128	124	1,291.60
Escondido	154	02/05/1896	167	152	1,767.30
Penrhyn	159	03/20/1897	101	98	1,028.40
Downey	160	06/19/1897	315	295	3,101.20
Gold Ridge Star	161	01/06/1898	257	245	2,466.20
Crown	162	03/07/1898	159	156	1,896.50
Scepter	163	03/11/1898	320	327	4,123.40
Onisbo	164	04/29/1898	64	66	738.70
Crescent	165	06/15/1898	102	98	1,144.50
Alpha Star	171	05/12/1899	237	215	2,089.70
Lexington	172	07/18/1899	107	104	1,172.90
Long Beach	173	08/07/1899	361	342	2,976.80
San Pedro Harbor	174	08/18/1899	159	153	1,551.30
Miguelito	176	12/26/1899	130	124	1,448.60
San Lorenzo	177	03/21/1900	270	253	2,882.40
Vista Cerrito	178	04/04/1900	197	190	1,549.90
Heber	181	05/29/1900	169	163	1,858.90
Santa Paula	185	09/22/1900	65	64	806.20
Peninsula	186	09/22/1900	186	168	1,710.90
Tehachapi	188	01/16/1901	71	70	749.10
Silverado	189	01/19/1901	153	154	1,568.30
Santa Clara	195	06/15/1901	116	112	1,237.30
Mt. Whitney	197	01/11/1902	112	106	1,043.20
Las Mariposas	200	05/27/1902	133	122	1,528.10
Beckwith Portola Star	201	06/25/1902	58	57	589.80
West Covina	202	08/05/1902	238	215	2,308.80
Sequoia	203	09/01/1902	100	92	903.50
Mission Bell	205	09/30/1902	359	331	3,392.30
Arcata	207	12/08/1902	112	106	1,104.30
Tri-Star	211	07/08/1903	235	224	2,455.40
Gate City	212	08/13/1903	331	316	2,908.50
Palo Alto	213	08/22/1903	163	168	1,724.90
Diablo Star	214	09/05/1903	309	286	3,120.50
Marin Star	215	09/11/1903	253	244	2,555.80
Mill Valley	219	02/16/1904	88	88	1,036.00
Lake	231	04/20/1905	186	170	1,860.80

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Chapter Name	Chpt No	Date of Institution	Members 6-30-06	Members 6-30-07	Total Assess
Natoma San Juan	233	07/03/1905	349	335	3,950.60
Los Cerritos	234	07/22/1905	145	144	1,641.10
Glencrest	237	02/22/1906	162	154	1,547.90
Tahquitz - Victoria	241	04/06/1906	220	202	2,406.40
Barstow	242	04/11/1906	126	109	1,196.20
Menifee Valley	243	04/16/1906	217	185	2,157.10
Milton	244	04/17/1906	47	43	419.80
Ocean Park	245	05/10/1906	474	433	4,069.70
Plumas	246	06/11/1906	106	99	1,067.10
Valley Star	250	03/14/1907	189	179	2,008.80
Pacific Star	252	04/13/1907	326	296	2,489.60
Seaside	259	04/17/1907	198	195	2,433.10
Gardena	260	09/30/1907	140	135	1,420.20
Santa Cruz Redwoods	273	04/04/1908	435	433	5,071.40
Imperial Valley	276	06/08/1908	123	121	1,489.90
La Posa	282	03/30/1909	67	66	707.10
Ione	283	04/22/1909	44	46	559.30
Poinsettia	287	06/08/1909	222	221	2,564.90
Rose	292	06/11/1910	132	132	1,463.20
Castro Valley	294	09/22/1910	235	209	2,062.50
Ceres	296	10/01/1910	172	162	1,773.60
Arcadia Star	299	01/23/1911	447	409	4,375.60
Star of the East	300	03/04/1911	278	263	2,816.60
Unity	305	05/12/1911	154	151	1,526.00
Meridian	310	02/26/1912	275	260	2,221.40
Nova Star	319	05/10/1913	311	248	2,538.10
Sunshine	327	05/12/1914	138	124	1,341.40
Coronado	332	10/14/1914	77	81	913.00
El Rio	333	12/05/1914	63	60	714.90
Van Nuys	338	09/10/1915	498	450	4,817.50
Pentalpha	339	12/29/1915	97	96	1,064.60
Manzanita	342	05/09/1916	86	82	872.00
Atascadero	344	09/02/1916	49	46	443.80
Chula Vista	345	10/09/1916	317	299	3,230.00
Upland	346	11/23/1916	98	99	1,222.00
Yorba Linda	347	02/09/1917	135	140	1,650.60
Joaquin	348	04/16/1917	94	98	1,021.70
Burbank	352	03/31/1919	284	265	3,256.10
Harbor Lights	358	12/15/1919	262	248	2,484.00
Blythe	359	12/30/1919	73	70	763.90

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Chapter Name	Chpt No	Date of Institution	Members 6-30-06	Members 6-30-07	Total Assess
Coachella Valley	360	02/07/1920	243	235	2,724.80
Chowchilla	365	07/29/1920	102	96	1,104.00
Linden	372	05/02/1921	56	55	699.50
Stockton	373	05/14/1921	78	72	869.10
Kearsarge	378	07/09/1921	64	58	627.40
Torrance	380	07/30/1921	206	198	1,984.30
Concord	384	09/28/1921	251	228	2,326.50
Harmony	385	10/13/1921	199	184	2,105.80
Fallbrook	390	03/09/1922	125	117	1,348.20
Caledonia	391	03/13/1922	268	254	2,488.10
Bellflower	397	09/06/1922	430	395	3,646.10
San Fernando	398	09/30/1922	154	147	1,589.20
Starlight	401	12/09/1922	108	108	1,270.30
Horizon Star	403	01/16/1923	250	238	2,538.10
Estrella	412	08/04/1923	262	240	2,624.20
Patterson	417	10/12/1923	76	82	997.70
Fuchsia	425	03/01/1924	194	184	2,136.80
Security	426	03/10/1924	89	90	1,090.30
El Camino	428	03/13/1924	145	135	1,385.60
Escallonia	447	05/06/1925	161	148	1,648.70
Manchester	449	05/18/1925	76	73	831.60
Big Bear	485	06/18/1927	93	81	993.30
Point Loma	490	11/14/1927	198	192	2,006.30
Temple	513	05/11/1929	86	77	709.50
Yucaipa-San Gorgonio	515	07/31/1929	205	183	1,957.50
Vallecito	523	07/19/1930	40	38	425.00
San Clemente - Saddleback	524	05/05/1930	127	126	1,538.80
Livingston	531	12/29/1933	93	85	894.40
Victor Valley	537	10/06/1934	200	190	2,290.60
Desert Holly-Joshua Tree	547	03/18/1941	223	206	2,397.80
Paradise	549	06/13/1941	168	154	1,595.50
San Carlos	551	01/29/1942	96	92	927.30
La Sierra Venus	555	06/12/1945	184	180	2,077.70
Star of Vista	556	09/14/1945	116	107	1,240.80
Fort Millerton	557	01/23/1946	150	145	1,681.20
Rim of the World	578	04/16/1951	69	66	811.80
Carmel	581	09/18/1951	82	80	896.30
Desert Valley	602	06/27/1955	144	146	2,057.00
Del Mar	604	07/08/1955	66	62	801.50

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Chapter Name	Chpt No	Date of Institution	Members 6-30-06	Members 6-30-07	Total Assess
Star of Palmdale	619	10/07/1957	94	89	1,024.50
Riverside	622	04/30/1958	187	181	2,297.90
Rio Linda	631	07/22/1961	122	121	1,524.10
Conejo Valley	632	09/11/1961	185	170	2,001.50
Simi Valley	637	06/11/1965	89	88	1,106.80
Delta Star	639	08/24/1967	83	86	1,098.40
Old West	642	03/06/1969	152	144	1,857.10
Kern River Valley	643	06/12/1971	145	130	1,525.70
Star of the Valley	648	03/01/1980	147	148	1,961.50
Trinity Star	650	03/05/2006	43	52	776.40
-- Grand Totals -->	207		38,159	36,063	386,980.70



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To the Finance Committee
Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star
Yorba Linda, California

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star (the "Grand Chapter") as of September 30, 2007 and 2006, and the related statements of activities and cash flows 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our 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 the Grand Chapter as of September 30, 2007 and 2006, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined financial statements taken as a whole of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star as of and for the year ended September 30, 2007, which are presented in the preceding section of this report. The combining information presented hereinafter is presented for purposes of additional analysis of the combined financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2007 rather than to present the financial position, changes in net assets and cash flows of the individual funds. The combining information has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the combined financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the combined financial statements taken as a whole.

Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.

Irvine, California
January 25, 2008

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Statements of Financial Position

September 30, 2007 and 2006

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 3)	\$ 3,553,281	1,846,292
Accounts receivable	10,543	64,165
Due from affiliated organizations:		
Eastern Star Homes of California	18,385	63,920
California Eastern Star Foundation	11,043	-
Investments (note 3)	33,766,950	33,094,389
Deposits and prepaid expenses	57,883	163,754
Inventory	51,238	46,221
Antiques and collections	40,038	40,038
Life insurance policies	263,564	241,459
Other assets	564,810	379,000
Property and equipment, net (note 4)	<u>22,809</u>	<u>8,099</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 38,360,544</u>	<u>35,947,337</u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 112,734	178,179
Deferred revenue	29,314	7,173
Advances payable	<u>59</u>	<u>11,556</u>
Total liabilities	<u>142,107</u>	<u>196,908</u>
Net assets (note 10):		
Unrestricted	856,618	645,080
Temporarily restricted	16,173,962	14,676,192
Permanently restricted	<u>21,187,857</u>	<u>20,429,157</u>
Total net assets	<u>38,218,437</u>	<u>35,750,429</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 38,360,544</u>	<u>35,947,337</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Statement of Activities

Year Ended September 30, 2007

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Support and Revenue:				
Contributions:				
Members' dues	\$ 118,815	193,698	-	312,513
Bequests	-	211,691	-	211,691
Chapter donations	521	14,283	-	14,804
Life sponsors	-	-	16,386	16,386
Residents' assets	-	-	742,314	742,314
Other	49,751	117,561	-	167,312
Convention revenue	-	55,957	-	55,957
Investment income (note 3)	17,473	4,392,344	-	4,409,817
Support of Eastern Star Homes (note 7)	-	(2,800,000)	-	(2,800,000)
Sales of supplies	91,898	-	-	91,898
Administration fees (note 8)	399,174	-	-	399,174
Miscellaneous	190,255	60	-	190,315
Subtotal - support and revenues	867,887	2,185,594	758,700	3,812,181
Net assets released from restrictions (note 11)	687,824	(687,824)	-	-
Total support and revenues	1,555,711	1,497,770	758,700	3,812,181
Expenses:				
Program services:				
Member services	195,907	-	-	195,907
Subtotal - program services	195,907	-	-	195,907
Support services:				
Management and general	1,113,950	-	-	1,113,950
Fundraising	34,316	-	-	34,316
Subtotal - support services	1,148,266	-	-	1,148,266
Total expenses	1,344,173	-	-	1,344,173
Increase (decrease) in net assets	211,538	1,497,770	758,700	2,468,008
Net assets at beginning of year	645,080	14,676,192	20,429,157	35,750,429
Net assets at end of year	\$ 856,618	16,173,962	21,187,857	38,218,437

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Activities

Year Ended September 30, 2006

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Support and Revenue:				
Contributions:				
Members' dues	\$ 129,006	217,376	-	346,382
Bequests	28,449	170,950	-	199,399
Chapter donations	1,328	14,371	-	15,699
Life sponsors	-	-	13,990	13,990
Residents' assets	-	-	1,081,719	1,081,719
Other	54,701	16,126	-	70,827
Convention revenue	-	148,620	-	148,620
Investment income (note 3)	14,008	2,537,015	-	2,551,023
Support of Eastern Star Homes (note 7)	-	(2,625,000)	-	(2,625,000)
Sales of supplies	81,016	-	-	81,016
Administration fees (note 8)	402,949	-	-	402,949
Miscellaneous	<u>7,758</u>	<u>2,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,635</u>
Subtotal - support and revenues	719,215	482,335	1,095,709	2,297,259
Net assets released from restrictions (note 11)	<u>774,861</u>	<u>(774,861)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support and revenues	<u>1,494,076</u>	<u>(292,526)</u>	<u>1,095,709</u>	<u>2,297,259</u>
Expenses:				
Program services:				
Member services	<u>318,094</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,094</u>
Subtotal - program services	<u>318,094</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,094</u>
Support services:				
Management and general	1,162,302	-	-	1,162,302
Fundraising	<u>21,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,450</u>
Subtotal - support services	<u>1,183,752</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,183,752</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,501,846</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,501,846</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(7,770)	(292,526)	1,095,709	795,413
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>652,850</u>	<u>14,968,718</u>	<u>19,333,448</u>	<u>34,955,016</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 645,080</u>	<u>14,676,192</u>	<u>20,429,157</u>	<u>35,750,429</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended September 30, 2007

	Program Services	Total Program Services	Support Services Management and General	Fund Raising	Total Support Services	Total
Cost of sales (note 5)	\$ 79,930	79,930	-	-	-	79,930
Cost of sales - resident assets	9,766	9,766	-	-	-	9,766
Allowances and jewels (note 6)	-	-	39,050	-	39,050	39,050
Committee	-	-	20,238	-	20,238	20,238
DGM official visits and schools	-	-	23,910	-	23,910	23,910
Triennium reception	29,000	29,000	-	-	-	29,000
Convention	77,211	77,211	-	-	-	77,211
Fundraising	-	-	-	34,316	34,316	34,316
Depreciation	-	-	6,345	-	6,345	6,345
Insurance	-	-	145,146	-	145,146	145,146
Equipment rental and maintenance	-	-	29,925	-	29,925	29,925
Office supplies	-	-	15,670	-	15,670	15,670
Rent	-	-	34,976	-	34,976	34,976
Other office expenses	-	-	5,185	-	5,185	5,185
Telephone	-	-	4,266	-	4,266	4,266
Utilities	-	-	7,069	-	7,069	7,069
Contract services	-	-	1,587	-	1,587	1,587
Licenses and other taxes	-	-	774	-	774	774
Salaries and wages	-	-	385,728	-	385,728	385,728
Payroll taxes	-	-	32,351	-	32,351	32,351
Employee benefits	-	-	44,734	-	44,734	44,734
Other employee related expenses	-	-	1,550	-	1,550	1,550
Professional fees	-	-	286,965	-	286,965	286,965
Printing	-	-	1,825	-	1,825	1,825
Other	-	-	26,656	-	26,656	26,656
Total expenses	\$ 195,907	195,907	1,113,950	34,316	1,148,266	1,344,173

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended September 30, 2006

	<u>Program Services</u>		<u>Support Services</u>			
	Member Services	Total Program Services	Management and General	Fund Raising	Total Support Services	Total
Cost of sales (note 5)	\$ 68,863	68,863	-	-	-	68,863
Cost of sales - resident assets	5,551	5,551	-	-	-	5,551
Allowances and jewels (note 6)	-	-	40,600	-	40,600	40,600
Committee	-	-	16,463	-	16,463	16,463
DGM official visits and schools	-	-	17,472	-	17,472	17,472
Triennium reception	130,100	130,100	-	-	-	130,100
Convention	113,580	113,580	-	-	-	113,580
Fundraising	-	-	-	21,450	21,450	21,450
Depreciation	-	-	5,385	-	5,385	5,385
Insurance	-	-	159,202	-	159,202	159,202
Equipment rental and maintenance	-	-	39,613	-	39,613	39,613
Office supplies	-	-	13,832	-	13,832	13,832
Rent	-	-	36,966	-	36,966	36,966
Other office expenses	-	-	5,314	-	5,314	5,314
Telephone	-	-	3,659	-	3,659	3,659
Utilities	-	-	7,628	-	7,628	7,628
Contract services	-	-	5,388	-	5,388	5,388
Licenses and other taxes	-	-	944	-	944	944
Salaries and wages	-	-	378,483	-	378,483	378,483
Payroll taxes	-	-	32,092	-	32,092	32,092
Employee benefits	-	-	38,439	-	38,439	38,439
Other employee related expenses	-	-	697	-	697	697
Professional fees	-	-	331,772	-	331,772	331,772
Printing	-	-	3,497	-	3,497	3,497
Loss on disposal of assets	-	-	459	-	459	459
Other	-	-	24,397	-	24,397	24,397
Total expenses	\$ 318,094	318,094	1,162,302	21,450	1,183,752	1,501,846

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Member dues received	\$ 312,513	346,382
Bequests received	211,691	199,399
Member contributions received	732,901	596,774
Convention revenue received	55,957	148,620
Investment income received	1,220,011	1,519,166
Sales of supplies	91,898	81,016
Administration fees received	399,174	402,949
Miscellaneous income	190,315	10,635
Administrative and operating expenses paid	(4,003,661)	(4,379,249)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(789,201)</u>	<u>(1,074,308)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(21,055)	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	9,293,446	24,730,553
Purchase of investments	<u>(6,776,201)</u>	<u>(24,552,968)</u>
Net cash flows provided (used) by investing activities	<u>2,496,190</u>	<u>177,585</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,706,989	(896,723)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>1,846,292</u>	<u>2,743,015</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 3,553,281</u>	<u>1,846,292</u>
Reconciliation of change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ 2,468,008	795,413
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	6,345	5,385
Loss on disposal of assets	-	459
Net unrealized and realized (gain) loss on investments	(3,189,806)	(1,031,857)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	53,622	(29,432)
(Increase) decrease in due from affiliated organizations	34,492	(63,920)
(Increase) decrease in deposits and prepaid expenses	105,871	(134,300)
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(5,017)	-
(Increase) decrease in life insurance policies	(22,105)	(206,461)
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(185,810)	(379,000)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(65,445)	63,346
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	22,141	(89,762)
Increase (decrease) in advances payable	<u>(11,497)</u>	<u>(4,179)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ (789,201)</u>	<u>(1,074,308)</u>

Noncash investing and financing activities:

There were no significant noncash investing and financing activities for fiscal years ended September 30, 2007 and 2006.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Years Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006

(1) Description of Organization

Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star (the "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 the Eastern Star. Separate financial statements have been prepared for the Foundation. Accordingly, those statements are not included in these financial statements.

Eastern Star Homes of California (the "Home") is a nonprofit corporation organized for the purpose of operating a home for the care of aged members of the Order of the Eastern Star. 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. Separate financial statements have been prepared for the Home. Accordingly, those statements are not included in these financial statements.

The Grand Chapter Finance Committee approves the annual operating budget of the Foundation and Home. The delegates of the Grand Chapter vote on the final approval of the operating budget at its annual session. 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 consists of five members with one new member selected by the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter each year 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.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Grand Chapter have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies. (Continued)

Financial Statement Presentation

The Grand Chapter has implemented the financial statement presentation recommended by the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS No. 117, the Grand Chapter is required to report 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.

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 revenues and expenses, during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

"Cash" and "cash equivalents" include cash and money market accounts.

Investments

Investments are reported in the accompanying statement of financial position at fair value. Changes in fair value that occur during a fiscal year are recognized as investment income reported for that fiscal year. Investment income includes interest earnings, changes in fair value, and any gains or losses realized upon liquidation, maturity, or sale of investments.

Restricted and Unrestricted Revenue and Support

The Grand Chapter follows SFAS No. 116, *Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made*. In accordance with SFAS No. 116, contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies. (Continued)

Restricted and Unrestricted Revenue and Support

Support that is restricted by the donor 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 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.

Revenue Recognition

Resident's assets, upon completion of a 90 day cooling off period, are recognized as permanently restricted contributions on the 91st day after a resident has been admitted to the Eastern Star Home under a Life Care Contract.

Donated Goods, Facilities and Services

Donated noncash assets, such as use of facilities and goods, are recorded at their fair values in the period received. Contributions of donated services that create or enhance non-financial assets, or that require specialized skills (which include accounting and legal services), are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased, if not provided by donation, are recorded at their fair values in the period received. In addition, the Grand Chapter receives a significant amount of donated services from unpaid volunteers who assist in fund-raising and program services. For donations of services in the latter category, no amounts have been recognized in the statement of activities because the criteria for recognition under SFAS No. 116 are not satisfied.

Bequests

Bequests are valued at fair value and are recognized as contributions as soon as they become determinable.

Inventory

Inventory is stated at cost as determined by the first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies. (Continued)

Property and Equipment

Furniture, fixtures, equipment, computer software, and leasehold improvements are carried at cost, or, if donated, at estimated fair value at the date of donation. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method over the useful lives ranging from 3 to 10 years.

Functional Expenses

The cost of providing services has been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

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.

The Grand Chapter obtained a group filing exemption covering the local chapters throughout the State of California during the 1940's, and has included those chapters' funds in its annual exempt organization returns.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Grand Chapter maintains its cash balances at two financial institutions. These balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. At September 30, 2007 and 2006, uninsured amounts held at a financial institution totaled approximately \$549,000 and \$159,000, respectively. The Grand Chapter has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies. (Continued)

Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2006 financial statement presentation to correspond to the current year's format. Net assets and changes in net assets are unchanged due to these reclassifications.

(3) Cash and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following at September 30:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Petty cash	\$ 200	400
Deposits	625,170	500,141
Money market	<u>2,927,911</u>	<u>1,345,751</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$3,553,281</u>	<u>1,846,292</u>

The Grand Chapter may invest funds in accordance with Part II, Section 73 of the Grand Chapter Constitution and Laws. The investment of funds by the Grand Chapter shall be restricted as follows:

- A. At least fifteen percent (15%) of the funds available must be in:
- Cash and/or bank accounts.
 - Obligations of the United States or those for the payment of which the faith of the United States is pledged.
 - Obligations of the State of California and its political subdivisions.
 - Such evidence of corporate indebtedness as is rated "A" or better by Standard and Poors Corporation or Moody's Investors Service. Qualified investment funds limited to short-term United States Government Securities, bank certificates of deposit, banker's acceptances commercial paper, repurchase agreements, and comparable securities.
 - Savings accounts in and investment certificates issued by Federal Chartered Banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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(3) Cash and Investments, (Continued)

- B. Up to ten percent (10%) may be invested in:
- Other evidence 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.
 - Preferred Stocks, which are or will be fully listed and registered on an exchange registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a National Securities Exchange.
- C. Up to seventy-five percent (75%) may be invested in:
- Common stocks, which must be fully listed and registered on an exchange registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a National Securities Exchange.
 - Shares of investment trusts.
 - Mutual funds.

As of September 30, 2007 and 2006, the Grand Chapters investment in stocks and mutual funds total 79% and 82%, respectively, of the total amount of funds available to be invested.

The Grand Chapter carries its investments at fair value. The difference between market value and cost is recorded as an unrealized gain (loss) which is a component of investment income in the Statement of Activities. Investments consist of the following at September 30:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Government securities	\$ 4,827,724	5,112,659
Stocks	15,211,268	13,972,388
Mutual funds	13,727,958	13,902,342
Certificates of deposit	<u>-</u>	<u>107,000</u>
Total investments	<u>\$33,766,950</u>	<u>33,094,389</u>

Investment income (loss) is comprised of the following for fiscal year ended September 30:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Interest and dividends	\$1,220,011	1,519,166
Realized gain	722,857	519,265
Unrealized gain	<u>2,466,949</u>	<u>512,592</u>
Total investment income	<u>\$4,409,817</u>	<u>2,551,023</u>

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(4) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consisted of the following at September 30, 2007 and 2006:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 40,465	29,092
Computer equipment and software	37,629	27,947
Leasehold improvements	<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>
Total property and equipment	78,794	57,739
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(55,985)</u>	<u>(49,640)</u>
Total property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 22,809</u>	<u>8,099</u>

(5) Cost of Sales

Cost of sales expense consisted of member supplies and proceedings in the amounts of \$79,930 and \$68,863 for the years ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

(6) Allowances and Jewels

Allowances and jewels expense consisted of payments to the following for the years ended September 30, 2007 and 2006:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Allowances:		
Worthy Grand Matron	\$17,400	16,500
Worthy Grand Patron	9,650	9,000
Associate Grand Matron	6,500	6,500
Associate Grand Patron	3,500	3,500
Grand Conductress	1,000	1,000
Associate Grand Conductress	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	39,050	37,500
Jewels:		
Worthy Grand Patron	-	1,300
Worthy Grand Matron	<u>-</u>	<u>1,800</u>
Total allowances and jewels	<u>\$39,050</u>	<u>40,600</u>

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(7) 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 of California to the extent that funds are needed for operations. Additional funds as necessary for the maintenance and operation of the Home are transferred from the unrestricted portion of the Endowment Fund.

Investment income earned by the Endowment and other funds transferred to the Eastern Star Homes from the Endowment Fund for fiscal years ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 is as follows:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Realized gains (losses)	\$ 722,857	519,265
Interest and dividends	<u>1,220,011</u>	<u>1,519,166</u>
Total income	1,942,868	2,038,431
Additional funds transferred	<u>857,132</u>	<u>586,569</u>
Net support to Eastern Star Homes	<u>\$2,800,000</u>	<u>\$2,625,000</u>

(8) Related Party Transactions

Grand Chapter received \$233,200 and \$234,978 from Eastern Star Homes of California, \$165,974 and \$167,971 from California Eastern Star Foundation, and \$150,298 and \$149,213 from the Endowment for administrative services rendered for the years ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Administrative fees collected from the Endowment have been eliminated for presentation in the financial statements. Administrative services performed by the Grand Chapter include, but are not limited to the following:

- Receipt of donations.
- Acknowledgements to recipients, in honor of or in memory of.
- Processing request for assistance.
- Verification of eligibility.
- Providing quarterly accounting information to all committees.
- Providing monthly financial reports to the Foundation Board, Board of Trustees, and the Finance Committee.
- Payment of all bills and checks to members for assistance.
- Record and audit all investment activity.

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(8) Related Party Transactions, (Continued)

- Administrate bequests and telephone inquiries.
- Provide membership services.
- Maintain all records required for tax and audit purposes.
- Provide various supplies.
- Administrate resident assets.

(9) Operating Leases

Grand Chapter leases office space under an operating lease from Eastern Star Homes of California commencing July 1, 1999 for a fifteen year term. The monthly rent for the first through the twelfth month of the lease was waived, after which time, monthly payments of \$3,025 commenced. In addition, the Grand Chapter leases a copier under a five-year operating lease. The monthly lease payments are \$455.

Future minimum lease payments are as follows at September 30, 2007:

2008	41,760
2009	41,760
2010	41,305
2011	36,300
2012	36,300
Thereafter	<u>27,225</u>
	<u>\$224,650</u>

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(10) Net Assets

Net assets are comprised of the following at September 30, 2007:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Unrestricted Net Assets</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted Net Assets</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted Net Assets</u>	<u>Total Net Assets</u>
Unrestricted, invested in property and equipment	\$ 28,909	-	-	28,909
Unrestricted, invested in antiques and collections	40,038	-	-	40,038
Unrestricted, available for programs	787,671	-	-	787,671
Subsequent programs	-	291,294	-	291,294
Endowment – support of Eastern Star Home	-	3,299,661	-	3,299,661
Endowment – obligation to provide future services to Home residents	-	12,583,007	-	12,583,007
Endowment fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,187,857</u>	<u>21,187,857</u>
Totals	<u>\$856,618</u>	<u>16,173,962</u>	<u>21,187,857</u>	<u>38,218,437</u>

Net assets are comprised of the following at September 30, 2006:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Unrestricted Net Assets</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted Net Assets</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted Net Assets</u>	<u>Total Net Assets</u>
Unrestricted, invested in property and equipment	\$ 8,099	-	-	8,099
Unrestricted, invested in antiques and collections	40,038	-	-	40,038
Designated for 2006 Triennium	29,330	-	-	29,330
Unrestricted, available for programs	567,613	-	-	567,613
Subsequent programs	-	311,735	-	311,735
Endowment – support of Eastern Star Home	-	1,255,657	-	1,255,657
Endowment – obligation to provide future services to Home residents	-	13,108,800	-	13,108,800
Endowment fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,429,157</u>	<u>20,429,157</u>
Totals	<u>\$645,080</u>	<u>14,676,192</u>	<u>20,429,157</u>	<u>35,750,429</u>

**GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

Notes to Financial Statements

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(11) Net Assets Released from Restrictions

During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, \$687,824 and \$774,861, respectively, of temporarily restricted net assets were released to unrestricted net assets as a result of the satisfaction of donor imposed restrictions.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Combining Statement of Financial Position

September 30, 2007

	Grand Chapter Operations	Grand Chapter Session	Endowment Fund	Eliminations	Total
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 823,171	14,108	2,716,002	-	3,553,281
Accounts receivable	790	8,000	1,753	-	10,543
Due from affiliated organizations:					
Eastern Star Homes of California	18,385	-	-	-	18,385
California Eastern Star Foundation	11,043	-	-	-	11,043
Endowment Fund	10,869	-	-	(10,869)	-
Investments	-	179,287	33,587,663	-	33,766,950
Deposits and prepaid expenses	49,220	8,663	-	-	57,883
Inventory	51,238	-	-	-	51,238
Antiques and collections	-	-	40,038	-	40,038
Life insurance policies	-	-	263,564	-	263,564
Other assets	-	-	564,810	-	564,810
Property and equipment, net	22,809	-	-	-	22,809
Interfund accounts	83,167	(29,561)	(53,606)	-	-
Total assets	\$ 1,070,692	180,497	37,120,224	(10,869)	38,360,544
Liabilities and Net Assets					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 74,004	-	38,730	-	112,734
Deferred revenue	-	29,314	-	-	29,314
Advances payable	59	-	-	-	59
Due to affiliated organizations:					
Grand Chapter of California	-	-	10,869	(10,869)	-
Total liabilities	74,063	29,314	49,599	(10,869)	142,107
Net assets:					
Unrestricted	856,618	-	-	-	856,618
Temporarily restricted	140,011	151,183	15,882,768	-	16,173,962
Permanently restricted	-	-	21,187,857	-	21,187,857
Total net assets	996,629	151,183	37,070,625	-	38,218,437
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 1,070,692	180,497	37,120,224	(10,869)	38,360,544

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended September 30, 2007

	Grand Chapter Operations	Grand Chapter Session	Endowment Fund	Eliminations	Total
Support and Revenue:					
Contributions:					
Members' dues	\$ 259,226	7,369	45,918	-	312,513
Bequests	-	-	211,691	-	211,691
Chapter donations	521	-	14,283	-	14,804
Life sponsors	-	-	16,386	-	16,386
Residents' assets	-	-	742,314	-	742,314
Other	49,751	-	117,561	-	167,312
Convention revenue	-	55,957	-	-	55,957
Investment income	17,473	2,295	4,390,049	-	4,409,817
Net investment income to					
Eastern Star Homes	-	-	(2,800,000)	-	(2,800,000)
Sales of supplies	91,898	-	-	-	91,898
Administration fees	549,472	-	-	(150,298)	399,174
Miscellaneous	190,255	60	-	-	190,315
Support and revenues	<u>1,158,596</u>	<u>65,681</u>	<u>2,738,202</u>	<u>(150,298)</u>	<u>3,812,181</u>
Expenses:					
Cost of sales	79,930	-	-	-	79,930
Cost of sales - resident assets	-	-	9,766	-	9,766
Allowances and jewels	39,050	-	-	-	39,050
Committee	20,238	-	-	-	20,238
DGM official visits and schools	23,910	-	-	-	23,910
Triennium reception	29,000	-	-	-	29,000
Convention	-	77,211	-	-	77,211
Fundraising	34,204	-	112	-	34,316
Depreciation	6,345	-	-	-	6,345
Insurance	145,053	-	93	-	145,146
Equipment rental and maintenance	29,925	-	-	-	29,925
Office supplies	15,670	-	-	-	15,670
Rent	34,976	-	-	-	34,976
Other office expenses	5,185	-	-	-	5,185
Telephone	4,266	-	-	-	4,266
Utilities	7,069	-	-	-	7,069
Contract services	1,587	-	-	-	1,587
Licenses and other taxes	521	-	253	-	774
Administration fees	-	-	150,298	(150,298)	-
Salaries and wages	385,728	-	-	-	385,728
Payroll taxes	32,351	-	-	-	32,351
Employee benefits	44,734	-	-	-	44,734
Other employee related expenses	1,550	-	-	-	1,550
Professional fees	10,120	-	276,845	-	286,965
Printing	1,825	-	-	-	1,825
Other	2,832	-	23,824	-	26,656
Total expenses	<u>956,069</u>	<u>77,211</u>	<u>461,191</u>	<u>(150,298)</u>	<u>1,344,173</u>
Increase (decrease) in total net assets	202,527	(11,530)	2,277,011	-	2,468,008
Net assets at beginning of year	794,102	162,713	34,793,614	-	35,750,429
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 996,629</u>	<u>151,183</u>	<u>37,070,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,218,437</u>



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To the Board of Trustees
Eastern Star Homes of California
Yorba Linda, California

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the Eastern Star Homes of California as of September 30, 2007 and 2006, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 the Eastern Star Homes of California as of September 30, 2007 and 2006, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.

Irvine, California
January 25, 2008

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

Statements of Financial Position

September 30, 2007 and 2006

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Cash and cash equivalents (note 3)	\$ 226,150	308,697
Resident cash held in trust	6,656	22,519
Other receivables	25,910	33,385
Deposits and prepaid expenses	91,679	62,918
Inventory of provisions and medical supplies, at cost	10,250	10,250
Property and equipment, net (note 4)	<u>9,548,268</u>	<u>9,748,087</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 9,908,913</u>	 <u>10,185,856</u>
 <u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 266,395	213,488
Residents' accounts held in trust	6,656	22,519
Due to affiliated organizations		
Grand Chapter of California	18,385	63,920
Obligation to provide future services and use of facilities in excess of amounts received or to be received for such services (note 5)	<u>12,583,007</u>	<u>13,108,800</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>12,874,443</u>	 <u>13,408,727</u>
Net assets (deficit) (note 6):		
Unrestricted	(2,965,530)	(3,222,871)
Temporarily restricted	-	-
Permanently restricted	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total net assets (deficit)	 <u>(2,965,530)</u>	 <u>(3,222,871)</u>
 Total liabilities and net assets (deficit)	 <u>\$ 9,908,913</u>	 <u>10,185,856</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

Statement of Activities

Year Ended September 30, 2007

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Support, Revenue and Gains:			
Contributions:			
Per capita - Grand Chapter	\$ 29,476	-	29,476
Residents' contributions after admission	797,740	-	797,740
Bequests	955	-	955
Other	61,025	-	61,025
Resident fees	138,115	-	138,115
Net transfers from (to) Grand Chapter Endowment			
Fund (note 8)	2,800,000	-	2,800,000
Rental income	217,603	-	217,603
Other miscellaneous revenue	<u>23,324</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,324</u>
Subtotal - support, revenues and gains	4,068,238	-	4,068,238
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support, revenues and gains	<u>4,068,238</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,068,238</u>
Expenses:			
Program services:			
Elderly care	2,982,710	-	2,982,710
Support services:			
Rental property	132,369	-	132,369
Management and general	1,206,460	-	1,206,460
Fundraising	<u>15,151</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,151</u>
Subtotal - support services	<u>1,353,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,353,980</u>
Total expenses	<u>4,336,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,336,690</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets before obligation to provide future services	(268,452)	-	(268,452)
(Increase) decrease in obligation to provide future services (note 5)	<u>525,793</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>525,793</u>
Change in net assets	257,341	-	257,341
Net assets (deficit) at beginning of year	<u>(3,222,871)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,222,871)</u>
Net assets (deficit) at end of year	<u>\$ (2,965,530)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,965,530)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

Statement of Activities

Year Ended September 30, 2006

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Support, Revenue and Gains:			
Contributions:			
Per capita - Grand Chapter	\$ 31,373	-	31,373
Residents' contributions after admission	796,852	-	796,852
Bequests	2,641	-	2,641
Other	72,631	-	72,631
Resident fees	158,051	-	158,051
Net transfers from (to) Grand Chapter Endowment			
Fund (note 8)	2,625,000	-	2,625,000
Rental income	212,791	-	212,791
Other miscellaneous revenue	<u>19,047</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,047</u>
Subtotal - support, revenues and gains	3,918,386	-	3,918,386
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support, revenues and gains	<u>3,918,386</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,918,386</u>
Expenses:			
Program services:			
Elderly care	3,161,791	-	3,161,791
Support services:			
Rental property	180,120	-	180,120
Management and general	930,541	-	930,541
Fundraising	<u>14,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,227</u>
Subtotal - support services	<u>1,124,888</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,124,888</u>
Total expenses	<u>4,286,679</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,286,679</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets before obligation to provide future services	(368,293)	-	(368,293)
(Increase) decrease in obligation to provide future services (note 5)	<u>(185,831)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(185,831)</u>
Change in net assets	(554,124)	-	(554,124)
Net assets (deficit) at beginning of year	<u>(2,668,747)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,668,747)</u>
Net assets (deficit) at end of year	<u>\$ (3,222,871)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,222,871)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended September 30, 2007

	Program Services	Support Services			Total Support Services	Total Expenses
	Elderly Care	Rental Property	Management and General	Fund- Raising		
Compensation and related expenses:						
Salaries and wages	\$ 1,081,703	20,003	179,028	-	199,031	1,280,734
Employee benefits	101,141	2,135	16,740	-	18,875	120,016
Payroll taxes	90,303	2,254	15,229	-	17,483	107,786
Other employee expenses	21,419	-	9,563	-	9,563	30,982
Professional and consultant fees	-	-	20,726	-	20,726	20,726
Legal fees	-	-	358,385	-	358,385	358,385
Administration fee (note 7)	-	3,224	229,976	-	233,200	233,200
Food	195,639	-	-	-	-	195,639
Insurance:						
Property and liability	-	-	169,460	-	169,460	169,460
Workers' compensation	137,199	-	22,424	-	22,424	159,623
Occupancy:						
Electricity	186,240	5,412	-	-	5,412	191,652
Gas	57,765	-	-	-	-	57,765
Water and sewer	34,991	6,381	-	-	6,381	41,372
Minor equipment and other supplies	59,509	-	43,417	-	43,417	102,926
Equipment rental and maintenance	86,823	15,925	12,708	-	28,633	115,456
Telephone	-	-	16,589	-	16,589	16,589
Licenses and taxes	-	20,102	15,922	-	36,024	36,024
Member assistance	176,345	-	-	-	-	176,345
Resident activities	81,071	-	-	-	-	81,071
Resident allowances	88,299	-	-	-	-	88,299
Resident admission expenses	25,039	-	-	-	-	25,039
Holiday gifts - residents	5,699	-	-	-	-	5,699
Contract labor	156,716	9,329	18,690	-	28,019	184,735
Board member expenses	-	-	32,587	-	32,587	32,587
Hospitalization/medical supplies	88,070	-	-	-	-	88,070
Dues and subscriptions	1,044	-	6,354	-	6,354	7,398
Other purchased services	688	-	25,498	-	25,498	26,186
Publications	-	-	13,164	-	13,164	13,164
Fundraising	-	-	-	15,151	15,151	15,151
Total expenses before depreciation	2,675,703	84,765	1,206,460	15,151	1,306,376	3,982,079
Depreciation	307,007	47,604	-	-	47,604	354,611
Total expenses	<u>\$ 2,982,710</u>	<u>132,369</u>	<u>1,206,460</u>	<u>15,151</u>	<u>1,353,980</u>	<u>4,336,690</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended September 30, 2006

	Program Services	Support Services			Total Support Services	Total Expenses
	Elderly Care	Rental Property	Management and General	Fund- Raising		
Compensation and related expenses:						
Salaries and wages	\$ 1,054,426	20,060	124,222	-	144,282	1,198,708
Employee benefits	132,528	2,135	16,380	-	18,515	151,043
Payroll taxes	105,057	3,497	12,985	-	16,482	121,539
Other employee expenses	52,394	-	7,944	-	7,944	60,338
Professional and consultant fees	-	-	20,162	-	20,162	20,162
Legal fee	-	-	174,817	-	174,817	174,817
Administration fee (note 7)	-	2,278	232,700	-	234,978	234,978
Food	198,141	-	-	-	-	198,141
insurance:						
Property and liability	-	2,092	142,644	-	144,736	144,736
Workers' compensation	130,020	-	16,070	-	16,070	146,090
Occupancy:						
Electricity	177,149	4,480	1,789	-	6,269	183,418
Gas	70,735	-	-	-	-	70,735
Water and sewer	30,312	6,675	-	-	6,675	36,987
Minor equipment and other supplies	46,913	-	64,898	-	64,898	111,811
Equipment rental and maintenance	82,148	9,517	8,145	-	17,662	99,810
Telephone	-	-	16,866	-	16,866	16,866
Licenses and taxes	-	15,451	9,310	-	24,761	24,761
Member assistance	230,516	-	-	-	-	230,516
Resident activities	76,889	-	-	-	-	76,889
Resident allowances	80,806	-	-	-	-	80,806
Resident admission expenses	23,336	-	-	-	-	23,336
Holiday gifts - residents	5,687	-	-	-	-	5,687
Contract labor	152,777	12,399	13,079	-	25,478	178,255
Board member expenses	-	-	24,567	-	24,567	24,567
Hospitalization/medical supplies	130,316	-	-	-	-	130,316
Dues and subscriptions	247	-	11,824	-	11,824	12,071
Other purchased services	665	-	30,391	-	30,391	31,056
Loss on disposal of assets	49,859	-	-	-	-	49,859
Publications	-	-	1,748	-	1,748	1,748
Fundraising	-	-	-	14,227	14,227	14,227
Total expenses before depreciation	2,830,921	78,584	930,541	14,227	1,023,352	3,854,273
Depreciation	330,870	101,536	-	-	101,536	432,406
Total expenses	\$ 3,161,791	180,120	930,541	14,227	1,124,888	4,286,679

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Contributions received	\$ 859,720	872,124
Private pay resident fees received	138,115	158,051
Per capita received	29,476	31,373
Transfers received from Endowment fund	2,800,000	2,625,000
Rental income received from medical office space	225,078	196,753
Site lease and miscellaneous income received	23,324	19,047
Administrative and operating expenses paid	(4,003,468)	(3,686,242)
Net cash flow provided (used) by operating activities	72,245	216,106
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(154,792)	(186,347)
Net cash flows provided (used) by investing activities	(154,792)	(186,347)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(82,547)	29,759
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	308,697	278,938
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 226,150	308,697
Reconciliation of change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 257,341	(554,124)
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	354,611	432,406
Loss on disposal of assets	-	49,859
(Increase) decrease in other receivables	7,475	(16,038)
(Increase) decrease in deposits and prepaid expenses	(28,761)	22,653
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	52,907	31,599
Increase (decrease) in due to affiliated organizations	(45,535)	63,920
Increase (decrease) in obligation to provide future services	(525,793)	185,831
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ 72,245	216,106

Noncash investing and financing activities:

There were no significant noncash investing and financing activities for fiscal years ended September 30, 2007 and 2006.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

Notes to Financial Statements

Years Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006

(1) Description of 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 the 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.

Eastern Star Homes of California accounts for its activities as unrestricted (except for contributions with payments to be made in future periods) since donors impose no restrictions on use of contributions. The Grand Chapter of California Finance Committee approves the annual operating and capital budgets of the Home. The delegates of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star vote on the final approval of the operating and capital budgets at its annual session. The Home's Board of Trustees are elected by delegates from the general membership. The Grand Chapter of California Finance Committee is made up of five members, with one new member each year who is appointed by the current Worthy Grand Matron.

The Eastern Star Homes of California operates the Home under the name of Senior Living Community. Eastern Star Homes of California also operates a medical office rental facility under the name of Eastern Star Professional Plaza.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Home have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities.

Financial Statement Presentation

The Home has implemented the financial statement presentation recommended by the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS No. 117, the Home is required to report 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.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

Notes to Financial Statements

(Continued)

(2) 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 revenues and expenses, during the reporting period. 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.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

"Cash" and "cash equivalents" includes cash and money market accounts.

Investments

Investments are reported in the accompanying statement of financial position at fair value. Changes in fair value that occur during a fiscal year are recognized as investment income reported for that fiscal year. Investment income includes interest earnings, changes in fair value, and any gains or losses realized upon liquidation, maturity, or sale of investments.

Restricted and Unrestricted Revenue and Support

The Home follows SFAS No. 116, *Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made*. In accordance with SFAS No. 116, contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.

Support that is restricted by the donor 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 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.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

Notes to Financial Statements

(Continued)

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies. (Continued)

Donated Goods, Facilities and Services

Donated noncash assets, such as use of facilities and goods, are recorded at their fair values in the period received. Contributions of donated services that create or enhance non-financial assets, or that require specialized skills (which include accounting and legal services), are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased, if not provided by donation, are recorded at their fair values in the period received. The Home receives a significant amount of donated services from unpaid volunteers who assist in resident activities. No donated services have been recognized in the statement of activities because the criteria for recognition under SFAS No. 116 are not satisfied.

Property and Equipment

Buildings, building improvements, furniture, fixtures, automobiles and equipment are carried at cost, or, if donated, at estimated fair value at the date of donation. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method over the useful lives ranging from 3 to 30 years.

Inventory of Provisions and Medical Supplies

The inventories of supplies used for the care of the residents are shown at their historical cost.

Bequests

Bequests are valued at fair value and are recognized as contributions as soon as they become determinable.

Life Care Contracts

No revenue is recorded in the Home for life care because revenue is recorded in the Grand Chapter Endowment Fund. Revenue recognition is subject to a 90 day probationary period.

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, 2007 and 2006, the fee-based deposits held in trust were \$6,656 and \$22,519, respectively.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

Notes to Financial Statements

(Continued)

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, (Continued)

Functional Expenses

The cost of providing services has been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Income Taxes

The Home qualifies as a not-for-profit corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 23701(d) of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, and, therefore, is not subject to income tax. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Home maintains its cash balances at one financial institution. These balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. At September 30, 2007 and 2006, uninsured amounts held at a financial institution totaled approximately \$159,000 and \$262,000, respectively. The Home has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

(3) Cash and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following at September 30:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Petty cash	\$ 630	600
Deposits	<u>225,520</u>	<u>308,097</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$226,150</u>	<u>308,697</u>

The Home may invest funds in accordance with Part II, Section 73 of the Grand Chapter Constitution and Laws. The investment of funds by the Home shall be restricted as follows:

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(3) Cash and Investments, (Continued)

A. At least fifteen percent (15%) of the funds available must be in:

- Cash and/or bank accounts.
- Obligations of the United States or those for the payment of which the faith of the United States is pledged.
- Obligations of the State of California and its political subdivisions.
- Such evidence of corporate indebtedness as is rated "A" or better by Standard and Poors Corporation or Moody's Investors Service. Qualified Investment funds limited to short-term United States Government Securities, bank certificates of deposit, banker's acceptances commercial paper, repurchase agreements, and comparable securities.
- Savings accounts in and investment certificates issued by Federal Chartered Banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

B. Up to ten percent (10%) may be invested in:

- Other evidence 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.
- Preferred Stocks, which are or will be fully listed and registered on an exchange registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a National Securities Exchange.

C. Up to seventy five percent (75%) may be invested in:

- Common stocks, which must be fully listed and registered on an exchange registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a National Securities Exchange.
- Shares of investment trusts.
- Mutual funds.

The Home had no investments at September 30, 2007 and 2006.

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(4) Property and Equipment

At September 30, 2007 and 2006, property and equipment consisted of the following:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Yorba Linda Property:		
Land	\$ 2,738,904	2,738,904
Buildings	8,422,881	8,422,881
Building improvements	856,610	702,740
Computer equipment and software	19,760	24,182
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	373,134	371,090
Automobiles	<u>217,007</u>	<u>217,007</u>
Total property and equipment	12,628,296	12,476,804
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,080,028)</u>	<u>(2,728,717)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>\$9,548,268</u>	<u>9,748,087</u>

The Yorba Linda property also contains medical offices which are occupied through various operating leases. (See footnote No. 10)

(5) Obligation to Provide Future Services

Applicants for admission to Eastern Star Homes of California are required to make a contribution (advance fee) to the Endowment Fund. In exchange for this contribution, the Home agrees to care for the residents for the remainder of their lives.

Eastern Star Homes of California 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 \$12,583,007 and \$13,108,800 at September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The change in the obligation from year to year is shown on the statement of activities.

Eastern Star Homes of California is licensed to operate a seventy-six bed continuing care home. Any shortfall in future operating cash flow is obligated to be met by the Endowment Fund.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

Notes to Financial Statements

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(6) Net Assets

Unrestricted net assets:	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Unrestricted, invested in land, property and equipment	\$ 9,548,268	9,748,087
Unrestricted, Operating Fund	<u>(12,513,798)</u>	<u>(12,970,958)</u>
Total unrestricted net assets (deficit)	<u>(2,965,530)</u>	<u>(3,222,871)</u>
Temporarily restricted net assets:		
Subsequent programs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total temporarily restricted net assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total net assets (deficit)	<u>\$ (2,965,530)</u>	<u>(3,222,871)</u>

The Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star's constitution and 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. Any shortfall in future operating cash flow is obligated to be met by the Endowment Fund.

(7) Related Party Transactions

Eastern Star Homes of California incurred \$233,200 and \$234,978 administrative expense charges in fiscal years 2007 and 2006, respectively, for services provided by the Grand Chapter of California. Administrative services performed by the Grand Chapter of California include, but are not limited to the following:

- Receipt of donations.
- Acknowledgements to recipients, in honor of or in memory of.
- Processing requests for assistance.
- Verification of eligibility.
- Providing quarterly accounting information to all committees.
- Providing monthly financial reports to the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee.
- Payment of all bills and checks to members for assistance.
- Record and audit all investment activity.
- Administrative bequests and telephone inquiries.
- Provide membership services.
- Maintain all records required for tax and audit purposes.

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(8) Endowment Fund

Eastern Star Homes of California is the income beneficiary of an Endowment Fund maintained by the Grand Chapter of California. Net investment income is transferred to Eastern Star Homes to the extent that funds are needed for operations. Additional funds as necessary for the maintenance and operation of the Home are transferred from the unrestricted portion of the Endowment Fund.

A summary of support from the Grand Chapter of California Endowment Fund for fiscal years ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 is as follows:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Investment income	\$1,942,868	2,038,431
Additional net funds transferred	<u>857,132</u>	<u>586,569</u>
Total	<u>\$2,800,000</u>	<u>2,625,000</u>

(9) Continuing Care Reserve Requirement

The State of California Health and Safety Code requires continuing care retirement communities to report on the adequacy of certain reserve requirements. The Home's required statutory reserve requirement at September 30, 2007 and 2006 was \$789,856 and \$759,498, respectively. The Home had a surplus of qualifying assets over the required reserve amount of \$15,144,100 and \$13,726,405 at September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

(10) Operating Leases – Rental Income

Eastern Star Homes of California leases office space under an operating lease to the Grand Chapter of California for a fifteen-year term. The monthly rent payments are \$3,025. In addition, the Home leases various medical offices under five-year operating leases. The monthly rent payments received range from \$1,126 to \$3,771. The future minimum lease revenues are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30:

2008	169,669
2009	169,669
2010	129,624
2011	43,842
2012-2013	<u>63,525</u>
Total	<u>\$ 576,329</u>

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To the Board of Directors
California Eastern Star Foundation
Yorba Linda, California

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the California Eastern Star Foundation (the "Foundation") as of September 30, 2007 and 2006, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 the California Eastern Star Foundation as of September 30, 2007 and 2006, and the change in its net assets and cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.

Irvine, California
January 25, 2008

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

Statements of Financial Position

September 30, 2007 and 2006

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 3)	\$ 390,298	253,428
Investments (note 3)	<u>7,732,273</u>	<u>7,245,369</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 8,122,571</u>	<u>7,498,797</u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 53,153	87,311
Due to affiliated organizations:		
Grand Chapter of California	<u>11,043</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>64,196</u>	<u>87,311</u>
Net assets (note 4):		
Unrestricted	(4,859)	(10,071)
Temporarily restricted	7,010,980	6,369,303
Permanently restricted	<u>1,052,254</u>	<u>1,052,254</u>
Total net assets	<u>8,058,375</u>	<u>7,411,486</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 8,122,571</u>	<u>7,498,797</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

Statement of Activities

Year Ended September 30, 2007

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Support and Revenue:				
Contributions:				
Bequests	\$ -	34,000	-	34,000
Chapter donations	467	182,148	-	182,615
Member dues	-	5,896	-	5,896
Other	-	-	-	-
Investment income (note 3)	21,494	946,864	-	968,358
Miscellaneous	<u>76</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77</u>
Subtotal - support and revenues	22,037	1,168,909	-	1,190,946
Net assets released from restrictions (note 5)	<u>527,232</u>	<u>(527,232)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support and revenues	<u>549,269</u>	<u>641,677</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,190,946</u>
Expenses:				
Program services:				
Member assistance	160,765	-	-	160,765
Humanitarian assistance	<u>150,970</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,970</u>
Total program services	<u>311,735</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>311,735</u>
Support services:				
Management and general	<u>232,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>232,322</u>
Total support services	<u>232,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>232,322</u>
Total expenses	<u>544,057</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>544,057</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	5,212	641,677	-	646,889
Net assets (deficit) at beginning of year	<u>(10,071)</u>	<u>6,369,303</u>	<u>1,052,254</u>	<u>7,411,486</u>
Net assets (deficit) at end of year	<u>\$ (4,859)</u>	<u>7,010,980</u>	<u>1,052,254</u>	<u>8,058,375</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

Statement of Activities

Year Ended September 30, 2006

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support and Revenue:				
Contributions:				
Bequests	\$ -	24,995	-	24,995
Chapter donations	9,539	329,997	-	339,536
Member dues	-	6,274	-	6,274
Other	2,607	3,422	-	6,029
Investment income (note 3)	<u>14,160</u>	<u>531,236</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>545,396</u>
Subtotal - support and revenues	26,306	895,924	-	922,230
Net assets released from restrictions (note 5)	<u>701,512</u>	<u>(701,512)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support and revenues	<u>727,818</u>	<u>194,412</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>922,230</u>
Expenses:				
Program services:				
Member assistance	287,727	-	-	287,727
Humanitarian assistance	<u>176,769</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,769</u>
Total program services	<u>464,496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>464,496</u>
Support services:				
Management and general	262,129	-	-	262,129
Fundraising	<u>303</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>303</u>
Total support services	<u>262,432</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>262,432</u>
Total expenses	<u>726,928</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>726,928</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	890	194,412	-	195,302
Net assets (deficit) at beginning of year	<u>(10,961)</u>	<u>6,174,891</u>	<u>1,052,254</u>	<u>7,216,184</u>
Net assets (deficit) at end of year	<u>\$ (10,071)</u>	<u>6,369,303</u>	<u>1,052,254</u>	<u>7,411,486</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended September 30, 2007

	<u>Program Services</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Support</u>	<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Member</u>	<u>Humanitarian</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Support</u>	
	<u>Assistance</u>	<u>Assistance</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Management</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
				<u>and General</u>		
Administration fees (note 6)	\$ -	-	-	165,974	165,974	165,974
Assistance to members	157,198	-	157,198	-	-	157,198
Committee	3,567	1,445	5,012	-	-	5,012
Professional and consulting	-	-	-	65,865	65,865	65,865
Grants, awards and donations	-	139,459	139,459	-	-	139,459
Office supplies	-	10,066	10,066	-	-	10,066
Other	-	-	-	483	483	483
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>483</u>	<u>483</u>	<u>483</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 160,765</u>	<u>150,970</u>	<u>311,735</u>	<u>232,322</u>	<u>232,322</u>	<u>544,057</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended September 30, 2006

	Program Services		Total Program Services	Support Services		Total Support Services	Total
	Member Assistance	Humanitarian Assistance		Management and General	Fund Raising		
Administration fees (note 6)	\$ -	-	-	167,971	-	167,971	167,971
Assistance to members	271,683	-	271,683	-	-	-	271,683
Committee	16,044	1,915	17,959	-	-	-	17,959
Professional and consulting	-	-	-	78,801	-	78,801	78,801
Grants, awards and donations	-	156,004	156,004	-	-	-	156,004
Office supplies	-	10,664	10,664	-	-	-	10,664
Other	-	8,186	8,186	15,357	303	15,660	23,846
Total expenses	<u>\$ 287,727</u>	<u>176,769</u>	<u>464,496</u>	<u>262,129</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>262,432</u>	<u>726,928</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ 646,889	195,302
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Net unrealized and realized (gain) loss on investments	736,496	202,950
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	-	1,748
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	-	691
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(34,158)	(8,577)
Increase (decrease) in due to affiliated organizations	<u>11,043</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>1,360,270</u>	<u>392,114</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sale of investments	1,858,322	4,694,437
Purchase of investments	<u>(3,081,722)</u>	<u>(4,973,070)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>(1,223,400)</u>	<u>(278,633)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	136,870	113,481
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	<u>253,428</u>	<u>139,947</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	<u>\$ 390,298</u>	<u>253,428</u>

Noncash investing and financing activities:

There were no significant noncash investing and financing activities for fiscal years ended September 30, 2007 and 2006.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Years Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006

(1) Description of 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 the Eastern Star (the "Grand Chapter").

The Grand Chapter Finance Committee approves the annual budget of the Foundation. The delegates of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star vote on the final approval of the operating budget at its annual session. The Board of Trustees consists of five members with one new member selected by the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter each year for a term of office of five years.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities.

Financial Statement Presentation

The Foundation has implemented the financial statement presentation recommended by the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS No. 117, the Foundation is required to report 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.

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 revenues and expenses, during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

"Cash" and "cash equivalents" includes cash and money market accounts.

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Notes to Financial Statements

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, (Continued)

Investments

Investments are reported in the accompanying statement of financial position at fair value. Changes in fair value that occur during a fiscal year are recognized as investment income reported for that fiscal year. Investment income includes interest earnings, changes in fair value, and any gains or losses realized upon liquidation, maturity, or sale of investments.

Restricted and Unrestricted Revenue and Support

The Foundation follows SFAS No. 116, *Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made*. In accordance with SFAS No. 116, contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.

Support that is restricted by the donor 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 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.

Donated Goods, Facilities and Services

Donated noncash assets, such as use of facilities and goods, are recorded at their fair values in the period received. Contributions of donated services that create or enhance non-financial assets, or that require specialized skills (which include accounting and legal services), are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased, if not provided by donation, are recorded at their fair values in the period received. In addition, the Foundation receives a significant amount of donated services from unpaid volunteers. For donations of services in the latter category, no amounts have been recognized in the statement of activities because the criteria for recognition under SFAS No. 116 are not satisfied.

Bequests

Bequests are valued at fair value and are recognized as contributions as soon as they become determinable.

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Notes to Financial Statements

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, (Continued)

Functional Expenses

The cost of providing services has been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Income Taxes

The Foundation qualifies as a not-for-profit corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 23701(d) of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, and, therefore, is not subject to income tax. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Foundation maintains its cash balances at various financial institutions. These balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. At September 30, 2007 and 2006, there were no cash balances exceeding the insurance limit. The Foundation has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

(3) Cash and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following at September 30:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Deposits	\$ 37,239	41,893
Money market	<u>353,059</u>	<u>211,535</u>
Total	<u>\$390,298</u>	<u>253,428</u>

The Foundation may invest funds in accordance with Part II, Section 73 of the Grand Chapter Constitution and Laws. The investment of funds by the Foundation shall be restricted as follows:

A. At least fifteen percent (15%) of the funds available must be in:

- Cash and/or bank accounts.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

Notes to Financial Statements

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(3) Investments, (Continued)

- Obligations of the United States or those for the payment of which the faith of the United States is pledged.
 - Obligations of the State of California and its political subdivisions.
 - Such evidence of corporate indebtedness as is rated "A" or better by Standard and Poors Corporation or Moody's Investors Service. Qualified investment funds limited to short-term United States Government Securities, bank certificates of deposit, banker's acceptances commercial paper, repurchase agreements, and comparable securities.
 - Savings accounts in and investment certificates issued by Federal Chartered Banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
- B. Up to ten percent (10%) may be invested in:
- Other evidence 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.
 - Preferred Stocks, which are or will be fully listed and registered on an exchange registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a National Securities Exchange.
- C. Up to seventy-five percent (75%) may be invested in:
- Common stocks, which must be fully listed and registered on an exchange registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a National Securities Exchange.
 - Shares of investment trusts.
 - Mutual funds.

As of September 30, 2007 and 2006, the Foundations investment in stocks and mutual funds total 83% and 83%, respectively, of the total amount of funds available to be invested.

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Notes to Financial Statements

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(3) Investments, (Continued)

The Foundation carries its investments at fair value. The difference between market value and cost is recorded as an unrealized gain (loss) which is a component of investment income in the Statement of Activities. Investments consist of the following at September 30:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Foundation Investment Pool:		
Government securities	\$ 543,640	531,756
Stocks	2,629,496	2,184,811
Mutual funds	<u>2,950,028</u>	<u>2,965,090</u>
Subtotal – Investment pool	<u>6,123,164</u>	<u>5,681,657</u>
Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund:		
Government securities	502,948	496,331
Stock	751,775	725,156
Mutual funds	<u>354,386</u>	<u>342,225</u>
Subtotal – Rennie Fund	<u>1,609,109</u>	<u>1,563,712</u>
Total investments	<u>\$7,732,273</u>	<u>7,245,369</u>

Investment income (loss) is comprised of the following for fiscal year ended September 30:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Interest and dividends	\$231,862	342,446
Realized gains	153,427	153,260
Unrealized gains	<u>583,069</u>	<u>49,690</u>
Total investment income	<u>\$968,358</u>	<u>545,396</u>

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

Notes to Financial Statements

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(4) Net Assets

Net assets are comprised of the following at September 30, 2007:

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Unrestricted Net Assets (Deficit)</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted Net Assets</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted Net Assets</u>	<u>Total Net Assets</u>
Unrestricted, available for Programs	\$ 28,312	-	-	28,312
Benevolent fund	-	442,172	-	442,172
J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer fund	-	4,800,388	-	4,800,388
Marguerite Rennie Memorial fund	-	1,089,696	615,274	1,704,970
Scholarship fund	-	426,961	120,000	546,961
Memorial Cancer Dressing Station fund	-	249,653	-	249,653
Gerald P. Cashion fund	(33,171)	-	166,000	132,829
Thelma Bailey Scholarship fund	-	-	150,980	150,980
Medical Research	-	854	-	854
Heart Research	-	1,256	-	1,256
Totals	<u>\$(4,859)</u>	<u>7,010,980</u>	<u>1,052,254</u>	<u>8,058,375</u>

Net assets are comprised of the following at September 30, 2006:

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Unrestricted Net Assets (Deficit)</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted Net Assets</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted Net Assets</u>	<u>Total Net Assets</u>
Unrestricted, available for Programs	\$ 26,408	-	-	26,408
Benevolent fund	-	455,288	-	455,288
J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer fund	-	4,352,811	-	4,352,811
Marguerite Rennie Memorial fund	-	976,540	615,274	1,591,814
Scholarship fund	-	352,621	120,000	472,621
Memorial Cancer Dressing Station fund	-	230,182	-	230,182
Gerald P. Cashion fund	(36,479)	-	166,000	129,521
Thelma Bailey Scholarship fund	-	-	150,980	150,980
Cancer Research	-	1,249	-	1,249
Medical Research	-	546	-	546
Heart Research	-	66	-	66
Totals	<u>\$(10,071)</u>	<u>6,369,303</u>	<u>1,052,254</u>	<u>7,411,486</u>

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(4) Net Assets. (Continued)

Net assets temporarily restricted for the Gerald P. Cashion fund in the amount of \$(33,171) and \$(36,479) at September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, were reclassified to unrestricted net assets. Deficit funds are due to unrealized losses on investments, which are reduced from unrestricted net assets.

(5) Net Assets Released from Restrictions

During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, \$527,232 and \$701,512, respectively, of temporarily restricted net assets were released to unrestricted net assets as a result of the satisfaction of donor-imposed restrictions.

(6) Related Party Transactions

The Foundation paid \$165,974 and \$167,971 to the Grand Chapter of California for administrative services rendered for the years ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Administrative services performed by the Grand Chapter of California include, but are not limited to the following:

- Receipt of donations.
- Acknowledgements to recipients, in honor of or in memory of.
- Processing requests for assistance.
- Verification of eligibility.
- Providing quarterly accounting information to all committees.
- Providing monthly financial reports to the Foundation Board and the Finance Committee.
- Payment of all bills and checks to members for assistance.
- Record and audit all investment activity.
- Administrative bequests and telephone inquiries.
- Provide membership services.
- Maintain all records required for tax and audit purposes.
- Provide various supplies.

(7) Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund

The California Eastern Star Foundation paid approximately \$61,324 and \$91,229 of expenses on behalf of individuals with cancer in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The payments made were solely from interest earnings on the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund. These payments were for the treatment of cancer patients in accordance with the terms of the Will established by the Estate of Ralph R. Rennie.

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(8) J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund

The California Eastern Star Foundation paid approximately \$35,795 and \$83,079 of expenses on behalf of individuals with cancer in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The payments made were solely from interest earnings on the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund. These payments were for the treatment of cancer patients in accordance with the terms of the contribution made by J. Clifford Lee.

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