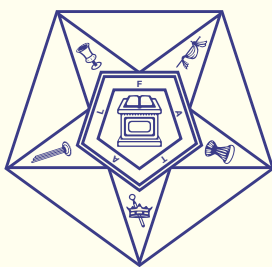


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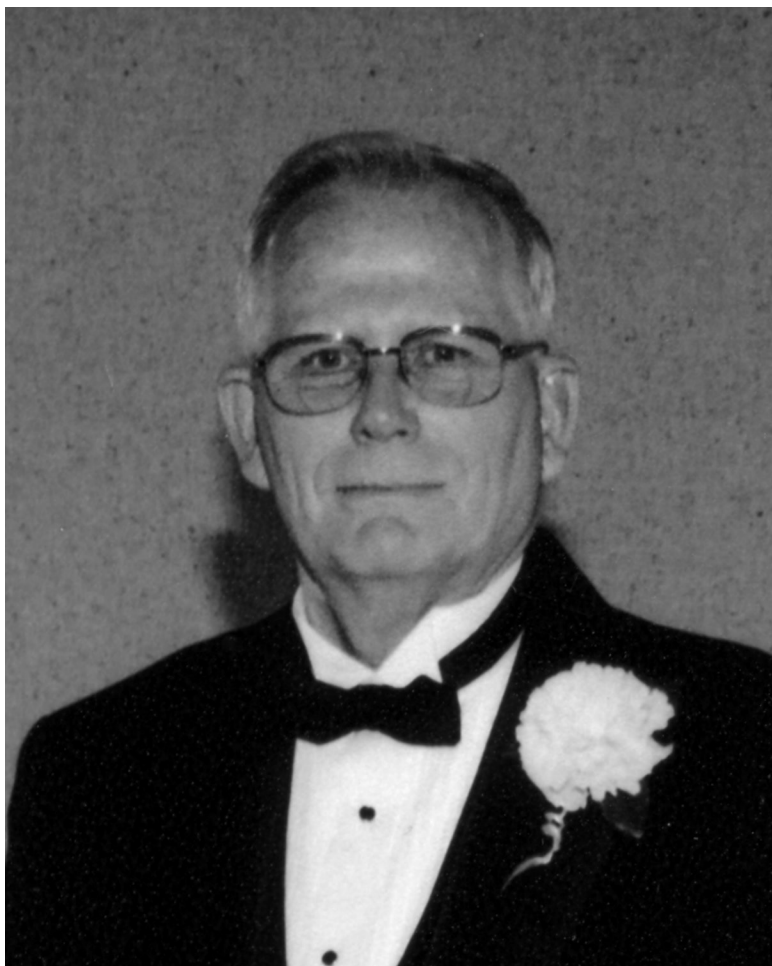
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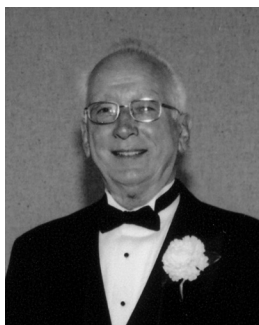
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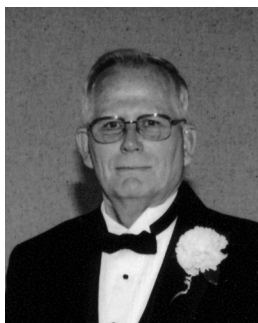
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WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S EMBLEM

EMBLEM

Stars Intertwined With A Touch of Hollywood

The stars represent my membership in Hollywood Chapter, my roots in the Hollywood community, and my belief that every person has the ability to be a “Shining Star.”

The film strip is symbolic of my many connections to Hollywood — my birthplace; where I attended school; my Rainbow Assembly, and my Eastern Star Chapter. It also represents memories of my service to our Order in 1984, 1997, and 2004, and sixteen years of service to the Jurisprudence Committee. These “classic” years will guide me in the future.

COLORS

Navy Blue, Light Blue, Silver, and A Touch of Periwinkle

Blue has always been my favorite color. Navy blue represents patriotism to our country. Light blue depicts loyalty and fidelity to our Sisters and Brothers. Silver, being a precious metal, denotes the importance of each member of our Masonic family. A touch of Periwinkle represents a color that brings together all other colors in harmony and friendship.

FLOWER

Red and White Carnations

WATCHWORDS

Honesty — Fairness — Justice

Be Honest . . . with yourself and others.

Be Fair . . . in your treatment of others.

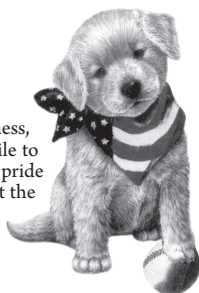
Be Just . . . in your actions.

MOTTO

“Set positive goals and reasonable expectations”

FUN EMBLEM “LIBERTY”

A cute and adorable puppy that is symbolic of spirit, energy, playfulness, inquisitiveness, and much, much more. I hope Liberty will bring a smile to your face. The red, white, and blue scarf represents loyalty, justice, and pride in our country. The baseball reminds us of how relaxing an afternoon at the ballpark can be, and how each of us must take a moment to enjoy life.





WORTHY GRAND PATRON EMBLEM

EMBLEM

Lighthouse and an Eagle encircled by red, white, blue, and gold.

The eagle is known for its strength. It represents power, honor, and wisdom and in our nation, it represents freedom and bravery. Keen vision allows the eagle to see far-off challenges so that it may soar through each pursuit with success.

The lighthouse symbolizes guidance and direction. These impressive towers light the way to provide assistance from one adventure to the next, and serve to direct us away from danger. Light is one of the fundamental principles of our Masonic Family and encourages us to follow the lighted path to achievement and success. Each of the three rays represents one of our watchwords.

The emblem is topped with a bow of red, white, and blue representing our nation's patriotic colors and the many members of our military services that are serving to protect our freedom. It also represents my tie to the International Order of the Rainbow Girls.

The base is gold and represents the high standard of conduct for us as Masons and is emblematic of the excellence and wisdom of the beautiful lessons taught in our order. It also represents our Golden State.

OUR COLORS

Red, White, Blue, and Gold

OUR WATCHWORDS

Light – represents knowledge, truth, and wisdom and is an essential element for our success.

Harmony – is accomplished by putting our Masonic and Eastern Star teachings into practice.

Our welfare and prosperity depend on this.

Kindness – every act of kindness done enriches the life of both the recipient and the giver.

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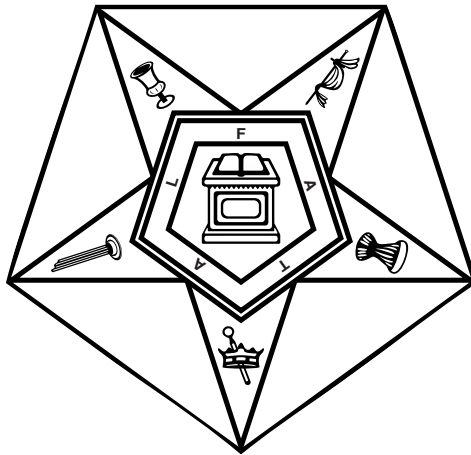
Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. — Matthew 5:16

OUR FUN EMBLEM

Our fun emblem, “Champ”, is an “All Star” and has played the game well and will always give his best effort to enjoy the game and be a successful part of the team. Traveling with “Liberty” will be one of his favorite pastimes.



PROCEEDINGS
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One Hundred Thirty-Fifth Annual
“FIELD OF DREAMS” SESSION

October 16th–18th, 2008

Fresno Convention Center
700 M Street
Fresno, California

2008 “FIELD OF DREAMS” SESSION

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 16, 2008

FORMAL OPENING

The Grand East featured a backdrop depicting a baseball field. Logos for the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants were displayed to the sides. Popcorn boxes and pennants in blue and orange depicting the various Grand Officers and California Chapter teams decorated the stage around the East. On the floor at the stations in the North, South, East and West were caricatures of the various Grand Line officers and their escorts, peeking over the baseball fence. On the wall in the West was the title of the session.

8:30 AM Musical Prelude

Kay Burns (59/3)

Singing Stars — “*Star of Love*”

Organist Don Snyder, PP (21/UD)

8:45 AM Entrance

Grand Pages

Grand Representatives

Deputy Grand Matrons

9:05 AM Escort and Call to Order

Hostess: Karen Fletcher, Junior Past Grand Matron

Host: David Skipworth, Junior Past Grand Patron

Karen Fletcher, Jr. PGM: Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to call this 135th Session of the Grand Chapter of California to order.

EMBLEM CEREMONY

(Narrated by Susan White, Past Grand Matron)

Emblem Bearers: 2008 Grand Star Point Officers

Shadows are deepening, the sky changing hue, the horizon a hazy line defining the deepening blue. The stars diamond like, glistening and illumine the night. Our dreams are strengthened by this, the fairest sight.

The Eastern Star shines with special luster today. Five points glittering, each star colored with the beautiful ray; stars near oceans augmented by beacons of light, always a Poet’s inspiration, illuminating paths of light.

The order has heroines and symbols related to the Star, women of the Bible whose stories are known near and far. They are of undoubted beauty. We cherish their character strong. Listen as each Star Point conveys lessons of right and wrong.

I am Adah, and my color in the cloudless sky is blue. I exemplify the Daughter, courageous and faithful, true. My emblem is the Sword, portraying God's Principle Divine. Nothing can be hidden from Him, the Veil used to entwine.

I am Ruth, and my shade is a golden yellow hue. I am symbolic of the Widow whose devotion to duty grew. My emblem, a Sheaf of sunlit barley, parts minutely small, signifying the inspiration when constancy is the call.

I am Esther, in royal purple, in sparkling white, Queen on the Persian throne. I exemplify the Wife, whose pure and noble qualities were widely known. My emblem the Scepter and Golden Crown, I offer to sacrifice to save my people. I was willing to give both my title and my life.

I am Martha. My beautiful colors in Nature's greens abound. I was the Sister of Lazarus whose immortality was found. My emblem the stately yet Broken Column ties the present to the past. Indeed, life is not uncertain. Learn to live each day as though your last.

And I am Electa, with a vivid red, symbolically warm and strong. I am Motherhood and Church, institutions where love belongs. My emblem, the Cup, overflows with kindness and charity, reminds me to give of ourselves with the spirit of generosity.

We treasure the lessons and virtues when the stories are told. May you learn in each of your lives to love, both pure and bold. The central Star of our Order, as you have heard. We respect and face the altar when we address God and his Word.

ENTRANCE OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Bible Bearer: Beverly Wade, Grand Conductress

I am the Bible. My pages, stories of faith and history do tell. My Scriptures preserved by ancients, lessons written well, I believe yields allegories of the earliest men of old, yet I give meaning to life today in statements illustrative and bold.

I am reverently placed on the altar as the Order's focal point, emanating strength and wisdom with power your soul to anoint.

The Eastern Star is before you and our Order does shine. Star Point Emblems, beauty and significance, each with a special sign. Do you believe? In your Field of Dreams have you seen a light so shine? Come. Go forth. Share with me a glow. The dream can be yours and mine.

Entrance: 2008 Grand Officers

Karen Fletcher, Jr. PGM: Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Escort: Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron
Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron

Karen Fletcher, Jr. PGM: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jim Whiteley, 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.)

Karen Fletcher, Jr. PGM: Sister Collette, it is with much love and pride that I present to you your gavel to preside over this 135th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of California. I know you will do it in a very fair and just manner. I am so very proud of you. You and Jim have presided in such a fantastic manner. Have a wonderful, wonderful Session this morning.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Karen, for presenting me my gavel for this Formal Opening of the 135th Annual Grand Chapter Session Order of the Eastern Star.

Sisters and Brothers I have the honor to present Sister Karen Fletcher, Junior Past Grand Matron, and Brother David Skipworth, Junior Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

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

(Grand Honors extended.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

(Grand Officers take stations)

Good morning, Sisters and Brothers.

It is our distinct pleasure to have with us this morning, Sister Karen Fletcher and Brother David Skipworth, our Hostess and Host for this morning's Opening Session.

Sister Karen and Brother Skip, may we have your greetings at this time.

WELCOME

(By Karen Fletcher, Jr. PGM and David "Skip" Skipworth, Jr. PGP)

Karen: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jim Whiteley, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Good morning, and welcome to the pre game ceremonies of this, our 135th California World Series Session. The stadium lights are shining bright, the sound system is charged, and we are ready to throw out the first pitch with the hope of avoiding any untimely and embarrassing wardrobe malfunction.

Skip: Down at the park, we found ourselves at the 7th and final game of the 2008 “Field of Dreams” series, as we watch the players take the field in uniform and ready to play ball.

Karen: You know I love baseball. I once pursued a career as an umpire, instead of a probation officer. It is a lot like the same thing. I studied the rules and regulations and became quite proficient in the sport. Skip, I can only hope that my immense and vast knowledge of the sport does not overshadow you this morning.

Skip: Well, I'm willing to take my chances and thank our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to welcome our members as we once again enjoy the beautiful view from this very comfortable and luxurious sky box.

Karen: We have watched Team 2008 from the 50 yard line all year and certainly hope that they will bring home the gold.

Skip: I must say, your knowledge of the sport is overwhelming me already. I am sure you already know that the 50 yard line has to do with football, and most athletes bring home the gold from the Olympics, not a baseball game.

Karen: Okay, whatever. The fact is, it is a very exciting time for our Most Valuable Players Sister Collette and Brother Jim. All of their practice and training has afforded them a wild target to this big bowl game that may just end in a power play sudden death shoot out for the game-winning goal.

Skip: Maybe they will even score a three point switch or touchdown at home base.

Karen: Now you are talking my language. I knew you were going to get it. In any event, Brother Jim has to go home with an upper body ring when this thing is over.

Skip: Regardless of the position you play in our Order, your attention to the game is necessary. And during our business session this week, you will be required to keep your eye on the ball and make some important calls that will impact the future of our Order.

Karen: We hope you will do this with enthusiasm for the game, while demonstrating good sportsmanship. Please be respectful of your fellow players to ensure that this international past time that each of us has been allowed to enjoy will be preserved for future generations.

Skip: Please remember, no chewing tobacco is allowed in the stadium.

Karen: And any unprovoked brawls may get you ejected from the game and a chance to appeal to the Sports Commissioner.

Skip: Sit back and relax and enjoy your Dodger dog as you participate in the business of our Order under the very capable coaching of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister Collette and Brother Jim, the stadium is packed at the bottom the 9th, with two out, and the bases are loaded.

Karen: It is time to hit one out of the park for our Order in California. Have a wonderful session.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Karen and Brother Skip, thank you for serving as Hostess and Host for our Formal Opening at this “Field of Dreams” Session.

Karen, having you as a big sister for the last four years has been a gift. I truly appreciate our friendship. Thank you for always recognizing the needs of our members while “Envisioning a Bright Future” for California Eastern Star.

Brother Skip, we have traveled many miles together. You and Linda are a driving force. Thank you for the IMPACT you have made on our Order.

Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Karen and my Big Brother Skip, it is very special having the two of you open our session this morning. We shared in your vision and goals for our Order last year, and traveled many miles together creating memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. Thank you for keeping laughter in our hearts while we worked together for the good of our Order.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Secretary, you will give the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee.

Maryann Barrios, Grand Secretary: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. As of 5:00 PM, October 15, 2008, 172 Chapters have registered. Therefore, at this time, the constitutionally required number of Chapters is represented. For general information, the constitutional number of Chapters that constitutes a quorum is 100.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Wamsley, Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

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

FORMAL OPENING

Collette Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress you will attend at the altar.

(Grand Conductress attended the altar.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Grand Chaplain, lead our devotions.

Joseph Ross, Grand Chaplain: Our Father in Heaven, we are so honored this day to open this 135th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. We are assembled here in Thy name.

Grant us the sublime principles in our Order so discourse can pass within us, to harmonize and enrich our hearts with Thy overwhelming goodness, that this Session, at this time, may humbly recognize that order of beauty that rains from heaven in Thy home.

We ask that our military disbursed around this globe be watched out for and be kept out of harm's way. We are thankful that they are present to keep our freedoms safe, that we may continue to practice the teachings of our Order of the Eastern Star. All of this we ask in Thy Name's sake. Amen.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: We will unite in singing our Opening Ode.

OPENING ODE

"God Bless America"

God bless America, Land that I love
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with the light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.

Collette Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: By virtue of the power and authority in me vested as Worthy Grand Matron, I declare the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, duly open. Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Grand Marshal, you will assist the Flag Bearer in the presentation of the Flag of our Country.

FLAG PRESENTATION

Flag Bearer: John Fletcher, Past Grand Patron
Flag Escort: Linda Bernhard, Grand Marshal

FLAG TRIBUTE

(by Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron)

The Stars and Stripes, a beacon of freedom; the red, white, and blue of courage, liberty and loyalty, uniting one nation under God.

Sisters and Brothers, you will join with me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country, and the singing of our National Anthem.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: It's a beautiful day for a ball game, even though the Dodgers lost last night.

Good morning, Sisters and Brothers, and welcome to the "Field of Dreams" Grand Chapter Session. Before the game begins, I would like to give you the ground rules.

A baseball game is all about hitting a ball, rounding the bases and scoring a run. We do not want anyone getting the players or umpire upset. Please remain in the strike zone, and don't leave the ballpark except in the case of an emergency. Our players will get upset if you leave during their turn at bat or when giving a report.

Please make sure you read the batting lineup. You received a complimentary program with your credentials when you registered. We don't want you to miss out on any of the action. You never know when there will be a home run or even a grand slam.

At the close of each inning, please remain seated until the players (that would be the Grand Officers and Grand Pages) have retired. Don't be like the Los Angeles crowd that leaves in the 7th inning.

Don't forget your game tickets. In Eastern Star we call them credentials and dues receipts. Our Inner and Outer Guards can be tougher than stadium officials. These same guards will help you to and from your seats. Please be careful, as the groundskeepers have done the best they can with the steps.

Sisters and Brothers, it is time to play ball.

At this time, it is my pleasure to present Sister Alyson Grant, who will be serving as parliamentarian during this Annual Session. Sister Alyson will be pleased to meet with you personally, should you have any question regarding the parliamentary procedure of this Grand Chapter Session. Sister Alyson, will you please present the Proposed Standing Rules for this Session.

Alyson Grant, Parliamentarian (96/358): Delegates of this “Field of Dreams” 2008 Grand Chapter Session, I would like to take this opportunity to ask all of you to get out your legislative booklet that you were given during registration, and while you are all doing that, I would like you to open it to page 3 and look at letter (h). I would like you to call your attention to, “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.”

You were given two colored cards. So I want to be sure you all know that your voting card is the red card that says “Official Voting Card”.

Now that you all have your booklets out and have reminded yourselves of all the rules you have read prior to coming to Grand Chapter, Worthy Grand Matron, I move that these Parliamentary Rules for the 2008 Grand Chapter Session be adopted as printed on pages 3 and 4 in the legislative booklet. (*Motion seconded.*)

(*Vote taken.*)

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

Alyson Grant, Parliamentarian (96/358): I would like, however, to call your attention to some of the additional information that is printed on page 4, which was taken from *Robert's Rules of Order*. There is one misrepresentation of *Robert's Rules*, however, that I would like to call to your attention under the Point of Order, which I am going to read in its entirety.

“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.”

It is this next portion that is in conflict with *Robert's Rules*.

When you are rising to a Point of Order, you do not need to be recognized by the presiding officer. You do need to address him or her with respect. But you do not need to wait to be recognized. And then you will say, “Worthy Grand Matron, I rise to a Point of Order.” Point of Order need not be seconded and is undebatable.

I also would like you to pay special attention to 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 his or her request. A request for inquiry requires no second and is not debatable. This is very important. Please note that a point of information is not information being provided by you, the speaker.

Parliamentary Inquiry: A voting delegate desiring to obtain information on a matter of parliamentary law or the Rules of the 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 the microphone and, 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. This, too, is really important. Calling out the word “question” to the audience will not be recognized by our team of presiding officers. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Play ball!

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Alyson.

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

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Sisters and Brothers, I now ask that you give attention to the Address of our Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Collette, we would be pleased to hear your Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

(by Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron)

Worthy Grand Patron, Junior Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Junior Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Delegates of this “Field of Dreams” Session, Sisters and Brothers.

The Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter of California specify the duties and powers of the Worthy Grand Matron. One of those duties is to present a written report to the Grand Chapter at its Annual Session reviewing the work of her term of office, setting forth the general condition of the Order in this Jurisdiction, and recommending such legislation as she may deem necessary for the welfare of our Order.

It was a year ago that I stood before you accepting the honor bestowed upon me to serve as the leader of our Order as your Worthy Grand Matron. I asked you to set positive goals and reasonable expectations as you started a new Eastern Star year. I reminded you that you should “Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game.” Did you heed this admonition and play the game in 2008?

According to Coach Vince Lombardi, playing the game involves hard work, gritty determination, and an unyielding will to win. Each team member needs to do their part and be prepared to win emotionally, mentally and physically.

It also takes a team effort. Each member of the team needs to know the game plan and work together to achieve the goal. This team effort includes rookies, seasoned players, and veterans. No one individual alone can become a champion in a team sport. It takes the entire team working together.

At the beginning of the year, I realized that it was a monumental task to take on all the issues and concerns that exist in our Order and try to solve them in just one year. It was my intent to concentrate on several areas of concern and be responsive to the needs of each of our members.

But what was the game plan? Were the members of our Order working together to achieve a goal? Were the members of our Order working together to “Keep the Vision of Eastern Star Alive”? We already had a Vision Statement and Goals, and I was confident in saying California Eastern Star members have been living those principles.

What I realized was that California Eastern Star needed a plan, a “Strategic Plan”, a road map or guide for our organization. This plan would take into consideration what our Order is doing today, and where we want our Order to be in the next five to ten years. It is a game plan that will assist all members of the Order and, working together as one team, to achieve common goals.

I am proud to say the California Eastern Star now has a Strategic Plan. It is a product of and endorsed by our Grand Line. A copy of the plan has been included in your registration packet. In addition, a copy has been sent to each Chapter, published in the “*Cal Star News*”, and is posted on our website. This is just the beginning of taking a serious look at our Order, with the primary goal to “Keep the Vision of Eastern Star Alive”.

I am also proud to say that the members of California Eastern Star played hard this year. They supported six IMPACT Sessions, three mini-IMPACT Sessions, and the IMPACT training program just held yesterday. We worked closely with the Leadership, Membership and Aims and Objectives committees. We also invited the Finance Committee, Home Board and Foundation to have a display at each Session and to be available to answer questions from our members.

We talked about our vision, goals and the importance of working together.

We learned about our personality types through an exercise called: What's your shape? Are you a box, triangle, rectangle, circle or squiggle? We learned how to work with the different personality types in our Chapters.

We formulated a 30 second elevator speech which answers, when asked the question: What is Eastern Star? We had an answer.

And we learned the fundamentals of the game, through the video, *If Enough People Cared*, narrated by Coach Lou Holtz.

We held mini-IMPACT Sessions prior to Official Visits, and in Yreka, Beckworth and Ferndale.

We modified our presentation and showed “*The Fish Video*”, discussed the personality profile, and had small break out groups.

This was our second year of IMPACT Sessions. And with 1200 people in attendance, it was a great success. A special thanks to Brother JD Hammett for his expertise in planning and facilitating the sessions. He is one fantastic motivational trainer. Also, a special thanks to Sister Kim Hegg, who was our expert technician at each IMPACT.

Each of you supported all three styles of Official Visits, our traditional style, reception style, and a social style. The style of the Official Visit was a decision made by the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of each District. The reception and social style ovs allowed us to reach out to the community while educating our members and appealing to prospective members.

We worked with our Masonic family and community in our joint day of community service, which we called Sensational Saturday. We collected clothing for domestic violence shelters, food for local food banks, and packaged items to be shipped to our troops as part of our WE CARE program. We worked as a team within our own community while spreading the name of Eastern Star.

We raised money for the charities of our Eastern Star Foundation and the Senior Living Community through the Bricklaying project. Members purchased bricks to honor family, friends, chapter members, and chapters. We donated money to the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center at UCLA while remembering their motto, “The End of Cancer Begins with Research” and we raised thousands and thousands of dollars for cancer research as we walked the track in the American Cancer Society’s project, “Relay for Life”.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Grand Officers

As the 2007 Associate Grand Matron, along with the 2007 Associate Grand Patron, we selected ten Grand Officers to be part of our Grand Family. We were looking for members that had given service to our Order, that were friendly, outgoing, and willing to share their time with the members of California. These Sisters and Brothers did share their talent with our members, and enthusiastically reached out to them. Appointive Grand Officers, you have been a supportive group, and I am truly honored that you accepted our invitation to serve as a 2008 Grand Officer. We are so proud of each of you.

Joseph Ross	Grand Chaplain
Linda Bernhard	Grand Marshal
Debi Gannaway	Grand Organist
Susan Froomin	Grand Adah
Catie McQuater	Grand Ruth
Cathie Burt	Grand Esther
Melissa Cronin	Grand Martha
Jackie Bozeman	Grand Electa
Sarahann Shapiro	Grand Warder
Bill Robertson	Grand Sentinel

Along with our Grand Officers, we had a wonderful group of Escorts that are better known as the Paparazzi of 2008. We thank each and every one of you for your support. Our Appointive Grand Officers met the Elected Grand Line at the “California Premiere 2008” in Pasadena Chapter on September 14, 2007 as they made their debut performance. It was Lights, Camera, and Action as they walked the red carpet.

Sister Linda Bernhard, Grand Marshal, thank you for all your help this year. You are a caring person and are willing to give of your time and talent to our Order. We love you and are here to support you, as you continue your journey.

Sister Debbie Maiman, our Grand Treasurer, thank you for sharing your financial skills and knowledge with our Finance Committee. You are a remarkable Sister and have been wonderful with our members. Your love of our Order is worthy of recognition, and you have a special place in our Family.

It has been a pleasure to work with Sister Maryann Barrios, our Grand Secretary. You are a true leader in our Grand Chapter Office, and thank you for being responsive to the needs of our members. We also thank the staff of the Grand Chapter Office for their expertise and working with our membership.

Our Grand Line has worked hard to support the fundamentals of our Order and strengthened our membership. Thank you for working together for this common goal. We are here to support you as you lead our Order.

Deputy Grand Matrons

It was our privilege to appoint 52 Sisters to serve as Deputy Grand Matrons in 2008. I also appointed an Honorary Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Heard, a Past Matron from Escondido Chapter. Sister Doris is an 81 year member, and is 103 years young.

Peggy Mecham-Carlotti (63)	District 1
Jean Monroe (10/131)	District 2
Melissa Terrano Danger (51)	District 3
Jennifer Sargent (14)	District 4
Jeannie Woodstrup (86/20)	District 5

Peggy Glander (104/338)	District 6
Roberta Shurtz (55)	District 7
Ginger Jackson (57)	District 8
Kathy Randall (631/385)	District 9
Brenda Hanson-Smith (62/195)	District 10
Jean Sampson (36)	District 11
Diane McCombs (109)	District 12
Glenda Johnson (2)	District 13
Becky Costa (58)	District 14
Terri Ewing (33)	District 15
Dayl Brown (3)	District 16
Mary Carlson (384/140)	District 17
President of the Northern Deputy Dogs	
Barbara Journeay (8/140)	District 18
Kelley James (103)	District 19
Anne Carlson (186)	District 20
Annette Mariel (551/186)	District 21
Patricia Walton (141/128)	District 22
Susan Ramsey (401)	District 23
Sun Smith (581/47)	District 24
Lydia Eckert (165/556)	District 25
Tiffany Ruiz (50)	District 26
Karen Utne (138)	District 27
Carolyn Ridge (531)	District 28
Tomé Martin-Duvall (92/365)	District 29
President of the Central Deputy Dogs	
Linda Rodie (89)	District 30
Teresa Vernon (94/13)	District 31
Linda Miller (188/125)	District 32
Ann Lindsey (176)	District 33
Marjorie Fryklund (523/78)	District 34
Vicki Fisher (619/327)	District 35
Rita Varsam (403)	District 36
Cheryl Townsend (299/397)	District 37
Donna Doan (245)	District 38
Robin Logan (171/160)	District 39
Pam Collins (310/380)	District 40
Judy Dreiman Edgmon (163)	District 41
Donna MacDonald (143)	District 42
Aldene Felton (378)	District 43
Merle Ann Fenske (537/163)	District 44
Leola Greer (202)	District 45
Charlene Everhart (485)	District 46

Shannon Ordaz (162)	District 47
Joy Scoville (515/78)	District 48
BJ Porter (360)	District 49
Wanda Jordan (390/28)	District 50
Kathie Theener (96/412)	District 51
Sherrie Wilkerson (345/412)	District 52

President of the Southern Deputy Dogs

The Deputy Grand Matron has the duty of representing the Worthy Grand Matron, and it was important to me that they were willing to instruct our members in ritual and floor work and, at the same time, be friendly, kind, and caring to our officers and members. It was my requirement that the Deputies treat our members with mutual respect remembering the diversities of our membership. Deputy Dawgs of 2008, thank you for serving our Order and being responsive to the needs of our members.

My love and respect to Sister Sarilyn Stine, Chairman of the 2008 Deputy Grand Matrons. You are amazing. You answered call after call, email after email, from me, as well as your Sister Deputies. You supported them as they prepared for their practices, and, most importantly, their district's Official Visit. You are a wonderful friend, and thank you for taking on this assignment. You are true blue.

Grand Representatives

It has been my pleasure to recommend the name of 25 Sisters and Brothers to Worthy Grand Matrons of other Jurisdictions for appointments as Grand Representatives. We wish you safe traveling as you journey to your respective jurisdictions.

Jurisdiction	Representative	Expires
Australia	Suzanne Gallichio (2)	Dec. 31, 2009
British Columbia	Philip Solem (428)	Dec. 31, 2009
Dist. of Columbia	Rex Hunt (13)	Dec. 31, 2009
Idaho	Joan Patterson (165/50)	Dec. 31, 2009
Kansas	Mary Carolyn Curran (643)	Jan. 1, 2010
Kentucky	Rebecca Darrow (380/171)	Dec. 31, 2009
Louisiana	Debra Knutson (181/117)	Dec. 31, 2009
Maine	Jack Adrian (515)	Mar. 1, 2010
Maryland	Lynne McCarthy (556)	May 30, 2010
Massachusetts	Donna Belle Ostrom (426/391)	Dec. 31, 2009
Mississippi	Maebelle Carlton (171)	Feb. 28, 2010
Missouri	John Herring (555)	Dec. 31, 2009
Nevada	Pamela Potter (21)	Dec. 31, 2009
New Brunswick	Willard Strong (95)	Dec. 31, 2009
New York	Anna Burris (59)	Dec. 31, 2009

Nova Scotia/PEI	William Cheny (202)	Dec. 31, 2009
Ontario	Rebecca Long (234/205)	Dec. 31, 2009
Oregon	Robert Moffatt (96/243)	Jun. 1, 2010
Pennsylvania	Kay Hodges (39/93)	Dec. 31, 2009
Rhode Island	Dorothy Doman (338)	Mar. 1, 2010
Saskatchewan	Peggy Tucker (287)	Dec. 31, 2009
Scotland	David Smith (637)	Dec. 31, 2009
South Carolina	Russell Kleber (632)	Sept. 15, 2010
South Dakota	Robert Miller (339)	Dec. 31, 2009
Tennessee	Dianna Eichen (143)	Dec. 31, 2009

At the request of the Worthy Grand Matrons of other Jurisdictions, I was pleased to commission 34 Sisters and Brothers as Grand Representatives to California, whose commission expires on December 31, 2009.

Jurisdiction	Representative
Alabama	Connie Loden
Australia	Betty Griffiths
British Columbia	Margaret Carr
Colorado	Elizabeth McKnight
Connecticut	Harold Robitaille, Jr.
Delaware	Mary Hutchison
Idaho	Daveta Ulrich
Kansas	Inez Mathews
Louisiana	Nancy Kennington
Maryland	Charles Potter, II
Massachusetts	Joseph Bowker
Mississippi	Paula Grimes
Montana	Marge Strouf
Nevada	George Lang
New Hampshire	Jean Sudsbury
New Jersey	Beverly Senf
New Mexico	Camille Roye
New York	Barbara Hamilton
North Dakota	Margaret Zaharia
Nova Scotia/PEI	Sylvia McCleave
Ohio	Joyce Ailes
Oregon	Betty Royle
Pennsylvania	Linda Watson
Quebec	Ralph Hall, PGP
Scotland	Doris Brown
South Carolina	Sara Phillips
Tennessee	Lawanna Johnson
Texas	Anita Durden
Vermont	Catherine Wall

Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming

Carol Padgett
Lillian Gallion
Marna Pauley
Rita Wells
Sheila Cooper

Standing, Special, and Grand Chapter Week Committees

Please accept my thanks and gratitude to each of you for serving on the Standing, Special or Grand Chapter Week Committees. Thank you for taking your responsibilities seriously and for your service. We appreciate all the committee members for attending a planning session the day after Grand Chapter. The focus of that planning session was to show how our committees interact and the importance of communication.

BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

Eastern Star Homes of California

Richard Wing (213) — President

Henry Gannett (214)	Susan White, PGM (287/524)
David Buck, PGP (197)	Linda Bernhard (106)
Christine Dias (622)	Sally Wells (47)
Collette Serio Gole, WGM (21/UD)	Jim Whiteley, WGP (59)

California Eastern Star Foundation

Rosanne Grigsby (397) — President

James Wilson, II (555)	Frederick Sorsabal, Past Grand Master (62)
Diane Reed (576)	Stuart Meador (259)
Jim Whiteley, WGP (59)	Barbara Scott, AGM (557)

STANDING COMMITTEES

Constitution and Bylaws

Sheri Weisser, PGM, PGT (177) — Chairman

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

Jurisprudence

Sarahann Shapiro (250) — Chairman

R. Stephen Doan, Past Grand Master (245)	Leonard B. Froomin (252)

Finance

Donna German (352) — Chairman

Fred Schulenburg (31/342)	Tacy Lee (524)
Tricia Stewart (17/23)	Denny Rae Grist, PGM (48)
Collette Serio Gole, WGM (21/UD)	Jim Whiteley, WGP (59)
Debbie Maiman, Grand Treasurer (245)	

Aims and Objectives

Melissa Cronin (260) — Chairman

Jean Cook (18/214)

Judy Dreiman Edgmon (163)

Kathie Ketels-Lichtig (214)

Jeraldine S. Creager, PGM (358)

John Fletcher, PGP (128/342)

Kim Hegg, AGC (177)

Annual Session Site

Katie Nielsen (358/348) — Chairman

Patrick Burke (252)

Simon Dias (622)

Debra Learn (205) — Consultant

Don Snyder (21/UD) — Consultant

Appeals and Grievances

Jean Haynes (20/83) — Chairman

Judy Hullinger (299/367)

Max Luy (178)

Jerry Sherrill (13/94)

Jerry Davis (219)

Tim Heer, Sr. (273)

Marla Myers (319)

Chris Dias (622)

Alyson Grant (96/358)

Kathy Young (18)

Beverly Wade, GC (556)

Audit

Larry Coffin (89) — Chairman

Sandra Geanoulis (96/490)

David Von Bima, PGP (33)

Benevolent Fund

Sandy Nieder (174) — Chairman

Sylvia Colanter (63/76)

Peggy DeMichele (129)

Kathleen Whisler (131)

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)

Carol "Charlie" Hanna (97)

Jackie Cullum (338/403)

Kathy Cox (346)

Pamela Potter (21)

Penny Knight (449)

Jerry Carr (241)

Jaynee Stott (338/515)

Sherrie Wilkerson (345/412)

Cancer Assistance

Mary Kay Bowser (177) — Chairman

Donna Kennard (207)

Connie Biaggi (201)

Kay Hodges (39/93)

Sheila Forster (40/57)

Marianne Mooney (181/385)

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)

Becky Burson (78)
Caroline D'Angelo (110/UD)
Don Logan (144)
David Sullivan (346)

Linda Taylor (327)
Bonnie Coombs (174)
Betty Walker (163/147)
Juanell Miller (490)

JC Lee Memorial Cancer Fund

Linda Hoeser (48/161) — Chairman

Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund

Janet Jopson (48) — Chairman

Consolidations

Katie Nielsen (358/348) — Chairman

Cindy Baker (174)	Louisa Bowron (94)
Carole Gaston (21)	Donna Tucker (360)
Rick Bonbright (551)	Alyson Grant (96/358)
Lois Hoven (241)	Ken Kessel (181/48)
Beverly Cratsenburg, PGT (524)	Stephen Johnson (2)
Agnes Kelman (178)	Karen Skelton (83)
Ruth Smith (138)	Brian Whitaker (78)

Credentials

Susan Wamsley (515) — Chairman

Martha Peters (5) — Co-Chairman

Lynne Arias (243/648)	Bob Arias (243/648)
Sandy Halburian (515)	Sue Lynn (205)
Sheila Reid (95)	Joan Taylor (231)
Sharon Wilson (106/648)	Darlene Adrian (515) - Consultant

Dispensations and Charters

Michael Cornell, PGP (384) — Chairman

David "Skip" Skipworth, PGP (547) Gene Stiles, PGP (163)

Distribution

Norma Stilwell, PGM (380) — Chairman

Sue Bishop, PGM (46/252) Donna Herring, PGM (555)

Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program

Karen Fiegehen (358) — Chairman

Zoe Chambers (14/650)	Sylvia Colanter (63/76)
Debbie Eller (13)	Suzanne Gallicho (2)
Becky Herzog (161)	Donna Josue (203)
Lynne McCarthy (556)	Kathy Oster (107)
Betty Overbey (333)	Kathie Runcie (31)
Arlena Wales (3/59)	Aldene Felton (378) — Consultant

Endowment Fund

Ginger Bassett (581) — Chairman

Patti Cady (23)	Joeanna Frantz (246)
Meg Myers (201)	Anne Ratzlaff (104)
Peggy Salm (28/60)	Becky Costa (58)
Sue Heller (59/189)	Kay Quillin (205)
Connie Hastings (8/205)	Anne Carlson (186)
Corin Gross (250)	Bob Bramman (47/581)
Joan Patterson (50/165)	Robert Ruiz (50)
Jeanette Foote (557)	Mary Carolyn Curran (643)
Sheila Reid (95)	Laura Whitaker (78)
Laura Kelley (642)	Susan Callens (160/299)
Kathleen Stein (449)	JoAnn Krausman (147)
Terri Parks (173/197)	Pat Starr (360)
Lyndy Giggy (202)	Mary Jo Wong (276)

Fraternal Correspondence

Diane West (141/195) — Chairman

Ires Sutton (78) Claudia Unger (128/195)

Patricia Jacobson (21) — Consultant

General Chairman Grand Chapter Week

David Long (PGT) & Kathy Long (345) — Chairmen

Activities

Tina & Wayne Adams (93) — 2009

Art & Barbara Weiss (632) — 2010

Jay & Debra Learn (205) — 2011

Don & Kat Farris, Jr. (347) — 2012

Membership

Debra Learn (205) — Chairman

Linda Skipworth (547) — Co-Chairman

Heidi Bucher-Lamb (33/215) — Co-Chairman

Kathi Brant (242)	Connie Espino (144/173)
Terry Gentry (47)	Karen Meador (259)
Sandra Murch (125/188)	George Sluder (310)
Lucille Sullivan (346)	Patsy Benfield (273)
Lori Fike (118/373)	Susan Froomin (252)
Eilene Hoffman (648)	Barbara Moore (141/195)
Sun Smith (47/581)	Bobbie Allen (287)
Jerry Broaker (547)	Jean Denton (78/557)
Shirley Evans (135)	Tammy Kinzy (197)
Kimberlie Kruse (632)	Elizabeth Paluis (21/403)

Public Relations

Nellis Johnson (125/391) — Chairman

Laird Crandall (14/650)

Debbie Lytle, PGT (397)

Scholarship

Patti Whitehill (3) — Chairman

Donald Nielsen (259)

Brenda Hanson-Smith (62/195)

Brenda Hansen (639)

Terry Holts, PGP (78)

Web Site (www.oescal.org)

John Fletcher, PGP (128/342) — Chairman

Justin Jordan (126)

Nancy Parker (346)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Booth at Grand Lodge

Margie Burke (252/604)

Cal Star News

John Fletcher, PGP (128/342) — Co-Editor/Co-Publisher

Karen Fletcher, PGM (128/342) — Co-Editor/Co-Publisher

Marlene Larsen (128) — Co-Editor/Circulation Manager

Bj Kirste (89/200) — Consultant

Eastern Star Journal

Harriot Pettersen (109) — Chairman

Kathie Runcie (31)

Excess Property

Gwen Quinton (125) — Chairman

Home Fiesta “Wide World of Sports”

Gina and Jon Davis (347) — Chairmen

Theresa & Don Markert (178) — Co-Chairmen

Heart Research

Lester and Jeanne Schultz (319)

Liaison to General Grand Chapter

Dennis Jordan, PGP (126)

Liaison to Grand Lodge

William J. Bray, III, PGP (403)

Liaison to Youth Groups

Karen Lawler (622/648) — Chairman

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Cindy Murphy (57/76)

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**

UCLA Jonsson Cancer Clinic

GeeGee and Kenneth Query (58/80)

Relay for Life

Leslie Routt (348) — Chairman

Community Service Program

Bill Dean (21)

Vision Quest

Donna Herring, PGM (555) — Chairman

Delma Davis (31)

Frederick Sorsabal, Past Grand Master (62)

Vickie Diem (622)

Cherri Whiteley (59)

“We Care” Program — Honoring our Military

Tomé Martin-Duvall (92/365) — Chairman

Jack Rahl (13)

Bill Robertson (581/46)

Dennis Smith (47/581)

Masonic Family Day at Covina

Cindy (174) & Jeff Baker (171/174)) — Chairmen

Roster Advertisements

Barbara and Art Weiss (632) — Chairmen

Debbi Booth (365) — Co-Chairman

Leadership Development

Karen Fletcher, PGM (128/342) — Chairman

Angel Alvarez-Mapp (177)

Stephanie Bezner (245/UD)

Tri-State Event

Linda & David “Skip” Skipworth, PGP (547) — Chairmen

Sensational Saturday

Delma Davis (31) — Chairman

Zoe Chambers (14/650) — Northern Chairman

Donna Herring, PGM (555) — Central Chairman

Marilyn & Robert Harris (397) — Southern Chairmen

GRAND CHAPTER WEEK COMMITTEES

Advisor

Susan White, PGM (287/524)

Arts and Crafts

George Weatley, Sr. (202)

Banquets

Kim Wattles (3)

Cancer Dressing Gift Wrap

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

Committee Rooms

Cynthia Smiley (128/342)

Courtesies to Dignitaries

Sandi Sakamoto (117/385) — Chairman

Laurie Kerr, PGT (123/384) — Co-Chairman

Brenda Hansen (639)

Jean Hopton (59/292)

Debbie Lytle, PGT (397)

Dixie Miller (338/619)

Janice Parker (385/631)

Harriot Pettersen (109)

Neva Reingold (59/189)

Special Courtesies Committee

Sherie Gustafson, PGM (89/310) — Chairman

Sue McKinney, PGM (643)

Danna Willoughby, PGM (163)

Decorations

Linda & Bill Bray, PGP (403) — Chairmen

Drayage

Michael Hawley (338/537) — Chairman

Election Board

Linda Kephart (245) — Chairman

Entertainment

Nellis Johnson (125/391) — Chairman

Donna Belle Ostrom (391/426) — Co-Chairman

Escort/Grand March

Fred & Dianne Schulenburg (31/342) — Chairmen

Kick-Off

Suzanne Gallilcho (2) - Chairman

Terry Ramos (60) - Co-Chairman

Fun Night

Debbie Lytle, PGT (397) — Chairman

Grand Guards

Walt Kennedy (345) — Captain
Paul Lacroix (145/346) — Co-Captain

Grand Inner Guards

Jo Ann Chinn (47) — Captain
Vicki Fisher (327/619) — Co-Captain

Grand Pages

Carole Gaston (21) — Chairman
Margaret Aldershof (21) — Co-Chairman
Martha Peters (59) — Co-Chairman

Health and Personal Service

Leonora Knight (163/310) — Chairman
Beverly Byard (348/417) — Co-Chairman

Housing

June Dwyer (109) — Chairman
Katie Nielsen (348/358) — Co-Chairman
Robin Barnes (163/172)

Installation

Donna Herring, PGM (555)

Lost and Found/Information

Joyce Honerlah (45) — Chairman

Masonic Family Honor Session

Janet Robinson, PGM (348) — Chairman
Kent and Denise Armstrong (348) — Co-Chairmen

Grand Choir Director

Shirley Hicks (233)

Music

Don Snyder (21) — Chairman

Necrology/Divine Service

Doug Eichen (143) — Chairman
Larry Coffin (89) — Co-Chairman
John Herring (555) — Co-Chairman
Susan White, PGM (287/524) — Consultant

Parliamentarian

Alyson Grant (96/358) — Chairman
Sherry Glab (110) — Co-Chairman

Pictures

Ann and Bob Elger (352)

Programs

Richard and Yvonne Clinton (250)

Publicity

Margaret Wolford (31/342)

Safety Coordinators

Jerry Chandler (642) — Chairman

Steve Johnson (2) — Co-Chairman

Seating

Patricia & Ken Miller (145)

Secretarial Services

Secretary to the General Chairman

Katie Nielsen (348/358)

Legislative Committee

Susie Thornton (21) — Chairman

Bette Ahrens (31/48)

Della Seith (178)

Set-up Grand Chapter Floor – Auditorium

Ann and Dave Smith (637) — Chairmen

Becky and Bob Davis (555) — Co-Chairmen

Signs

Gwen Quinton (125)

Sound and Lighting

Harry and Sharon Hardwick (103/161) — Chairmen

Special Duties

Jan Smith (83/104) — Chairman

Darrel Deatherage (83/104) — Co-Chairman

Transportation

George Cronin, II (260) — Chairman

Rory Richardson (160) — Co-chairman

Vendor Coordinator

Todd Williams (46/273) — Chairman

LeRoy Foote (557) — Co-Chairman

Committee Replacements

Sister Vickie Diem, a member of the Vision Quest Committee, passed away this year and I did not replace her position. Her work product was presented at every IMPACT Session. Vickie, we miss you.

Sister Alice Austin (28) a member of the Consolidation Committee resigned without notification to the Worthy Grand Matron. Her position was not replaced.

It was a time consuming and awesome task to plan the official itinerary for 2008. Our itinerary included the following: 6 IMPACT sessions, 3 Mini IMPACT sessions, 9 Conductress and Associate Conductress Transitionals, 1 Grand Officer School, 1 Deputy Grand Matron School, 2 Deputy Grand Matron Brush-up Schools, 49 Official Visits, 6 Chapter Anniversaries, 10 Association Events, 5 Visits to the Eastern Star and Masonic Homes, 12 Grand Officer Receptions, 3 Fund raising Breakfasts, 4 Youth Order Annual Session Visits, 1 Youth Order Reception for the Grand Worthy Advisor, 2 Youth Order Official Visits, 3 Annual Sessions of Concordant Bodies, 1 Joint Program with Acacia Creek, Union City, Masonic Home in Covina, and the Senior Living Community, 3 Relay for Life Events, 1 Tri State Event with Arizona and Nevada, 1 Grand Chapter in Arizona, and 1 Public Opening and Installation of the Grand Lodge of California.

IMPACT Sessions: “Involved Members Promoting Active Change Today”

We had six IMPACT sessions and 3 miniiIMPACT sessions throughout our State. We worked closely with the Leadership, Membership, and Aims & Objectives Committees. We also invited the Finance Committee, Home Board, and Foundation to have a display table at each session.

It was our goal to promote leadership skills. We stressed the importance of working together with our members and how our different personality types can get any job done. We worked on a thirty second elevator speech and developed a response if someone asked us “What is Eastern Star”? We had a keynote speaker at each IMPACT session.

We also held mini-IMPACT sessions prior to the Official Visit in Yreka, Beckwourth, and Ferndale. We modified our presentation and showed the Fish Video, discussed the “Personality Profile”, and had small break-out groups.

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2007–2008 IMPACT Sessions

December 2	Siminoff Center, Masonic Home for Adults, 34400 Mission Blvd., Union City
December 9	Boulevard Masonic Center, 19626 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana
January 12	George A. Primrose Masonic Center, 3010 Becerra Way, Sacramento
January 26	Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 1455 “L” Street, Fresno
March 1	Evergreen Masonic Center, 5801 Chicago Ave., Riverside

March 8 Escondido Masonic Center, 1331 S. Escondido Blvd.,
Escondido

2007-2008 mini-IMPACT Sessions

June 18 Yreka Masonic Center, 101 Third Street, Yreka
June 20 Feather River Lodge Masonic Center, 214 Main Street,
Beckwourth
July 11 Odd Fellows Hall, 239 Buhne St., Eureka

Conductress/Associate Conductress Transitionals

December 2 East Bay/Redwood Empire/ Silverado Associations
December 7 Orange County/Greater Los Angeles Associations
January 5 Orange Belt/Desert Sierra Associations
January 13 Superior/ Shasta Cascade Associations
January 20 San Fernando/Central Coastal Associations
February 15 Northern San Joaquin Association
February 16 Central San Joaquin/Kern County Associations

Installations

I was pleased to attend Installations in the Monterey Bay, Redwood Empire, Silverado, Central San Joaquin, San Fernando Valley, Orange Belt, and Greater Los Angeles Associations. It was an honor to install Brother Jim Whiteley, our Worthy Grand Patron, as the Associate Patron of his chapter. Thank you to all the Worthy Matrons who allowed me to participate in their special evening.

Official Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

Our Instruction Book permits three types of Official Visits — traditional, reception, or social style. We had an equal division of the three types of Official Visits this year and I am so proud of our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. Each Official Visit was unique, creative, and enjoyable. We walked the Red Carpet, played baseball, and ate a hot dog or two or three, or four, or five . . .

The ritual work at the traditional and reception style official visits was outstanding. The social style official visits honored leaders in our community, educators, students of music and performing arts, military personnel, police, fire, first responders, community service organizations such as the Humane Society, Relay for Life, and Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

It was wonderful to share the values of our organization with the community. Many times we had a combined social/reception style official visit. We “Bowled for a Cure” and we even had an Official Visit at a Relay for Life Event. We surely spread the name of Eastern Star at these events. In my own District we honored the Arcadia Fire Department and were thrilled when two of the firefighters asked for petitions to join the Masonic Lodge.

Thank you to the Deputy Grand Matrons, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Officers and Members for wonderful events. We appreciate the support of our Distinguished and Honored Members at the Official Visits.

January 11	District 13, Fairfield Masonic Center, 412 Travis Blvd., Fairfield
January 12	District 7, Marysville Masonic Center, 324 Eighth St., Marysville
January 13	District 9, Roseville Masonic Center, 235 Vernon St., Roseville
January 19	District 41, Orange Masonic Center, 71 Plaza Square, Orange
January 20	District 34, Santa Paula Masonic Center, 102 N. 7th St., Santa Paula
January 25	District 31, Lemoore Masonic Center, 647 W. Bush Street, Lemoore
January 26	District 29, Merced Masonic Center, 1810 "M" St., Merced
January 27	District 30, Clovis Masonic Center, Fifth and Dewitt Ave., Clovis
February 1	Districts 20 & 21, Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 19th Ave., & Sloat Blvd, San Francisco
February 2	Districts 22 & 23, San Jose Masonic Center, 2500 Masonic Dr., San Jose
February 16	District 32, Bakersfield Masonic Center, 1920 18th St., Bakersfield
February 22	District 35, Palmdale Masonic Center, 2231 East Ave., Q, Palmdale
February 23	Districts 38 & 39, south Bay Masonic Center, 520 Main St., El Segundo
February 24	District 36, Boulevard Masonic Center, 19626 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana
March 1	District 45, Upland Masonic Center, 611 N. Third Ave., Upland
March 28	Senior Living Community, 16950 Bastanchury Road, Yorba Linda
March 30	District 49, Coachella Masonic Center, 51-100 S. Jackson St., Coachella
March 31	District 46, York Rite Masonic Center, 2888 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino
April 1	District 44, Victorville Masonic Bldg., 14941 Hesperia Rd., Victorville
April 2	District 43, Winnemah Masonic Center, 156 E. Line St., Bishop

April 3	District 48, Hemet Masonic Family Center, 150 N. Laursen St., Hemet
April 4	District 42, Whittier Masonic Temple, 7604 S. Greenleaf Ave., Whittier
April 5	District 40, Long Beach Masonic Center, 3610 Locust Ave., Long Beach
April 11	District 19, Acacia Masonic Center, 1074 "B" St., Hayward
April 12	District 26, Linden Fraternal Hall, 4971 N. Mill St., Linden
April 13	District 18, Alameda Masonic Center, 2312 Alameda Ave., Alameda
April 18	District 47, Evergreen Masonic Center, 5801 Chicago Ave., Riverside
April 25	District 27, Riverbank Masonic Building, 3139 Santa Fe St., Riverbank
April 26	District 25, Bret Harte Union High School, 364 Murphys Grade Road, Angels Camp
May 9	District 24, Salinas Masonic Family Center, 48 E. San Joaquin St., Salinas
May 10	District 33, Paso Robles Masonic Complex, 320 Sherwood Road, Paso Robles
May 16	District 28, Mt. Oso Masonic Center, 1601 Tracy Blvd, Tracy
May 18	District 17, Martinez Masonic Center, 700 Masonic St., Martinez
May 30	District 10, Placerville Masonic Center, 2820 Cold Springs Road, Placerville
May 31	District 5, Molino Masonic Center, 25020 Tehama-Vina Road, Los Molinos
May 31	District 6, Table Mountain Masonic Center, 5934 Clark Road, Paradise
June 1	Districts 11 & 12, George A. Primrose Masonic Center, 3010 Becerra Way, Sacramento
June 18	District 2, Yreka Masonic Center 1010 Third St., Yreka
June 19	District 4, Redding Masonic Family Center, 160 Masonic Ave., Redding
June 20	District 3, Feather River Lodge Masonic Center, 214 Main St., Bechwourth
June 21	District 8, Grass Valley Masonic Temple, 126 S. Auburn St., Grass Valley
June 27	District 51, Claude H. Morrison Masonic Center, 915 Saturn Blvd, San Diego

June 28	District 50, Fallbrook Masonic Center, 203 Rocky Crest Road, Fallbrook
June 29	District 52, East San Diego Masonic Center, 7849 Tommy Dr., San Diego
July 11	District 1, Odd Fellows Hall, 239 Buhne St., Eureka
July 12	District 14, A. Bell Masonic Center, 205 W. Perkins St., Ukiah
July 12	District 15, Marin Masonic Blvd., Lootens Place & 4th St., San Rafael
July 13	District 16, Napa Memorial Masonic Center, 4125 Solano Ave., Napa
August 9	District 37, Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia

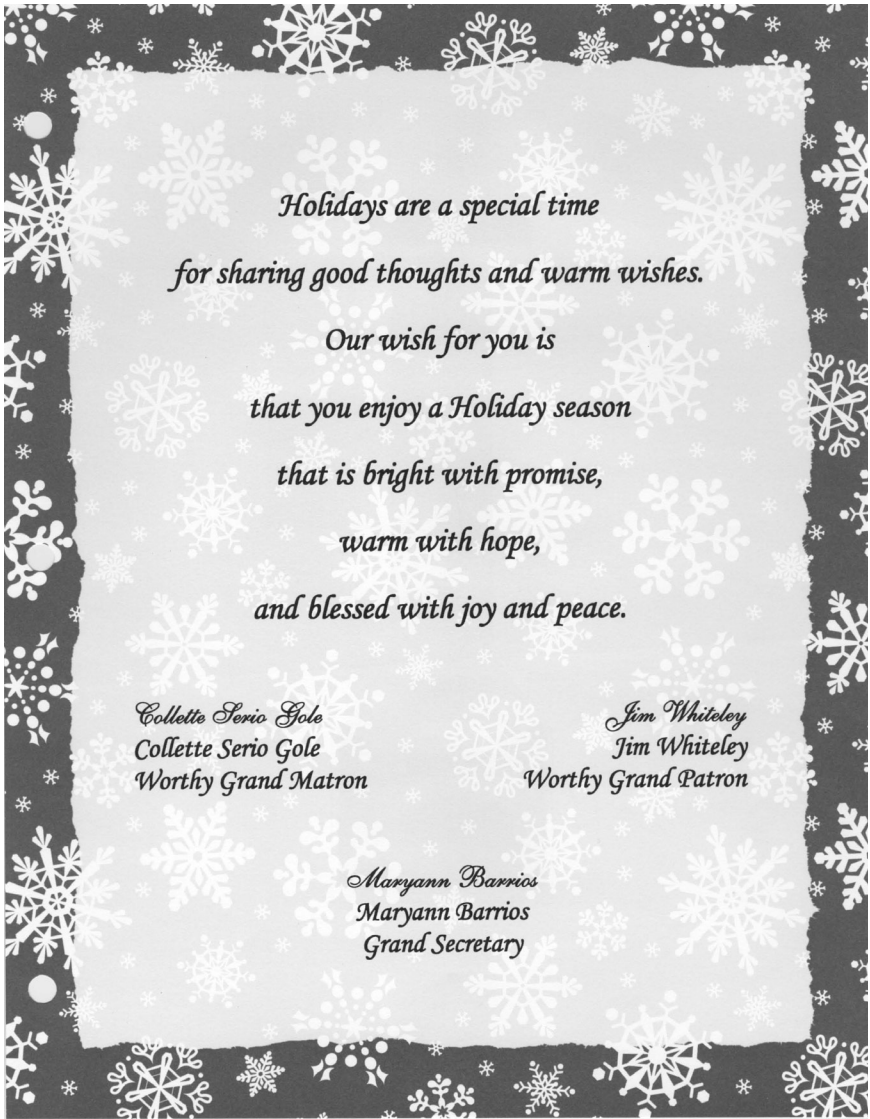
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Gateway No. 3	7-25-08	Increase Dues to \$35.00; Increase Initiation Fee to \$35.00; Increase Affiliation Fee to \$17.50; Increase amount of Paid Life Membership.
Alameda Oak Leaf No. 8	2-23-08	Consolidation
Evening Star No. 10	1-14-08	Change meeting time to 7:00 PM
Welcome Redding No. 17	7-25-08	Change meeting location to 195 Masonic Avenue, Redding; Delete section on Temple Board representative
Ariel No. 42	9-08-08	Change meeting day to 3 rd Monday; Change meeting time to 7:30 PM; Delete meeting exceptions; Change anteroom meeting time to 7:00 PM
Stockton Oaks No. 50	2-23-08	Consolidation
Marysville - Friendship No. 55	4-11-08	Add meeting exception: January through March meet 4 th Saturday at 1:30 PM
Kingsley Augusta No. 58	7-25-08	Consolidation
Golden Valley No. 60	1-14-08	Increase Initiation Fee to \$20.00; Increase Affiliation Fee to \$10.00
El Dorado Foothills No. 62	7-06-08	Consolidation
Amador No. 66	7-06-08	Change meeting day to 1st Wednesday; change meeting exceptions to August; In the event January 1st or July 4 th is the 1st Wednesday of that month, a substitute meeting will be scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of January and/or July.
Mizpah No. 97	7-06-08	Add meeting exceptions the Fourth Thursday of July, the Second Thursday of August
Lake Chabot No. 103	10-17-08	Consolidation
Elk Grove Onisbo No. 109	2-23-08	Consolidation

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*Holidays are a special time
for sharing good thoughts and warm wishes.*

*Our wish for you is
that you enjoy a Holiday season
that is bright with promise,
warm with hope,
and blessed with joy and peace.*

*Collette Serio Gole
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Worthy Grand Matron*

*Jim Whiteley
Jim Whiteley
Worthy Grand Patron*

*Maryann Barrios
Maryann Barrios
Grand Secretary*



March 2008

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It's Springtime! We approach this season with enthusiasm and satisfaction for all the activities we have shared with the members of Eastern Star. We are achieving our goal of "Keeping the Vision of Eastern Star Alive".

We have held six IMPACT sessions, each of which has been designed to motivate our members. We have shared information on the fundamentals of our Order which has included presentations about community service, our charitable projects, working with our Masonic family, membership, and the importance of having a plan for the future of our Order and its subordinate Chapters.

We have attended fifteen Official Visits, with an equal division between traditional, reception, and social style. Each Official Visit has been unique and enjoyable. We are pleased that you have included speakers from the community at your Official Visits.

On May 24, 2008, we will join together with members of our Masonic Family in a day of community service. On "Sensational Saturday", we will work in our community on three projects: collecting non-perishable food items for local food banks, collecting clothing for domestic violence shelters, and packaging needed "We Care" items for our military. Your Chapter's Secretary will receive a flyer as to the locations for our Sensational Saturday Stations. We will be helping local areas while getting the name of Eastern Star into our communities. We hope you will participate.

We look forward to seeing each of you
as we travel throughout our State.

Collette Gole
Worthy Grand Matron

Jim Whiteley
Worthy Grand Patron



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Fall 2008

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We hope you had a wonderful summer. Most of our summer was spent attending receptions, chapter anniversaries, and Association events. It was a pleasure to visit with our members at all of the summer events.

Did you get a chance to enjoy a baseball game or two? We had the opportunity to throw out the first pitch at the River Cats game in Sacramento. We joined the Superior Association for fun and fellowship while spreading the name of Eastern Star to all those in the ball park. Pennant races are exciting and hopefully we will see "victory" for one of our home teams.

This year, leadership and motivational training has been an important fundamental for California Eastern Star. We held six IMPACT sessions and three mini-IMPACT sessions throughout the state. At our Installation, we pledged that we would create a Strategic Plan for California Eastern Star. The Grand Line has worked diligently in the formulation this plan. Our strategic plan is a road map, a tool, and a guide for where our organization will be going in the next five years. We are pleased to present our Strategic Plan and have included a copy with this letter.

We are fortunate to have members that continue to support our charities. The brick-laying project is a joint fundraising effort for our Foundation and Home and has been a great success. For those of you that purchased a brick, please visit our SLC and view this "foundation to the future". For those of you that have not purchased a brick, please consider being a part of this project.

Thank you for supporting our special project, UCLA - Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. Remember that "The End of Cancer begins with Research". We also appreciate your participation in Relay for Life...you have helped spread the name of Eastern Star in your community while giving financial support to the American Cancer Society.

It is our hope that you will attend the "Field of Dreams" Grand Chapter Session in Fresno, California, October 15 – 18, 2008. We are planning an exciting week with

many events and activities. There will be a mini-IMPACT session on Wednesday morning, October 15, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel. A flyer is attached to this letter. Everyone is welcome to attend this session. Don't miss out on all the fun.

It has been an honor to serve California Eastern Star as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We thank you for wonderful memories. Remember - "Keep the Vision of Eastern Star Alive".

Star Love,

Collette Serio Gole
Worthy Grand Matron

Jim Whiteley
Worthy Grand Patron

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November 5, 2008

California Eastern Star Foundation
c/o Ms. Collette Serio Gole and Mr. Jim Whiteley
16960 East Bastanchury Road, Suite E
Yorba Linda, California 92886

Dear Ms. Sergio Gole and Mr. Whiteley,

I would like to thank you for your recent gift to support highest priority needs at the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center (JCCC). The members and leadership of the JCCC share your commitment to excellence in research and patient care and are grateful for your partnership.

Your generosity truly makes our work possible.

Sincerely,



Judith C. Gasson, Ph.D.
Professor of Medicine and Biological Chemistry
Director, Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center
President, Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation



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November 17, 2008

Ms. Collette Serio Gole
8436 Allenwood Road
Los Angeles, California 90046-1003

Dear Collette:

Thank you very much for the California Eastern Star Foundation's generous gift to the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center at UCLA. We take pride in the Center's world-class reputation and the lifesaving work of its faculty researchers, and I am grateful for this strong support of their efforts. With the Foundation's assistance, we will continue to make bold inroads in the fight against cancer.

I am always heartened when members of the Bruin family choose to give back to the University in such meaningful ways. Please know that the UCLA community joins me in extending our deepest admiration and appreciation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gene", written in a cursive style.

Gene D. Block
Chancellor

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Star of Claremont No. 110	1-14-08	Consolidation
Star of Claremont No. 110	7-25-08	Provide for a Trustees
Ocean View No. 111	3-17-08	Change meeting day to 3 rd Tuesday; Change meeting time to 6:30 PM; Change meeting exception to December
Palm Leaf No. 114	1-14-08	Increase Dues to \$35.00; Delete reference to Annual Picnic on 3 rd Tuesday of June
Sierra Star No. 129	4-11-08	Change meeting time to 6:30 PM
Sierra Star No. 129	7-06-08	Change meeting exceptions to legal holiday weekend (if the holiday falls on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday) for New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Easter, July 4 th or Labor Day, at which time the Stated meeting shall be held on the Second Saturday of those months at 6:30 PM
Fidelity No. 131	1-14-08	Change meeting time to 7:00 PM
Scepter No. 163	1-14-08	Consolidation
Mother Lode No. 165	4-11-08	Consolidation
San Pedro Harbor No. 174	1-14-08	Consolidation
San Pedro Harbor No. 174	9-08-08	Add Anteroom meetings will be held at 6:15 PM.
San Lorenzo No. 177	4-11-08	Change meeting exception to include 4 th Monday in May.
Vista Cerrito No. 178	7-06-08	Reduce salary for Secretary and Treasurer; Increase Initiation Fee to \$50.00; Increase Affiliation Fee to \$25.00
Santa Paula No. 185	2-23-08	Change dues to \$24.00 plus Per Capita fees and special assessments
Silverado No. 189	9-08-08	Change Duties of Treasurer about frequency of reports.
West Covina No. 202	7-25-08	Change meeting time to 7:30 PM; Change tenure for Secretary; Increase dues to \$25.00.
Palo Alto No. 203	4-11-08	Consolidation
Marin Star No. 215	1-14-08	Change Dues to \$15.00 plus Per Capita fees and special assessments
Natoma San Juan No. 233	9-08-08	Add Anteroom meeting to be held on the nights for the Drill Team, All Officer Party and Christmas Party at 7:00 PM; Add Relief amount.
Glencrest No. 237	4-11-08	Change meeting exceptions to 4 th Wednesday of November, December; the month of August
Menifee Valley No. 243	7-06-08	Consolidation
Ocean Park No. 245	7-06-08	Increase Dues to \$25.00
Sunshine No. 327	2-23-08	Provide for anteroom meeting at 6:00 PM if Official Visit of Worthy Grand Matron or Installation of officers falls on a designated stated meeting night
Chula Vista No. 345	10-17-08	Add meeting exception; 4 th Monday in May when it falls on the Memorial Day Observance.
Joaquin No. 348	7-25-08	Add Anteroom meetings shall be held at 7:00 PM; Increase Initiation Fee to \$35.00; Increase Affiliation Fee to \$10.00; Increase Relief amount; Delete section on Chapter approved Expenditures.

Chowchilla No. 365	10-17-08	Change meeting time to 7:30 PM; Make officers responsible for lost property.
Fallbrook No. 390	7-06-08	Delete tenure for Secretary and Treasurer
Starlight No. 401	7-25-08	Decrease dues to \$10.00; Increase amount for Paid Life Membership; Increase allowance for officers attending Grand Chapter.
Fuchsia No. 425	7-17-08	Change language in frequency of Treasurer's report.
Fuchsia No. 425	10-17-08	Add meeting exceptions New Year's Day, New Year's Eve; Labor Day or July 4 th ; Delete provision for each new member of Chapter to become a Life Sponsor of the OES Home.
El Camino No. 428	3-17-08	Change meeting date to 2nd Tuesday; Change meeting time to 7:30 PM; delete meeting exceptions
Vallecito No. 523	10-17-08	Changemeetingdaysto2ndand4 th Wednesdays; Add meeting exceptions 4 th Wednesday in November and December
La Sierra Venus No. 555	1-14-08	IncreaseDues to \$40.00; Delete tenure for Secretary and Treasurer
Fort Millerton No. 557	1-14-08	Increase Dues to \$45.00
Trinity Star No. 650	7-06-08	Changemeetingtimeto7:00PM; Changemeeting exceptions to December and January nor during the week of Grand Chapter when the meeting will move to the 1 st Wednesday of the month.

Amendments To Bylaw Changes Not Approved October 28, 2007 – October 18, 2008

No. 103	10-17-08	Chapter name and Trustee
Tuolumne Star No. 123	10-17-08	Change tenure for Secretary; add meeting exception.
Chowchilla No. 365	10-17-08	Change meeting exceptions to include legal holidays; Section 2 (o) maintain a log book for Chapter's Constitution/Laws/Instruction Books, Keys, Rituals and Secret Work.

2008 Special Dispensation Requests

Approved:

To Ballot and Initiate at the Same Meeting

2008	February 25	Escondido No. 154 — petition of Kelley L. Ghilardi.
	February 25	Escondido No. 154 — petition of James W. Allen.
	February 26	Rose Valley No. 33 — petition of Angela Johnson.
	February 28	Five Star No. 51 — petition of Janet Thompson
	March 19	San Clemente-Saddleback No. 524 — petition of Amy Leigh Franco.
	April 28	Five Star No. 51 — petition of Jennifer McNally.
	April 28	Five Star No. 51 — petition of Christopher Todd McNally.
	April 28	Five Star No. 51 — Katherine June Romesburg.
	May 1	Mizpah No. 97 — Arletta Frances Capps.
	May 10	Menifee Valley No. 243 — Andrea Lynne Gompers.
	May 10	Menifee Valley No. 243 — Deborah Lynn Connelly.
	May 12	Star of the Valley No. 648 — Hiram Santisteban.

May 12	Star of the Valley No. 648 — Dulce Delgadillo Santisteban.
May 23	Rising Star No. 36 — Morgann Danielle Raymond
May 28	Alpha Star No. 171 — Richard Melville Stillwater
May 28	Alpha Star No. 171 — Violette A. Stillwater
June 7	Stardust No. 145 — Sergio Bruno Porto
June 12	Upland No. 346 — Jacque Andre Lacroix
June 12	Upland No. 346 — Shanna Michelle Taylor
June 13	Sotoyome Cloverleaf No. 82 — Terry Khay Crews.
July 1	Castro Valley No. 294 — Daphne Ruth Serafino.
July 15	Ami Tai No. 147 — Marie Figurate.
September 29	Hollywood No. 21 — Scott Anthony Smissen.
September 29	Mizpah No. 97 — Ann Marie Goodman.
September 29	Mizpah No. 97 — Marian Anne Beal.
September 29	Mizpah No. 97 — Emily Gavrrille Myers.
October 7	Yucaipa — San Gorgonio No. 515 — Christina Czerny.
October 7	Yucaipa — San Gorgonio No. 515 — Theresa Flood.
October 9	Miramonte No. 141 — Tamira Leah Swartout.
October 23	Victor Valley No. 537 — Lucille Terrill.

To Hold the Annual Election of Officers at a time not authorized by Grand Chapter laws

2007	October 31	Barstow Chapter No. 242 — November 13, 2007.
2008	February 19	Sunshine Chapter No. 327 — October 7, 2008.
	July 3	San Clemente-Saddleback No. 524 — September 15, 2008
	August 20	Motherlode No. 165 — October 21, 2008.

To Hold the Annual Installation of Officers after November 30

2007	October 31	Barstow Chapter No. 242 — December 1, 2007.
	November 13	Athena Chapter No. 46 — December 5, 2007.
	December 11	Ione Chapter No. 283 — December 20, 2007.
2008	September 17	Tarzana Chapter No. 403 — December 2, 2008.

Contributing

2008	January 3	Blythe No. 359 — contribute \$10,000.00 to Blythe Masonic Center for new air conditioning unit.

Approved in Part:

2008	March 24	Welcome Redding No. 17 — to meet in a new building for up to 3 months before the new Bylaws are approved.
	July 7	Lompoc No. 176 — to meet in a new building to be determined.
	September 5	Yorba Linda No. 347 — meeting of 10/7/08 to be held at the SLC.

Institution of Dr. Rob Morris Chapter

The day after I was installed as Worthy Grand Matron, I was asked to be part of a special committee to work on the formation of a new Eastern Star Chapter in Santa Monica, California.

Dr. Rob Morris Chapter is a prototype for a new type of Eastern Star Chapter. The Chapter stresses excellence in ritual, is active in community service and rich in educational programs. Their meetings take no longer than one hour,

followed by a dinner and educational program. The Chapter will schedule four Initiations during the year. They are considered formal events, with a dinner following the Initiation.

Our Worthy Grand Patron worked night and day to get all the paperwork in order for the institution of this new Chapter. He took his obligation seriously and responded to the needs of a new Chapter and its potential members.

The Chapter was instituted on Saturday, June 14th, 2008. 41 non members and 23 affiliating members signed the petition for dispensation, for a total of 64.

The 2008 Grand Officers initiated 35 candidates. Of the 41 non-members, 35 were initiated on June 14th, 4 on October 11th, and 2 in January I was honored that Sister Karen Fletcher served as Worthy Matron for the Institution and Initiation, while I attended my son's graduation at UCLA. I was able to attend the Installation, and I thank the Worthy Matron of Dr. Rob Morris Chapter and Karen for their help.

This new chapter was a vision of Sister Stephanie Bezner. She took a dream and made it a reality. We thank you for your leadership skills, your expertise, and for striving to make Eastern Star a viable organization. I am pleased to report that five members of this new chapter are serving as Grand Lodge Officers in 2009 and one will be serving as the 2009 Grand Warder.

Anniversary Celebrations:

It was an honor to attend Anniversary celebrations for Imperial Valley, Azalia Angels, Electa Modesto, Rohnerville Redwood and Santa Cruz Redwood Chapters. Our Grand Marshal represented us at the 50th Anniversary of Riverside Chapter. Each event was unique, and we enjoyed sharing the history of the Chapter and community visiting with the members and learning about their commitment to community service.

125th Anniversary Celebrations:

April 26	Azalia Angels No. 77, Fraternal Hall, 5 West St. Charles St., San Andreas
June 22	Electa Modesto No. 72, Masonic Center of Modesto, 800 Rose Ave., Modesto
August 2	Rohnerville-Redwood No. 76, Fortuna Masonic Center, 922 Main Street, Fortuna

100th Anniversary Celebrations:

March 29	Imperial Valley No. 276, Brawley Police Athletic League Center, Loftus Lane, El Centro
August 17	Santa Cruz-Redwoods No. 273, Paradise Park Picnic Grounds

50th Anniversary Celebrations:

May 3 Riverside No. 622, Arthur G. McCallum Masonic
Center, 6785 Palm Avenue at Sierra, Riverside

Association Events:

It was an honor to attend events sponsored by the many Associations within our State.

March 8 San Diego Event — Fairy Tale Ball, Elks Lodge,
San Diego
The Grand Family enjoyed a delicious meal and an evening of dancing and entertainment. We dressed as our favorite Fairy Tale character. We brought a book to donate to a local school which is a wonderful way to get the name of Eastern Star into the community.

March 15: Central San Joaquin Event — A Baseball Game in the Temple. Chowchilla Masonic Center.
The Grand Officers enjoyed a game of baseball within the Temple. We enjoyed a game involving movie and baseball trivia followed by a delicious barbeque. The Grand Officers were given matching blue t-shirts.

March 16 Central San Joaquin Past Matrons' and Past Patrons' Brunch — Shrine Center, Fresno
The Grand Family enjoyed a delicious meal and entertainment. We were able to visit with the Past Matrons and Past Patrons of the Central San Joaquin.

April 5 Orange Belt Luncheon — Benedict Castle, Riverside.
The Grand Family enjoyed a delicious luncheon and afternoon of entertainment with the members of the Orange Belt Association. We enjoyed a wonderful talk by young men from Teen Challenge, a drug and alcohol recovery program.

May 3 Desert Sierra Event — Film Museum, Lone Pine.
The Grand Family enjoyed a tour of the Museum and a driving tour of Arizona Flats. This is the area where early Western movies were filmed. We enjoyed a delicious catered dinner and entertainment by a dance troupe.

July 3 Greater Los Angeles Event — "Salute to 50 years with the Dodgers", Hollywood Bowl, Hollywood, California

- The Grand Family enjoyed a delicious box supper and then an evening of magnificent entertainment with the Los Angeles Philharmonic. We enjoyed Tommy Lasorda, the singing of our Closing Ode, "Take Me out the Ball Game", and fireworks.
- Aug. 3 East Bay Event — A Night at the Oscars
Richmond Masonic Center, Richmond
The Grand Officers walked the red carpet while being photographed by the local paparazzi. We enjoyed a gourmet meal, an auction of wonderful baskets filled with various items, and a theatrical extravaganza by the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of the East Bay. Sister Patsy Baker Luy was the director and producer. This was an award winning production.
- Aug. 22 Northern San Joaquin Event, Linden — Home of Kathy and Howard Hill
The Grand Officers enjoyed a barbecue and evening of music on a warm summer evening at the Hill's home. Each guest was given a movie video.
- Aug. 23 San Francisco/Peninsula Event — Mountain View Masonic Center
An afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship. We enjoyed the music of a banjo band.
- Sept. 7 Superior Event — Shrine Hospital, Sacramento
The Grand Officers enjoyed a tour of the Shrine Hospital and a delicious lunch.

Supporting Charities And Our Special Projects:

- Feb. 24 Heart Fund Breakfast — Beach Cities Masonic Center, Manhattan Beach
- March 9 San Diego County Memorial Cancer Dressing Breakfast, Al Bahr Shrine Center, San Diego
The Grand Family supported this annual event which included a breakfast and a "white elephant" sale.
- April 6 J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Breakfast — Los Angeles Harbor Masonic Center, San Pedro.
The Grand Family supported this annual event which included a delicious breakfast.
- Aug. 3 Barnum-Weisheimer Silver Tea for Cancer Dressing — Hillsborough
The Grand Officers enjoyed tea and cookies while supporting this important charity.

Aug. 30

River Cats Game, Sacramento

Jim and I had the honor of throwing out the first pitch at this baseball game. The River Cats were the divisional champs and we were able to spread the name of Eastern Star to the audience. Let's not talk about the score of the game.

Fiesta:

The "Wide World of Sports" Fiesta was a sports spectacular. Thank you to Gina and John Davis, Co-chairs, Clair Meske, Executive Director, Kat Farris, staff at the SLC, and our residents. This one day event on June 7th included a Breakfast of Champions, a Tailgate Party, and lots of shopping. After the Fiesta we enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Chef Charlie, and an evening of entertainment by Don Snyder and Evelyn De La Rosa. We had so much fun visiting with our residents.

Our Masonic Family — Visit to SLC and Masonic Homes:

SLC Annual Holiday Party — December 8, 2007: Our "Winter Wonderland" Holiday Party was a Hollywood production based on the movie, "Holiday Inn". The evening started with a social hour and dinner. We then had a spectacular musical performance. The 2008 Grand Organist, Debi Gannaway planned the evening of song. The 2007 Grand Organist, Don Snyder, and the 2007's joined in the entertainment. The residents made the singing of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" an event we will never forget. Santa visited the SLC and brought gifts to our residents. The residents enjoyed taking a picture with Santa.

Masonic Home in Covina — June 8, 2008: We teamed up with members of our Masonic Family at several events this year. We enjoyed a baseball party with the residents of the Masonic Home in Covina and members of our Masonic Family. It was a grand slam production.

Jam and Jelly Day — August 16, 2008: We enjoyed a trip to Fantasy Island with the residents of the Masonic Home in Union City at our annual Jam and Jelly Day. I was honored to present a 75 year pin to one of the residents at the Home. Although we didn't see "Da Plane" . . . we did enjoy exotic meals from many islands. Our Grand Officers enjoyed a tour of the facility.

Concordant Bodies:

Jim Whiteley and I brought greetings from California Eastern Star to our concordant bodies at the Grand Guardian Council on November 7, 2007 and Amaranth Grand Court on March 2, 2008. We also represented California Eastern Star at Grand York Rite on April 27, 2008.

Youth Groups:

Jim Whitely, the 2008 Grand Family, and I represented California Eastern Star at the Northern DeMolay Annual Convention on November 23rd, Grand Assembly on March 17th, Grand Bethel on June 26th, and Southern California Jurisdiction DeMolay Conclave on August 31st. We gave a monetary donation to their leadership programs and pledged our support. We congratulated Sister Sara Lee Martin on her appointment as Supreme Inspector, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Our Grand Family attended the last official visit of Rainbow on January 20, 2008 in Oxnard, the reception of the Grand Worthy Advisor on February 17th in Woodland, and the first official visit of Rainbow on May 25th in Dinuba.

Grand Lodge

It was an honor to attend the Grand Master's Membership Dinner, Public Ceremony, and Installation of Officers. California Eastern Star has a wonderful working relationship with Grand Lodge. I was honored to share with Most Worshipful Richard Wakefield Hopper, California Eastern Star's Strategic Plan. We look forward to working with Most Worshipful, Larry Adamson.

Visits to Other Jurisdictions:

We were pleased to attend Arizona's Grand Chapter Session in Tucson, Arizona. Arizona members travel frequently to California Eastern Star events, and they seem to enjoy the "hot dog" themes of California Eastern Star, as they presented us with a gourmet meal of plastic hot dogs at their State Banquet.

Tri-State Event

California Eastern Star joined Arizona and Nevada at our Tri-State Event on February 8–10, 2008. We enjoyed the scenery of Laughlin, dropped a few coins in the casinos, and spent time shopping. We visited with our Sister States at a dinner on Saturday evening. California was well represented and we sure enjoyed the dancing. We also received a generous donation to our special project, Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Grand Officer Receptions:

This year, the Worthy Grand Patron and I had a joint reception in Fresno on September 13, 2008. We recognized the Chairman of the Deputy Grand Matrons, our Deputy Grand Matrons, and the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of California.

We attended receptions for all the appointive Grand Officers, the Grand Treasurer, and Grand Conductress. Each event was well attended and festive and we were thrilled to join in the celebration.

Deputy Grand Matron Receptions

Each of our Deputy Grand Matrons, including our Honorary Deputy Grand Matron, Presidents of each of the three Associations, and Chairman of the Deputy Grand Matrons had their own reception in their own area. Each reception was a special event well attended by their respective chapter and district members, as well as their family and friends.

Special Communications and Events:

Seventy-five and Fifty Year Members: It was an honor to present a 75 year pin and several 50 year pins at Official Visits this year. We congratulate our members for being of service to our Order. I also had the honor to present a 25 year pin to one of my personal friends. Regina Yarrow and I have been friends since third grade, belonged to the same Rainbow Assembly, and are members of Hollywood Chapter. The same evening my chapter presented me with my twenty five year pin. We congratulate each of our Sisters and Brothers on receiving their pin this year.

Members celebrating their 100th Birthday during 2008: Congratulation letters were sent to each of our members celebrating their 100th Birthday during our year of service. Happy Birthday to each of you.

Special Projects and Programs:

“Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center — Strike Out Cancer”: This year the special project of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron was cancer research. We selected the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and spread their philosophy that “The End of Cancer Begins with Research”. JCCC has been recognized as a leading comprehensive cancer center and is ranked in the top ten in the nation. At least 94% of the donations made to Jonsson are used for research. You will hear very little publicity for the program.

A pin was designed with a baseball, bat, and cancer ribbon and we donated funds from the sale of the pin to Jonsson. The pins were worn by our members to remind us to help “Strike Out Cancer”.

Through the generosity of our members we were able to \$70,986.16 to UCLA. Thank you to all that participated in this project.

Relay for Life: Last year, Sister Karen Fletcher, our WGM, promoted as her special project, Relay for Life, through the American Cancer Society. Members and friends participated in local relays which helped make Eastern Star visible in our communities. We continued the project this year and I personally attended Relays in my own local area, in Northern California, and at UCLA. Evan and Curtis, our sons, and their friends started a team at UCLA and Gary, JD, and I attended the event. Those students never sat or stopped walking. Thanks to the generous donations by all of our members, we were able to donate \$175,722.58 to Relay.

Sensational Saturday: A day of joint community service with our Masonic Family. This project was to have our Masonic Family participate in a joint day of community service in their local communities. I concentrated on three specific areas, that being (1) Clothing for victims of domestic violence, (2) Food for local food banks, and (3) support of our We Care Program.

As most of you know I sit as a bench officer in the Pasadena Superior Court and have been handling a dedicated Domestic Violence Court for 12 years. The motto we follow is that "It should never hurt to go home at night". Many victims of violence when they decide to leave their home have little clothes to wear for themselves or their children. It was my desire that through our donations we could help these victims with one of the necessities of life.

Through the efforts of Sister Delma Davis, Sensational Saturday Coordinator, and her satellite chairmen, Sisters Marilyn Harris, Donna Herring, and Zoe Chambers, and the members of the family of Free Masonry we participated in a grand effort of community service.

Beacon of Service Program: This year we recognized those sisters and brothers who participated in community service with a lighthouse pin. Thank you to our Sisters and Brothers for your time commitment and for spreading the name of Eastern Star in your community. We thank the Current and Former Grand Representatives for their support.

WE CARE Program: This valuable program started in 2005 and we continued the mission of supporting our military troops with "WE CARE" packages. Our military has truly appreciated these packages and this is only a small token of thanks from California Eastern Star for protecting our freedoms.

Heart Research: This year donations to our Heart Research Fund totaled \$8,325.46 and the money will be donated to UCLA. Thank you to Les and Jeannie Shultz, our co-chairmen.

Concerns:

It was our goal to be accessible to the membership of California and, in particular, Chapters that were having concerns about their future. The Grand Line and/or members or representatives of the Grand Line personally visited four Chapters this year to discuss very serious issues within the Chapter.

One Chapter was having difficulty getting the required number of members present for their stated meetings. They would meet for dinner at a temple each month, but did not have enough members present to hold a meeting. Although this Chapter felt that Grand Chapter had not been responsive to their needs, they never contacted Grand Chapter for assistance. They failed to attend their district's Official Visits or Grand Chapter Sessions for the last several years. The Grand Line met with their Chapter members and discussed

their concerns, and then brought them up to date on California Eastern Star. They agreed to work on ten goals and promised to attend their district's Official Visit. They are currently working on their goals and have had their first official meeting. They will also have an Installation in November.

Another Chapter was having a membership problem. The top four Grand Line Officers met with the members of their chapter. We discussed various activities they could participate in with the brothers of their Lodge. They identified a source of membership within the Lodge, as well as within the community. I am pleased to announce that they did have the activities with the Lodge, and are working on specific goals for their Chapter. In addition, they will be willing to work with the community and have agreed to support the 2009 project of "Hands Across the Border".

The Worthy Grand Patron and I called a meeting of members of one Chapter, based on a letter concerning tension within the Chapter. The Grand Line was present at that meeting. We discussed the concerns and, hopefully, with open communication, the problems will cease.

I called in two representatives from the Appeals and Grievances Committee as well as a representative of the Worthy Grand Matron to meet with a chapter regarding the misuse of the black cube. As a result of a ballot vote several members demitted from the chapter and others refused to take offices in 2009. The meeting was well attended by the Chapter. The issue and a plan of action to restore harmony in the chapter were discussed. The Appeals and Grievances Committee will contact the chapter within 90 days of their initial meeting to check on the well-being of the Chapter.

I responded to a call for investigation on an issue regarding the finances of an Association. Two members of the Association, along with a member of the Finance Committee, audited the books, restitution was made, and the matter was resolved.

Many of these problems could have been avoided with earlier calls for assistance or with open communication among the members. If our members would remember their obligation, live their obligation, and strive to "Keep the Vision of Eastern Star Alive", it is my opinion that we would have fewer problems.

One of my greatest concerns is the unwillingness of some members to try new ideas or projects for the good of our Order. With membership declining, I urge and challenge our current membership to look for ways to bring back our former members and encourage new members to join. The reluctance of some of our members to support new ideas, without giving a new idea or project a chance, is alarming. As Rita Mae Brown said, "The only true insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results".

One example is our Cal Star News, a new year, a new look. It was alarming to me, that with only two issues in print, there was a reluctance of a few very vocal members to give the paper, or should I say the magazine a chance. Something is wrong when we have an organization of 38,000 plus members and past subscriptions to the paper number less than 2,000. Give a new idea a chance.

To set the record straight, we have had more compliments commending the contents and readability of the new format than complaints. I personally have enjoyed the new format, enjoyed the articles and have read the magazine cover-to-cover. Thank you to the Grand Line for accepting this new format and your willingness to allow Cal Star News to become one of Eastern Star's premier publication.

Recommendations for the Future of California Eastern Star:

1. Get the commitment of all of our members to "Keep the Vision of Eastern Star Alive" and work together for one common goal.
2. Implement the Strategic Plan, with our leadership Committee making recommendations to the Grand Line.
3. Identify one outside charity or cause to become an official charity of Eastern Star, in addition to a charity within the organization.
4. Review and analyze the current Eastern Star charities.
5. Work closely with Grand Lodge on membership strategies.

Appreciation:

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons

It has been an honor to serve with each of you over the last several years. Thank you for serving your chapters and the willingness to try new ideas, support our special project, support Relay for Life, making the name of Eastern Star synonymous with community service, and working on Sensational Saturday. I am so proud of each of you.

Distinguished Members

You have traveled this same path, and each of you knows the responsibility associated with this position. I truly believe that each of us have the same goals to keep the vision of Eastern Star alive, and to listen to the needs of our membership. I thank those of you who supported our year of service which was planned with the values and best interests of our Order and members.

My Fraternal Families

Thank you to Sister Denny Rae, Brother Terry, and the 1997s for their love and assistance. Thank you to Sister Sue White, Brother Steve Nicholas, and the 2004s, for your support, guidance and love. Sue, did Gary tell you how thankful he is for you asking me to serve as your Grand Marshal? Personally, it has been an opportunity of a lifetime, and something I will always cherish.

Worthy Grand Patron

Brother Jim, I thank you for accepting my invitation to serve as Worthy Grand Patron. You and Cherri are committed to the values and success of our order. Thank you for being there for our members and for me. You have been a calming influence on me, and we all know that was something I needed and have cherished. I ask God's blessing for you and Cherri. Thank you for being part of this special year.

Hollywood Chapter

You are a star studded group. Thank you for your continued support and love. You're fabulous. I look forward to coming home.

My Special Friends and Family

Thank you to Karen Fletcher, my Big Sister, Linda and Bill Bray, and JD Hammett, for your support, phone calls and advice. You have helped me with each and every step of this Hollywood production. You are the best.

Gary, Evan, Curtis, and Grandma Adah

I thank you for being a wonderful family and for all the support you have given me. This has been an opportunity of a lifetime. I have tried to combine work, family, being a daughter, mother and wife and Eastern Star into 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for five years. No one knows actually how much you have helped me behind the scenes for this production. I love you.

Conclusion:

Thank you to the members of Eastern Star for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron. I love our Order, and know that, with your support, we can "Keep the Vision of Eastern Star Alive". Thank you.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, I desire that you resume your authority.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers let's stand for a moment and have some music from our Singing Stars

California Singing Stars . . . Patriotic Medley

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I now ask that you give attention to the address of the Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Jim, would you please present your Annual Report at this time.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

(by Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron)

Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers of the 135th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star:

It is with much honor and humility that I stand before you this morning in compliance with our Constitution and Laws to present my Annual Report as your Worthy Grand Patron. These past two years have been an unforgettable journey creating friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. The kindness and courtesies extended to Sister Cherri and myself this year are sincerely appreciated.

Schools of Instruction

A great time of learning and bonding was the result of our Grand Officer School, our Deputy Grand Matron School and their two brush-up schools held in the north and the south. We knew these Grand Officers and Deputies were well prepared to fulfill the duties that would be theirs for the coming year.

Installations

It was my privilege to attend twenty Chapter Installations and having the honor to install Worthy Patrons and occasionally other officers as well. It was particularly good that Sister Collette and I were able to attend and participate in the Installations for both of our own Chapters. I regret that I was unable to install all of those Brothers who were gracious enough to send me invitations.

IMPACT Sessions

Continuing the IMPACT sessions that began last year proved to be a very successful venture. The six sessions in Union City, Tarzana, Sacramento, Fresno, Riverside, and Escondido along with the mini sessions in Yreka, Beckwourth, and Eureka provided our members with great leadership skills. We thoroughly enjoyed learning of each other's leadership styles and the ways we can more harmoniously work together. We have been inspired by your positive remarks, words of encouragement, and constructive suggestions as we have worked hard to provide this vital leadership and motivational training.

Committees

It has been an honor and a very enlightening experience to serve on and work with several of our committees over this past year. Some of our committees such as Finance and the Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees require members with expertise in certain fields such as legal, health care, real-estate, and finance. We should be grateful for those who spend many dedicated hours serving these committees and our members.

The time I have been able to spend at our Senior Living Center has been most rewarding. I have particularly enjoyed special events there—the Official Visit when the Grand Officers were able to exemplify the ritual, the Wide World of Sports Fiesta, and the ribbon cutting of the brick laying project. Being able to socialize with the residents has been inspirational.

Being a part of our Eastern Star Foundation has been an enlightening experience. This dedicated group of members has worked tirelessly to create ways to increase funding to support our many charities. The brick –laying project has been one of the successful innovative projects sponsored by this group.

Official Visits

I feel fortunate to have been able to attend 48 of the 49 Official Visits scheduled this year. I missed one due to representing our Order at the Memorial Service for Sister Vickie Diem. This year, we again encouraged our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons to choose from three possible styles of Official Visits as prescribed in our Constitution and Laws. There was a good balance of these styles represented throughout the state. I especially enjoyed the variety of ways in which Social Style Official Visits were held. Much originality and creativity went into the planning of these events and I was pleased to see members of our community included who were not members of our Order. In many instances, we were actually able to honor various groups such as policemen, firemen, animal rescue organizations, school organizations, and members of our Armed Services. Many Chapters generously awarded Honorary Memberships to Sister Cherri and me. We do not take these lightly and we are deeply grateful for these special gifts of friendship.

Anniversaries

Two of our Chapters, Imperial Valley of Brawley and Santa Cruz Redwoods celebrated their centennials this year. We also had three Chapters who reached 125 years of existence—Azalia Angels in San Andreas, Electa-Modesto, and Rhonerville-Redwoods in Fortuna. I was very delighted to be able to attend all of these memorable events and my congratulations go to the members of these Chapters for attaining these milestones.

Association Events

There were ten distinctive Association Events this year ranging from visits to a castle in Riverside, to a film museum in Independence, to a gala at the Hollywood Bowl, to touring one of our magnificent Shriners' Hospitals. We were entertained by Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons posing as movie stars, by banjo bands, and at wonderful meal events. Each event was well planned and carried out and we gathered many experiences and memories that we will long treasure.

Youth Support

Support of our Youth Orders is of great importance to me. I was glad that our busy schedule allowed us to attend the Grand Guardian Council and the Grand Bethel for Job's Daughters, both the Northern and Southern DeMolay Conclaves, and Rainbow events including the Last Official Visit for their 2008 year, the Grand Worthy Advisor's Reception, Grand Assembly, and the First Official Visit for the 2009 year. I was most impressed by the quality of the young people who are in leadership roles for these worthwhile organizations.

Special Events

There were many special events this year that did not fall into a particular category, but were all important to the friendships, memories, and fundraising for the year. I traveled to Laughlin, Nevada for the Tri-State Event that allowed members of California Eastern Star to fellowship with members of Arizona and Nevada Grand Chapters. I attended breakfasts that raised substantial funds for the Heart Fund, the San Diego Memorial Cancer Dressing Station, and the J. Clifford Lee Cancer Fund. Attending the Grand Court of the Order of the Amaranth and the Grand York Rite Banquet allowed me to mix with members of other branches of our Masonic Family. I also enjoyed being a part of the annual Masonic/Eastern Star Picnic at the Masonic Home in Covina. The annual Barnum-Weisheimer Silver Tea was another successful fundraiser we enjoyed. I was glad to be able to attend at least one out of state Grand Chapter. That was in Arizona where I was able to renew acquaintances made last year. Jam and Jelly Day at the Masonic Home in Union City was an opportunity to get acquainted and fellowship with members who are privileged to live in that beautiful facility and to enjoy the usual wonderful meal. Sister Collette and I were invited to share a unique experience; we each had the honor of throwing a first pitch at the World Champion Sacramento River Cats baseball game. I was truly relieved when my pitch made it over the plate. Our last visit in an official capacity was to the Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge just a couple of weeks ago in San Francisco.

Interventions

Along with celebrating successes during the year, it has also been necessary to offer our assistance and support to Chapters who are facing struggles that have made it difficult for them to function. I was a part of intervention sessions for three such Chapters this year and it is my hope that the time spent with these valuable members will prove to help them heal issues and rebuild their Chapters.

Special Programs

We have had several special focuses this year that have been well received and participated in by our members. Our Special Project, the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, is very dear to me personally due to my battles with Cancer, and the members have responded generously in support of this project. Also in the effort to fight Cancer, we have continued involvement in the Relay for Life events throughout the state. Again, the participation and support has been wonderful. This year's Beacon of Service program has honored many members for the service they are doing on an ongoing basis in their communities. It is my hope that the attractive lighthouse pins will continue to be worn with pride by those who have earned them. A new event this year was our Sensational Saturday project focusing on community service and acknowledging our military troops with We Care packages. This day was a great success and I am pleased that Sister Barbara and Brother JD have included this event on their calendar for next year. The ongoing We Care program has provided many boxes from home for our men and women defending our freedom across the world. We are proud to see this program continuing to prosper.

New Chapter

One of the highest points of the year was the responsibility I had to be involved in the organization and Institution of the Dr. Rob Morris Chapter in Santa Monica. The planning for this event and the ceremonies of that day were of historical significance to California Eastern Star and I wish the Chapter a bright future.

Grand Officers and Escorts

The words "We Are Fam-i-ly" are far too trite to describe my feelings for each of you. When the time came to select ten deserving people, it was not easy to imagine how all of you would come together to serve during the year. But, as of our Secret Weekend, the bond was made and it has grown stronger throughout the year. We truly are a close family whose ties will last for the rest of our lives. Each of you has served showing love and respect for our members, and a true dedication to our Order. I am extremely proud to call each of you a part of my family.

Deputy Grand Matrons

Our Deputy Dawgs — you have proved to be a howling success. You have instructed and supported your Chapters with pride and dedication and I have been thrilled to see so many of you frequently in our travels. Thank you for all the kindnesses and for your unforgettable sense of humor that you have shown to me at our Schools, Official Visits, and throughout our travels.

Grand Representatives

It has been exciting to be a part of appointing more than twenty Grand Representatives this year. We know you will represent California and your jurisdictions well just as those whose service is coming to an end. I have truly enjoyed getting to know so many of you and learn about your jurisdictions.

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons

To the “Shining Stars” and MVPs of 2008—you all have been so positively committed to our Order. You have presided with dignity and pride and it has been my pleasure to serve with each of you.

Past Most Worthy Grand Patron Loyal Stark

What a wonderful role model you are for all of us in California. I am continually inspired by your positive attitude and cheerful spirit. I sincerely appreciate the encouragement and support you have given to me personally as well as to all of the members of our Grand Chapter as we look forward to a strong future.

General Grand Chapter Officer and Committee Members

Brother Dennis Jordan, our Worthy Grand Organist, serving during your term in General Grand Chapter has been an honor. I wish you all the best in the coming year and look forward to seeing you and hearing your beautiful music at the General Grand Chapter in Oklahoma next year.

Sisters Susan White, Donna Herring and Danna Willoughby, and Brothers Bill Betts, Jim Chormicle, Clint Dillon, and Terry Holts, I am also honored to have been a part of your General Grand Chapter triennium. California Grand Chapter is proud of your continued service and I appreciate the support shown by many of you during our events this year.

Past Grand Matrons/Past Grand Patrons

I wish to thank those of you who attended our Official Visits, Impact Sessions, and other functions this year. Special thanks to the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who are sharing our Vision and Goals for the future of our Order and who have encouraged and supported me this year.

Sister Maryann Barrios and the Grand Chapter Office

You have always been available for quick information and advice. I truly appreciate the professional, yet warm and friendly manner in which you conduct business. I will miss our frequent e-mail chats.

Members of Silver Spray Chapter

Your unconditional love and support will never be forgotten. You have been patient, yet encouraging as Cherri and I have missed Chapter events to perform our official duties these past two years. You will now be seeing us more often and I look forward to serving you this next year as your Worthy Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron Sister Collette

I have often expressed my gratitude for the opportunity you have given to Sister Cherri and me to serve Grand Chapter with you, but I want to be sure to again state my thanks in this official record. You have served the order with great dedication and I am honored to have shared this experience with you as you have encouraged our members to “Keep the Vision of Eastern Star Alive.”

My Family

My daughter Janice and grandson Matthew, you have been very patient and understanding as we have not been available for many family events. We promise to make it up in the months and years ahead of us.

Sister Cherri, the only way that I have been able to fulfill the responsibilities of this office is with all of your unconditional love and support. You have truly lifted me up and carried me with your inspiration when I didn't think I could take the next step. Your creativity and writing talents have helped me overcome many challenges. I thank you for offering your typing skills when you could no longer stand to watch my slow pace. I thank you for the many nights that you have worked into the early hours of the morning to be sure everything was just right for the next leg of our journey, while I had gone to bed and was sound asleep. You have truly done everything humanly possible to help make me look good. You have been my bride, my best friend, and my guardian angel and with God's help and blessing we have been able to achieve the task that was set before us. I love you!

Concerns and Hopes for the Future

Over the past two years I have had the opportunity to learn many things about our Order, many of them positive and some of them not as positive. I am concerned that over the past eight years we have suspended an average of 532 members per year for non-payment of dues, and another 185 members have been presumed dead and removed from our rolls, making an average of 727 members being removed by our actions each year. We currently have a fairly easy process that allows us to suspend members if they fail to pay their dues.

I am recommending that we revise that process and put more emphasis on member retention to help us save these members. We must make every effort to personally contact these members and work with them to help them resolve the reasons their dues are not being paid. Every member is important to us and we must make sure they know that. An average of 611 members have asked for and have been granted demits, making the total loss of membership by these actions to be an average of 1,338 members per year. I am aware that many of our members request demits for very legitimate reasons, but I am also aware that many members request demits to leave a Chapter because of internal strife. Conflict in some of our Chapters has continued to be an issue as it has in years past. Many of these issues start outside of a Chapter and are brought into the Chapter where they do not belong. I am asking that our Grand Line consider making conflict resolution a portion of their leadership training. Peace and harmony must be maintained in our Chapters, and the leaders of our Chapters must take the lead in that responsibility. A Chapter should never allow petty issues to evolve into a destructive force. Does this sound familiar to you, “That I will not speak evil of a Sister or Brother or perform any act of injustice or unkindness toward them”, or “that I will cherish and defend the reputation of all members of the Order so far as truth, honor and justice will warrant”? Each and every one of us promised obedience to our obligation including these statements and we should do everything in our power to make certain that nothing in our Chapters would cause us to violate what we promised.

Sisters and Brothers, as of June 30, 2007, our membership count was at 36,063. This year I took a survey with the help of our Deputy Grand Matrons and learned that less than 8% of our membership is involved in our Chapter activities on a regular basis. 8% of our membership is 2,885 members. That means that 33,178 members have chosen to stay home and not participate in our Chapter activities. Sisters and Brothers, what if, what if enough people cared and we were able to reach out to these members and pull another 8% back into our active membership? Each and every one of us must be willing to invest our time and energy to personally reach out and invite these members back. We have been consolidating an average of 10 Chapters per year over the past 11 years. These consolidations have been brought about by a lack of active members. We have the resources, 33,178 members, we must find a way to tap into those resources to increase our active membership and reduce the number of consolidations. Would your Eastern Star Experience be brighter if we were able to double our active membership?

Conclusion

Serving as your Worthy Grand Patron over this past year is an experience that I will never forget. I have represented the members of California with much pride. It has been very rewarding to work with the members who share the vision and have a desire to help build the future of our Order. Much work is yet to be accomplished, but I have the faith that, working together, anything is possible. If we all join hands and work for the good of our Order, we will have a bright future.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The Secretary is an important part of the Order, and our Grand Secretary is a very important part of the Grand Chapter. We are grateful to Sister Maryann for her knowledge and 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)

It's World Series time! The regular season is over, and the Championship week is here. As the team statistician, I've been traveling with the 2008 California All Star team attending games and events up and down the state, meeting and interviewing fans and players in Chapters all over California, and watching a lot of records being broken. Here's my final tally on the statistics for the year:

Our membership, as gathered from the Annual Report of the 198 Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction, is as follows:

Membership as of June 30, 2007	36,063
Gained by Initiation	451
Gained by Affiliation from inside the Jurisdiction	200
Gained by Affiliation from outside the Jurisdiction	15
Gained by Reinstatement	38
Deceased in Error	13
Total Gained	717
Loss by Demit	551
Loss by Resignation	30
Loss by Consolidation	14
Loss by Suspension for nonpayment of dues	463
Loss by Suspension for other causes	9
Loss by Death	1,527
Presumed Deceased	113
Total Lost	2,707
Total Membership as of June 30, 2008	34,073

Of this figure, 5,708 are fifty-year life members, 190 are residents of charitable homes, and 530 had their dues remitted. This brings the total of dues paying members to 27,645. Life Sponsors of the Eastern Star Home total 17,263. There are 1,611 members who belong to two Chapters in California. All Chapters have paid their per capita assessments.

There are 4 consolidations that should be final before the end of the year, bringing the total Chapters in California to 194.

We issued 501 twenty-five year pins, 394 fifty-year pins, and 17 seventy-five year pins. We also arranged to give out 37 Dr. Rob Morris awards and 143 Service awards.

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

We held three Secretary/Treasurer workshops, one at the Senior Living Community in Yorba Linda, one at the Manteca Masonic Center and one at Marysville. They were all well attended and a lot of information was packed into the sessions. My thanks to everyone who helped make the workshops a success.

The synopsis of this Session will be available within the next two weeks, and may be reserved for \$3.00 at the office by Credentials. The small Itineraries will also be \$3.00 and are on sale at the Grand Chapter booth. For those who would like to place ads in the 2009 State Roster, order forms are available at the office by Credentials.

Now, I've given you enough of the statistics. That's just background information. After intense investigative research this year, I found out the following:

Sisters and Brothers, the Grand Chapter of California is a business. Yes, it is a fraternal order, and does much charitable work; but over the last two years, it has become very clear that we are a business and need to be run as one. Prior to the Grand Chapter office moving to Yorba Linda in 1999, the office had 11 paid employees – the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, a bookkeeper, a separate member who worked on spreadsheets and other accounting work, one membership person, one person to do the computer work and maintenance, four ladies who started as volunteers but quickly became paid part-time employees, and an outside accounting firm who billed not only for audit services, but for services performed in the preparation of schedules and information for the audit. Now, even though the membership has decreased, the level of service and the work requirements have not. Now, seven employees do that same work. We who work in the office hold the responsibility for four different legal entities under the umbrella of the Order of the Eastern Star, with a total of \$51 million in assets. There are legal issues, accounting issues, insurance issues, tax issues, and member service issues that need the expertise of full time paid employees who are trained and experienced. I have heard it said by

the fans and players that the Grand Chapter office operates as if the employees were at a tea party. I beg to differ. Your staff works hard, and fields questions and requests on a continuous basis. They work 24-7, for no matter where they go, they are all expected to know the answers to any question regarding the Constitution and Laws, membership, supply orders placed months before, or if a vendor was sent a check and when. There are not enough words to tell them all how much I appreciate what they do. Let me introduce them to you, and please hold your applause until they are all introduced.

My assistant is Pamela Sandstrom; Pamela is the one who ensures that special dispensations are given timely, that Grand Representative appointments are kept, works with me on changes to the bylaws for your chapters, keeps track of your property reports, proofs all certificates and flyers, deposits your checks, credits them to the correct account and takes them to the bank. She is the one who put all the credentials together for you so that it was easy for you to register. She also has been the main person putting the mailings together for your secretaries.

Our Controller is Russ Kleber; he is the man who tracks our investments, prepares our financial reports, reads every one of your year end reports and tracks the information for our audit. He also calculates and monitors our revenue from administrative fees.

Our accountant is Eva Paulson; Eva is the go-to person for our outside auditors. She prepares the audit schedules and answers their questions. She reconciles bank accounts, does our payroll, and is very instrumental as a liaison between our banks and the SLC and residents.

Our membership supervisor is Nell Marie Forsey; she reads **EVERY** one of your monthly reports, and enters them into the database so that your member records are current. She prepares the Itinerary and Roster and all the year-end membership reports, runs labels as requested, and is the expert at membership research. **AND** she is one of the first voices you'll hear when you call our office.

James Hannum wears several hats. He maintains our server and our computers. If there is a problem with our email, or anything computer related, he's the one who fixes it. He also not only ships your supply orders, he is the person who puts the itineraries and rosters together, working with the various printers to ensure that information is accurate; he does a lot of graphics work also for the calendars, roster ads, and anything else that comes up.

Our accounting clerk is Katie Streeter. Please note that Katie's title is **NOT** receptionist; she does answers handles the bulk of the Accounts Payable duties, as well as filing, answering telephones, helping James with supply orders, mail, computer graphic issues and other duties as specified in the fine print of her job. Please, when you see them at their tables selling supplies or helping someone with their dues cards, let them know that you appreciate what they do.

Another statistic for you: The per-capita portion of our revenue is a direct result of membership, which as I have reported, has decreased again this year. Our expenses, however, are **NOT** dependent on that membership. Committees haven't changed; our Constitution and Laws require us to pay for certain items and expenses that have increased over the years. Yet, our expense budget over the last two years has decreased, and certain services have been curtailed because we are trying to stay within our budget.

Sisters and Brothers, I hope the information I've given you is helpful and informative. California Eastern Star has had a season to be proud of.

Sister Collette, again, thank you for your love and support. You have been my mentor and friend, and have handled your job this year with a grace and dignity (and sense of humor) befitting the queen of the California stage and screen. It has been an honor to be a part of the 2008 Grand Family, and I thank you and Jim for a job well done.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Our Grand Treasurer has served our Order by attending the Finance Committee meetings and other meetings related to the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter. Thank you for performing your duties diligently. You are a wonderful member of the 2008 Grand Family. Sister Debbie, may we have your Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

(by Debbie Maiman, Grand Treasurer)

Thank you, members of California, for the privilege of serving you as Grand Treasurer in 2008. It was your vote that elected me to this year's lineup, and the opportunity to serve you has truly been rewarding.

The duties of the Grand Treasurer include sitting as ex officio member of the Finance Committee, attending the meetings of the Home Board of Trustees, acting when needed as one of the signators on the accounts of the Grand Chapter, Eastern Star Homes of California and the Eastern Star Foundation.

Attending the meetings of the Finance Committee and Home Board gave me the chance to meet and work with dedicated members who are committed to holding down the expenses while giving our membership the services they expect. This year, difficult decisions have to be made regarding our budgets. After many hours of deliberations, we were ready to make the cuts needed to keep the finances of our Order sound. I urge the membership to seek out the members of the Finance Committee and the Home Board. Ask questions. They are ready to answer any of your concerns because it is your support that keeps our fraternity viable. Next year, these committees will make recommendations to this Grand Chapter. It is vital that we listen to them and important that we act for the good of our Order.

To the Secretaries and Treasurers, continue to work together in your Chapters. You are the intricate part of your Chapter's lives. Thank you for your support of the 2008 workshops and attendance at the Fiesta. Sister Maryann and I were pleased to bring needed information to you.

As you have heard in her report, you have a wealth of knowledge in our Grand Secretary and the members of the Grand Chapter Office staff. Thank you, Sister Maryann, for being accessible to answer questions and working to make the Grand Chapter Office efficient.

The staff at the Senior Living Community has been most helpful. Your devotion to the residents is evident in the care you give to them. I respect your hard work to make their lives better every day.

I have learned much in my travels this year. Meeting with the members has shown me that they are excited to have the tools to grow our Order. We are a fraternal organization, and caring for each other is most important. If we join together in the journey of caring for ourselves and the community, we will succeed in living the principles of charity, truth, and loving kindness.

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and these wonderful Grand Officers of 2008. You welcomed me without hesitation. This circle is very proud to be a part of your family.

Thank you, California Eastern Star, for affording me this exceptional year of service. I treasure each moment. I sincerely hope that I have filled this position to the satisfaction of the members who have elected me.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Secretary, you will please read the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws and Instruction Book.

Maryann Barrios, Grand Secretary: **MOTION:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the proposed amendments to the Constitution, Laws and Instruction Book, as presented and distributed according to the Constitution and Laws, be considered read, with the exception of Amendment No. 19, which was withdrawn prior to the five days notice. (*Motion seconded.*)

(*Vote taken.*)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion to consider read the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws and Instruction Book as presented and distributed is **ADOPTED**.

Sarahann Shapiro, PM (250): Worthy Grand Matron, Sarahann Shapiro, Past Matron of Valley Star Chapter No. 250, and Chairman of Jurisprudence.

The proponents of certain amendments have requested they be withdrawn. Since the request has been received too late for the withdrawal to be automatic, I request the opportunity at this time to make the appropriate motion.

MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that, in accordance with the request of the proponents, Amendments 6, 8, 10, and 15 be withdrawn.

(Vote taken.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**. Proposed Amendments 6, 8, 10, and 15 are withdrawn.

Brother Russ Kleber, or should I say Grand Representative to South Carolina, we always look forward to a creative and informative report. Would you please share your report with our members at this time.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONTROLLER

(by "Defendant" Russ Kleber, Controller)

Worthy Grand Matron, I mean Your Honor, I have been brought here as a refugee, a scapegoat as it were, of the Grand Chapter Office. Oh, they tried to get the Grand Secretary, but she was too skinny and they didn't recognize her. And Nell Marie was up north visiting her mother. Jim locked himself in the computer room, and Pam threatened everybody with a snake. Katie blended in with the Job's Daughters. And Eva, well, Eva just spoke Polish. So here I am, taking the hit for the office.

Well, Your Honor, the charges of being over paid, replaceable with volunteers, too expensive, and the parties, are just not true. Over the last few months there has been some interest in the Boston Tea Party concept.

I enter a plea of not guilty to all charges. Oh, I'm not saying the office is without guilt. The office staff is guilty of providing information, maintaining records, researching data, listening and trying to understand the needs of our Secretaries, Treasurers, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, and our members, and assisting them with their problems. I personally am guilty of spending hundreds of unpaid hours, along with Eva's husband Tim, putting together a report I believe assists our membership in understanding the finances of our organization; and I know all of us are guilty of a conviction and commitment to see our Order prosper and to maintain a sound business atmosphere for the 50 plus million dollars of assets which are currently under the Grand Chapter of California.

So while I am off stage having my trial, one more time I present the Annual Report to the delegates of the "Field of Dreams" Session.

(Video played.)

Dog: Boy, it's tough being a dog. There's so many things you hear because you are unnoticed, or thought to be too stupid to understand what's going on around you.

Ball: It's not much better being a baseball. A bunch of the players belong to several organizations, and they are constantly discussing the problems. Always negative. It really rips my seams. I have got enough worries, wondering when I'm going to be smacked with a bat. I'm going to need therapy.

Dog: Well, just the other night I was lying around this building with a square and compass and a G on the front. It was dark and no one knew I was there. A group of humans were talking and, believe me, they were feeling quite –

Ball: What were they talking about?

Dog: It was kind of hard to tell. It almost seemed dysfunctional. But I heard things like “falling membership”, “need a plan”, “too expensive”, “more volunteers”, and they could do it better.

Ball: Wasn't it bad hearing those comments? Weren't they the same ones your cousin heard when he was sleeping near that big building in Fresno?

Dog: Some of them were, and they caused him to give up sleeping in the city and to check into a positive attitude clinic in the San Gabriel Mountains.

Ball: Is he all right?

Dog: He's fine. I just talked with him. And he said that human's intentions were good, but the information they need to support the ideas was often misinterpreted or taken out of context. He said that sometimes they weren't even comparing the same things. He pleaded with me to do something to try to enlighten the humans with information that will help them make sound, rational decisions.

Ball: Are you going to do that? Aren't you afraid someone will be upset?

Dog: It has to be done. They need the numbers and the words to evaluate and, with common sense, make up their own minds. It's their organization. The Committees, Boards, officers and employees are there for them. Not the other way around.

Ball: What makes you think they will listen to you, or even believe what you say?

Dog: I'm not sure they will. Numbers and words can be made to mean different things. All I can do is try. Besides, I'm a dog. What do I have to gain? And remember, I am man's best friend.

Ball: Well, you're my best friend. I'll stay close by. Maybe I can help you get the information across. And, after all, I'm just a baseball. Who can I misinform?

Dog: All right. Let's start with membership.

Ball: This first graph shows the membership.

Dog: I can tell you by the conversations I have heard that this is not surprising anyone. Everyone is aware of this, and a majority of them are making changes to improve it. And many of them are willing to do more. I also know these people are aware of the rising costs that have been taking place over the last six years and especially now. I did hear some human mention the four dollar assessment adopted in 2001 has not kept pace with the rising costs and, additionally, that the decline in membership has created a 27 percent reduction in the revenue generated from this assessment.

Ball: I guess there's going to have to be an adjustment to resolve this situation.

Dog: I don't know. I'm a dog. But when I see soap, a bucket, and a hose, I get prepared and hide under the porch.

Ball: Given these rising costs over the past years, how have our entities done keeping expenditures within the budgets?

Dog: I'm not capable of analyzing, but I have got some documents from one of my canine buddies, and maybe you can make some sense out of it.

Ball: Hmmmmmm. Let me see. Okay. This first document shows the budget and actual expenses of the Grand Chapter for the last six years. I can tell you they have done a good job keeping within the budget. Except for one year, when insurance premiums unexpectedly rose sharply, they have consistently spent below the budgeted amount.

The next document shows the same information for the California Eastern Star Foundation. They also have spent below the budget each year, except for one. That year, requests for assistance from the members exceeded the anticipated amounts.

Dog: It appears everyone involved with these operations is working very hard to maintain a financially responsible position within the organization.

Let me have a crack at the next one.

This one shows the spending for the Senior Living Community. And, what do you know? They kept their spending below the budget, also.

Ball: Wow, they sure stepped up to the plate and kept the organization in the ballgame.

You know, on that last graph I noticed that the SLC spent over twice the amount as the other two entities combined. How can they afford to do that?

Dog: My cousin explained that to me. He was hanging around that big building in Fresno by an open door. He heard some crazy guy in a straight jacket explain that the follow lies of the founder of the Eastern Star home have the for sight to create the endowment fund which covers the expenses that exceed the revenue that the facility generates.

Ball: I think I saw a document in all the papers that you have which shows those transfers. Let me show these people the information.

Dog: My cousin also was saying that, because they had spent less than the budget and have had unanticipated revenue from asset transfer and bequests from our members, they have not needed to transfer as much money from the Endowment Fund.

Ball: That's always good news, but it still takes a lot of money to operate the SLC. Are the Endowment Fund earnings enough to cover it?

Dog: I got this information straight from the Bull at Merrill Lynch. It shows from January 1st, 2003, through March 31st, 2008, the Endowment Fund beginning balance of \$27,200,000. During this time, we withdrew \$8,200,000, and the fund earned \$14,700,000, leaving a balance of \$33,700,000, an increase of 24 percent.

This graph shows the Endowment Fund value for the same period of time.

Ball: Awesome. But what's happened in the last 10 months?

Dog: According to the Bull, our portfolio value is down \$225,000. Which is about 33 percent of the gains we have made over the past six years. It also represents six and quarter percent of our total portfolio value. But keep in mind the market dropped 15 and a half percent during this period.

Ball: Was the Foundation investment pool affected the same way?

Dog: All of the investments are pooled the same way. So many similarities exist. However, the Foundation usually requires less cash for the operation of its charities, so the overall growth is a higher percentage.

During the period January 1, 2003, through March 31, 2008, the beginning balance was \$5,900,000. There were withdrawals of \$1,600,000 and earnings of \$3,400,000. The ending balancing for the Foundation portfolio is \$7,700,000, an increase of 31 percent.

The Foundation losses over the last 10 months were \$597,000, which is also 33 percent of the gains made over the last six years, and represents a seven and three quarter percent of the total portfolio value.

Ball: Wow, that was a lot of information. I hope it all made sense to everyone. But in case it didn't, you handle the summary. I am heading back to the sand lot before somebody bawls me out.

Dog: The summary. I'm dog tired. Let someone else do the summary, maybe someone who is not so batty from all these numbers.

Bat: Did you mention batty? That's not too politically correct.

Dog: That's not personal, Big Mama. I thought we might need a professional to summarize all this data.

Bat: Then I'm your player, so listen up.

Russ Kleber, Controller: Sister Collette and Brother Jim, I have been vindicated, and the ball and chain have been removed. I would like to present it to you, so every time you look at it you can recall the efforts you made for the benefit of the office and be reminded of our appreciation for it.

I would also personally like to thank the management of the Senior Living Community for allowing me to use their equipment this morning, so I can continue to do my report in a format which I believe benefits the delegates of this session.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Russ, I don't think you should leave so soon. My bailiff is waiting at the entrance.

Imposition of sentence is suspended, and you are sentenced to a life of duties at the Grand Chapter Office.

Sister Donna German, Chairman of our Finance Committee, would you please introduce the members of your Committee and present your report.

Donna German (352), Chairman: Thank you, Sister Sue White, Past Grand Matron, for appointing me to this committee five years ago, and giving me such a great opportunity to serve our Order.

It is with great pride that I present to you the very hard working members of this committee: Sisters Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron, Brothers Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron, Debbie Maiman, Grand Treasurer, Fred Schulenburg, Tacy Lee, Tricia Stewart, and Denny Rae Grist, Past Grand Matron.

I also must recognize Sister Maryann Barrios and her staff, as well as the Controller, Russ Kleber, for all of their hard work and support this year.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

(by Donna German (352), Chairman)

This has been and continues to be a challenging year for the Finance Committee. The economy is in a downward spiral. Membership in our Order is decreasing, and everything is getting more expensive. And yet, we have been able to accomplish much this year.

First, because of the good advice from Merrill Lynch and the decisions made by your Finance Committee in September of 2007, we were able to position our funds so that, in this very turbulent stock market, as of the 8th of October we were able to keep our losses at only 12.5 percent, while the S&P fell 32 percent, and the average nonprofit has lost more than 20 percent of their funds.

Actually, in 2007, we earned 12.9 percent, which is more than the loss to date, And since 2002, when we hired Merrill Lynch we have averaged 8 percent earnings over the last six years.

Second, we continue to strengthen our good working relationship with the Board, and work very hard on the budget process, resulting in lowering the budgets again for the last two years. We have made an effort to be more visible to our members by having a table at all IMPACT Sessions and answering many of your questions.

As Chairman, I make the following two recommendations:

First, that the Finance Committee continues their open door policy and visibility at IMPACT Sessions or any other large gathering of Eastern Star members. We want you to feel comfortable coming to us with your questions.

Second, although we are currently financially sound, in order to stay that way, we must take a hard look next year at increasing assessments and other fees while continuing to reduce our expenses.

Sisters and Brothers, as much as we all want to help every member in need, or continue to enjoy all the special events of our Eastern Star, we must realize that we do not have a bottomless pit of money, and must find ways to replenish the money we give away or spend.

For the last two years, the Finance Committee and the Board have been doing their part to hold down expenses, and now we need your help to increase our revenue. Until we start bringing in more new members than we lose each year, we need to seriously consider raising some of our fees. Please look over your legislation in your booklet, and truly vote for the good of our Order. We are an all star team, working together. Now it is your turn. So let's play ball.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Donna. Your committee worked so hard this year, and we thought Wall Street had it tough. Thank you for leadership skills and the expertise of all the members of your committee.

Brother Fred Schulenburg, will you present the proposed 2008–2009 Grand Chapter budget for consideration.

(The proposed 2008–2009 budget for the Grand Chapter of California, OES, is printed on pages 67–68)

Fred Schulenburg, PP (31/342): Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Fred Schulenburg, Associate Patron Manzanita Chapter No. 342, Morgan Hill, Past Patron San Jose Chapter No. 31.

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GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA

2008–2009 Proposed Budget

	2006 - 2007 Actual	2007 - 2008 Budget	Proposed 2008 - 2009
Revenues			
Member Dues	200,568	118,000	108,600
Insurance - Per Capita	140,011	154,000	128,962
Per Capita- Intenational Temple	3,945		
Assessment - General Grand Chapter	36,063		
Bequest		-	
Donations	521	-	
Sale of Roster Ads	2,460	3,500	5,000
Fundraising Projects	48,641	5,500	28,750
Misc Fund Raising	1,110	-	
Other Investment Income - Grand Chapter	12,890	19,000	12,600
Other Investment Income- Insurance	397	650	375
Other Investment Income - Membership	4,127	8,400	2,025
Investment Gains & Losses-Unrealized-GGC	59		
Sale of Membership Supplies	89,438	134,900	58,550
Administration Fees - Endowment	150,298	138,500	149,000
Administration Fees - Home	229,976	224,750	213,250
Administration Fee - E.S.P.P.	2,995	2,625	2,725
Administration Fees - Foundation	166,100	153,300	164,500
Allocation from Specific Funds	9		
Consolidations	1,170	1,500	2,500
Fines	426	250	425
Misc Income	188,980	-	
 Additional Income Sources			
Transfer from Membership Fund		1,000	2,500
Transfer from Insurance Fund			11,188
Transfer from Reserves			11,875
 Total Revenues	 1,280,184	 965,875	 902,825

	2006 - 2007 Expenses	Annual Budget 2007 - 2008	Proposed 2008 - 2009
Expenses			
CofS - Member Supplies	61,854	95,000	45,000
CofS - US Postage	11,563	15,550	20,475
CofS - UPS	5,476	6,000	4,600
Use Tax	1,298	1,775	3,130
Travel Program	42	1,600	1,000
Triennium Assembly	29,000		
Chapter Training - Secty/Treas Workshop	287	1,000	-
Other Miscellaneous	1,049		
Standing Committee Meals	425	1,200	500
Standing Committee Lodging	2,920	3,000	1,500
Standing Committee Mileage	2,916	2,800	2,800
Standing Committee Travel	2,687	2,500	3,500
Special Committee Reimbursements	459	750	500
Committee Compensation	3,658	1,800	3,695
Impact Session	9,500	5,000	2,500
GO/DGM Visits - Lodging	9,609	20,000	23,762
GO/DGM Visits - Meals	1,651	1,500	3,500
GO/DGM Visits - Mileage	12,650	10,000	10,000

Grand Chapter of California

2008–2009 Proposed Budget (continued)

GO/DGM Visits - Miscellaneous Expense	-	2,500	
Allowances - Grand Line	39,050	44,050	44,050
Donations to Masonic Organizations		2,000	2,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,293	-	
Fundraising Expenses	34,204	-	19,275
WGM Project Cost	1,365		1,000
Salaries & Wages	385,728	400,818	
Grand Secretary			65,000
Controller			90,746
Support Staff			234,608
Payroll Taxes	32,351	33,900	34,650
Employee Retirement	7,598	8,017	8,307
Employee Medical Insurance	37,136	41,000	31,750
Employee Training & Manuals	438	750	-
Employee Travel, Meals & Lodging	1,111	450	300
Human Resources Expenses	1,843	-	250
Contract Labor - Temp Help	1,287	700	700
Web Page Design and Maintenance	550	1,000	750
Contract Labor - Computer Conversion	300	-	
Audit & Tax Service	4,618	4,500	9,242
Legal Fees	5,262	-	1,000
Investment Fees - M. Lynch	240	180	150
Office Rent	34,976	38,425	41,170
Janitorial Service	2,985	2,950	2,950
E-Mail, Internet	329	325	360
Telephone	4,266	3,800	3,600
Utilities	7,069	5,250	4,800
Office Supplies	13,136	12,000	13,500
Kitchen Supplies	1,269	1,000	1,000
Computer Software	1,330	3,500	-
Computer Hardware	1,568	200	-
Copier Rental & Maintenance Fees	13,160	8,500	8,000
Computer Maintenance Fees	10,145	11,000	10,200
Repair & Maintenance	75	500	150
Software Technical Support	374	200	-
Security Monitoring Service	240	300	250
Other Equipment Rentals	2,631	2,600	2,250
Other Equipment Maintenance Fees	401		
Liability Insurance	137,392	140,000	116,550
Travel Accident Policy	-	1,000	1,000
Director & Officer Insurance	-	13,000	13,000
Workers Compensation	7,661	7,000	9,600
Bank & Payroll Charges	1,870	2,300	1,800
Business & Property Taxes	481	1,000	750
Business Licenses/Fees (Local & State)	40	60	30
Furniture & Fixtures	1,253	750	250
Off-Site Data Base Storage	-	25	25
Holiday-Birthday Fund	629	650	500
Funerals & Flowers	72	200	100
Printing	1,825	-	750
Pass Thru to General Grand Chapter Fund	40,008		
Pass Thru to Endowment	45,981		
Pass Thru to Home	29,476		
Pass Thru to Foundation	5,896		
Total Expenses	1,085,304	965,875	902,825
Depreciation Expense	6,345	-	7,000

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MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Grand Chapter budget, as printed.

(Vote taken.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The proposed budget of the Grand Chapter is **ADOPTED** as printed.

(The proposed 2008–2009 budget for the Grand Chapter Endowment Fund, is printed on page 70)

Fred Schulenburg, PP (31/342): MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Endowment Fund budget, as printed.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, you are about to vote on the proposed Endowment Fund budget as printed. Is there any discussion?

(Discussion was held and the vote taken.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The 2008–2009 Grand Chapter Endowment Fund budget, as printed, is **ADOPTED**.

Fred Schulenburg, PP (31/342): We have included copies of the 2009 Grand Chapter Session budget at the Secretary's table for those that are interested. This budget is not adopted by the membership, and is strictly an informational package.

(The 2008 Grand Chapter Week budget, is printed on page 71–72)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Rosanne Grigsby, we look forward to hearing your report on our Eastern Star Foundation.

Rosanne Grigsby, PM, CEF President (397): Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce the members of the California Eastern Star Foundation: Sisters Diane Reed, Barbara Scott, Associate Grand Matron, Brothers Jim Wilson, Stuart Meador, Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron.

I want to thank each of these members, and those that I have served with over the last five years, for your support of our Foundation and for allowing me the privilege of serving as your president this year. The five years that I have served as a member of this Board, I have been very proud of our accomplishments.

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ENDOWMENT FUND

2008–2009 Proposed Budget

	2006 - 2007 Actual Revenue	Annual Budget 2007 - 2008	Proposed 2008 - 2009
Revenues			
Member Dues	45,918.00	46,719.00	68,025.00
Bequests	211,690.80	25,000.00	
Memorials	-	500.00	-
Donations	14,283.20	7,500.00	4,000.00
Restricted Donations	106,174.95	7,500.00	2,500.00
Life Sponsors	11,496.00	8,000.00	10,000.00
Star Plus Account	4,390.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Revenue from Resident Assets	684,617.09	300,000.00	200,000.00
Resident Contributions	57,696.63	15,000.00	15,000.00
Other Member Contributions	-	500.00	-
StarTrade Ebay Sale	500.00	-	2,500.00
Fundraising Projects	2,576.00	-	-
Life Insurance Contracts	8,810.23		5,000.00
Investment Interest Inc	223,867.30	160,000.00	138,000.00
Investment Dividend Inc	829,120.56	800,000.00	1,545,000.00
Investment Gains/(Losses)- Realized	722,856.75	550,000.00	500,000.00
Investment Gains & Losses - Unrealized	2,614,204.00	1,350,000.00	505,000.00
Misc Income	0.12		
	5,538,201.63	3,273,719.00	2,998,025.00

	2006 - 2007 Actual Expense	Annual Budget 2007 - 2008	Proposed 2008 - 2009
Expenses			
Miscellaneous	15,016.13	0.00	-
Fundraising Expenses	111.98		-
Audit & Tax Service	10,698.00	10,375.00	9,350.00
Investment Fees - M. Lynch	266,147.51	300,000.00	300,000.00
Bank Charges	35.12		
Business Licenses & Fees (Local & State)	160.00	275.00	160.00
Property Taxes- Resident Assets	51.76	200.00	200.00
Property Tax - Endowment owned	6.20	50.00	70.00
Fund Administration Fees	150,297.53	138,500.00	149,000.00
Continuing Care Residents Debts	9,045.92	500.00	500.00
Cost of Sale - Resident Assets	9,765.86	6,000.00	3,000.00
Cost of getting assets	3.75		-
Life Insurance Premium	92.98	0.00	-
Printing	0.00	0.00	3,500.00
Total Expenses	461,432.74	455,900.00	465,780.00

Excess revenue over expenses		2,532,245.00
Transfer to Home		2,874,179.00
Net Effect on Investment Fund		(341,934.00)

Grand Chapter Session	Budget 2008
Member Dues	\$6,875.00
Registration	\$19,500.00
Vendor Promotional Fees	\$25,500.00
Youth Collections	\$2,000.00
Housing	\$32,400.00
Meals	\$0.00
Special Dinners-Kick Off	\$9,000.00
Special Dinners-Fun Night	\$9,000.00
Courtesies to Dignitaries	\$2,500.00
Misc Income	
Room Night Credit	\$0.00
	\$106,775.00
Lodging	\$30,100.00
Activities	\$200.00
Arena Set-up	\$6,700.00
Arena Set-up Chairman	\$50.00
Arts & Crafts Exhibit	\$100.00
Auditor	
Banquet Coordinator	\$100.00
Child Care	
Music/Choir	\$50.00
Committee Rooms	\$25.00
Court Reporter	\$5,000.00
Courtesies to Dignitaries	\$2,500.00
Credentials Committee	\$600.00
Decorations-Session	\$1,000.00
Divine Services/Necrology	\$200.00
Donations to Youth Groups	\$2,000.00
Drayage	\$2,500.00
Escort/Grand March	\$100.00
Election Committee	\$100.00
Equipment Rental	\$4,000.00
Fun Night/all member dinner	\$9,000.00
Vendor Expenses during Activity Week	\$2,000.00

Grand Chapter Session	Budget 2008
General Chairman	\$800.00
General Grand Chapter Reimbursement	
Grand Ball & Entertainment	\$100.00
Grand Inner Guards	\$200.00
Grand Line Officers (Rooms)	\$3,500.00
Grand Outer Guards	\$100.00
Grand Pages	\$200.00
Grand Secretary & Staff	\$6,425.00
GC Week Secretarial Services	\$200.00
Health Services	\$150.00
Meals	
Housing Chairman	\$250.00
Installation	\$2,500.00
Kick-Off Night Dinner	\$9,000.00
Lost & Found	\$25.00
Legislative Secretaries	
Masonic Family Session	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Pictures	\$50.00
Printing by Activity Week	\$3,500.00
Printing by GC for Activity Week	\$6,500.00
Program Chairman	\$150.00
Publicity	\$50.00
Safety Coordinators	\$250.00
Seating	\$75.00
Security	\$1,800.00
Signs	\$250.00
Sound and Lighting	\$1,950.00
Sound and Lighting Chairman	\$50.00
Special Courtesies	\$500.00
Special Duties	\$200.00
Telephones	\$100.00
Transportation	\$300.00
Vendor Chairman Expenses	\$200.00
Total Expenses	\$106,200.00

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA
EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION**

(by Rosanne Grigsby, PM, CESF President (397))

In 2004 and 2005, we presented the membership with newsletters about our Foundation. These allowed us to begin to build the bridge of what our Foundation was about. With these two newsletters, our members were generous with their donations in an amount that total over \$15,000 for the two years. Newsletters do work.

In 2005 the Board of Trustees completed a set of bylaws and a manual for the Board. We created our Mission and Vision Statement.

We have submitted to the Website Committee all the current information for the Foundation. I want to thank Brother John and Nancy for all the hard work that they have done to get us into the modern age of websites.

In the last five years we have been able to assist members and their families with aid from our Benevolent Fund, JC Lee, Marguerite Rennie Cancer Funds, and the Committee with our scholarships.

Our Brother Russ gave a little history of our investments, but I want to give you a little history about our donations.

Since 2005, our donations have dropped over 70 percent from our members. However, our assistance has decreased a little bit because we don't have the funds to give our members their support. In these economic times, it is tougher and tougher to get these donations. What this means, is that we need to once again focus our efforts on our own charities to ensure they continue to be able to support the needs of our members. To do this, we must heighten our communicating skills with you, the members.

Tough choices will need to be made. We can no longer function like we have in the past. We, too, like all businesses, will need to tighten our belts and make smart decisions on how and where we allocate our funds. Our investments have performed well in the past to keep us going, but with these times we have to change our ways to make sure that we continue to provide the service necessary to you, our members.

Each one of us has pledged to provide for the welfare of the wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters of Master Masons. To do this, we must again heighten our communication skill with you. Going out to the communities allows us to get our names to some people. However, we need to also concentrate on our community. We need to bond more with our Masonic lodges and work as a team to increase our membership. If we do not, the trend of decline will continue and, as a Foundation, we will not have the needed funds to continue.

These past five years have given me the opportunity to work for our Order in California, and I will continue my efforts to help our members with their needs. The Brick Project is a part of that effort. I hope each of you in this room will stop at our booth and purchase your bricks. Since all of the major expenses for the projects were completed in 2008, all of the bricks purchased from this point forward will net us 75 percent of the purchase price. The project benefits all our charities, not just one, including our Endowment Fund.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for this opportunity to serve our Order.

Sisters and Brothers, please remember that charity should not only begin at home, it must begin at home.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Rosanne, for creating, developing and implementing the Bricklaying Project, a joint fund-raising effort between our Foundation and Eastern Star Homes. We thank you for your commitment and working so hard for the benefit of all of our charities.

Brother Jim Wilson, will you please present the 2008–2009 proposed California Eastern Star foundation budget for consideration.

Jim Wilson, PP (555): Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, as you mentioned, Rosanne started the Brick Project. It was her baby. And so what we have done, the Foundation themselves, we have bought her a brick. And it says: Rosanne Grigsby, PM, CESF President 2009.

(The proposed 2008–2009 budget for the California Eastern Star Foundation, is printed on page 75)

MOTION: I move adoption of the proposed 2008–2009 budget for the California Eastern Star Foundation.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, we are about to vote on the adoption of the 2008 2009 California Eastern Star Foundation budget as printed. Is there any discussion?

Len Froomin, PP (252): Len Froomin, Pacific Star 252. What is the current situation with the Scholarships Endowment Fund?

Rosanne Grigsby, PM, CESF President: Brother Len, all of the funds that have been received for the Scholarship endowment are currently in a Certificate of Deposit. Due to the market, we felt that the stock market would take all the funds. So that's what we are doing with the actual funds. As far as your question is concerning the budget, because of the legislation, there has to be a certain dollar amount in there in order to disburse it. There are no disbursements budgeted this year out of the Endowment.

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CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

2008-2009 Proposed Budget

	Benevolent	JC Lee	Rennie	Scholarship	Cashion	ESTRAL	Disaster	Cancer Research	Comfort Program	Heart	2009 Budget	2008 Budget
Revenue												
Member Dues 26000	11,250			2,500							13,750	5,200
Chapter Donations	3,810	6,000	1,500	20,000	500	1,000	2,000		6,000	6,000	46,810	59,000
Interest & Dividends	20,000	109,204	46,400	9,400	5,000		1,200		9,000		200,204	176,100
Investment Gains-Realized	20,000	162,664	60,515	8,500	5,000		2,500		9,000		268,179	114,700
Sale of Investments				47,220	1,380						48,600	258,450
Total Revenue	55,060	277,868	108,415	87,620	11,880	1,000	5,700	0	24,000	6,000	577,543	613,450
Expense												
Promotion/goodwill Board Discretion	500	5,750	4,000	3,750	400		500		1,500	100	16,500	19,200
Committee Expenses/Travel & Lodging	500	2,000	600	2,000					200		5,300	5,050
Assistance to Members	50,000	50,000	60,000								160,000	200,000
Scholarships & Awards				75,000	3,000	830					78,830	78,850
Audit & Tax Service	240	4,940	3,715	350	290				400		9,935	9,700
Investment Fees-Merrill Lynch	500	60,500	17,200	4,500	1,600		200		2,700		87,200	87,200
Office Supplies		500	500								1,000	1,000
Material & Supplies									14,600		14,600	15,000
SiacARE	500	27,000	1,000	500							29,000	30,000
Fund Administration Fees	2,820	127,178	21,400	1,520	6,590	170	110		4,600	112	164,500	153,000
Donation to Outside Organization							4,890				5,788	7,600
Total Expenses	55,060	277,868	108,415	87,620	11,880	1,000	5,700	0	24,000	6,000	577,543	606,600

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Len Froomin, PP (252): I understood before that the funds are commingled.

Rosanne Grigsby, PM, CESF President: They are not commingled, Brother Len. It is going to take some legislation.

Len Froomin, PP (252): But we have no balance at hand as to where that stands?

Rosanne Grigsby, PM, CESF President: The last report I got from the Controller's office, dated June, showed that there was about \$7,000 in the endowment fund of the Scholarship Endowment fund.

(Vote taken.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The Foundation budget, as printed, is **ADOPTED**.

(The Worthy Grand Patron made the announcements.)

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: I now declare the Thursday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 2:00 o'clock PM. Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 11:44 AM.)

(Retiring march of Grand Chapter Officers and Grand Pages)



2008 "FIELD OF DREAMS" SESSION

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 16, 2008

1:30 PM Musical Prelude

Karen Skeleton, WM (83)
Singing Stars — "All That Jazz"

2:00 PM Entrance:

Grand Pages

2:05 PM Escort of Hostess and Host

Hostess: Ardath Garst, PGM
Host: David Von Bima, PGP

Entrance: 2008 Grand Officers

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

Escort: Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron
Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron

Ardath Garst, PGM: Sisters and Brothers, we have the honor of presenting Sister Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jim Whiteley, 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.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Ardath Garst, Past Grand Matron, and Brother David von Bima, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. You will unite with me in extending Grand Honors to our Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

Ardath Garst, PGM: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Collette, it is with honor and love that I present to you your gavel for this Thursday Afternoon Session. I know that you will use it wisely.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Ardath, for presenting me with my gavel. This is a very special gavel. This is the gavel I used in 1984 when I served as one of your Worthy Matrons. I will use it wisely. Thank you.

David Von Bima, PGP: And Brother Jim, it is my pleasure to present to you this gavel made by Brother George Cronin. Use it wisely. I know you will.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Before we start the business of Grand Chapter, this is the scarf that I am holding for ransom. I have a feeling it might belong to one of my Deputies, and she lent it to the Associate Grand Patron. The price has not been paid. I will entrust it to my Grand Page for safe keeping. And, as Jim Whiteley said, possession is nine tenths of the law.

Sister Ardath, may we have your Address of Welcome at this time.

WELCOME

(by Ardath Garst, PGM (174))

Sister Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Committee Members of the General Grand Chapter, Brother David von Bima, PGP, and this afternoon's Host, Honored Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, good afternoon.

It is indeed an honor to have been asked to welcome you to this Thursday Afternoon Session. It is almost like chocolate cake, with good chocolate icing to share this honor with Brother David von Bima.

We are well into our week's work and things are progressing nicely. We are having a wonderful time visiting with friends we don't get to see very often. We are eating too much and too often, and I think that's still okay. It's my hope that you are all renewing friendships, reviewing the legislation, and rejuvenating your enthusiasm for our Eastern Star. Welcome to this Afternoon Session.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Dave, we would be honored to hear your Address of Welcome at this time.

WELCOME

(by David von Bima, PGP (33))

My Sister Ardath already said this, but good afternoon Sisters and Brothers.

Part of my job is to keep you awake this afternoon, after those delicious lunches that you have had. So Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, are you paying

attention? Because I have an assignment for each of you right now. There are four things I want you to do each day. I want you to drink, swear, steal and lie. Now, let me repeat that. I want you to drink, swear, steal and lie.

I want you to drink from the Cup of Happiness, swear to help at least one person every day, steal a few minutes for yourself, and finally lie down at night and thank God for the things that you were able to do today.

It is a pleasure to be able to share the work once again with Sister Ardath. Ardath, you remember those batons we carried at Grand Installation last year made out of a bat and it had a ball attached with a string? I never could hit that ball with that bat. Ardath, you and Warren Wildman were Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in 1984 when Debbie and I were initiated into Eastern Star. That means, you were probably the first Worthy Grand Matron that I ever laid eyes on. Imagine that.

I thank Sister Collette and Brother Jim for giving me the honor to address our Sisters and Brothers on this first afternoon of our 135th Session of Grand Chapter. Sister Collette and I have known each other ever since we were on the joint committees presenting legislation at Grand Chapter a number of years ago, and I admired the way she could analyze proposed legislation to get to the essence of the matter. I met Jim and Cherri in 1995 when I first visited Silverado Association as Associate Grand Patron. I knew they were a couple I could count on, and I have enjoyed their friendship ever since.

This week we are going to vote on legislation, elect new officers and conduct business. Now, you may not agree with everything, but I want to remind you of Steven Jobs, the co founder of Apple Computer. He was considered crazy at the time. I want to briefly talk about the crazy people, and I hope that includes all of us here this afternoon.

Here's to the crazy ones, the misfits, the rebels, the trouble makers, the round pegs in the square holes, the ones who see things differently. They are not fond of rules and they have no respect for the status quo. You can praise them, disagree with them, quote them, disbelieve them, glorify or vilify them, but the only thing you can't do is ignore them, because they change things. They invent. They imagine. They heal. They explore. They create. They inspire. They push the human race forward. Maybe they have to be crazy. How else can you stare at an empty canvas and see a work of art? Or sit in silence and hear a song that has never been written? Or gaze at a red planet and see a laboratory on wheels?

While some see them as the crazy ones, we see genius, because the people who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world will end up doing it.

I'm Dave von Bima, and I approve this message.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Ardath and Brother David, thank you very much for your Welcome.

Sister Ardath, serving as one of your Worthy Matrons in 1984 was an honor. Your instructions, creative thinking and willing to try something new in 1984 was a model for our future. I served as President of your Association, chaired an Initiation at the Scottish Rite in Los Angeles and, with the help of many Sisters and Brothers, hosted the Southern California Event "Show of Shows".

Brother David, it was an honor to work with you while you served on the Finance Committee and I served on the Jurisprudence Committee. Thank you for always bringing humor to our Order.

Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Ardath, your presence at so many of our events this year, and your loving support has indeed been appreciated. Brother David, we have had a very special relationship since Cherri and I served with you and Sister Sherie Gustafson in 1996. I value my friendship with both of you, and thank you for serving this afternoon.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Before we start with the business of this Afternoon Session, it just so happens to be Brother David von Bima's birthday.

Please join with me in singing "Happy Birthday" to Brother David.

"Happy Birthday"

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: I now declare the Thursday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from refreshment to labor. Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshall made the proper proclamation.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Norma Stilwell, chairman of our Distribution Committee, would you please present your members of the Committee, and give your report.

Norma Stilwell, PGM, Chairman Distribution Committee: I am very pleased to introduce the members of my committee, Sisters Donna Herring, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Past Grand Matron, and Sue Bishop, Past Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, we thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee and to share the 2008 "Field of Dreams" with you and Brother Jim.

REPORT OF THE DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

(By Norma Stilwell, PGM, Chairman (380))

Thanks to the technical progress our Grand Chapter Office has made over the past three years, we were able to conduct all of our committee business through e mail. Copies of the legislation were received from the Grand Chapter Office via e mail, individually reviewed by us, and the proposed legislation has been distributed to the appropriate committees as follows:

- To the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Amendment Nos. 1 through 19, and Resolution No. 1.
- To the Finance Committee, Amendments No. 3, 5, 9 and 11 through 19, and Resolution No. 1.
- To Jurisprudence, Amendments No. 1 through 3, 5 through 19 and resolution No. 1.

The Committee has not received any recommendations from the Worthy Grand Matron or the Worthy Grand Patron.

Collette Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Norma, thank you and your committee for performing all the duties of this Session. I enjoyed traveling with you and serving as your Grand Conductress in 2006.

Sister Sheri Weisser, would you please introduce your committee and present your report.

Sheri Weisser, PGM, Chairman Constitution & Bylaws Committee: I'm pleased to present the other members of this committee: Sister Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Frank Young, Past Grand Patron.

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

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

(By Sheri Weisser, PGM, Chairman (177))

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 14th, we met at the Masonic Home in Union City with the members of the Jurisprudence Committee, the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Secretary. Also in attendance were the Associate Grand Matron, Grand Treasurer, Associate Grand Conductress and two member of the Finance Committee. We reviewed all of the proposed amendments to determine if they were in proper form, and if the intent of the amendment was clear.

Following this Annual Session, we will meet with the Jurisprudence Committee to make all the 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, et cetera.

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 those decisions.

Throughout the year we review the bylaws of subordinate Chapters and their proposed bylaw changes. This year the Committee reviewed 59 proposed bylaw changes, including 13 Consolidation bylaws and the bylaws of our newest Chapter, Dr. Rob. Morris.

A few of the Chapter are still 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, term limits, or paid Life Memberships need to add to the pre-printed form. These forms are available on our website or from the Grand Chapter office. This year we drafted “suggested language” for those Chapters with Trustees and/or Life Memberships.

Of the ten proposed changes to Chapter fees, we were unable to recommend approval of seven because the affiliation fee was more than half of the initiation fee.

We would like to remind our members that changes to your bylaws do not become effective until you have received (and read at a stated meeting) the “Approval Form” signed by the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron.

This Committee works closely with the Jurisprudence Committee and we have enjoyed a great working relationship and developed great friendships.

We extend our thanks to the Grand Secretary and her dedicated staff for their assistance. The proposed bylaw changes were forwarded to us on a timely basis, almost as soon as they reached the Grand Chapter Office, and the staff is always cheerful and willing to perform any research that may be required.

Our thanks goes to our secretarial staff this week, Sister Susie Thornton, Della Seith and Bette Ahrens. We appreciate their efforts as they prepared our delegation 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 enjoyed serving you and the members of our Order.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Sheri and your committee, for all the work you do not only at Grand Chapter, but all year long. You help our members with bylaw changes and answer so many questions. By the way, if you need my Grand Chapter seal, I do have it with me today.

Sister Sarahann Shapiro, would you please introduce your committee and present your report.

Sarahann Shapiro, PM, Chairman Jurisprudence Committee: My fellow committee members are Brother R. Stephen Doan, Past Patron of Ocean Park Chapter No. 245, and a Past Grand Master of Masons in California, and Len Frommin, Past Patron of Pacific Star Chapter No. 252.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

(By Sarahann Shapiro, PM, Chairman (250))

Well, here we are in the last few games of the 2008 season. Has it seemed just a little bit like all year long we are three runs behind in the bottom of the ninth? Bases loaded, two outs, and we're up to bat. Every pitch could be the whole ballgame, but no pressure, no pressure. However, how have we managed to make it this far? Well, we think we've made it because our member fans have been on their feet cheering for us to score that home run every time, and we have compiled an impressive set of statistics this year.

This year, the Jurisprudence Committee rendered eight unanimous home run opinions, got on base with review of four contracts and agreements, had approximately 200 at bats answering emails from members of various questions, got RBI credit for assisting with the drafting of legislation housekeeping items, worked closely with our coaches on the Constitution and Laws Committee to prepare last year's legislation, and helped out our team owners by preparing one Worthy Grand Matron's legislative book, and writing scripts for our Worthy Grand Patron. With a record like that, can there be any doubt that we have made it through the playoffs to the World Series Session?

Thank you very much, Sister Collette and Brother Jim, for appointing us to this committee. We have had a marvelous year. We can't imagine how we would have kept ourselves busy if you hadn't appointed us to this committee but, I must say, looking back, maybe we could have used a little more batting practice.

Thanks also go to our Head Coach, Sister Sheri Weisser of Constitution and Laws, who has kept track of when we should stop and when we should go for two; Sister Maryann Barrios, our team Grand Secretary, who has kept us informed on the batting roster and field assignments; and a very special thanks to our cheerleaders in the Legislative Secretarial Staff for their assistance in preparing legislation for presentation later this session.

Advisory opinions issued this year include:

- *Bunko Night Programs* — Sponsorship of bunko Night Programs by any Chapter is prohibited by the California Masonic Code.
- *Ways and Means Committees* — Chapters may have a Ways and Means committee with its own bank account to hold fund raisers or a Chapter may hold its own fund raisers and manage them through the regular Chapter accounts.
- *Hiring Accounting Assistants* — Accounting Assistants to work in the Grand Chapter office are under the supervision of the Grand Secretary, not the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee may hire certain finance related independent contractor professionals to work under their direction.
- *Allowable Charitable Contributions* — Under the Current rules in our Constitution and Laws, Chapter funds may be used for charitable purposes and may be given to needy affiliated members of the Order and needy orphan children of deceased members as the need arises. Funds may be given to youth groups, up to \$500 to a Masonic Youth Group and up to \$200 to a non-Masonic Youth Group without a special dispensation. A Chapter may also make donations to persons or organizations to help needy persons or serve humanitarian purposes in any such amount as the Chapter chooses to bestow.
- *Proof of Membership for Petition for Initiation* — A Chapter may not accept a dues card from a Mason's Royal Arch Chapter in lieu of proof of membership in the Mason's Blue Lodge.
- *Purchase of Refrigerator* — a Chapter may not donate money to a Lodge to buy kitchen equipment. A chapter may buy equipment jointly with a Lodge or rent it from a Lodge.

Decisions of the Worthy Grand Matron included:

- *Loss of Membership Upon Institution of New Chapter* — Upon Institution of a new Chapter, members who belong only to one other Chapter and who indicate their desire for plural membership do not lose their membership in their other Chapter upon Institution of the new Chapter. Those who do not indicate their desire to become plural members do lose their membership in the other chapter. Those who belong to two Chapters must demit from one before applying for affiliation with the new Chapter and must attach the demit to the Petition to the new Chapter.
- *Inability of Chapters to use Prince Hall Lodge Affiliation for Petitions for Initiation* — Under the rules of General Grand Chapter, a Chapter may not accept a Prince Hall Mason as a qualifying Mason to support a Petition for Initiation.

Collette Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sarahann, Brothers Steve and Len, I surely know how hard this committee works. Thank you for taking my phone calls, emails and pleas for assistance all the time. Thank you for all the work you do at this session.

Brother Larry Coffin, would you please introduce your committee and present your report.

Larry Coffin, PP, Chairman Audit Committee: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce the members of the Audit Committee. It just happens we have a birthday boy today, and that's our Brother David von Bima, Past Grand Patron, and Sister Sandra Geanoulis, Past Matron.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

(by Larry Coffin, PP (89) Chairman)

My Sisters and Brothers, it is the responsibility of the Audit Committee to see that the financial statements of the Grand Chapter of California, the Eastern Star Homes of California, and the California Eastern Star Foundation are audited annually by an independent Certified Public Accountant, and to vote on acceptance or rejection of the audit results.

The previous financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2007, were audited by the independent accounting firm of Meyer, Hoffman, McCann. The independent auditor reported the audit results to the Audit Committee, and we voted to accept them.

The Audit Committee held a closed meeting with staff of Meyer, Hoffman & McCann in order to allow an open discussion of any ethical concerns or competency issues raised by the audit. We are happy to report that no such concerns and/or issues were raised.

In planning and forming an audit, the independent Certified Public Accountant considers the entity's internal control system as a basis for designing their auditing procedures. Hence, annually, each entity receives a letter as a result of the audit that discusses certain areas where improvements could be made.

Finally, as a result of the company failures earlier this decade, (Enron, for example) the accounting profession has been implementing new and additional standards that must be followed by all Certified Public Accountants in providing services to their clients. The audit of our financial statements as of and for the year just ended, September 30, 2008, will be the first time that some of these new standards must be used by our independent Certified Public Accountants. These new standards will not only require the accountants to perform more work, but will require our employees to perform more work in preparing and assisting in the audit. We were informed by Meyer, Hoffman &

McCann this year of these requirements and projected increase in their fees as a result of them. It also will be suggested that the organization as a whole adopt certain policies regarding ethics and conflict of interest that would help the organization to be able to comply with these standards.

Worthy Grand Matron, it has been our pleasure to serve our Order in this capacity this past year.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Larry, thank you for working with our Finance Committee and auditors. Your committee members have a wealth of expertise in this field. Thank you. You are appreciated.

Sister June Dwyer, Chairman of Housing, would you please introduce your committee and present your report.

June Dwyer, PM, Chairman Housing Committee: On my committee are Katie Nielsen, and Robin Barnes.

REPORT OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE

(by June Dwyer, PM (109) Chairman)

Being Chairman of Housing is a definite challenge and, even though you told me not to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, I do thank you for allowing me to serve Grand Chapter in this capacity. There have been some bumps in the road, but you have been extremely supportive in helping me across some pretty rough spots. The e mails and phone calls, not just between us, have been too numerous to even count. I can't remember how many times I resigned. And when I asked for a raise in salary, which was already zero, what I received was a new title: Honorable Housing Chairman.

Working with Dave and Kathy Long, General Chairmen of Grand Chapter week, has been a pleasure. Each time we have sent up a cry for help, they responded positively. This is not a position that allows for complete independent decision making, and I have been so grateful for those in charge who will just say, "Yes".

The Committee meeting for 2008 Grand Chapter was held October 28th, 2007, the morning after the 2007 Grand Chapter Session. It was at that time when I realized how much was really involved with being Housing Chairman. As is customary, the prior year's Housing Chairman, Marlene Larsen, passed onto me a bag of Binders prepared by previous years' Chairmen. My first thought was how am I going to weed through all this and try to figure out what needs to be done? The only solution was to take one step at a time.

The first step occurred at our meeting in January with employees of the Fresno Convention Bureau (FCB) and the Radisson Hotel with our Worthy Grand Matron, Dave and Kathy Long, and other Committee Chairmen in attendance. At that meeting, many questions were asked and answered.

After receiving recommendations from Nicole Castillo, district sales manager from the Fresno Convention Bureau regarding hotels and RV parks in the area, the housing packet was formulated and reviewed by the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and Dave and Kathy Long. This consisted of a letter from me describing the Housing process, a Hotel Rate Sheet, a housing form and a Local Housing form to be completed if a member should decide to stay at home, with an acquaintance or at a different hotel. When finalized, Grand Secretary Maryann Barrios volunteered to include it in the monthly mailing. This was done in March. In addition, the Grand Chapter Office made the information available on the Grand Chapter website. This proved to be a valuable asset. When phone calls were received from members asking for a Housing form, they were referred to the website or to check with their Chapter Secretary; there were very few occasions when it became necessary to mail forms to members.

I sent copies of the housing packets to Nichole Castillo at the FCB and to April Newton, Director of Sales at the Radisson Hotel. This was followed up with phone calls to explain the process. Lists of those approved to be at the Radisson were distributed to Nichole, and April at the Radisson.

Carole Gaston, Chairman of the Grand Pages, gave me the list of the Grand Pages in June. This information was also provided to the FCB and the Radisson. As the deadline neared for making reservations at the Radisson, I devoted many hours researching the records to determine that all those who should be at the Radisson had, in fact, made reservations. Many hours were spent on the phone contacting those who had not yet made reservations only to learn, in some cases, that they did not realize it was necessary to complete a housing form. Since they were scheduled to be at the Headquarters Hotel, the assumption was that the room would be available when they arrived. Communication needs to be better between the Grand Officers, Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Pages, and Committee Chairmen.

Changes were happening at the FCB. Nicole left on maternity leave in mid April, not to return until mid August. Fortunately, the temporary replacement, Rebecca Tinseth, was invaluable. We were in almost daily contact by either phone or e mail. She maintained an excellent record of where members were being housed, always cognizant of who should be staying at the Radisson. We reviewed dozens of requests of members with medical conditions in an attempt to accommodate them. Rebecca sent me updated lists on a monthly basis as to where members were housed, in addition to copies of Housing forms.

Most requests for Housing were for the Radisson, La Quinta or Super 8. When we realized that these were filling up quickly, Rebecca contacted the Holiday Inn (recently remodeled) and they agreed to give us special rates. When Rebecca received requests for hotels already filled, she called members and suggested the Holiday Inn. As a result, we were able to accommodate many of them four (very long) blocks from the Convention Center.

When Nichole returned in mid August, Rebecca remained available on a temporary basis.

Then I was introduced to Sally McHaley, who was bought up to date and was to be my contact on the days that Rebecca was not working. In the meantime, April continued to stay in touch from the Radisson.

Confirmations were sent to those reserved at the Radisson on a regular basis. I received dozens of phone calls from members asking when they would receive a confirmation. April sent me a list of those at the Radisson that included their confirmation number; I was therefore able to provide information to the members. The problem was that many of the housing forms were received with no address, which meant that the Radisson was not able to send notification. When I received phone calls, I checked their housing forms, and they were informed as to why there had not been notified. I checked with April on a regular basis regarding the confirmation and was assured that they were being mailed. Many, however were not.

Other hotels did not send confirmations. This caused many more phone calls. If requests were made with more than one Hotel choice, the member did not know where they were confirmed.

When I brought this to Rebecca's attention, she and Sally attempted to call everyone who was not at the Radisson. They went above and beyond, to be certain each member was notified.

All rooms on the eighth floor of the Radisson were reserved and assigned to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, the Appointive Grand Officers, the Grand Treasurer and their Pages. With the assistance of the Worthy Grand Matron, the remaining rooms on the eighth floor were assigned to other dignitaries. The Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron along with their pages were on the seventh floor. The Grand Secretary, needing a handicapped room, was on the 2nd floor, and her staff on the first and second floors. The Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and their pages were housed on the third floor.

It was truly a pleasure to work with Nicole Castillo, Rebecca Hansen and Sally McHaley at the Fresno Convention Bureau, and April Newton at the Radisson. They were in constant contact with me and the members, making every effort to see that your needs were met. The reward was becoming acquainted by phone and email with members from all over California, other states and provinces. I look forward to meeting many of them here at Grand Chapter.

My best wishes are extended to Katie Nielsen as she takes on the task for the 2009 Grand Chapter Session in Visalia. Her experience will be a new adventure in a new venue.

And I concur with the recommendations made by my predecessors, with a few additions.

Recommendations:

- The list of members approved to be at the Headquarters hotel should be obtained from the Worthy Grand Matron and given to the person taking 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 Chairman and to each Committee Chairman so that they would know who has been approved.
- 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.
- Confirmations should be released immediately by the Headquarters hotel to everyone who is approved instead of waiting to process everyone at once.
- Grand Representatives are encouraged to share housing information with their counterparts. Many phone calls were received from other jurisdictions about housing.
- Members approved for the Headquarters hotel are urged to make their reservations before the deadline date. They should also understand that they must make their own reservations. It is not done for them.
- Members requesting the Headquarters hotel because of medical conditions should clearly state their situation and include a doctor's statement in order to be given preferential consideration.
- Members need to be encouraged to attend their own Chapter meetings in order to hear the communications or to be in touch with the Chapter Secretary. Many phone calls were received from those who had not been to Chapter meetings; therefore, they did not know the Housing process.

- Due to the tremendous demand for rooms at the Headquarters Hotel, those who are along should be encouraged to ask another member to share a room.
- This is a one-year appointment. It took me all year to completely understand all the processes necessary to do a good job and to avoid many unnecessary steps. It is definitely a one-person position. With this in mind, my recommendation to future Grand Line Officers is to make this a two or three year appointment.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Honorable June, thank you for accepting this committee appointment. You have worked long hours to make sure our delegates received their housing. I can't thank you enough.

Sister Linda Kephart, Chairman of Elections, would you please give us your report.

Linda Kephart, PM, Chairman Election Committee: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for asking me to serve as Chairman of this very important Committee. I appreciate the honor you have given to me to be of service to you and Grand Chapter.

It is my pleasure to announce those who will be serving with me. The majority of these members are seated in the West, and I shall appreciate it if they would please stand when their names are called. The Co chairmen are Sisters Nina Murray, Peggy Buck, Diana Davison, Jeanne Schultz, and Ginny Stout. The Captains are Brothers Glenn Jones, PGP, Ray Murphy, Les Schultz, Alan White, and Francis You. Please give them every courtesy during the legislative process as they are overseeing the ballot collections and the counting room. I thank them for agreeing to serve on these very important positions.

Other members of the committee are also seated in the West, and their names are printed in the program. I thank all of the committee members for the work they will be doing, hopefully, during this Grand Chapter Session. Each member is essential to this committee, and your service is appreciated.

REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

(By Linda Kephart, PM, Chairman (245))

An orientation meeting of the Election Board committee was held the day before the opening of Grand Chapter Session. The members of the committee were given instructions on the balloting process and received individual assignments.

I have confidence that the members of this committee are prepared to perform their duties.

Instructions regarding the election and other ballot votes will be given to the delegates just prior to each vote. Please listen carefully at this time so everything will go smoothly.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the Election Board is looking forward to serving you during these “Field of Dreams” Grand Chapter sessions.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Linda and your committee, thank you very much for all the work you do at our Grand Chapter Session.

Sister Katie Nielsen, Chairman of the Annual Session Site, would you please present your committee and your report.

Katie Nielsen, PM, Chairman Annual Session Site Committee: It is my pleasure to introduce to you the members of the Annual Site Committee. They are Brother Patrick Burke, who will be Chairman next year, and Brother Simon Dias. Consultants Deborah Learn and Don Snyder have also been a part of our committee. My thanks to each of you for your assistance, your suggestions, and that we could give the best possible information to our members regarding the choices for the 2011 annual site.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL SESSION SITE COMMITTEE

(By Katie Nielsen, PM, Chairman (348/358))

This year, our committee has received proposals from five venues: Fresno, Modesto, Ontario, San Francisco and Visalia. These locations were researched by this committee and included in our report to the Finance Committee in July for consideration as our 2011 Grand Session. At this time, two venues were eliminated. The first was San Francisco, as the venue could not provide complete data to meet the July deadline. Other factors working against San Francisco was the high cost of hotel rooms and the lack of parking. There had been interest in San Francisco because the Worthy Grand Matron for 2011 year, Sister Kim Hegg, is a 20 year employee of the California Grand Lodge located in San Francisco, and because the Grand Master of Masons that year will be Brother Bill Bray who is a Past Grand Patron of our organization.

Secondly, after further review the Finance Committee requested that we not consider Visalia since we have not yet held a meeting in that venue, and they did not want the possibility of committing to another year until we see how 2010 works out.

After reviewing the information submitted by the remaining three cities, the Finance Committee asked the Site Committee to research and report back on the possibilities of entering into a five year contract. It was hoped that such an extended proposal would render additional discounts. This was done and the committee reported back to Finance Committee on a new city, on August 15th, with full proposals. I would like to thank these sites for working with us on such a quick manner and quick turn around on their data.

After reviewing how the five year contracts would work, the Finance Committee agreed that the five year proposals would not be considered due to the fact that we have no way to project our needs that far out. Therefore, the five year proposals will not be presented to the membership this year.

The Finance Committee then reviewed the one year proposals for Fresno, Modesto and Ontario. After discussion, ideas from the committee and many questions, it was decided the Annual Site Committee would prepare and distribute to the members a grid sheet showing the data for Fresno, Ontario and Modesto. In addition, representatives from these venues would be invited to attend Grand Chapter to present and answer questions from our members. This has been done. You have a grid sheet in your packet, which we hope you will take time to review and be ready with questions, concerns and comments. The representatives will be here and be prepared to talk to you.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the honor of chairing this committee this year. It has been a team effort with these fine Brothers. I could not have done it without their counsel and assistance. In addition, I believe that having the consultants available for questions has rendered valuable service and will continue to be helpful in the future.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Katie, and your committee, for your service this year.

Sisters and Brothers, we will be voting on the session site for 2011 at our Friday Morning Session.

Brother Richard Wing, President of our Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees, would you please introduce our Trustees and present your report.

Richard Wing, PP, President Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and Delegates, I thank you for this opportunity to address the members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and our visitors from other Jurisdictions. I also extend a hearty welcome to one of our newest members, as he attends his first Grand Chapter as a member, initiated into Yorba Linda Chapter a couple of weeks ago, the Executive Director of the Senior Living Community, Clair Meske, we now may call Brother.

I introduce to you now the members of our Board of Trustees. In addition to Worthy Grand Matron Collette Gole, Worthy Grand Patron, Jim Whiteley, we have Past Grand Matron Sue White, Sally Wells, Chris Dias, our Grand Marshal Linda Bernhard, and Past Grand Patron, Dave Buck. Henry Gannett is retiring from the Board this year, and did a lot of wonderful work for us.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTERN STAR HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(By Richard Wing, PP, President (203))

By the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter of the California, Order of the Eastern Star, part V section 469, page B 168, at each Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, the Trustees shall make a complete report on the property conditions, operation, and the charity for the preceding year.

I am reporting that the property is excellent. Improvements have been made, and the condition of the buildings is fine, as noted in the annual report.

The condition of the residents: they have the usual selection of medical problems, but almost all of them are in fair health and involved in activities as they choose to be. A few of our Sisters, however, are experiencing some very serious medical problems. Please keep them in your prayers, and cards are appreciated.

The operation of the charity for our Senior Living Community, which falls on you, my Brothers and Sisters, has some serious problems. As you are aware from the budget report and proposed legislation, we do need to draw monies from our Endowment Fund each year for the continuation of our services to meet our budget.

“Something has to be done about the cost of health care”, was the opening statement in the newspaper article I recently read. A national committee on the costs of medical care set out to study the problem of delivering adequate scientific and medical services to all people, rich and poor, at a cost which can be reasonably met by them in their respective stations in life. As a community, we decry the lack of access to medical facilities and doctors, particularly among the rural populations. Medical costs prevented them from seeking care until confronting a health care crisis as they lack medical insurance. There were further examples of problems with provided care and preventative medicine sorely needed, and that 70 percent of people studied did not have regular dental care.

This newspaper, “*Burlington Free Press*” was dated March 23, 1929.

Not much has happened since then, except the costs and dollar values. Our state, our Congress, and presidential contenders still explain the problems of our health care system and debate solutions.

In 1930, average wages per year were around \$1,900. The average cost of a home was \$7,100. A Pontiac car was \$745. House rent was \$15 a month. A gallon of gas was 10 cents. Remember that. A loaf of bread 9 cents, and one pound of hamburger was 13 cents.

In Battleboro, Vermont, a mutual aid association was made to provide hospital care. It was formed at the cost of \$5.00 per year, per person, or \$7.50 per married couple, which provided full costs of \$30, and not to exceed \$300 in the case of an operation.

Do you even have insurance now? What does it cost you? \$300 may cover an office visit now, but it certainly doesn't even begin to cover medication, let alone the surgery. At a national level, the catastrophic costs of illness and the need for preventative care has driven the need for intervening years of numerous initiatives. These have tackled health care and its costs. Yet, increased, complex medical technologies and changing social expectations require us to consistently reassess and readdress health care issues.

Around 1930, our Senior Living Community was created. According to the 1931 Communication, membership in our Order then was over 106,000. The annual Home Assessment was set at \$1.00. While the Home was still under construction, the annual budget was around \$325,000.

Today our membership, as you have heard, is around 27,000 paying members, and the budget for the Home is around \$4 million. The annual assessment has not kept up.

From the *"Health Care Service Chronicles"*, I read an article, *"If Food were Health Care"*. This article noted that if food prices had risen at the same rates as medical inflation and everything else since the 1930s, we would be paying these prices: A dozen eggs would be over \$80. A pound of sugar would be around \$13, and a dozen oranges would be \$107. And one pound of coffee would be almost \$65.

We members of the Board of Directors of the Senior Living Community, and Executive Director Clair Meske, and the staff, are not trying to sound as severe as Paul Revere was in sounding the alarm the British are coming but, most importantly and pay special heed to this we are not sending any alarm that our current residents are in jeopardy or that there is a crisis at this time. We are, however, hoping that you are listening and beginning to realize that the past support fees, voluntary donations as established by the Order, are not and will not be capable of continuing the pledge that was made by our Brothers and Sisters when the Senior Living Community was founded over 80 years ago to provide that living monument for the good of the Order.

It is time for this Order to deeply reassess and readdress its charitable ability to provide for the changing health care needs of our members, before we do have a crisis, and our ability to provide our care and our services as we have obligated ourselves cannot continue.

We have a changing membership with more medical, physical, psycho social, mental health care problems requiring more complex health interventions and care. Many members, applicants to our Senior Living Community, have little or no insurance. They have limited access to health care for MediCare, MediCal, or other health care plans.

Incomes from many of our applicants are fixed by Social Security, and many applicants we have reviewed have no savings to draw from. Therefore, they have no assets to transfer. We are all living longer, and residential time in the Home is lengthening not just by a few years, but by decades. There are also fewer total number of members in general. Thus, the lowered capability of meeting increasing financial responsibility to maintain the Home and to provide for these increasing needs of residents of the Senior Living Community.

A month ago, a financial record given by our finance managers to a joint meeting of the Board, Finance, and Endowment Committees, stated that our financial outlook did look fine in securing care and maintaining needs for our current residents well into the next decade. This was, of course, before the failing activity of the financial world since September. And you heard the record this morning from Sister Donna that, even though we did suffer some loss, we are still doing okay, but not as well as expected. But there is a loss, nevertheless.

Prior to the recent initiation of our Starlight Society for potential donors, our Planned Giving Director has sent out annual reports and monthly messages to our membership requesting donations and ways to remember the Senior Living Community in your planned giving. In the past four years, we have received approximately \$170,000 in donations. There are some members who are planning to bequeath to the Senior Living Center over \$4 million on their passing, and several others have made unknown amounts that will be left to the Senior Living Center or are planning to leave us monies. While these planned donations are certainly very much appreciated, these funds do not help us now, on a day to day basis, and we really do not want to lose any more members.

These donations and those potential donations certainly do not add up to an ability to meet annual costs. You can do the math to determine the length of time our Foundation's funds can continue to support the needs of our members in residence within the bounds of the new parameters.

While we do review any past known numbers or trends and consider any other reasonable known factor into forecasting the future of our membership in the Order, or the total financial resources available at any time for the health care needs of our members, there are other events that will interfere with our best laid plans. We are charged as Board members by our Constitution, section 450, with many duties dealing with the management of this beautiful facility. This includes guarding and preserving the welfare of the Senior Living Center.

While I know I missed a day in school when they taught crystal ball reading into the future, I am expressing the opinion that the very future survival and long term continuation of the Senior Living Community, and constitutionally bound status of the Senior Living Community is in need of dire change.

Our Order is not the insurance company created to provide all health care needs for anyone from 25 to 30 years, as is now required and is happening. The very basic severe questions to ask is: Should this Order even be in the long term care assisted business?

I feel very confident in forecasting that, at the current rate of charity, our Senior Living Community will be in jeopardy and we will have a crisis. While the Outreach Program is very well intended and, in fact, may be under utilized at present, there is nevertheless an increasing demand for these services, as well. We must look at limitations of provisions of qualified services and limits of financial assistance before Outreach will face severe financial strain in the very near future.

The current Board, Finance and Endowment committees, and staff of the Senior Living Community, have examined a dozen possibilities of securing the future for our Senior Living Center. Our crystal ball does not provide secure answers. We are actively working on exploring options. We do desire to support the continuation of the principles established for our Senior Living Center not just for another ten years, but also for decades to come, as our forebears have obligated us. To assure the fulfillment of this obligation, we cannot continue to provide the fulfillment of our services in our current manner as is required.

You, the general membership, bear responsibility in expressing recommendations, any ideas you may have, and you have a responsibility to support the work before us, the Board now, and for any future Board members. Your Board will continue to work hard to explore options to meet these challenges and seek continued opportunities to avoid crises, and to assure that the ability of the Order is there to provide services at the Senior Living Community, or through the Outreach Program, to ensure that it can continue to meet within the financial ability and desire of the membership. The successful continuation of our obligation is entirely up to you.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthly Grand Matron: Brother Richard, thank you for serving as President of our Home Board. You are truly committed to having quality care and services for our residents. Thank you, to the entire Board, for looking out for the best interests of our residents and of our Order. You are to be commended on your service.

Sisters and Brothers, please stand. We need a 7th inning stretch. It is hot in here.

Musical Selection

"Take Me Out to the Ballgame"

Collette Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: It's time for legislation.

(The delegates considered and voted on Proposed Amendments 1 through 5, 7, and Resolution No. 1)

Collette Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: That concludes legislation, but we do have some things still to vote on, so don't get rid of your voting card.

Brother Richard Wing, would you please present the budget for the Eastern Star Homes of California at this time.

(The proposed 2008–2009 budget for the Eastern Star Homes of California, is printed on pages 94–95)

Richard Wing, Home Board President: MOTION: I move for the adoption of the proposed 2008–2009 budget for the Eastern Star Homes of California.

(Vote taken.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The Eastern Star Home's budget is **ADOPTED** as printed.

Brother Richard, would you please present the proposed 2008–2009 budget for the Eastern Star Professional Plaza.

(The proposed 2008–2009 budget for the Eastern Star Professional Plaza, is printed on page 96)

Richard Wing, Home Board President: MOTION: I move the adoption of proposed 2008–2009 budget Eastern Star Professional Plaza.

(Vote taken.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The budget for the Eastern Star Professional Plaza is **ADOPTED**.

Richard Wing, Home Board President: MOTION: I move that the Annual Home Assessment of \$5.00 be continued for 2009. I am not asking for any increase, or anything, but to maintain it at the current level. *(Motion seconded.)*

(Vote taken.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**; the Annual Home Assessment of \$5.00 is continued for 2009.

California Singing Stars . . . "I Believe"

Collette Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, California Singing Stars. That was beautiful.

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SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

2008–2009 Proposed Budget

	APPROVED BUDGET 2007 - 2008	PROPOSED BUDGET 2008 - 2009
S.L.C. REVENUE		
Contributions	875,000	868,980
Private Pay Revenue	148,000	111,600
Other Revenue	7,300	2,250
S.L.C. TOTAL REVENUE	1,030,300	982,830
S.L.C. EXPENSES		
Employee Expenses		
Salary & Wages	1,381,916	1,061,290
Payroll Taxes	205,102	100,000
Employee Benefits	13,000	13,000
Employee Insurance	344,200	256,750
Other Employee Expenses	30,600	28,300
Employee Travel	12,950	12,700
General Overhead Expenses		
Grand Chapter Administration Fee	224,750	213,250
Audit & Tax Service	21,475	24,525
Legal Fees	30,000	30,000
Feasibility Study		15,000
Office Supplies	29,884	23,100
Insurance - Business	183,100	183,100
Dues and Subscriptions	10,585	8,085
Bank Charges, Payroll and Other Fees	32,200	16,200
Property Taxes	7,500	9,250
Utilities	314,250	314,250
Office Equipment Rental, Repair & Support	16,000	15,700
Contract Labor	143,500	679,725
Housekeeping	19,000	18,800
Dietary	236,700	15,300
Activities	55,200	48,700
Building & Grounds Maintenance	89,350	91,049
Other General Overhead Expenses	41,900	40,500
Board Expenses		
Board Expenses	34,250	28,000
Resident Expenses		
Resident Medical Care	147,300	149,770
Resident Personal Care	95,950	98,200
Outreach Expenses		
Assistance to Members	250,000	250,000
Planned Giving Expenses		
Planned Giving Expenses	89,245	81,346
Star Care Expenses		
Star Care Expenses	31,613	31,455
Marketing Expenses		

Senior Living Community 2008–2009 Proposed Budget (continued)

Marketing Expenses		50,000
Eastern Star Expenses		
Other Facility Activities	12,500	12,500
Other Operating Expenses		
Expenses Directly Off-Set with Revenue		
Capital Improvements & Expenses	90,000	89,500
S.L.C. Total Operating Expenses	<u>4,194,020</u>	<u>4,009,345</u>
S.L.C. & E.S.P.P. Operating Revenue		
E.S.P.P. Income (Revenue - Expenses)	138,296	152,336
S.L.C. Revenue	<u>1,030,300</u>	<u>982,830</u>
S.L.C. & E.S.P.P. Total Operating Revenue	<u>1,168,596</u>	<u>1,135,166</u>
Endowment Income for S.L.C.	3,025,424	2,874,179
Depreciation	385,000	385,000

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Sister Heidi Bucher Lamb, Chairman of our Special Committee to Study the Election Process of the Associate Grand Conductress, would you please introduce your committee and give your report.

Heidi Bucher Lamb, PM, Chairman Special Committee on Associate Grand Matron Election: I am so very pleased with this group. My Sisters and Brothers, the members of this committee are Sister Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron, Sarahann Shapiro, Linda Bray, Barbara Weiss, Sandra Geanoulis, Brothers Loyal Stark, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Ron Behnke, Past Grand Patron, R. Stephen Doan, Past Grand Master, Richard Wing, and Angel Alvarez Mapp. I couldn't ask for a better committee. You are all awesome to work with and I thank you.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE: ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON ELECTION

(By Heidi Bucher Lamb, PM, Chairman (33/215))

On behalf of the members of this special committee, we wish to thank Sister Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron, for the opportunity to serve and address this important issue to the California members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Enclosed in your credentials package you received a copy of the results of our Special Committee's report. It was yellow, and it was attached to the strategic plan. We trust you have taken a moment to read it and review it.

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EASTERN STAR PROFESSIONAL PLAZA

2008–2009 Proposed Budget

	2007 - 2008 Budget	Proposed 2008 - 2009
E.S.P.P. Revenue		
Rental Income	260,000.00	280,000.00
Misc. Income	-	-
E.S.P.P. Total Revenue	<u>260,000.00</u>	<u>280,000.00</u>
E.S.P.P. Expenses		
Contract Labor		
Contract Labor - Landscaping	10,300.00	10,300.00
Contract Labor - Outside Lighting	600.00	600.00
Contract Labor - Pacific Coast	1,600.00	1,600.00
Contract Labor - Termite Prevention	<u>3,200.00</u>	<u>3,200.00</u>
Total Contract Labor	15,700.00	15,700.00
E.S.P.P. Portion of Employee Wages, Taxes & Insurance		
Labor provided by SLC Director of Plant Operations	7,560.00	7,920.00
Labor provided by SLC Maintenance	12,500.00	12,500.00
Workers Comp Insurance	3,450.00	3,450.00
Medical Insurance	1,700.00	1,700.00
Dental Insurance ESPP	350.00	350.00
Visions Insurance ESPP	85.00	85.00
Payroll Taxes	<u>2,100.00</u>	<u>2,100.00</u>
Total E.S.P.P. Portion of Employee Wages, Taxes & Insurance	27,745.00	\$28,105.00
Professional Fees		
Audit & Tax Service	2,200.00	2,250.00
Legal Fees	500.00	500.00
Administration Fees Grand Chapter	<u>2,625.00</u>	<u>2,725.00</u>
Total Professional Fees	5,325.00	5,475.00
Insurance - Business		
Liability Insurance	1,430.00	1,430.00
Fire & Property Insurance	<u>2,754.00</u>	<u>2,754.00</u>
Total Insurance - Business	4,184.00	4,184.00
Bank & Payroll Charges	<u>50.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Property Tax		
Property Taxes - Orange County	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>16,350.00</u>
Total Property Tax	15,000.00	16,350.00
Utilities		
Electric	5,000.00	5,000.00
Water & Trash	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>7,750.00</u>
Total Utilities	10,500.00	12,750.00
Building & Ground Maintenance		
Pest Control	900.00	1,500.00
Landscape Repairs & Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
Electrical & Lighting Repairs & Supplies	2,500.00	1,500.00
Plumbing Repairs & Supplies	2,000.00	1,000.00
Painting Repairs & Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
Roof, Walls, Etc., Repairs & Supplies	200.00	1,000.00
Fire Safety Repairs & Supplies - Building		250.00
Heating & Air Conditioning Repairs & Supplies	2,500.00	2,000.00
Building & Grounds Equip Rental, Repair & Supplies	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total Maintenance	13,600.00	12,750.00
Capital Expenditures		
Building Improvements	29,600.00	12,250.00
Fixtures	-	20,000.00
Total Capital Expenditures	<u>29,600.00</u>	<u>32,250.00</u>
E.S.P.P. TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>121,704.00</u>	<u>127,664.00</u>
Excess Revenue over Expenses		152,336.00
Depreciation	-	60,000.00

To Sister Barbara Scott and Brother JD Hammett, this Special Committee thanks you in advance for accepting our recommendations and our re-appointment for another year for the following objectives:

- One, to gather feedback from the membership on whether the proposed following framework satisfies the need and expectation of the California membership.
- Two, to draft legislation for presentation at the 2009 Grand Chapter Session which, if passed, would first apply to the election held at the 2011 Grand Chapter Session.

This special Committee was charged with the task of studying the procedure for the election of the Associate Grand Conductress. This assignment was a result of several pieces of legislation that were presented at the 2007 Grand Chapter Session. Three members signed and presented "Proposed Amendment No. 17" which called for the incumbent Grand Marshal to be ineligible to run for or be elected to the office of Associate Grand Conductress. This resolution was defeated. Resolution No. 2 was then considered, which called for "the Worthy Grand Matron to appoint an 'Ad Hoc' Committee to determine the will of the membership and the feasibility of discontinuing the current traditional policy of appointing a Grand Marshal, with the expressed 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." The Resolution specifically called for a specified number of members, directives to the Aims & Objectives Committee, and that the subject matter be discussed at IMPACT sessions. This resolution was also defeated.

As part of the discussion on Resolution No. 2, Collette Serio Gole (then Associate Grand Matron) promised the delegates that she would appoint a special committee to study the issue. This was not an easy task as she felt much thought needed to be given to the number of people that would be appointed to the Committee and what the mission of the Committee would need to be. By January of 2008, the Committee had been formed and eleven (11) committee members were appointed, a Chair and ten (10) members.

The mission of this Special Committee was to review the current process of electing the Associate Grand Conductress. Sister Collette requested the committee investigate the election process of other Jurisdictions. She also asked the Special Committee to review the results of a study conducted in 1973 with our California membership on the same issue. Many of the concerns expressed then remain the same concerns expressed in the Committee's

research of this past year. If the Committee identified a need to make a change in the election process, Sister Collette asked the Special Committee to identify such need, formulate a transition plan and prepare legislation for our California Grand Chapter Session.

This assignment was the result of several pieces of legislation that were presented at the 2007 Grand Chapter Session. Please refer to your insert for more details on that.

The committee's research included the studies of the election process with other Jurisdictions with similar size in their membership, and Jurisdictions with a different size in their membership to that of the Jurisdiction of California. Because each Jurisdiction is unique in terms of it's needs and traditions, the Committee would not find the information particularly helpful. The Committee additionally considered how other concordant Masonic bodies selected their leaders.

Lastly, the Special Committee sent a survey to the membership of California to each Chapter Secretary. Each Worthy Matron was requested to discuss the survey with her members and formulate a chapter response to the survey questions.

The responses were given, due to the Grand Chapter Office by May 1st, and a copy of that survey will be attached to a copy of this report to be included in these proceedings.

The Special Committee met and reviewed the survey responses. 60 percent of the Chapters responded. Two thirds of the responses proposed some form of change. Some of the ideas suggested were:

- One, create some sort of committee to review and report on the qualifications of those aspiring to become Associate Grand Conductress.
- Two, provide two or more candidates on the ballot, providing an opportunity for all to vote.
- Three, preserve the current north south split, rotating each year.
- And four, to not allow electioneering.

The Special Committee considered how California's current election process could be modified to address the stated desires of its members.

Evaluating the results of the survey and listening to what the members want, the Special Committee offers the following framework for consideration.

If approved by the members of Grand Chapter, the Constitution and Laws would be amended to create an Advisory Committee composed of the current six elected Grand Line Officers, five members appointed from the general membership, none of whom could be a Distinguished member, and one Past Grand Matron and one Past Grand Patron, one from the North and one from

the South. Each Worthy Grand Matron would appoint one person from the general membership to serve a five year term on the Advisory Committee, as is now done with the Finance Committee. In the fifth and final year of the appointment, the member would chair the Advisory Committee.

In recommending an Advisory Committee of this composition, the Special Committee had several goals. It wanted to include in the advisory process the current working Executive Committee, the general membership representation, and a Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron to provide wisdom and experience from their many years of service. Any Past Matron from the appropriate alternating region of the state interested in obtaining the Advisory Committee's recommendation would submit a resume packet to the advisory committee several months before the designated deadline.

The Advisory Committee would confidentially review the packets and conduct interviews with each prospective Past Matron. After the interview process, the Advisory Committee would recommend a minimum of two Past Matrons for the election to Associate Grand Conductress, and inform all persons interviewed of its recommendations.

Those recommended Past Matrons interested in running for Associate Grand Conductress, would submit their resumes to the Grand Secretary, prior to the legislative deadline. Past Matrons from the appropriate alternating regions of the state, not recommended by the Advisory Committee, could still run for Associate Grand Conductress by submitting their resumes to the Grand Chapter Secretary prior to the legislative deadline.

To our California Chapters, your surveys were instrumental in formulating the result of this report. To each Chapter who participated, we thank you and want you to know that this Special Committee has listened to your thoughts and suggestions. If any member wishes to discuss his or her thoughts on this matter, please come see me or any other member on this Special Committee. We would welcome your thoughts and we will be here throughout the rest of the week.

(The letter and survey sent by the committee are printed on pages 100-101.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Heidi, thank you for accepting the challenge of this assignment. I commend you and your committee members for having an open mind and being impartial as you studied this important issue.

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA
Order of the Eastern Star**

March 5, 2008

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

At our Grand Chapter Session last October, Collette Serio Gole, Associate Grand Matron, informed the delegates that she would appoint a committee to study the selection/election procedure for our Associate Grand Conductress. On January 22, 2008, she appointed this Committee.

The Committee has met and reviewed the process of selecting the candidate for election of the Associate Grand Conductress. The following is a short summary of our findings:

While the Associate Grand Conductress is elected, there is normally only one candidate: the Grand Marshal. The Grand Marshal is of course appointed by the incoming Worthy Grand Matron. This practice has a long history in our jurisdiction. At least until 1920, our Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons were elected from the floor. There was no progressive line. The Worthy Grand Matron was essentially in charge of ritual and made official visits to the chapters to examine and teach the work. The Worthy Grand Patron stayed at home and handled the business of the Order.

Starting in 1907 and in most years thereafter until 1920, it was the Grand Marshal who was elected the Worthy Grand Matron for the next year. We assume that the Grand Marshal traveled with the Worthy Grand Matron and that this exposure (together with the Worthy Grand Matron's endorsement) resulted in the Grand Marshal's election as the next Worthy Grand Matron. California went to a progressive line system in 1920, with an elected Associate Grand Conductress who progressed to be Worthy Grand Matron. Beginning with the 1924 Grand Chapter Session, the Grand Marshal in every year has been elected the Associate Grand Conductress, with two exceptions.

The Committee is interested in determining if the method of selection is a process that should continue. Does the current procedure of identifying the candidate for Associate Grand Conductress still suit our needs? Is there a better way?

This special study Committee is requesting a survey be conducted of sentiment on this subject. That survey can be found on the reverse side of this letter.

We ask that each chapter discuss the survey questions during an upcoming meeting and have your Secretary prepare a summary of those discussions on the included form as your Chapter's report. We are requesting the completed survey be returned to the Grand Chapter office by May 1, 2008.

Thank you for your interest in the future of our Order.

Fraternally,

Heidi Bucher-Lamb
Chairman

Special Committee to Study the Election Process of the Associate Grand Conductress

SURVEY – ELECTION PROCESS

Chapter Name and Number: _____.

In three short years, the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress will be installed as the Worthy grand Matron. The Associate Grand Conductress should already have most of the skills and experiences for election to the office of Worthy Grand Matron and a vision when she starts her journey. What skills, experiences and vision should we look for in our Worthy Grand Matron? Please share your thoughts on this question in the space below. If you need more space, you may attach additional sheets.

What selection procedure would best assure us that our newly selected Associate Grand Conductress has these skills and experiences and a vision? Please share your thoughts on this question in the space below. If you need more space, you may attach additional sheets.

What additional ideas and thoughts do you have on this subject?

Please return the completed survey to the Grand Chapter office (16960 Bastanchury Road, Suite E, Yorba Linda, CA 92886-1711) by May 1, 2008.

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Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your attention during legislation and reports. We have accomplished a lot this afternoon. We hope that you will join us this evening for our Informal Opening Session. We will honor our visiting dignitaries, enjoy entertainment and participate in the Grand March. Remember that this session is open to non members. So, please, everyone come.

(The Worthy Grand Patron made announcements.)

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: I now declare the Thursday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 7:30 PM for our Informal Opening Session.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 4:02 p.m.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Would everyone please remain seated except for the Grand Officers and Grand Pages. Please remain seated while we participate in our Retiring March.

(Retiring march of Grand Chapter Officers and Grand Pages)



2008 “FIELD OF DREAMS” SESSION

INFORMAL OPENING

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 16, 2008

7:00 PM Musical Prelude

Ruth Wahpecome (358)

Choir — “*Hooray for Hollywood*”

7:30 PM Formation and Drills

Director:

Susan White, GGCCM

Honorary Marshal:

Denny Rae Grist, PGM

Honorary Marshal:

Karen Fletcher, PGM

Organist:

Dennis Jordan, Worthy Grand Organist

HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD

(Narrated by Ruth Nicholas, PM (60) and Alan White, PP (524))

Alan: Hooray for Hollywood. That’s a movie star’s diamonds.

Ruth: Baseball diamonds, of course, cheering crowds and bats galore. You are like an excited audience at the Oscars awaiting the Red Carpet arrival of our stars.

Alan: Tonight’s gala is different. It is a premier of baseball movies of years past, up to the present.

Ruth: We await the envelopes of our award winner’s names. The Academy Awards have Price Waterhouse protecting its votes.

Alan: Here at Grand Chapter we have Jurisprudence and the Finance Committee protecting, and the Election Committee counting votes.

Ruth: We need all the fans in the bleachers to vote for their favorite as they are presented tonight, so let us hear your noise as each cast are presented on the Red Carpet.

Alan: Except in keeping with our baseball movies, the Red Carpet has been replaced by the diamond and the baseball lines on to the lineup.

Ruth: The designated fans are the ushers at our premier. Put your hands together for our ushers, the Presidents of the Collette Gole Jim Whiteley Associations of California.

Entrance: Association Presidents

Alan: They are spirted and officially dressed in their uniforms.

The nominees are: “*Everyone’s Hero*”, “*Fear Strikes Out*”, and “*The Pride of St. Louis*”.

The envelope, please.

Ruth: These Presidents have won “*The Pride of St. Louis*”, or Fresno Award.

Alan: Hooray, let’s hear it for them. On to the next category. A special guest foreign baseball team. The Away Game Award.

Ruth: I know that team cast is sitting in the grandstands, awaiting this award.

The envelope, please.

Alan: The Grand Representatives will stand in their box seats. For away games, the Grand Representatives have won the “*Angles in the Outfield*” special award.

Cheers, please.

Ruth: Thank you. Be seated, please.

Entrance: Deputy Grand Matrons

Ruth: Look! Coming down the base line is a huge team of players who have done phenomenally well this year as rookies, and they are on their way to the big time, the pros.

Alan: The cast may be up for the coveted Supporting Actress Players Award.

The nominees are “*Bull Durham*”, “*Life in the Minor Leagues*”, and “*Babe, the Babe Ruth Story*”, and “*Air Bud, the 7th Inning Fetch*”.

Ruth: The envelope, please. The Deputies have won the Golden Bone Award for “*Air Bud, the 7th Inning Fetch*”.

Alan: And here comes the supporting staff, the trainers, the hair and makeup specialists, the uniform valets and the slaves.

Entrance: Grand Pages.

Ruth: The awards from this group could come from one of four movies: “*A League of Their Own*”, “*Bad News Bears*”, “*Eight Men Out*” and “*The Sandlot*”.

The envelope, please.

Alan: The Grand Pages are definitely in “*A League of Their Own*”.

Let’s hear it for those “*Good News Dogs*”.

Ruth: The fanfare is announcing the base line entrance of the Grand Officers and Escorts of 2008, and they await their most valuable players, the Gole Whiteleys.

Entrance: 2008 Grand Officers and Escorts

Alan: The Most Valuable Players and their trainers are entering the stadium: Collette and Gary, Jim and Cherri; let’s hear it for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and their escorts.

Entrance: Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron and Gary Gole
Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron and Cherri Whiteley

Ruth: Here they are, the 2008 team, ready for their award. What will they win?
The possibilities: “*The Natural*”, “*Field of Dreams*” and “*Damn Yankees*”.

Alan: The envelope, please.

And the winners of our hearts at Grand Chapter, from all points in and around Hollywood, and the farthest movie theaters and ball parks across California.

Ruth and Alan: “*Field of Dreams*”. It was no contest at all.

Ruth: Congratulations to each player and team. You won our votes, our hearts, and our praise.

Alan: We have enjoyed your production, and “You Ought to be in Pictures”.

Ruth: But you are now in the Movie and Baseball Hall of Fame.

FLOATING STAR EMBLEM CEREMONY

(Narrated by Vernon Gordon, PGP)

Adah: Sue Bishop, PGM

Ruth: Sherie Gustafson, PGM

Esther: Janet Robinson, PGM

Martha: Norma Stilwell, PGM

Electa: Doris Parrish, PGM

Perhaps it was on a star filled evening such as this, when a Grand Master of Masons invented our Order. Dr. Rob Morris, the Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, had a clear vision for establishing an organization dedicated to the highest ideals and principles of life. He sought to honor the wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters of Master Masons, receiving an inspiration from the highest ethereal source possible. He used the Bible as his handbook.

His dream took shape in the form of the fraternal universe of constellations. The Bible provided heroines to be the stars of his lessons and allegories. Rob Morris studied Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa.

The Book of Esther tells the story of the White Ray of our Star. Esther, the Queen, was chosen to be monarch of her year. Her raiment was royal purple and purest white. Her emblems of power were the Crown and Scepter united. For history, Rob Morris felt she was a symbol, herself, a strong woman raised up by God as a champion for the oppressed and the persecuted.

The Blue Ray of our Star is found in one of the pages of Judges. The Daughter heroine was called Adah, by Rob Morris. She was the only child of his, who later had contracted with God with promise of sacrifice for victory. Adah honored her father's vows, feeling it was her obligation. The Sword and sky blue Veil, were instruments to test her duty.

The Epistle found in the Book of John, relates the trials of our Red Ray. Electa, the mother, professor of faith to the world, becoming a martyr to her Christian faith. The Red Ray of our Star symbolizes the blood that was spilled, and it answers her true. She revered God, her beliefs, and taught us to love one another.

The book of Ruth relates the tale of the Yellow Ray of our Star. The biblical love story of this heroine is a constant reminder of what can be gleaned from the trials of everyday life. In small tasks performed, we learn honest work is not menial, especially through love and duty is involved. The Sheaf reminds us of all the minute parts of our lives.

The Green Ray of our Star has its biblical base in the Book of John. Martha, the Sister of Lazarus, exemplifies a trustful faith in God when confronted with death. Her Broken Column illustrates the uncertainty of human life. This lesson of immortality helps us to envision our ever-lasting mansions in the heaven.

The Star Points advance in harmony, to be joined by the source of our wisdom and history, the Holy Bible.

ENTRANCE OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Bible Bearer: Yvonne Beckenhauer, PGM

Vernon Gordon, Past Grand Patron: Our emblem takes its place in the Field of the Star. Dreams will be fulfilled, if we believe, no matter where we are.

Evelyn De La Rosa (96) . . . "Evening Prayer"

INVOCATION

(by William J. Bray III, PGP)

Our Heavenly Father, we come before Thy throne in this moment of prayer with humble thanks for the many blessings received at Thy hands since our last Grand Chapter Session.

We thank Thee for the blessings of being citizens of a nation that allows such an Order to exist, and for the privilege we enjoy in being members of this beautiful Order. May its teachings play an important part in making the world a better place to live.

Father, be with all of us this week and help each of us to contribute in his or her own way to make this beautiful "Field of Dreams" Session one of harmony and goodwill, so that much good can be achieved from our labors.

We are thankful for the protection Thou has given our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Collette, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jim, in their travels about the state. Bless and guide them as they preside over this Grand Chapter Session.

We are grateful for the presence of so many Distinguished guests who have come from far and near to be with us. May God's blessings rest upon those who could not be with us. And especially, do we pray for the families of our young men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in servicing our great nation and for those who continue to serve our country.

These we ask in Thy Holy Name. Amen.

Escort and Call to Order:

General Chairmen, Grand Chapter Week

Dave Long, Past Grand Treasurer (345)

Kathy Long, PM (345)

Dave Long, PGT (345): Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters, Brothers and guests, it is our great pleasure to welcome all of you to this "*Field of Dreams*" Session in the 135th year of the California Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Kathy Long, PM (345): We are honored by the presence of our Junior Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Pat Rasmussen, and Junior Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Loyal Stark, our Worthy Grand Organist, Brother Dennis Jordan, several General Grand Chapter Committee Members, and Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of this and other Jurisdictions, all of whom who will be introduced later in the program. We thank you for attending our Grand Chapter, and hope you enjoy the proceedings.

Dave: We give a special welcome to those of you attending your very first Grand Chapter Session. You will develop some friendships this week that will be for life. Enjoy the Session, learn as much as you can, and perhaps one day you will be able to stand up here and welcome your Sisters and Brothers to a future Grand Chapter Session.

Kathy: We give special thanks to Sister Collette Gole for having the confidence in us to be the General Chairman of this event. It not only brings honor to us, but to our Chula Vista Chapter.

Dave: Our Activities Group Leaders and the many Committee Chairmen and members have worked very hard to make this Session successful, and we hope you take time to thank them for their service. Some of them have been committees of one, doing all the work themselves. Others have had many members to spread the work among many hands. All have done their best to make your experience this week very special. Later in the week they will all be introduced to you, so you can thank them with your applause.

Kathy: Our Sister and friend, Susan White, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Past Grand Matron, who is the Advisor for this week has been very helpful in seeing that our train did not derail as we worked on the many details.

Dave: While researching what to say this evening, we found no reference to the Event Coordinator provided by the Fresno Convention and Entertainment Center. We give our eternal thanks to Sonia Guy, who has helped us with the many potential problem areas these past few months. We also thank her for keeping us informed about the parking situation and it's final solution, which we hope you appreciate.

Kathy: and Dave: We now have the honor to call to order this “*Field of Dreams*” Session, of the California Grand Chapter.

Kathy: Sisters Honorary Marshal, you will retire and escort the Hostess and Host to the East.

Escort: Hostess: Susan White, GGCCM
Host: Steve Nicholas, PGP

Kathy Long, PM (345): Sisters, Brothers and guests, we have the honor to present Sister Susan White, General Grand Chapter Committee Member Necrology, and a Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California, and Brother Steven Nicholas, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Hostess and Host for this evening. Members will join us in extending the Grand Honors to our Distinguished guests. (*Grand Honors extended.*)

Susan White, GGCCM: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor of presenting Brother Dave Long, Past Grand Treasurer and General Chairman for this week, his wife, Kathy Long, Past Matron, both of Chula Vista Chapter of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. Sisters Honorary Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and their Escorts to the east.

Escort: Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron, and Gary Gole
Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron, and Cherri Whiteley

Susan White, GGCCM: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor of presenting Sister Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the 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.*)

Susan White, GGCCM: It is also my pleasure to present Brother Gary Gole, husband of our Worthy Grand Matron, a Past Patron of Hollywood Chapter, and Sister Cherri Whiteley, wife of our Worthy Grand Patron, a Past Matron of Silver Spray Chapter, Napa. Let's extend a wonderful greeting to our escorts.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Honorary Grand Marshal, you will escort the 2008 Grand Officers and their Escorts to the east.

Escort: 2008 Grand Officers and Escorts

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present the 2008 Grand Officers.

Sisters Barbara Scott, Associate Grand Matron, Fort Millerton Chapter, Fresno, and her escort, her husband, John.

Brothers JD Hammett, Associate Grand Patron, Hollywood Chapter, South Pasadena, and his escort, Johnnye Hammett.

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

Debbie Maiman, Grand Treasurer, Ocean Park Chapter, Santa Monica, and her escort, Lauren Maiman, her daughter.

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

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

These are our Elected Grand Officers, and the audience may be seated.

Joe Ross, Grand Chaplain, Alameda Oak Leaf Chapter, Alameda, and his escort, Linda Ross.

Linda Bernhard, Grand Marshal, Ungava Chapter, Riverside, and her escort, Brother Clair Meske.

Debi Gannaway, Grand Organist, Harbor Lights Chapter, San Diego, and her escort, her husband, Bob Gannaway.

Susan Froomin, Grand Adah, Pacific Star Chapter, San Francisco, and her escort, her husband, Len Froomin.

Catie McQuater, Grand Ruth, Crown Chapter, Corona, and her escort, her husband, Will McQuater.

Cathie Burt, Grand Esther, Horizon Star Chapter, Tarzana, a and Van Nuys Chapter, and her husband, Bill Burt.

Melissa Cronin, Grand Martha, San Pedro Harbor Chapter, San Pedro, and her escort, George Cronin.

Jackie Bozeman, Grand Electa, El Dorado Foothill Chapter, El Dorado, and Rising Star Chapter, Sacramento, and her escort, her mother, Jerri Jones; also, Sister Jerri is the wife of our Past Grand Patron, brother Glenn Jones.

Sarahann Shapiro, Grand Warder, Valley Star Chapter, Los Altos, and her escort, Dianne Schulenburg.

Bill Robertson, Grand Sentinel, Athena Chapter, Hollister, and Carmel Chapter, and his escort, his wife, Denise Robertson.

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 Marshall made the proper proclamation.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Honorary Marshal, you will escort the Deputy Grand Matrons to the East.

Escort: Deputy Grand Matrons.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present the 2008 Deputy Grand Matrons, better known as the Deputy Dawgs.

Sisters Sarilyn Stine, Fallbrook Chapter, Chairman of our Deputy Grand Matrons;

Mary Carlson, Concord Chapter, President of the Northern Deputy Grand Matron's Association;

Tomé Martin Duval, Madera Chapter, President of the Central Deputy Grand Matron's Association;

Sherrie Wilkerson, Chula Vista Chapter, President of the Southern Deputy Grand Matron's Association.

The audience may be seated.

Peggy Mecham Carlotti, Camellia Chapter, Eureka;

Jean Monroe, Evening Star Chapter, Etna;

Melissa Terrano Danger, Five Stars Chapter, Susanville;

Jennifer Sargent, Shasta Northern Lights Chapter, Millville;

Jeanne Woodstrup, Citrus Chapter, Orland;

Peggy Glander, Josephine Chico Chapter, Chico;

Roberta Shurtz, Marysville Friendship Chapter, Marysville

Ginger Jackson, Crystal Chapter, Auburn;

Kathy Randall, Rio Linda Chapter;

Brenda Hanson Smith, El Dorado Foothill Chapter, El Dorado;

Jean Sampson, Rising Star Chapter, Sacramento;

Diane McCombs, Elk Grove Onisbo Chapter, Elk Grove;

Glenda Johnson, Suisun Chapter, Fairfield;

Becky Costa, Augusta Kingsley Chapter, Ukiah;

Terry Ewing, Rose Valley Chapter, Santa Rosa;

Dayl Brown, Gateway Chapter, Vallejo;

Barbara Journeay, Alameda Oak Leaf Chapter, Alameda;

Kelley James, Golden Valley Star Chapter, Castro Valley;

Ann Carlson, Unity Chapter, Burlingame;

Annette Mariel, San Carlos Chapter;

Patricia Walton, Miramonte Chapter, Mountain View;

Susan Ramsey, Starlight Chapter, San Jose;

Sun Smith, Carmel Chapter;
 Lydia Eckert, Mother Lode Chapter, Murphys;
 Tiffany Ruiz, Stockton Oaks Chapter, Stockton;
 Karen Utne, Summit Chapter, Knights Ferry;
 Carolyn Ridge, Livingston Chapter;
 Linda Rodie, Raisina Fresno Chapter, Fresno;
 Theresa Vernon, Tulare Corcoran Chapter, Tulare;
 Ann Lindsey, Miguelito Chapter, Lompoc;
 Margie Fryklund, Vallecito Chapter, Carpenteria;
 Vickie Fisher, Star of Palmdale Chapter, Palmdale;
 Linda Miller, Tehachapi Chapter;
 Rita Varsam, Horizon Star Chapter, Tarzana;
 My own Deputy Grand Matron Cheryl Townsend, Arcadia Star
 Chapter, Arcadia;
 Donna Doan, Ocean Park Chapter, Santa Monica;
 Robin Logan, Alpha Star Chapter, Lomita;
 Pamela Collins, Meridian Chapter, Long Beach;
 Judy Dreiman Edgmon, Scepter Chapter, Orange;
 Donna MacDonald, Emerald Star Chapter, Norwalk;
 Merle Ann Fenske, Victor Valley Chapter, Victorville;
 Leola Greer, West Covina Chapter;
 Charlene Everhart, Big Bear Chapter, Big Bear Lake;
 Shannon Ordaz, Crown Chapter, Corona;
 Joy Scoville, Yucaipa San Gorgonio Chapter, Yucaipa;
 BJ Porter, Coachella Valley Chapter, Coachella;
 Wanda Jordan, Fallbrook Chapter;
 Kathie Theener, La Paloma Star Chapter, San Diego.

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

Sisters, Brothers and friends, it is my privilege to present an educator, a coach, an administrator and an accomplished writer, a gentleman who has served as Principal of Clovis East High School, a California State Distinguished School, and Principal of Fort Washington Elementary School, both a State Distinguished and National Blue Ribbon School, the Honorable Jeff Eben, Deputy Mayor of the City of Fresno.

GREETINGS

(by Jeff Eben, Deputy Mayor of the City of Fresno)

Good evening, Order of the Eastern Star. How come you don't bow for me? I heard about you, and I have to tell you, I am very confused. Because when I got here they said: Would you like to be escorted up to the stage or just come and sit and watch? And so I said to myself: I think I will come up on the stage and I will watch the proceedings because, as a Deputy Mayor, I travel around

and I speak at the community a lot. But I also am a national motivational speaker, and I travel around the country and I speak to groups. So I said to myself, I am going to come up to the stage and I'm going to watch because I'm so experienced at this, I am going to be able to watch the proceedings and get such a great read on this organization, I'll be able to understand it and be able to come back and share something real witty and clever about how well I know you.

I am so confused. So, here is what I know.

As an educator, I have had many cornerstone ceremonies and many events where I have been with you and celebrated with you, so I know you are wonderful people with a service heart who believe in the things like family, and community, and country, and God, all the things that make our communities strong. And I know you are very big on ceremony. So, I was watching and they told me, too, people bow here a lot. So I knew that. But they also said that the prayer and the music and the song was beautiful. And I thought, this is what I am aware of. But I am struggling. There were beautiful women in the middle of the floor in beautiful gowns carrying bats. And if that wasn't enough, beautiful men and women with feather dusters.

And I thought it was over, and I looked out there in the crowd to my left, and while they don't have them on now, I saw them, big, fat, white Mickey Mouse hands. Yeah they were sitting over there.

I'm lost. I have no idea who you folks are. But I want to join. Badly.

Not only do you look like a group of folks that clean up pretty well, you look beautiful! I know the wonderful work you do, but you also go out and have had a great time, and that's the good thing.

I want to tell you on the behalf of our Mayor, Alan Autry who, is Bubba, on the "*Heat of the Night*". World famous; world, world famous. But on behalf of him and all of us here at the City of Fresno, we are so proud you chose Fresno for your state conference, and to be here for a night for a group, we are really pleased to share our beautiful city with you. So thanks for coming.

I do want to ask one question. I do want to share just one little quick story with you, and then I will be out of your way. But I besides welcoming you to the city, I just want to ask or really share one thing with you. I have spent my life in this community. And I continue to work in a profession that really is about service, like you folks. I learned service from a gentleman. And I want to share this, a really quick story, a couple minutes about this gentleman.

I was an athlete as a young person. I was in an accident when I was 16, and I was injured. It was a skiing accident, and I ended up breaking my neck, and I had to re learn how to live my life, like you see now. And it was not necessarily the life I would choose for myself, but it was what it was, and I had to figure it out.

So this gentleman came, and he was a person who I knew from my school. And he came to my room in the hospital and he said something to me that I will never forget. He said the words, “How many wins have you had today?”

You know, of course, you tell all the things bad that happened. I didn’t know what he meant, and he didn’t really answer the question. I just said, “I don’t know.” And he said, “Don’t let the no hopes win”, and left.

And he came back the second day, and he said the same thing. And he came back the third day.

And I tell this story, but I was in a hospital for six months, and then I went back to high school for another year and a half. And actually, that gentleman came to my side every single day for two years and shared with me. Every day for two years solid, never missed one. And he always said the same thing, “How many wins have you had today?”

And at one point in my life, I figured out what he meant. And what he meant was: No matter what happens to you, there is something at the end of every day that you can look yourself in the mirror and you can find what it is about life that is good. And you can choose to celebrate or not. And he taught this me this little word, and I share it with you tonight. And the word was, very simply, this: He taught me how to have hope. Hope is one of those things I have taken with me in my life. And I have decided, if I can live my life based on that and give it to others then that is what life is all about.

I was struck by that story tonight, and I share it with you, because I look out to you and I see California’s Merchants of Hope. People who believe that there is good and there is so much we can give others, and really believe that life is about not necessarily what you say but what you do, and who you serve. And you folks have served very, very well, and you continue to serve well. And I just ask of you to remember that.

When I go home tonight and I’m going to look myself in the mirror and say, “How many wins have you had today?” I’m going to think of you, because you are my win today. And I just want you to remember every night when you go home, whoever you serve, that is your win. I am so grateful to share with you this evening. We are so grateful to have you in the City of Fresno, up here for your conference. Continue to enjoy, continue to serve, and continue to celebrate and count your blessings all the time. Thanks for having me. Enjoy.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Deputy Mayor, we thank you on behalf of California Eastern Star. We always feel welcomed to your city. You have given us a win tonight, by your message. And we thank you for bringing your wife Michelle with you, also. May God bless you.

Brother Dave and Sister Kathy thank you for calling the Session to order. We appreciate your service as General Chairmen of this Grand Chapter Week. On Saturday, we will give you a call again, and your Committee will have a final curtain call.

Sister Sue and Brother Steve, our Hostess and Host for this Informal Opening Session, we would be pleased to have your Address of Welcome at this time.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(By Susan White, GGCCM and Steve Nicholas, PGP)

Susan: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee members, our other Distinguished and Honored members, Sisters, Brothers and our special guests, especially our Deputy Mayor. Welcome to our “Field of Dreams” Session of California Grand Chapter. What an extravaganza, with our movie premier tonight making it a star studded evening. You couldn’t find more fans at the Red Carpet, or a pennant playoff. Whether it is the Academy Awards or the World Series, the excitement is contagious.

You have heard and will continue to experience all the wonder, the glitter, the big moments, the little stories of Eastern Star, and the women and the men who dedicated their time and talent to this world wide organization.

And in California, the dreams are vast, and the spirit is very alive and, indeed, sparkling, at this moment. While you will hear from our two superstars, Pat Rasmussen and Loyal Stark, when they extend their welcome tomorrow morning, I’m thrilled to be one of their groupies, and I have already planned for my big autograph session.

Their cast of thousands is here, along with our present Triennium Distinguished Members. In the words of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, “chik chik chikama” to you.

There are many traditions in movies, in baseball, and in Eastern Star. Your invitation to be a designated hitter or speaker was one of those, so thank you, Sister Collette, for asking me to serve as Hostess, along with my favorite co star, Brother Steve Nicholas. We have had some wonderful experiences and sequels, and our year was a “Field of Dreams” come true.

Since you, Sister Collette, were our Little Mermaid, our Grand Marshal of 2004, we are honored to pay tribute to you as our fraternal daughter, and are here to support you, as you wrap up this year of most dedicated service to our Order. We are as proud of you as your co star, your lead off batter, Brother Jim, and are thrilled that your “Field of Dreams” was a grand slam of success.

As Advisor for this Grand Chapter week, my tasks have been many. But your team managers, or your movie directors, Dave and Kathy, have made each take, each rehearsal, every script, just everything a real dream that comes true.

Ladies and gentlemen, I welcome you, and can hardly wait until someone says, "The envelope, please." And the winner is you.

Steve: It's the bottom of the 9th and the score is tied, and coming up to bat are the stars of the team, Sister Collette Serio Gole and Brother Jim Whiteley. Yes, our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have proved to be the stars this year, and I have every confidence the winning run will be scored by Collette Serio Gole to officially open this "Field of Dreams" Session.

Sister Collette and Brother Jim, a short time ago, Sister Sue and I stood where you stand now, the final act of a well spent year. We know your Session will be as rewarding as ours was. Your travels have been successful and, in a few days, you will start to relax, at least for a short time. As we all find out, it never quits.

It is with a lot of pride and honor to be escorted tonight with the Worthy Grand Matron 2004, Sister Susan White. Sue, Ruth, Alan and I formed our friendship that will last a lifetime. We are here to renew friendships over the years and to form new friendships, and to act on legislation for the good of our Order. We thank you for your attendance on this 135th Grand Chapter. We know Sister Collette and Brother Jim, along with their Grand Officers, will have a Grand Chapter filled with energy and enlightenment.

Sisters and Brothers, it's time to play ball.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sue and Brother Steve, you are absolutely wonderful. Thank you for selecting me to serve as your 2004 Grand Marshal and giving me the honor to serve as Worthy Grand Matron. Your support, as well as the assistance of the 2004s, has made this a treasure I will never forget. Thank you for welcoming our members and guests this evening.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Sue and Brother Steve, 2004 was a great year, when Sister Cherri and I served our Chapter as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. You have given me so much love and support these past years, and that will be cherished forever.

I am very pleased to have you as our Hostess and Host this evening.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: We will now be honored by a musical selection.

Don Snyder, PP (21): This will really help confuse even further our Deputy Mayor, because I'm going to tell you a little secret about the fashions you are watching.

Don Snyder and Dennis Jordan, WGO . . . "Style"

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Don Snyder and Dennis Jordan. That was wonderful.

FLAG PRESENTATION

United States of America

David Skipworth, PGP

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Sisters and Brothers, please join with me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country, and the singing of our National Anthem.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Canadian Flag

Frank Young, PGP

California Flag

Glenn Jones, PGP

Eastern Star Flag

Loyal Stark, PMWGP

Christian Flag

James Chormicle, GGCCM

Oklahoma Flag

Don Hull, PGP

Minnesota Flag

Mike Cornell, PGP

FLAG TRIBUTE

(by Lance Corporal Kyle Abbott)

I am the Flag of the United States of America. I was born on July 4, 1776, and the Declaration of Independence is my birth certificate. The bloodline of the world runs through my veins, for all the free to the oppressed. I stand for many things and many people. I am a Nation.

I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years: Gettysburg, Anzio, Normandy, Guam, Iwo Jima, Korea, Saigon, Grenada, Beirut, Panama, in the Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan, a score of places long forgotten, all by those who were there with me. I was there.

I led my Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen. I followed them. I watched over them. They loved me.

I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on in the streets of countries I have helped set free and, sadly, of my own country. And when it is by those who I have given the freedom of those to express their right, it hurts. But I shall overcome, for I am strong.

With Freedom's call, I answered, and stayed until it was over. I have left my heroic dead in Flanders Field, in the oceans of the Pacific and Atlantic, in the steamy jungles of Vietnam, and in the waters of Persian Gulf.

I was conceived in freedom and, God willing, in freedom I will spend the rest of my days. May I possess always the integrity, the courage and the strength to keep myself on task, to remain the citadel of strength and the beacon of strength to the rest of the world. This is my goal, my hope, my prayer.

I have been a silent witness to all of America's finest hours, but my finest hour comes when I am torn into strips to be used as bandages for my wounded comrades in the field of battle. When I fly half mast to honor my soldiers, or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving mother at the grave site of her fallen son or daughter. I am proud. I am free. I am brave.

My name is Old Glory. Long may I wave. Dear God, long may I wave.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Lance Corporal Kyle Abbott. Thank you so much for your beautiful flag tribute. Most importantly, thank you for serving our country and protecting our freedoms. May God bless you always.

Tonight we are honored to have many Distinguished and Honored Members with us to celebrate our "Field of Dreams" session.

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

Escort: Pat Rasmussen, Jr. PMWGM
Loyal Stark, Jr. PMWGP

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sister Pat Rasmussen, Junior Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, and a Past Grand Matron of Minnesota, and Brother Loyal Stark, Junior Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, and a Past Grand Patron of California. Please join me in extending Grand Honors to our Distinguished Members. (*Grand Honors extended.*)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Appointive Officer of the General Grand Chapter to the East.

Escort: Dennis Jordan, Worthy Grand Organist

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Brother Dennis Jordan, Worthy Grand Organist of the General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California. Please join me in extending Grand Honors to our Distinguished Member. (*Grand Honors extended.*)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the General Grand Chapter Committee Members of our Grand Jurisdictions to the East.

Escort: General Grand Chapter Committee Members from other Jurisdictions

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present:

Sisters Margaret Hull, Ambassador to Scotland and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma;

Fern Studebaker, ESTARL, and a Past Grand Matron of Idaho;

Darlene Wanker, Registration, and a Past Grand Matron of Oregon;

Harry Baker, Shriner's Hospital and a Past Grand Patron of Oregon;

Jennifer Mulkey, Vision Quest, and a Past Grand Matron of Alabama;

Susan Edmonds, Vision Quest, and a Past Grand Matron of Virginia.

Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in extending Grand Honors to our General Grand Chapter Committee Members of other Grand Jurisdictions. (*Grand Honors extended.*)

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

Escort: General Grand Chapter Committee Members from California

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present:

Sisters Jeraldine Creager, Ambassador to the United Grand Chapter of Australia;

Brothers Jim Chormicle, Membership;

Clint Dillon, International Headquarters;

Susan White, Necrology;

Terry Holts, Scottish Rite Learning Center;

Donna Herring, Vision Quest;

Danna Willoughby, Youth.

All Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star. Please extend with me Grand Honors to our Distinguished Members. (*Grand Honors extended.*)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our visiting Worthy Grand Matrons to the East.

Escort: Worthy Grand Matrons of other Jurisdictions

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present the Worthy Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sisters Billie Bradfield, Arizona;
Sharon Cormie, British Columbia Yukon.

Please join me in extending Grand Honors to these Worthy Grand Matrons.
(*Grand Honors extended.*)

Collette Serio Gole, 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.

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

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sisters Donna Micklebee, Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Treasurer of Virginia;
Brothers Ron Vick, Past Grand Patron of Nevada;
Carol Featherstone, Ontario, and Grand Secretary Emeritis;
Cal Wells, Wisconsin;
Kim Bauf — not only is she a Past Grand Matron, but the Grand Lecturer of British Columbia and Yukon;
Sharon Baker, Oregon; and
Casey Cosby, Arizona.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join me in extending Grand Honors to our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. (*Grand Honors extended.*)

Collette Serio Gole, 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.

Escort: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of California

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the extreme honor to present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of California.

Sisters Zoe Harris;
Hildegard Smith;
Earlynn Albright;
Ardath Garst;
Yvonne Beckenhauer;
Paula Remington;

Sherie Gustafson;
Denny Rae Grist;
Sue McKinney;
Sheri Weisser;
Doris May Parrish;
Sue Bishop;

Janet Robinson;
Norma Stilwell; and
Karen Fletcher
Brothers Earl Eckert;
A. Leroy Covey;
Don Hull;
Frank Young;
David von Bima;
Glenn Jones;

Bill Bray;
John Fletcher;
Steve Nicholas;
Dave Buck;
Mike Cornell; and
David Skipworth.

All Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the Grand Chapter of California. Please extend Grand Honors to our Distinguished Members. (*Grand Honors extended.*)

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

Escort: Elective and Appointive Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sisters Jan Shoberg, Grand Chaplain, Arizona;
Tory Loll, Grand Lecturer, Arizona;
Moiria Blanton, Grand Organist, Arizona;
Nellie Lou Haislup, Grand Ruth, Arizona;
Barbie Holmes, Grand Conductress, Assisting Supreme Deputy
Job's Daughters International, Nevada;
Janet Vick, Associate Grand Conductress, Nevada;
Rita Jo Banner, Grand Lecturer, Virginia;
Claudia Anne Jones, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in
Alaska;
Brothers Robert Bradfield, Grand Sentinel, Arizona;
Ken Beckner, Grand Chaplain, Nevada, and also served as Grand
Chaplain in California in 2000;
Ken Featherstone, Grand Chapter Executive Committee, Ontario,
Canada.

Please give a warm welcome to our out of state and out of Jurisdiction visitors. (*Applause.*)

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

Escort: Past Grand Masters of California

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present the Past Grand Masters of Masons.

Vernon Gordon, California and Hawaii;
R. Stephen Doan, California; and
Charles Alexander, California.

Please extend them a hearty welcome. (*Applause.*)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Grand Secretary Emeritus to the East.

Escort: Grand Secretary Emeritus

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sister Shirley Orth, Grand Secretary Emeritus of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Sister Shirley. (*Applause.*)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the District Inspector of Arizona to the East.

Escort: District Inspector of Arizona

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sister Louanne Frietas, District Inspector of Arizona. Please extend a warm welcome to our Sister. (*Applause.*)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Past Grand Treasurers to the East.

Escort: Past Grand Treasurers

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present:

Sisters Donna Tucker;
Laurie Kerr; and
Beverly Cratsenburg.

Past Grand Treasurers of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. Let's give them a warm welcome. (*Applause.*)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sisters Willa Mae Bodnar, Friends of a Feather to our most Worthy Grand Matron.

Please give Sister Willa Mae, our California gal, a warm welcome. (*Applause.*)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Special introductions. Sister Joan Stark, would you please stand. Sisters, Brothers and friends, it is my pleasure to present Sister Joan Stark, the escort to our Junior Past Most Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you, Sister Joan for being with us this evening. And Sister Pat, please extend our greetings to Brother Gary and let him know we wish him a healthy and happy year, and let him know he is very much missed.

Will all the escorts of our Distinguished Members of California and our visiting dignitaries please stand. Thank you so very much for being here with us this evening. Your loved ones appreciate you being here, and so do we.

It is an honor to welcome our Distinguished and Honored Members to our “*Field of Dreams*” Informal Opening Session. It is a privilege to have each of you share with us in this Hollywood Baseball production. We thank you for your service and devotion to our beautiful Order. Please enjoy this evening of fellowship and entertainment.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: I would also like to extend my welcome to each of you. It is always a pleasure when our Distinguished and Honored Members choose to join us in our sessions. We look forward to sharing this special evening with you.

Evelyn De La Rosa . . . “God Bless America”

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so much, Sister Evelyn.

Escort of our Grand Representatives and Cavalcade of Flags.

Escort: Grand Representatives

Karly Sue Price, Utah, President of the Southern Representative Association;

Dorothy Campini, Indiana, President of the Northern Grand Representatives Association;

Cliff Randall, Alabama;

Ruth Smith, New Jersey;

Joy Prompher, California in Alabama;

Anna Burris, New York;

Marlene Larsen, Alberta;

Joan Siddal, Grand Representative of California in Alberta;

William Cheney, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Canada;

Dixie Lee Miller, Arizona;

Sylvia McCleave, California in Nova Scotia

Susanne Gallichio, Australia;

Rey Coronel, Ohio;

Aurelia Martinez, Bolivia;

Don Wood, Oklahoma;

Phil Solem, British Columbia and Yukon Territory in California;
 Becky Long, Ontario;
 Don Farris, Jr., Colorado;
 Bob Moffat, Oregon;
 Linda Watson, California in Pennsylvania;
 Jane Shultz, Connecticut;
 John Unger, Puerto Rico;
 Dave Hoban, Delaware;
 Lee Wilson, Quebec;
 Audrey Hanno, Florida;
 Dorothy Doman, Rhode Island;
 Ron Seith, California in Georgia;
 Sharon Plunkett, Sao Paulo, Brazil;
 Joan Patterson, Idaho;
 Peggy Tucker, Saskatchewan in California;
 Mary Jackson, Grand Representative to Saskatchewan in Arizona;
 David Smith, Scotland;
 Nancy Guy, Iowa;
 Russ Kleber, South Carolina;
 Debra Knutson, Louisiana;
 Sheryl Lang, President of the Grand Representatives Association of
 Nevada and Grand Representative of Texas in Nevada;
 Kay Wells, Grand Representative of Missouri in Nevada;
 Jack Adrian, Maine in California;
 Jeanne Schultz, Vermont in California;
 Ruth McKinlay, California in Manitoba;
 Dale Naylor, Manitoba, Canada, in California;
 Carol Blanket California in Virginia;
 Jim Lotspeich, Virginia;
 Linda McCarthy, Maryland;
 Donna Belle Ostrom, Massachusetts;
 Joseph Bowker, California in Massachusetts;
 Marna Pauley, California in West Virginia;
 Annette Francis, Michigan;
 Merwyn Bergquist, West Virginia in California;
 Maebell Carlton, Mississippi;
 Jerry Davis, Wisconsin in California;
 Coren Andrews, Nebraska;
 Frieda Wells California in Wisconsin;
 George Lang, California in Nevada;
 Pam Potter, Nevada in California;
 Darren Spark, Wyoming;
 Willard Strong, New Brunswick, in Canada, in California;

Kathy Cox, New Hampshire.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, it is my honor to present the Ambassadors of our Order, the Grand Representatives of this and other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join me in extending Grand Honors to our spectacular Grand Representatives. (*Grand Honors extended.*)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Our Grand Representatives are a dynamic group, and we thank you for being here this evening with us.

Sister Barbara Scott, our Associate Grand Matron, we would be pleased to have you welcome our Grand Representatives.

WELCOME TO GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

(by Barbara Scott, Associate Grand Matron)

In the movie “*Field of Dreams*” we hear this famous line, “If you build it, they will come.”

Sisters and Brothers we have built it, this beautiful baseball diamond in this “Field of Dreams” and they have come from every ballpark around the United States and Canada. We have heard the famous yell, “Hey, batter, batter. Swing, batter, batter.” You have participated in the 7th Inning Stretch, singing “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”, and you have cheered for your favorite teams. And now you are here, in the final game, at this year’s World Series, in this beautiful downtown Fresno, California, my home field.

Each one of you is an All Star, and you have been selected to serve our Order because of your commitment to service and the pride and honor you have for the 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 California Grand Chapter Session. We hope each of you will 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 traveled up and down our Golden State and to many other Jurisdictions. We hope that each of you will continue to enjoy your travels next year, as you spread the vision of California Eastern Star.

We know that after the final out has been made, when the stadium lights have been turned off, and the crowd has disbursed, you will return to your home stadiums renewed and invigorated to work with the seasoned players and the rookie, to “Keep the Vision of Eastern Star Alive”.

We welcome each of you to California and remind you to always encourage other players that you meet along the Star circuit, "To never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." Again, welcome, and let's play ball.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Karly Sue Price, President of our Southern Grand Representative Association, would you please give your response.

RESPONSE OF THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

(by Karly Sue Price, President, Southern Grand Representative Association)

Sister Barbara, on behalf of the Grand Representatives, we thank you for your lovely welcome.

As Grand Representatives, we are fortunate to be the Ambassadors of our great Order. And in our travels throughout our jurisdiction, we strive to extend fraternal friendship and promote goodwill. We have enjoyed the love and friendships we have made along the way. We can't say that all our experiences have been perfect, but they have been exciting, surprising, and very memorable.

We won't dwell on the suitcases and missing clothing when we arrive in exotic and foreign locals. We don't complain that our collections of pins has sent some of us to chiropractors for adjustments on crooked shoulders from the weight of our treasures. We never tell you about the hours of waiting when planes, trains and automobile connections left us stranded. We will say we wouldn't trade our memories of our commission for anything. All our new friendships were worth it.

We hope we have represented California with dignity and honor as we remember the responsibility and trust placed in our group by those who recommended and commissioned us. We are happy to be a part of this "Field of Dreams" Session.

Thank you, Sister Collette, for this special honor to respond to our Associate Grand Matron's Welcome.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you for your response.

Worthy Grand Patron, we would be honored to have you welcome our new members.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

(by Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron)

It is with much pleasure that I recognize and welcome all of our members who are attending Grand Chapter for the first time. Will all of our members who are attending Grand Chapter for the first time please stand? Thank you. You may be seated.

This “Field of Dreams” Session is our 135th Annual Session of this Grand Chapter. We trust that it will be a unique and fun filled experience for you. You will find that we have many important items of business that will be conducted. If you are a member in California, you are entitled to vote, and I encourage you to be present at all of our business sessions where we will debate and vote on the issues. Listen carefully to the discussion and vote for the good of the Order.

You will also hear reports from some of our very dedicated and hard working committee members. Please show your appreciation for all they have done by giving them your undivided attention.

You will find that we like to have fun, and we have set aside time for banquets and parties, allowing us to greet old friends and time to make new once. If you like to shop, you will find many vendors in the Exhibit Hall ready to fill that need for you.

I hope that you will find this experience to be enjoyable and very much worthwhile, and will want to attend future Sessions. Welcome to our “Field of Dreams”.

(The Worthy Grand Patron made announcements.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: We would like to thank Sister Ruth for musical prelude, Evelyn De La Rosa and Don Snyder for their entertainment and music this evening.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, lend us unite in singing our Closing Ode.

CLOSING ODE

“Take Me Out to the Ball Game”

Take me out to the ball game

Take me out to the crowd.

Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,

I don’t care if I never get back.

Let me 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 ball game.

Dennis Jordan, Worthy Grand Organist: Sisters and Brothers, would you please join hands? I want you to assist in our Closing Prayer, or the Mizpah of our wonderful evening.

If you would bow your heads, the first thing I would like you to do is breathe a prayer for the one standing to your right. Now, if you would do it for the Sister or Brother standing to your left.

BENEDICTION

(by Dennis Jordan, Worthy Grand Organist)

Father in Heaven, in the closing moments of this wonderful Evening Session, we want to express our thanks for your continued faithfulness to each of your children here assembled. We have indeed enjoyed this time together with those who share this fraternal pathway with us. We have shown honor to those who now serve or have served in places of leadership as we follow your Star. But Heavenly Father, more importantly we humbly lift our hearts in honor and thanksgiving to you, who has created us and given us the life we so enjoy. Thank you for the strength to be up on down days. Thank you for the enduring faith that enables us to calm ourselves in the midst of chaos, and thank you for the trust that we have in tough times.

In these days when many are crying doom and disaster, we rest in the awesome truth that you hold each one of us in your great hand of power. May our faith in you find each of us starting each new day with thankfulness for those things we are so prone to take for granted. May each day find us more ready to give than to receive, and each day may our words be filled with encouragement and thoughtfulness as we journey together through the labyrinth of life.

Bless our Worthy Grand Matron Collette, and our Worthy Grand Patron Jim, as they continue to lead us through our Grand Chapter Session. May all that is said and done here during these wonderful days be pleasing to you. For, Father, yours is the kingdom, yours is the power and, yes, yours is the glory forever. Amen.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers following the Proclamation, I invite our guests in the east to retire to the audience to enjoy our Grand March choreographed by brother Fred and Sister Dianne Schulenburg.

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

Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 11:00 p.m..)

(Evening recess.)



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didn't think that we left something out.

2008 “FIELD OF DREAMS” SESSION
FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 17, 2008

8:30 AM Musical Prelude

Freda Wheeler (145)

Choir — “*When You Wish Upon a Star*”

8:45 AM Entrance:

Grand Pages

Grand Representatives

Deputy Grand Matrons

Don Snyder, PP (21) & Choir . . . Musical Selection

9:05 AM Escort and Call to Order

Escort: Pat Rasmussen, Jr. PMWGM

Loyal Stark, Jr. PMWGP

Pat Rasmussen, PMWGM: Good morning, California.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

Entrance: 2008 Grand Officers

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

Escort: Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron
Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron.

Pat Rasmussen, PMWGM: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jim Whiteley, 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.)

Pat Rasmussen, PMWGM: What a fine pleasure it is for Loyal and I to present to you your gavel with which you rule so graciously.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Pat.

Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Pat Rasmussen, Junior Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Loyal Stark, Junior Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Please extend Grand Honors to our Distinguished Member.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. I hope you enjoyed our Informal Opening Session last evening. And for those of us who participated in the Grand March, we had fun, didn't we?

Before we start the business of Grand Chapter, we need to exercise our vocal chords this morning. Today is our Grand Secretary's birthday. Please join in singing Happy Birthday to our Grand Secretary.

"Happy Birthday"

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: It is our distinct privilege this morning to have with us Sister Pat and Brother Loyal, our Hostess and Host for this morning's Session. May we have your Welcome at this time?

WELCOME

(by Pat Rasmussen, PMWGM and Loyal Stark, PMWGP)

Pat: Worthy Grand Matron Collette, Worthy Grand Patron Jim, Distinguished and Honored guests and Members.

Loyal: Good morning.

Pat: Welcome to a winning day.

Loyal: It is the day of business and the election for our future leaders of the Grand Chapter of California. We celebrate our great and wonderful Order that makes such a difference in the lives of others every day.

Pat: Brother Loyal and I can personally attest to the fact that our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star spans the world with our values and principles to cement the bond of fraternal love and support among our Sisters and Brothers.

Loyal: This Order is our "Field of Dreams". For truth, charity and loving kindness come to life to sustain us through challenges of our daily lives.

Pat: May your day be bright.

Loyal: May you hit home runs.

Pat: And may you all receive an Oscar for your work here at this Grand Chapter. Batter up.

Loyal: Play ball!

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Pat and Brother Loyal, I hold the two of you in high esteem and truly am honored that you are our welcoming Hostess and Host for this morning session. Your service to our Order will always be remembered and highly regarded. I hope that California Eastern Star has made you proud this year as we have attempted to build a bright future for our Order.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Pat and Brother Loyal, thank you for welcoming our members to this very important session where we elect the future leaders of our Order. When we think of the word “vision”, or the future of Eastern Star, we think of you and your progressive thinking. We, in California, want to keep the vision alive. You threw the first pitch when you encouraged us to have a Vision Statement and Goals.

This year, we held six IMPACT Sessions, three mini-IMPACT Sessions, and the Grand Line has a Strategic Plan for our Order. It looks like we are rounding the bases. Thank you for your encouragement and support.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

(Grand Conductress attended the altar.)

PRAYER

(by Joseph Ross, Grand Chaplain)

Our Father, ruler of all, we ask Thy blessing on all here assembled that we continue our sessions at this Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. Let those who are presenting their writings be able to benefit this great Order. May we open in harmony and may peace prevail and positive actions rule this session as we love one another. We are so thankful for your blessings. This we ask in Thy name's sake. Amen.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Friday Morning 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.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Susan Wamsley, Chairman of our Credential Committee, may we have your report and will you please introduce your committee.

Susan Wamsley, PM, Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Chairman of the 2008 Credentials Committee. Thank you, Sister Collette, for the opportunity to serve you and our Grand Chapter on this very important committee. It has been a rewarding experience and I appreciate the opportunity to serve.

This year, we are working in the Dugout, meeting and greeting all of the team members as they roll out on that “Field of Dreams”. This year, we reduced the number of booths, but maintained the work force of three persons per table. We added another table area to have additional writing space to ensure those locator cards are completed. The work space flows well.

I am very pleased to introduce you to this year’s Grand Chapter Credential Standing Committee.

Sisters Martha Peters, Co Chairman, and members Lynne Arias, Sandy Halburian, Sue Lynn, Sheila Reid, Joan Taylor, Sharon Wilson, Darlene Adrian, all Past Matrons, and Brother Bob Arias, Past Patron.

We are assisted by 32 enthusiastic members of our Order to complete our committees. A very special thank you is extended to all of these committee members for their hard work and, especially, for giving up of their time to serve our members during this “Field of Dreams” Session. Our first time attendants this year all sport a little star on their credentials. Please be sure to give them encouraging words and the warmth of your smile. It will help them round the bases.

Our primary duty is to register members, distribute ballots and other important information to every California member, and to keep an accurate accounting of this work. We also register and welcome all of our out-of-state members.

This year, we want to continue to recycle our badge holders. They may be turned in to the Credentials area any time before Saturday morning.

I give a special thanks to those ladies who have helped to register our members with special needs, special medical needs, and to Cathy Nagle who has sorted all the credential stubs. I thank them for their expertise.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(By Susan Wamsley, PM, Chairman (515))

As of 9:00 AM this morning, there are a total of 1,111 California members registered for the “Field of Dreams” Session at our Grand Chapter. Each of these members was issued a ballot and a voting card in accordance with our Constitution. Therefore, a total of 1,111 ballots have been issued at this time.

We have registered 49 members from other Grand Jurisdictions.

We currently have a total of 1,160 registered for this 2008 “Field of Dreams” Grand Chapter Session.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Susan, for all you have done to make this Grand Chapter Session successful. Your service on this busy and important Committee has been outstanding.

It is time to acknowledge those Chapters who have achieved significant milestones in membership this year. Those Chapters that have maintained their membership, have positive growth, or initiated at least six members from July 1, 2007 to June 30th, 2008, will receive a certificate of acknowledgement. A representative of your Chapter may pick up this award at the Grand Secretary’s desk at the end of this session.

First, we will be calling the names of the Chapters that have maintained membership during this year.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron:

Marysville Friendship Chapter No. 55;
Crystal Chapter No. 57;
Summit Chapter No. 138;
Vallecito Chapter No. 523;
Livingston Chapter No. 531;
Desert Valley Chapter No. 602; and
Riverside Chapter No. 622.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Congratulations.

Those chapters that have gained in membership this year are.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron:

Evening Star Chapter No. 10;
Sotoyome Clover Leaf Chapter No. 82;
Mercedes Chapter No. 126;
Penrhyn Chapter No. 159;
Crown Chapter No. 162;
Tehachapi Chapter No. 188;
Seaside Chapter No. 259;
Ione Chapter No. 283;
Joaquin Chapter No. 348;
Fallbrook Chapter No. 390;
Starlight Chapter No. 401;
La Sierra Venus Chapter No. 555;
Star of Palmdale Chapter No. 619; and
Trinity Star Chapter No. 650.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: That was a large number that had gained membership, and we all need to talk to those chapters and find out how they are doing it.

And for those chapters that initiated six or more members this year :

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron:

Five Star Chapter No. 51;
La Paloma Star No. 96;
Elk Grove Onisbo Chapter No. 109;
Penrhyn Chapter No. 159;
Crown Chapter No. 162;
Scepter Chapter No. 163;
Silverado Chapter No. 189;
Diablo Star Chapter No. 214;
Menifee Valley Chapter No. 243;
Ocean Park Chapter No. 245;
Santa Cruz Redwoods Chapter No. 273;
Chula Vista Chapter No. 345;
Joaquin Chapter No. 348;
Burbank Chapter No. 352;
Victor Valley Chapter No. 537;
La Sierra Venus Chapter No. 555;
Star of the Valley Chapter No. 648; and
Dr. Rob Morris Chapter, UD.

One last note here. I only go back a of couple years. We have a few chapters that have increased in membership over the last two years, the first one being Ione Chapter No. 283, Joaquin Chapter No. 348, and Trinity Star Chapter No. 650. Congratulations.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sandy Nieder, may we have your report at this time.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT FUND COMMITTEE

(By Sandy Nieder, PM, Chairman (174))

From October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008, 31 phone inquiries were received regarding Benevolent assistance. From these 32 inquiries, I received 21 benevolent applications to process. A total of \$20,317 was paid on the 16 approved applications. Five applications were denied.

One was denied as the applicant had not been a member in California for a period of five years, another was referred to and handled by Outreach, and three applications were denied as the members did not meet the criteria to qualify for assistance at the time.

Of the \$20,317, Outreach reimbursed Benevolent \$1,394 for the expenses paid to a member, and a Benevolent applicant has paid back \$50 towards their assistance. Therefore, Benevolent expenditures this year totaled \$18,873 against 16 applications.

As in past years, most of the Benevolent applicants needed assistance for a month or two to get them out of a financial situation. The assistance requested is usually to pay bills such as utilities, rent, and for prescriptions. Social Security still remains as the only income for many of our members.

Most of the applicants still continue to call Star Care on the 800 number directly, or call me personally for assistance. However, several of my Committee members were involved with Benevolent processes this year. They received the initial phone call and proceeded with the investigation. They all handled the situation compassionately and confidentially, and I enjoyed the break.

Once again, I encourage my Area Chairman to visit the Chapters in their district and neighboring districts to promote donations to the Benevolent Fund. Donations to the Eastern Star Foundation for the Benevolent Fund from members are greatly appreciated at any time.

I really appreciate all of the assistance I have received again this year from Deborah Stewart, Outreach Director. Her support to our members and me has been outstanding, and made my job more enjoyable and less stressful.

Once again, the Grand Chapter Office staff support has been excellent. The assistance of Sisters Eva Paulson and Katie Streeter has been invaluable. Sister Maryann Barrios, Grand Secretary, thank you for your continued assistance and support this year. The Benevolent Fund Chairman needs to work very closely with the Grand Chapter Office staff, and all of you continue to provide a high level of service.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for asking me to continue to serve a third year as Benevolent Fund Chairman. I continue to find it rewarding to serve our members in need.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sandy, you are amazing. You are a compassionate and caring person, and have shared these characteristics with our members.

Thank you for taking care of the concerns of our members and for all your service on this Committee. This commitment is truly a daily labor of love. And to show our excitement for you, we would like to sing "Happy Birthday" to you.

"Happy Birthday"

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: As most of you might remember, a few years ago when we selected a date for this Grand Chapter Session it was originally set for a week later. The hotel and the Convention Bureau came to us and asked if we were willing to change our date because of a special event happening in Fresno. I took their concerns to heart and brought it to the membership for a vote and you, my Sisters and Brothers, agreed graciously to change our Grand Chapter Session to this week.

As a result of my discussion with the hotel and the Convention Bureau I was able to negotiate a \$5,000 contribution to the Grand Chapter. It is my honor to present a check for \$5,000 to the Benevolent Fund to honor our members.

We can have a few surprises in Eastern Star, can't we?

Sister Ginger Bassett, may we have your report at this time.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

(By Ginger Bassett, PM (581) Chairman)

I have once again enjoyed my year on the Endowment Fund Committee. The members of the Committee have been a joy to work with, and our members throughout the state and their supporters. It is a project that is close to my heart, as I feel it embodies the purpose of our Order, which is to provide for the welfare of the wives, mothers, daughters, widows and sisters of Master Masons.

I would like to introduce my Committee. Sisters Anne Ratzlaff, Peggy Salm, Becky Costa, Sue Heller, Anne Carlson, Jeannette Foote, Mary Carolyn Curran, Laura Kelley, Susan Callens, JoAnn Krausman, and Sheila Reid, and Brother Robert Ruiz.

In my report last year, I mentioned there would be some changes to the reporting process for the Endowment Fund. Thanks to the efforts of the Grand Chapter Office, most especially Eva Paulson, who has been a delight to work with, there was a major change in the way the program worked this year. Eva made modifications to the database she maintains, and was thereby able to provide the statistics this year that are normally collected from the Chapter Secretaries. This lightens the load for the Secretaries, as well as provides more consistent information. Working with Eva last fall to determine the feasibility of doing this made me realize that some Secretaries are confused about the program. Some misunderstood that the reporting period is July 1 through June 30. Some reported the total number of Chapter members, or the number of Life Sponsors, or a variety of other numbers, rather than the requested number of members on whom Grand Chapter assessments were paid. With Eva's assistance we have provided accurate information in the 2008 report. This change also lessens the reporting role of the Area Chairmen, allowing them to concentrate on working with the Chapters.

For the 2009 Endowment year, there's another change that will additionally lighten the load of the Chapter Secretaries. Holding that office in my own Chapter for the last two years has made me more appreciative of the many forms used by the Secretaries. In the past, the Secretary mailed one form to the Grand Chapter Office when ordering Life Sponsorships, and a different form to the State Chairman of the Endowment Committee when ordering Star Plus certificates or gold seals. Given that not all Chapter Secretaries over the years have been faithful about maintaining the membership books in which information about Life Sponsorships is included, not only do they not always understand the program, and consolidations complicate the situation, there is sometimes confusion as to whether to order a Life Sponsor certificate or a Star Plus certificate. Although it was possible for the Grand Chapter Office to identify situations where they have received a Life Sponsor order form where they should have been a Star Plus form, and to forward the information to the State chairman, it was not possible for the State Chairman to identify the reverse: Star Plus requests that should have been Life Sponsor Requests. Additionally, the State Chairman is unable to verify donation information without access to the Grand Chapter database. Star Plus order forms are received in one Endowment year while the donation is made in another.

I discussed this with Jim Hannum of the Grand Chapter Office, and he graciously designed a new form to replace both the Life Sponsor order form and the Star Plus order form. This new order form is available here at the Grand Chapter Office desk, and will be presented to our Secretaries, whom I am sure will appreciate the benefits. It will be one less form to keep in your file and one less place to mail them.

Sister Collette, your recent letter to the Chapters spoke of the generosity of our members in support of charities and more specifically to the support of the brick-laying project, which is a joint fund raising project of our Foundation and the Endowment Fund. The amount donated to the Endowment Fund in the 2008 Endowment year was \$2,073.10. And we are appreciative of every cent of it.

Several Chapters have a tradition of providing Life Sponsorships for all new members, and many Chapters continue to include the Endowment Fund in their budget, ensuring them Honor Roll status each year. Honor Roll status is awarded to those Chapters that donate \$1 or more to the Fund for each Chapter member on whom they pay Grand Chapter per capita assessments. Pasadena Chapter No. 108, La Posa Chapter No. 282 in King City, and Manchester Chapter No. 449 in Downey continued their long run of maintaining Honor Roll status; they are now at 47 years. Twenty-two chapters have done so for 30 years or more. A total of 98 Chapters attained Honor Roll status this year, a large increase over last year. That is really exciting for me! The donations of

58 chapters were below Honor Roll status but still much appreciated. Unfortunately 43 chapters did not donate to the Fund at all. Especially exciting for me was the attainment of Honor Roll status for Trinity Star Chapter No. 650, which was instituted in 2006, and the even newer Dr. Rob Morris Chapter, UD.

The 2008 Area Chairmen have been good to work with. I realize many of them are serving their Chapter in the Line, as Secretary or in other responsible positions; some are still in the work force, caring for family, or involved in other organizations. I really appreciate the time you have given to our Order. I will miss those leaving the Committee but welcome those joining us.

Lastly, thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Your continued support of the Endowment Fund is critical to our beautiful Senior Living Community and our expanding Outreach Program.

Chapter Name	Chapter No.	%	No. of years at
			100% as of 2008
Golden Gate	1	110	28
Suisun	2	119	4
Gateway	3	188	26
Evangeline	9	0	1
Evening Star	10	0	1
Lucerne	13	109	3
Shasta Northern Light	14	0	0
Wild Lily	18	157	9
Vesper	20	0	1
Hollywood	21	121	8
Ferndale	23	0	3
Yolano	28	125	20
San Jose	31	222	27
Rose Valley	33	26	12
Amapola Vernon Lymon	35	0	1
Rising Star	36	115	8
Stella	39	0	1
Aurora Placer	40	0	3
Lily of the Lake	41	52	1
Ariel	42	0	15
Magnolia	45	279	41
Athena	46	368	27
Reveille	47	877	44
Wheatland	48	14	1
Five Star	51	0	17
Sincerity	53	85	17
Marysville-Friendship	55	0	7

Chapter Name	Chapter	%	No. of years at
	No.	2008	100% as of 2008
Fidelia	56	7	3
Crystal	57	0	0
Kingsley Augusta	58	188	9
Silver Spray	59	24	36
Golden Valley	60	402	7
El Dorado Foothills	62	66	1
Camellia	63	26	2
Amador	66	46	9
Electa Modesto	72	186	13
Rohnerville-Redwood	76	0	0
Azalia Angels	77	143	10
Channel Islands	78	172	31
Sotoyome-Clover Leaf	82	164	7
Molino Star	83	87	4
Citrus	86	0	1
Raisina Fresno	89	0	0
Madera	92	0	2
Concordia	93	61	1
Tulare-Corcoran	94	0	0
Bethlehem-Estero Pines	95	74	1
La Paloma Star	96	510	22
Mizpah	97	88	20
Golden Wave	103	51	1
Josephine Chico	104	141	2
Ungava	106	0	13
Corona	107	250	4
Pasadena	108	161	47
Elk Grove	109	325	3
Star of Claremont	110	93	1
Ocean View	111	56	4
Palm Leaf	114	35	1
Alameda Oak Leaf	115	32	2
New Hope	117	134	3
Woodbridge Oaks	118	84	8
Tuolumne Star	123	53	4
Bakersfield	125	123	12
Mercedes	126	87	0
Golden Oak	128	170	6
Sierra Star	129	556	18
Fidelity	131	142	3

Chapter Name	Chapter No.	%	No. of years at
			100% as of 2008
Semper Fidelis	135	174	5
Summit	138	207	4
Nova Dies-Oakland	140	139	1
Valley Star	141	416	37
Emerald Star	143	388	3
Whittier Star	144	138	28
Stardust	145	119	2
Ami Tai	147	129	22
Del Norte	149	0	0
Lodi	150	0	1
Escondido	154	197	7
Penrhyn	159	60	1
Downey	160	242	3
Gold Ridge Star	161	133	19
Crown	162	133	3
Scepter	163	37	36
Onisbo	164	325	8
Crescent	165	189	21
Alpha Star	171	138	25
Lexington	172	0	2
Long Beach	173	563	40
San Pedro Harbor	174	388	32
Miguelito	176	139	31
San Lorenzo	177	21	1
Vista Cerrito	178	104	13
Heber	181	0	0
Santa Paula	185	483	4
Unity	186	76	18
Tehachapi	188	167	6
Silverado	189	143	5
Santa Clara	195	218	7
Mt. Whitney	197	178	4
Las Mariposas	200	45	4
Beckwith Portola Star	201	508	18
West Covina	202	201	41
Palo Alto	203	164	19
Mission Bell	205	108	29
Arcata	207	62	1
Tri-Star	211	56	0
Gate City	212	130	7

Chapter Name	Chapter	%	No. of years at
	No.	2008	100% as of 2008
Diablo Star	214	104	11
Marin Star	215	169	37
Mill Valley	219	0	14
Lake	231	0	0
Natoma-San Juan	233	51	2
Los Cerritos	234	263	4
Glencrest	237	162	30
Tahquitz-Victoria	241	64	2
Barstow	242	0	0
Menifee Valley	243	0	4
Ocean Park	245	207	38
Plumas	246	96	16
Pacific Star	252	242	5
Seaside	259	392	20
Santa Cruz Redwoods	273	105	31
Imperial Valley	276	248	3
La Posa	282	494	47
Ione	283	0	0
Poinsettia	287	104	23
Rose	292	0	0
Castro Valley	294	67	1
Ceres	296	0	0
Arcadia Star	299	186	10
Star of the East	300	0	5
Meridian	310	60	23
Nova Star	319	106	3
Sunshine	327	93	4
Coronado	332	72	17
El Rio	333	0	2
Van Nuys	338	168	34
Pentalpha	339	64	0
Manzanita	342	290	4
Atascadero	344	132	7
Chula Vista	345	114	3
Upland	346	100	6
Yorba Linda	347	89	5
Joaquin	348	139	6
Burbank	352	112	13
Harbor Lights	358	158	35
Blythe	359	0	1

Chapter Name	Chapter No.	%	No. of years at
			100% as of 2008
Coachella Valley	360	219	6
Chowchilla	365	0	9
Linden	372	380	12
Stockton Oaks	373	47	8
Kearsarge	378	0	0
Torrance	380	193	28
Concord	384	63	2
Harmony	385	37	1
Fallbrook	390	183	6
Caledonia	391	603	12
Bellflower	397	4	3
San Fernando	398	42	0
Starlight	401	250	5
Horizon Star	403	90	12
Estrella	412	11	1
Patterson	417	0	1
Fuchsia	425	688	5
Security	426	100	8
El Camino	428	32	10
Escallonia	447	71	1
Manchester	449	361	47
Big Bear	485	277	19
Point Loma	490	131	37
Temple	513	0	4
Yucaipa-San Gorgonio	515	92	6
Vallecito	523	0	3
San Clem./Saddleback	524	90	32
Livingston	531	42	1
Victor Valley	537	31	2
Desert Holly-Joshua Tree	547	28	5
Paradise	549	50	0
San Carlos	551	101	27
LaSierra Venus	555	167	1
Star of Vista	556	0	7
Fort Millerton	557	40	0
Rim of the World	578	0	0
Carmel	581	688	37
Desert Valley	602	145	1
Del Mar	604	0	0
Star of Palmdale	619	79	9

Chapter Name	Chapter	%	No. of years at
	No.		100% as of 2008
Riverside	622	73	1
Rio Linda	631	52	1
Conejo Valley	632	185	5
Simi Valley	637	0	3
Delta Star	639	0	3
Old West	642	0	23
Kern River Valley	643	685	9
Star of the Valley	648	21	4
Trinity Star	650	472	1
Dr. Rob Morris	UD	259	1

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Ginger, thank you for your work on this very important committee. Your organizational skills and assistance to your Committee members is commendable. Thank you for your service.

Singing Stars, may we have a selection at this time?

California Singing Stars . . . "Good Old-fashioned Melody"

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Linda Kephart, may we have your report at this time?

REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

(By Linda Kephart, PM, Chairman (245))

Sisters and Brothers, 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 official ballot in your packet. Please remember to sign the cards and, having done so, keep them with you at all times. If you lose or misplace your ballot cards, they cannot be replaced. You must be present during business sessions in order to vote. You may not give your ballot to another person to cast your ballot for you, as each person is entitled to only one ballot.

It is most 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 sit purses, bags or anything else in the aisles or on the stairs. We need to keep them clear. 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. For a note, the members that are seated in the upper west loge section, you will need to move to the side, Sections 1 or 2, in order to vote and to deposit your ballots.

Please remember, only official ballots are to be placed in the ballot containers, and nothing else.

Where there is one candidate for office, the vote will be by show of the voting cards. Since there is only one candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, and one candidate each for the Home Board of Trustees in the South and North, a ballot vote will not be necessary. However, if one is needed, further instructions will be given at the appropriate time.

Our Constitution requires a two thirds majority to pass legislation to amend our Constitution, and also to amend the Instruction Book.

When the ballot has been called, you will be given instructions at the appropriate time as to which ballot to use. All incorrect ballots will not be counted.

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 at 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.

Once again, we are using the ballot containers with handles and lids. As a reminder, the lids have two slots and it is big enough to slip in your ballot. You might find it easier to slide your ballot across the top, than trying to drop it in.

Thank you very much for your patience and cooperation during the balloting section.

Diane Rodriquez (140/8) . . . "Love Changes Everything"

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: It is now 10:00 o'clock AM and, in accordance with our Constitution and Laws, we will proceed with 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 145–157.)*

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FOR THE OFFICE OF WORTHY 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
Associate Grand Matron 2008
Member, Board of Trustees, California Eastern Star Foundation 2008

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 WORTHY 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, 2008
Foundation Board — 2006–2010
Associate Grand Patron — 2008
Grand Organist — 2004
Co-Chair Masonic Youth Session — 2006
Co-Chair Entertainment Committee — 2007
IMPACT Facilitator — 2007, 2008, 2009

Amaranth:

Supreme Commissioner of Appeals — 1980–1983
Supreme Musician — 1978, 1980, 2008
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 ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON

Beverly A. Wade
1263 Coventry Rd.
Vista, CA. 92084

FRATERNAL:

Initiated 1969, Star of Vista Chapter #556 — Vista

CHAPTER SERVICE:

Electa 1970, 2005–2008
Assoc. Cond. 1991, 2001
Conductress 1992
Assoc. Matron 1993
Worthy Matron 1994
Treas. 1996–1999
Marshal 2000, 2003
Service Award 2001

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE:

Inner Guard 1995
DGM 2002
Gr. Electa 2005
Gr. Marshal 2006
Assoc. Gr. Cond. 2007
Gr. Cond. 2008
Aims & Objectives Comm. 2007
Appeals & Grievances 2008

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:

Vista High School
Palomar College
Continuing Education- Loma Linda Univ.

CAREER:

1966–1969 Pacific Telephone Co. 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 Wade, #556, WP 1994, 2000. WM 1974, 1995 Vista Lodge
#687. Bd. Member for Lloyd Ellis Griffith Scholarship Fund. Site
Selection Comm. for GC 2006.
Daughter: Kelli Miller, PM, PWA, Gr. Rep. to Alaska 91-92; and Pledge
Mother-Golden Star Pledge Group
Son: Kevin B. Wade- Helicopter Pilot
Four Grand-daughters

FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON

Larry A. Coffin
2268 Almond Ave.
Sanger, CA 93657

PERSONAL

Born — June 22, 1950, Fresno, CA
Wife — Kay Coffin, Raisina-Fresno Chapter #89, PM 1991 & 2002, 1994
DGM, 2000 Grand Adah, Home Board 2002–2005
Daughter — Jenna Becerra, Raisina-Fresno Chapter #89, Gr. Rep. to Florida
IORG 1994, Husband Brad Becerra, Sanger Lodge #316, son Alex

EDUCATION

Bachelor Science, Accounting, CSU Fresno

CAREER

City of Fresno — auditing grant funds and internal operations (1973–80)
McMahan & Coffin Accountancy Corp. — public accountancy (1980–95)
Larry A. Coffin, CPA — public accountancy (1996–Present)
Member of American Institute of CPAs & California Society of CPAs

FRATERNAL

Masons

Initiated into Sanger Lodge #316, Sanger, CA — 1988
Master — 1993
Secretary — 1996–Present
Grand Lodge Public Schools Committee — 1993 & 1994
California Masonic Foundation — 1995–2002

Eastern Star

Initiated into Sanger Chapter #482, Sanger, CA — 1989
WP — 1991, 1996, 2002, 2008
Grand Chaplain — 2006
Co-Chair Banquets — 1995
Co-Chair Housing — 1996
Grand Chapter Office Relocation — 1996
Co-Chair Fun Night — 2002
Finance Committee — 1996–2004 (Chairman 1999 & 2004)
Audit Committee — 2005–Present (Chairman 2005, 2006 & 2008)
Necrology Devine Service — 2008

Youth Groups

Senior DeMolay – State Center Chapter
Degree of Chevalier & Legion of Honor
Rainbow Dad & Member Advisory Board
IORG Grand Cross of Color

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sanger Kiwanis Club (President 1989)
Sanger Unified School District Board of Trustees (1998–2002, President 2001)
SUSD Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee
City of Sanger Municipal Services Advisory Commission
Tom Flores Youth Foundation — Treasurer

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY

Maryann Barrios
12048 Emery Street
El Monte, CA 91732

PERSONAL:

Born: Oct. 17, 1954, Glendale, CA

Married: 28 years, Art Barrios, Hollywood No. 21, Lexington Lodge No. 104

Children: Andrea, 25, PHQ, Hollywood No. 21; Anthony, 22.

PROFESSIONAL:

2007–present — 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, 2007–2008

Escort to Deputy Grand Matron, 2005

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER

Donna L. German
2012 N. Buena Vista St.
Burbank, CA 91504-3304

PERSONAL HISTORY

Family

Born Sebring, FL June 5
Widowed (Gene German, PP and PM of Magnolia Park Lodge)
Daughter, Dawn Marie — Step-Daughter, Jana — Step-Sons, Lynn
& Ron
7 Grand Children & 8 Great Grand Children

EDUCATION

K-12 LA County – Burbank High 1959
L.A.Valley College & Glendale Community College, CA 1959-1961

CAREER

Actress, Theater & TV 1953–1958
Assistant Manager See's Candy 1965–1967
Bank of America Teller 1967–1969
AFM/Monarch Records label designer 1971–1979
Carnation/Nestlé USA 1979–2003 Credit Analyst 6 yrs &
Business Systems Administrator 18 years
Retired 2003

FRATERNAL HISTORY:

Service to Chapter

Initiated Burbank Chapter #352 1984
Worthy Matron 1989, 2001, 2007
Secretary 1994 to 1997
Marshal, Adah, Esther & Prompter 1 yr. each
Service Award 2004

Service to Grand Chapter

Grand Representative of Rhode Island 1991–1993
Deputy Grand Matron 1997
Grand Ruth 2005

Service on Grand Chapter Committees

Cancer Dressing Stations Committee 1996
Ritual Achievement Award Committee 1998
Consolidations Committee 1999-2001 & 2003
Finance Committee 2004–2008 (Chairman 2008)

Service to General Grand Chapter

Assistant to Worthy Grand Warder 1994
Assembly Page 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006
International Grand Representative Officer 2003–2006

Service to Youth Orders

Bethel 97 Council 1995

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CONDUCTRESS

Kim Hegg

1225 Taylor #201

San Francisco, California 94108

PERSONAL:

Born: Billings, Montana — May 8, 1961

Daughter, Keli, 23

PROFESSIONAL:

Member Services Manager, Grand Lodge of California — 23 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; assist in the development, implementation and maintenance 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, 2008)

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:

Associate Grand Conductress 2008

Grand Marshal 2007

Deputy Grand Matron 2001

Election Board 2000, 2005

Roster Advertising, Chairman 1999

Grand Chapter Page 1999

FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS

Linda Bernhard
5740 Via Cervantes
Riverside, California 92506

PERSONAL:

Born — Los Angeles, CA. July 29, 1953

Married — 32 years to Stu Bernhard

Son — Eric Bernhard and wife, Kelly

Daughter — Kim Wright, Past Princess Bethel #340 IOJD, Majority Member
Bethel #264 IOJD, member of Ungava Chapter #106, Riverside, and
husband, Matt.

Granddaughter — Emma, born April 2008

Fraternal:

1990 Initiated into Ungava Chapter #106 Riverside

1991–1994 Member, Bethel Council Bethel #340 IOJD

1992 & 2005 Associate Conductress, Ungava Chapter #106

1992–2008 Association Secretary

1993 & 2006 Conductress, Ungava Chapter #106

1994 & 2007 Associate Matron, Ungava Chapter #106

1995 Worthy Matron, Ungava Chapter #106

1996–1998 Grand Chapter Inner Guard

1998 Roster Advertising Committee Member

1999 Chairman Health and Personal Services

2000 & 2001 Deputy Grand Matron

2003 Grand Martha

2004–2008 Home Board of Trustees, President 2005–2007

2008 Grand Marshal

COMMUNITY:

Elementary School parent volunteer, 1983–1988

High School Football Booster Club, 1992–1996

High School Band Booster Club, 1994–1998

EDUCATION:

High School — Marlborough School for Girls

1974 — Associate Degree in Nursing Los Angeles Valley College Dept. of
Nursing,

1974 — CA Registered Nurse License

Certification in: BLS, ACLS, and PALS

PROFESSIONAL:

1974 & 1975 — Camp Nurse, Crippled Children's Society

1974 — Orthopedic Nurse at St. John's Medical Center

1975 to present — Post Anesthesia Care Unit Nurse at Hospitals and
Surgery Centers

ELECTION OF 2009 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:

Barbara Scott	Worthy Grand Matron
JD Hammett	Worthy Grand Patron
Beverly Wade	Associate Grand Matron
Larry Coffin	Associate Grand Patron
Maryann Barrios	Grand Secretary
Donna German	Grand Treasurer
Kim Hegg	Grand Conductress
Linda Bernhard	Associate Grand Conductress

RÉSUMÉS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*(The résumés for the candidates for the office of Home
Board of Trustees are on pages 159–160)*

ELECTION OF 2009 EASTERN STAR HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There being but one nominee for the office of Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees from the North, Linda Hoesser was declared elected unanimously, with the proper motions, seconded and carried, for the ensuing Grand Chapter year.

There being but one nominee for the office of Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees from the South, Vicki Jeanson was declared elected unanimously, with the proper motions, seconded and carried, for the ensuing Grand Chapter year.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Congratulations to our newly elected Officers. The future of our Order is in your hands, and we give you our love and support and wish you the best.

California Singing Stars . . . "I Will Call Up Upon the Lord"

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I don't think there's anybody that doesn't have a birthday in October. Our Past Grand Master R. Stephen Doan is celebrating his birthday today. One more time!

"Happy Birthday"

*(The delegates considered and voted on Proposed Amendments
9, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18 and the decisions of the Worthy Grand Matron.)*

HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES — NORTH

Linda Hoesser
7015 Cliff Ave
Bodega Bay, CA 94923

PERSONAL:

Born: Sacramento, CA — 1951

Husband: Herb Hoesser; Mother: Jane Shultz, P.M.

PROFESSIONAL:

1973–1983 Circle K Corporation; Zone Manager, Area Manager/Director of Operations State of Oregon (53 stores); Southern California/Western Arizona (66 stores) Responsible for store operations, purchasing & marketing, area budgets, analyzing profit & loss reports

1983–1994 Sonoma Sausage Company, Office Manager - prepared payroll, tax reports, financial reports

1994–present Quest Discovery Services, Branch Manager - responsible for organizing, staffing, budgeting, quality control, coordinating and supervising branch activities in Document Acquisitions and Process Serving

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Science, Speech Communications/Theatre Arts/Secondary Teaching Certificate Southern Oregon University 1973

FRATERNAL:

Initiated at Grand Chapter, October 1979 into Wheatland Chapter #48

Worthy Matron 1994 & 1999

Associate Conductress 1996 & 2008

Conductress 1997

Associate Matron 1998

Martha 2000

Marshal 2001

Service Award

Affiliated into Gold Ridge Star #161, Sebastopol in 1995

Martha 1996 & 2000

Chaplain 1997 & 2008

Associate Matron 2001 & 2006

Worthy Matron 2002 & 2007

Esther 2004

Conductress 2005

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE:

Grand Ruth 2007

Deputy Grand Matron 2003

Project Hope 2003

Co-Chairman ABC 2006

Chairman JC Lee 2008

YOUTH SERVICE:

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Worthy Advisor 1968, Grand Cross of Color

Grand Representative to Indiana 1970-71

HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES — SOUTH

Vicki L. Jeanson
1611 Nil Wardman
Brea, CA. 92821

FRATERNAL:

Initiated Manchester Chapter, Downey, 1974
Affiliated (Plural Member) Ami Tai Chapter, Brea, 2003
Member of the OES Home Boosters Club
Member of Social Order of the Beauceant, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine,
Daughters of the Nile

CHAPTER SERVICE:

Worthy Matron, Manchesterf 1981
Associate Matron Manchester, 1980
Served Manchester as Ruth, Esther, Chaplain, & Marshal
Served Ami Tai as Ruth & Chaplain
Associate Conductress, Ami Tai, 2006
Conductress, Ami Tai, 2007
Associate Matron, Ami Tai, 2008

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE:

Health Services at Annual Session 1982

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE:

Health Services at Triennial Session 1982, Anaheim

YOUTH GROUP SERVICE:

Past Honored Queen Bethel #34, Guardian Secretary after majority
Advisor Yorba Linda DeMolay
Recipient of DeMolay Cross of Honor

PERSONAL:

Husband of 29 Years — Richard, Member of Manchester & Ami Tai
Chapters, Past Patron Manchester, 1981, Past Master X3, Scottish &
York Rite, El Bekal Shrine, Executive Officer of Southern California
Jurisdiction - Order of DeMolay, Associate Patron, Ami Tai, 2008
Son — Kevin, 19 years old, Past Master Councilor x2, Chevalier, and active
member of Yorba Linda DeMolay

EDUCATION

AS — Nursing, Cypress College, 1982
BS — Health Care Administration, University of La Verne, 1993
MPA — Health Services Administration, University of San Francisco, 1996

PROFESSIONAL:

Registered Nurse for 26 years
Currently Nursing Director at Queen of the Valley Hospital in West Covina,
with responsibility for
65 employees & \$12million budget

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Katie Nielsen, may we have your report at this time?

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE

(By Katie Nielsen, PM, Chairman (348/358))

Throughout the room there are various members of my committee who have worked very hard all year. I thank them all for their service.

This year, our consolidations haven't been too bad. Our Chapters are still taking advantage of this way to help the order by giving their Chapters a jumpstart. We have had a total of five consolidations completed during 2008. There are three others in various stages of the process, and will hopefully install officers in a new Chapter in 2009.

My Sisters and Brothers, the thought of consolidation still has negative connotations for many of our members. That is unfortunate because the chance to combine or consolidate is a positive thing for any Chapter that is finding themselves with reduced membership, a drop in active members, and certainly those who have found themselves without officers. Blending two or three Chapters together has proven to be a good thing for our Order.

I would remind you that if you find yourself needing to consider consolidation, give me a call. I am as near as your phone, and I will be happy to talk to you. If you want a member of the committee to come and talk to your Chapter about how the whole process works and perhaps give a jumpstart on getting your members back, also give me a call and I will send you one of our members. That is what the committee is designed to do. We are dedicated to see that all are happy in making their Chapters grow.

All of this committee has been wonderful. Some have worked on this committee for years. Some have worked very little because of what area they are in, and others have been completely overworked.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge a couple of my committee who have worked very hard.

Sister Carole Gaston, who has served for many years, again this year went above and beyond in the greater Los Angeles area, and to Donna Tucker, who just takes care of things in the desert communities. You will never know how wonderful it is to know that you are there and doing the job completely. I thank you both.

There will be several new members of the committee for 2009. I'm looking forward to working with you. Since I don't know all of you, please find me so that we can work out the training time. Thank you for saying yes, when Barbara asked you.

Sister Collette, it has been my pleasure to prepare this committee for you, and I hope I haven't been too much of a pest. Barbara, thank you for allowing me to continue again next year. I truly believe in this process and love working with this committee and with all the Chapter members.

Thank you to my Sisters and Brothers, and remember, give me a call if I could be of any assistance to your Chapters.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Katie, thank you and your committee for your work. You have been busy this year, and we appreciate all your efforts.

(The Worthy Grand Patron made announcements.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: I also want to remind the Chapters that received their membership awards certificates to go to the Grand Secretary's desk after the session to pick up your certificates. Brother Jim and I thank all the members for their attention at this morning's Session.

After the Proclamation, please remain seated until the Grand Officers and Grand Pages have retired. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

(Grand Conductress attended the altar.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Friday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 2:00 o'clock PM

Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 11:35 AM)

(Retiring March of Grand Chapter Officers and Grand Pages)



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2008 “FIELD OF DREAMS” SESSION
FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 17, 2008

1:30 PM Musical Prelude

Jean Cook, PM (18/214)

Choir — “*You Oughta be in Pictures*”

2:00 PM Entrance

Hostess: Donna Herring, GGCCM

Host: Dave Buck, PGP

Donna Herring, GGCCM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Grand Officers into the Grand Chapter room.

Entrance: 2008 Grand Officers

Donna Herring, GGCCM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Escort: Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron
Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron

Donna Herring, GGCCM: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting Sister Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jim Whiteley, 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.)

Donna Herring, GGCCM: Sister Collette, it is indeed an honor to be able to present you with your gavel for this Friday Afternoon Session. And who would have thought 11 years ago when I was No. 16 and you were No. 17 that this would ever happen. Who would have thought? You have done a great job this year, and I congratulate both of you and Brother Jim on a great year.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sister Donna Herring, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Vision Quest, and a Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California, and Brother Dave Buck, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the California, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in extending Grand Honors to our Distinguished Members.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

Welcome back to our Afternoon Session. We hope you have enjoyed your lunch and are ready to continue with the business of Grand Chapter.

Sister Donna and Brother Dave, may we have your Address of Welcome at this time?

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(by Donna Herring, GGCCM and Dave Buck, PGP)

Donna: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Collette, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jim, Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, and delegates of California.

How very honored we are to be serving as Hostess and Host for this Friday Afternoon Session of Grand Chapter. Thank you, Sister Collette and Brother Jim, for extending this honor to us.

David: It is always a pleasure for us to welcome our California members, as well as those members visiting us from out of state. We are delighted to have all of you with us this afternoon, and invite you to come back every year.

Donna: Sisters and Brothers, it seems like all we are reading about in the newspaper and hearing about on TV is doom and gloom: foreclosures, stocks dropping, investments turning sour, and bailouts everywhere.

David: Well, I tell you the good news is that Eastern Star Chapters all over the state are expanding and growing, as are our Masonic lodges.

Donna: We understand that interest rates are down, but not the interests in our charities and community service. Things are not always what they seem. Sure, we may be in an economic hard time, but let's look at the big picture.

David: Our Eastern Star Chapters are and will continue to be strong and relevant, as long as we all give our very best to the Order. We need to live our principles each day, share our values with our communities, and take pride in all that we do.

Donna: We congratulate Sister Collette and Brother Jim and the 2008s for all that you have done. You have challenged the members to be daring and innovative in making their chapters strong, as so many of your predecessors have done before you.

David: Brother Jim, as your fraternal mom and dad, we want you to know how proud we are of all you have done, and know that you have given that same level of love and dedication this year as you gave to the members in 2005. We truly love you.

Donna: We congratulate Sister Barbara and Brother JD, and those who will be serving in 2009, we know that you will continue the many excellent programs we are enjoying and will share your leadership skills as you assume the reigns in just a short time.

David: This afternoon, we are going to be delighted by the talents of our residents of Senior Living Center, and just a peek at all the fun they have on a daily basis.

Donna: So let's sit back and enjoy the Family of Eastern Star.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Donna and Brother Dave, thank you very much for your Welcome. It was a pleasure being part of your magical year in 2005. Thank you for all you do for our Order. Sister Donna, we enjoyed the teamwork between Vision Quest and IMPACT this year. Thank you for your participation. Brother Dave, one of the Manly Men of 2005, we are all very grateful for your work as a Trustee on our Home Board. Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Having my fraternal mom and dad serve this afternoon is a real pleasure. You gave me a real opportunity and experience that will forever be cherished, as I was part of your 2005 Grand Family, which was not only rewarding but a great deal of fun as well. I thank you both for all of the love, encouragement and support you have continued to give me.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

Don Snyder . . . "On Eagle's Wings"

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Friday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of the California, Order of the Eastern Star, called from refreshment to labor.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will may the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, we are honored to have with us this afternoon the All Stars from our Senior Living Community. These Sisters have traveled all the way from Yorba Linda to share their talents with us. Sister Grand Conductress, you will close the Bible informally.

(Grand Conductress informally closes the Bible.)

Senior Living Community Residents: Skit — "90 year old Women Playing Baseball"

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: That's my kind of baseball. Let's give our residents a big hand.

Audience . . . "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Will our California Singing Stars give us a musical selection, so we can all be ready for the next part of business?

California Singing Stars . . . "We Will Be Flexible"

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: We would like to thank the residents of our Senior Living Community for your entertainment. You were wonderful. We appreciate you opening your home to our Members. You have done this on numerous occasions this year. We have had the privilege of joining each of you at our Holiday Party, Official Visit, Brick laying Ceremony, and the Fiesta. Thank you for supporting our projects, Sensational Saturday Relay for Life, and all the rest. We love you very much. Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Spending time at our Senior Living Center is always a great experience. I have enjoyed meeting and fellowshiping with the residents there. It also has been a privilege to have served on the Board of Trustees this year, helping to ensure the high quality of living that has been customary there.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Deb Winn, would you please give us a report on our Fiesta, "The Wide World of Sports"?

Deborah Winn, PM (347): Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, I have been given the pleasure this afternoon for giving our Fiesta report, as our Chairmen Gina and Jon Davis could not be here at this time.

ANNUAL FIESTA REPORT 2008 "THE WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS"

(By Deborah Winn, PM, for Gina, PM and Jon Davis, PP Chairmen (347))

We hit a home run at "The Wide World of Sports" Fiesta, June 7th at the Senior Living Community. The individual booth chairmen huddled with SLC staff and event chairmen several times before the event to create the game plan for the Fiesta.

This year, our sports themed booths sold a wide variety of items, including but not limited to Coach Collette's beverages, burgers, ice cream and berries, breakfast burritos, totes, dresses, specialty coffee, books, fan relaxation items, pizza, jewelry, resident collectible memorabilia and concessions. We also scored with an expanded Fun Zone and Slam Dunk Karaoke Music.

The Fiesta hosted a dugout for the Grand Chapter Office, Foundation, Relay for Life, Outreach, Acacia Creek, and the attendance at the world famous dinner prepared by Chef Charlie and his team players, served by the DeMolay Sports Enthusiasts, followed the playoffs. The auction of our All Star baskets created quite a reaction and hysteria from the Athletic Supporters.

In the 7th Inning Stretch, we were treated to music and fun from center field, with Don Snyder and Evelyn De La Rosa.

To date, the Fiesta purse raised in the ballpark of \$19,403 for our residents.

The Fiesta Chairmen would like to thank the SLC staff for another Triple Crown performance, and our Worthy Grand Matron Collette and Worthy Grand Patron Jim for picking us from the draft.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Deborah, thank you very much for giving the report today. Please extend our thanks to Jon and Gina Davis, our Chairmen for our Fiesta. It was a sports spectacular. It was a Grand Slam production with the booths, food, barbeque, entertainment and auction. The residents of our Home and California Eastern Star really appreciate your efforts.

Our Executive Director of the Senior Living Community is a man of many talents. He can perform wheelies on a Harley Davidson motorcycle in the parking lot of the Home. He is an inspirational leader and an excellent administrator, while caring for the well being of our residents.

It is my privilege to present Brother Clair Meske. Yes, I have said “Brother”, as he has been a member of our Order for 11 days. Brother Clair Meske, may we have your Senior Living Community report at this time?

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

(by Clair Meske, Executive Director)

You can see how much I enjoy coming to work every day. We have fun and games all the time. The residents do keep it exciting.

Now, this is my third Grand Chapter. And I have to tell you, it has been a different experience this year.

(Shows credentials and voting card.)

I have enjoyed every moment of it, thank you.

Let me get serious just for a minute. I want to tell you a story, a story that some of you may have already heard. But on the morning of July 1st, Deborah Stewart, your Outreach Coordinator, came to my office with an urgent need that could not wait to work through normal channels. Deborah just received a call from Adult Protective Services that they had been to a senior's home because somehow they had learned that that senior was in trouble. Her air conditioning was not working, and the weather forecast was predicting temperatures of well over 100 degrees out in the desert.

As it turned out, while they were there, they saw some of our Outreach materials on her table, and called us. Yes, she was a Sister, a Member of a Chapter out in the desert.

We both panicked and I immediately got on the phone to my personal AC guy out in Riverside, but he could not go to the desert. He was up to his ears in work as it was. But he gave me the name of somebody out in the desert that he trusted. Bruce, our Director of Planned Operations, in the meantime had called our AC guy in Orange County but, likewise, he couldn't go out to the desert. So I did authorize Deborah to contact the person out in the desert and ask him to drop everything and "git 'er done." By that afternoon, her air conditioning was back up and operating.

Now, that could have been the end of the story. But there is more. Deborah, in working with her, found that she was interested in becoming a resident. She immediately sent out an application to her. Now, this Sister did have some health issues with her heart and, one week later, we received another phone call from Adult Protective Services. They informed us that our Sister had passed away from natural causes, in her chair, with our applications spread out around her. They just wanted to thank us for doing everything that we did.

Now, why do I tell you this?

I am so honored to be in a position to offer support and the kind of help that we do throughout the State of California. I am very proud of what we did for our Sister. However, we could have done more. And that is where you come in. If we would have had contact with her sooner, she could have been living with us. It may not have changed how long she lived, but she would not have died alone.

We need you, the Members throughout the state, to be our eyes and ears on the chapter level to keep a look out for those who could use the help of one or more of our services. Now, they may need to be convinced they should contact us. You may need to contact us and ask us to open that dialogue. I implore you to act now. Make that call. No one but God knows when it will be too late. It will be worth your while to help someone make better choices for themselves.

Now, right now, we have time to study our options for the future, and it is prudent to look at all options. I believe that being well informed helps us make best decisions. For us to have all the options on the table available to us, however, we do need to grow our Endowment Fund. For us to be in the home business and provide outreach services for many years to come, we need a much larger Endowment Fund. When was the last time someone made a one million dollar gift to our Endowment Fund? Actually, I checked. We went back as far as Russ had the computerized records available, and found out that the most recent largest gift was for \$212,000 and that was given in May of 2003. Sadly, all donations to the Home Endowment Fund in the last eight years add up to only \$429,869.25.

Now, Jeff Eichner could go out and ask for million dollar gifts all day long. And if he got one a year, for the next ten or twelve years, we would be in pretty good shape. However, a million dollar gift is a pretty big deal, and few and far between. Now, you know the old adage, many hands make the load light. So two could give a half million. Four could give a quarter of a million. Ten could give a hundred thousand dollars. How about a thousand giving a thousand dollars? In fact, I like that idea so well, that I will make a challenge right now, that I will give a dollar for every thousand dollar gift given to the Home Endowment Fund received from right now, and prior to the opening of 2009 Grand Chapter Session, up to my own thousand dollars.

You know, I have asked some of my managers, and many of them are willing to join me in this challenge to the membership. In fact, I will personally take on the job of asking each Board Member to make their thousand dollar gifts. With all of us working together, we can make our future secure, whatever that future may be.

Will you join me in the Million Dollar Club? Thank you.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Clair, thank you very much for your report. Your leadership style is excellent. You are a calming force, and I have enjoyed working with you this year. I will miss all those phone calls, emails and all those discussions with our lawyers.

The theme of the Official Visit at the Home this year was Cross town Rivalries. Most of you know my love for the Bruins, and then that other team that was represented at the SLC Official Visit – it's hard to say it SC Trojans. Your Executive Director wore a vest with one half of it having Bruin bears, and the other half having Trojan print. You are a true diplomat.

Brother Clair, would you please introduce the residents and the staff from the SLC that are here today?

Clair Meske, Executive Director of the Senior Living Community: First, the residents I would like to introduce in no particular order: .

Viola Baker;	Helen Overcash;
Esther Flannigan;	Phyllis Simmons;
Kay Ivy;	Mary Olmert;
Bessie Watson;	Velma Bates;
Polly Field;	June Dimmel;
Marguerite Spaner	Virginia Poindexter;
Margaret Morris;	Donna Belle Ostrom; and
Bonnie Benjamin;	Tutu Vi Sidlow.

Staff: Erin Wilson, our Activities Coordinator.

Barbara Brady, her assistant.

Elena Bor, our Wellness Director and her staff, Doris, Lupe and Rosie.

And we can't forget Kat Farris and Deborah Stewart.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Richard, would you please join Clair for your presentation.

Clair Meske, Executive Director: Maybe some of the other Members of the Board of Trustees would like to join me.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Would the members of the Board of Trustees please join Clair in the East?

Clair Meske, Executive Director: Every year at Grand Chapter Session, the Board of Trustees elects one Member of the Order of the Eastern Star to recognize with the Fraternalism Award. This year, it is our pleasure to present this award to a member who tirelessly comes to the Senior Living Community without being asked, and does her self assigned job very well. She then socializes with the residents and occasionally has lunches with them. I can tell you that our resident Library would not be the same without the loving dedication of Judy Rush.

Judy, would you please join us on stage.

Now, it is true that one of our residents does need a ride home today, but it was really that we needed to get you up here.

Judy Rush: We were told that we were coming to take one of the residents home, so we drove up this morning.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: So you didn't tell her the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, Clair?

Clair Meske, Executive Director: It is a real honor to present this award to you in recognition of your dedication to the residents of the Senior Living Community, and for your ever ready smiles, encouraging words and positive outlook. Your name will now be added to the perpetual plaque at the Senior Living Community for all to see.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Judy, thank you so much for your service you perform for our residents. Would you like to say something?

Judy Rush: Well, I appreciate it, and I'm absolutely overwhelmed. I never dreamt. I really, honestly, thought we were coming up to pick up one of the residents. You know, I really fell into the library quite accidentally, because I don't have any library skills or anything. But I kept being around the residents.

And in 1974, when I was General Chairman of the Fiesta, I learned to love the Home and all the residents from then on. And when I was around there, they kept saying that they couldn't find any books in the library. And I couldn't figure that out, because I knew the library was full of books.

So I went in there one day, just out of curiosity, to find out why they couldn't find books. To my total shock, the books had been filed by the color of their bindings. And so we had all the blue binding books on a couple of shelves, and all the red binding books, and the black binding books. And you know something? I discovered that really didn't they help anybody find a book that they wanted. Because it didn't seem quite right to me that you would have to know the color of the binding in order to find the book you want, so I went to the Administrator and I said, "I don't have an awful lot of talent, or anything, but I think I can do a little better, if you would let me try". So since then, I have been there organizing the books. They now have general categories and sections, and it has been my sheer delight not only to be in the library, but also to, almost every week, see the ladies in the library — I did miss a few weeks when I broke my back. Thank you so much. I am so shocked by this award.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Extra, extra, read all about it. Extra, extra, read all about it.

Sister Karen and Brother John, may we have your report?

"CAL STAR NEWS" REPORT

(John Fletcher, PGP and Karen Fletcher, PGM Co-Editors)

Karen Fletcher, Jr. Past Grand Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

It is my distinct privilege to introduce to you those who are responsible for the publication of our "Cal Star News:" Brother John Fletcher, Past Grand Patron, Brother, Angel Alvarez Mapp, who is really the creative genius behind the new format; Sister Marlene Larson, our Circulation Manager; and Sister Kathleen MacDonald, who had to go back to teach school today, but will be back over the weekend, is the Assistant Circulation Manager.

Much like players going to an important playoff game, it was with a great deal of excitement and a little trepidation that John and I assumed the duty inherent in editing and publishing the "Cal Star News". Our "Cal Star News" was established in 1982 as a result of the vision and foresight of our 1983 Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Anita Simon and Brother A. Leroy Covey. As originally established, the "Cal Star News" continues to be sponsored by the Grand Line Officers, who have ultimate approval over the format and its contents.

The “Cal Star News” was designed as a means of communication between the Grand Line Officers and our Members, and continues to serve this purpose. Upon Sister BJ Kirste’s announcement that she would retire as the editor of the “Cal Star News”, a quick transition ensued that included an opportunity to work with our Grand Line Officers to re evaluate the purpose and the effectiveness of this publication. Much of the new format was prompted by feedback received from our subscribers, who wanted a more updated look that was easy to read, and included an educational component that would provide relevant information about our Order.

Four issues are produced each year, each focused on a specific theme. We began this year with an edition devoted to an introduction of our 2008 Grand Officers, followed by editions focused on our own Eastern Star charities and service, and the relevance of our Order in 2008. Our fall issue highlighting our Masonic family will be printed and mailed in just a few short weeks.

We thank all of those who have contributed articles and pictures for these editions. It is very much appreciated.

We have received both directly and indirectly a great deal of feedback about the new format of the “Cal Star News”. The majority of our subscribers have been very receptive and supportive. Others have offered constructive feedback, and some have remained critical and resistant to any type of change. However, in an attempt to more accurately assess the desires of our subscribers, we will be conducting a reader survey in our winter edition, which will be in your hands in January 2009. We hope that you will participate in providing your thoughts in this process so that we can continue to evaluate with our Grand Line Officers the direction of this publication.

This has not been the first change for our “Cal Star News”, as it has evolved on over these last many years. In evolution it has encompassed a smaller booklet type format, printed on slick paper, to a larger publication printed on newspaper print, and now in its current format. Although numerous changes to this publication have been made over the years, the ultimate goal of providing our Grand Line Officers with yet another method of communication with our members has remained constant.

We thank you for your support of the “Cal Star News”, and the purchase of that. We hope that you will visit our booth over in the vendor area so that you can purchase a subscription for a friend, your new officers or new members of your Chapter who may be unaware of this publication, or perhaps just to renew your own subscription. We certainly thank you for the feedback and the opportunity to serve on this committee.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Karen and Brother John, thank you for taking on the monumental task of being the editors of “Cal Star News”. We also thank Brother Angel, Sisters Marlene and Kathleen for their support.

I have received overwhelming approval of the new magazine style format from members, General Grand Chapter Officers, and non members. The new format makes it a publication that you want to read from cover to cover. Keep up the great work!

Sister Katie Nielsen, may we have your report.

2011 ANNUAL SESSION SITE PRESENTATION

Katie Nielsen, PM, Chairman (348/358): It is at this time that I would like to present to you the representatives of the venues that we have considered for this year’s Annual Site Report for our Session for 2011.

As you know from the grid that is in your packet, the three places are Fresno, Modesto and Ontario. The representatives from Fresno and Modesto are here with us this afternoon. Unfortunately, through a scheduling conflict, we have no representative from Ontario, but the information on your grid is very reliable for you to look at and make your decision. So at this time, I will introduce the first two representatives from Fresno.

First, I will introduce Layla Portia, Director of Sales, and April Newton, Director of Sales for the Radisson Hotel. May we have your presentation at this time, please?

Layla Portia: Thank you, Katie. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and delegates to this Grand Chapter Session, good afternoon and welcome to Fresno California. It has been an honor this week to be your host city, and we are looking forward to your return in 2011. The following is just a small sampling of what Fresno has to offer:

The Radisson Hotel and Conference Center located directly across the street, as your headquarter hotel, is offering a standard room rate of \$105 per night. There is an additional 400 hotel rooms in the downtown area, also offering a special group rate for you. We also have over 20 downtown restaurants ready to serve you. Additionally, we are offering complimentary hotel parking, and a Convention Center senior parking rate at \$2.50, with in and out privileges.

We can also help organize bus tours designed for your group, which can include traveling to our three National Parks, our three local casinos, or a day of great shopping. We can also offer discounted rates on AMTRAK, with complimentary shuttle to your hotel. All of this and more will be set up for you by your designated CVB Housing person.

The Fresno Convention Center has flexible meeting space, and we are offering complimentary meeting rooms, no charge for move in and move out of the Valdez Hall, and room rental credit, without the need for room rate rebates. As you know, in an event of this magnitude, problems may arise. We can promise you that you will receive flexible and superb customer service from the CVB and the Convention Center staff, throughout the planning process and during your event.

As you can tell, this arena is now doubling as an ice hockey ring. Because this was a surprise to many of you, the management company of SMG is offering you a special, one time \$5,000 rent credit for your future year's signed contract, your next booking with us, based on your hotel's room night credit. And this new offer will mean that your next event with us will be rent-free.

Last, but not least, all the home grown raisins you can eat. Our Raisin is walking around the floor.

I would just like to say that we truly do appreciate and value your business, and we would be honored to have you return to Fresno.

Katie Neilsen, Chairman: Thank you, Layla.

Here representing the Modesto area, is Jennifer Lewis, Modesto Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Joanna Butler, who is from the Doubletree Hotel, which would be our host hotel in Modesto.

Jennifer Lewis: Thank you, Katie. Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Jennifer Lewis, and I am with the Modesto Convention and Visitor Bureau.

First of all, thank you for giving us the opportunity to talk about our beautiful city, and that city would be Modesto, California. We are located about an hour south of Sacramento, a hour and a half away from San Francisco, and two hours away from Yosemite, just right off Highway 99. You can get to Modesto by car, train or airplane. We have AMTRAK station about ten minutes from the Doubletree, and an airport ten minutes away, as well, which has flights to San Francisco, and we're hoping to get a flight into the Los Angeles area by 2011.

Modesto is a fantastic city, with a small town atmosphere, but with big hearts and warm welcome. We offer a variety of hotels and overflow rooms that are minutes away from the Doubletree. We can also provide a shuttle service to these hotels, as well from the downtown area. When you walk to the Doubletree, you will find our great downtown area filled with 60 restaurants, museums, shops and new Center for the Arts, and Farmers Market on Thursdays and Saturdays, they are all within walking distance of the Doubletree.

When you choose the Doubletree Hotel in Modesto, you are offered to use the Convention Bureau. We have registration name badges for all your registered attendees. We have a group of volunteers who will assist you with registration, and also have a table set up in the lobby area who can assist them with any questions about Modesto.

We look forward to having your convention in Modesto for 2011, and any other years to come.

Joanna Butler: Good afternoon. How is everyone? My name is Joanna Butler, and I am the Convention Service Manager for the Doubletree Hotel in Modesto. I wanted to thank you for giving us an opportunity to share why you should come to our wonderful hotel and city.

We are conveniently located in the heart of downtown, with 60 restaurants within the walking distance of the hotel. We also have our beautiful Garden Terrace Restaurant, and room service 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., seven days a week. If you are staying overnight, you can park your car for only \$5.00 dollars a night, or if you are staying down the road you may park for free and be validated as our guest. This includes in and out privileges.

We offer 258 guest rooms for the rate of \$119, which, along with our common areas, are newly remodeled. Our gift shop is open 24 hours a day, and has everything from scarves, to watches, to jewelry.

We are about an equal distance from Fresno as Visalia is. We are located right up the freeway, which some of you might have seen as you drive through our area. We are happy to say, the hotel and convention center are all under one roof, and are attached to each other. So once you are here, you are here. Our convention center has floor seating with no risers. The hall is large enough so we may provide everyone with the extra elbowroom we all enjoy.

After a long day at legislation, please enjoy our signature Sweet Dreams bed for a great night's rest. Also allow us you to twist your arm to allow you to have one of our famously delicious Doubletree cookies. Once again, thank you for allowing us to talk about our facilities. And please, choose Modesto so we can make your experience the best it can possibly be in 2011.

Katie Neilsen, Chairman: Thank you, ladies. Sisters and Brothers, the choices that you will have to consider for the annual site for 2011 are Fresno, Modesto or Ontario.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for coming to visit. You have been over in the Exhibit Hall since about 10:30, and set up with cookies and raisins. And so I do thank you for coming, and I will be talking to you both.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress, you will open the Bible informally.

(Grand Conductress informally opens the Bible.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Katie Nielsen, may we hear your report?

2011 ANNUAL SESSION SITE COMMITTEE REPORT

(By Katie Nielsen, PM, Chairman (348/358))

Sisters and Brothers, your choices for the site for 2011 would be Fresno, Modesto or Ontario.

If your choice is Fresno, our acceptance will be conditioned on resolving our claims from this Session, including our claim because of the rink was left frozen beneath the floor of the arena. After Grand Chapter, Jurisprudence and Finance settle the claims, if these claims are satisfactorily resolved and your vote today is for Fresno, Grand Chapter will then sign the requisite Letter of Intent.

(The Session Site Summary appears on pages 173–174.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Patron, it is my desire that you preside.

Sister and Brothers, I do need to explain to you one thing before we take the vote on the annual session site. When we contracted for this arena this week, we did not contract for an ice hockey rink. I was informed just a few days before this Grand Chapter Session, on Saturday, that not only would there be ice on the arena floor, but there would be dashers and glass partitions surrounding the arena.

Dashers, for those of you who don't know what dashers are and I surely didn't know at the time are wood platforms that come about waist high, and then extending from them are a glass partition.

While preparing for Grand Chapter on Saturday afternoon, I had a personal discussion with the General Manager of this convention center. I told him that it was totally unacceptable to have dashers and glass partitions circling this arena. In addition, I told him that I was very concerned for our membership that there was ice on this arena floor. I was afraid that our members, because of their age, might become ill from the cold conditions in here.

I was concerned about the Grand Officers, the Grand Pages, the Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives and the Inner Guards that would be sitting on this floor. And many of them had experienced the cold floor at previous Sessions, not only at Grand Chapter, but also at Grand Assembly. Numerous conversations went on that Saturday afternoon. They told me that it was impossible to remove or de ice this floor in time for our Grand Chapter Session.

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PROPOSALS FOR 2011 GRAND CHAPTER MEETING **ESTIMATED – FINAL COSTS ON SIGNING OF CONTRACT IN 2011**

	Fresno	Modesto	Ontario
Hotels	12.00% hotel tax. Blocked rooms at peak nights. Headquarters Hotel: Radisson. 236 rooms blocked at \$105-\$149: Standard/double \$105. Poolside \$149, King Suite \$149, Max 6 persons. Holiday Inn: 50 rooms blocked. Standard/Double \$92.. La Quinta. 60 rooms blocked. Double \$109, King \$119, Max 4 persons. Best Western Water Tree: 75 rooms blocked. Standard/Double \$95. Refrig. Piccadilly Inn: 20 rooms blocked. Standard/Double \$106 Sheraton 4 Points: 40 rooms Blocked. Standard/Double \$125. refrig Ramada Inn. 75 rooms blocked. Standard/Double \$109. Some have refrig. Plus 11 other properties listed in proposal	9.00% hotel tax. Blocked rooms at peak nights. Headquarters Hotel: Doubletree Hotel. 200 standard rooms and 2 parlor suites blocked Standard/Queen \$119. Parlor Suites \$119 Max 4 persons. mini-refrig Courtyard Marriott: 100 rooms blocked. Standard/Double \$80. Holiday Inn Express & Suites: 25 rooms blocked. Standard Double \$119. Suite \$129. mini-refrig Red Lion: 50 rooms blocked. Standard/Double \$85. mini-refrig Ramada Inn: 30 rooms blocked. Standard/Double \$79. Some refrig Days Inn: 25 rooms blocked. Standard/Double \$74 Microtel Inn & Suites: 20 rooms blocked. Standard/Double \$70 microwave, mini-refrig	11.75% hotel tax. Blocked rooms at peak nights. Headquarters Hotels: Recommends 2 Hotels 1. Doubletree Hotel: 200 rooms blocked. Standard/Double \$125 Max 4 persons. mini-refrig. (Adjacent to Convention Center) 2. Ontario Marriott: 200 rooms blocked. Standard/Double \$119 Max 4 persons. (0.4 miles from Convention Center). Ayres Hotel & Suites: 75 rooms blocked. Standard/Double \$120 microwave, refrig. Max 4 persons. Free breakfast Country Side Suites: 30 rooms blocked. Standard/Double \$120 Full kitchen. Max 4-5 persons. Free breakfast Sheraton Ontario Airport: 50 rooms blocked. Standard/Double \$120 Holiday Inn: 50 rooms blocked. Standard/Double \$120, microwave, mini-refrig
Parking Cost	Hotel Parking: Parking free for Hotel guests. Convention Parking: Radisson Garege & City Parking: \$9/day, \$2.50/day senior rate. 27 handicapped spots near convention facilities. 87 total downtown.	Hotel & Convention Parking: The Doubletree Hotel offers self parking at \$5 per night for over night guests and complimentary for day-use. Valet parking for \$11 per day. Handicap Parking: 3 spaces in front of the hotel (near valet). 25 spaces in the parking garage.	Hotel Parking: Free guest parking at hotels except for Ontario Marriott. \$10 overnight. Convention parking: \$9/day. 100 parking spots at Convention Center Lot B for handicapped parking.
Parking Proximity	Radisson garage on hotel property. City lot next to Convention Center. City garage behind Saroyan Theater	Garage located directly across from the hotel and connected by a covered walkway	At Convention Center or within 0.4 miles at hotels. Hotels are within 5 minutes walking distance to the Convention Center.
Arena Style	Recently renovated arena style seating. Handicapped seating accessed by elevator. Valdez Hall has 32,000 sq ft of exhibit space.	All venues handicapped accessible. Single chair type seating that must be set up per client request. 7,000 sq ft of meeting space in hotel and 25,00 sq ft in Modesto Centre Plaza (Convention Center) next door. Meeting area would be in Harvest Hall=16,000 sq ft.	All venues handicapped accessible. Single chair type seating that must set up per client request. 225,00 total sq ft. 70,00sq ft exhibit hall. 20,00 sq ft ballroom, and 24,00 sq ft of meeting space.

PROPOSALS FOR 2011 GRAND CHAPTER MEETING **ESTIMATED – FINAL COSTS ON SIGNING OF CONTRACT IN 2011**

	Fresno	Modesto	Ontario
Banquet Facilities	Radisson: all catering by hotel. Convention Center: All food and beverage services by exclusive caterer - Pardini's	Doubletree Catering Services does: 1. All hotel catering 2. All Convention Center catering.	Full banquet facilities and catering service at each hotel. Convention Center: exclusive catering by SMG Company.
Dining	Many within walking distance in addition to Radisson Restaurant. Starbucks, Subway, Quiznos, and restaurants with Mexican, Japanese, Italian, Mediterranean, & California cuisines	Doubletree Hotel restaurant. Garden Terrace Cafe, Maxi's, Main Place Cafe, Stan's Brewery & Pub	Doubletree Hotel restaurant, Express Cafe in Convention Center. Applebee's, Black Angus, New York Grill, Panda Inn, Dave & Busters, Tokyo- Tokyo, Rosa's Fine Italian
Convention Center Costs	Selland Arena..... \$18,400 Valdez Hall..... \$8,600 Valdez Hall meeting rooms w / minimum 800 room nights..... No charge Valdez Hall move in & out with minimum 800 room nights..... No charge Saroyan theater..... \$2,000 Subtotal..... \$29,000 Less room credit: \$10.68 x 1,000 room nights..... <\$10,680> Estimated expense..... \$18,320	Vendors in Convention Center Grand lobby..... \$2,700 Sessions in Harvest Hall..... \$9,600 Meeting rooms..... \$3,900 Estimated expense..... \$16,200	Convention Center rental total-includes exhibit hall, ballroom, meeting rooms..... \$35,000 Less: room rebate: \$10 x 1,000 room nights..... <\$10,000> Estimated expense..... \$25,000

I asked them when was the hockey game that they were preparing for. They told me the hockey game was a week from today. With our Grand Chapter Session ending on Saturday evening, I felt that was sufficient time to re ice this floor in preparation for the hockey game. This met with deaf ears.

At that time, I contacted our lawyers and told them that I was again concerned about the well-being and the safety of our members.

The offer that you heard today that there would be a \$5,000 credit for the 2011 session has not been agreed upon by our Grand Chapter. Please note that the unsatisfactory conditions of this arena, the cold floor, the hot temperature in the building are things that are still being negotiated upon and, hopefully, we will come to a resolution. But please understand, the \$5,000 credit has not been agreed upon.

Sister Katie, where did you leave off? You have not made a motion; you have just presented your report. We are on the same page.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Linda Kephart. It is my understanding that there is going to be a decision to be made by the Grand Chapter as to whether we are going to hold our session in Fresno, Modesto or Ontario.

Linda Kephart, Election Board Chairman: Sisters and Brothers, you are about to ballot on the annual session site for 2011 for Fresno, Modesto or Ontario. You will be using the section of your blue ballot card marked Election A. It is at the very bottom. It is the blank space. Please tear it off carefully. Please write in clearly one of those three cities that you prefer. Be careful when you separate your ballot, and use only the one marked Election A, as no other section will be counted.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, understand that we are still going to have discussion on this. This is just an explanation of the ballot process.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, we are about to vote on the selection for the 2011 session site for our Grand Chapter. Sister Linda, will you please give instructions on the ballot.

Linda Kephart, Election Board Chairman: We are going to ballot on the annual session site for 2011, for Modesto, Fresno or Ontario. You will be using your section of your blue ballot card marked 1 A, at the bottom. It is the long strip. Be careful when you tear it apart.

Write in clearly one of those three sites, and only one. If you use a different section, your ballot will not be counted. And please do not fold your ballots. Keep it as a long strip.

As a reminder, those members that are seated in the loge west section, you will have to go to sections 1 or 2 to cast your ballot. And please remain seated. The delegates, please remain seated during the ballot collection, and keep the aisles clear. When the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the ballot open, the members of the Election Board 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.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister and Brothers, we are about to vote on the location of the annual session site. I now declare the ballot open.

(Vote taken.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the ballot closed.

The Grand Officers will please retire to the back stage area to prepare for the Dove of Peace Ceremony. Please have your Pages fill your stations while we prepare for the ceremony.

Don Snyder, PP (21): Sisters and Brothers, we are about to prepare for Necrology.

Don Snyder . . . "On Eagle's Wings"

DOVE OF PEACE CEREMONY

(Narrated by Susan White, GGCCM)

Thank you, Brother Don. Your voice always lifts us up, as is an appropriate beginning to our memorial program.

The Dove of Peace ceremony is dedicated to the memory of our members, and is presented by those who have served as Grand Warder.

Our Past Grand Matron, Sister Patricia Quibell, a former Grand Warder, will have a special place in our hearts today. The Dove within the Star is the Emblem of the Warder. The Dove is a symbolic sign of peace.

In the Bible, the Holy Spirit is likened to a dove. Noah sent the dove to see if the troubled waters had calmed. From Genesis we read, "He sent forth dove from him, to see if the waters abated from off the face of the ground."

These white lilies have been recognized for generations as the symbol of purity and peace. We are proud to join the former Grand Warders for this Dove of Peace ceremony.

Collette Serio Gole, Grand Warder 1997;

Jim Whiteley, Grand Warder 2005;

Simon Dias, Grand Warder 2007;

Ginger Bassett, Grand Warder 2006;

John Scott, Grand Warder 2004;
Edie Wright, Grand Warder 2002;
Barbara Moore, Grand Warder 2001;
Steve Nicholas, Grand Warder 2000;
Georgia Lochland, Grand Warder 1998;
Ray Hoffman, Grand Warder 1996;
June Deatherage, 1993;
Theaola Lynn, 1987;
Sue McKinney, 1986;
Ardath Garst, 1974; and
Sarahann Shapiro, 2008.

In the earliest of writings, philosophers and ancients did foretell that war was inevitable. People died and temples fell. Aristotle was one who claimed, "We made war, so in peace we could live, but battles are waged, lives are ruined, until there's no more to give."

We continue to support our troops and honor those who have gone to war, but real peace comes from enlightenment. Divine education means more. We look within the pages of our Bible to learn in Eastern Star that peace is a state of mind, and not merely the absence of war. "Peace be with you", in our scriptures about our Star Points tell. This admonition was given, no matter what calamity befell. The symbol you see before you came about in modern days, a peace symbol, reflecting a Nation's feelings. Expressing more nays, than yeas. The symbol more appealing is peace represented by a dove. Where it is a condition of the mind, soul serenity comes from above. It resides within a peaceful people, where it can be the relief of pain, when health and hope are wished but through prayer the only gain.

Inner peace is an illusive quality, something we need more of. It enters our hearts when we emulate Adah's Faith and Electa's Love. When we seek to fulfill our own desires, peace remains a far cry; but when we give service to others, like Ruth, rewards are high. Esther could not live in a world where peace meant ignoring a lie. She gained peace of mind admitting heritage, so her people wouldn't die. When we are at peace with ourselves, having faith in eternal life, Martha exhibited inner peace that encompassed understanding and strife.

Departed Sisters and Brothers will be recalled as we watch a dove in flight. We know their journey on earth is over. They have gone to a world so bright. One small step by an individual can light the way for millions in the sky. Love, kindness, charity, heroism, all around us. We needn't ask why. It is a serenity of the soul, a state of mind and the final peace of death. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, "Peace be to this home. Peace in the world. Peace be with you. Shalom."

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Sisters and Brothers, the former Grand Warders and Officers have just reminded us of the beautiful symbol of the dove, that symbol of peace. But what are the doors to peace? How do we find the peace and simplest tie we crave in our lives? I think that the answer lies in patience and in prayer.

Doug Eichen, Chairman: We all like to be active, we all like to be in control of our lives, but sometimes circumstances force us to accept that we cannot do anything. All we can do, is be patient and pray. But notice that life has to force us to that point. We speak as though patience and prayer were sort of last resorts for people who are too weak or too desperate to do anything else.

We turn to prayer when we are alone and undisturbed, and we practice patience only when we have to. After all, most of us would rather have it now, and we would rather be able to get it our way, without any other efforts rather than wait on God. And so we strive and strive, and our lives become more and more hectic and complicated. In reality, though, patience and prayer should be our first resort. For they are the tap lines that enable us to find peace, even in the midst of life's business, noise, and especially grief. They are the doors that lead us into God's simplicity.

This afternoon, through patience, prayer and simplicity, we are going to raise up the wonderful memories of those who we have loved and lost this past year, that we may leave this Session with a celebration in our hearts, a tear in our eyes, and a love for our great and caring God.

Worthy Grand Matron, I invite you to preside.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Since our last Memorial Service our Golden Chain has been broken by the passing of our Sisters and Brothers.

The Officers will drape the altar in memory of our departed Members.

PRAYER

(by Joseph Ross, Grand Chaplain)

We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, that the lessons of our Order teach us that Thou are ever present; that 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 affections, 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. Amen.

"Blest be the Tie that Binds"

Doug Eichen, Chairman: If you notice, in the program today that we expected to have Sister Hildegard Smith with us, but she is a bit under the weather. So at this time, it is my pleasure to present to you Sister Susan White, Past Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Necrology, who will give a life tribute for Sister Betty Stubblefield, Past Grand Matron.

TRIBUTE FOR BETTY STUBBLEFIELD, PAST GRAND MATRON

(By Susan White, GGCCM for Hildegard Smith, PGM)

In 1982, I chaired Sister Betty's Divine Services and Necrology. Her theme was After the Rainbow's End. And these were in her remarks in her report to Grand Chapter (I'm reading my mother's words, what we wrote together.)

Beyond the Rainbow's faintest end,
There lies an end that is always filled with love and light;
Where shadows never fall and dim the skies.
For in this lovely land there is no night.
And though the loss of loved ones or friends brings sorrow
and it is hard for us to bear,
If we could see beyond the Rainbow's end,
We know that we will find them waiting there.

Elizabeth "Betty" Clare Stubblefield, was born to Bessie and Charles Rousch in Los Angeles, California, January 13th, 1920. She was blessed with the love of four sisters and one brother. She was married to James Perry Stubblefield in 1939. They lived in Los Angeles until 1945, when the family moved to La Placenta. She entered into Celestial Life January 31st, 2008, having been a member of the Order for 52 years.

Betty and Jim were proud and beloved parents of a daughter Diane, and son James, six grandchildren, six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Jim.

Betty was initiated had into Crescenta Valley Chapter in 1956, and served as Worthy Matron in 1963 and 1992. She proudly served our Grand Chapter in many ways, and was Deputy Grand Matron in 1971, Grand Ruth 1974, and Grand Marshal in 1978. Then was elected to serve our Order in California as Worthy Grand Matron in 1982.

Betty's life was an interesting one. She was a gifted seamstress and designer. She filled her home with artifacts of beauty that she, herself, had created. As a child, she had the desire to be a violinist. However, that desire only remained a distant dream, as the funds for pursuing this dream were not available. Her mother, a victim of polio, required care and the attention of the family members. Betty's aim for the future also included serving humanity as a doctor or nurse, but that too was an unfulfilled dream.

She was a devoted member of her church in La Crescenta. She served our Order and other Masonic orders as counsel member for Job's Daughters, DeMolay mother, and member of Daughters of the Nile.

Her emblems as Worthy Grand Matron were the Golden Stars of Faith and the Rainbow of Happiness, her flower, the white orchid, her colors, bright pink and aqua with accents of gold.

Her watchwords were Serenity, Faith and Understanding.

And this is from Hildegard Smith:

To my dear friend of over 50 years, my Grand Marshal, Betty, we miss you. Your dedication to tradition and protocol, your kind and gentle ways, and your loving compassion for all makes me include this quote from your obituary:

I am standing on the seashore. A ship sails to the morning breeze and starts for the ocean. She is an object of beauty, and I stand watching her until at last she fades on the horizon. And someone at my side says, "She is gone." But there are others who are watching her coming. And other voices take up a glad shout, "There she comes."

Farewell, dear friend and Sister. Rest in peace.

As was previously mentioned, Sister Patricia Quibell also was called home by God just recently and I am pleased to ask at this time brother Earl Eckert, Past Grand Patron, to give us a tribute of her life.

TRIBUTE FOR PATRICIA QUIBELL, PAST GRAND MATRON

(by Earl Eckert, PGP)

Sisters and Brothers let us remember today our Past Grand Matron, Sister Patricia Quibell, who was called to rest October the 12th, 2008.

She was initiated into Redding Chapter No. 44, in 1952, and served as Martha, Treasurer, Marshal and Chaplain before being elected as Associate Conductress in 1962. She continued through the line to serve as Worthy Matron in 1965. In 1969, she was appointed to serve as Grand Warder, and in 1973, appointed to serve as Grand Marshal. In 1974, she was elected to the station of Associate Grand Conductress, and preceded through the Grand Line to serve as our Worthy Grand Matron in 1977. Sister Pat served on many Grand Chapter committees, as well as the Board of Trustees of our Eastern Star Home. She worked for the Order of Rainbow for Girls where she served as Mother Advisor. She served with Rainbow and was recognized by the presentation of the Grand Cross of Color.

Sister Pat also served her community as President of the Shasta County Board of Education, and as Director of the Crippled Children's Society. Governor Ronald Reagan, appointed her to serve on the state wide Nursing Committee.

Our Sister is survived by her children, daughters Kay and Carol, and son, Dr. Cary. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Ray.

Sister Pat's Grand Chapter session was "The Harbor of Happiness" Session. Her Worthy Matrons were known as Silver Sail Princesses. Her watchwords were: Faith, Loving kindness and Friendship. She believed faith is the essence of believing. He who plants kindness, reaps love, and he who sows courtesies reaps friendship.

At her 1977 Grand Chapter Session, Sister Pat repeated this prayer:

Lord let me carry where I go some joy to all I know. Let these unto our life be wrought, a little faith, a little thought, a little mirth, a little grace, to glorify the commonplace. Lord, let some little splendor shine, to mark the early course of mine. In conclusion, we do not lose the ones we love. God simply takes them in his care.

TRIBUTE FOR OUR CALIFORNIA MEMBERS

(by Larry Coffin, PP (89))

We gather here to celebrate to honor and pay tribute to those Sisters and Brothers this year who entered into the glorious life eternal. They would not want us to be saddened by their departure, as they would be the first to tell us that death is not the end. Each and every one of them lived life to the fullest.

They were the leaders of our Chapters when we were initiated, and took the time not only to be our mentor but to be our friend. We could always count on them to be the first to volunteer in the Chapter's activities, and the last to leave. They took the time to visit and keep in touch with those in distress, as they were the happiest sharing with others that which God had provided to them. We never saw them angry as they always welcomed us with a smile.

Our departed Sisters and Brothers can best be described in the following words, written by an unknown author:

Success is being friendly when another needs a friend. It is in cheering words you speak and in the coins you lend.

Success is not in skill and deeds of daring great. It is in the roses that you plant beside your garden gate.

Success is in the way you walk the paths of life each day. It's in the little things you do and the things you say.

Success is in the glad "Hello" you give your fellow man. It is in the laughter of your home and all the joys you plan.

Success is not in getting rich or raising high to fame. It is not alone in winning goals, which all men hope to claim.

It is in the person you are each day, through happiness or care. It is in the happy words you speak, and in the smile you wear.

It is being faithful to your friends and to the stranger, kind.

Now that these Sisters and Brothers reside in that house not made with hands, we can best celebrate and honor their lives by sharing with others all that they have shared with us.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

(by John Herring, PP (555))

Good afternoon, and welcome to our ceremony of remembrance of those of who have gone before. Thank you for your attendance at this very special ceremony.

It is indeed my pleasure to honor those brave men and women of the military who have made sacrifices, many made the ultimate sacrifice, to preserve our freedom. To do so, I want you to join me on a trip. We won't go by car or train, by boat or plane, but with our hearts and with our imaginations. Our imaginary travels take us to a grassy knoll overlooking a veterans' cemetery. As we look out, we see row after row after row of gravestones, marking the burial place of thousands and thousands of veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedoms. We need to wonder. We need to wonder about the many stories of heroism that are buried right here, stories of bravery, and stories of courage; stories of staring down the barrel of a gun just before you die. Stories of selflessness, like rescuing an injured comrade in the face of danger.

Stories of fear, stories of loneliness, stories of sleepless nights trying to shut out the sound of gunfire. Stories of months without a home cooked meal, or a letter from a loved one. Many stories that seem so far removed from this place which we now enjoy. Many of these stories passed on to children or, perhaps, grandchildren. Others whose memories were too painful to recall, carried their stories with them to the grave.

We need now ask, as we consider these graves, what were the thoughts of these brave men and women as they trudged through foreign lands to protect our freedom. Your freedom. My freedom. Who were their comrades, their fellow soldiers? Perhaps some buried here share the same stories. Perhaps some buried here fought the same battles. And probably, some buried here even shared the same fears.

All these many, many gravestones, here or anywhere around the world, say so little about someone's life. Yet they represent so much. As I turn my eyes from the countless numbers of gravestones, I look to you and I think there is another set of stories in those heroes who still live. Perhaps some here have fought and returned, or have laid to rest their loved ones who fought and died for the cause of freedom.

Today, we honor those brave men and women who gave their lives as a sacrifice to our freedom. And at the same time, we should honor those who served and survived. All who served were and are remarkable, honorable, and strong, you have more than ample reason to stand proud, and to say with conviction: We will remember them.

To those among us today who have served for the cause of freedom, pass that torch of remembrance on to those who will follow. Let us not let the stories ever be forgotten. They must remain in our hearts, in our prayers, in our minds, and even in our souls. Let us remember for all time. For when they come home, either standing or dead, we need to remember they fought and they bled. We must remember the message, which is based upon trust. We mattered to them, so they matter to us.

TRIBUTE FOR BETTY LEE FROST

(By Roberta Shurtz, PM, DGM (55))

The eulogy that I will share with you today was originally written and presented at the 1985 California Grand Chapter, by Betty Lee Frost, who at that time was also serving as Deputy Grand Matron.

Betty Lee Frost was a 62 year member, Worthy Matron, Deputy Grand Matron, Grand Representative to Iowa, and a very fine organist who played for 300 plus Masonic events.

She was also a high school English teacher for 20 years. The necrology was given from her heart, with the eloquence of a true scholar. She was an orator, and always spoke with ease.

Betty Lee passed away on March 30, 2008, at the age of 92. I am honored to have this opportunity to share with you her words, and I read from her original script.

It is fitting that we should gather to pay tribute to our departed Members, friends and loved ones. It is only natural that we experience a deep and sincere sorrow in the loss of our Sisters and Brothers who, through the years, have been faithful to the teachings of our beautiful Order. Yet, in the same time, we rejoice in the certainty that they have found rest from the turmoil of this earthly life. That in their new life they share a contentment not found in this

world of ours. As Members, we have all stood in the same place, assumed the same obligation, walked the same labyrinth, and now some have journeyed beyond. We miss them but, selfishly, we are thankful that their lives touched ours, even if only through the mutuality of our faith.

They have left us a legacy of wonderful memories, inspiration, courage and hope. When their lives were difficult, they found strength to overcome the obstacles. When we needed confidence and encouragement, they were nearby. When we needed comfort in the times of sorrow and despair, they lifted our spirits. Their acts of kindness and generosity brought us happiness.

Although at this moment the distance between us seems endless, in retrospect, they are still with us.

Through the act of prayer, we can find comfort and solace, for our Heavenly Father has promised us a new beginning, a new life. We have only to reflect upon the continuum of sunrise, sunset, the sleeping of winter and the awakening of spring, to know that there is a presence which assures us of eternal life, that when our earthly strength and hope are faltering, He will be here. None of us walks alone. He's only a prayer away.

Doug Eichen, Chairman: Everyone, please rise.

"Let There be Peace on Earth"

Dennis Smith . . . "Taps"

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you Brother Doug Eichen, Chairman, and your committee for a moving and emotional Necrology Ceremony. Thank you for all the love you put into this beautiful afternoon.

Sister Linda, may we have your report of the Election Committee.

Linda Kephart, Election Board Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, the report for the Ballot A for the annual session site for 2011 is as follows:

Total votes cast, 839.

Majority needed to pass, 421.

The votes cast were:

Fresno, 206.

Modesto, 416.

Ontario, 217.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: A majority not having been reached, we will continue this until the Saturday Morning Session.

(The Worthy Grand Patron made announcements.)

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: I now declare this Friday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 9:00 o'clock AM on Saturday morning.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation at 4:52 PM)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for attending this Afternoon Session and sharing with us in this very special Necrology Service.

Have a wonderful evening at one of the many State dinners that are scheduled for this evening. We will see you in the morning. Please remain in your seats while the Grand Officers and Grand Pages retire.

(Retiring March of Grand Chapter Officers and Grand Pages)



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2008 “FIELD OF DREAMS” SESSION
SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 18, 2008

8:30 AM Musical Prelude

Kay Burns (59)

Choir — “*Somewhere Over the Rainbow*”

8:45 AM Entrance

Grand Pages

Grand Representatives

Deputy Grand Matrons

9:00 AM Escort and Call to Order

Host: Terry Holts, GGCCM

Hostess: Denny Rae Grist, PGM

Denny Rae Grist, Past Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Grand Officers into the Grand Chapter room.

Escort: 2008 Grand Chapter Officers

Denny Rae Grist, Past Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Escort: Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron
Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron

Denny Rae Grist, Past Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor of presenting Sister Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jim Whiteley, 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.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: I have the honor to present Brother Terry Holts, Grand Chapter Committee Member, Scottish Rite Learning Center, and Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the California, and Sister Denny Rae Grist, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. Sisters and Brothers, you will unite with me in extending Grand Honors to our Distinguished Members.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Denny Rae Grist, Past Grand Matron: Sister Collette, what an honor for me to present your gavel to you on this final day of your “Field of Dreams” Session. Your dream has come true. It is a reality. Soon you will be able to sit back, relax and reflect on all the good that you have brought to this Order this year. As you call this final Session to order, I know you will do so with honesty, fairness and justice.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Denny Rae. The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. For those of you who attended a State dinner last night, did you have a great time? Our Brother Terry Holts will now honor us with an Address of Welcome.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(By Terry Holts, GGCCM)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this Saturday Morning Session of the “Field of Dreams” Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

I must just tell you that I am departing from my written speech here. I am still having a hard time getting used to the idea that I speak before Sister Denny Rae. It is very hard to concur when you speak first.

I wish to thank you, Sister Collette Gole, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron, for inviting me to be the welcoming Host for this Saturday Morning Session. It is an honor and a special pleasure to share this pleasant duty with my own Worthy Grand Matron of 1997, Sister Denny Rae Grist. Sister Collette and Brother Jim, I thank you for appointing me to the Grand Chapter Scholarship Committee. It is indeed a pleasure to be involved with students who are not only talented in many ways, but also willing to be actively involved in their school, in their community, and in many cases, one of the Masonic youth groups.

We are quickly coming to the end of this 135th Annual Session of our Grand Chapter, and what a Grand Session it has been. The legislation has been interesting and discussion lively. I compliment our delegates for their attention to the legislation and, although we may not all agree on the amendments that have been proposed during this Grand Session, we are all in accord in our efforts to make our Order even better than it has been, while maintaining the dignity for which it has long been known.

As we finish our legislation and our reports this morning, we can look back on a year of accomplishment and great times. I know we are all grateful and thankful for the outstanding leadership of Sister Collette and Brother Jim, that they have given us this year. They have set an example to our leaders of our subordinate chapters, and to all of us that will be difficult to top. I know you all share with me in thanking them for their services, and in wishing them some time for relaxation.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Denny Rae, may we have your Welcome at this time?

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(Denny Rae Grist, PGM)

Sister Collette, thank you for extending to me the honor of being your Hostess this morning. I know it has been a long standing tradition for a Past Grand Matron of the Worthy Grand Matron to serve as one of her Hostesses. I thank you for continuing those traditions, for it is very special for one of us to go on to bigger and better things.

It is always a pleasure to share the East with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Patron of 1997, Brother Terry Holts. And I want to you know, Terry, I can only confer with everything you said.

I extend the pleasure of greeting to those members who are attending Grand Chapter for the first time. We hope you will continue to attend future sessions and take an active part for serving not only your chapter, but Grand Chapter, as well. I also want to extend a Welcome to all members who are attending Grand Chapter.

And now, I am not a baseball fan, as those of you who were at Collette's State dinner last night saw. But I think there's either a World Series going on, or one is about to start. So your attendance here is more meaningful, because it is always tough to compete against special sporting events. But then, maybe a few of you have TVs concealed in your tuxedos, or are watching the game on your telephone, or some other futuristic electronic device. But whatever the case, we thank you for your attendance at Grand Chapter, for supporting and participating in the various activities.

Today is a very special day, as we recognize our youth groups, as well as the Masonic dignitaries and leaders of concordant bodies. We always wait with bated breath to see what the youth have in store for us. They bring so much enthusiasm and warmth into our lives, that I wish we could bottle it up and keep it with us always.

Sister Collette and Brother Jim, your year has passed much too quickly. It was just a little less than one year ago when you were installed as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in Bakersfield. It was my honor to be by your side as your Installing Marshal. As you preside at your Closing Session today, I am sure you will do so with mixed emotions. Relieved that the session is over, but sadness that the time passed so quickly. You have worked very hard for the Order this year, especially forming a strategic plan. You set goals for yourselves and your officers. You wanted to make sure the name of Eastern Star was known throughout the communities in California, through your charity, and by the members working in your communities.

You also wanted to make sure that we worked together with our Masonic brothers as a team. You allowed the change to come into our Order through the different methods of Official Visits that we saw. Change is always difficult, and you never know how it will be received until you try.

A new corps of Officers has been elected and new Grand Officers appointed, who are ready to make their mark on our Order. I wish them well as they start on this very important journey.

Sister Collette and Brother Jim, it is now your turn to return to your homes, relax and enjoy your family. But with your busy schedules, I'm sure you will continue to be as active in the future as you have been in the past. But maybe, just maybe, you will have time to get your laundry done before you have to set out on the road again.

Again, it has been a pleasure to serve as your Hostess this morning. I'm looking forward to the day when you have the time for some good old fashioned visits that we used to have. And, as always, thank you for walking beside me and being my friend.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Terry and Sister Denny Rae, thank you very much for your Welcome. It was an honor to serve with you in 1997 as your Grand Warder. 1997 was a special year as we flew through the state in hot air balloons. We always had Teddy Bears and Tigers welcoming us. Thank you for your continued service to our Order, and thank you for your support and guidance. Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: I feel I have a very special connection to you, Sister Denny Rae, as you were our Sister Mary's "chosen one", and it was a joy to watch you lead through your years of service in the Grand Line and beyond. It was exciting to learn of your choice of Brother Terry, who served as a great role model as our Worthy Grand Patron. My thanks to both of you for your support and hospitality this year.

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: Brother Grand Chaplain, lead our devotions.

PRAYER

(by Joseph Ross, Grand Chaplain)

Our Father, ruler of all, we ask Thy blessing on all here assembled as we continue our session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. Bless those who have prepared all the writings we have to do in legislation for the benefit of our great Order. May we open in harmony, and peace prevail with positive actions at this “Field of Dreams”, as we love one another. All of this we ask in Thy Holy Name. Amen.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Saturday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from refreshment to labor.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshall made the proper proclamation.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, we are about to vote on the selection of our annual session site for 2011. Sister Linda Kephart, Chairman of our Election Board, may we hear from you?

Linda Kephart, Election Board Chairman: Sisters and Brothers, since the majority was not reached, we will again be balloting on all three places for this annual session site for 2011, either Fresno, Modesto or Ontario. Use the section of your blue ballot card marked Election B, as in “boy”. It should be the second strip from the bottom. Please carefully remove that one, and write in one of those three cities on that one space. Remember, if you use any other section it will not be counted. It has to be Election B. As a reminder, please remain in your seats during the ballot collection and keep the aisles clear. Those persons seated in the upper loge sections in the west, must go to the sections 1 or 2 to deposit their ballots.

When the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the balloting open, the members of the Election Board will pick up their containers and report to the respective stations. After the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the ballot closed, please remain in your seat so that the business of Grand Chapter may continue.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the ballot open.

(Vote taken.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the ballot closed.

Report of Dr. Rob Morris Chapter, UD. Would the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Dr. Rob Morris Chapter please approach the East, with the members of Dr. Rob Morris Chapter?

I just want you to see some of our beautiful members. I have the pleasure to present the Worthy Matron of Dr. Rob Morris Chapter, Sister Stephanie Bezner, and the Worthy Patron, Brian Bezner, and the members of Dr. Rob Morris Chapter.

REPORT ON DR. ROB MORRIS CHAPTER, UD

(by Stephanie Bezner, Worthy Matron)

On Saturday, June 14, 2008, our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Collette Gole, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jim Whiteley, and their Grand Chapter Officers, came to Santa Monica, California to institute Dr. Rob Morris Chapter. After initiating 37 new members into the Order, the Worthy Grand Patron accepted our petition for dispensation and instituted Dr. Rob Morris Chapter.

Since our institution just a few short months ago, the members of Dr. Rob Morris Chapter have been very active. We had a summer family barbecue in July. We served lunch at the Midnight Mission in September. And we initiated five additional members to the Order just last Saturday. After our last initiation, we had a formal dinner dance to commemorate this joyous occasion.

The members of our chapter are diverse and reflect a broad appeal. We have 36 men and 27 women. That's right. We have more men than women.

Our members range in age from 21 to 80. Our members are Christian, Jews and Muslims.

Our members represent leaders of the Family of Freemasonry. Our members include two 2008 Grand Lodge Officers, five 2009 Grand Lodge Officers, three Grand Lodge District Inspectors, one 2008 Grand Chapter Officer, one 2009 Grand Chapter officer, one 2008 Deputy Grand Matron, one 2009 Deputy Grand Matron who is even the president of the Southern Deputy Grand Matrons Association for 2009, and two sitting Worshipful Masters. Our members are from all over the world, all walks of life, all professions, but we unite under a common theme. Truth.

You may have heard that we do things a bit differently at Dr. Rob Morris Chapter. We meet only once per month on the first Friday, at 7:00 o'clock, if you would like to join us. We always have childcare available. We have committed ourselves to organize efficient meetings that do not last longer than one hour. We postpone much of the Good of the Order until after the meeting. Good of the Order is handled during a catered dinner following each meeting, which always includes an interesting speaker and a group discussion. Each

quarter it is our objective to have a fun event outside of the Chapter, where we can learn more about each other, a service project to bring our chapter to the community, and a Ceremony of Initiation to grow our Order, and we always follow our initiations by a great party to celebrate the occasion.

But fundamentally, our Chapter is the same as each and every Chapter in California. We use the same ritual, the same instruction book and the same Constitution and Laws. We are committed to the same principles of Eastern Star. We are dedicated to Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness.

The principles of and aspirations of Dr. Rob Morris Chapter are best stated in our Vision Statement. We are a philosophical family of Sisters and Brothers who have been transformed by our initiation into the Order of the Eastern Star. True to our Masonic heritage, we are banded together for self-improvement, social enjoyment, and service. Through our ritual and sharing our individual understandings of its Masonic principles, we learn more about ourselves and our relationship with our Creator and each other, each choosing from what we have learned and shared to make life more complete and fulfilling. We are a diverse group from many faiths and heritages, loving one another for who we are. This love extends beyond our Masonic family, as we work for the betterment of our communities. We enjoy one another's company not only in our Chapter meetings, but also in our homes and in our community work.

We are Dr. Rob Morris chapter.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Stephanie, your dream of a Chapter that is relevant to the 21st century has become a reality. I personally know how hard you have worked to recruit members and see that the Chapter became instituted.

I know that the 2008 Grand Family appreciates your invitation to preside at the Institution, Initiation and Installation of officers. Other jurisdictions have sought information about your chapter, as the word has spread in the Eastern Star community. Congratulations on your accomplishments and all the members who assisted you. Go Dr. Rob Morris Chapter.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: One of the greatest pleasures that has been enjoyed by the Worthy Grand Patrons, mostly in our distant past, is the institution of new chapters. It has been a great privilege and pleasure to have had that experience this year.

Sister Stephanie, you had a vision and you were the guiding force that brought that vision to reality. Preparing for and presiding at the institution of Dr. Rob Morris chapter will be one of my most treasured memories. I congratulate you on your progress, and I look forward to our 2009 Grand Session when your chapter will be petitioning for their charter. I wish you a bright future as you build your chapter in innovative ways.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Associate Grand Matron, do you have some motions to bring before the delegates?

Barbara Scott, Associate Grand Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

MOTION: I move that we support the Jonnson Comprehensive Cancer Research Center Childhood Cancers, as a special project of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for 2009.

(Vote taken.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**.

Barbara Scott, Associate Grand Matron: MOTION: I move that we continue to support the Relay for Life of the American Cancer Society for the 2009 year.

(Vote taken.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**.

Barbara Scott, Associate Grand Matron: MOTION: I move that we continue to support the We Care Program for our men and women serving to protect our freedom for the 2009 year.

(Vote taken.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**.

May we have a selection from our California Singing Stars?

Don Snyder, PP (21): Sisters and Brothers I have specifically scheduled a very surprise entertainment guest for you this morning. I know you are going to truly love it. This is someone who is quite a celebrity, not only within our Order, but internationally, when you really think about it. And when this performer performs today, they are going to, in addition to presenting this wonderful song for you, they are going to be carrying around a bag so that if you are so inspired by this entertainment that you will commit some money to Jonsson Cancer Research. If you just put the tip, as it were, in the bag. So I think you are ready to roll.

Maryann "Mama" Barrios . . . "When You're Good to Mama"

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Mama, no one is going to say we don't have fun at Grand Chapter. Sister Grand Conductress, do you have something to bring before the delegates?

Beverly Wade, Grand Conductress: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

MOTION: I move that the Grand Chapter of California participate in fund-raising with the members of California by securing advertising to be placed in our roster, with the proceeds to benefit the Grand Chapter.

(Vote taken.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**.

Beverly Wade, Grand Conductress: MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the Grand Chapter of California participate in fundraising with the members of California for the sale of pocket calendars, with the proceeds to benefit the Grand Chapter.

(Vote taken.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**.

Beverly Wade, Grand Conductress: MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the members of the Grand Chapter participate in a fundraising program with the members of California for the sale of a pin, with the net proceeds to go to the Benevolent Fund.

(Vote taken.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion is **ADOPTED**.

Why don't we have some music from our Grand Organist? I will let you know, while she is waiting to play, the peanut vendors, the cute displays at the back of the convention center, we have collected \$383.06 for Jonnson Cancer. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

Debi Gannaway, Grand Organist . . . "Tale as Old as Time"

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Debi. Sister Linda, may we have your report from the Election Board.

Linda Kephart, Election Board Chairman: The report on ballot number B, for the annual session site for 2011 is as follows:

Total votes cast, 798.

Majority needed to pass, 400.

And the votes cast were as follows:

Fresno, 166.

Modesto, 433.

Ontario, 199.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: As a result of the vote, the **Session site for 2011 will be MODESTO**.

Sister Norma Stilwell, Chairman of our Distribution Committee, may we have your final report.

FINAL REPORT OF THE DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

(by Norman Stilwell, PGM, Chairman (380))

Worthy Grand Matron, all matters referred to the Distribution Committee, have been distributed to the appropriate committees, and have been acted upon at this Grand Chapter. It has been a pleasure to work with Sisters Donna and Sue B. And again, thank you for the opportunity of serving on this committee.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Norma, thank you for your work on this very important committee. Thank you for your work this week, as well as all the work leading up to the Session. We wish you good health and God's blessings.

Sister Susan, may we have the final report of the Credentials Committee.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(Susan Wamsley, PM (515) Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, it has been a pleasure to serve as your chairman of the 2008 Credentials Committee. My thanks to Sister Collette for this appointment. It has been a rewarding opportunity to meet and greet every one of you that are here today, at this 135th Grand Chapter Session. I thank my great standing committee team whose service and dedication are exemplary, and to the team members who ran proverbial bases and presented each member with a warm smile, continuing a tradition of hard work and commitment. There is no I in "Team". We did it together, and I thank my committee for that.

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Credentials team, it is my pleasure to submit the following final registration information:

Out of State Members.

Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, 1;
General Grand Chapter Officers, 5;
General Grand Chapter Committee Members, 5;
Grand Officers, 16;
Past Grand Matrons, 2;
Past Grand Patrons, 3;
Grand Representatives, 9;
Visiting Out of State Members, 15;

For a total of 56 Out of State Members.

California Members:

Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, 1;
General Grand Chapter Officers, 1;
General Grand Chapter Committee Members, 4;
Grand Officers, 18;

Past Grand Matrons, 18;
Past Grand Patrons, 16;
Deputy Grand Matrons, 52;
Grand Representatives, 50;
Past Elected Grand Officers, 7;
Worthy Matrons, 91;
Worthy Patrons, 59;
Associate Matrons, 103;
Associate Patrons, 52;
Conductresses, 73;
Associate Conductresses, 57;
Past Matrons, 336;
Past Patrons, 105;
Members, 116;
Total California Members, 1,159.

Total members registered for this 135th Grand Session are 1,215, of which 64 of you were first timers.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Susan and your committee for working non stop this week. We appreciate your service to our Order.

FINAL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

(by Sarahann Shapiro, PM (250) Chairman)

All the items that have been referred to Jurisprudence have been handled and, with your indulgence, I would like to thank the members for their patience and attention to the legislative items. We did have a fair number of items to deal with at this session, and I was very pleased to see that we got through all of that very well. We had minimum demonstration, and we had a really, really good Session getting the legislation done.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sarahann and Brothers Steve and Len, thank you for all the work you have done all year long, as well as during this Grand Chapter Session. All of you have great knowledge of our Constitution and Laws. In addition, you have the ability to work well with our members. You have been extremely helpful to me, and I cannot thank you enough for your assistance.

On a personal note, Sister Sarahann, congratulations on your appointment as the 2009 Grand Marshal. We, the 2008 Grand Family, are so proud of you.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

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

All the matters referred to the Constitution and Bylaw Committee have been taken care of, Worthy Grand Matron, and we thank you once again for our appointment to this committee.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sheri and Brother Frank, we have worked on many committees before. I know how hard each of you has worked during the year and during this Grand Chapter Week. Thank you so much for all you do.

Sister Carol Mofran, may we have a musical selection at this time?

Carol Mofran, WM (643): Sisters and Brothers, this song was written in 1904. So it is only about four years older than our oldest member.

“A Preacher Went A-walking One Wet and Sunday Morn”

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Carol is Worthy Matron of Kern River Valley Chapter. Thank you so much for your entertainment. Brother Don Snyder, thank you for arranging for entertainment during our Grand Chapter Session. You are truly talented, and thank you for sharing your musical ability with our Members.

Sister Kathy and Brother Dave. You are fabulous. Thank you for making the “Field of Dreams” session an Academy Award winning production. Your attention to details and organizational skills has made this a memorable week. Thank you to your committee members.

May we have the Grand Chapter Week Committee report at this time?

GRAND CHAPTER WEEK COMMITTEE REPORT

(Dave Long, PGT, and Kathy Long, PM, Co-Chairmen(345))

Kathy: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, we are proud to present to you and to all our delegates those who have served for the past year as Group Leaders, Committee chairmen and Committee members. Without them, this session would not have happened. We would like to thank them as a team.

Dave: We all started on Sunday, following last year’s installation. Some went to work almost immediately, Housing Management and Committee members, trying to get the word to all of us as early as possible so you could make your plans to attend, have a place to stay, a place where several of us will eat and places to hold the main meetings which are essential. Others sent out requests for members who joined their committees. Others still this week, are at their work. All are necessary to the success of this event.

Kathy: Our Sister Susan White asked us to join your team before we even knew who we would be working with, and we said yes. When she told us who her Grand Marshal would be, we were delighted, having shared much of 1997 with you, when you were Grand Warder and I was a Deputy Grand Matron. We knew it would only be a matter of time before you would be tapped to be Grand Marshal for someone, and become Worthy Grand Matron.

Dave: We did a few things different this year, in the hope of stream lining it. Our team members that have expenses have sent their requests for reimbursement directly to the Grand Chapter Officer Accountant, Sister Eva Paulson, for virtually immediate payment. Her keeping these expenses allowed Sister Eva to work her magic, as long as it was within the approved budget. Our final audit will be counted by the Grand Chapter Audit Committee.

Kathy: We have had an enjoyable five years as we moved through the Activities Groups, gaining insight to what all the committees do before assuming this position, and now, we are proud to introduce those Committee Chairman and their members to you. If you are not marching, please stand as the names are called.

Entering from the southwest is the General Chairman's Group led by our Secretary, Katie Nielsen. She is followed by:

Banquets, Kim Wattles;
Courtesies to Dignitaries, Laurie Kerr, Past Grand Treasurer, is a
co-chair. Sandy Sakamoto, the Chairman, is quite ill, so she isn't
here;
Grand Pages, Carole Gaston;
Housing, June Dwyer; and
Special Courtesies, Sherie Gustafson, Past Grand Matron.

Dave: Our Activities Group No. 1 is led by Tina and Wayne Adams, and are entering from the southeast. This group includes:

Committee Rooms, whose Chairman is Cynthia Smiley. She could
not be with us today, due to a family emergency;
Credentials, Susan Wamsley;
Necrology, Doug Eichen, and his group;
Pictures Chairmen, Ann and Bob Elger;
Programs Chairmen, Rich and Yvonne Clinton;
Legislative Reports, Susie Thornton;
Special Duties, Jan Smith and Darrel Deatherage;
Transportation, George Cronin II; and
Vendor Coordinator, Todd Williams.

Kathy: As an aside, Sister Susie Thornton has served on the Legislation Support Committee for 25 years, and retires today. Sister Susie, would you please come to the East.

Activities Group 2 is entering the northeast corner, led by the Group Leaders, Art and Barbara Weiss. Their committees include:

Arena Set up, Dave and Ann Smith;
Decorations, Linda and Bill Bray, Past Grand Patron;
Drayage, Michael Hawley;
Grand Inner Guards, Jo Ann Chinn;
Please stand, Inner Guards;
Grand Guards, Walter Kennedy;
Health services, Lenora Knight;
Safety Services, Steve Johnson;
Seating, Pat and Ken Miller; and
Sound and Lighting, Harry and Sharon Hardwick.

Dave: Also in the northeast, Activities Group No. 3, with Jay and Debra Learn as their leaders. The committees include:

Barbara and Shirley Hicks, Choir
Escort and Grand March Directors, Diane and Fred Schulenburg;
Debbie Lytle, Past Grand Treasurer, Fun Night;
Suzanne Gallichio, Kick off Luncheon;
Janet Robinson, Past Grand Matron, the Masonic Honor Session;
and
the music of Don Snyder and his team of musicians, many of whom
had not played for this audience before.

Kathy: Last, but by no means least is Activities Group 4, with Kat and Don Farris as their fearless leaders. They were the rookies, and probably spent much of the year wondering what they had gotten themselves into.

Entering from the south are their committees:

Arts and Crafts, George Wheatley;
Cancer Comfort Gift Wrap, Michael and Barbara Woolery;
Election Board, Linda Kephart;
Entertainment, Nellis Johnson;
Publicity, Margaret Wolford; and
Signs, Gwen Quinton.

These grand people you see standing around, and many people who are less visible, have worked hard all year to make this Grand Chapter Session a success. We all hope you agree with us.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, we present to you the Committees of your "*Field of Dreams*" Session.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Let's give them all a big thanks.

Kathy Long, PM, Grand Chapter Week Co-Chairman (345): This takes a lot of people to make this Grand Chapter work, and your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your work.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you. Before you leave, I would like to make a presentation. Our Sister Susie Thornton has been our Legislative Secretary for more than 30 years. She has served our Order well. From taking shorthand, to writing reports, to Xeroxing, typing, and learning to use a computer, Susie has been here to help our Jurisprudence, Finance, and Constitution and Laws Committees, and she has helped so many Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. We present you this certificate for your service of having to deal with so many lawyers all the time. Thank you, Sister Susie.

Susie Thornton, PM (21): I appreciate this and I have enjoyed working with all of you for all these years. Well, the tears are falling. Thanks for everything.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Committees, and go back to work.

Video Presentation . . . "Thanks for the Memories 2008"

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Please extend our thanks to Sister Delma Davis who put the entire video presentation together. She is over in the South. Sister Grand Secretary, do you have an announcement?

Maryann Barrios, Grand Secretary: I sure do. Mama made money, more money than she expected. Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, thanks to all you generous dirty old men and ladies out there, has made \$1,500.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Worthy Grand Patron, do you have any announcements?

(The Worthy Grand Patron made announcements.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: George Wheatley, Arts and Crafts.

George Wheatley, Sr., PP (202) Chairman: On behalf of Arts and Crafts, for your program, \$300 for Jonnson Cancer, Arts and Crafts, from the Silent Auction.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: I'm not sure that everyone noticed. The banners around the room designate every single chapter in the state. These banners are for sale. They are \$2. Meet the Grand Pages at the Secretary's desk after the Afternoon Session. \$2 also for any decorations on the stage. The caricatures of the Grand Officers are the property of the Grand Officers, but all other decorations are for sale for a reasonable offer.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Collette, may we have your Farewell Address.

FAREWELL ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

(by Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron)

Location: Field of Dreams", Fresno Convention Center.

Directors: Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron.
Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron.

Producers: The Grand Chapter of California.

Act 2008, Final Scene, Take 1.

Lights, camera, and action.

Sisters and Brothers, it is with pride that I stand before you this morning. It has been a privilege to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron, and I thank each of you for giving me this honor. Every one of you has a special place in my life, and I am truly grateful.

We have several goals this year but by far the most important goal was to "Keep the Vision of Eastern Star Alive". What makes the Order of the Eastern Star different from any other organization, and why are you proud to be members? It is our fundamentals, the beauty of our ritual, the leadership and motivational strength in programs we offer our members, our commitment to our charities, our support of special projects, our service to community and being able to recognize and support the needs of each of our members.

Sisters and Brothers, each of you live our fundamentals. Each of you supports our vision and goals. I hope that each of you will continue to support, but do it as one united group. I pray that each of you will support our Strategic Plan as one united group.

I pray that our Sisters and Brothers will remember their Obligation, will come together and work together as one united group towards a common goal. By doing so, we will be able to "Keep the Vision of Eastern Star Alive".

Every movie production has a support staff that helps in every aspect of the project, and Eastern Star is no different.

I thank Brother Loyal Stark for his vision and being so supportive of me and willing to help our members. The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who attended our Official Visits, our IMPACT Sessions, and other events in support of our goals and our visions. I thank you. Our Elected Grand Line has been tremendous this year. Guard well our members and remember to listen to their needs. The future of our Order is in your hands. I am here to support each of you in your vision and plans for California Eastern Star.

Appointive Grand Officers and their Escorts. You have served our Order well. You have reached out to our members with your smiles, enthusiasm and genuine love of our Order. I am so proud of you. As you performed your duties from visiting members, attending Official Visits, being present at our IMPACT Sessions, and instituting a new chapter, you have given up time with your family to be part of this new family, and I thank you. I only hope you have enjoyed this year as much as I have. I love you and I know our bond of friendship will only grow stronger.

I give my support to Sister Linda Bernhard, our Associate Grand Conductress Elect, and to Sister Sarahann Shapiro, the 2009 Grand Marshal.

Grand Pages, you have helped me so very much this week and I say thank you. A special thanks goes to Sister Robin Barnes for assisting me in the East.

Deputy Grand Matrons, you have represented me well this year within your own respective districts. You have taught our members, while being fair, just and honest. Thank you for your service to our Order. Grand Representatives, thank you for being Ambassadors of Goodwill and bringing California's love to your respective jurisdictions.

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, you have set positive goals and reasonable expectations as you led your chapter this year. Thank you for supporting our vision, creating innovative programs and showing strong leadership skills. Most importantly, thank you for being responsive to the needs of each and every member of your Chapter.

Sisters Denny Rae and Ardath, thank you for giving me the tools to lead our Order. Each of you has made this year of leadership just a little bit easier with your wisdom and assistance.

Thank you to Sister Sue White for having faith in me and for appointing me as your Grand Marshal. This session has been wonderful. You have helped me in so many ways.

JD, thank you for listening, really listening, giving me advice and love as I served this year.

Bill and Linda Bray, I love you dearly. Sister Linda is responsible for all the decorations in this arena. They are first class. Linda, I hope you know that the success of this year has been the result of your support in me and the true love that you have for our Order. Thank you.

Brother Jim and Sister Cherri, you have been supportive of each of my dreams and goals. You both are a beacon of light, hope and strength. Thank you both for serving with me and for being there, no matter what I requested. You love our members and the family of Freemasonry, and this is evident in everything you do. We love your family, and we love you dearly. I ask God to bless you and your family.

I give my love to Hollywood Chapter. Thank you for your support and encouragement. You have helped me tremendously and I look forward to coming home.

My family, Gary, Evan, Curtis and Grandma Adah, you are the best. We are proud of our sons. Grandma Adah is an inspiration to all of us. Thank you for instilling in me the belief that God will always be there, and that God will never give me more than we can handle. Gary, I thank you for listening to me, and giving me your support, your encouragement and your love. I have tried to be here for each of you during the last five years and, I must say, I am anxious to return home so we can spend time together as a family.

Sisters and Brothers, I have tried to live my watchwords, “Be Fair, Be Honest and Be Just,” as I served as your Worthy Grand Matron. I did not take this position for glory, recognition or the praise that it may bring. I simply wanted the best for our members and for the Order of the Eastern Star. I love our Order. I want it to be here forever. Thank you to each of the members for your support, love, and for living our fundamentals.

As the curtain closes on the final scene of the “Field of Dreams” production, I ask you each time you sing “Take Me Out to the Ball Game”, remember to “Keep the Vision of Eastern Star Alive”.

Farewell, my Sisters and Brothers.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my desire for you to resume your authority.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers please give attention to the address of the Worthy Grand Patron.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Before I start, would you help me show our choir our appreciation for all they have done all this year?

(Applause.)

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you for sharing your musical talents with us.

FAREWELL ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

(by Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron)

Sisters and Brothers a year ago I stood before you at Installation and pledged to serve you to the best of my ability and to maintain the honor of the station to which I was elected by you and installed. I have indeed endeavored with much humility to fulfill that commitment to you this past year. There have been many times when visiting your Chapters and events that members have looked at my name badge and have said “Oh, you are the Worthy Grand Patron” and my response to them would be that I am the Grand Patron, but I am still working on the “Worthy” part. What an honor it has been to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron. It is indeed a very humbling experience and I am very grateful to all of you for allowing me that experience. Sister Cherri and I thank you for all of your love and support.

With the help of many of you, we have had a great year and our future does look bright. However, much work remains to be accomplished. In my Annual Report I identified some areas of concern and, if all of us make the commitment to do something about them, we will have a prosperous future. We must all commit to live by our Obligation or be willing to be held accountable for our actions. Without harmony and kindness in our Chapters, we would be unable to accomplish the tasks that lie ahead of us, but I know that with the careful selection of our leaders throughout this state, we will continue to be the best jurisdiction in the world of Eastern Star.

This has been an incredible Grand Session. The players and coaches put much time and energy into preparing for this game and they have played their positions with much dedication and enthusiasm. I hope it can be said in the future that this year’s game was well played—that our Order was a winner because of the business that was transacted and the decisions that were made. Special appreciation goes to my fantastic Grand Pages who made this week so worry-free for me and performed so many varied tasks so willingly.

Sister Collette and I are very proud of our Grand Family and yes, we do think they are the best ever. The Grand Line, Appointive Grand Officers and all of the Escorts have given their all to help make this year successful and we thank them for that. We have played and worked very hard as a team, we have shared many birthdays, anniversaries, and special family events at times when we could not be with our own families, and we have purchased many very expensive gallons of gas and explored this state from one end to the other. We have become family in every sense of the word. I love all of you. Cherri and I wish all the best and promise our support to those of you who are moving on.

Silver Spray Chapter, you are a very special family and you have been my safe haven. You have given me much inspiration over these past two years. From the time I was announced as the designee for Associate Grand Patron, you rose to the occasion and have been behind me all of the way. I thank you for all of your labor of love and support and I will do my best to be there for you in the future.

Sister Collette, under your leadership and excellent ability to preside, this “Field of Dreams Session” has been a dream come true. You have been an excellent Worthy Grand Matron and have given every ounce of your energy to benefit our Order. It has been an honor to work by your side over these past two years and I thank you for having the confidence in me and for asking Sister Cherri and I to share this journey with you and Brother Gary. You have all of my admiration and respect. You and Brother Gary deserve a well earned rest and I hope you get one soon. Brother Gray and Sister Adah, like my Cherri, have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help ensure our success and to them I owe a debt of gratitude. I have a beacon full of love, appreciation and respect for both of them as well. Evan and Curtis—thank you for being such good sports in your support of your mom.

To my daughter Janice, you have been the apple in my eye ever since you first saw the light of day. I hope you know how special it has been for you to be one of my pages. Thank you for sharing your time with me in this way. I love you and look forward to more family time ahead.

Sister Cherri, You are everything to me. Without you by my side, this journey would have been impossible. As I have said before, you have spent many sleepless nights giving all you have to help make this journey successful. Like that beacon on the light house, you have been my navigator to help guide me all of the way and have kept me in safe waters. I love you with all of my heart.

The ballgame is over, we hope with all of our members on the winning team. The eagle has landed from his exhaustive flight, and we have traveled far from the lighthouse, but it is my strong desire that the beacon of light, harmony, and kindness will continue to light the journey as we travel into the future of California Eastern Star.

Farewell.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: We will now close this session of our Grand Chapter. Immediately following the closing, there will be a Recessional Ceremony. We would appreciate if you would remain in your seats during the recessional. Just a reminder: do not take any decorations down until after the Masonic Honor Session.

Let us unite in singing our Closing Ode.

CLOSING ODE

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game"

Take me out to the ball game
Take me out to the crowd.
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,
I don't care if I never get back.
Let me 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 ball game.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Grand Chaplain, lead our devotions.

PRAYER

(by Joseph Ross, Grand Chaplain)

Our Father in Heaven, we are blessed and we appreciate being here in Thy presence. We now show our appreciation to our most deserving leaders here in the year 2008. They have put forth their energies and demonstrated their love, their leadership, their enthusiasm and, especially, faith in all of us here. We love them for they have become a part of our lives. We too are so proud to have such a great leader.

Sister Collette and Brother Jim, your officers adore, respect and love you. You have been a very special part of this Grand Family. We love and we wish you the very best to come in the road ahead. May your health prevail and your enthusiasm continue. We need your guidance and your leadership in the years to come. All of this we ask in Thy Holy Name. 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: I now declare this Saturday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 1:00 o'clock for our Masonic Family Honor session. Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Will the audience please remain seated while we participate in our Retiring March and Recessional.

Susan White, GGCCM: Sisters and Brothers in the audience may be seated.

RECESSIONAL

(by Sue White, GGCCM, Steve Nicholas, PGP, and 2008 Grand Officers)

Sue: Can you feel the excitement in the air? The entertainment extravaganza is on its final Red Carpet ride. We have been on the scene locations, and then the Hollywood premier was phenomenal. It seems like a dream come true.

Steve: The 2008 best picture was called “Field of Dreams”. I heard there was a new award category.

Sue: We have already had the musicals, biographies, baseball, sport categories, so the Academy has made it’s final award. One dedicated to service. Best Team Ensemble for a Lighthouse movie.

These actual movies you are going to hear were shot on location near California lighthouses.

Steve: “*Forever Young*”, in the Point Arena lighthouse.

Susan: “*The Fog*” filmed at Point Reyes, and “*Final Analysis*” at Pigeon Point.

Steve: I am betting on the Pigeon Point one, considering all the Warders that have been. Collette and Jim are director producer roles for that one.

Susan: As the glittering members of the cast assemble here, I see each one and their escort down on the Red Carpet. The Grand Marshal, Linda, is interviewing him.

She is at her station on the edge of the Red Carpet. She will be broadcasting their illuminating memories.

Linda Bernhard, Grand Marshal: Sister Collette and Brother Jim, 2008 has been filled with your shining light, and we shared it with you this year. In service of truth and in love, you served as guide for us all. Today we have our Lighthouses of Light to begin this “Field of Dreams” call.

Barbara Scott, Associate Grand Matron: Collette and Jim, I shine my Beacon of Direction to represent the sun shining bright. For you have been true to our teachings and have filled our lives with light.

JD Hammett, Associate Grand Patron: Collette and Jim, I light my Beacon of Divine Guidance, in appreciation of this year’s quest. It has been a privilege to serve with you and our Grand Chapter is so richly blessed.

Maryann Barrios, Grand Secretary: Collette and Jim, I lit my Light of Intelligence as I say thanks for your kind deeds. My life has been made much easier, for you have fulfilled all my needs.

Debbie Maiman, Grand Treasurer: Collette and Jim, my lighthouse was lit for Security, to say thanks for a prosperous year. Our lights have burned so brightly, that our hopes are in the clear.

Beverly Wade, Grand Conductress: Collette and Jim, I furnish my lighthouse with Fulfillment, for it was a privilege to tend the light. We have all worked, traveled, and been successful, and I have found joy in each day and night.

Kim Hegg, Associate Grand Conductress: Collette and Jim, my lighthouse is filled with Discipline, for such is my office this year. We always have been blessed by your guiding lights, and we traveled with you far and near.

Joseph Ross, Grand Chaplain: Collette and Jim, mine is Devotion for the Holy Bible which has been our light. It has been my privilege to attend all meetings, day and night.

Debi Gannaway, Grand Organist: Collette and Jim, my light represents the beauty of music and song, for you have been with us all this year, as you are all along.

Susan Froomin, Grand Adah: I found the lighthouse's Blue Ray shining with Fidelity. For me it says, "Thanks for your kindness." It has been a joy to share this experience with you, this year of Light and Happiness.

Catie McQuater, Grand Ruth: My lighthouse shines with Constancy. It has been such an experience to serve in this year of my Devotion to Duty.

Cathie Burt, Grand Esther: I keep my White Ray of Loyalty burning with thanks for your help for each task. It has been an honor to share with you both as in Light and Joy you have chose.

Melissa Cronin, Grand Martha: Faith and Hope will shine in my statement anew. It has been a wonderful and happy time this year, light shining through.

Jackie Bozeman, Grand Electa: The red glow of my light stands for Love and Charity. My gratitude is for friends I found everywhere. It has been a year of rich fulfillment, with rays of happy light for all to share.

Sarahann Shapiro, Grand Warder: I lift my candle as if it were a Beacon for Peace, in gratitude for a harmonious year. For you both have guided our Grand Chapter by light shining ever clear.

Bill Robertson, Grand Sentinel: Sister Collette, Brother Jim, I am last but not least, and I light my lighthouse with Protection, as I guard the door with care. It has been a joy to greet the friends who have visited us from everywhere.

Linda Bernhard, Grand Marshal: I lit my lighthouse with Direction to represent Courtesy and Promptness, too. For you both have inspired with your leadership with an impact for all that we do.

Susan White, GGCCM: As our producers and directors take their place in the circle with their Grand Family cast, it is indeed easy to see how much these stars, these supporting actors and actresses admire their leaders.

Steve Nicholas, Past Grand Patron: It is with the leader of this production that the crew has worked diligently. They wait wanting their roles and performed well. They deserve awards and recommendation.

Sue: The glittering cast assembled has enjoyed a special jewelry for each role. However, Grand Officers, you must return to Property and Costume Central. But each one of you will carry the memory of each moment, each scene, each person's touch. These incredible "Field of Dreams" players will return their coveted badges so the ingénues and stars of tomorrow will also be able to wear them with the pride and joy each has had. The Beacons of Service have shown throughout the year through the stands. The badges are symbols of that service:

The Badge of the Sentinel, Protection.

Steve: The badge of the Warder, Peace.

Susan: The badge of Electa, Charity.

Steve: The badge of Martha, Hope.

Susan: The badge of Esther, Purity.

Steve: The badge of Ruth, Constancy.

Susan: The badge of Adah, Fidelity.

Steve: The badge of the Organist, Harmony.

Susan: The badge of the Marshal, Direction.

Steve: The badge of the Chaplain, Devotion.

Susan: The badge of the Associate Conductress, Leadership.

Steve: The badge of the Conductress, Fulfillment.

Susan: The badge of the Treasurer, Security.

Steve: The badge of the Secretary, Intelligence.

Susan: The badge of the Associate Patron, Guidance.

Steve: The Badge of the Associate Matron, Light.

Susan: The badge of the Worthy Patron, Fraternity.

Steve: The badge of the Worthy Matron, Authority.

Susan: By the Obligation they were promised from the Altar, they were blessed and given. To the Altar they have been returned, with promises kept and memories tenderly cherished.

The envelope, please.

The “*Field of Dreams*” Lighthouse of Service Award is presented to the cast of “*Forever Young*”. Long may the 2008s shine.

Don Snyder . . . “You Light Up My Life”

Susan White, GGCCM: Sister Collette and Brother Jim, you have tears in it. I hope you are not too wet. Sisters and Brothers, this afternoon you are going to go from solemn and sad to uproarious, so have a great rest of the time.

(Midday Recess.)



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2008 "FIELD OF DREAMS" MASONIC FAMILY HONOR SESSION

MASONIC ALL STAR GAME

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 18, 2008

12:30 PM Pre-Game Warm up . . . Stadium Anthems

Bill Hudson, Escort to Sister Janet Robinson, PGM, "Announcer": Sisters, Brothers, family and friends, the Masonic Family Session is about to begin. Please pay attention to All-Star Sara Lee Martin, being escorted into the stadium, where everyone can realize their "Field of Dreams".

Escort of Hostess: Sara Lee Martin, Supreme Inspector in California
International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Sara Lee Martin, Supreme Inspector: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and the 2008 Grand Officers to Home Plate for the last time.

Entrance: 2008 Grand Officers

Announcer: Members of the audience, would you please rise and give it up for the Most Valuable Players, Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron and Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron, and their 2008 California All Star team.

Escort: Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron
Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron

Sara Lee Martin, Supreme Inspector: Sisters and Brothers and members of the family of Freemasonry, I have the extreme honor to present Sister Collette Gole, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the California, Order of the Eastern Star. Members will unite with me in extending Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, it is my honor to present Sister Sara Lee Martin, Supreme Inspector in California, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, and member of Yorba Linda and Josephine Chico Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star, and our Hostess for this afternoon's ball game.

Sara Lee Martin, Supreme Inspector: Sister Collette, it is with a great deal of honor I present to you your gavel, which was your gavel when you were Worthy Advisor of Hollywood Assembly.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Sara Lee. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Grand Master and his wife onto the field as the Masonic Brothers form an Honor Guard for our very special All Star.

Announcer: We invite all Masons to form an Honor Guard as the newly inducted California Hall of Famer, California's own Grand Master of Masons, enters the stadium.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Sisters, Brothers and friends, it is an extreme honor for me to be able to present the Most Worshipful Larry Adamson, Grand Master of Masons in California, and his wife, Lynn. It is so exciting to have you with us this afternoon. Our Grand Master was installed only three weeks ago, and we are privileged that this newly inducted Hall of Famer was able to be with us, as he has many fans in this audience.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Representatives will form an Honor Guard for those members who are the future of the big leagues. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will retire and escort the Masonic Youth, Adult Leaders and Liaisons into the stadium.

Announcer: Your attention please. The guards are directed to unleash the Deputy Dogs and the Grand Representatives. For the safety of those in the stadium, do not feed the dogs.

Please direct your attention to the West, where those former minor league players are entering the field, representing Team Rainbow, Team Job's and Team DeMolay.

Escort: Masonic Youth
Adult Leaders
Liaisons to Youth Groups

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Wow. You haven't even been up to bat yet and, by the sound of the crowd, you've already hit a grand slam. Please join up in the VIP Penthouse, and we'll soon introduce each of you. Thank you for being here. Sister Sara Lee, please join me at home base. Thank you for agreeing to welcome our Masonic All Stars and many fans that have come to see them perform. Sister Sara Lee is a member of Yorba Linda and Josephine Chico Chapters, and has served our Order for 44 years. During those years she has served as Worthy Matron several times, a Deputy Grand Matron in 1987 and Grand Martha in 1991. Her family is rich in Masonic heritage. Husband Glen, daughter Heidi, and her mother, Sister Annie Mills, who served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1959. Sister Sara Lee, may we have your Welcome?

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

*(by Sara Lee Martin, Supreme Inspector in California,
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls)*

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Collette, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jim, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Larry Adamson, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters, Brothers, and now members of the Masonic Family, welcome to the Masonic All Star Game and the final game of the 2008 season. Thank you, Collette and Jim, for the extreme honor to Hostess my personal favorite, the Masonic Family Honor Session. Being a part of the Masonic family is being a part of the best family in the world.

One of the members of my Yorba Linda Chapter celebrated her 90th birthday yesterday. When we were there Thursday night with our Chapter members, she said, "Thank you for celebrating and letting me celebrate my birthday with my family of over 50 years".

Fifty years ago this week, my mother was installed Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter, so I know what it is like to be raised in a Masonic family. I know what it is like to have lots of moms, dads, aunts, uncles, sisters, brothers and cousins.

I am thankful for the incredible role models who taught me the lessons of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, the lessons of Religion, Nature and Patriotism. Yes, Patriotism. In a crowd of people and only in the Masonic family, as we saw this past Thursday night during Formal Opening, will you see the audience stand up when the flag enters the room and salute with pride. You will notice that everyone in the room knows the words to the "Star Spangled Banner". There was no need for three raps of the gavel when that flag entered this Grand Chapter room. And by the way, the young marine who gave that tribute is a Past Master Counselor of Yorba Linda Chapter.

Yes, I'm proud to have grown up in Eastern Star and in Masonry. I am thankful for the Circle of Concern that has surrounded me during those challenging moments of my life, and for those fraternal mentors who made the time to attend my youth group meetings, serve as Advisors, supporting me to every Masonic youth group a girl could belong to. And indeed, family, we all need each other. The youth groups of today need your help, in areas such as recruiting your children, your grandchildren, relatives and friends, and attending their events. Don't ask your grandchild if they want to join. How can they make a decision about an experience they have yet to have had? Tell them the application is your gift to them, and that by the end of six or eight months of active involvement they will be ready to decide if they want to continue. Trust me, they will be hooked.

Did you realize there are children being born today who, unlike previous generations, may never set foot on a baseball field? Their baseball experience will be in the family room on the computer generated Wii Sports, and on the big screen TV. That's spelled "W" "I" "I". Wii Sports is a simulated game featuring sports such as tennis, baseball, bowling and golf. This baseball game uses the Wii remote control like a bat or ball to control the actions of the on screen character. It takes skill, coordination and accuracy, and you get a lot of exercise. It is a unique experience having people moving about vigorously in your family room playing baseball indoors, and creating a new wear spot in your carpeting.

There is hope. The adults of our Masonic Family can bridge the generation gap with your youth groups. Will you make that effort? I call to your attention the following news articles.

- "Marketplace Magazine" headline, January 31, 2008: "Seniors become old hands at Wii."
- "Chicago Tribune", February 2, 2008: "Wii Bowling knocks over retirement home."
- "Today Show", March 10, 2008, "Old People Like Wii. Story following."

Sisters and Brothers, we are in the 9th inning, in the game between the future of Masonry and Eastern Star versus the extinction of our way of life. The bases are loaded. At that first base is a Rainbow Girl, at second base is a DeMolay, and third base is a Job's Daughter. Will you step up to the plate and bring our kids home?

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sara Lee, the Grand Chapter of the California, Order of the Eastern Star, will bring those kids home. Thank you for your Welcome. We congratulate you on your new position as the Supreme Inspector, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. California Eastern Star is so proud of you. My connection with Rainbow began when I was 12 years old, and I feel there is a direct correlation from my Rainbow teachings to my position as Worthy Grand Matron.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Sara Lee, what an honor it is to have you serve as our Hostess. My Rainbow connection began in 1961 when I met a very special Rainbow Girl, and has continued throughout my life since then. I thank you for the remarkable honor you have afforded me in the appointing me State Rainbow Dad 2004. I will cherish that honor for the rest of my life. Thank you for being a part of our All Star team this afternoon.

Announcer: Sisters, Brothers and friends, please stand as the Flag of our Country is presented by Phillip Ruiz, Senior Councilor Elect of Stockton Chapter DeMolay.

ESCORT OF THE AMERICAN FLAG

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Please join with me as we Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and as we sing our National Anthem.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Announcer: Please direct your attention to Old Glory while Miss Andrea Castro, Worthy Advisor of Stockton Assembly No. 9, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, pays tribute to the Red, White and Blue.

AMERICAN FLAG TRIBUTE

(by Andrea Castro, Worthy Advisor Stockton Assembly No. 9, IORG)

I'm proud to see our banner flying high today, waving in the gentle breeze, Old Glory, here to stay. We fight to keep her flying, as tattered as she may be, for she's our only banner representing the Brave, the Free. I feel I speak for all when I often say, "I'm produced to be an American. I'm American all the way."

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Andrea, for the beautiful tribute, and Phillip, for escorting the flag of our country.

I now declare this Saturday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, called from refreshment to labor. Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Announcer: Audience, may I have your attention please. There's been a change in the lineup. Give it up to Sheila Henry, from the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. Batter up.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Our special project for 2008 has been the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center at UCLA. Our State Chairman is Sister Gee Gee Query.

JONSSON CANCER CLINIC 2008 SPECIAL PROJECT REPORT

(By Gee Gee Query, PM, Chairman (58/80))

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished, Honored Members, Sisters, Brothers, family, friends, and especially the youth of our Order, UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Research Center is the special project which our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron chose this year and will honor at this year's Grand Chapter "Field of Dreams" session.

The Jonsson Cancer Center ranks as the best Cancer Center in California for the ninth consecutive year. It has an exceptional track record of taking laboratory discoveries and translating those discoveries into treatments that help cancer patients.

In order to raise money for the Jonsson Cancer Center, we had our Grand Officers, their escorts, Deputy Grand Matrons and members selling a very unique pin depicting our Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's love of baseball.

Many Chapters held fund raisers; members donated to help out, bracelets were sold which said "The End of Cancer Begins with Research," peanuts were sold; these were just some of the many ways we earned money to donate to this Special Project.

Many of you stopped by the booth at Grand Chapter and I hope that you had a chance to pick up some information that was available on the table.

Thank you to each of you for all your hard work in this effort to help "Strike Out Cancer."

A special "Thank you" goes to our Grand Sentinel Bill Robertson and his wife Denise for all the help they gave me at the beginning of the year.

The total collected as of Grand Chapter was \$70,986.06.

My committee consists of my husband Ken and myself. We thank Collette and Jim for asking to be part of their "All Star Team" this year. It has been an honor working with you both and everyone involved with the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

And now, the moment you have all been waiting for.

May I have the envelope, please?

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: The total collected as of this moment in time is \$70,986.16.

Gee Gee Querry: At this time, I would like to introduce Sheila Henry, the director of Special Gifts at the UCLA Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation, a position she has held since 1999. In this role she reaches out to a broad cross section of the community to encourage support for research at the Johnson Comprehensive Cancer Center. Please welcome Sheila Henry.

Sheila Henry: Thank you for inviting me and including me in your state meeting. It is really a privilege to have the opportunity to congratulate Collette and Jim on a very successful leadership year. It is also my honor to personally thank all of you who have supported Collette and Jim's special project, Cancer research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. And I can assure you that your support matters.

It matters to the 142,000 Californians who will be diagnosed with cancer this year. It matters to cancer patients around the world who are treated with targeted therapies that were developed in our laboratories and tested in our clinics. And it matters to a 40-year old schoolteacher named Joseph Rick, who

was diagnosed with malignant melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer. He underwent multiple treatments to fight this cancer, including surgeries, chemotherapy, radiation even biochemotherapy, but his cancer continued to grow. And at one point, Joseph had 25 small melanomas in his lungs. Routine treatment options weren't working for him. He was referred to the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center to participate in a clinical trial that works with the patient's own immune system to fight cancer. Joseph started that trial and, one month later, the 25 small melanomas in his lungs had disappeared. Two months later, the cancerous growth inside his body had shrunk by 25 percent. One year later, Joseph's cancer was undetectable. That, I am pleased to say, was six years ago. I can assure you, your support matters to Joseph Rick.

Your generous support also matters to Janelle Kennedy, a 54-year old mother of two from Newberry Park. She was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer over two years ago. At UCLA, surgeons planned to remove her tumor until they found it was entwined around a vital artery. Removing her tumor was not possible, so they removed her gall bladder and created a bypass beyond the tumor. The biopsy revealed Janelle had the worst kind of pancreatic cancer there is. At the time, Janelle was unaware of the statistics surrounding pancreatic cancer. This year alone, 38,000 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the US and, of those, 34,000, roughly 90 percent will die. It is a difficult cancer to treat because often it is not discovered until it has spread to other organs.

Janelle remained undaunted. She underwent nine months of chemotherapy and radiation to shrink the mass. Because the scan showed her cancer had not spread, doctors decided to take another shot at removing the pancreas. When they opened her up the second time, her tumor was dead. Janelle is still watched closely by doctors, but she is feeling a lot better today because she's cancer free more than two years after that pancreatic cancer diagnosis. I can assure you, your support matters to Janelle Kennedy.

It matters to Janelle, Joseph Rick, and the many other patients and survivors who have been helped by the research conducted at the Jonsson Cancer Center. And I invite you all those web savvy members of this organization to read our website, to read more about these patients and their survivors and their extraordinary stories. They are indebted to you, and the researchers of the Jonsson Cancer Center are also indebted to you. Our friends in the community, our friends throughout the State of California, who have supported us and supported the special projects this year in fighting and helping people overcome this disease.

Now later tonight, I know many of you still have festivities going on, and you are going to be on your way home. But if you find yourself in front of the television at 9:00 p.m. tonight, I invite you to choose the Lifetime Channel. If any of you were in LA will this morning, this is what wrapped your newspaper. It is letting you know that Lifetime Network is premiering a movie called "Living

Proof". It tells the story of one of our outstanding researchers Dr. Janice Lamon who heads our clinical and transitional research programs. Dr. Lamon targeted work on a medication that helps 25 to 30 percent of women with breast cancer survive. Before, we really did not have any option. This important work was done in 1980s and '90s. The drug was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 1998, and today thousands of women are alive because of this important work, because of Dr. Lamon, but especially because of the many patients who were willing to participate in clinical trials to bring this drug to the market and to demonstrate that it was an effective targeted way to treat breast cancer.

In the United States today, 53 percent of cancer patients participate in clinical trials, but 25 to 30 percent could be helped by participating in a clinical trial. At the Jonsson Cancer Center, we offer 200 trials at any given time treating all different types of cancers. We are considered the nation's largest clinical research program of its kind.

We are dedicated to providing treatments for patients in need. We are dedicated to doing that by developing targeted therapies that work on what's wrong with the cancer cell, using vaccine treatments like the one Joseph Rick received for his melanoma. It triggers the body's immune system to fight cancer and developing treatment based on a molecular understanding of cancer. Every day, our researchers are making progress against this deadly disease, and they are making progress because you are standing right there with us, supporting our work. I am very proud to be here with the California Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, for your important partnership over this past year, and your continuing partnership with us to help cancer patients in the State of California and throughout the United States and throughout the world. The end of cancer truly does begin with research. In fact, it begins with you.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sheila, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of California, we present this check. We hope this donation will promote Jonsson's philosophy, that the end of cancer begins with research.

Announcer: Will the Grand Lodge Officers please report to the West? You are at bat. Past Grand Masters, you are on deck. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort Team Grand Lodge to the East.

Escort: Grand Lodge Officers

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Most Worshipful, we would be honored if you would introduce the Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies.

Most Worshipful Larry Adamson: Worthy Grand Matron, it would be my pleasure.

First of all, from Rancho Palos Verdes, the Master of Rosemead Lodge No. 457, the Grand Marshal, the Worshipful Brian P. Bezner, and his wife, Stephanie;

Next, from Ventura, a Past Master of Channel Islands Lodge No. 214, the Grand Orator, the Worshipful Russell E. Charvonja, his wife, Vivian, and daughter, Alisa;

From San Jose, the Past Master of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 292, the Assistant Grand Lecturer of Division 3, the Worshipful Bud Ramsey and his wife, Susan;

From Fresno, the Past Master of Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge No. 366, the Assistant Grand Lecturer for Division 6, the Worshipful “Cub” Cline Jack, and his wife, Joan;

From Chatsworth, Past Master of North Hollywood Lodge No. 542, the Senior Grand Warden, the Right Worshipful William J. Bray, and his wife, Linda;

Now, coming in for relief, from the bench, the Past Master for Norwalk Lodge No. 273, the Assistant Grand Lecturer of Division 7, the Worshipful Douglas B. Eichen; and

Our starting pitcher for this evening, from Santa Clara, a Past Master of Liberty Lodge No. 299, the Deputy Grand Master, the Worshipful Kenneth G. Nagle, and his wife, Kathy.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you for being such great sports fans and spending a Saturday afternoon with us. We are very proud of your team and the successes you are making. When your team wins, Eastern Star and the rest of the Masonic Family also win.

Let’s show these gentlemen how much they appreciate them.

Announcer: It’s a blast from the past. Next at bat, Past Grand Masters. For the Job’s Daughters team, you are on deck.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, please escort the Past Grand Master across the field to Home Plate.

Escort: Worshipful R. Stephen Doan, Past Grand Master

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Your name is forever engraved on the Masonic Wall of Fame. We are excited to have this retired professional with us. It is my honor to introduce is Most Worshipful R. Stephen Doan, Past Grand Master of Masons in California.

Announcer: Grand Bethel Girls, it’s time to show this audience what you are made of. Team Rainbow, you are in the batter’s box. Please prepare to show your colors.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, please escort the Job’s Daughters Flag and the Grand Bethel Girls into the stadium.

Escort: 2008–2009 Grand Bethel Officers and Job’s Daughters Flag

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Allison, we would love for you to introduce your Grand Bethel Girls and Miss California Job's Daughters.

Alison Hom, Grand Bethel Honored Queen: I have the pleasure to introduce these Grand Bethel Girls:

Darcy Yates, Past Honored Queen of Bethel No. 97, Burbank, Miss California Job's Daughter;
Jamie Stout, Grand Bethel Senior Princess;
Kayla Lynn Dogget, Grand Bethel Representative to Australia, Delaware and Virginia;
Haley Hawthorne, Grand Bethel Representative to Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa;
Elizabeth Rider, Grand Bethel Treasurer;
Elizabeth McCullick, Grand Bethel Fifth Messenger;
Scarlett Harris, Grand Bethel Musician;
Annie Throne, Grand Bethel Inner Guard;
Megan Yates, Grand Bethel Guide;
Jessica Witt, Grand Bethel Second Messenger;
Alise Mullen, Grand Bethel Fourth Messenger;
Danielle Remington, Grand Bethel Representative to Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois;
Sara Conyers, Grand Bethel Representative to Maryland, Florida and the Philippines; and
Coral Osip, Grand Bethel First Messenger.

Announcer: Direct your attention to Home Plate where the tribute to the Job's Daughters Bethel Flag will be given by Deirdre Ruiz.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL FLAG TRIBUTE

(by Deirdre Ruiz, PHQ Bethel No. 201 Stockton, JDI)

May this emblem throughout the ages for our daughters wave high, ever upward and onward, so love that will be viewed in the sky. I consider it an honor of being the Fairest in the Land, and may it lead them upward and onward that inference may be a means of promoting and preserving the highest ideals in life.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you for escorting the flag. I have the pleasure to present Deirdre Ruiz, Past Honored Queen Bethel No. 201, Stockton. Thank you for your inspiring tribute.

Announcer: Team Rainbow and the Grand Officers are ready to hit a home run. As they step to the batter's box, will the Northern and Southern Jurisdictional Officers of DeMolay please warm up. You are on deck.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Rainbow Banner and the California Grand Officers of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls to home plate.

Escort: 2008–2009 Grand Assembly Officers and Rainbow Banner

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Grand Worthy Advisor, please introduce Team Rainbow to our audience.

Rhea Midkiff, Grand Worthy Advisor: I have the honor to introduce:

Nicki Phillips, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor, Fidelity;
Cinnamon Ray, Grand Faith, Golden Arch;
Amanda Smith, Grand Chaplain, Almond Grove;
Kirstie Belt, Grand Drill Leader, Stockton;
Ala Navratil, Grand Immortality, New Hope;
Monica Trickett, Grand Outer Observer and Representative to
Oklahoma and Texas, Chula Vista;

The following are members of the Grand Executive Committee:

Virginia Miller, Rainbow Flag Bearer and Representative to Canada,
New Hampshire and Vermont, from Camiella;
Maggie Tice, Lecturer, Humbolt;
Chelsea Goossens, Dean of the Grand Cross of Color from Infinity;
Tina Czerny, Historian and Representative to South Caroline and
Virginia from Green Valley;

The following are Grand Representatives:

Kira Davis, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Natoma;
Brittani Chilson, Illinois and Wisconsin, Myrtle; and
Emily Sockman, Honorary Drill Leader, Cloud Seven.

Announcer: Again, will the audience please pay attention to home plate where Caitlyn Hartman will be giving a tribute to the Rainbow Flag.

RAINBOW FLAG TRIBUTE

(by Caitlyn Hartman, PWA, Cloud Seven Assembly No. 269, IORG)

There is a legend that is often told of a young girl who searched for a pot of gold. That beautiful treasure, so far away, is what she thought of every day. So she dreamed and she measured how long it will take her to find that treasure.

One golden morning she set out on her way, so full of pride, with the rainbow as her guide. She traveled all day to the country around, until she entered a small, quaint town. There she found a woman so old, and she told her, “Where

can I find the pot of gold?" The woman answered with a warm and hearty smile, "I'll tell you story that will last a short while." So she drew from her shelf a book so old, and this is how the story is told.

Love represents the red bow, your love of parents, for children, country, friends and you. It is yours today if you reach for it, but it cannot be bought with silver or gold for love is given and never sold. A life that is truly blessed is guided by the orange light of the rainbow. When we give ourselves away in sacrifice of love, we are guiding treasures for the kingdom above. For this is what religion is meant to be, a hand of hope, faith and charity.

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof, it speaks of His glory and speaks of His love. I hear the earth sing this morning at dawn, and see the dew glistening on each meadow on. As the night vanishes a new day is born, and I see God's golden rays start to take form. Green represents eternal rest. It is by far one of the rays that is best, for death is but a path that must be trod, if men would ever go to God.

Grant us peace, oh, Lord, we ask that we may help you fulfill this task. The blue of fidelity is to you it will be true. This lesson knows no rest. To be true is loyal. Someone needs to trust.

Indigo reminds me of the taming of our land, by a race of people so noble and grand, the flag of our country saw dear unfold. It contains many stories, some of which will never be told. It speaks to a world so full of sorrow, and yet gives hope to the children of tomorrow. For strength and guidance we turn to thee, oh beautiful Flag of the Land of the Free.

Wouldn't it be nice to say that, "I made someone a little happier today"? Then turn to the rainbow's violet ray, and let it guide you along the way. Service is love, kindness and charity in action. The beauty of each service is the spirit of reaction.

May we be all that we should be. May we think more of our neighbor and less about me. With that she closed the book, and gave me a warm, hearty, tender look. Though I was tired, hungry and cold, I knew I had found my pot of gold. The beautiful rainbow that God gives to me, gave me a feeling so great. For as the sun went down, in my view, the displays of colors I have found. Gold wasn't in some far away place. It was right there in an old woman's face. She had taught me the beauty of the rainbow so rare, and was close to a silent prayer. Your search for the pot of gold ends and begins, when you search for it and find it within.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you for the awesome tribute. That was beautiful, and it is my pleasure to introduce Caitlyn Hartman, Past Worthy Advisor of Cloud Seven Assembly No. 269, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Announcer: It's the one, the only, Julie Williams, Faith of Cloud Seven Assembly, No. 269, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, presenting the Lady Liberty Tribute.

LADY LIBERTY TRIBUTE

(By Julie Williams, Faith, Cloud Seven Assembly No. 269, IORG)

During the more than the 200 years that this country has been in existence, there have been many great patriots. Men and women who have fought, side by side, who have spoken out since democracy, and who have called on us, the American people, to valiantly defend the flag. A few of these great patriots are Betsy Ross, George Washington, Paul Revere, Thomas Jefferson, Dolly Madison and Patrick Henry. One of the greatest patriots of our country is the Lady. She never speaks, but her message is known throughout the land. To bear arms is not her way, but silently she guards the shores of our country. Just like our flag, she is the symbol of America that is known throughout the world. To the homeless, she represents the home. To the dreamer, she represents opportunity. To the oppressed, freedom. To us, she stands for an America of a very high regard.

By now, you should know of whom I am speaking, the Statute of Liberty. I have never seen that person before, but her message is known to me. Can you imagine the depths of emotion, that first sight of Lady liberty, lighting the way to the Land of the Free? With that first sight, knowing they finally found what they had so longed for, a place where they are able to be themselves; to seek whatever ambitions their hearts desire.

Sometimes, I think that we who have been lucky enough to have been born and raised here in America forget the small liberties that make our futures so special. Those basic freedoms which are guaranteed by our Constitution, but we too often take advantage of. For those who came to our country, it was for these that they came.

Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, your need to breathe free. The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send me the homeless, tempest tossed to me, and I will plant them beside the golden door.

Always keep a treasured spot in your heart for our Lady of Freedom who, like our Flag, represents our country in each and every one of us. Love her and take care of her, so her example will always be there to light by the door.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: When I first heard this tribute, I just knew the rest of our members would enjoy it as much as I did. Thank you for coming to our Honor Session and sharing your talent with us.

Announcer: Up to bat and ready to hit the ball out of the park are the Jurisdictional Officers of DeMolay. Leaders of Appendant and Concordant bodies, you are on deck.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the DeMolay Jurisdictional Officers to Home Plate.

Escort: 2009 DeMolay Jurisdictional Officers

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Matt, would you please introduce Team DeMolay South to our audience.

Matt Pinzon, Master Councilor SCJ: It is my pleasure to introduce:

Brother Brandon Mann, our Deputy Master Councilor;
Miss Diana Lamadrid, our Jurisdictional Sweetheart; and
Jessica Stibich, our Jurisdictional Princess.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Ben, would you please introduce Team DeMolay North to our audience.

Ben Turconi, Master Councilor NCDA: I have the pleasure to introduce:

Keith Seith, the Junior Councilor of Northern California;
Zach Miller, the Senior Councilor of Northern California; and
Katie Marshal, the Sweetheart of Northern California DeMolay, and
also a member of Concord Eastern Star Chapter.

Announcer: Your attention, please. Our final All Star players should be headed towards the batter's box. They include our Leaders and Representatives of the Concordant and Appendant Masonic Orders. Batter up. Does anybody know who's on first?

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, please escort the remaining members of our All Star Team to the VIP section.

Escort: Leaders of Concordant and Appendant Masonic Orders

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: It is an honor to present those who complete the All Star Team this afternoon. We are pleased that you are with us, many of you wearing your team regalia. We may each play for different teams, but we are all members of a fraternal family, and it is with pleasure that I introduce you this afternoon.

Honored Lady Sylvia Matthews, Grand Royal Matron of the Grand Court of Amaranth, Order of the Amaranth. Would you please introduce your officers?

Honored Lady Sylvia Matthews, Royal Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. It would be my pleasure.

Sir Knight Stephen Wallace, Grand Royal Patron;
Honored Lady Linda Walker, Grand Associate Matron;
Sir Knight Richard Wing, Grand Associate Patron;
Honored Lady Carolyn Bonnes, Grand Associate Conductress;

Honored Lady Caroline Manning, Grand Marshal from the East;
Sir Knight Roy Mathews, Grand Marshal and Past Grand Royal
Patron;
Honored Lady Elizabeth Rogers, Grand Fraternal Correspondent;
and
Honored Lady Elda Smith, Grand Warder;

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron:

George Geanoulis representing Al Bahr Shrine in San Diego, and his
wife, Sandra;

La Von Stroud, Worthy Matron of Lucerne Hanford Chapter, Princess Royal, Daughters of the Nile, Fresno, and Bethel Guardian in Lemoore.

Roger Ross, Personal Representative to the Potentate of Al Malaikah Shrine.

Rhonda Banalt, Islam Temple No. 25, San Francisco.

Randy Downey, Supreme Mohib representing the Pharoah of All
Sciot Triangle Egyptian Order of the Sciots.

Joyce Fowler, Grand Secretary, Order of the Golden Slipper of the
Grand Chapter of California.

Most Excellent Gary W. Spray, representing Grand Chapter of Royal
Arch Masons in the State of California.

Frederick James Tycon, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand
Council of Cryptic Masons of California.

Sir Knight Bud Ramsey, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, representing the Grand Commandery Knights Templar, California.

Announcer: Please pay attention to the center of the stage, where Matt Davis, Order of DeMolay, will present the Ceremony of Light.

CEREMONY OF LIGHT

(by Matt Davis, Robert L. Wade Chapter, Order of DeMolay)

I stand before you at the sacred DeMolay Altar, upon which we have placed the mighty bulwarks of our faith, the Holy Bible and the schoolbooks. Not far away rests the banner of our beloved country. Standing as sentries are these seven burning candles, beacons in the darkness, lights that illuminate our pathway as we journey ever onward down the journey of life. They are the symbols of all that is good and right in the world. They are the standards on which we as DeMolay base our lives.

The first candle symbolizes the love between parent and child. That love, which existed before we were born, has remained with us all our life through and will follow us even beyond the grave. The sages name this love “agape”, love for no other reason than the sake of being.

The second candle is emblematic of reverence for all that is sacred. The young man crossing the threshold of DeMolay for the first time possess a deep and abiding faith in one living and true God. Without this steadfast faith and grace of our Heavenly Father, our toil would be for nothing.

The third candle stands for courtesy, a courtesy that transcends friendship, a courtesy which reaches to the stranger, to the aged, to all men. It is this courtesy that brings a warm feeling and a smile and makes life more pleasant for others as it lights the pathway before us.

The fourth candle is the candle in the center of our seven, stands symbolically for comradeship. Millions of young men such as ourselves have knelt at this symbolic Altar and dedicated themselves to the same high principles of good sonship and good citizenship. As long as we are faithful to these pledges, as long as there is an Order of DeMolay — we are one.

The fifth candle stands simply for fidelity. A DeMolay can never justly be false to his vows, his promises, his friends, his God. He is called upon daily to defend the bulwarks and precepts of the Order that he may never fail as a leader or as a man.

The sixth candle is symbolic of cleanness, not only the bodily cleanness, which we all practice, but cleanness of every thought, word, and deed. Only in cleanness can a DeMolay rightly be representative of the pureness of our teachings.

The last candle is emblematic of patriotism. Perhaps we shall never be called upon to defend our country on the field of battle, but each day affords new opportunities to stand as good and upright citizens on behalf of that beloved banner and our hallowed land.

Yet, we live in troubled times: when the bulwarks of the Bible, flag, and school books are in jeopardy of sinking into the waste of doubt and uncertainty; when these seven glorious precepts may not be the most coveted standards upon which to base one's life; when truth and justice and brotherhood may not be considered the most virtuous of qualities. And if we, as DeMolays, do not stand unswervingly in defense of the teachings of our Order, if we do not seek to perpetuate them in our daily lives, then perhaps these flames will be extinguished, muted in the shadows, and darkness shall inherent the land.

Yet, each of you, as a DeMolay, holds within your heart a flame, a beacon that guides you through the darkness. If you can make this light shine upon another, if you can reach into the innermost depths of his soul and set his flame afire, then therein lies the purpose of the Order of DeMolay, and therein lies your purpose of living.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Matt, this is one of my favorite ceremonies, and it is my pleasure to introduce you to our audience. This is Matt Davis of Robert L. Wade Chapter, Order of the DeMolay.

Announcer: Job's Daughters, we are now privileged to see the Robe Ceremony.

Darcy Yates, Miss California Job's Daughter: The Grecian Bethel robe is very important in our Order. Thank you for letting us share this great opportunity to learn about the Bethel robe.

Now, it is my pleasure that I introduce Miss Kiley Mila, a member of Bethel No. 49, Fresno, and it is my pleasure to introduce Miss Cassidy Ruiz, who is a JD to Be of the Stockton Bethel, and a Pledge Member of Rainbow Girls.

ROBE CEREMONY

(by Kiley Mila, Bethel No. 49, Fresno and Cassidy Ruiz, JD to Be)

Each of our organizations has various symbols and emblems to inspire us and to remind us of our obligations to God, our country, our Order and to one another. In Job's Daughters, one of our symbols often overlooked is our Bethel robe. There are many wonderful lessons hidden within the folds of our Bethel robes. We wear our robes and ribbon in our hair because it is symbolic of what women wore in the day of Job.

Our robes are white, and white in all ages has been deemed a emblem of purity. Dressed this way, we are all equal in God's sight, regardless of our social or economic status. The continuous yoke at the top, is an unbroken band that is emblematic of life everlasting. The gathers represent the many friends we make in Job's Daughters. The cord is a collection of tiny fibers, reminding us there is strength in unity of purpose. It symbolizes all the friends we made in Job's Daughters, church school, wherever life may take us. The character of our friends can make our cord of life weak or strong.

As the cord falls from the yoke, it is secured by three twists, reminding us that life everlasting is built upon the virtues of faith, hope, honor and love. The twists are also symbolic of praying hands, a reminder that our Father in Heaven watches over all of us. As the cord is wrapped around the body, it is symbolic of the encompassing arms of the Master Masons who give us our heritage, their strength and purpose. The cord is tied at the waist in a square knot. As we tie this knot, we reminded that Job's Daughters are to face life squarely for future success. When properly tied, the cord forms a triangle, the emblem of our Order. Ancient priests tied bells to the ends of their belts, which rang softly as the priests walked, calling the people to prayer. The tassels at the end of our cords are symbolic of those bells.

When we wear our robes, we call attention to the fact that we are Job's Daughters, and all of our actions should also reflect on the Fairest in the Land. The basic pattern of the sleeve is square, reminding us of the very square corners we turn in or ritualistic work, and our determination to face life squarely. The bottom of the robe is three inches from the floor. The number three is a perfect number. It symbolizes the triangle, the lessons taught in our Order, and the Third Degree of a man which gives a Masonic heritage, a Master Mason.

Many teachings in Job's Daughters are exemplified in the robe. Let it be our purpose so to live that the members of the Order will be known throughout the land as true Daughters of Job. On behalf of all California Job's Daughters, thank you for listening to the story of our robe.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Job's Daughters, for your beautiful and informational ceremony. We appreciate it. Sister Karen Lawler, we look forward to hearing from our youth. Would you please introduce our Liaisons and the Adult Leaders of our youth groups?

Karen Lawler, Chairman (622/648): I have the distinct honor this afternoon of introducing Mrs. Kathy Martin, Grand Guardian, and Don Journey, Associate Grand Guardian of the State of California, Job's Daughters International. Please welcome them.

(Applause.)

Karen Lawler, Chairman: Up next for Team Jobie is Tamra Keen, Liaison to Job's Daughters International. Tamra is a Past Honored Queen of Bethel No. 247 Danville. She is currently Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 14 Pleasanton, and the very proud mother of two Past Honored Queens and a Majority Member of Bethel No. 14. She has spent many years supporting Pleasanton DeMolay, both before and after her son became Master Councilor and Divisional Master Councilor, and continues to support her husband, Kevin, who has served as Master of Pleasanton Lodge four times. Tamra has been a member of Eastern Star for 13 years, and has been an officer of Semper Fidelis Chapter every one of those years. She is currently Worthy Matron, and also served as Worthy Matron in 2004. You may recognize her as she has been Grand Chapter's Court Reporter for nine years. She has worked in felony trial court for over 20 years, dealing with the "worst of the worst". She credits Eastern Star, Job's Daughters and her family for giving her the balance which allows her to continue to do her job, as they remind her that there truly are many wonderful and inspiring people and ideals in the world. Here, ready to take her turn at bat, is Sister Tamra Keen.

Tamra Keen, JDI Liaison (135): Sisters, Brothers and friends, I am so excited to be at this Masonic All Star Game! It's so wonderful to be surrounded in the stands by all of you amazing fans! Do you know why you are amazing? Because you are a living example of the Order of Eastern Star's Vision Statement. You ARE 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. Now, I could just be saying that because I'm cheerleading wrong game, I know but it's true. And the reason it's true is because the young women of Job's Daughters have hit the Big Leagues and are joining our Eastern Star team. A number of last year's Grand Bethel Officers have become members of our fabulous Order,

Miss California Job's Daughter 2006–2007, Lindsay Solda, has been elected Associate Conductress of her Chapter, and Christie Bell, my daughter, last year's Grand Bethel Honored Queen, fulfilled her promise to you last year, and Kevin and I were proud to initiate her into Semper Fidelis Chapter last March. Sisters and Brothers, your hard work has made our Order relevant to these young women. And as a proud and grateful mom and Worthy Matron, I thank you for your willingness to do so.

Now, get ready. Our next batter, Alison Hom is up. She is 19 years old and grew up in Danville, where she is a Past Honored Queen of Bethel No. 247, my Bethel. How cool is that! She graduated in 2007 and is now in her second season at San Jose State. Alison is studying industrial design, which is essentially the design of products, which range all the way from forks to staplers. She is not a baseball fan, but art is something she has been interested in her entire life, so it makes sense that she's pursuing a creative interest in college. She says that she inherited the crafting gene from her mother. She enjoys things like knitting and get this making things out of duct tape. She entered two dresses in the Grand Bethel Sew N Show Competition. Sisters and Brothers, I saw them and they really were works of art!

She is a first generation Job's Daughter, and joined Bethel No. 247 Danville when she was 14 at the insistence of her friend Dani Williams. She joined the line at Guide after three terms of membership, and served as Honored Queen for the Spring 2006 term. She has been to every Grand Bethel since she became a member of Job's Daughters, participating mostly in Arts and Crafts, Sew N Show, Variety Show, and Ritual Competition. Last year she placed first in Story of Job, which is all five Messenger lectures told in a seamless story. She's in the early innings of her game but, I guarantee you, she's no rookie. Watch out, she's about ready to hit one out of the park!

REMARKS

(Alison Hom, Grand Bethel Honored Queen)

Good afternoon. I bring you warm greetings from the Job's Daughters of California. This year, we are celebrating our 85th Anniversary, in California. Bethel No. 1, Oakland, opened in 1923, three years after the Order itself was founded in Omaha, Nebraska. It was at that time, in 1920, that a member of Eastern Star, Ethyl T. Weade Mick, saw the need for a fraternal organization for daughters of Master Masons. The Order of DeMolay had been founded a year before, for young men, and it was seen that young women would benefit from such an organization. She based the Order on the Book of Job, for when she was growing up, her own mother had encouraged her and her sisters to be like the Daughters of Job, the Fairest in the Land.

Mrs. Mick wanted to impart the lessons she learned from her mother, to her own daughters and to other girls of that age. With this mission in mind, Mrs. Mick set to the work of planning the future of the proposed organization. From most of that year, meetings were held at Mrs. Mick's home with other members of the Nebraska Masonic family, including the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of the state.

It was these girls who helped shape the future of what would become the International Order of Job's Daughters. It took endless time and effort into creating an organization for girls, something not for themselves, that was founded in our society by encouraging young girls to become strong, poised and gracious women. It is the girls' Order, but it is the adults that lead the way. It is those who attend our Bethels, who support our fundraisers, who serve our councils, and who offers us guidance, and who occasionally offer us your daughters, nieces, granddaughters for promotion of our membership. It is because of you that we thrive and can sometime pass our traditions of the beautiful Order to the next generation.

This is perhaps my fair future of Job's Daughters, the way it has transcended the ages, having bonded together in the same sisterhood. All members, both past and present, have shared the same experiences. We have memorized the same work, worn the same medallion, and learned the same lessons from the time we spent working in the Order. It is great that I can easily share stories with my Bethel Guardian, who is also a Past Honored Queen of my Bethel, of then and now. Her step daughter is our current Honor Queen. The opportunity to serve as mentor to some of our younger members is something I value, and is one of the greatest benefits of membership.

Now that I am one of the older members of the my Bethel, I am hopefully helping the young ones up the line not only in getting along with other girls, but also with the challenge of being a teenager and getting through high school.

Nowhere else would a 10 year old girl feel so comfortable hanging out with someone in college. And being able to talk to someone who has lived through the troubles facing them growing up is an invaluable advantage in getting through it. This equalizing touch also extends beyond the Order I'm part of. Everyone in this room shows the connection of being a part of the Masonic family, a most uncommon adventure. This is the good of our Orders, and is a future that should never be taken for granted.

Our mission in California this year is to make our journey matter. Today, I learned our journey has a lot of tears, as it is the last game of the season. The last game is always the most important and the most deciding. While your stats have already gone on your books, this is where you come with your also

lasting impression on your fans. Mrs. Gole and Mr. Whiteley, I think all the youth orders will agree with me, that we are all fans because of what you have accomplished this last year. Thank you so much for having us here at your Grand Chapter, and thank you for all that you do for Masonic youth.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Alison, it was a pleasure to attend Grand Bethel this year. We congratulate you on your appointment. You are an amazing young woman, and we wish you an All Star performance as you continue to represent California Job's Daughters.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: I also attended your Grand Bethel Session this year. Your members show much enthusiasm and talent, and we know they are proud of you as their leader this year. Thank you for batting so well at your turn at the plate this afternoon.

Alison Hom, Grand Bethel Honored Queen: To show our appreciation for the support you give our Order, I give you these.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so very much. I have seen many Worthy Grand Matrons get this beautiful Job's Daughters figurine, and it is with honor that I accept it.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: I have over the years watched Worthy Grand Patrons get these, and I appreciate it is a Bethel honor to do that, and it will have a special place in our house as a reminder of our travels this year. And we enjoy our Job's Daughters.

Announcer: Stepping up to home plate is Kirstie Belt, Grand Drill Leader of Rainbow, who will present the Apron Tribute.

APRON TRIBUTE

(by Kirstie Belt, Grand Drill Leader, IORG)

Rainbow Girls are presented with a miniature lambskin apron when they receive their traditional lecture on the contents of the Pot of Gold at the station of Charity. Masons also wear a lambskin apron, and so that you may fully understand its meaning, I will explain some of its symbolism to you.

The Masons at initiation to Masonry receive a lambskin or leather apron. It is presented during the rite of investiture or the rite of purity. At that time, they begin their Masonic life pure and, essentially, spotless. The apron is the first Masonic symbol they receive and they can truthfully and whole heartedly say that it represents one of the greatest lessons of the Masonic fraternity.

As a Rainbow Girl walks the beautiful pathway at initiation, she begins with the seven lessons called the color stations. Ideas such as love of home, country, church and school are deeply impressed in the heart and mind of the girl at the very beginning. The culmination of her initiation is the presentation of a miniature lambskin apron.

While many have seen and worn the apron, few truly understand its symbolism. To us, the lambskin or white apron is an emblem of innocence and the distinguished badge a Mason. It is a perfect rectangle, and each angle represents truth and honesty. The four sides remind Masons to practice the four cardinal virtues: Self control in word and act, fortitude in noble purpose, wise judgment, and justice to the humble and greatest of life. The flap and its sides refer to the three attributes of God: Infinite knowledge, infinite power and infinite presence. The silk ties remind us that reverence for the practice of Masonic virtues should be bound to the heart and conscience by the double side of love to God and man.

The apron with its four sides, and the flap with its three, constitutes the sacred number seven. Seven refers to the seven liberal arts and sciences which were the foundation for Masonry.

This will quickly bring to the mind of a Rainbow Girl the seven lessons taught at the Bow stations.

There is one peculiar significance of the apron. It is the first symbol of Masonic life, and it is also the last. The principal honor of the apron consists of innocence of conduct and purity of heart. The color of the apron is white, in all ages an emblem of innocence and purity.

Thus, knowing the meaning and significance of the lambskin apron to our Masonic sponsors, it becomes an even more sacred treasure to each Rainbow initiate. So the next time you wear our apron, we will not think of it something we tie on the wrist on that special day, but something that binds us to our God, our religion and our Masonic sponsors.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Kirstie, that was a wonderful and beautiful tribute to Rainbow's heritage and their association with the Masonic fraternity. Thank you so very much.

Karen Lawler, Chairman: I would like for you to please to welcome, because it is our honor to have with us today, Mrs. Sara Lee Martin, our Supreme Inspector in California, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

(Applause.)

Karen Lawler, Chairman (622/648): At bat first for the Rainbow Rascals this afternoon is veteran player Cindy Murphy, Liaison to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Cindy was on the active roster of the Ready Assembly where she served as Worthy Advisor. She received her Grand Cross of Color before being drafted to the big leagues, where she was Grand Immortality.

She is a Past Mother Advisor, has served two years as an adult member of the Grand Executive Committee, and currently is the Assistant to the Director of Talent for Rainbow Grand Assembly. Here today, hoping to hit a grand slam for the international order for the Rainbow for Girls, is Sister Cindy Murphy.

Cindy Murphy, IORG Liaison (57/76): I have privilege today of introducing to you our Grand Worthy Advisor. In the baseball world, the introduction of the players and All Stars is done by the stadium announcer. Those booming voices heard over the public address system are legends of the game. The Cubs' Harry Carey, the Yankees' Bob Shepard, the Dodgers' Vin Scully, and the Giants' John Miller, have called each player to the field and set the tone of the game. While I may lack a Hall of Fame stature to these voices of baseball, I do have the honor of assuming that announcer's role this afternoon.

Our All Star Grand Worthy Advisor hails from a small farming community outside of Marysville. She loves the small town feel of knowing her neighbors, and wouldn't want to live anywhere else. She graduated from East Nicolaus High School in a class of less than 40 seniors, and has attended Butte and Yuba Colleges. She plans on transferring to Chico State University to obtain a degree in liberal studies and her teaching credential. She hopes to one day be on the County Board of Supervisors and a Superintendent of a school district. While in high school, she was a member of Future Farmers of America, and she has raised a total of 10 pigs. She says you can learn a lot from pigs, and she plans to one day own her own pig farm. She loves fishing, scrapbooking, archery and horseback riding. Her favorite foods are mint chocolate chip ice cream and tortellini versus spaghetti. She is a fan of country music and, especially, Patsy Klein.

Surprisingly, this All Star has never attended a professional baseball game. However, she has played for both of our minor league teams as a member of Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls. She has submitted her application to the big leagues and is looking forward to being called up to become a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Her favorite team mascot is Epic Eagle. And when asked her favorite baseball team, Giants or Dodgers, her answer is: Giants.

When asked what are her favorite ballpark snacks, Dodger dog or Giants dog, her answer is: Giants dog.

Did I mention she's from Northern California?

However, when asked her favorite team colors, Dodger blue or Giants orange and black, her answer is: Whichever team has pink and sparkles.

And now, in the spirit of the great baseball announcers, now batting from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, 2009 Grand Worthy Advisor, Rhea Midkiff.

REMARKS

(by Rhea Midkiff, Grand Worthy Advisor, IORG)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, and all members of the Family of Freemasonry, when most people think of a field of dreams, the thought of baseball comes to mind. Most people can picture themselves hitting that home run, eating that tasty hot dog or seeing themselves out on that field under those stadium lights. Well, I played on that field of dreams from junior high through my freshman year of high school. I played softball. However, on that field, my dreams really did not come true. See, ever since I was little I have always been afraid of that hard round little ball coming really fast toward me and the possibility of me not being able to catch it. I made the junior varsity team my freshman year of high school only because there were not enough girls to try out and, therefore, there were not cuts. My sophomore year came and I tried out for the team, only this time I was cut from the team. No more softball for me.

The softball field was not a field of dreams for me. See, my real passion was volleyball. Yes, I prefer to bump, set and spike, serve and dive for the ball. I have the honor of becoming my high school's varsity captain, my team taking the Sacramento Valley champions, and I was selected as an All League player. While many of my friends lived out their dreams on the softball field, I lived out my dreams on the volleyball court. For me, it was a court of dreams.

Everyone has dreams. While they may not be the same dreams you have, they are still dreams. Some children dream of growing up to become a fireman or a doctor, and some children dream of growing up to become a judge or a teacher.

Everyone has different dreams. Some people excel at one thing and some people excel at something totally different. The thing you have to remember, is that they are still dreams, and every person has faith and hope their dreams will come true. Last year, California Rainbow Girls dreamed that we could raise enough money to help Dogs for Diabetics, a brand new concept, to train dogs to recognize dangerously low blood sugar levels in children and adults with diabetes in California. From projects such as bake sales and carwashes, we succeeded in raising over \$89,000.

This year, California Rainbow has two very important dreams. Number one, we have a dream to raise thousands of dollars for our State Service Project 2009, Family Soup, which is a family resource center for children with special needs, serving three Northern California counties. They provide everything for the families of special needs children, from gas cards to out of town medical appointments, support with Individual Education Plans, to planning fun activities and therapeutic programs.

No. 2, we have a dream that throughout this year and in the future years to come, that we become closer to you, the members of Eastern Star in California, and our Masonic family. As of today, 22 of our 41 California Rainbow Grand Officers belong to the Order of the Eastern Star.

My petition was presented to Marysville Friendship Chapter, and I look forward to my initiation.

The girls in California Rainbow wish that we could see you at our many events, our meetings, fundraisers and service projects. We have a dream, but we can interact and bond with you like the true family that we are.

These dreams are a few of the many different dreams that California Rainbow has, and a few of the many different dreams that each Rainbow Girl has individually.

I would love to see this field or, to some, a court of dreams, come true for each girl. And to do this, we need your help and your support. Join us at our many events, our meetings, and join us at our Grand Assembly Sessions in Fresno April 4th through the 7th. Please support the dreams of California Rainbow, and help our dreams come true.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Rhea, as a majority member of California Rainbow, I truly appreciate all your service to California Rainbow. Now, talking about that team you root for and the colors you like, Sisters, Brothers and friends, I think she's wearing Dodger blue today. We wish you a grand slam year.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: It is a great privilege to have you here this afternoon, representing our California Rainbow. I have enjoyed the opportunities I have had to attend some of your Official Visits where you have been so gracious introducing me. Your speech this afternoon will go down in the Hall of Fame history.

Announcer: All eyes should be going to the center of the field, where the Steel Arch Ceremony will be presented by the Northern California DeMolay Association.

STEEL ARCH CEREMONY

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: To our fine young men of DeMolay, thank you for presenting this beautiful ceremony to our membership and to the family of Freemasonry

Karen Lawler, Chairman (622/648): It is my pleasure this afternoon to introduce to you Mike Salazar, Northern Executive Officer for the Order of DeMolay.

(Applause.)

Karen Lawler, Chairman (622/648): Leading off this inning for the DeMolay, is designated hitter Paul Lacroix, Liaison to the Order of DeMolay. In past years he was a member of DeMolay. Later, he became an Advisor and Chapter Dad of the same Chapter. He was instrumental in forming Upland Chapter, in Upland in 1994, and has served as its Chapter Dad. He has been the Southern California Jurisdiction District Governor for the Inland Empire, and was recently appointed the Southern California Jurisdiction Dad. Among his many honors, Paul has received the Degree of Chevalier and the Grand Masters Youth Support Award. He has been appointed by our Grand Master, Larry Adamson, to serve on the Grand Lodge Youth Orders Committee for the 2008–2009 Masonic year. Here, swinging for the fences from team DeMolay, is Brother Paul Lacroix.

Paul Lacroix, DeMolay Liaison (145/346): It is my pleasure to introduce to you Northern California DeMolay Association Master Councilor, Benjamin Turconi. He was initiated into the Order of DeMolay on January 23rd, 2004. He is a Past Master Councilor, Master Councilor Meritorious Service Award, and has the honor of the Chevalier. Benjamin is also currently serving DeMolay International as a Congress Leader, working on the Cabinet for the Program Development. He has graduated from high school in 2004 at the age of 16. He is 20 years old, and is currently working in an insurance company, and hopes to get his insurance license in the near future. He is a Master Mason of Windsor Lodge No. 181.

Sisters, Brothers, ladies and gentlemen, Brother Benjamin Turconi, Northern California DeMolay Association Master Councilor.

REMARKS

(By Benjamin Turconi, NCDA Master Councilor)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, honored East, family and friends, I bring greetings on behalf of every DeMolay and Sweetheart in the top half of the greatest state of all of DeMolay, Northern California.

I cannot explain what an honor it is to speak before all of you here today. The bond between DeMolay and Eastern Star is an important one, and one that I sure hope we can strengthen.

The theme of Grand Chapter this year is, “*Field of Dreams*”. If you build it, they will come.

This theme is most appropriate as it is a common goal of Orders, to have the community come and support our Chapters that we have built. Now, the challenge in this is the first great motivation for our own Masonic families to support our Chapter, both DeMolay and Eastern Star.

Vince Lombardi, college sports coach great, said it best, "Individual commitment to a group effort, that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." In DeMolay, we believe that, working together to build it, they will come. Members support that which they have helped to create. And that is why, if we want to grow, we need your support and guidance. Help us plan a joint Pancake Breakfast as a fundraiser. Plan a youth night and find out what the youth groups want to do. The information is not hard to find.

Many people involved with DeMolay are also in Eastern Star. Mom Shannon Gross, our Sweetheart Advisor, Dad Salazar, our Executive Officer, and even Katie Marshall, our beautiful Northern California Sweetheart, are all members of Eastern Star. So invite us to serve at your stated meetings, deliver a Flower Talk or Ceremony of Light as you have seen here today, or assist with the philanthropic project. One incident where this happened was Sensational Saturday held May 24th at various Lodges throughout California. Northern California DeMolay brought quite a few bags exploding with stuff you requested from us. This is an excellent example of where working together on projects, we felt as though we have helped to build Eastern Star.

In my own area of Sonoma County, many Eastern Star Chapters hold youth nights periodically. In Keith's area, the local Eastern Star ask the youth to help with meals, to support the youth and to help our DeMolay Chapters grow.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, would you please come to the podium? I have something very important to show both of you, because it is a very important life step the Jurisdictional Officers have chosen to take. I would like to now present you with the petitions of not only myself, but also that of Zach Miller, and Keith Seith to join Eastern Star.

Would you please sign them?

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Let me be the first line signer.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: I have to say my brother, Zach Miller; we initiated him into our lodge and Napa Valley Lodge up in St. Helena, and we are proud to have him here today.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: We have signed many petitions, but this is truly an honor to sign these three petitions to join our Order.

Karen Lawler, Chairman: I have the pleasure of introducing this afternoon Richard Jeanson, Southern Executive Officer for our Order of the DeMolay. Would you please welcome him?

(Applause)

Paul Lacroix, DeMolay Liaison (145/346): It is my pleasure to introduce to you Southern California Jurisdiction Master Councilor, Matthew Pinzon. He was initiated in the Order of DeMolay at the age of 12, September 2, 2000. He has served as Master Councilor for Walt Disney Chapter, and earned the Past Master Councilor Meritorious Service Award. He has the honor of Chevalier. He has served as District President for the district, and Southern California Jurisdictional Deputy Master Councilor. In 2005 he earned the Jurisdiction Ritualist of the Year award, and in 2006 he earned the Jurisdiction DeMolay of the Year award.

Matt attended Foothill High School where he played lacrosse on the varsity team for all four years, and graduated with a 3.5 GPA. He is 20 years old, and currently attending Cal State University Fullerton, where he is studying to be a teacher. He is a Master Mason. Sisters and Brothers, ladies and gentlemen, Brother Matthew Pinzon, Southern California Jurisdiction Master Councilor.

REMARKS

(By Matt Pinzon, scj Master Councilor)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Master Larry Adamson, Honored East, Brothers, ladies, friends and guests, I bring you greetings from Southern California Jurisdiction Order of DeMolay. In Southern California, we are very big fans of the great American pastime, baseball. I was excited to see that this year's theme was "*Field of Dreams*" because, like our Masonic family, it sends an inspirational message to the public.

Throughout history, baseball has been hailed as one of America's favorite team sports. Baseball has sheltered civilians by surviving America's toughest times, including the Depression, World War I and World War II. Over time, baseball has distinguished itself as one of America's most beloved sports, transcending age, gender, and time itself. In a very mysterious way, it bands people together, almost as if they were part of a community of like mind people. On even a more personal level, it has the ability to put aside the day's problems by having a simple game of catch with someone, and it is often the source of many fond memories between fathers and sons throughout the ages.

Baseball is a lot like our Masonic family, because we are all working towards common goals. Great individual efforts in the field and at the plate are all for a team's success. Many teams with superstar talent have fallen short in their goals while, at the very same time, a cohesive team of average players has won championships. In such cases, the management made the difference. Without strong leadership, we would fall apart. And, like baseball, the Masonic family is a great American tradition.

Baseball has had many heroes such as Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle, Ty Cobb and Lou Gehrig, and the list goes on. But we, of the Masonic family, have heroes of our own such as John Wayne, Walt Disney, Eleanor Roosevelt, Judy Garland, Sandra Day O'Connor, and 15 Presidents of the United States.

We can learn a lot from watching baseball, but many can learn a lot from us. Our organizations teach us to be honest with ourselves and others, to be fair in our treatment of others, and to be just in our actions. But we must work as a team, if we are to continue this message. Our organizations have survived world wars, the Depression, and many other tough and trying events. In these times, we turn to each other for support, and many turn to us.

In the movie "*Field of Dreams*", James Earl Jones plays a very influential character who offers this quote, "People will come". The one constant throughout the years has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army steamrollers. It has been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt and erased again. But baseball has marked the time. This field, this game, has marked our past and reminds us of all that was good and what will be again."

People will most definitely come. Our Masonic family, like baseball, has remained constant throughout the years. While America has changed dramatically, our most basic themes have remained the same. This family and our organizations have helped build our nation and ourselves into who we are today.

Near the beginning of "*Field of Dreams*" Kevin Costner's character is the only person that hears the voice urging him on to unknown experiences and opportunities. As he becomes more convinced, others join him in this quest because of his strong conviction and circumstances that help to illuminate the path of truth. In the end, a small group of people who believe in something bigger than themselves attracted thousands to come to a place they had never been before, to experience something they never have had, but possessed a longing for without even knowing.

The very same can be said about our Masonic family. And since we have already built it, it is now time for us to go the distance and spread out our wings over the world. If we stand up for what is right, for what we believe in, then people will most definitely come. They will come in search of what has been right here all along. They will wonder where we have been all their lives, and we will be able to say to them: We have been right here, waiting for you, and we are pleased you finally noticed us. Welcome. Have a seat. Enjoy the warmth of our family like a midsummer's day. Experience the comfort of finding one's friends with a common yearning to believe in something great. Enjoy the satisfaction of having a hot dog, a cool drink and a day at the ballpark when a home team wins. Welcome, friend. Like baseball, we have been right here all along, and we are glad you decided to join our team.

As a token of our appreciation I would like to present you with this gift.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: It is a musical globe that is engraved, and it says “Worthy Grand Matron” and it has been presented by Southern California Jurisdiction DeMolay.

Thank you so very much.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: And I have the same thing. It says “Worthy Grand Patron”. I thank you very much for this gift.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Gentlemen, it is an honor to attend your Conclaves this year. Congratulations to each of you, and we wish you the best in your at bats in future years.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Brother Ben and Matt, I am very proud to call you Brothers. We have enjoyed hearing from both of you in our travels, and we thank you for being here, hearing your inspirational speeches today. The future of our Masonic Fraternity is in very good hands.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Would all the youth leaders please come forward. On behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star, we present you with this gift basket. In this gift basket you will find some healthy and not so healthy fun things to eat, a gift certificate for iTunes and, if you get hungry on the road, a gift certificate to In and Out for a double double animal protein style burger and delicious french fries, and a donation to your respective organizations. Enjoy.

Announcer: This afternoon has been full of home runs, grand slams and great entertainment from many of the teams present. Let’s stand up, stretch those arms and legs, and enjoy the 7th Inning Stretch.

7th Inning Stretch . . . “YMCA”

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: We now have our final four reports.

Patti Whitehill, Chairman of Scholarship, please present your committee and your report.

Patti Whitehill, PM, Chairman of Scholarship: The draft board for the 2008 Scholarship Team was Don Nielsen, Brenda Hanson Smith, Brenda Hansen, Terry Holts, and myself. We would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matrons of the last few years for our appointments to serve. Also, our thanks go to our Angels in the Outfield, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Chapter Office Staff.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

(by Patti Whitehill, PM, Chairman (3))

Our draft was held in April. After reviewing the 151 applications for the team, 116 were accepted. The bases were loaded and the review board received their assignments. Thanks to your wonderful donations to the cause, a total of \$100,510 was given to our new team to attend various universities.

This year, our commissioners, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, were able to throw the ball to some of our new team members. Did we hit a home run? Was it a bye bye baby? You bet. Between the awards ceremonies, the Official Visits, youth nights and regular meetings, our name was put out there and, more importantly, we helped students.

Remember to pass the word along to future team draftees by telling them to go to <http://www.oescal.org> for the application for 2009. And please, don't forget your donations for the next year's team.

A copy of the complete report has been given to the Grand Secretary for the Proceedings.

(The full report can be found in the "Reports Not Given" Section.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Each year, our Scholarship Committee works diligently to review the scholarship applications submitted. It is gratifying to know that our recipients will be able to pursue their educational goals. It was an honor to present numerous scholarships at our Official Visits this year. Thank you, Committee, for your service.

In the pursuit of a cure for cancer, we continue our special project, Relay for Life. The enthusiasm and never ending work of our chairman is unbelievable.

Sister Leslie, may we have your report?

REPORT ON THE 2008 SPECIAL PROJECT RELAY FOR LIFE

(by Leslie Routt, PM, Chairman (348))

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, Brothers and our Masonic family, there is a thief among us. We can lock our doors, windows, and even set the alarm, yet this thief will still gain admission. You have had the warning of the probation officer and the year of judicial review, yet this thief is still in our midst. Some have lost their health, their wealth, and even someone they loved to this thief. We need to join together and rid ourselves of this thief that strikes without warning and causes so much grief. How do we defend ourselves? We need to come together and take a stand.

I challenge you to attend the Relay for Life event during the first hour. When you see that sea of purple shirts circling the track, it strikes you how many in your community are dealing with the effects of cancer. You suddenly realize the number of people you personally know in that wave of purple. What is more striking is the number of children wearing those shirts. Now, multiply that by the number of people that live and care for that individual. What a burden. There's way too much sorrow.

We provide a 24 hour period of time for people to support each other, to realize that a diagnosis doesn't necessarily lead to death.

My challenge to you is to attend the luminary ceremony at dusk. Each relay is a little bit different. But this ceremony is a time to remember those we have lost to the disease. As the lights dim, each candle reaches out and touches us as a life that has been snuffed out, cut short of its potential. Someone that was loved, that is now missed.

Whether you stay the entire 24 hours, whether you sleep, catnap or stay awake walking, rocking or talking, I challenge you to be there for the last hour, when the total's announced and everyone walks the track for the last lap.

Hopefully, you will make the commitment to come back again, and again, and again, each year, until we have won the fight.

We promised to field 100 teams in 2008, so the registration fees for each team would be waived. I am pleased to announce we had a total of exactly 100 Eastern Star teams that actually walked in the relay. Add two Masonic youth teams, the Eastern Star Club of Santa Barbara, and the UCLA youth team, and our total climbs to 104. Two chapters that didn't walk registered and donated to a relay. Then, there was the surprise phone call last week when a member that had collected \$2,300 in donations from co workers, wanted to know what to do with the funds, as her Chapter never reconnected with the relay. I told her what to do with it.

Now, we cannot do this without the assistance of our Masonic family. The members of 33 Masonic lodges, 24 Rainbow Girl Assemblies, 17 Job's Daughter Bethels, 14 DeMolay chapters, two Amaranth Courts, and three Shrine groups joined our team. In addition, two teams have members of the United States Marine Corps and the US Navy.

With statistic reports from only 79 of our 104 teams, I can report that there was a state total of 1,136 team members, 176 survivors, 124 caregivers and 87 new volunteers to work to help serve on the Committee. So far, our youth groups have initiated four new members; two for DeMolay, and one each for Rainbow and Job's Daughters. Our Order has gained six new members. Four of them were initiated in Star of the Valley Chapter.

Leslie Routt, PM, Chairman Relay for Life®: At this time, I would like to invite the 2008 State Team Captains and Co-Captains to stand.

Collette, they are not all here. This was your committee this year. I have to brag.

I have to extend a special thank you to Ellen Kneebone of Golden Gate Chapter who graciously spent hours decorating and teaching others how to decorate the luminary bags for the Grand Chapter floor. Although many have tested the track, a relative few have actually taken up the baton. It is time for Eastern Star and the entire Masonic family to come together on the track for the 24 hour period of time set aside in your community, to become an active part of your community, and contribute to the stand against cancer.

The Judge is passing the baton to the Teacher tonight. Will you please join us in this coming year and become an informed advocate and educator? Let Eastern Star and the Masonic family come together with the American Cancer Society to banish this thief from our planet. Collette and Jim, on behalf of the State Team I am presenting you with a scrapbook of memories from every one I got pages for.

It is now my privilege to present a very enthusiastic young man who, by the way, will turn 25 next week, Nathan MacKusker, incoming Manager for California Division of the American Cancer Society, and our American Cancer Society Staff Partner.

Nathan MacKusker, ACS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you, Leslie, and thank you to all the members of the Order of the Eastern Star. This year, you truly have been awesome going with the ball, unlike our Dodgers down in Hollywood.

We are still in the series, but we are in the bottom of the 9th, and we are going extra innings. You see 143,000 people in California will be diagnosed with cancer this year, and 53,000 of them will lose that battle. But we are on the winning team. In the 1900s, very few had any hope of long term survival from cancer. In the 1930s, one out of every five people who were diagnosed lived five years after their treatment. In the 1940s, there was one in four.

And in the 1960s, there was one in three.

Almost 84,000 people this year who are diagnosed with cancer will be alive five years after treatment. When taking into account the normal life expectancy, the relative five years survival rate is 63 percent. That is phenomenal. We have made huge leaps and bounds and, with your help, we are going to eradicate this disease. I hear you have brought in new members this year, and I am happy to say that our organization is happy to welcome some of the Eastern Star members on our Relay for Life Planning Committee. Thank you very much. It is a testament to your values. With that, I'm going to welcome Leslie up.

Leslie Routt, Chairman (348): For those of who you cannot see this, the amount is \$175,722.58.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Leslie, Nathan, Sisters and Brothers, for your support of our Relay for Life program. That total is awesome, combined with what we gave Jonsson Cancer Center this afternoon.

Sister Delma Davis, Chairman of our Sensational Saturday program, may we have your report.

SENSATIONAL SATURDAY COMMITTEE REPORT

(By Delma Davis, PM, Chairman (31))

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, friends and members, you have probably heard of those high powered business luncheons where an idea is scribbled out on a paper napkin and, when taken back to the office and worked on, becomes a million dollar success. Well, last summer, Sister Collette and I had an occasion to sit together for a brief time, and she told of her vision of something called Sensational Saturday for 2008.

These are my notes from that napkin from lunch. And the vision she conveyed resulted in California Eastern Star working hard with the rest of our California Masonic family to hold a state wide multi level community service project on Saturday, May 24th, Sensational Saturday.

Three regional coordinators, Zoe Chambers, Past Matron, in the North, Donna Herring, Past Grand Matron in the central part of the state, and Marilyn Harris, Past Matron in the southern part of the state, assisted me in creating the event and getting our membership notified, motivated and coordinated to collect over 1,000 grocery sized bags of food for local food banks, 3,000 bags of clothing and household goods for local women's and children shelters, 150 bags of goods to a recently burned down SPCA, 400 hand crafted cards for our overseas soldiers, and over 300 boxes of goods sent to our soldiers via our We Care program.

About 120 chapters reported their activity to me, with well over a thousand of our members participating on this special Day of Service.

Many chapters took advantage of one of the 20 regional Sensational stations that were formed around the state, and some chose to create their own committees and work closer to home.

The members were appreciative about the openness of this project's charge, with the Chapter being given the leeway to decide which local facility they desired to support, with the encouragement to establish or re establish a new presence in their community, and with an opportunity to have their members

participate in a project aligned with the California Eastern Star Vision Statement, and in alignment with many Chapter's own Vision Statements, to make the name of Eastern Star synonymous with service in our communities.

The members also enjoyed working with our local Lodges, Rainbow Assemblies, Job's Daughters Bethels, DeMolay Chapters and the Amaranth, Daughters of the Nile, Shrine, York Rite, Commandery and Royal Arch. Several chapters mentioned that these ties were now strengthened, and that future activities are in the works, uniting local Masonic groups with the shared desire to help their communities.

Worthy Grand Matron, your Sensational Saturday project brought our Chapters closer to their communities, closer to other Masonic groups in their area, and closer together as Star members doing worthy service and activity. The enthusiasm this project generated in the Chapters and in the communities surely was sensational. Thank you, Sister Collette, for this fabulous idea and for allowing me to be involved with it.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Delma. You made my dream of a joint community service a reality. We worked together and spread the word to our Masonic family throughout the state. Thank you to the Satellite Chairmen and our Masonic family for your participation.

Sister Tomé Martin Duval, may we have the last committee report, on the We Care program.

Tomé Martin Duval, PM, Chairman of "We Care": Worthy Grand Matron, I am very happy to give you my report, and thank you so much for appointing me to our program this year. It is a very special program. Let me introduce my team. Bill Robertson, Dennis Smith and Nanette Ballard.

WE CARE PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

(By Tomé Martin Duval, PM, Chairman (92/365))

We started out in 2007 with \$149. We now have \$4,297, which we will use to ship boxes to our troops. We shipped, as you heard from the Sensational Saturday report, over 300 boxes on Sensational Saturday. I shipped out of Madera, over a hundred. And Nanette, who was a late but very welcome addition to our team, just informed me that they have gone up to 35.

Now, there were two really excited things that happened this year. One, most of you have seen the afghan that we displayed. I had one and I took it to an Alfalfa conference this year where they allowed me to auction the afghan. It was auctioned for \$800 the first time. The gentleman who won the auction, donated it back. They auctioned it again for another \$500. And then, the Alfalfa Association that allowed me to do the auction donated another \$200 to our program, bringing the price of the afghan up to \$1,500.

About a month ago, I got a call from one of the members in my chapter in Madera, and she said she works at the women's prison in Chowchilla. She says: 'Tome', I've got a lady who wants to do a fundraiser to support the military, and they need a nonprofit organization. I said, here we are; and as of last Tuesday, we were presented by the Central California Women's Facility with a check in the amount of \$3,556, for a fundraiser they did to support our We Care program.

Now, with us is Liz Alba, Larry Cook, Beverly Cook and Debbie Rodriguez. Debbie has been the person that's been pushing this all along. Debbie told me I had to do something special for somebody, but she had no idea we were going to do it for her.

Debbie, we want to extend our sincere appreciation for everything you did and for only getting two hours of sleep the night before this fundraiser because you were making tamales and cookies to sell the next day.

Larry, Debbie informed me that the fundraiser that they do is they fix food, and there's 1800 prison employees there. And most of the employees buy their food from what's made and donated by other employees, including themselves. Larry provides all the wood to do the barbecue, all the meat, and I believe an additional \$200 to help with supplies. Larry is also a retired Master Sergeant from the Army. Larry, this is a certificate of appreciation for you.

And we also have another special thing that we are doing for our troops. Larry, this is a pocket flag. We are sending those to our troops, and we would like you to have one. That way, no matter where you go, you will always have a piece of America to take with you; and this is to take back to the prison. This is a plaque that we made for you. It says: Central California Women's Facility, Chowchilla. In appreciation of your hard work and your donation to help support our military personnel. Order of the Eastern Star We Care Military Support Program, October 18th, 2008.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Tomé and your committee. Your work has been outstanding. Thank you to all the committees that have worked so hard this year to make it a success. We are proud that you are part of us.

Announcer: Members of our audience, the Worthy Grand Patron will now present the newest inductee into the Masonic Hall of Fame. The moment you have all been waiting for. Quiet, please. Shhhhhh.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Larry L. Adamson, is a native Californian and fifth generation Mason. He was raised a Master Mason on October 27th, 1978, in Triangle Lodge No. 548. He affiliated with his father's lodge, Palms Adams No. 512, where he served as its Master in 1989, and which later consolidated and became Sunset Lodge No. 369, in Santa Monica. In 1998 he became a plural member of Old West Lodge No. 813, in Newhall, near his home.

Most Worshipful Adamson began his affiliation with our craft when he joined the Order of DeMolay in 1965. He is a Past Master Councilor, Past League President, and holds the honors of Chevalier and Legion of Honor. Additionally, he served the Order as a Chapter Advisor for five years, a League Advisor for three years, is a Past Dean of the Southern California Preceptory, and served for five years as the Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 249 in Newhall, International Order of Job's Daughters.

He has a distinguished career of service with our Grand Lodge, spanning over 20 years. He has served as a Trustee of our Masonic Homes, and was the President of the Acacia Creek Adult Living Corporation. He served Most Worshipful R. Stephen Doan as Grand Marshal in 1992, and Most Worshipful David Decker as Grand Warder in 2002.

Most Worshipful Adamson is a member of the Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine. In Scottish Rite he was the Venerable Master of Lodge of Perfection in the Valley of Los Angeles, and in 2003 was coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary.

He is a member of all three bodies of York Rite, and served as Grand Orator of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in 2004. He is a member of St. Gabriel Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, the San Juan de Los Angeles Council, the Allied Masonic Degrees, the National Sojourners and Heroes of 76. He is a member of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple, where he currently serves the Los Angeles Shriner's Hospital Board. In addition, he is a Past President of the Southern California Past Masters' Association, and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

A graduate of California State University Los Angeles, Larry served as President of the Statewide Alumni Council, which represents 23 campuses of the California State University system, and in 1996 was named as its Alumni Volunteer of the Year. In December 2004, he was appointed to the very prestigious position of Trustee of the California State University System, which is responsible for education policy and governance over the system's 480,000 students.

He was District Chairman for the Los Angeles Council of Boy Scouts of America, and President of the Los Angeles Rotary Club. In January of 2005, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor confirmed Most Worshipful Adamson to serve as the Commissioner of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Commission, which he chaired in 2007 and 2008.

Most Worshipful Adamson is currently the President and Chief Administrative Officer of the Midnight Mission, the preeminent social services agency serving the poor and homeless in Los Angeles. Before that, he completed a very successful 23 year career with the Automobile Club of Southern California, where he retired as Vice president of Administration and Automotive Services.

Larry and his wife Lynn met in high school, and live in Santa Clarita, a community just north of Los Angeles. They have been married for 34 years, and have two married daughters, both of whom are elementary school teachers and are Majority Members of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 249, Newhall. They have a grandson and granddaughter, and the Most Worshipful is honored to have two sons in law that are members of Old West Lodge No. 813, as well.

Sisters, Brothers, family and friends, I have the honor to present the Most Worshipful Larry L. Adamson, the 144th Grand Master of Masons in California. Brother Larry, may we have your greetings?

GREETINGS

(by Most Worshipful Larry L. Adamson, Grand Master of Masons in California)

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers all, thank you for the respect that you show for the office that I have the honor and privilege to hold. Just 22 days ago, I knelt at the altar of our Grand Lodge in San Francisco and took the solemn obligation of the Grand Master of California and, within a few short moments thereafter, I was installed as the Grand Master of California Freemasonry. What an incredible moment. And it was then, at that moment, that I felt the enormity of what had just happened. In 158 years history of California Freemasonry, there has been nearly three million men who have knelt at the altar of California Lodges, and there I was being granted the enormous honor of being the 144th man to become its Grand Master.

I mentioned this because, in just a few short hours from now, you, the members of the Order of Eastern Star will say good bye and thank you to one set of leaders, and welcome and congratulate another.

To Collette and Jim, the family of Freemasonry most certainly tips its hat to you for your courage, your dedication and, above all, your leadership in building for a better tomorrow.

To Barbara and JD, I say seize the moment that will be upon you and work towards building a new chapter in the history of the Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star.

In my Inaugural Address to the Grand Lodge, I told the Craft of California that this is a great time to be a Mason in California and in the world. I told them that we have changed the direction of Freemasonry in this state, and that we are now building for that better tomorrow.

Some of you may be sitting in your seats and asking yourselves: Why is he so very optimistic? Let me take a brief moment to share with you some of the information about the State of the Craft in California, and I trust you will see its relationship to your own future.

For the last seven years, almost the entire decade of this new century, we have seen a substantial increase in the number of men seeking the Light of Freemasonry. In the past two years alone, our Lodges have conferred in excess of 8500 degrees. In the same period we have seen over 3,000 men petition our Lodges for membership, and over 2800 men now proudly hold the rank and privilege of being new Master Masons.

Seven years ago, our average age of our membership was about 70 years old. Today, that average has dropped to 64 years old, and the average age of a new Master Mason in California is only 37 years old. The faster growing segment of membership in our lodges is 18 to 30 year olds.

You see, my Sisters and Brothers, after some five decades of member apathy, decline and a general attitude of complacency by all, Freemasonry in California is changing. These trends clearly highlight a new and exciting attitude amongst our members and our leadership, and confirms what I believe and profess for some time now, that we have begun a transition to being more relevant, and that the reward is this era of exciting progress and, frankly, this now unparalleled opportunity for California Freemasonry.

You see, I refuse to be a part of California Freemasonry that has as its legacy decline or retreat, and I hope that you share my belief. Our shared principles and values are as relevant today as they were at any time in history. Our future, however, cannot be determined by our past. Instead, it must and will be defined by our ability to be relevant and attentive to the needs of a new generation, a generation that is looking to us to help them to experience the true understanding of fraternalism. No longer can we expect obedience and loyalty, if our actions merely begin and end in our Lodges, and in our Chapter meetings.

Applying our virtues in every thought, act and deed, and ensuring them through our example, is what the new generation of Masons, and I believe Eastern Star members, will be looking for and expecting from each of us. And if we are to succeed, that will be our great legacy.

So I ask you, the leaders of our great family of Freemasonry: Is that the experience that you offer? Is your everyday conduct emblematic of the lessons and the virtues of your teachings? Can you be the example for others of good and righteousness that will attract those who will want to emulate conduct?

You see, my family, when we knelt at the altar and bound ourselves to this Order, we obligated ourselves to a life long commitment; not simply a commitment when it is convenient. I asked my brothers in Freemasonry if they were up to the challenge, and it was overwhelmingly answered yes. I, therefore, ask you: Are you up to the challenge before you? Are you willing to address your future by letting go of some of your past, by developing an attitude of what can be done, instead of why it can't? Do you have a willingness to embrace things

that are new and, frankly, somewhat different, allowing the greater voice in our overall government to understand the difference between what is a landmark of the Order, versus whether it has merely become a tradition? Are you committed to building a better and stronger Order for those who follow you?

You see, the answers to these questions may not be easy or even comfortable for some of you, but I can assure you that they are critical to the future of our fraternal family in general, the Order of the Eastern Star in particular, and if there is no perceived relevance or value, there will be no future interest.

Five years ago, the leadership of Grand Lodge adopted a philosophy; a philosophy aimed at visualizing strategic thinking throughout our jurisdiction, based on a belief that how we were managing our institution, simply put, was not cutting it. We committed ourselves to building a strategically led organization, and we focus on ensuring that this model will be part of our everyday culture.

You see organizations thrive when the people have a shared vision, and that's what leaders bring to the table. So I challenge you, each of you, the leaders of this great institution, to act as leaders, to lead with vision and to demand of yourself more than you think you can give.

I would like to share with you an issue that I believe is of vital importance to me, and something critical to our future. I asked you, and the leaders of the California Lodge to support a plan to rebuild our youth orders. Members of the Eastern Star, in the most populated state in this country we now have less than 5,000 members of our combined youth orders, and the active membership is even less. These orders lack Masonically related adult involvement. Job's Daughters Bethels, Rainbow Assemblies and DeMolay Chapters continue to face closures due to a lack of adult leadership and involvement.

I told Freemasonry, and I now tell you: This is simply criminal, and unacceptable to this Grand Master, and I plan to change it. The details of that plan I will be glad to share with you when there is more time but, suffice it to say, I am looking for a commitment from Eastern Star to help me make this happen. You see, our youth orders are essential to our future. Your pipeline to the future depends on the health of Job's Daughters Rainbows, and even DeMolay. There should be no question in your minds that the rewards far exceed the investment. So I challenge each of you to commit to working with us in this effort and to demand that youth leadership remain a top priority in your strategic plan now, and in 20 years to come.

Let me close my thoughts by sharing something rather personal with you. I have been a Mason for over 36 years, and on more than several occasions I have been asked to become a member of the Order. And as most of you know, I am not. And to be quite frank, I have resisted because I have struggled to

understand its value in my life and, certainly, to some of yours. I have never questioned your virtues, but some of your tradition and customs are something difficult for me to understand, particularly as they relate to today.

But in the past couple of years I have seen an attempt by your leadership to advance the organization and to value the independence and respect the needs of a new generation of your members. I have seen a desire to be more transparent and democratic, and to value one's time, and these are things that do have value in my life. So, subject to the will and pleasure of the Sisters and Brothers of one of your chapters, I have submitted my petition for membership, and I very much look forward to becoming a fellow member of the Order of the Eastern Star, if I am found worthy.

My family, this is a great time of excitement for the family of Freemasonry in California. I believe that our future has never been brighter. But I also believe that we must move quickly to define our future. I hope and pray that together, Freemasonry and Eastern Star, that we will answer the challenge and commit to applying ourselves to building a better tomorrow.

I thank you, Collette and Jim, for this opportunity to address this Grand Chapter and to share my thoughts with you. May God bless you all, now and forever. So may it ever be.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Most Worshipful Brother Larry, we thank you for your inspirational message. We look forward to supporting your goals and working together to build that better tomorrow. We are grateful to you and your Grand Family who were able to be with us and participate in our Masonic All Star Game. And I think you have members in our Order that are ready to meet your challenge, and we share with you in those thoughts.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you for your greetings. We truly appreciate the support of the Grand Lodge this year. We wish you a wonderful term of office.

On behalf of the Grand Chapter, we give you and Lynn a gift basket. And from Jim, Cherri, Gary and myself, here is a donation for your special projects, and if you happen to join Dr. Rob Morris Chapter, UD, I will see you there at initiation.

Hey, Blue, Ump, Sister Janet Robinson our Chairman for this Masonic Family Honor Session, come forward. Thank you for this grand slam, out of the park performance. You have the ability to take an idea and run with it, and you surely have covered all the bases today. No fouls, no curves, no spitballs, no strike outs.

I also want to acknowledge Sister Tiffany Ruiz, Deputy Grand Matron from Stockton. Janet tells me you were a huge help to her, and we thank you for being one of the managers of this successful team.

Where did you find that handsome announcer, the one with the great voice? Is that the famous Bill Hudson? Bill Hudson, stand up. You are one fantastic announcer.

This has been an amazing session, and I know our players and fans have had a great day at the ballpark.

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Yes, Sister Janet, you have succeeded in coaching the final game of our banner season to a successful conclusion. This All Star game with our Masonic Family has been spectacular. The leaders of our Masonic Family have all shown themselves to be MVPs. Thank you for sharing your very special talent with us.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this afternoon session of the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene in this very arena at 7:00 o'clock PM for the Installation of the 2009 Grand Officers. Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

(The Worthy Grand Patron made announcements.)

Announcer: After nine innings, everyone is a winner. Please join us in the 2008 Closing Ode, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game". See you next year. Thank you for coming. Please drive home safely. Game over.

CLOSING ODE

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game"

Take me out to the ball game

Take me out to the crowd.

Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,

I don't care if I never get back.

Let me 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 ball game.

(Afternoon recess.)



2009 “FIELDS OF LOVE & FRIENDSHIP”

136TH ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 18, 2008

7:00 PM Musical Prelude:

Nellis Johnson, PM (391)

Entrance:

Grand Representatives

2008 and 2009 Deputy Grand Matrons

FORMATION BY ASSOCIATE MATRONS AND ASSOCIATE PATRONS

(Narrated by Cherri Whiteley, PM (59))

It is the autumn of the year. As we gaze across the fields, the trees prepare to drop their seeds for all to enjoy. It is a time of change, the colors of the foliage, and the weather, the season we are experiencing as the foliage grows bright with the fall colors, and the expanse of the fields ripens with harvest. We admire what the warmth of the summer sun has produced. The seeds of Love and Friendship have been planted, and harvest of the growth of these seeds is about to happen.

We have stepped from the “*Field of Dreams*”, into the “*Fields of Love & Friendship*”. The newly elected Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons for 2009 are the bright and cheerful flowers of these fields. Our Worthy Matrons are representing the watchwords of Patience, Faith, Patriotism and Love provided by our Worthy Grand Matron, to supply their plans for the coming year.

The Worthy Patrons will be following the watchwords of our Worthy Grand Patron, Leadership, Respect, Courage, Integrity and Harmony, as they preside.

If we were to examine the sunflowers more closely, we would discover that they are actually a composite of numerous florets gathered together. How appropriate that is when we think of our Order, we think of a composite of numerous members who enjoy coming together.

The motto of our Worthy Grand Matron is inspirational for the coming year: “Take one day at a time, make new friendships and cherish your memories”. We know that many new friendships and cherished memories will definitely be hatching in the days to come this year. Along with the visual beauty of the fields, we hear in the background the lovely melodies, the happy tunes we will hear in our hearts during the coming year as our Worthy Grand Patron’s motto reminds us : “That a day without music and laughter is a day wasted”.

Barbara and JD are now descending the East to move into the center of this double heart formation, as a sign of their intention to not only be the leaders for the coming year, but also that they wish to be considered part of the group that surrounds them. The completed formation of the double hearts is a visual symbol of the love and friendship that will be shared throughout the coming year as these dedicated Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons preside over their respective Chapters.

EMBLEM CEREMONY

Adah:	Yvonne Beckenhauer, PGM
Ruth:	Sherrie Gustafson, PGM
Esther:	Janet Robinson, PGM
Martha:	Norma Stilwell, PGM
Electa:	Denny Rae Grist, PGM

The Blue Ray of Adah teaches Fidelity. Adah's lesson illustrates her father's determination to keep the vow he had made. This lesson teaches us our word should be our mark. Our promises kept, and our vows paid. The loyalty of Adah to her father has not been excelled in all of history. The Sword and Veil represent her unshakeable right to die in the full light of God's favor.

The Yellow Ray of Ruth teaches Constancy. Her story is a beautiful narrative of love and redemption. It illustrates for us the full measure of a choice that forever affects our destiny. With such strong bonds of friendship, we create golden memories for our better life. The Sheaf reminds us that, when bound together, the smallest actions of love becomes strong.

The White Ray of Esther represents Loyalty. Esther's lesson is designed to teach us the beauties of self-sacrifice. She was willing to risk the loss of her crown and even her life to save her people. We should live so that when we are called upon to make sacrifices for our friends, we emulate the virtues of Queen Esther, forgetting self and selfish conditions. Where pride and ambition are honored, we rise to the best there is in us, and we act more as God wills. The Crown and Scepter, representing right and power, remind us of these heroic virtues displayed by Queen Esther.

The Green Ray of Martha represents Faith. From Martha, we learn the lesson of faith, being firm in the hour of trial. The strength of that faith will carry us through even the most difficult of situations with assurance and comfort. We are reminded of a divine God that has the power to give and the power to take away, to love, to protect and to guide. The Broken Column is a symbol of the uncertainty of human life, reminding us that we should always be prepared for that future existence that awaits us.

The Red Ray of Electa expresses Love. This is not a passion or emotion, but a love that His abiding influence will permeate throughout the world. Our hands should always be outstretched to help, even if it means some suffering on our part. We need to see the intelligence and understanding to do whatever is loving and kind, living always by the Golden Rule to one another. Electa's cup is a symbol of the steadfast love and hospitality that was shown by practicing that level of love.

If these lessons are properly included in our lives, and the work of their power is made to blossom in our everyday acts, the fruits will be love and friendship, firm and true. The beautiful colored rays should shine in sparkling beauty, thus focusing on our Heavenly Father, the true source of our light.

That light emanates from the Holy Bible. We place the Bible on our Altar as our source of direction. It points us to the way that we are to live and should fill our memories, rule our hearts and guide our feet. All of our lessons are taken from these sacred pages.

ENTRANCE OF HOLY BIBLE

Bible Bearer: Earlynn Albright, PGM

Bible Escorts: Danna Willoughby, GGCCM — Youth
Kathleen MacDonald, PGM

Honorary Grand Marshals: Susan White, GGCCM — Necrology
Doris Parish, PGM

Loyal Stark, Jr. PMWGP: Sisters Honorary Marshal, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Escort: Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron
Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron

Loyal Stark, Jr. PMWGP: Distinguished and Honored Members, Brothers, Sisters, family and friends, I have the honor to present Sister Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join with me in extending Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Loyal Stark, Jr. PMWGP: Sister Collette, it is my distinct honor and pleasure to present to you your gavel for one last time.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Loyal, thank you for presenting me with my gavel. This is an honor. I have the honor to present Brother Loyal Stark, Junior Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, and a Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the California, Order of the Eastern Star. Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our Distinguished Member.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Loyal Stark, Jr. PMWGP: Thank you Sisters and Brothers.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Honorary Marshal, you will escort the Grand Master of Masons in California and his wife to the East.

Escort: Most Worshipful Larry L. Adamson, Grand Master
Lynn Adamson

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: I have the honor to present the Most Worshipful Larry L. Adamson, Grand Master of Masons in California, and his wife, Lynn.

Entrance: 2008 Grand Officers
Acting Associate Grand Matron, Karen Fletcher, Jr. PGM
Acting Associate Grand Patron, David Skipworth, Jr. PGM

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: You will please join in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Saturday Evening Session of the Grand Chapter of California, open for the Ceremony of Installation of the 2009 Grand Officers. Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

ESCORT OF FLAGS

American Flag Bearer:	David Buck, PGP
California Flag Bearer:	Glenn Jones, PGP
OES Flag Bearer:	Mike Cornell, PGP
Masonic Flag Bearer:	Vernon Gordon, PGP

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: You are a Grand Old Flag and forever in peace may you wave. You are the emblem of the land I love, the home of the free and the brave. You will join with me in the repeating the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the National Anthem.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: I have the honor to present those participating in our ceremony this evening. Sisters:

Installing Officer, Donna Herring, GGCCM— Vision Quest;
Installing Marshall, Sue Bishop, PGM;
Honorary Marshals, Sue White, GGCCM — Necrology;
Doris Parrish, PGM;

Emblem Bearers:

Adah, Yvonne Beckenhauer, PGM;
Ruth, Sherrie Gustafson, PGM;
Esther, Janet Robinson, PGM;
Martha, Norma Stilwell, PGM;
Electa, Denny Rae Grist, PGM;
Bible Bearer, Earlynn Albright, PGM;

Bible Escorts:

Danna Willoughby, GGCCM — Youth;
Kathleen MacDonald, PGM;
Acting Associate Grand Matron, Karen Fletcher, PGM;

Brothers:

Installing Officer, Steve Nicholas, PGP;
Installing Chaplain, Bill Bray, PGP and Senior Grand Warden of the
Grand Lodge of California, Free and Accepted Masons;
Acting Associate Grand Patron, David “Skip” Skipworth, PGP;

Flag Bearers:

American Flag, Dave Buck, PGP;
California Flag, Glenn Jones, PGP;
Eastern Star Flag, Mike Cornell, PGP;
Masonic Flag, Vernon Gordon, PGP and Past Grand Master of
Masons in California and Hawaii.

Members will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

(Grand Honors extended.)

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: I have the pleasure of presenting those who will be participating in the jewel presentation and music for the Ceremony of Installation.

Sister: Cherri Whiteley;

Brothers: Gary Gole, Evan Gole, Curtis Gole;

Donna Wilson, Installing Organist, and the California Singing Stars
directed by Shirley Hicks.

We thank each of you for your participation. We also wish to thank the Escort Committee, the Inner Guards, Grand Guards and Guardettes for all of their assistance.

Good evening, Sisters, Brothers, family and friends. It is with pleasure that I welcome each of you to this Session of Grand Chapter, and the 136th Installation of Officers. The 2009 Grand Officers are anxiously awaiting the “*Fields of Love and Friendship*” evening. There is much excitement happiness and joy for the 2009 Grand Officers. We wish them an exciting year as they serve our Order. They will all be shining stars in 2009.

Brother Loyal, our Junior Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, may we have your address of welcome at this time.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(By Loyal Stark, Jr. PMWGP)

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Collette, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jim, our Most Worshipful Grand Masters, Sisters, Brothers and friends, the hour has arrived for the orderly transition of our 2008 Grand Chapter to our brand new 2009 leadership.

To Sister Collette and Brother Jim, you have built it and we came. You truly have made an positive impact on our Eastern Star in California. To the both of you and to all of you who served in 2008, the members of California thank you for your Oscar winning performance.

The stadium lights are dimmed, our all stars have packed their gear and the season has ended. The fields are transformed into happy meadows of love and friendship. There sure seems to be a whole lot of bears running around. I am sure Sister Barbara and Brother JD will soon educate them. So to these two new wonderful leaders, and to all of you who are about to embark on a new fraternal year, we all wish for you much happiness and success.

Dear friends all, cherish the moment and welcome to the 136th Installation of Officers of our Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

Collette Serio Gole, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Loyal, thank you for your Welcome. We are always inspired by your comments and insight, and always look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for all you do for our beloved Order. I now declare a recess to prepare for the Ceremony of Installation.

RETIRING MARCH OF THE 2008 GRAND OFFICERS

Musical Selection . . . California Singing Stars

(Recess.)

PRESENTATION OF THE 2009 GRAND OFFICERS

(Narrated by Donna Herring, GGCCM and David Buck, PGP)

Donna: The theme for our 2009 year is “*Fields of Love & Friendship*”. We behold our field, created by the Great Creator of all things and we see His majesty in the trees, the skies, the flowers. We feel His majesty in the breezes rustling through our fields. We see His beauty in all of creation.

We see friendships in the faces of His children as they behold His creation. Tonight, our friends, perhaps different, perhaps unique, the bear and the tortoise, the fish and the bunny, interacting with their friends, complete our garden of friendship.

David: Entering into this “*Field of Love & Friendship*” are those who will be serving us in that spirit for the upcoming year. The melodious tunes that we hear are calming the bears as they are exiting their hibernation, and the tortoises as they are slowly readying themselves for many miles of travel across the fields of California.

Donna: Leading us through the “*Fields of Love & Friendship*” for 2009 will be our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Scott. Her career as a schoolteacher has given her the philosophy that, through education, all things are possible and dreams can come true. Sister Barbara’s long connection with the Order of Rainbow for Girls includes her being a Majority Member of Golden Realm Assembly where she served on the Advisory Board as Mother Advisor, and then Grand Deputy. She was awarded the Grand Cross of Color. Before beginning her travels through the Grand Line, Sister Barbara served her Chapter as Worthy Matron in 1980, and was a 2001 Deputy Grand Matron. She is serving her chapter again as Worthy Matron this year, along with her husband, Brother John, who is escorting her this evening.

Brother John was also a Worthy Patron in 1981. He was active with Rainbow, holding the Grand Cross of Color and serving on the Advisory Board, and as Rainbow Dad for the Assembly. Brother John was our Grand Warder in 2004. Sister Barbara and Brother John have four children and four grandchildren.

David: Coming to stand alongside Sister Barbara as our Worthy Grand Patron, is brother JD Hammett, a member of Hollywood Chapter, South Pasadena. Our Worthy Grand Patron has dual membership in Hatch Chapter in New Mexico. He served Hollywood Chapter as Worthy Patron in 2000, 2004 and in 2006. Brother JD is proud of the fact that when he became a Master Mason, his father presided over his initiatory work, and was his coach throughout his degrees. When it came time to join Eastern Star, his mother was the Worthy Matron for that initiation. His dedication to the tradition and values of the Masonic life are symbolized with his emblem, which includes a music score that shows music is a very meaningful part of his life. Brother JD served as a member of the Eastern Star Foundation, and served as Grand Organist in 2004.

His mother, Sister Johnnye, is escorting him this evening. She served her chapter as Worthy Matron in 1962. She was on the Advisory Rainbow Board, and also a Mother Advisor for Hatch Rainbow Assembly, and was awarded the Grand Cross of Color.

Donna: Our Associate Grand Matron is Sister Beverly Wade, a soon to be 40 year member of her Chapter. Sister Beverly served as Worthy Matron in 1994 and Deputy Grand Matron in 2002. In 2005, Sister Beverly served as our Grand Electa, and was then appointed Grand Marshal in 2006, beginning her travels through the Grand Line in 2007. Sister Beverly is a Past Honored Queen of Job's Daughters, and also has been active as an adult with Rainbow Girls, where she was awarded the Grand Cross of Color.

Her escort is her husband, Brother Bob, a Past Master of Vista Lodge, and a Past Patron. He is a Past Master Councilor of DeMolay, and holds the Chevalier Degree and Blue Honor Key. He also holds the Rainbow Grand Cross of Color. Sister Bev and Brother Bob have two children and four grandchildren.

David: The position of Associate Grand Patron will be filled this year by Brother Larry Coffin from Raisina Fresno Chapter. A four time Worthy Patron, Brother Larry has served nine years on the Finance Committee, four years on the Audit Committee, and has served as a part of the Necrology and Divine service this year. He served as Grand Chaplain in 2006. As a Senior DeMolay, he is proud of his Chevalier Degree and his Legion of Honor recognition. He also holds the Rainbow Grand Cross of Color, and was the 100th Master of Sanger Lodge No. 316.

Our Brother is escorted by his wife, Kay, also a member of Raisina Fresno Chapter. Serving as Worthy Matron twice and as our Grand Adah in 2000, she also holds the Rainbow Cross of Color. Brother Larry and Sister Kay have one daughter and one grandson.

Donna: Continuing as our Grand Secretary is Sister Maryann Barrios from Hollywood Chapter in South Pasadena. Her connection with the Masonic Family began when her daughter became a member of Job's Daughters. She is a Member of Honor of Job's Daughter International and served as Guardian Treasurer and a council member of her daughter's Bethel for several years.

Sister Maryann is supported on stage by the Worthy Patron of her Chapter, Brother Le Roi Crandall, to be greeted at the bottom of stairs by her husband, Brother Art, a member of Hollywood Chapter and strong supporter of DeMolay. Sister Maryann and Brother Art have two children and one grandson.

David: Burbank Chapter No. 352 is home of our Grand Treasurer, Sister Donna German. She served her chapter as Worthy Matron in 1989, 2001, and 2007. She served in 1991 to 1993 as the Grand Representative of Rhode Island in California and was Deputy Grand Matron in 1997. In 2005, she served as our Grand Ruth. Her five years' experience on the Finance Committee will prove useful this year as she serves as our Grand Treasurer. Sister Donna has four children, seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

She is escorted this evening by Brother Bob Elger, a five time Worthy Patron of his chapter, who has also served Grand Chapter on many committees.

Donna: Continuing her travel up the Grand Line is our Grand Conductress, Sister Kim Hegg. She served as Worthy Matron in 1999, 2002 and 2008 in San Lorenzo Chapter in Hayward, where she will become a 25 year member in 2009. She served as a Deputy Grand Matron in 2001. Sister Kim has one daughter, who is a Past Worthy Advisor of her Rainbow Assembly, and received the Grand Cross of Color.

An interesting side note: Sister Kim served as Worthy Advisor the same year that her parents, Sister Sheri and Brother Al Weisser served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of their chapter.

Kim is escorted by her father, Brother Al Weisser, who has served as Worthy Patron five times in San Lorenzo Chapter, is a Past Master of his Lodge, and is recipient of the Grand Cross of Color. Brother Al is currently serving on a committee for the Grand Lodge of California.

David: Becoming an official member of the Grand Line is our Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Linda Bernhard, from Ungava Chapter in Riverside. She has just completed her year as Grand Marshal, and also served as Grand Martha in 2003. Sister Linda was a Deputy Grand Matron in 2000 - 2001, and was Worthy Matron in 1995. She is currently serving her second term as a Trustee of our Senior Living Center. She has served as a member of the Job's Daughters Bethel council, and has two children, and just this year became a grandma for the first time.

Sister Linda is escorted by Brother Clair Meske, the Executive Director of our Senior Living Community, and a brand new member of Ungava Chapter.

Donna: Offering prayers for our Members and Grand Family for 2009 will be our Grand Chaplain, Brother Jim Wilson. He is a member of La Sierra Venus Chapter in Fresno, where he served as Worthy Patron in 2002. Brother Jim will also be serving this year as President of the California Eastern Star Foundation, of which he has been a member since 2004. Brother Jim has served as an Advisor for DeMolay, and is involved with the Scottish Rite Language Disorders Clinic. Brother Jim is very proud of the long list of family members who have been a part of the Masonic family.

He is escorted by his wife, Sister Pam, a Past Matron of La Sierra Venus Chapter, who served as Deputy Grand Matron in 2007. Sister Pam's grandfather and uncle were both Past Masters. Brother Jim and Sister Pam have three children and eight grandchildren.

David: Carrying the baton as our Grand Marshal will be Sister Sarahann Shapiro, from Valley Star Chapter in Los Altos. She has served twice as Worthy Matron, Deputy Grand Matron in 2003, and has been serving as the Grand Warder during the 2008 year. She is a long standing member of our Jurisprudence Committee, having been chairman of that committee four times.

She was privileged to have her father serve with her as Worthy Patron in 1996, being the first father daughter pair to serve together in their Chapter.

Sister Sarahann is escorted by Brother Bill Malmstrom, a Past Patron of her Chapter, who has served as a Grand Representative in 2005 and 2006.

Donna: Music is the part of our Worthy Grand Patron's emblem, and the music will be provided by our Grand Organist Margaret Wolford from Manzanita Chapter in Morgan Hill. She has been a Worthy Matron three times, and served 13 different years as Organist for her Chapter, as well as sharing her talents with many other Chapters. Sister Margaret served as a Deputy Grand Matron in 2005. She is a Past Worthy Advisor and Past Mother Advisor of Rainbow where she is currently on the Advisory Board, and holds the Grand Cross of Color. She is proud of her Masonic background that dates back to the Revolutionary War time.

Sister Margaret is escorted by her husband, Steven, a former member of DeMolay. They have two children and five grandchildren.

David: The Blue Ray of our Star will be filled by our Sister Barbara Rahl, who will be sitting as Grand Adah for the ensuing year. She served her Chapter as Worthy Matron in 1996, 2000, 2001 and 2007. She was also Deputy Grand Matron in 2001. Sister Barbara is a Past Honored Queen of Job's Daughters, and has a long history of Masonry in her family.

She is escorted by her husband, Brother Jack, a Past Master and four time Worthy Patron, who has been involved with DeMolay and Rainbow, and is currently serving on our We Care Committee. Sister Barbara and Brother Jack have two children and eight grandchildren.

Donna: The station of Grand Ruth will be occupied by Sister Shirley Evans in 2009. She has been a member of Semper Fidelis Chapter in Livermore for almost 40 years, serving as Worthy Matron in 1988. She served as a Deputy Grand Matron in 2006 and 2007. She is a Past Honored Queen of Job's Daughters, and was the charter Worthy Advisor of Rainbow Assembly No. 246. Her parents are both active in Lodge and in Chapter.

Sister Shirley is escorted tonight by her brother Jonathan, who was a member of DeMolay.

David: Wearing the crown representing Queen Esther, will be Sister Chris Dias, from Riverside Chapter. Chris served as Worth Matron in 2001 and 2005. She is currently serving as a member of our Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees. Sister Chris is also serving as Mother Advisor of Helen G. McCallum Assembly of Rainbow for Girls.

She is supported tonight by her husband, Simon, a Past Patron of Riverside Chapter, who served the Order as Grand Warder in 2007. He is also active in Rainbow, where he is currently a member of the Grand Executive Committee. Both he and Chris are recipients of the Grand Cross of Color. They have twin daughters, who are Past Worthy Advisors of Helen G. McCallum Assembly, and who both served as Grand Officers.

Donna: Yorba Linda Chapter is the home of Sister Deborah Winn, who will be representing the Green Ray of our Star as Grand Martha this year. She served the Chapter as Worthy Matron in 2003. Sister Deb has been very active in many Grand Chapter committees. She is a Past Honored Queen of Job's Daughters, and a Majority Member of Rainbow Girls. She also served as the Southern California DeMolay Sweetheart. Sister Deb is escorted by her husband, Dennis, who is a Senior DeMolay.

David: The Red Ray of our Star will shine as Sister Sherrie Wilkerson radiates her love as our Grand Electa in 2009. Sister Sherrie is a member of Chula Vista and Estrella Chapters, and served as Worthy Matron in 2002. She has just completed an adventurous year as President of the Southern California Deputy Grand Matrons Association for 2008. She is a Past Worthy Advisor of Rainbow, and is the recipient of the Grand Cross of Color. Her Masonic involvement also includes membership in the Daughters of the Nile.

Sister Sherrie is escorted by Brother Walt Kennedy, a Past Patron of Chula Vista Chapter, who also has Rainbow ties and has been a great supporter of the DeMolay Chapters, as well.

Donna: Guarding the inner door of our Grand Chapter, will be Brother Art Weiss, who is a member of Conejo Valley Chapter, Thousand Oaks, and recently became a member of our new Rob Morris Chapter, which is under dispensation. Brother Art is a four time Worthy Patron of Conejo Valley Chapter. He served Grand Lodge as Grand Marshal in 2005, and as Grand Chaplain in 2008. He has been an active supporter of DeMolay and Job's Daughters, and is very proud to note that he is a fifth generation Mason.

Brother Art is escorted by his wife, Sister Barbara, who has served twice as Worthy Matron, as a Deputy Grand Matron in 1998, and as Grand Ruth in 2006. They have one daughter.

David: From Bellflower Chapter is our Grand Sentinel, Mike Winford. He is a four time Worthy Patron of his Chapter. He is also proud of his involvement as a Rainbow Dad and Advisory Board Chairman. He currently serves as a Grand Lodge Ambassador, and as the Secretary of his Temple Board.

Mike has one daughter and two grandchildren. He is escorted by Millie Taylor, who will be the Worthy Matron for Bellflower Chapter in 2009. She was very excited when Mike asked her to be his escort for this evening, and says her feet have still not touched the ground.

So as these new of officers assume their leadership role, we wish for them a year filled with exciting experiences, many new friendships and cherished memories that will stay with them forever.

Donna: We know they will be great role models, living out the watchwords of their year of Patience, Faith Patriotism, Love, Leadership, Respect, Courage, Integrity and Harmony. We promise our dedicated support to make their year successful, and one that will consistently promote the good of the Order.

CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION

Worthy Grand Matron	Barbara Scott (557)
Worthy Grand Patron	JD Hammett (21)
Associate Grand Matron	Beverly Wade (556)
Associate Grand Patron	Larry Coffin (89)
Grand Secretary	Maryann Barrios (21)
Grand Treasurer	Donna German (352)
Grand Conductress	Kim Hegg (177)
Associate Grand Conductress	Linda Bernhard (106)
Grand Chaplain	James Wilson II (555)
Grand Marshal	Sarahann Shapiro (141)
Grand Organist	Margaret Wolford (31/342)
Grand Adah	Barbara Rahl (13)
Grand Ruth	Shirley Evans (135)
Grand Esther	Christine Dias (622)
Grand Martha	Deborah Winn (347)

Grand Electa
Grand Warder
Grand Sentinel

Sherrie Wilkerson (345/412)
Art Weiss (632/UD)
Mike Winford (397)

PROCLAMATION

Collette Serio Gole, Jr. PGM: Sister Barbara, Worthy Grand Matron, I now present you with the gavel, a symbol of your authority. I know that you will use it with honor and love for our Order, while being responsive to the needs of our members.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Collette, we have traveled together since 2004 when you were Grand Marshal and my husband, Brother John, was Grand Warder. You have been and will always be a terrific Big Sister. You are the Big Sister I never had. It is indeed an honor to have you present to me your gavel that you have used this evening. Thank you.

Sister Collette, Junior Past Worthy Grand Matron, do you have a presentation to make at this time?

Collette Serio Gole, Jr. PGM: Sister Barbara, my Little Sister, it has been a pleasure to travel with you and John over the last several years. I wish you a wonderful year as the Presiding Officer of California Eastern Star. I present to you the Isabella Harrison Hilditch necklace. This necklace has been worn by those that served before you. I have worn this necklace with pride and honor for our Order. I know you will wear it with the same pride that you serve our Order. I also present you with the seal of our Order, and the keys to the Grand Chapter Office. All of these are preserved in this beautiful treasure chest.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Collette, thank you for presenting to me the Isabella Harrison Hilditch necklace. I am truly honored to be able to wear such a beautiful necklace that has been worn by and passed down from Worthy Grand Matron to Worthy Grand Matron. I will cherish it this year and pass it down to my Little Sister next year, so that the tradition may continue. Brother Jim, do you have a presentation to make at this time?

Jim Whiteley, Jr. PGP: Brother JD, you have been a great Little Brother, and you have contributed very much to the success of our year, and I thank you for that. I have no doubt that you and Sister Barbara will team up with your talents and lead our great Order to new heights. A year ago, Brother Skip entrusted me with these tools and it is my turn to pass them on to you.

It is my privilege to present to you this platinum Worthy Grand Patron ring that was first worn by Brother J. Hartley Taylor in 1935, and was later given to Brother Joseph Reed in 1949. In addition, I present to you this beautiful platinum traveling pin that was first worn by Brother Joseph Reed in 1949. Both of these were donated to the Grand Chapter by Mary Reed in 1966.

I have worn both of these with much honor and dignity this past year, and I know you will wear them in the same manner as Worthy Grand Patron for your year.

JD Hammett, Worthy Grand Patron: You truly are the best big brother, Jim. Thank you for all the advice and counsel this past year. I have been honored to serve with you and with Sister Collette this past year. You made us all very, very proud to be a part of your 2008 Grand Family. It is an honor for me to be entrusted with these jewels. It is a long tradition that you have described, and these are such great artifacts of our Order. I hope that I can bring as much honor to them in this next year as you have done this past year. Thank you, and you have left some pretty big shoes to fill.

Jim Whiteley, Jr. PGP: Thank you.

JD Hammett, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Barbara, Worthy Grand Matron, it's an honor for me to present to you the emblem of your authority, a gavel and sounding block. The gavel is made of purple heart wood, and the sounding block is made of bodack wood. It is kind of a yellowish color. This wood came from South America, and the band is inscribed: Barbara J. Scott, Worthy Grand Matron and JD Hammett, Worthy Grand Patron. I hope you will enjoy this gavel and sounding block, and I know that you will use it wisely and well. These were made with much love by George and Melissa Cronin.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: The sounding block is a beautiful sunflower.

JD, the gavel is absolutely gorgeous. I know that our 2009 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons will be honored to use such a beautiful gavel as they preside at their Official Visits in 2009. Sister Collette, thank you so much for letting me use your gavel this evening.

Sister Susan White, Brother Gary Gole, do you have a presentation at this time? Curtis and Evan, do you have a presentation at this time?

Susan White, GGCCM: This beautiful Installation Ceremony this evening is a culmination of another fabulous Session of our Grand Chapter, and the beginning of a new year. Best wishes, Barbara and JD, for 2009. For 2008, I congratulate you, Sister Collette, on carrying your vision of the "Field of Dreams" throughout the state. You and your Grand Officer Team worked very hard and spent countless hours and made an important impact on our state.

It is my pleasure and privilege, on behalf of the members of California, to help present your jewel. I know that Evan, Gary and Curtis will be really thrilled to present it. May your jewel always represent your feelings of awe as you guide the destiny of our Order to new heights in this star filled year. Although it isn't an Oscar, please think of your jewel as a shiny token of your service you so diligently rendered. I'm happy to present it, and say: The envelope, please.

Gary Gole, PP (21): Thank you, Sister Sue.

How do you guys feel being the son of a has been?

Collette, the boys and I are so proud of you.

Evan Gole: Mom, we are very, very proud of you.

Curtis Gole: Mom, we certainly are.

Gary Gole, PP (21): Evan, do you have a presentation for mom?

Evan Gole: No.

Gary Gole, PP (21): Curtis, do you have a presentation for mom?

Curtis Gole: No. Dad, don't you remember that last week we took a vote?

Evan Gole: Yeah, dad, that vote was last week.

Gary Gole, PP (21): What vote did we take?

Curtis Gole: We had three items to vote on.

Evan Gole: Yeah. We voted on three items, and we took a written ballot.

Gary Gole, PP (21): Oh, yeah. We voted on whether we should use mom's jewel money to buy season tickets to UCLA basketball, or buy season tickets to the UCLA football, or buy mom's jewel.

Curtis Gole: And guess what, mom? Buying your jewel came last.

Evan Gole: So, mom, when the tickets come, we will let you wear them.

Gary Gole, PP (21): I know you love the kids and your husband, you would never be disappointed in what decisions we made — you always told us to think outside the box — and we know you will respect our decision. We didn't want to do the same thing that others have done. We wanted different results. We love you. Thank you.

Evan Gole: Dad, maybe we should they rethink our decision.

Curtis Gole: And if we want to go home, I think we better.

Gary Gole, PP (21): Okay, guys. Collette, we are so proud of you. We know that you gave all your best to the Order for the last five years. We love you and so we present you with two boxes, not one box.

Collette Serio Gole, Jr. PGM: I have a beautiful Eastern Star necklace and diamond and sapphire earrings. This necklace and earrings represent many wonderful memories in Eastern Star, as well as my year as Worthy Grand Matron. I selected a necklace and a pair of earrings that could be worn at any time. Thank you to the members of the California Eastern Star and for my family for these beautiful gifts. I do see some Bruins tickets underneath here.

Thank you for helping me Keep the Vision of Eastern Star Alive.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Cherri and Brother Dave Buck, do you have a presentation to make at this time?

David Buck, PGP: Sister Cherri, would you bring our Junior Past Grand Patron to the dais?

Jim and Cherri, I am so pleased and honored to have been asked to be a participant in this presentation of your Past Grand Patron's jewel. This afternoon in your Farewell speech, you indicated that it was your hope that you be considered worthy of the title Worthy Grand Patron. Clearly, you are. You, with Cherri, have done a yeoman's job this year, and we are so very proud of you. If and when Grand Chapter ever gets around to recognizing the Past Grand Patron's wives, surely the theme song that they will have would be, "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen".

Now I understand that you have purchased a fine piece of furniture for your home, which I am told is a grandfather clock. Hopefully, we will hear a little more about that from Cherri. But we want you to know that that clock represents the love gifts that you received throughout the state from your Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. And every time it chimes, you should remember that that is evidence of their love and admiration for you, and Cherri, as well.

I would be terribly remiss and never forgiven if I didn't tell you how proud the 2005 Grand Family is of you. We truly love you both.

Sister Cherri, at this time we will ask you to do the honors.

Cherri Whiteley, PM (59): Jim, the love and pride I feel for you at this moment are endless.

Like an eagle, you have taken flight, soaring throughout the state and keeping keen vision for the good of our Order. You have well lived by your watchwords of Light, Harmony and Kindness, with your beacon providing guidance and direction, attempting to light of future of our Order as we work together in harmony. I can only hope that the members of California Eastern Star appreciate the fine quality of the gentleman that they have had serve them this year. No one could dispute the kindness that you have shown to the members of California, or the kindnesses they have shown to you. A constant memory of that kindness will be on the grandfather clock that is gracing our hallway, along with the Past Grand Patron pin that has been designed for you. I pray that you will be able to wear it in good health for many years to come.

Jim Whiteley, Jr. PGP: After much thought, I decided to take a cue from my Brother Dave Buck and purchase a grandfather clock in lieu of a major piece of jewelry. One of the reasons I made this choice is because the clock is something that Cherri and I can enjoy together in recognition of all that she has done to help make the last two years possible. Also, every time I hear it chime,

I will remember all of the wonderful members that I have been privileged to meet and work with, and every time that I look at it, I will be reminded of our beautiful Order and the great lessons that are taught by our ritual. It will indeed represent many, many great memories.

Brother David, thank you for assisting Cherri in this presentation. I value your friendship and I have considered your wisdom during my journey over the past two years.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: The 2008 Grand Chapter year presented a strategic plan, a road map for our Order, and we know that this will Keep the Vision Alive for Eastern Star in your Masonic family. A special thanks to Collette, Gary, Jim and Cherri for your emphasis on the members of our Order this year. Thank you for being such wonderful friends.

JD Hammett, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Collette, Brother Jim and the 2008 Grand Family, you have had a wonderful year. Thank you for your creative ideas, challenging us to keep our vision alive, and stressing leadership and communication. You have continually made an impact not only on our Order, but on all of us.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Loyal Stark for being our welcoming Host this evening. Your commitment to our order is an example of service at the highest level. You are an inspiration to all of us, and we thank you for the encouragement and support you always give us.

JD Hammett, Worthy Grand Patron: The music tonight was wonderful.

It was done by the GOOFYS, Grand Organists of Former Years. Why wouldn't it be wonderful? My Little Sister of 2005, Donna Wilson, thank you. Your Installation music was beautiful. My Big Sister, Nellis Johnson, thank you so much for your prelude. We always have fun listening to you.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: We thank the Distinguished and Honored Members that have participated in tonight's Installation. JD and I have a special connection with each of you. We appreciate your service and being part of this special evening. All of our Distinguished Members have 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, implement the strategic plan for the future of Eastern Star.

JD Hammett, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Brother Steve Nicholas, for installing me this evening. Beautiful job and thank you. I enjoyed being a part of your and Sister Sue's 2004 Grand Family, along with Sister Ruth and Brother Alan.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Donna Herring and Brother Dave Buck and the 2005 Grand Family, thank you for your vote of confidence by selecting me as your Grand Marshal of our Order. I appreciate your advice and support, Donna. Also, a special thanks to John and Bonnie for the service they give to our Order.

JD Hammett, Worthy Grand Patron: 2009 Grand Family, you are quite a group. They surely know how to have fun. Would you believe, they even know how to sing? Maybe you'll get to hear them sing this year. Watch out, California, these Shining Stars are hitting the Star Trail in 2009. Thank you for saying yes.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: 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.

JD Hammett, Worthy Grand Patron: The elected Grand Line and their escorts are an awesome group. We have worked together on many weekends, and long road trips. The future of our Order continues to look great, considering the talents of our upcoming leaders. We look forward to our continued work together, and we are here to support you.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: We have appointed 51 Deputy Grand Matrons to serve our Order this year. Please stand. We thank each of you in advance for the work that you will be doing with your respective districts.

Sister Terry Gentry has been appointed as our Director of the Deputy Grand Matrons. Please work with her and, if you have any questions, anything you want to talk about, any time, e mail or call her. And remember, she's a little quiet and a little shy when it comes to e mails and talking on the phone.

2009 DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

Terry Gentry (47)	Director	Donna Howard (62)	10
Nancy Guy (23)	1	Cathy Solem (428)	11
Kathleen Whisler (131)	2	Linda Peck (639/36)	12
Melissa Terrano Danger (51)	3	Carol Griffin (28/60)	13
Laird Crandall (650/14)	4	Maribeth Yu (58)	14
Barbara Wonacott (86)	5	Mimi Davis (219/215)	15
Betty Wiard (35)	6	Marie O'Neil (3)	16
Ruth Ann McCurry (56)	7	Mary Carlson (384/140)	17
Sheila Forster (40/57)	8	Barbara Journeay (8/140)	18
Kathy Randall (631/385)	9	Kelley James (103)	19

Linda Meek (252)	20	Tammy Kolodziej (172)	36
Claudia Unger (195/128)	21	Virginia Fischer (425)	37
Sharon Acevedo (342)	22	Robin Logan (171/160)	38
Mary Ellen Golbek (18)	23	Diane Stanley (449)	39
Bernice Brooks (66)	24	Judy Edgmon (163)	40
Cathy Gibson (372/165)	25	Janice Mullard (147)	41
Cassandra Mooney (333)	26	Bonnie Buck (197)	42
Hazel Bruce (417/296)	27	Kathi Brant (242)	43
Debbi Booth (365)	28	Caroline Mazzara-D'Angelo (110/UD)	44
Jeanne Esheim (93)	29	Lorene Luce (212)	45
Debbie Eller (13)	30	Joyce Swalley (106)	46
Doris Davis (391)	31	Lois Hoven (241)	47
Beverly Thompson (107/344)	32	BJ Porter (360)	48
Barbara Weaver (78)	33	Jeannette Murray (154)	49
Dorothy Russell (327)	34	Sandra Geanoulis (490/96)	50
Pam Whittle (338)	35	Wanda Preuss (345)	51

JD Hammett, Worthy Grand Patron: We look forward to working with our Grand Representatives this year. Thank you for sending the vision of CA Eastern Star to your respective jurisdictions.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: Will the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2009 please rise. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you over the last several years. Those of you that are new to our group, we welcome you. We have enjoyed seeing you at each event as we traveled the state. Your commitment to the success of your respective Chapters and our Order has made this a spectacular journey. Thanks for living and keeping the vision of Eastern Star alive.

JD Hammett, Worthy Grand Patron: Our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons have become a wonderful team, and we wish you a very successful year, and don't forget to have fun along the way.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: The 2005 Grand Family planned this Installation for you. They have worked with the 2005 Deputy Grand Matrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. Thank each of you for everything you have done to make this a most wonderful evening. Your talents are truly evident.

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

(by Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron)

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother JD Hammett, Sister Collette Gole, Junior Past Grand Matron, Brother Jim Whiteley, Junior Past Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, our 2009 Grand Family, our 2009 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, Sisters and Brothers, Family and our many Friends.

Thank you our members for having the confidence in me to elect me as your 2009 Worthy Grand Matron. This is indeed an honor that I never expected. I want to thank Sister Donna Herring and Brother Dave Buck for having the vision of the future to appoint me to a pathway that started in 2005 and is a reality today. I will do my best to lead the Order into the future. And with the support of our Distinguished Members and the continued support of our local Chapters and the fantastic members of our Order, I see our Star shining bright for 2009. Sisters and Brothers we are all members, and we need to work together for the prosperity of our beautiful Order.

Brother JD, Thank-you for saying Yes (even though you did not even know I asked you!) to serving with me in 2009. You have been a devoted member of the Order and have given of your time and talent throughout the Masonic Family. Johnnye, thank you for being there for JD, John and me. You always know what to say and have such patience and understanding of situations. We love you!

Would Fort Millerton Chapter and the California Sunflowers please stand? Thank you for everything you say and do. We are small in number but mighty in strength. We love you all very much and are looking forward to a terrific 2009 year. Would the following members please stand: our Grand Line and their escorts, our 2009 Grand Officers, and their escorts, our 2009 Deputy Grand Matrons, our Grand Representatives, and our 2009 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. Without each one of you doing your job, our job would be unbearable. Thank you for saying Yes and keeping your Star bright for 2009.

Sister Donna Herring, and John, Brother Dave Buck, and Bonnie, and the 2005 Grand Family, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for putting together such a beautiful Installation. Words cannot express my love for each of you and what you have done these past 4 years in putting this Installation together. You are Marvelous!!!!!!!!!!

To John, my husband of 25 years this December, our children Robert and Katie, my mom Vivian, and my many friends here tonight, thank-you for loaning me to Eastern Star for these past 5 years. I am very grateful for the honor that has been bestowed on me for this 2009 year, but always remember that I am your wife and mother, daughter and friend first and foremost, and I love you each so very much.

For 2009 JD and I will be looking at increasing our membership and looking to each of you for the leadership in your respective chapters. We have planned seven IMPACT sessions throughout the state, and are focusing on the membership and leadership of our Order. Every one of you is a leader in your chapter and we know that by working together as a family we can add new members to our beautiful Order. Please plan on attending an IMPACT session in your area. We again will be having our WE CARE program, focusing on our men and women serving in our armed forces. Why not sponsor a troop or brigade unit this year. Our WE CARE chairmen will be happy to give you the name of a contact person to start your chapter off, in sending needed supplies and goodies to the men and women protecting our freedoms. The Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, was such a success that we again will have our teams. If you have participated in the last two years or are new this year, give our co-chairman a call and let them know you are ready to Relay for a cure for Cancer. In talking with the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center at UCLA this year, we have chosen them for 2009, with an emphasis on Childhood Cancers. Remember that 96 cents of every dollar goes directly to research. When Eastern Star hits the \$100,000 mark in donations, the name of Eastern Star is put on a plaque in the facility. What a way to reach out in our community and tell them that the Order of the Eastern Star is working together to help find a cure for Cancer.

For 2009 I would like each of our members to think about the word "Communication". In the Webster Dictionary, communication means "the act of imparting news or information verbally or in writing", and "the science of transmitting information." Sounds very simple, doesn't it. However, communication or misinterpretation of communication or lack thereof communication has sunk ships, misfired missiles, lost wars, hurt feelings, lost members and closed chapters. If communication is so easy, why are we having a problem in communicating? At the Grand Chapter level, information is sent to each chapter, each chapter secretary, and each officer from their Grand Officer, in writing and now also in e-mail. Subordinate Chapters/Districts/ or Associations can have a quarterly newsletter where communication is in writing or e-mailed to all members, a local chapter can have a calling committee, where every member is called about every meeting or event and is invited to come. If there is a question concerning the communication in writing or e-mail, the member receiving it has a name to go back to ask any questions about it. Please, let's try not to interpret a communication unless you sent it, and always refer the question or

comment back to the original sender. If the communication was verbal, please do not ask just anyone about it, but go back to the original person who said it to get his or her exact words, so that a very important message is not changed or misunderstood. Lets all work together on improving our communication skills, so peace and harmony will prevail in our Order.

Thank you again for coming this evening and supporting our 2009 Grand Family. May each of you have a safe journey home, and a “Make the Star Shine in 2009 Year”, a year filled with Peace, Health, Happiness, and Love. And always remember to, “Take One Day at a Time, Make New Friendships, and Treasure Your Memories.” Thank-you.

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

(By JD Hammett, Worthy Grand Patron)

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Scott, Jr. Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Jr. Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, the 2009 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, Sisters, Brothers, Family, and Friends.

Everyone here knows about my musical background. How many times does music just say things better than words? At a time like this the song that comes to my mind is “If My Friends Could See Me Now”. Wow! What an evening. I wish to thank the members of California Eastern Star for affording me this singular honor. It is with a great deal of humility and pride that I stand here as your Worthy Grand Patron. I will do the best of my ability and with the help of God endeavor to serve this Grand Chapter in a manner that will reflect honor on our Order and maintain the high standards set by those distinguished and honorable Brothers that have gone this way before.

Sister Barbara, I thank you for your confidence in me and for extending this high honor by asking me to take this journey with you. I congratulate you and vow my loyalty and support not only for this year but always. I know that along with Brother John and Sister/Mom Johnnye we will have a most memorable and successful year making the stars shine in 2009.

Would the members of Hollywood Chapter please stand? It is not easy having a Worthy Grand Matron in one year and then have that year followed by a Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you for all you have done for me and will continue to do this next year. I will always be grateful to each of you for your untiring support.

I know that there is at least one member of Hatch Chapter No 52, Hatch, NM present. I have received so many calls and letters of congratulations from my home chapter in Hatch and thank them for their support from a distance.

Would the members of the Order of the Amaranth please rise? Honored Ladies and Sir Knights you are also my Sisters and Brothers. Thank you for being here tonight. You are examples of Masonic Families working together for the betterment of our communities. Grand Associate Matron HL Linda Walker, my dear friend, and Grand Associate Patron, Richard Wing, what an honor it is to share this year of service together! I wish you both a year of success and happiness – know that I will do whatever I can for you.

How do you balance a professional career and being Worthy Grand Patron?

You have a very understanding and supportive boss. Unfortunately, my boss Linda Carmody could not be with us this evening but I still must thank her. She is a daily inspiration to me. She is the type of person we all want to be around — she is a mentor, a motivator, and a person that pushes us to do more than we thought we could while being compassionate and caring. All this while being a cancer survivor, battling MS, and recovering from knee replacement surgery! Thank you Linda for helping me to keep everything in perspective, to take one day at a time, and not to take myself so seriously. You are the best.

My friends and family:

2004 Grand Family, thank you so much for being here, Sister Sue, Brother Steve. For your support and your continued support, thank you. Sarilyn Stine, Collette Gole's special little bird of 2004, thank you for your continued support. Sarilyn, you are true blue. You don't know how much how much your e mail hugs mean to me on a daily basis. I know that Derrick couldn't be here, but I feel their spirit. Tell them I miss them. Thank you for all you do for me.

Rhonda and David Bezner, you are my special kids. Wow, what you don't do for me. I appreciate you so much. Please know that you and Connor and David have a very special place in my heart. I love you.

You know, in life, I was fortunate to have been blessed with a sister, and unfortunate to have her taken away at the age of 13, when I was 12. Sometimes we are lucky because someone comes along to fill a void. Sister Collette, you truly are my sister. Thank you for your advice, sharing, tears, laughter, and joy that you give me on a daily basis. Thank you for sharing your family, Mr. Gole, Evan and Curtis, and Grandma Adah. And for benefit of you five people, one time, and one time only, publicly: Go Bruins!

Would my family please stand. This is my Uncle Bill and Aunt Cindy Hammett, of Antioch; Chayne Mitchell, my aunt, of Fortuna. Thank you so much for being here. My cousins, Billy and Linda Higgins — I was the ring bearer at their wedding — came especially from Texas to be with me tonight.

What a great surprise that my cousin Teri Henly from Sacramento was able to be here tonight. The night is more special because you are here to share it with me. I love you.

Sister Mom, Johnnye Hammett a 50 year plus member of our order that served as Worthy Matron in 1962. I never dreamed that when I was holding the ritual for you while you learned your work that I would be in this position.

I thank all of you for your love, your encouragement and your sacrifices as you have supported me through the years. I dedicate this evening to you.

There are so many songs with beautiful lyrics that are so appropriate for tonight; Songs of joy, gratitude, change, inspiration, and hope. I regret that I don't have a beautiful trained voice so that I could sing many of them for your tonight. Maybe I should sing . . . it would certainly keep things short.

One song that comes to mind is from Disney's Brother Bear that describes some of the feelings I have this evening:

“Tell every body I’m on my way,
New friends and new places to see.
With blue skies ahead,
Yes, I’m on my way
And there’s no where else that I’d rather be.
And I’m loving every step I take.
With the sun beating down.
And I can’t keep this smile off my face
Cause there’s nothing like seeing each other again
No matter what the distance between.
And the stories that we tell will make you smile
Oh it really lifts my heart.
Yes I’m on my way.”

As we enter the 2009 year our Order is faced with many challenges some of which are declining memberships, consolidations, and fear to try something different or new. Those of you that have attended our IMPACT sessions have heard me say time and again — “The only true insanity is doing the same thing, the same way, over and over, and expecting different results”. We have to be willing to take a chance to reach out into the community, to provide our members something meaningful and worthwhile to work for and to keep our Eastern Star vision alive.

We now have a strategic plan, a road map, a guide for CA Eastern Star. This guide will help us chart and navigate the course for our beloved Order. The Grand Line working together and with the support of the membership will start planning and mapping a course that our CA Eastern Star will move toward during the next five years. We need your input and will be listening to you the members to make improvements as we go forward.

We must continue choosing our attitudes. By choosing positive attitudes and eliminating the negative will can and will achieve our goals. Being respectful of our sisters and brothers; not finding fault in something but finding the good in it; approaching things and participating with enthusiasm not grumbling because it is different; being the first to lend support and generate enthusiastic ideas not sitting on the back row criticizing, boycotting and speaking evil of a sister or brother because they are trying to make a difference — trying to improve and keep our order thriving and alive. Remember if we fail, at least we failed trying something new – we learn from mistakes, make some adjustments and move forward looking at our goals so that we can and will achieve our goals. Working together we can set positive goals with reasonable expectations.

There is a song from “Snoopy! The Musical” that supports what I have just said. It is entitled “Just One Person”.

If just one person believes in you
Deep enough and strong enough
Believes in you
Hard enough and long enough
Before you knew it
Someone else would think;
“If He can do it, I can do it”

Making it two.
Two whole people who believe in you.
And if two whole people believe in you
Deep enough and strong enough
Believe in you
Hard enough and long enough
There’s bound to be some other person
Who believes in making it a three-some
Making it three people you can say
Believe in me.

And if three whole people, why not four
And if four whole people, why not more
And more and more?

And when all those people believe in you
Deep enough and strong enough
Believe in you
Hard enough and long enough
It stands to reason
You yourself would start to see
What everybody sees in you
And maybe even you
Can believe in you too.

In my office and in my home I have prominently displayed a quote that I strive to live by on a daily basis, “Be the change you want to see in the world.”

Sisters and Brothers in 2009 we can be the change in our Eastern Star world that we want to see. With leadership, respect, courage, integrity, and harmony showing us the way we will accomplish our goals and keep Eastern Star alive and moving in positive directions.

As we go through life we need to remember: “A day without music and laughter is a wasted day”.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sarahann Shapiro, would you come to the East, please.

Sarahann Shapiro, Grand Marshal: I’m in trouble already.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sarahann, JD and I would like to present to you this very special gift, again made by Brother George Cronin, out of that very special wood. And I know the Marshals of California will look forward to using this particular item at their Official Visit.

Sarahann Shapiro, Grand Marshal: It is an absolutely beautiful Marshal’s baton thank you so much George and Melissa out of this lovely purple heart wood. And it says: Sarahann Shapiro, Grand Marshal 2009, presented by Barbara Scott and JD Hammett.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: Would our next Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Larry and his First Lady of Masonry, Sister Lynn, would you please approach the podium.

Brother Larry and I have been talking and planning together since we met several years ago, and we have scheduled a couple of activities together. On behalf of JD and myself, we would like to present to you this very special token of our love. And the First Lady is in charge of this particular item. At our home, my son raises turtles and tortoises. And no, this is not a live one. We have about 150 in our home, and I want you to make sure that you know the difference between a turtle and a tortoise. A turtle is water, primarily, and tortoise is land. Our emblem is a tortoise. So this tortoise is for you to take care of in your home. And Sister Lynn, since you are the lady of the house, I know you will know what to do with it.

Most Worshipful Larry Adamson: It’s a beautiful Waterman pen. I thank you both for that gift. I have just a couple things, quickly.

Collette, for your benefit, from a strictly Trojan perspective, I hope that those tickets that the family bought you were for the UCLA football team. I understand they are a real bargain these days.

And, I know over this next year your travels will be over a rough and rugged road, one beset with emergency stops and the need to fulfill hunger. And since unhealthy minds think alike, we thought we would present to you your own packages of gift certificates and items to In and Out, so you could never go without.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Associate Grand Matron, have you any further business to bring before this Grand Chapter.

Beverly Wade, Associate Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Matron, there is none within my knowledge.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Secretary is there any business on your desk to be brought before this Grand Chapter?

Maryann Barrios, Grand Secretary: There is nothing on my desk, Worthy Grand Matron.

JD Hammett, Worthy Grand Patron: All Grand Chapter pictures, including tonight's Installation, will be displayed tonight in the Exhibit Hall after Installation, and tomorrow morning in the Radisson Hotel, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 NOON.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: Does a Sister or Brother present have any business to offer for consideration of this Grand Chapter?

(No response.)

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: We will proceed to close.

CLOSING

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: Please unite with us in singing the 2009 Closing Ode, "Let the Sun Shine In". The words are printed on the back of your program.

CLOSING ODE

"Let the Sun Shine In"

So let the Sun Shine in,
Face It with a Grin.
Smilers Never Lose,
And Frowners Never Win.
So Let the Star Shine In,
Face It with a Grin.

Open up your heart and let the Star Shine in.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Grand Chaplain, lead our devotions.

PRAYER

(by Jim Wilson, Grand Chaplain)

Our Dear Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for each gift from Thy boundless hand. For the pleasures of leaving in the evening, for the memory of this fateful day, and each morning when we arise, in the evening for protection, and an unending prayer of thanksgiving for blessings that come our way. May the days and hour be spent wisely, and each one be faithfully done that, at last, when life's labors are finished, we may hear Thy approval, "Well done." Bless Thy children, oh Father, we ask Thy guidance all along life's way, and in Thy love may we ever abide. Amen.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress, attend at the Altar.

(The Grand Conductress attended the altar.)

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, to be duly closed. Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, family and friends, I have one presentation that this person does not know about that I would like to do right now, before I give you any other instructions. Would JD Hammett please approach the podium.

Worthy Grand Patron Papa Bear, as he is now known on behalf of my husband, John and myself, we decided that the Worthy Grand Matron's Bible will be used for signing at all of the Official Visits and events, but the Worthy Grand Patron also needs an item. And so, Brother John and I would like to present to you your own Bible to be signed at the Official Visits. And I do believe that your Grand Warder down there will be totally responsible for your Bible.

JD Hammett, Worthy Grand Patron: This bag is made out of music material. I thought it was more music. It is my Bible, and the back pages have my emblems and places for the 2009 Worthy Matrons and Patrons to sign.

We have this little person from New Mexico that is an artist, and we found this in a special place, so I hope this will find a special place in your home. And, no, it is not a turtle.

Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron: Oh, it is an absolutely gorgeous. And I can't pronounce it, because if I pronounce it, I will mess it all up. De Grazia. It has got a beautiful carved sunflower and a beautiful picture, and it has a little poem on the back. It is just beautiful. You will have to come up and see.

From JD and I, to all of you, please drive safely, have safe journeys. And if you would like to greet the Grand Officers, they will be stationed at their stations approximately three feet off of the carpet, or off of their seat where they are at, so they can start tearing down this evening. But you are welcome to come and greet them and give them your love. Thank you again for attending this special evening. Good night.

RECESSIONAL

(Proceedings concluded.)



Collette Gail
Worthy Grand Matron

Jim Whiteley
Worthy Grand Patron

Maryann Barrios
Grand Secretary



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AM/AP Carrying Pieces	2005 Northern Deputy Grand Matrons
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2008 GRAND CHAPTER WEEK COMMITTEES

Grand Chapter Week

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Advisor

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Art & Barbara Weiss (632) — 2010 — Group 2

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Arts and Crafts

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Lynda Giggy (202)

Janice Hardy (154)

Pat Stokes (428/681)

Banquets

Kim Wattles (3)

Cancer Dressing Gift Wrap

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

Sandra Butler (211)

Kathy Johnson (162)

Lorene Luce (212)

Virginia Mills (162)

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Edna Skeens (211)

Committee Rooms

Cynthia Smiley (128/342)

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Sharon Wilson (106/648)	Darlene Adrian (515)
Janet Allard (282/47)	Dixie Batto (189)
Mary Baysdorfer (95)	Karalee Beatie (234/384)
Bob Bernsdorf (384/42)	Debbie Bernsdorf (384/42)
Toni Coburn (57)	Kathy Cryderman (234/384)
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Marjean O'Neil (215/101)	Nancy Powers (205)
Casey Rainey (117)	Myrtle Reid (95)
Vicki Ridenour (282/47)	Jean Rosewall (110)
Patricia Starr (360)	Ginny Stevenson (95)
Alma Strong (95)	Ruth Tetley (144)

Joanne Wright (177)

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Dennis Smith (58/47)	Cindy Wolcott (352)

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Peggy Buck (397) — Co-Chairman

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Ginny Stout (524/78) — Co-Chairman

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Les Schultz (319) — Captain

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Ann Elger (352)

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Phyllis Green (273/89)

Carol Hanna (97)

Sue Heller (59)

Lois Holden (233)

Sandy Jopson (48)

Susan Lorenzen (384/8)

Virginia Maestrini (380)

Sandy Morrey (385/163)

Ruth Nicholas (60)

Doris Parrish, PGM (163/360)

DeeDee Price (310)

Terry Ramos (60)

Tom Remington (276)

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Sandy Butler (211)

Joyce Cheney (202)

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Norma Cornell (384)

Bob Creager (358)

Cheri Detweiler (557)

June Dwyer (109)

Bob Elger (352)

Margaret Foley (186)

Terry Gentry (47)

Mary Green (333)

Ila Hammond (241)

Aida Heidke (397)

Linda Hoeser (161/48)

Jerry Jones (36)

Martha Kauer (602)

Diane Lotspeich (185)/78)

Patricia Maxwell (412)

Joy Murphy (417)

Ella Norris (177)

Martha Pfershy (160/173)

Kay Quillin (205)

Marjorie Rasmussen (427)

Sue Reynoso (428)

Kathie Runcie (31)

Dennis Smith (581/47)

Nancy Stiles (60)

Louise Taylor (245)

Geri Terry (384)

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Wilma Vinson (273)	Debra Watts (602)
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Barbara Wiedenhoef (14)	JoAnne Wright (177)

Beverly You (186/1)

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Linda Peck (639)	Joy Smith (109)

Fun Night

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Grand Choir — 2008 Singing Stars

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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 (174)
Dottie Cronin (174)	Carole Bennet (36)
Merwyn Bergquist (108)	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)	Wend Eisenberg (186/557)
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Peg McElroy (549/161)	Cindy Murphy (76/57)
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Wanda Preuss (390)	Dean Ragsdale (335)
Jerry Davis (219)	Mimi Davis (219)
Millie Schneider (384)	Sue Nash (384)
Peg Bogard (259)	June Hoerler (28)
Suszi Voudouris (233)	Virginia Vandanakker (60)

Wendy Wooten (547)

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Walt Kennedy (345) — Captain

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Robert Bernsdorf (384)	Roderick Betham (56)
Martin Carlson (385/140)	Jerry Colanter (76)
James Davis (237)	Joe Fischer (425)
Margarite Gilbert (449)	Donald Hammond (241)
Aneth Harris (397)	John Hoffman (125)
Doug Hudson (96)	Flora Jansen (397)
John Jansen (397)	Dale Naylor (300)
Ed Nelson (485)	Susan Premo (632)

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Phyllis Chinn (47)	Annapegg Eckroth (327)
Linda Frost (3)	Linda Mason (338)
Barbara McDaniels (47)	Nancy Nordstrom (78)
Pat Westerman (189)	Peg McElroy (549)

Peggy Salm (60/28)

Grand Pages

To the Worthy Grand Matron

Margaret Aldershof (21) — Co-Chairman

Margaret Gaston (21)	Adah Serio (21)
Edith Anda (21)	Bill Dean

Alberta Aldershof (21) — Honorary Page

To the Worthy Grand Patron

Martha Peters (59) — Co-Chairman

Janice Lund (59)	René Bassett (59)
Francis "Junior" Bishop (46/252)	Annette Vowell (59/17)
Sharon Davis (59)	Michael Logan (171/160)

To the Associate Grand Matron

Josette Losurdo (557)	Linda Cantrell (557)

To the Associate Grand Patron

Rondel Bezner (21)	David Bezner (21)

To the Grand Secretary.....Carole Gaston (21) — Chairman
To the Grand Treasurer Lauren Maiman (245)
To the Grand Conductress.....Ruth Wick (556)
To the Associate Grand Conductress..... Evelyn Buderus (177)
To the Grand Chaplain Donald Kittleman (8)
To the Grand Marshal Kim Cooke (106)
To the Grand Organist..... Karen Fiegehen (358)
To Grand Adah Dorothy Lo Schiavo (252)
To Grand Ruth..... Nancy McQuater (162)
To Grand Esther..... Linda Bray (403)
To Grand Martha Cindy Baker (174)
To Grand Electa..... Barbara Schierenberg (36)
To the Grand Warder Molly Anne Steele (250/203)
To the Grand Sentinel..... Carolyn Roberts (46/273)

To the Past Most Worthy Grand Matron..... Jean Hopton (59/292)
To the Past Most Worthy Grand Patron Alan White (524)

To the Worthy Grand Organist Deborah Winn (347)

To Distinguished Members

Kat Farris (347) Robin Barnes (172/163)
 Linda Skipworth (547)

To the Special Courtesies Committee Patricia Whitehill(3)
To the Advisor.....Delma Davis(31)

Grand Pages at Large

Libby Palius (21/403) Liz Rogers (21/578)
 Linda Walker (21/578) Susan Callens (299/160)
 Ray Winn (21/299) Sally Wells (47)

 Chris Dias (622)

Health and Personal Service

Lenora Knight (163/310) — Chairman
 Beverly Byard (348/417) — Co-Chairman

Housing

June Dwyer (109) — Chairman
 Katie Nielsen (348/358) — Co-Chairman
 Robin Barnes (163/172)

Installation

Donna Herring, GGCCM (555) — Chairman
 Bonnie Buck (197) — Co-Chairman
 2005 Grand Officers

Lost and Found/Information

Joyce Honerlah (45)

Masonic Family Honor Session

Janet Robinson, PGM (348) — Chairman
Kent and Denise Armstrong (348) — Co-Chairmen

Music

Don Snyder (21/UD) — Chairman

Necrology/Divine Service

Doug Eichen (143) — Chairman
Larry Coffin (89) — Co-Chairman
John Herring (555) — Co-Chairman
Susan White, GGCCM (287/524) — Consultant

Parliamentarian

Alyson Grant (96/358) — Chairman
Sherry Glab (110) — Co-Chairman

Pictures

Ann & Bob Elger (352)

Programs

Richard and Yvonne Clinton (250) — Chairmen
Tricia Stewart (17/23)

Publicity

Margaret Wolford (31/342)

Safety Coordinators

Jerry Chandler (642) — Chairman
Steve Johnson (2) — Co-Chairman

Seating

Patricia & Ken Miller (145)

Secretarial Services

Secretary to the General Chairman

Katie Nielsen (348/358)

Legislative Committee

Susie Thornton (21) — Chairman

Bette Ahrens (31/48)

Della Seith (178)

General Membership

Jan McPherson (428)

Set-up Grand Chapter Floor — Auditorium

Ann and Dave Smith (637) — Chairmen
Becky & Bob Davis (555) — Co-Chairmen

Signs

Gwen Quinton (125)

Sound and Lighting

Harry and Sharon Hardwick (103/161) — Chairmen

Special Duties

Jan Smith (83/104) — Chairman

Darrel Deatherage (82/104) — Co-Chairman

Transportation

George Cronin, II (174) — Chairman

Rory Richardson (160) — Co-Chairman

Vendor Coordinator

Todd Williams (46/273) — Co-Chairman

Leroy Foote (557) — Co-Chairman

COMMITTEE REPORTS NOT GIVEN DURING SESSION

CANCER ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

Mary Kay Bowser, PM, Chairman (177)

During the last year, I had a conversation with Russell Kleber, the Controller regarding the situation of the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund paying out more money for benefits than it had received in donations. It was determined that any further applications would be sent to the J. Clifford Lee Fund until further notice.

Since our last Grand Chapter Session, 33 applications have been approved. They are as follows:

JCLee	27 for \$15,000 each
Marguerite Rennie	6 for \$15,000 each

These funds help a great number of our members who are in need. This will only continue if the donations keep coming in. I know we are asked to support a lot of different projects, but I certainly hope you will all remember the cancer funds.

I have said many times in the past, and I will say it again, that I believe this is one of the most important causes we have in Eastern Star.

COURTESIES TO DIGNITARIES

Laurella Kerr, PGT, Chairman (123/384)

It was my pleasure to be a member of this committee this year. The members of this committee have worked very hard during 2008 in preparing items for Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, and many out of state dignitaries, Deputy Grand Matrons and, Grand Representatives. Our Chairman Sister Sandi Sakamoto took suddenly ill and is still in critical condition. Therefore, I was asked to step up to the plate and take over for her. With the help of the other committee members we were able to make some important decisions and fulfill the wishes of Sister Collette. Unfortunately there were no records kept and the book of previous year's records has not been found. Several sisters who have served on this committee before, volunteered to help me, plus two Grand Pages.

Our committee made 100 denim bags stuffed with many goodies for the California and out of state dignitaries. They also each received a corsage and/ or boutonniere. Special tote bags were made for the Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron filled with goodies plus a basket filled with wine, crackers etc. Each of the Grand Officers received a personalized steering wheel covers and many special made gifts. Jewelry bags

and Kleenex holders were made for the Deputies, 100 clothes hangers and covers were made for the Grand Representatives, and 50 carrying pieces were made for the Inner Guards. Five baskets were filled with gift cards for In and Out Burger, I tunes, fruit, snack bars and candy were made up for the Youth speakers at the Masonic session.

Other items made and /or purchased for all Dignitaries, were 100 shoe bags, 100 book covers, 100 sewing kits, 50 bibs, 100 needle holders, post-it notes, granola bars, hard candies, trail mix and bottled water. Special gifts were given to the Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, the Worthy Grand Organist, and the Grand Master.

I would like to give a special thanks to those that stepped up to the plate and joined this committee to help me this year, June Deatherage, Betty Ozunas, Gayle and John Togersen, Sally Wells and those on the Courtesies to Dignitaries for Sandi Sakamoto. Our thanks, also, to all those that stopped by to wish us well and just say “hello”.

Worthy Grand Matron, it was my pleasure to complete the duties of this committee this year.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS

Michael Cornell, PGP, Chairman (384)

As the Chairman of the Dispensations and Charters Committee for the year 2008, I am required to submit my annual report. I am sorry to say that there was no action taken by this committee. No applications for either a Dispensation or a Charter were received. I know next year's Chairman and committee are looking forward to receiving a request for a Charter.

The entire committee of Gene Stiles, Past Grand Patron, David Skipworth, Past Grand Patron, and I were ready, willing and able, but to no avail.

We thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Collette Serio Gole, for this opportunity to serve.

EASTERN STAR PATIENT COMFORT PROGRAM

Karen Fiegehen, Chairman (358)

This year I have been State Chairman for the Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program. I thank our Worthy Grand Matron Collette for this appointment and wish Zelma Ladendorff, next year's State Chairman, good luck this next year.

The Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program is an important part of our Eastern Star Charities and how worthwhile it is. With the help of the Area and Station Chairmen we are able to make items that assist Cancer patients.

This year we have focused on finding places in the community where we can get our name 'out there' and share our items with those who need them.

Please remember our Cancer Comfort items are for anyone — neighbors, relatives, friends, and co-workers — not just members of the Eastern Star. It is up to all of us to get the word out so that everyone knows we are here to help.

We currently have 40 Stations throughout the State; as of September we have approximately 21,834 hours of service given to the Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program with approximately 22,065 items given to various hospitals, camps, cancer stations, etc. with lots more in various storage locations, ready for distribution. Remember to let your area or station chairman know of any outlet you have for our items. We are always looking for people who might be willing to assist in making our items — talk it up and see if you can find some new folks to work in the station near your home. We will happily take any donations of supplies which you may have — fabric, batting, good “old” sheets, thread, yarn, etc.

This year we have attempted to make contact with various nursing homes, senior living centers, hospice and other places where our items might be helpful.

Several of our workers have come up with some new ideas for items. Please let your Area Chairman know if you have any ideas for items or how we might be able to better serve victims of Cancer.

This worthwhile ‘Service’ of our Eastern Star is worthy of the support of each member of our Order. Please remember to THANK your area and individual station chairman and their helpers. Without their many hours of work these Cancer Comfort Items would never be received by those in need.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Diane West, Chairman (141/195)

The duties of this committee are to read the proceedings from various Grand Chapters and report the same to Grand Chapter, just as it has done in for decades. In most Grand Jurisdictions, the job of Fraternal Correspondence belongs to the Grand Line Officers. Our Worthy Grand Matron appoints a chairman and two or three other members to serve on the committee. I thank Past Matrons Claudia Unger (128/195) and Ires Sutton (78) for their participation on this committee. We read from the comfort of our easy chairs and reported on 35 jurisdictions that we found to be very interesting.

As chairman of the committee, I created a format to use as a guideline for obtaining interesting information that might be of interest to the membership in California. I decided that the election of Grand Line officers, special charities, and membership efforts might be of special interest to our members. Unfortunately, all jurisdictions showed a loss in membership, some as much

as 10%. Each Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron is concerned with the declining membership and has made great efforts to stop the loss by starting programs to retain the current members and encourage eligible people to join the Order.

Alberta August 2006 Membership: 2,541 Chapters: 50

The “Claddaugh” Session was held in Calgary. They elect a Grand Sentinel. Dual members may hold elective offices in both chapters at once except for serving as WM and Secretary at the same time.

Arizona August 2006 Membership: 4,550 Chapters: 41

The “Light Your World” Session was held in Tucson. They raised funds for various Eastern Star charities amounting to \$15,218 and \$6,566 to Katrina relief. One brother ran for Grand Sentinel. Five sisters ran for Associate Grand Conductress, one being a current grand officer. The jurisdiction has unlimited debate on resolutions.

Alabama October 2006 Membership: 9,822 Chapters: 137

The “Covenant of Love” Session was held in Birmingham. The husband of the Worthy Grand Matron served as Grand Sentinel as the Grand Sentinel died during the year. The Grand Chapter supported the University of Alabama Cancer Center and Make a Face project of the Shrine Hospital. They sold jewelry to support their charities and took a loss of \$1,132.

Australia June 2007 Membership: 3,919 Chapters: 114

The United Grand Chapter of Australia met in Adelaide for their biannual session. They supported many charities, reporting \$414,804 given by the membership. Membership is declining in the outlying areas causing difficulties in maintaining their Grand Chapter.

British Columbia and Yukon May 2007 Membership: 4,289 Chapters: 56

The “From the Southern Cross to the Northern Light” Session was held in Colwood, BC. They donated money for research freezers for cancer and \$94,000 to the British Columbia Cancer Agency. They had one candidate for Grand Sentinel who will then run for Associate Grand Patron the next year. There were four candidates for the office of Associate Grand Conductress, none of which were Grand Officers the previous year. In their Constitution, it states that all officers must wear long white dresses to all meetings.

Colorado September 2006 Membership: 7,680 Chapters: 53

The “Angels Among Us” Session was held in Denver. They raised \$4,500 for their special projects - youth and scholarships - with the sale of bear pins. Stuffed animals and 1,500 blankets were donated as Heavenly Hugs. One Past Patron ran for the office of Grand Sentinel, who will then run for Associate

Grand Patron the following year. Two Past Matrons ran for Associate Grand Conductress. Neither sister was a Grand Officer the previous year. A resolution to recognize Prince Hall Eastern Star was defeated. They have an annual campout.

Connecticut April 2007 Membership: 4,365 Chapters: 35

The “Starlight Star Bright” session was held in Farmington. Their state projects consisted of ESTARL and Eastern Star hospital fund for which they raised almost \$29,000. They had one candidate for the office of Grand Sentinel. There was one candidate for the office of Associate Grand Conductress and she had served as a Grand Officer the previous year.

District of Columbia April 2004 Membership: 1,265 Chapters: 6

The “Heart of the Nation” session was held at the Dulles Airport Hilton. They raised \$35,120 for their charities: the Home, International Headquarters, ESTARL, and Cancer just to name a few. They elected an Associate Grand Conductress who was a write-in candidate. Elections were held in a separate room of the hotel for two hours. Ballots are pre-printed and candidates are either sponsored or write-ins. There is one District Deputy Grand Matron and has a school of instruction consisting of questions and answers. They voted to allow any member to be appointed a Grand Representative or committee member of Grand Chapter.

Florida April 2007 Membership: 18,089 Chapters: 151

The “Garden of Dreams” session was held in Jacksonville. They raised \$164,817 to support Hospice and Palliative Care in the Masonic Home. There are only three residents in the Masonic Home. There were three candidates for the office of Grand Sentinel and six candidates for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Teller tables were set up in the Grand Chapter room for elections. The Worthy Grand Patron appointed the tellers during the session. A motion was passed to prohibit cell phone in meeting of subordinate chapters and Grand Chapter.

Georgia June 2005 Membership: 12,712 Chapters: 151

The AGAPE Session held in Macon. The project for the year was called Bunnies and Fiends for Kids. There are two District Deputies in each district; one sister and one brother. There were six candidates for the office of AGP and 5 candidates for the office of AGC. Various PGMS and Grand Officers gave the prayers at Grand Chapter. The members sit by districts during Grand Chapter Sessions. They held a fraternal day during the year called “Together We Can”.

Idaho June 2006 Membership: 5,764 Chapters: 42

The Winter Memories Session was held in Sun Valley. There are 866 members with 50 plus years of membership. They elect a Grand Sentinel. Two ran for AGC. One candidate was a current Grand Officer. The Grand Organist does not need to be a PM or PP. Their project was wigs for cancer patients.

Illinois October 2006 Membership: 24,683 Chapters: 207

The Always in My Heart Session was held in Springfield. They supported Cancer Funds, Heart Funds, Diabetes, and the OES Home. An annual Teddy Bear golf tournament made \$5,191 and a Teddy Bear stroll made \$8,633 to support various charities. To be a candidate for the line, the member cannot be a grand officer the year previous year.

Kansas April 2007 Membership: 15,322 Chapters: 115

The Spirit of Christmas Session was held in Topeka at the Eastern Star Masonic Eastern Star Chapel. There was one candidate for Gr. Sentinel. The AGM runs for a two year term; one as AGM and the other as WGM. Kansas has District Aids instead of Deputies. The WGM's project supported Ovarian Cancer and teddy bears for Ronald McDonald House.

Maine May 2007 Membership: 9,253 Chapters: 77

The Believe in Your Dreams Session was held in Augusta. \$65,400 was donated to various charities. In that jurisdiction, one can be appointed more than once as a Grand Representative and may be a WM or WP but must be an active member for at least 10 years. There were three candidates for the office of Grand Sentinel and two for AGC. No candidate was a Grand officer the previous year. They held a Spring Fling and a Fall dinner dance to raise money.

Manitoba May 2007 Membership: 1,210 Chapters: 15

The Down Memory Lane Session was held in Winnipeg. There are 1,210 members in 15 chapters. They raised \$27,266 for Braille books for children, Cancer Camp for Kids, and Star Theater. 450 Izzy dolls were given to the Air Force. These dolls are given to the children in Afghanistan.

Massachusetts May 2006 Membership: 9,879 Chapters: 68

The Quilt of Faith Session was held in Lowell. Four chapters have 300 plus members. They raised \$37,945 for charity projects that included supporting no kill animal shelters, diabetes research, breast cancer and Parkinson's disease. 75 Scholarships were awarded to deserving students. Two ran for Grand Sentinel and 3 for AGC.

Maryland April 2006 Membership: 7,995 Chapters: 54

The Youth Bridges the Way Session was held in Ocean City. They supported the Masonic Youth Orders and Alzheimer's disease. The jurisdiction raised \$25,704 for the state projects. They have a Grand Lecturer and 48 Deputy Grand Lectures.

Minnesota May 2007 Membership: 8,448 Chapters: 80

The Miles and Smiles Session took place in St. Cloud. They raised \$113,414 in a "Partners for Life" campaign for the Masonic Oncology Pavilion at the University of Minnesota. To be a candidate for the office of AGC they must have served as a District Instructor and passed the oral and written Instructor's examination.

Mississippi April 2006 Membership: 8,110 Chapters: 128

The Footprints of Faith Session was held in Jackson. Mississippi is the home of the Rob Morris Little Red Schoolhouse. They supported the Knight's Templar Eye Fund, Cancer research, and Alzheimer research by raising \$63,296. There were three candidates for the office of AGC who had been Grand Officers in previous years. They honor various members by appointing then Grand Chapter Mom, Grand Chapter Grandma, and Grand Chapter Dad.

Missouri October 2006 Membership: 21,566 Chapters: 217

The God's Grand Design Session was held in Columbus. They raised \$80,162 for the various Eastern Star charities and the beauty shop at the Masonic Home. There were two candidates for the office of AGP and four current Grand Officers were candidates for the office of AGC. All amendments to the instruction book were voted on in one motion.

Nebraska May 2007 Membership: 20,656 Chapters: 113

The Love is in the Air Session was held in Lincoln. There is a Masonic Eastern Star home that also takes care of children. At each Official Visit the Grand Officers exemplified initiation

Nevada October 2006 Membership: 2,592 Chapters: 22

The Harvest of Our Gifts Session was held in Winnemucca. The jurisdiction has 2,592 members and 22 chapters. They donated 1,200 stuffed animals and 600 books to the Gift of Reading Project.

New Mexico October 2006 Membership: 3,719 Chapters: 35

The Stars of Enchantment Session was held in Albuquerque. They donated 600 quilts and blankets to Project Linus. They also supported Project Nova. Two candidates ran for AGP and AGC. One chapter was suspended for lack of interest and a quorum at their meetings. An initiation ceremony is performed at all WGM Official Visits

New York October 2006 Membership: 22,538 Chapters: 281

The Every Day is a Gift Session was held in Sarasota Springs. As they are not part of our General Grand Chapter, the presiding officers are the MWGM and MWGP. \$31,000 was donated to various charities. Each district has a sister that serves as Deputy Grand Matron and a brother that serves as Grand Lecturer. The favorite activity of the residents of the Home is a trip to the beach to Jet Ski. Average age is over 90.

North Carolina June 2006 Membership: 12,928 Chapters: 186

The Spirit of Peace Session was held in New Bern. Their primary charity is the Masonic Eastern Star Home. They have a craft fair and golf tournaments to raise fund. Their most successful project was the Peanut Project where they made \$88, 251 selling cases of peanuts. Each district has a District Deputy Grand Matron and a District Deputy Grand Patron who are responsible for giving guidance to the chapters on their work and promoting the WGM & WGP projects.

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island July 2006 Membership: 2,745

The Garden of Memories Session was held in Charlotteville, PEI. The WGM accepted quilts in lieu of monetary gifts. Quilts were given to 312 children in hospitals. A Grand Chapter Mother is appointed to represent members over the age of 90.

Oklahoma October 2006 Membership: 12,697 Chapters: 137

The Under the Big Top of Love Session was held in Oklahoma City. \$70,000 was raised with a golf tournament and peanut sale. The Grand Secretary can live in the Grand Chapter building and use one of the bedrooms. The WGM is given the use of a van to drive to during her year. All Grand officers have personal pages.

Quebec October 2006 Membership: 575

The Hold On To Your Dreams Session was held in Granby and attended by 138 members. They supported Guide Dogs for the Blind by raising \$7,000. A Rookie s Club was created to have presentations on various topics and is open to all members

Rhode Island October 2006 Membership: 1,540 Chapters: 11

The Treads of Friendship Session was held in Cranston. They raised \$10,050 for Breast Cancer Research and the Shiners" Hospital. One of their projects was a bowl-a-thon that raised \$2,000 for Breast Cancer. They also donated 200 stuffed animals to hospitals. The WGP also served in 1980 as WGP. The JGP was elected to serve as WGP.

Tennessee April 2007 Membership: 22,842 Chapters: 193

The Jesus is the Light Session was held in Nashville. No legislation was presented at Grand Chapter. Only the WGM can request amendments and if the PGMs and PGPs do not approve it, the subject is dropped. Almost \$40,000 was raised for their projects.

Texas August 2006 Membership: 40,910 Chapters: 429

The Surrounded by God's Love Session was held in Fort Worth. Their main project was the Bundles of Joy project for the Scottish Rite Hospital. They received greetings from President and Mrs. Bush. They have earned \$228,272 to have General Grand Chapter 2012 in Texas when they have the MWGM. Each Grand Line Officer has a personal secretary appointed by the WGM.

Utah October 2006 Membership: 1,381 Chapters: 19

The Loving, Giving and Forgiving Session was held in Salt Lake City. They had a Mystery Dinner Theater evening that raised \$1,000, The Charity event raised \$2,600 and a Caribbean Cruise raised \$1,200. They collected stuffed animals for Kids in Trauma and the Shrine Hospital. They elect a Gr. Sentinel. They have a Gr. Lecture that gives the chapters love and instruction

Vermont June 2007 Membership: 3,092 Chapters: 43

The Forest of Angels Session was held in West Dover. Their state project was "Families First" that serves special needs of children and young adults. They were given \$8,237. They also supported Mountainside Homes which supports two homeless shelters for teenagers

West Virginia October 2006 Membership: 15,054 Chapters: 99

The Cherish Your Dreams Session was held in Charleston. They gave \$46,000 to various charities. Three PP ran for the office of Grand Sentinel. There were five candidates for the office of AGC. They enjoyed a trip to Branson, Missouri.

MARGUERITE RENNIE MEMORIAL CANCER FUND

Janet Jopson, PM, Chairman (48/46)

I thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for allowing me the privilege of serving our members as chairman of the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Cancer Fund.

This is a time you hope never comes into your life, but sometimes does, and must be dealt with. Many of our members apologize for needing this assistance and need to be reminded that this is exactly why we have all given to these Funds. It's as if you have an insurance plan and hope you never need

it. Our researchers are making headway on many types of Cancer and with that information, more of our Sisters and Brothers are able to live and enjoy a longer life. As the chairman, you stand on the sideline, do what you can to help ease their minds and pray for their complete recovery.

While going through the treatments each family sends the bills to the chairman; bills are recorded and approval sent to the Grand Chapter Office for payment. The family has the peace of mind that the life-saving treatments are being paid and they can use their finances for their day-to-day bills.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Patricia Whitehill, PM, Chairman (3)

The committee met in Vallejo at the home of the Chairman, Patti Whitehill. Two members were present, Brenda Hanson-Smith and Brenda Hansen. Don Nielson and Terry Holtz were unable to attend, but were consulted by telephone at each step in the decision process.

We are happy to announce that thanks to the Grand Chapter office, we were able to go “green” this year. Thank you to a member of the office staff, who scanned all the applications into a computer, and the committee received CDs to read from instead of copying the applications. And there were only 151 applications to scan!

We are happy to announce that we were able to award 116 scholarships. There were 74 at \$1000.00 scholarships, 21 at \$750.00 scholarships, 20 at 500.00 and San Lorenzo Chapter was able to present 1 at \$760.00.

Also at our committee meeting we brainstormed recommendations for the future committees and the Grand Chapter Office so the process will run smoother. I have attached our recommendations as well as our updated application to this report. Also attached is a list of recipients and the amounts they received.

We are happy to inform you that the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were able to participate in presentations this year as many were completed at Official Visits.

Thank you to the Committee for the hard work and the Grand Secretary and the Office staff for their invaluable assistance.

SPECIAL COURTESIES COMMITTEE

Sherie Gustafson, PGM, Chairman (310/89)

Our committee consisted of Sherie Gustafson, PGM, (310/89), Sue McKinney, PGM (643), and Danna Willoughby, GGCCM – Youth, (163). It was an honor to work with many of our members in planning and setting up the Special Courtesies once again during your “*Field of Dreams*” Grand Chapter session. This is my fifth time to work on this committee and my third time to be chairman. It

is a lot of work, but I must that you that it is most rewarding as we greet and meet our many out-of-state members as well as our very own distinguished and honored members, and many of our very own special members who like to stop by for a visit.

A big thank you to the Credentials Committee, for having two of their committee members signing in our distinguished and honored members in the Special Courtesies room. It is so much easier on these special members.

A very special thank you to our sister Gloria Dillon, PM, wife of our Past Grand Patron Clinton Dillon, GGCCM – International Headquarters, for her famous homemade fudge. She makes and donates over forty pounds of fudge each year. She certainly knows how to win the hearts of all our members who stop in for that very special sweet bite.

Candy, cookies, nut breads, muffins, fruit and nuts are donated by so many of our willing members. A special thank you to our 1996, 1998, 2002 Eastern Star families, and the present and former Grand Representatives who have helped so graciously this year. Also Sister Patty Whitehill, PM (278), serving as a Grand Page, and assigned to us for those dignitaries who might need a little extra help.

Our members are so very generous with their time and talents. There can never be a monetary value put on the gift of a friend or their help. Sisters Diane Seifert, PM (57) and Barbara Weidenhoeft, PM (14) set up the room and worked with us to keep things going smoothly, along with the help of brother David Von Bima, PGP (33), and his wife, sister Debbie, PM (33), brother Warren Gustafson, PP (310/89) and Darrell Willoughby, PP (163).

The morning before session we served muffins, sweet rolls, English muffins with peanut butter and jelly, fruit, coffee and juice. Lunchtime saw cheese, salami, crackers, vegetables, fruit, bottled water, lemonade and sodas, as well as that needed pick-me-up sweet bite in the afternoon. The tables were decorated with fall colors, baseball trophies, sport steins, and patriotic items to fit the year of our Worthy Grand Matron and her "*Field of Dreams*".

The hotel staff were terrific to work with and very helpful.

Two dozen carnations in red and white were delivered to the rooms of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. One dozen pink and yellow roses were delivered to Sister Patricia Rasmusson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, and one dozen yellow roses were delivered to Loyal Stark, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, and Dennis Jordan, Worthy Grand Organist, Past Grand Patron of California.

I am most grateful to sister Susan White, GGCCM – Necrology, Advisor for Grand Chapter week; Dave and Kathy Long, General Chairmen, Sandi Butler and Bill Dean of the Grand Representatives Associations for working with me to combine the Grand Representative luncheon with the Courtesies to Dignitaries luncheon. Over 500 attended. Current Grand Representatives were asked to serve as hosts or hostesses at each table. All reservations were taken on a first-come-first-served basis, so we had members, Grand Representatives, visiting Grand Officers and escorts all joined together. The Courtesies to Dignitaries committee members were greeters at the door.

Introductions were limited to the head table; the speakers included the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, along with a soloist this year with a poem or two to add something a little different.

The signs we used this year for our Courtesies to Dignitaries room are to be used year after year.

All cookies, candies, snack items sodas and water were put on tables for the Masonic Family Honor Session on Saturday afternoon. It turns out that many of our members enjoyed the items left so that nothing had to go to waste. Any leftover unopened cookies will go to our troops.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for choosing the three of us to serve as your goodwill ambassadors for your session. We took our jobs seriously, and we did have fun! It is our hope that our out-of-state, distinguished and honored sisters and brothers will have enjoyed themselves and our golden chain of friendship will continue to circle our globe.

Recommendations:

- It would be wise to use some Grand Pages for this committee next year to assist in helping with our distinguished members especially with the change in venue in 2009.
- Registration should be a must with the new venue for all distinguished and honored members in the special courtesies room.
- There should be a member of the Courtesies to Dignitaries committee in the special courtesies room to make sure that people receive the gifts that have been made for them.

LEGISLATION

(Throughout the Session the various Committees presented the following legislation to the delegates.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS 2008

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1

Whereas, our Constitution and Laws currently require members from 100 Chapters to attend the Grand Chapter session to form a quorum for the conduct of business; and

Whereas, this quorum requirement represented approximately twenty percent (20%) of the number of Chapter in California at the time it was adopted; and

Whereas, the number of Chapters in California has dropped to less than 200; and

Whereas, a quorum requirement is supposed to be a minimal number of representatives necessary to conduct business;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the number of Chapters from which members must be present to form a quorum for Grand Chapter be changed from 100 Chapters to twenty percent (20%) of the number of Chapters in existence on the day before the opening of each Grand Chapter.

Signed: Sarahann Shapiro (250)
Stephanie F. Bezner (245/UD)
Linda Bernhard (106)

Section(s): 27

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. 1 has been referred, recommend a yes vote, because our number of Chapters has declined due to consolidation; this amendment would change to quorum from a set number to a percentage of Chapters.

(The vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

Sec. 27. **QUORUM.** One or more representatives of ~~one hundred~~ TWENTY PERCENT OF THE subordinate Chapters IN CALIFORNIA ON THE DAY BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE GRAND CHAPTER SESSION must be registered to constitute a quorum for transaction of business at any

regular or special session of Grand Chapter; provided, however, that the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron, or her or his duly authorized representative, with a sufficient number of members present to fill the stations, may open the Grand Chapter and perform the functions provided in Sections 25 and 26.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2

Whereas, The Constitution and Laws stipulates notice to members be by mail, wire, or personal service; and

Whereas, current written communication between individuals primarily utilizes the U.S. Mail, Electronic Mail (e-mail), and hand delivered memos; and

Whereas, wire or telegram is not a popular current communication form; and

Whereas, mail delivery costs have increased markedly over the past 30 years, and e-mail is relatively inexpensive;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that electronic mail (e-mail) shall be added to the list of sanctioned communication forms by the Grand Chapter of California for notifying members of Chapter Special Meetings and pending votes on amendments to Chapter by-laws with five (5) days notice if the member elects to receive such notices by e-mail.

Signed: Laird Crandall (650/14)
 Margaret "Peg" McElroy (161/549)
 Peggy Glander (338/104)

Section(s): 146

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

(by Len Froomin, PP (252))

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence to whom Proposed Amendment No. 2 has been referred, recommend a yes vote, because e-mail provides for rapid, inexpensive communication from a Chapter to its membership, provided the member approves that method of communication.

(The vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

Sec. 146. NOTICE: SPECIAL MEETINGS : AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTERS BYLAWS. Notice is required of all special meetings, except to attend or conduct funerals. It shall state the purpose for which the meeting is called and must be given by mail or wire or by personal service. HOWEVER,

IF SO REQUESTED BY A MEMBER, NOTICE MAY BE GIVEN TO SAID MEMBER BY E-MAIL AT AN E-MAIL ADDRESS PROVIDED BY SAID MEMBER SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING NOTICES. The Worthy Matron shall direct the Secretary as to the mode of notice in ample time for her to perform her duties.

Like notice is also required for amendments to Chapter bylaws.

...

IN THE CASE OF NOTICE BY E-MAIL TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO RECEIVE NOTICE IN THAT FASHION, THE SECRETARY SHALL CAUSE A NOTICE BY E-MAIL TO BE SENT TO EACH SUCH MEMBER AT THEIR SPECIFIED E-MAIL ADDRESS AT LEAST FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE TIME OF MEETING.

In case of notice by wire, the Secretary shall cause a notice by wire to be sent to each member at the last known place of residence, at least five days before the time of meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3

Whereas, the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund and Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund give assistance from the date of diagnosis; and

Whereas, the diagnosis may have occurred before the member was initiated; and

Whereas, when originally proposed, it was not the intent to give assistance prior to the applicant becoming a member;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that assistance will be given from the date of diagnosis or the date of initiation or affiliation, whichever is later.

Signed: Mary Kay Bowser (177)
 Linda Hoeser (48/161)
 Geraldine F. Jones (36)

Section(s): 89A(g), 89B(f), 89B(k), 89C(g), 89C(i)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, AND FINANCE

(by Tacy Lee, PM (S24))

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 3 has been referred, recommend a yes vote, because the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund and the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund will provide assistance from the date of diagnosis or from the date of Initiation or Affiliation, whichever is later.

(The vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

Sec. 89A. J. CLIFFORD LEE MEMORIAL CANCER FUND.

...

(g) An applicant for aid from the Fund will be reimbursed for bills incurred from the date of diagnosis OR THE DATE OF INITIATION INTO THE ORDER OR THE DATE OF AFFILIATION WITH A CHAPTER IN CALIFORNIA, WHICHEVER IS LATER. All bills submitted must be related to the treatment or diagnosis of cancer.

Sec. 89B. MARGUERITE RENNIE MEMORIAL FUND.

...

(k) An applicant for aid from the fund will be reimbursed for bills incurred from the date of diagnosis OR THE DATE OF INITIATION INTO THE ORDER OR THE DATE OF AFFILIATION WITH A CHAPTER IN CALIFORNIA, WHICHEVER IS LATER. All bills submitted must be related to the treatment or diagnosis of cancer.

Sec. 89C. CANCER ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE.

...

(i) An applicant for assistance will be reimbursed for bills incurred from the date of diagnosis OR THE DATE OF INITIATION INTO THE ORDER OR THE DATE OF AFFILIATION WITH A CHAPTER IN CALIFORNIA, WHICHEVER IS LATER. All bills submitted must be related to the treatment or diagnosis of cancer.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 4

Whereas, one of the duties of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee is to examine all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws and report thereon to Grand Chapter; and

Whereas, one of the duties of the Aims and Objectives Committee is to propose, and assist members of Grand Chapter in proposing, such legislation as will further the aims and objectives of the Order in California, thereby causing confusion among the membership by an appearance of duplication of duties;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the responsibility of assisting the members with proposing legislation be removed from the Aims and Objective committee and assigned to the Constitution and Bylaws committee.

Signed: Judy Dreiman (163)
 Melissa Cronin (174)
 Deborah Winn (347)

Section(s): 68(2), 70

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(by Kathleen MacDonald, PGM (195))

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, to whom Proposed Amendment No. 4 has been referred, recommend a yes vote, because the Constitution and Laws Committee has been providing assistance to members when requested.

(The vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

Sec. 68. **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES.** It shall be the duty of the Committee on Aims and Objectives:

- (1) 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 inferred therefrom;
- (2) To propose, and assist members of Grand Chapter in proposing, such legislation as will further the aims and objectives of the Order in California;
- (3) To advise and assist the elective Grand Officers in projecting future aims and objectives of the Order in California and to formulate plans for the implementation of those aims and objectives.

Sec. 70. **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.** It shall be the duty of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws:

- (5) TO ASSIST MEMBERS OF GRAND CHAPTER IN PROPOSING LEGISLATION TO AMEND OUR CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND INSTRUCTION BOOK;

(Renumber existing 5, 6, 7 to 6, 7, 8)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 5

Whereas, many of our longtime and faithful members, as they become older, may begin to suffer from loss of their cognitive abilities which may be diagnosed as dementia or Alzheimer's disease; and

Whereas, when these members can no longer function independently, and may need to live in a facility or with family, who may not realize the importance of their membership in the Order, may discontinue their membership or seek to terminate it; and

Whereas, the chapter has to annually vote to remit the member's dues and may decide to suspend that member for nonpayment of dues, not understanding the particular situation; and

Whereas, an individual's privacy and a family's right from invasion of disclosing personal health information should be protected utilizing HIPAA laws; and

Whereas, a statement issued from a family member or health care provider familiar with the cognitive loss situation confirms that the member is no longer able to independently function;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that when informed of a diagnosis of dementia or Alzheimer's disease, 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 the member to Grand Chapter.

Signed: Susan K. White (524/287)
Deborah Winn (347)
Katherine E.A. Streeter (147)

Section(s): 98, 245, 248, 252

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(by Denny Rae Grist, PGM (48))

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 5 has been referred, recommend a yes vote, because when members become unable to take care of themselves due to Alzheimer's or dementia, we do not want them to lose their membership because of their illness.

(The vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

Sec. 98. **EXEMPTIONS.** Neither Chapters nor members shall be required to pay such annual per capita fees, and special assessments on members:

(a) who have been made life members by virtue of having been a member for fifty years or more (see Section 193);

(b) who are members and residents of Eastern Star, Masonic or other entirely charitable homes;

(c) who have been adjudged legally insane;

(D) WHO HAVE BEEN GRANTED AN EXEMPTION BY THEIR CHAPTER AFTER A DIAGNOSIS OF DEMENTIA OR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE;

(Ed) whose Chapter dues for the next preceding six months, or longer, shall have been remitted at a stated meeting prior to June 30 of the calendar year in which any such revenue may become due (see Section 248).

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, THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN GRANTED AN EXEMPTION BY THEIR CHAPTER AFTER A DIAGNOSIS OF DEMENTIA OR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, and those who have been made life members because of fifty years membership as defined in Section 193.

Sec. 248. RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR **REMISSIONS** AND EXEMPTIONS. . . .

A Chapter may, by unanimous vote of the members present and voting, set the dues and assessments owed, by a suspended member applying for reinstatement after six months suspension for non-payment of dues, but no part of any assessment, owing or accrued, may be remitted. The chapter shall not be required to pay a suspended member's Eastern Star Home assessments.

AFTER BEING INFORMED OF THE DIAGNOSIS OF A MEMBER WITH DEMENTIA OR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, A CHAPTER MAY, BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING, EXEMPT SUCH MEMBER FROM ANY FURTHER PAYMENT OF DUES AND ASSESSMENTS. THE SECRETARY OF THE CHAPTER SHALL REPORT THE NAME OF THE MEMBER WHO HAS BEEN SO EXEMPTED IN HER NEXT REPORT ON EXEMPT MEMBERS.

(Leave rest of section in place.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 6

Whereas, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star must attain, at a minimum, the age of 68 years old, to be recognized as a 50-year member, if said member was initiated into the Order at the minimum required age of 18 years old; and

Whereas, a member is often older than the minimum of 68 years old when eligible to be recognized as a 50-year member; and

Whereas, our members, after retirement, often relocate their residence to be nearer to family members or friends to facilitate assistance with the requirements of day-to-day living; and

Whereas, a Chapter may grant a 50-year pin and certificate to a member who has been a member in good standing of the Order of the Eastern Star for 50 combined years in two or more jurisdictions under the General Grand Chapter; and

Whereas, a Chapter may also bestow, under certain conditions, a Life Membership upon said 50-year member; and

Whereas, a member must currently be a member in good standing in California for a minimum of 25 of those 50 years and a member of the Chapter granting the Life membership for a minimum of one year to be eligible for said Life Membership; and

Whereas, it requires a majority vote of the members of a Chapter voting thereon to bestow a Life Membership upon any 50-year Member; and

Whereas, a member in good standing with not less than five years' membership in this Grand Jurisdiction may apply for residence in the Senior Living Community, and receive other benefits of the Order in California;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that a Chapter may, upon majority vote of the members present and voting, grant a 50-year Life Membership to a member who has been a member in good standing of the Order of the Eastern Star for fifty combined years in two or more jurisdictions under the General Grand Chapter, and who has been a member in good standing in California for not less than five of those fifty years, and a member of the Chapter granting the Life Membership for a minimum of one year.

Signed: Diane Lotspeich (78/185)
Rae Deane Kleber (632)
Laura W. Kelley (642)

Section(s): 93

WITHDRAWN.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 7

Whereas, unfortunately, the membership in California Eastern Star is aging, declining in number, and becoming increasingly infirm, thus limiting the number of members physically capable and desirous of serving as elected and appointed officers of subordinate Chapters; and

Whereas, to express our love for our beautiful Order and to keep our organization viable, many members currently belong to and are actively participating in and supporting more than one subordinate Chapter; and

Whereas, a member may currently serve as an elected officer in her or his subordinate Chapter at the same time she or he serves as an appointed or elected Grand Officer in Grand Chapter, Grand Lodge or other Masonic body or fraternal organization, without reservation; and

Whereas, the Ritual specifies that the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress, and Associate Conductress are to be elected; and

Whereas, it is recognized that the complexity of responsibility and relative burden of duties of the elected officers of subordinate Chapters is dependent, among other things, upon the number of the members of said subordinate Chapter. For instance, the duties of the Secretary of a subordinate Chapter with 60 members will be substantially less time consuming than the commensurate duties of the Secretary of a subordinate Chapter with 300 members; and

Whereas, the annual election of officers of a subordinate Chapter in California is deemed to be a democratic process wherein candidates for office are elected at the discretion and by majority vote of the members of said subordinate Chapter present and voting, in accordance with the Ritual and C&L; and

Whereas, the C&L currently prohibits members from holding more than one elective in a subordinate Chapter at a time;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that upon the proper vote of the members of a subordinate Chapter, a Sister duly elected to and installed in the office of Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Conductress, or Associate Conductress in one subordinate Chapter, or a Brother duly elected and installed in the office of Worthy Patron or Associate Patron in one subordinate Chapter, may also be elected to and installed in the office of Secretary or Treasurer in her or his dual or plural subordinate Chapter. In no instance shall that member hold two elected offices in the same subordinate Chapter concurrently, be an elected line officer in two subordinate Chapters concurrently, or be elected either Secretary and/or Treasurer in two subordinate Chapters concurrently.

Signed: Diane Lotspeich (78/185)
Rae Deane Kleber (632)
Laura W. Kelley (642)

Section(s): 131

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. 7 has been referred, recommend a yes vote, because this would allow Chapters with limited resources for Officers to utilize their plural or dual members.

(The vote was taken.)

CARRYOVER.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 8

Whereas, in each subordinate chapter there may be the particular situation when the elected positions of Secretary and Treasurer are family members; and

Whereas, the number of chapters and overall membership is shrinking, and the officers of Secretary and Treasurer may be more difficult to fill; and

Whereas, it could be construed as a possible financial conflict when the Secretary and Treasurer are related; and

Whereas, we do not wish others, outside our organization, to feel we are not above the scrutiny of those reviewing our organization and its purposes;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that in the filling of the positions of Secretary and Treasurer of each subordinate chapter of the Grand Chapter, it will be expanded by offering and encouraging other members of the chapter to fill the positions, ensuring that the two members are not spouses, parent and child, or siblings.

Signed: Katherine E.A. Streeter (147)
Pamela J. Sandstrom (202)
Eva Paulson (144)

Section(s): 131

WITHDRAWN.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 9

Whereas, cancer has or will touch the lives of all members of the Order of the Eastern Star; and

Whereas, most other fraternal organizations are identified by their support of specific charitable projects (Shriners and Daughters of the Nile with their Children's Hospitals, Scottish Rite with their Childhood Language Disorder Clinics, Order of the Amaranth with Diabetes, Lion's Club with the Gift of Sight); and

Whereas, our goal is to make the name of Eastern Star synonymous with community service and cancer research;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Order of the Eastern Star of California designates the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life as a permanent not-for-profit event we support each year with our statewide teams. Local teams will generate funds by soliciting donations from their chapter members, friends, family, and the local communities.

Signed: Jackie Bozeman (62/36)
Janet Robinson (348)
Melissa Cronin (174)

Section(s): 91 new section B, renumber B to C

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. 9 has been referred, recommend a yes vote, because Relay for Life has been a charitable cause important to our members which provides great visibility to our Order.

(The vote was taken.)

CARRYOVER.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 10

Whereas, the safety, care and well being of our residents is the primary objective of the Trustees of the Eastern Star Homes of California; and

Whereas, it is becoming more and more apparent that the operation of the Eastern Star Senior Living Community is requiring specialized knowledge and expertise to not only administer the affairs of the Home but also the Outreach Program; and

Whereas, with our declining membership, finding qualified members with expertise in business, real estate management and health care is becoming more difficult; and

Whereas, training new Trustees is very expensive and time consuming;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that no Trustee may be elected to serve more than three (3) full terms as a Trustee, and in any event, no Trustee may serve more than ten (10) years.

Signed: Barbara J. Scott (557)
 Susan K. White (524/287)
 Donna German (352)

Section(s): 451

WITHDRAWN.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 11

Whereas, Eastern Star Homes of California (ESH) Senior Living Community (SLC) has for the first half of 2007-8 fiscal year been operating at less than 90% occupancy and also less than 90% of budgeted expenditures; and

Whereas, it is desirable for ESH and SLC to provide services they want to the members of OES; and

Whereas, Masonic Homes has found the 75/25 model to have good acceptance; and

Whereas, the 75/25 model may encourage those with greater assets to apply for admission to the SLC, thereby increasing the Endowment Fund; and

Whereas, some of the costs of operation of the SLC are “Fixed costs” which would be spread over more residents if occupancy were larger;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Constitution and Laws of California OES be revised to provide the following opportunities for service:

Residents may be admitted who transfer 75% of their assets to the Endowment Fund and retain 25%. These shall be designated “Partial Asset Transfer” applicants or residents. The Board shall have the authority to set policies to implement this procedure

Further, that the residents who apply in this category shall be on the same waiting list and shall have priority for admission over the “fee for service” applicants.

Signed: Rosanne Grigsby (397)
 Susan K. White (524/287)
 Donna German (352)

Section(s): 459(a)

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, AND FINANCE**

(By Frank Young, PGP (18))

The Committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 11 has been referred, recommend a yes vote, because the Committees believe that this change will expand the number of interested members that may apply for admission to the Eastern Star Home.

(The vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

Sec. 459. **FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF RESIDENTS.** The Board of Trustees may grant admission for residence in the Senior Living Community to continuing care residents and paying residents, in accordance with the following guidelines:

(a) Continuing care residents shall be admitted to the Senior Living Community without any expectation or requirement to pay for the housing and health care provided by the Senior Living Community. However, a continuing care resident must EITHER be willing to execute an assignment under which she or he turns over to Eastern Star Homes of California whatever assets she or he may be possessed or may become possessed OR BE WILLING TO EXECUTE AN ASSIGNMENT UNDER WHICH SHE OR HE TURNS OVER TO EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT (75%) OF WHATEVER ASSETS SHE OR HE MAY POSSESS OR MAY BECOME POSSESSED, RETAINING TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF HER OR HIS PRESENT AND FUTURE ASSETS FOR HER OR HIS OWN USE. The Board of Trustees may consent to the voluntary assignment of property to the corporation by a continuing care resident, on or after approval of application for residence, but may not accept any duties or obligations in the nature of a trust, as a fiduciary or in a capacity of management or supervision of any such property or any interest therein, for the benefit or on behalf of the assignor or any other person. However, the Board of Trustees may take such actions and expend such funds as are necessary to maintain the TRANSFERRED property and its value while arranging for its sale or other final disposition for the benefit of the Endowment Fund. No such assignment may be made subject to any condition, contingent liability or reversionary interest; nor may it be made in consideration of residence or continuance of residence; nor may any engagement of any kind be made in regard thereto.

All property hereafter assigned to Eastern Star Homes of California by continuing care residents thereof, and all cash gifts or proceeds from the sales of real or personal property received from continuing care residents, in excess of the amounts necessary to maintain and dispose of such TRANSFERRED

property shall become part of the restricted Endowment Fund irrevocably dedicated to the Eastern Star Homes of California. All such assigned property may be sold when and as permitted under California law. Any such sale shall be under the direction and control of the Board of Trustees.

(b) Paying residents shall pay a monthly charge for the housing and health care provided by the Senior Living Community and shall not be requested to execute the assignment of all assets offered by continuing care residents pursuant to Section 459(a). The obligation to pay the monthly charge may be secured in such manner as the Board of Trustees may determine. The monthly charge shall be set at the lowest feasible cost, taking into consideration such expenses as the payment of indebtedness and the maintenance of adequate reserves sufficient to insure the life care of each resident and reserves for physical expansion of the facility. Any paying resident who, subsequent to admission becomes unable to pay the monthly charge may become a continuing care resident upon execution of an assignment AS SET FORTH ABOVE, ~~under which she or he turns over to Eastern Star Homes of California whatever assets she or he may be possessed or may become possessed~~, such assignment to be offered and be subject to Board of Trustees acceptance in accordance with the provisions of Section 459(a) and the established admission policies of the Senior Living Community.

(c) In granting admission to residents, the Board of Trustees shall always give priority to those eligible members who are unable to meet the full cost of care.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 12

Whereas, Eastern Star Homes of California (ESH) Senior Living Community (SLC) has for the first half of 2007-8 fiscal year been operating at less than 90% occupancy and also less than 90% of budget expenditures; and

Whereas, it is desirable for the ESH and SLC to provide services they want to the members of the OES; and

Whereas, the current 100% asset transfer model and the “fee for service” models have not been sufficient to keep the facility full; and

Whereas, members in good standing may be admitted to the SLC as “fee for service” residents under the current policy, and

Whereas, some of the costs of operation of the SLC are “fixed costs” which would be spread over more residents if occupancy were larger,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Master Masons who have been a member in good standing of a California lodge for no less than the entire five (5) years just prior to their application, their wives and widows, may be admitted to the SLC as “fee for service” residents.

Be it further resolved that the applicants in this group who apply to be admitted shall be on the same waiting list as other “fee for service” applicants.

Be it further resolved that admission to the SLC of “fee for service” residents under this provision shall continue to be at the discretion of the Board of Trustees and subject to the policies of the SLC.

Signed: Rosanne Grigsby (397)
Chris Dias (622)
David J. Buck (197)

Section(s): 458

WITHDRAWN.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 13

Whereas, the costs of labor, goods and services have continued to rise during the past decade, so that the cost of maintaining the Eastern Star Home at Yorba Linda has increased substantially; and

Whereas, the Home Maintenance Fund has not increased at the same rate that costs have risen, and is not generating income to sufficiently maintain the Eastern Star Home at Yorba Linda; and

Whereas, the annual per capita contribution of One Dollar (\$1.00) by Eastern Star members to the Home Maintenance Fund has not been increased for over 20 years;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the per capita contribution by every member in good standing shall be Two Dollars (\$2.00) per year.

Signed: Donna German (352)
Linda Bernhard (106)
Richard Wing (203)

Section(s): 96(c)

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, AND FINANCE**

(by Len Froomin, PP (252))

The Committees on Constitution and Laws, Jurisprudence, and Finance, to whom Proposed Amendment No. 13 has been referred, recommends a yes vote because understanding that property must be adequately maintained not only to increase its value but assure that it does not decrease in worth, and recognizing that there has been no increase in twenty-plus years, it is imperative to adjust this amount.

(The vote was taken.)

CARRYOVER

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 14

Whereas, the Order of the Eastern Star in California has helped its needy members through 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 maintains a Senior Living Community and an Outreach Program for the safety, care, financial assistance and well being of our aged, indigent and infirm members; and

Whereas, the total membership and their contributions to the Endowment Fund is declining and operating costs continue to increase; and

Whereas, the inflation rate from 1976 to 2007 was 264%; and

Whereas, the growth of the Endowment Fund is not keeping pace with inflation; 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 of the Fund; and

Whereas, we have taken an Obligation as members of the Order of the Eastern Star to support our approved charities; and

Whereas, it is imperative that new and affiliating members be made aware of the importance of our charities and their continued support; and

Whereas, increasing petitioners' and applicants' contributions to the Endowment Fund would be a way to not only increase the Fund but also to engender the idea of the importance of supporting our Endowment Fund;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the contribution that accompanies petitions for membership be \$15.00 and the fee accompanying applications for affiliation within California be \$10, and the fee for affiliation from outside of California be \$15 for the use and benefit of the Eastern Star Home Endowment Fund as required by our Constitution and Laws.

Signed: Denny Rae Grist (48)
 Kim Hegg. (177)
 Richard Wing (203)

Section(s): 188, UCB

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, AND FINANCE

(by Steve Doan, PP (245/UD))

The Committees on Constitution and Laws, Jurisprudence, and Finance, to whom Proposed Amendment No. 14 has been referred, recommends a yes vote because if the amendment is adopted, the contribution to the Senior Living Community Endowment Fund from new members will be increased from \$5 to \$15. Also, the contribution to accompany applications for Affiliation within California will be increased from \$5 to \$10, and the contribution for out-of-state Affiliations will be increased from \$5 to \$15. These increases will bring our Senior Living Community support back to 1976 levels, adjusted for inflation, resulting in approximately \$5,700 more revenue for the SLC Endowment Fund.

(Discussion was held.)

Speaker: I'm in favor, but I have a question. We have petitions that have already been turned in. What date will this go into effect? And those petitions we already have received and haven't been read in Chapter and voted on, would they have to pay this or would they pay what we have already told them to pay?

Sarahann Shapiro, PM (250), Chairman of Jurisprudence: My Sister, legislation voted on at the Grand Chapter Session takes effect as of the close of the Session. For petitions you have already received, the fee was the amount at the time that they were submitted. You would not have to go back to those members for additional funds. For any petition received after Saturday's closing of the Session, that is when this legislation would take effect.

(The vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

Sec. 199. AMOUNT TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR HOME ENDOWMENT FUND AND THE INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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 FIFTEEN ~~five~~ dollars for the use and benefit of the GRAND CHAPTER ~~Eastern Star Home~~ Endowment Fund. EACH APPLICANT FOR AFFILIATION WHOSE DEMIT OR CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING IS FROM A CHAPTER IN CALIFORNIA SHALL INCLUDE WITH THE APPLICATION A CONTRIBUTION OF TEN DOLLARS FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ENDOWMENT FUND

(Change other references to "Eastern Star Home Endowment Fund" to "Grand Chapter Endowment Fund".)

UNIFORM CODE:

**ARTICLE V
FEES AND DUES**

Sec. 1. . . .

Each petitioner for initiation, and each petitioner for affiliation from a Chapter in a jurisdiction other than California, shall pay FIFTEEN ~~five~~ Dollars for the Eastern Star Home Endowment Fund, in addition to the fee covered in this Article AND EACH PETITIONER FOR AFFILIATION FROM A CALIFORNIA CHAPTER SHALL PAY TEN DOLLARS FOR THE EASTERN STAR HOME ENDOWMENT FUND. Each petitioner for membership and each applicant for affiliation, who has never before been a member in the Chapter in which she/he is currently affiliating, shall pay Five Dollars for the use and benefit of the International Headquarters in Washington, D.C., in addition to the fee covered in this Article.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 15

Whereas, the Constitution and Laws of the California Grand Chapter specifies the Grand Chapter Session registration fee; and

Whereas, the current registration fee of \$15.00 will cover less than 25% of the Grand Chapter Session expenses; and

Whereas, the per capita fee paid by members into the Convention Fund amounts to less than 10% of the needed revenue; and

Whereas, the General Chairman of the Grand Chapter Week needs flexibility in the budgeting process;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the dollar amount of the registration fee be removed from the Constitution and Laws; and

Be it further resolved that the General Chairman of each session be permitted to recommend a registration fee to the Grand Chapter Finance Committee for the advice and consent during the budget approval process.

Signed: David M. Long (345)
Tina Adams (93)
Arthur H. Weiss (632)

Section(s): 99

WITHDRAWN.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 16

Whereas, every year there are chapters that do not pay for the Constitution and Laws and Instruction Book updates that they have received; and

Whereas, eight (8) updates are required to be given to every chapter for the chapter copies of the Constitution and Laws and Instruction Book in each chapter; and

Whereas, the Grand Chapter of California pays for these updates in advance; and

Whereas, there is no current penalty for not paying for the updates;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that if a chapter does not pay for their updates within three (3) months of receiving the updates, the chapter must pay a fine of \$5.00. If the chapter has not paid the bill and fine by September 15th, the members of the chapter will not be allowed to register for Grand Chapter Session until the bill and fine are paid.

Signed: Katherine E.A. Streeter (147)
Eva Paulson (144)
Pamela J. Sandstrom (202)

Section(s): 97, 111 Rule 17, 253

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, AND FINANCE**
(by Tricia Stewart, PM (16/23))

The Committees on Constitution and Laws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 16 has been referred, recommend a yes vote because this would be an incentive to Chapters to pay their bill on time.

(The vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

(See Proposed Amendment 18 for the changes to the Constitution and Laws.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 17

Whereas, the current fine for not paying for the annual per capita fees is \$0.10 per member; and

Whereas, that fine does not keep up with the cost of living; and

Whereas, oftentimes additional costs are incurred when a chapter does not pay their fees on time; and

Whereas, the Grand Chapter will have already had to pay the General Grand Chapter for the annual per capita owed to the General Grand Chapter;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the fine for a chapter that does not pay the per capita fee on time shall be 5% of the total bill due.

Signed: Katherine E.A. Streeter (147)
Eva Paulson (144)
Pamela J. Sandstrom (202)

Section(s): 97, 252

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(by Tricia Stewart, PM (16/23))

The Committees on Constitution and Laws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 16 has been referred, recommend a yes vote because this would be an incentive to Chapters to pay their bill on time.

(The vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

(See Proposed Amendment 18 for the changes to the Constitution and Laws.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 18

Whereas, every year there are chapters that do not pay for the dues receipts that they have received; and

Whereas, dues receipts are required to be given to every member who has paid dues; and

Whereas, the Grand Chapter of California pays for these receipts in advance; and

Whereas, there is no current penalty for not paying for the dues receipts;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that if a chapter does not pay for their dues receipts within three (3) months of receiving the receipts, the chapter must pay a fine of \$5.00. If the chapter has not paid the bill and fine by September 15th, the members of the chapter will not be allowed to register for Grand Chapter Session until the bill and fine are paid.

Signed: Katherine E.A. Streeter (147)
Eva Paulson (144)
Pamela J. Sandstrom (202)

Section(s): 97, 253

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(by Tricia Stewart, PM (16/23))

The Committees on Constitution and Laws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 16 has been referred, recommend a yes vote because this would be an incentive to Chapters to pay their bill on time.

(The vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

Sec. 97. **PENALTIES.** Any Chapter failing to pay any such annual per capita fees, and special assessments, due from it or from its members, by September 1 shall be subject to fine by the Grand Chapter of FIVE PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT DUE ~~ten cents per member~~, and no officers or representatives of any Chapter shall be entitled to vote or participate in the transactions of the Grand Chapter until its annual per capita fees and special assessments are fully paid, except by special consent of the Grand Chapter.

ANY CHAPTER FAILING TO PAY FOR THE UPDATES REQUIRED TO BE SENT TO THEM UNDER SECTION 111 RULE 17 WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE DELIVERY OF SUCH UPDATES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO FINE BY THE GRAND CHAPTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5.00. ANY CHAPTER FAILING TO PAY FOR ITS DUES RECEIPTS WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE DELIVERY OF THE DUES RECEIPTS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO FINE BY THE GRAND CHAPTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5.00. IF ANY OF THESE AMOUNTS AND THE FINES, THERETO, REMAIN UNPAID BY SEPTEMBER 15 OF

THE YEAR IN WHICH SUCH PAYMENTS CAME DUE, THEN NO MEMBERS OF SUCH CHAPTER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO VOTE OR PARTICIPATE IN THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER UNTIL SUCH PAYMENTS, INCLUDING FINES, ARE FULLY PAID.

Sec. 253. FORMS, BOOKS AND RECORDS. Chapters shall use the forms, books and records adopted by the Grand Chapter, as follows: Petitions for Initiation, for Affiliation and for Reinstatement, Report on Petition, Restoration Certificate, Certificate of Good Standing, Visiting Certificate, Demit, Life Membership Certificate, Honorary Membership Certificate, Receipts for dues, Bylaw Book, Register, Roll Call Book, Minute Book, combined Loose Leaf Ledger, Cash Book and Membership Record, Treasurer's Cash Book, Treasurer's Receipt Book, and such other forms, books and records as the Grand Chapter may, from time to time, adopt and/or require to be used.

All the foregoing forms, books and records shall be printed under the supervision of the Grand Secretary and furnished to the Chapters at reasonable prices. ANY CHAPTER FAILING TO PAY FOR ITS UPDATES OR DUES RECEIPTS WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF RECEIVING SUCH ITEMS SHALL BE DELINQUENT AND SUBJECT TO FINE AND DISCIPLINE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 97.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 19

Whereas, the Grand Treasurer currently does not handle any funds or perform any duties for the Board of Trustees-Eastern Star Home; and

Whereas, currently the Grand Treasurer is a member of both the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee and these committees meet at the same time; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Grand Treasurer shall no longer serve as Treasurer of the Eastern Star Homes, nor shall she or he be required to attend the meetings of the Board of Trustees for the Eastern Star Homes;

Be it further resolved that the Grand Treasurer shall no longer be entitled to mileage or expense reimbursement for Home Board meetings, and shall no longer be authorized to approve the Home Board President's expenses, but shall continue to be authorized to sign checks for the Eastern Star Homes.

Signed: Donna German (352)
David J. Buck (197)
Debbie C. Lytle (397)

Section(s): 60(4), 454, 455

WITHDRAWN.

RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, the management of care facilities has become more complex in governmental rules, regulations and legislation; and

Whereas, the operation of care facilities has become increasingly costly; and

Whereas, Eastern Star Homes and Masonic Homes have a similar mission; and

Whereas, the potential efficiencies of systems, management and Board could reduce costs, thereby providing more money for charitable work;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Eastern Star Homes of California is directed to investigate the feasibility of consolidation between Eastern Star Homes of California and Masonic Homes of California and if the Board of Trustees determines that such a consolidation is feasible they shall propose legislation to that effect.

Signed: David J. Buck (197)
 Beverly A. Wade (556)
 Donna German (352)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS, JURISPRUDENCE AND FINANCE

(By Sarahann Shapiro, PM (250))

The committees on Constitution and Laws, Jurisprudence, and Finance to whom Resolution No. 1 has been referred, recommends a yes vote. The Committees believe that we should study whether a merger would be a way to increase the options for our members who desire to remain closer to their home and who may not otherwise be eligible for the Masonic Homes in Union City and Covina, and to answer current financial concerns and issues with our Home. This legislation is to authorize only a study. Any further action beyond the study would require a further vote by the Grand Chapter.

(The vote was taken.)

ADOPTED.

DECISIONS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Sarahann Shapiro, Chairman of our Jurisprudence Committee, we would be pleased to have you present the decisions of the Worthy Grand Matron that she has chosen for inclusion in our Constitution and Laws at this time.

Sarahann Shapiro, PM (250): This year, the Worthy Grand Matron requests your approval to include two of her decisions in our Constitution and Laws to clarify existing rules, and provide guidance in future years, without the need for members to repeat their questions.

Those decisions are:

No. 1. Loss of membership upon institution of a new Chapter.

Upon institution of a new Chapter, members who belong only to one other Chapter, and who indicate their desire for plural membership, do not lose their membership in their original Chapter upon institution of a new Chapter. Those who do not indicate their desire to become plural members do lose their membership in the other Chapter.

Those who belong to two chapters must demit from one before applying for affiliation with the new Chapter, and must attach the demit to the petition for the new Chapter.

No. 2. Inability of Chapters to use Prince Hall Lodge affiliation for petitions for initiation.

Under the rules of the General Grand Chapter, a Chapter may not accept a Prince Hall Mason as a qualifying Mason to support a petition for initiation.

MOTION: Worthy Grand Patron, I move that we adopt these decisions of the Worthy Grand Matron.

(The motion was seconded, and a vote taken.)

Jim Whiteley, Worthy Grand Patron: The motion is **ADOPTED**.

DECISION 1:

Sec. 277. **EFFECT OF INSTITUTION.** The ceremony of institution confers the powers granted by the dispensation upon all members of the Order named in the dispensation, initiates the existence of a Chapter as a Chapter working under dispensation, and immediately following such ceremony, a Chapter shall complete its organization, including selection of officers, and all business that may be transacted at a stated meeting of a chartered Chapter. Institution of a Chapter also terminates any former affiliation of a member whose petitioning credential was a certificate of

good standing AND WHO DID NOT REQUEST TO BECOME A PLURAL MEMBER IN SUCH MEMBER'S PETITION TO THE NEW CHAPTER. The former membership, in such a case, is terminated without the necessity of procuring a demit, or other action, and the Secretary shall immediately after the institution, notify the Chapter of former membership of such change of membership by institution, and of the date thereof.

DECISION 2:

Sec. 186. **MASONIC AFFILIATION OR RELATIONSHIP.** To be eligible for membership in the Order in this jurisdiction, one must be either an affiliated Master Mason in good standing in a regular Masonic Lodge recognized as such by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California; or the wives, daughters, legally adopted daughters, mothers, widows, sisters, half sisters, granddaughters, stepmothers, stepdaughters, stepsisters, daughters-in-law, grandmothers, great granddaughters, nieces, great nieces, mothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, daughters of sisters or brothers of affiliated Master Masons, in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death, as well as members - either active for three (3) years or majority of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or of the International Order of Job's Daughters, each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

UNDER THE RULES OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, A CHAPTER IN CALIFORNIA MAY NOT ACCEPT A PRINCE HALL MASON AS A QUALIFYING MASON TO SUPPORT A PETITION.

HOUSEKEEPING

Page II-27 — Add “Section 62A” before EXPENSES.

Page II-31 — Delete as follows:

(d) ~~The 2006 Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint three members to the Committee on Audit, one for a one year term, one for a two year term, and one for a three year term. Commencing in 2007, FOR THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT, EACH YEAR the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint one member to SERVE FOR a three year term., with one-third of the membership of such committees being appointed each year. Preference shall be given to members who are financially literate. The member who was appointed for one year or has one year left to serve shall be the chairman of the committee. Upon resignation, disqualification, or any other reason there is no chairman, then the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint a chairman for the unexpired term.~~

Page II-33 Sec. 69(1) — This used to have a d.97(05) in the margin. Was this section amended after 2005 in a manner that eliminated the margin note, in which case there would be a different year there? Otherwise, we should restore the margin note.

Page II-35 — Insert the first paren on “8)”

Page III-125 — Delete “(\$5.00)” so all references are consistent.

Page III-170 — last paragraph, line 7 , the (I) should be (1) and on line 11, there should be a comma inserted at “proposal, to the Chairman”.

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*)
131 Andricks Dr., San Antonio, TX 78223-2301	
Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron	Frederick W. Clarke (Margaret A.)
1001 Maple Dr., New Minas, NS B4N 4C6, CANADA	
Right Worthy Grand Secretary (pro tem)	Alma Lynn Bane (Bill)
1618 New Hampshire Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20009-2549	
Right Worthy Grand Treasurer	Glenda G. Winchester (David Harold)
P.O. Box 70 (223 Greer Dr., 29682-9605), Six Mile, SC 29682-0070	
Right Worthy Grand Conductress	Barbara "Bobbi" Browning White (James E.)
1578 Kanawha Blvd. E. Apt. 4A, Charleston, WV 25311-2462	
Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress	Helen J. Westmoreland (Victor*)
P.O. Box 68 (94 Aurora St., 32580-1077), Valparaiso, FL 32580-0068	
Right Worthy Grand Trustees	
Betty J. Briggs (William "Bill"), Chairman	
	2403 Camelot Ave. N.W., Cedar Rapids, IA 52405-2060
Michael E. Berry	5805 Glen Park Rd., Louisville, KY 40222-5980
Paula Argus	1687 E. 6526 S., Salt Lake City, UT 84121-2550
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Worthy Grand Marshal	Elizabeth A. Pullum
7300 S. Birch Ave., Broken Arrow, OK 74011-6834	
Worthy Grand Organist	Dennis Paul Jordan (Nancy A.)
2354 E. South Bear Creek Dr., Merced, CA 95340-9157	
Worthy Grand Adah	Susan L. Thomas (Jeffrey R.)
P.O. Box 9, Epsom, NH 03234-0009	
November to April	
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Worthy Grand Ruth	Clara Wampler
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Worthy Grand Esther	Linda Hattrick (David)
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Worthy Grand Martha	Virginia "Vergie" George (Carrol L.)
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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	07/01/2009
Alberta	Marlene Larsen (128)	1504 Lyle Drive, San Jose, 95129-4808	12/31/2009
Arizona	Dixie Miller (619/[338])	10545 E. Avenue S-8, Littlerock 93543-2004	08/31/2009
Arkansas	Omer Durham (93)	4845 N. Hulbert Ave., Fresno, 93705	03/10/2009
Australia	Suzanne R. Gallicho (2)	361 Timber Ave., Vacaville 95688-2141	12/31/2009
Bolivia	Aurelia Martinez (177)	1266 Quintana Way, Fremont 94539-3691	03/09/2009
British Columbia	Philip Solem (428)	3649 Rio Pacifica Way, Sacramento 95834-2026	12/31/2009
Colorado	Donald Farris Jr. (347)	8097 Carnation Dr., Buena Park 90620-2110	04/01/2009
Connecticut	Jane Fisher Shultz (161/[48])	7015 Cliff Avenue, Bodega Bay 94923-9703	12/31/2008
Delaware	Dave Hoban (126)	3053 Bel Mira Drive, Atwater, 95301-9518	12/31/2008
Dist. of Columbia	Rex Hunt (13)	1282 Temp Drive, Hanford, 93230-5849	12/31/2009
Florida	Audrey J. Hanno (106)	9391 California Ave., Sp. 89, Riverside 92503	12/31/2008
Georgia	Gordon Thomas (417)	1600 Carleton Drive, Turlock 95382-2731	09/01/2009
Idaho	Joan Patterson (165/[50])	6315 Elmquist Ave., Whittier 90603-3821	12/31/2009
Illinois	Chester Facey (131)	1934 S. Old Stage Road, Sp. 21, Mt. Shasta 96067-9633	09/30/2009
Indiana	Dorothy Campini (62/[639])	P.O. Box 407, Somerset, 95684-0407	01/21/2009
Iowa	Nancy Guy (92/[365])	37844 Ave. 12½, Madera, CA 93636-8673	04/01/2009
Kansas	Mary Carolyn Curran (643)	PO Box 1213, Wofford Heights, cA 93285-1213	01/01/2010
Kentucky	Rebecca Darrow (380/[171])	PO Box 3236, Torrance, CA 90510-3236	12/31/2009
Louisiana	Debra Knutson (181/117)	6318 Matterhorn Dr., Sacramento CA95842-2837	12/31/2009
Maine	Jack Adrian (515)	PO Box 226, Congress, AZ 85332-0226	03/01/2010
Manitoba	Dale C. Naylor (300)	9929 Via de Oro, Spring Valley 91977-3043	10/15/2009
Maryland	Lynne McCarthy (556)	1420 Calavo Drive, Escondido 92026-2238	05/30/2010
Massachusetts	Donna Belle Ostrom (426/[391])	13059 Robertson St., Bakersfield 93313-9775	12/31/2009
Michigan	M. Annette Francis (547)	341 E. Wilson Ave., Ridgecrest 93555-4164	01/01/2009
Minnesota	Janice Terry (531)	1760 Lial Ct., Turlock, 95380-2225	12/31/2008
Mississippi	Maebell Carlton (171)	25207 Doria Ave., Lomita, CA 90717-1719	02/28/2010
Missouri	John Herring (555)	1549 Tollhouse Lane, Clovis, 93611-0534	12/31/2009
Montana	Reuben Gomez (378)	213 S. American St., Ridgecrest 93555-4203	12/31/2008
Nebraska	Coren Andrews (412/[524])	24909 Madison Ave., # 3321, Murietta 92562-9738	10/01/2009
Nevada	Pamela Potter (21)	1245 W. Cienega Ave., Sp. 118, San Dimas 91773-2826	12/31/2009
New Brunswick	Willard Strong (95)	251 Lark Ave., Paso Robles 93446-4069	12/31/2009
New Hampshire	Kathy Cox (346)	8095 Hillside Road, Alta Loma 91701-1838	06/01/2009
New Jersey	Ruth Smith (138)	91 Reed Road, Oakdale 95361-8202	01/01/2009
New Mexico	Jerry Carr (241)	2024 Nuevo St., Hemet 92545-2473	12/31/2008
New York	Anna Burris (59)	1577 Atlas Peak Road, Napa 94558-1414	12/31/2009
North Carolina	Charles E. Cook (18/[214])	PO Box 2182, Concord 94521-0082	12/31/2008
North Dakota	Montie Himes (20/[83])	PO Box 53, Tehama, CA 96090-0053	01/01/2009
Nova Scotia/P.E.I.	William Cheney (202)	452 Bougainvillea Lane, Glendora, 91741-6903	12/31/2009
Ohio	Rey Coronel (358)	8661 Winter Gardens Blvd., Sp. 5, Lakeside 92040-5432	08/01/2009
Oklahoma	Donald C. Wood (292)	8756 Kilkenny Court, Elk Grove 95624-2516	10/01/2009
Ontario	Rebecca Long (234/[205])	3404 May Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803-2016	12/31/2009
Oregon	Robert Moffatt (96/[243])	27250 Murrieta Road, Sp. 126, Sun City, CA 92586-3716	06/01/2010
Pennsylvania	Kay Hodges (39/[93])	21505 State Highway 96, Klamath River, 96050-9115	12/31/2009
Puerto Rico	John Unger (195/[128])	4609 Hampton Falls Place, San Jose 95136-2678	03/01/2009
Quebec	A. Leon Wilson (648)	24297 Virginia Lane, Moreno Valley, 92557-6310	06/30/2009
Rhode Island	Dorothy Doman (338)	18704 Saticoy Street, Reseda, CA 91335-2749	03/01/2010
San Paulo	Sharon Plunkett (57)	PO Box 632, Meadow Vista, 95722-0632	12/31/2008
Saskatchewan	Peggy Tucker (287)	1168 Barger Pl., Ramona, CA 92065-2850	12/31/2009
Scotland	David W. Smith (637)	1588 Los Amigos Avenue, Simi Valley, 93065-4031	12/31/2009
South Carolina	Russell Kleber (632)	1948 Viking Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010-2136	09/15/2010
South Dakota	Robert D. Miller (339)	519 E. Murphy Street, Blythe 92225-1743	12/31/2009
Tennessee	Dianna Eichen (143)	16691 Simmone Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647-4368	12/31/2009
Texas	Betty Walker (147/[105])	1001 N. Placentia Ave., Apt. C, Fullerton 92831-3255	10/09/2009
Utah	Karley Sue Price (163)	230 Pasteur Place, Placentia 92870-5206	03/31/2009
Vermont	E. Jean Schultz (319)	17701 S. Avalon Blvd., Sp. 175, Carson, 90746-6949	01/15/2009
Virginia	Jim Lotspeich (185/[78])	1316 Crestlake Ave., Ventura 93004	12/31/2008
Washington	Betty Lee (213/[141])	860 Cambridge Ave., Menlo Park 94025-5306	09/01/2009
West Virginia	Merwyn Bergquist (108/[299])	3045 Oneida Street, Pasadena 91107-5360	07/31/2009
Wisconsin	Clyde R. (Jerry) Davis (219)	387 S. Morningsun Road, Mill Valley 94941-3863	06/01/2009
Wyoming	Darren Spark (51)	1620 Byrd Dr., Sparks, NV 89431-1964	12/31/2008

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Alabama	Connie Loden	1000 County Line Church Road, Haleyville, AL 35565	2009
Alberta	Mrs. Kathleen Sim	10440 Maple Creek Drive SE, Calgary, AB T2J 1v1	2010
Arizona	Mr. Terry Loll	872 Puerta Ct., Bullhead City, AZ 86429-7712	2010
Arkansas	Mrs. Betty Hopper	2632 Avery Drive, Benton 72012	2008
Australia	Betty Griffiths	4 St. Georges Road, St. Georges Basin, NSW 2540	2009
British Columbia	Mrs. Margaret Carr	#162 3948 Finnerty Road, Penticton, BC V2A 8P8	2009
Colorado	Elizabeth McKnight	2971 S. Utica St., Denver, CO 80236-2106	2009
Connecticut	Harold B. Robitaille, Jr.	50 Hill Top Court, Becket, Massachusetts 01223	2009
Delaware	Mrs. Mary Hutchison	32249 Tranquility Lane, Frankford, DE 19945	2009
Dist. of Columbia	Mrs. Diona KaKinohana	1112 46 Place SE, Washington, DC 20019	2010
Florida	Mrs. Allison Blanchet	6301 8th Avenue N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710	2010
Georgia	Florence Neese	2724 Ledo Road, V-20, Albany, GA 31707	2010
Idaho	Daveta Ulrich	238 Roosevelt St., Pocatello, ID 83201	2009
Illinois	Bonnie Koester	707 E. Lemoyne Ave., Lombard, IL 60148	2010
Indiana	Juanita Cox	1107 Baker Ave., Evansville, IN 47710	2010
Iowa	Barbara Craun	235 6th Street SE, Primghar, IA 51245	2008
Kansas	Inez M. Mathews	3646 Hutton Road, Kansas City, KS 66109	2009
Kentucky	Peggy Mattingly	8105 Judge Blvd., Louisville, KY 40219	2008
Louisiana	Nancy Kennington	202A Short Street, Slidell, LA 70461	2009
Maine	Robert Farrington	1027 Valley Road, Waterford, ME 04088	2010
Manitoba	Mrs. Ruth McKinlay	1726-135 Niakwa Rd., Winnipeg, MB R2M 5K2	2008
Maryland	Charles H. Potter, II	10207 Calumet Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20901	2009
Massachusetts	Mr. Joseph P. Bowker	54 Dyer Street, North Billerica, MA 01862-3117	2009
Michigan	Mrs. Julie Campbell	30 Oxbow Lake Road, White Lake, MI 48386	2010
Minnesota	Muriel Pehle	PO Box 504, Biwabik, MN 55708	2010
Mississippi	Paula Grimes	211 CR 118, Corinth, MS 38834	2009
Missouri	Terri Politte	1624 Praise Blvd., Fenton, MO 63026-2651	2008
Montana	Marge Strouf	5930 N. Slope Riad, Helena, MT 59602	2009
Nebraska	Mrs. Joy Dannelly	31587 - 205 Ave., Columbus, NE 68601	2010
Nevada	George Lang	6395 Yukon Dr., Sun Valley, NV 89433	2009
New Brunswick	Edna Clauston	4489 Cape Road, Salmon Beach, NB E2A 6C3	2011
New Hampshire	Jean C. Sudsbury	18 Windham Road, Hudson, NH 03051-3510	2009
New Jersey	Beverly J. Senf	530 Allentown Road, Yardville, NJ 08620	2009
New Mexico	Camille Roye	HC60, Box 33, Hatch, NM 87937	2009
New York	Barbara Hamilton	634 Country Route 62 Pulaski, NY 13142	2009
North Carolina	Linda Overbee Masson	3007 Royal Williams Road, Wade, NC	2010
North Dakota	Margaret Zaharia	4600 Hwy 52 SE, Lot 33, Minot, ND 58701	2009
Nova Scotia & PEI	Mrs. Sylvia McCleave	14 Merrill Dr., Halifax, Nova Scotia B3M 2M3	2009
Ohio	Mrs. Joyce Ailes	PO Box 97, Anna, OH 45302	2009
Oklahoma	Judy Lea Goodson	PO Box 131, Wilson, OK 73463	2010
Ontario	Mrs. Joy Magill	137 Eugene Road, North Bay, ON P1B 8B8	2010
Oregon	Betty Royle	3312 N. Knob Hill Way, Prineville, OR 97754	2009
Pennsylvania	Linda E. Watson	1080 Greenhill Drive, Hummelstown, PA 17036-9617	2009
Puerto Rico	Victor Berrios	Bo. Morrillo, HC-73 Box 6229, Cayey, PR 00736-9504	2010
Quebec	Mr. Ralph Hall, PGP	3365 Country Road 10, RR#1, Vankleek Hill, ON K0B 1R0	2009
Rhode Island	Carolyn King	4 Edgemere Ave., Warwick, RI 02889-4008	2010
São Paulo	Mr. Amílcar A. Mathias	Rua Paganini n. 155 Caninde, São Paulo — SP, 03029, Brazil	2008
Saskatchewan	Mr. Lawrence Burnard	Box 721, Estevan, SK S4A 2A6	2010
Scotland	Mrs. Doris Brown	Lorne House, Front Street, Tynemouth NE 30 4RG	2009
South Carolina	Sara E. Phillips	2045 Robert H. Kirk Road, Lancaster, SC 29720	2009
South Dakota	Lowell Holmgren	2505 E. St. Frances St., Rapid City, SD 57701	2008
Tennessee	Lawanna Johnson	PO Box 245, Big Sandy, TN 38221	2009
Texas	Mrs. Anita Durden	410 Orange St., Farmersville, TX 75442	2009
Utah	Mrs. June Piker	85 South Harris Street, Grantsville, UT 84029	2010
Vermont	Mrs. Catherine Wall	685 Huff Pond Road, Sudsbury, VT 05733	2009
Virginia	Carol S. Padgett	2512 Fairway Drive, Roanoke, VA 35025	2009
Washington	Lillian Gallion	PO Box 1212, Sumner, WA 98390	2009
West Virginia	Marna Pauley	90 Walnut Road, Elkview, WV 25071	2009
Wisconsin	Rita Wells	424 E. State St., PO Box 66, Westby, WI 54667	2009
Wyoming	Sheila Cooper	991 Waterford, Casper, WY 82609	2009

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GAM Anna Maria Elliot*	GAM Elizabeth Bullard**	GAM Eleanor Farrington*
GS Henrietta Whitcher*	GS Abbie Elvenia Wood*	GS Abbie Elvenia Wood*
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GP George John Hobe*	GP Rollin C. Gaskill*	GP Edward Swift West*
GM Mary Ellen Gillespie*	GM Annie E. Doubles*	GM Frances Ellen Ryder*
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1874-1875	1878-1879	1882-1883
GP George John Hobe*	GP Ianthus Jerome Rolfe*	GP Abram F. Hitchcock*
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GT Kate Richardson*	GT Anna L. Thomas*	GT Mary Matilda Holtz*
1875-1876	1879-1880	1883-1884
GP Jeremiah E. Whitcher*	GP Charles L. Thomas*	GP Anderson C. Hartley*
GM Emily Rolfe*	GM Eleanor Marie Owens*	GM Mary Ann Flint*
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GAM Emile C. Swain*	GAM Hattie E. Major*	GAM Mary Jane Mayhew*
GS Abbie Elvenia Wood*	GS Abbie Elvenia Wood*	GS Kate J. Willats*
GT Kate J. Willats*	GT Sarah E. Baker*	GT Annie E. Briggs*

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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*			
1885-1886			1891-1892			1897-1898		
GP	Edmund W. Roberts*	GP	Chauncey C. Bush*	GP	Harrison D. Rowe**			
GM	Abbie E. Wilkins*	GM	Mattie Ann Farnum*	GM	Eva M. Porter*			
GAP	Martin J. Wright*	GAP	David Byron Todd*	GAP	Lewis O. Stephens*			
GAM	Carrie A. Kingsley*	GAM	Kate E. Boyd*	GAM	Belle Smith**			
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*			
GT	Lora Virginia Ream*	GT	Mary Anna Smith*	GT	Jane F. Raabe*			
1886-1887			1892-1893			1898-1899		
GP	John Nelles Young*	GP	Jacob F. Boller*	GP	Joseph M. Lawrence*			
GM	Mary B. Moore*	GM	Georgia A. Matfield*	GM	Jaria A. Pierce*			
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GAM	Elizabeth Phillips*	GAM	Emma Perkins*	GAM	Marie Summerfield**			
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*			
GT	Lovina Gibson**	GT	Arvilla McHarvey*	GT	Kate S. Craig*			
1887-1888			1893-1894			1899-1900		
GP	John Hatfield Gray*	GP	Allen B. Lemmon*	GP	George L. Darling*			
GM	Gertrude S. Freeman*	GM	Emma Hapgood*	GM	Fannie T. McCowen*			
GAP	Jesse Beech Fuller*	GAP	Zachary T. Gilpin*	GAP	Charles C. Corbiere*			
GAM	Mary S. Numms*	GAM	Margaret B. Searles*	GAM	Lulu Lucas*			
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*			
GT	Isabel Derman*	GT	Sarah I. Hubbard*	GT	Isabelle L. Wawter*			
1888-1889			1894-1895			1900-1901		
GP	Thomas Flint*	GP	Thomas Flint, Jr.*	GP	Ernest W. Conant*			
GM	Mary E. Partridge*	GM	Augusta D. Wilson*	GM	Maud E. Bowes*			
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GAM	Elmira F. West*	GAM	Hattie E. Alexander*	GAM	Etta Ada Miller*			
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*			
GT	Calista Spaulding**	GT	Julie M. Lubeck*	GT	Adaline B. Runyon*			
1889-1890			1895-1896			1901-1902		
GP	Jesse Beech Fuller*	GP	James B. Merrit*	GP	Charles E. Mitchell*			
GM	Annie E. Briggs*	GM	Carrie L. Peaslee*	GM	Clara A. Giberson*			
GAP	George T. Shaw*	GAP	Roscoe E. Hewitt**	GAP	Claude de St. Maurice*			
GAM	Mary Louis Grohs*	GAM	Florence Miller*	GAM	Minnie D. Brown*			
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*			
GT	Elizabeth Wardwell*	GT	Mary T. Dean*	GT	Agnes Johnson*			

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GM	Mabel B. Seymour*	GM	Annie M. Johnson*	GM	Minnie B. Wheeler*	GM	Minnie B. Wheeler*	
GAP	Arthur H. Millberry*	GAP	Harry Clay Cooper*	GAP	Harry V. Brown+	GAP	Harry V. Brown+	
GAM	Emma E. Rupp*	GAM	Marsh E. Rankin*	GAM	Jennie M. Wayman*	GAM	Jennie M. Wayman*	
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*	
1903–1904			1909–1910			1915–1916		
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*	
1904–1905			1910–1911			1916–1917		
GP	Charles J. Willett*	GP	William Mossholder*	GP	William F. Holman*	GP	William F. Holman*	
GM	Pauline W. Dohrmann*	GM	Ada M. Dalton*	GM	Maude N. Haven*	GM	Maude N. Haven*	
GAP	Lorenzo B. Leavitt*	GAP	William A. Hicks+	GAP	Arthur T. Biddle*	GAP	Arthur T. Biddle*	
GAM	Anna N. Skinner*	GAM	Nellie A. Darling*	GAM	Nellie D. Graham*	GAM	Nellie D. Graham*	
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	
GT	Emma Neal Rider*	GT	Josephine M. Pattern*	GT	Georgia Catherwood*	GT	Georgia Catherwood*	
1905–1906			1911–1912			1917–1918		
GP	Florin L. Jones*	GP	John L. McNab*	GP	Robert Edgar*	GP	Robert Edgar*	
GM	Georgiana Polhamus*	GM	Lena W. Stannard*	GM	Ivy C. Shelhamer*	GM	Ivy C. Shelhamer*	
GAP	Curtis J. Monroe*	GAP	George G. Vanderlip*	GAP	Frank A. Foye*	GAP	Frank A. Foye*	
GAM	Catherine Merrit*	GAM	Addie Lee Sleeper*	GAM	Mary E. Finlay*	GAM	Mary E. Finlay*	
GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	
GT	Helen Seeman*	GT	Lillian B. Hammar*	GT	Lena R. Mallery*	GT	Lena R. Mallery*	
1906–1907			1912–1913			1918–1919		
GP	Casimir J. Wood*	GP	William K. Chambers*	GP	Darwin W. Pierce**	GP	Darwin W. Pierce**	
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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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 Robinson
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

2007–2008

WGM Collette Serio Gole
WGP Jim Whiteley
GS Maryann Barrios
GT Debbie Maiman

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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

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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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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	
8 OakLeaf	Oakland	11/18/2007	8	Oak Leaf	8 Alameda Oak Leaf
			115	Alameda	Location: Alameda
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
14 Northern Light	Millville	10/29/2005	14 153	Northern Light Mt. Shasta	14 Shasta Northern Light
17 Welcome	Shasta	4/05/1875		Instituted	
17 Welcome	Shasta	4/27/1993	17 44	Welcome Redding	17 Welcome Redding
18 Lily of the Valley	Watsonville	5/11/1875		Instituted	
18 Lily of the Valley	Watsonville	11/30/1994	18 19	Lily of the Valley Idlewild	18 Wild lily
19 Idlewild	Santa Cruz	3/30/1876		Instituted	
19 Idlewild	Santa Cruz	11/30/1994	18 19	Lily of the Valley Idlewild	18 Wild Lily
21 Acacia	Los Angeles	3/14/1876		Instituted	
21 Acacia	Los Angeles	5/14/1971	21 317	Acacia Rose Croix	21 Acacia-Rose Croix
21 Acacia-Rose Croix	Los Angeles	11/29/1986	21 167	Acacia-Rose Croix Highland Park	21 Highland Park
21 Highland Park	Los Angeles	11/21/1987	21 522	Highland Park Atwater-Larchmont	21 Highland Park
21 Highland Park	Los Angeles	09/14/1989	21 216	Highland Park Los Feliz	21 Highland Park
21 Highland Park	Los Angeles	11/29/2000	21 454	Highland Park Polaris	21 Acacia
21 Acacia	Los Angeles	02/26/2007	21 133	Acacia Hollywood	21 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	
50 Valley Oaks	Stockton	11/14/2007	50	Valley Oaks	50 Stockton Oaks
			373	Stockton	

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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."	Location: Greenville
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
58 Kingsley	Ukiah	6/16/2008	58 80	Kingsley Augusta	58 Kingsley Augusta
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

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
66 Golden Star	Jackson	4/11/1882		Instituted	
66 Golden Star	Jackson	11/06/2005	66	Golden Star	66 Amador
			71	Queen Esther	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
74 Esther	Adin	7/19/1883		Instituted	
74 Esther	Adin	6/24/1978	74	Esther	450 North Star
			450	North Star	
75 Silver Wave	San Bernardino	7/28/1883		Instituted	
75 Silver Wave	San Bernardino	5/03/1991	75	Silver Wave	75 Arrowhead
			548	Arrowhead	
75 Arrowhead	San Bernardino	4/18/1999	75	Arrowhead	212 Gate City
			212	Gate City	
76 Rohnerville	Fortuna	9/08/1883		Instituted	
76 Rohnerville	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

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
79 Channel Islands	Ventura	6/30/2003	79	Channel Islands	79 Channel Islands
			528	Ojai	
79 Channel Islands	Ventura	8/23/2005	78	Santa Barbara-Marguerite	78 Channel Islands
			79	Channel Islands	Location: Ventura
80 Augusta	Ukiah	7/31/1884	58	Instituted	
80 Augusta	Ukiah	6/16/2008	58	Kingsley	58 Kingsley Augusta
			80	Augusta	
82 Sotoyome	Healdsburg	9/03/1884		Instituted	
82 Sotoyome	Healdsburg	11/16/1991	82	Sotoyome	82 Sotoyome-Clover Leaf
			130	Clover Leaf	
83 Molino	Tehama	5/31/1884		Instituted	
83 Molino	Tehama	1/12/1978		Change meeting city to Los Molinos	Location: Los Molinos
83 Molino	Los Molinos	3/29/2003	83	Molino	83 Molino Star
			279	Mystic Star	
84 Veritas	Colusa	11/21/1884		Instituted	
84 Veritas	Colusa	11/10/1989	84	Veritas	84 Veritas
			368	Arbuckle-Loyal	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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
89 Raisina	Fresno	4/26/1886		Instituted	
89 Raisina	Fresno	11/27/1995	89 295	Raisina Fresno	89 Raisina Fresno
89 Raisina Fresno	Fresno	11/25/1996	89 482	Raisina Fresno Sanger	89 Raisina Fresno
93 Heliotrope	Selma	5/02/1887		Instituted	
93 Heliotrope	Selma	9/24/1979	93 312	Heliotrope Kingsburg	93 Heliotrope
93 Heliotrope	Selma	11/27/1989	93 271	Heliotrope Monte Vista	93 Heliotrope
93 Heliotrope	Selma	4/22/2006	93 309	Heliotrope Concordia	93 Concordia Location: Clovis

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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
			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	
103 Golden Wave	San Leandro	9/05/2008	103	Golden Wave	103 Lake Chabot
			294	Castro Valley	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
105 Golden Harvest	Garden Grove	11/12/2007	105	Golden Harvest	163 Scepter
			163	Scepter	
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	
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	
109 Elk Grove	Elk Grove	9/24/1890		Instituted	
109 Elk Grove	Elk Grove	11/17/2007	109	Elk Grove	109 Elk Grove Onisbo
			164	Onisbo	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	Location: 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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
114 Palm Leaf	Porterville	2/18/1892		Instituted	
114 Palm Leaf	Porterville	3/31/1987	114 306	Palm Leaf Lindsay	114 Palm Leaf
115 Carita	Alameda	3/09/1892		Instituted	
115 Carita	Alameda	1/19/2001	115 297	Carita Alameda	115 Alameda
115 Alameda	Alameda	11/18/2007	8 115	Oak Leaf Alameda	8 Alameda Oak Leaf Location: Alameda
116 Truckee	Truckee	3/15/1892		Instituted	
116 Truckee	Truckee	3/24/1984	49 116	Placer Truckee	49 Placer
117 Columbus	Sacramento	8/08/1892		Instituted	
117 Columbus	Sacramento	11/26/1990	117 420	Columbus Fort Sutter	117 Columbus-Fort Sutter
117 Columbus-Fort Sutter	Sacramento	11/15/2001	117 190	Columbus-Fort Sutter Ada-Sacramento	117 New Hope
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

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	Harmony	124 Harmony
124 Harmony	San Francisco	11/02/1967	440	Fireside	
			124	Harmony	124 Harmony
			496	Nonpariel	
124 Harmony	San Francisco	4/26/1977	124	Harmony	124 Harmony-Jewel
			238	Jewel	
124 Harmony-Jewel	San Francisco	11/30/1982		Name change approved by WGM	124 Harmony
124 Harmony	San Francisco	11/18/1995	124	Harmony	124 Harmony
			382	Crocker	
124 Harmony	San Francisco	11/17/2001	1	Golden Gate	1 Golden Gate
			124	Harmony	
125 Bakersfield	Bakersfield	12/18/1893		Instituted	
125 Bakersfield	Bakersfield	11/16/1998	125	Bakersfield	125 Bakersfield
			323	Taft	
125 Bakersfield	Bakersfield	2/21/2002	125	Bakersfield	125 Bakersfield
			559	Oildale	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
128 Los Gatos	Los Gatos	3/19/1894		Instituted	
128 Los Gatos	Los Gatos	4/11/2003	128 553	Los Gatos Campbell	128 Golden Oak
129 Sierra Star	Sierra Valley Sierraville	6/12/1894		Instituted	
129 Sierra Star	Sierraville	9/16/1972	129 224	Sierra Star Celeandine	129 Sierra Star
130 Clover Leaf	Cloverdale	7/21/1894		Instituted	
130 Clover Leaf	Cloverdale	11/16/1991	82 130	Sotoyome Clover Leaf	82 Sotoyome-Clover Leaf
131 Fidelity	Dunsmuir	8/31/1894		Instituted	
131 Fidelity	Dunsmuir	3/25/1976	131 381	Fidelity McCloud	131 Fidelity
131 Fidelity	Dunsmuir	3/27/1999	131 175	Fidelity Sisson-White Pine	131 Fidelity
133 South Gate	Los Angeles	12/24/1894		Instituted	
133 South Gate	Los Angeles	11/19/1968	133 268	South Gate West Lake	133 South Gate
133 South Gate	Los Angeles	8/02/1986	133 209	South Gate Hollywood	133 Hollywood
133 Hollywood	Los Angeles	11/23/1991	133 272	Hollywood South Pasadena	133 Hollywood

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
144 Lyra	Whittier	6/06/2002	144	Lyra	144 Whittier Star
			335	Whittier	
			584	Tri Star	
145 Jasmine	Azusa	2/13/1896		Instituted	
145 Jasmine	Azusa	11/17/1996	145	Jasmine	145 Foothill
			357	Foothill	Location: Glendora

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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
151 Chispa	Anaheim	6/06/1896		Instituted	
151 Chispa	Anaheim	5/29/1990	151 191	Chispa Brea	151 Chispa
151 Chispa	Anaheim	11/25/1997	151 240	Chispa Buena Park	151 Chispa
151 Chispa	Anaheim	06/29/2007	147 151	Ami Tai Chispa	147 Ami Tai

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
163 Scepter	Orange	11/12/2007	105	Golden Harvest	163 Scepter
			163	Scepter	
164 Onisbo	Courtland	4/29/1898		Instituted	
164 Onisbo	Courtland	11/17/2007	109	Elk Grove	109 Elk Grove Onisbo
			164	Onisbo	
165 Crescent	Murphys	6/15/1898		Instituted	
165 Crescent	Murphys	11/12/2007	165	Crescent	165 Mother Load
			244	Milton	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
168 Los Angeles	Los Angeles	2/25/1977	168 258 281	Los Angeles Golden State Pleiades-Orme	258 Los Angeles
169 Olive Branch	San Francisco	3/29/1899		Instituted	
169 Olive Branch	San Francisco	9/24/1965	169 204	Olive Branch Starr King	169 Starr King
169 Starr King	San Francisco	6/24/1971	169 170	Starr King 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	169 170	Starr King King Solomon's	170 King Solomon's
170 King Solomon's	San Francisco	8/28/1980	170 255	King Solomon's Richmond	255 Richmond
171 Carnation	Redondo Redondo Beach	5/12/1899		Instituted	
171 Carnation	Lomita	3/26/2001	171 512	Carnation Golden Chain	171 Alpha Star
173 Long Beach	Long Beach	8/07/1899		Instituted	
173 Long Beach	Long Beach	8/14/1992	173 399	Long Beach Bettina	173 Long Beach-Bettina
173 Long Beach-Bettina	Long Beach	11/09/1997	173 414	Long Beach-Bettina Mar Vista	173 Long Beach

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
174 San Pedro Harbor	San Pedro	8/18/1899		Instituted	
174 San Pedro Harbor	San Pedro	11/19/2007	174 260	San Pedro Harbor Gardena	174 San Pedro Harbor
175 Sisson	Mount Shasta	9/23/1899		Instituted	
175 Sisson	Mount Shasta	2/12/1983	175 487	Sisson White Pine	175 Sisson-White Pine
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

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
179 Ontario	Ontario	5/03/1900		Instituted	
179 Ontario	Ontario	8/31/1900		Name Change	179 Euclid
179 Euclid	Ontario	11/15/1990	179	Euclid	179 Sunrise
			330	Chino Valley	
179 Sunrise	Ontario	05/18/2005	145	Foothill	145 Stardust
			179	Sunrise	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
186 Laurel	San Mateo	9/22/1900		Instituted	
186 Laurel	San Mateo	11/30/1986	186	Laurel	186 Peninsula
			275	Burlingame	Location: Burlingame
186 Peninsula	Burlingame	11/25/2007	186	Peninsula	186 Unity
			305	Unity	
188 Tehachapi	Tehachapi	1/16/1901		Instituted	
188 Tehachapi	Tehachapi	12/03/1969	188	Tehachapi	188 Tehachapi
			603	Arvin	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
197 Mt. Whitney	Bishop	1/11/1902		Instituted	
197 Mt. Whitney	Bishop	6/19/1991	197 595	Mt. Whitney Mono	197 Mt. Whitney
198 Maspha	Brentwood	4/23/1902		Instituted	
198 Maspha	Brentwood	11/06/1993	42 198	Ariel Maspha	42 Ariel
199 Ionia	Davis	4/29/1902		Instituted	
199 Ionia	Davis	5/22/1996	199 221	Ionia Golden Rod	199 Golden Valley
199 Golden Valley	Davis	11/08/2002	60 199	Yolo Golden Valley	60 Golden Valley
200 Las Mariposas	Mariposa	5/27/1902		Instituted	
200 Las Mariposas	Mariposa	11/17/1991	200 641	Las Mariposas Sierra Vista	200 Las Mariposas
201 Beckwith Star	Beckwourth	6/25/1902		Instituted	
201 Beckwith Star	Beckwourth	6/30/1996	201 321	Beckwith Star Portola	201 Beckwith Portola Star
202 La Paloma	Covina	8/05/1902		Instituted	
202 La Paloma	Covina	11/21/1997	202 325	La Paloma West Covina	202 West Covina

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
203 Sequoia	Menlo Park	9/1/1902		Instituted	
203 Sequoia	Menlo Park	11/21/2007	203	Sequoia	203 Palo Alto
			213	Palo Alto	Location: Palo Alto
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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
209	Hollywood	2/28/1903		Instituted	
209	Hollywood	11/10/1973	209	Hollywood	209 Hollywood-Malta
			475	Malta	
209	Hollywood-Malta	1/12/1980	209	Hollywood-Malta	209 Hollywood
			210	Mendias-Ray	
209	Hollywood	8/02/1986	133	South Gate	133 Hollywood
			209	Hollywood	
210	Palestine	3/07/1903		Instituted	
210	Palestine	11/28/1972	210	Palestine	210 Mendias-Ray
			495	Mendias-Ray	
210	Mendias-Ray	1/12/1980	209	Hollywood-Malta	209 Hollywood
			210	Mendias-Ray	
211	Colton	7/08/1903		Instituted	
211	Colton	11/16/1991	211	Colton	211 Rialto
			596	Rialto	Location: Rialto
211	Rialto	11/18/2006	211	Rialto	211 Tri-Star
			488	Orange Blossom	
212	Gate City	8/13/1903		Instituted	
212	Gate City	9/25/1998	142	Copa del Oro	212 Gate City
			212	Gate City	
212	Gate City	4/18/1999	75	Arrowhead	212 Gate City
			212	Gate City	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
213 Palo Alto	Palo Alto	8/22/1903		Instituted	
213 Palo Alto	Palo Alto	11/21/2007	203	Sequoia	203 Palo Alto
			213	Palo Alto	Location: Palo Alto
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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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-Crocket
			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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
237 Glendale Glen Eyrie	Glendale	11/15/1996	237 494	Glendale Glen Eyrie Crescenta Valley	237 Glencrest
238 Jewel	San Francisco	3/20/1906		Instituted	
238 Jewel	San Francisco	4/26/1977	124 238	Harmony Jewel	124 Harmony-Jewel
239 Monterey	Monterey	3/30/1906		Instituted	
239 Monterey	Monterey	1/18/1993	68 239	Ocean Spray Monterey	68 Monterey Peninsula
240 Buena Park	Buena Park	4/06/1906		Instituted	
240 Buena Park	Buena Park	11/25/1997	151 240	Chispa Buena Park	151 Chispa
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

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
244 Milton	Milton	4/17/1906		Instituted	
244 Milton	Milton	11/12/2007	165	Crescent	165 Mother Load
			244	Milton	
245 Ocean Park	Ocean Park	5/10/1906		Instituted	
245 Ocean Park	Ocean Park	1/19/1984	245	Ocean Park	245 Ocean Park
			395	Culver City	
245 Ocean Park	Santa Monica	11/21/1991	245	Ocean Park	245 Ocean Park
			446	Ionic-Menorah	
245 Ocean Park	Santa Monica	11/19/1992	245	Ocean Park	245 Ocean Park
			247	Columbia-Beverly Hills	
245 Ocean Park	Santa Monica	11/17/1994	113	Santa Monica	245 Ocean Park
			245	Ocean Park	
245 Ocean Park	Santa Monica	11/16/2000	245	Ocean Park	245 Ocean Park
			456	Triangle Palms	
247 Columbia	West Los Angeles	6/14/1906		Instituted	
247 Columbia	West Los Angeles	11/22/1986	247	Columbia	247 Columbia-Beverly Hills
			404	Beverly Hills	
247 Columbia-Beverly Hills	Los Angeles	11/19/1992	245	Ocean Park	245 Ocean Park
			247	Columbia-Beverly Hills	
248 Hollenbeck	Los Angeles	6/02/1906		Instituted	
248 Hollenbeck	Los Angeles	5/02/1972	248	Hollenbeck	248 Holly Gardens
			464	The Gardens	

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248 Holly Gardens	Whittier	11/25/1984	248	Holly Gardens	248 Holly Gardens
			623	La Mirada	
248 Holly Gardens	Whittier	11/17/1990	144	Lyra	144 Lyra
			248	Holly Gardens	
249 Acantha	Richmond	9/07/1906		Instituted	
249 Acantha	Richmond	9/14/1984	205	Miramar	205 El Portal
			249	Acantha	
250 Sunnyvale	Sunnyvale	3/14/1907		Instituted	
	Sunnyvale	1/17/1964		Change meeting place to Los Altos	
250 Sunnyvale	Los Altos	11/15/1998	250	Sunnyvale	250 Valley Star
			636	Los Altos	
252 Casimir	Ukiah	4/13/1907		Instituted	
252 Casimir	Ukiah	1921		Moved Chapter to San Francisco	
252 Casimir	San Francisco	11/18/1965	252	Casimir	252 Casimir
			432	Forest	
252 Casimir	San Francisco	7/14/1980	252	Casimir	252 Casimir
			427	Seaport	
252 Casimir	San Francisco	3/13/1989	252	Casimir	252 Casimir
			470	Roosevelt	
252 Casimir	San Francisco	11/07/1991	252	Casimir	252 Casimir
			374	Lebanon	
252 Casimir	San Francisco	4/28/1995	252	Casimir	252 Pacific Star
			255	Richmond	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
252 Pacific Star	San Francisco	3/05/1999	252 280	Pacific Star Sunset	252 Pacific Star
253 Artesia	Artesia	4/15/1907		Instituted	
253 Artesia	Artesia	4/02/1997	143 253	Norwalk Artesia	143 Emerald Star
254 North East	Fort Bidwell	4/19/1907		Instituted	
254 North East	Fort Bidwell	10/28/1964	232 254	Bonner North East	232 Bonner
255 Richmond	San Francisco	4/22/1907		Instituted	
255 Richmond	San Francisco	8/28/1980	170 255	King Solomon's Richmond	255 Richmond
255 Richmond	San Francisco	5/26/1988	255	Richmond	255 Richmond
255 Richmond	San Francisco	4/28/1995	284 252 255	Albert Pike Casimir Richmond	252 Pacific Star
257 Reedley	Reedley	5/28/1907		Instituted	
257 Reedley	Reedley	1/12/1972	257 261	Reedley Dinuba	261 Alta
258 Oriental	Los Angeles	9/06/1907		Instituted	
258 Oriental	Los Angeles	5/26/1970	258 298	Oriental Golden State	258 Golden State

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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	
260 Gardena	San Pedro	11/19/2007	174	San Pedro Harbor	174 San Pedro Harbor
			260	Gardena	
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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
269 Parnassus	San Francisco	2/27/1908		Instituted	
269 Parnassus	San Francisco	6/20/1974	229	Imperial	229 Parnassus-Imperial
			269	Parnasus	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
270 Eschscholtzia	Coalinga	3/14/1908		Instituted	
270 Eschscholtzia	Coalinga	2/09/1991	41 270	Lily of the Lake Eschscholtzia	41 Lily of the Lake
271 Monte Vista	Orosi	3/16/1908		Instituted	
271 Monte Vista	Orosi	11/27/1989	93 271	Heliotrope Monte Vista	93 Heliotrope
272 South Pasadena	South Pasadena	3/28/1908		Instituted	
272 South Pasadena	South Pasadena	11/23/1991	133 272	Hollywood South Pasadena	133 Hollywood
273 Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz	4/04/1908		Instituted	
273 Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz	11/23/1991	273 638	Santa Cruz Valley of the Redwoods	273 Santa Cruz Redwoods
274 St. Helena	St. Helena	5/02/1908		Instituted	
274 St. Helena	St. Helena	4/05/1984	59 274	Silver Spray St. Helena	59 Silver Spray
275 Burlingame	Burlingame	5/16/1908		Instituted	
275 Burlingame	Burlingame	11/30/1986	186 275	Laurel Burlingame	186 Peninsula
276 Signal	El Centro	6/08/1908		Instituted	
276 Signal	El Centro	3/19/1977	276 316	Signal Alamitos	276 Signal-Alamitos

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
276 Signal-Alamitos	El Centro	9/30/1983	276 311	Signal-Alamitos Imperial Crown	276 Signal-Alamitos Crown
276 Signal-Alamitos Crown	El Centro	3/27/1994	267 276 289	Golden Rule Signal-Alamitos Crown Alamo	276 Imperial Valley
277 Athens	Oakland	6/10/1908		Instituted	
277 Athens	Oakland	9/15/1980	8 277	Oak Leaf Athens	8 Oak Leaf
278 Vallejo	Vallejo	9/26/1908		Instituted	
278 Vallejo	Vallejo	5/12/2003	3 30 278	Silver Star Silver Gate Vallejo	3 Gateway
279 Mystic Star	Corning	11/24/1908		Instituted	
279 Mystic Star	Corning	3/29/2003	83 279	Molino Mystic Star	83 Molino 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	280 388	Occidental Victory	280 Victory
280 Victory	San Francisco	9/24/1979	280 409	Victory George Washington	280 George Washington Victory

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
287 Poinsettia	Oceanside	4/14/1998	287	Poinsettia	287 Poinsettia
			453	Santa Maria	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
288 Fraternity	San Jose	11/23/1909		Instituted	
288 Fraternity	San Jose	11/26/1991	288	Fraternity	288 Bright Star
			493	Jarman	
288 Bright Star	San Jose	11/23/2001	288	Bright Star	288 Blossom Hill
			530	Willow Glen	
288 Blossom Hill	San Jose	11/25/2005	31	San Jose	31 San Jose
			288	Blossom Hill	
289 Alamo	Brawley	1/13/1910		Instituted	
289 Alamo	Brawley	3/27/1994	267	Golden Rule	276 Imperial Valley
			276	Signal-Alamitos Crown	
			289	Alamo	
290 West Gate	Berkeley	2/01/1910		Instituted	
290 West Gate	Berkeley	11/24/1991	178	Vista Cerrito	178 Vista Cerrito
			290	West Gate	
291 Point Arena	Point Arena	5/31/1910		Instituted	
291 Point Arena	Point Arena	4/29/1990	111	Ocean View	111 Ocean View
			291	Point Arena	
293 Elvesta	Oakland	7/30/1910		Instituted	
293 Elvesta	Oakland	6/10/1980	293	Elvesta	293 Foothill
			433	Foothill	
293 Foothill	Hayward	12/29/1986	103	Golden Wave	103 Golden Wave
			293	Foothill	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
294 Pleasanton	Pleasanton	9/22/1910		Instituted	
294 Pleasanton	Pleasanton	11/15/1997	294	Pleasanton	294 Castro Valley
			455	Castro Valley-Hayward	
294 Castro Valley	Pleasanton	9/05/2008	103	Golden Wave	103 Lake Chabot
			294	Castro Valley	
295 Fresno	Fresno	9/30/1910		Instituted	
295 Fresno	Fresno	11/27/1995	89	Raisina	89 Raisina Fresno
			295	Fresno	
296 Wistaria	Turlock	10/01/1910		Instituted	
296 Wistaria	Turlock	11/21/1993	296	Wisteria	296 Ceres
			416	Smyrna	
297 Fruitvale	Oakland	12/21/1910		Instituted	
297 Fruitvale	Oakland	8/20/1982	297	Fruitvale	297 Alameda
			386	Alameda	
297 Alameda	Alameda	1/19/2001	115	Carita	115 Alameda
			297	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	Oriental	258 Golden State
			298	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	Location: Monrovia
299	Friendly Star	01/08/2007	299	Friendly Star	299
			367	Arcadia	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	Location: Meniffee Valley 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	Ruth	305 Unity
			583	Crystal Springs	
305 Unity	South San Francisco	11/25/2007	186	Peninsula	186 Unity
			305	Unity	
306 Lindsay	Lindsay	6/13/1911		Instituted	
306 Lindsay	Lindsay	3/31/1987	114	Palm Leaf	114 Palm Leaf
			306	Lindsay	
307 Southland	Pasadena	1/13/1912		Instituted	
307 Southland	Pasadena	11/16/1990	108	Pasadena-Melita	108 Pasadena
			307	Southland	
308 Mary E. Partridge	Oakland	1/19/1912		Instituted	
308 Mary E. Partridge	Oakland	8/06/1976	308	Mary E. Partridge	410 Lake Merritt
			410	Lake Merritt	
309 Calkota	Kerman	2/17/1912		Instituted	
309 Calkota	Kerman	12/18/1990	309	Calkota	309 Concordia
			320	Concordia	Location: Kerman
309 Concordia	Clovis	4/22/2006	93	Heliotrope	93 Concordia
			309	Concordia	Location: Clovis
310 Palos Verdes	Long Beach	2/26/1912		Instituted	
310 Palos Verdes	Long Beach	1/27/1990	310	Palos Verdes	310 Meridian
			435	Searchlight	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
310 Meridian	Long Beach	11/16/1992	310	Meridian	310 Meridian
			502	All States	
310 Meridian	Long Beach	3/13/1994	310	Meridian	310 Meridian
			617	Star of Lakewood	
311 Imperial Crown	Calexico	3/27/1912		Instituted	
311 Imperial Crown	Calexico	9/30/1983	276	Signal-Alamitos	276 Signal-Alamitos Crown
			311	Imperial Crown	
312 Kingsburg	Kingsburg	7/11/1912		Instituted	
312 Kingsburg	Kingsburg	9/24/1979	93	Heliotrope	93 Heliotrope
			312	Kingsburg	
313 Eagle Rock	Los Angeles	9/12/1912		Instituted	
313 Eagle Rock	Los Angeles	11/24/1987	313	Eagle Rock	313 Eagle Rock-Glassell Park
			486	Glassell Park	
313 Eagle Rock-Glassell Park	Los Angeles	11/20/1993	133	Hollywood	133 Hollywood
			192	Elysian	
			313	Eagle Rock-Glassell Park	
314 Willits	Willits	3/13/1912		Instituted	
314 Willits	Willits	11/13/2005	58	Kingsley	58 Kingsley
			314	Willits	
315 Moneta	Los Angeles	11/30/1912		Instituted	
315 Moneta	Los Angeles	5/22/1992	260	Gardena	260 Gardena
			315	Moneta	

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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
373 Stockton	Stockton	5/14/1921	373	Instituted	
373 Stockton	Stockton	11/14/2007	50 373	Valley Oaks Stockton	50 Stockton 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

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
377 Westwood	Westwood	6/27/1921		Instituted	
377 Westwood	Westwood	11/03/2002	53	Sincerity	53 Sincerity
			377	Westwood	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
384 Concord	Concord	9/28/1921		Instituted	
384 Concord	Concord	6/07/2000	384 590	Concord Silver Valley	384 Concord
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

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
392 Effie Easton	Oakland	4/24/1922		Instituted	
392 Effie Easton	Oakland	6/16/1975	8	Oak Leaf	8 Oak Leaf
			392	Effie Easton	
393 Bell	Bell	5/02/1922		Instituted	
393 Bell	Bell	12/07/1976	393	Bell	393 Bell
			573	San Antonio	
393 Bell	Bell	6/16/1987	286	Rising Light	286 Bell
			393	Bell	
394 Point	Richmond	7/06/1922		Instituted	
394 Point	Richmond	1/20/1990	383	Beacon	383 Beacon Point
			394	Point	
395 Culver City	Los Angeles	7/27/1922		Instituted	
395 Culver City	Los Angeles	1/19/1984	245	Ocean Park	245 Ocean Park
			395	Culver City	
396 Seal Rock	San Francisco	8/11/1922		Instituted	
396 Seal Rock	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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
397 Bellflower	Bellflower	11/25/1996	286	Bell	397 Bellflower
			397	Bellflower	
397 Bellflower	Bellflower	11/23/1998	397	Bellflower	397 Bellflower
			438	Lynwood	
397 Bellflower	Bellflower	7/23/2005	397	Bellflower	397 Bellflower
			561	Emera	
399 Bettina	Long Beach	10/11/1922		Instituted	
399 Bettina	Long Beach	8/14/1992	173	Long Beach	173 Long Beach-Bettina
			399	Bettina	
400 Riverdale	Riverdale	11/29/1922		Instituted	
400 Riverdale	Riverdale	6/21/1944	41	Lily of the Lake	41 Lily of the Lake
			400	Riverdale	
402 Belvedere	Los Angeles	12/23/1922		Instituted	
402 Belvedere	Los Angeles	6/21/1985	367	Ramona Star	367 Ramona Star-Belvedere
			402	Belvedere	
403 Lankershim	Lankershim	1/16/1923		Instituted	
403 Lankership	Lankership	9/20/1059		Name of location changed	North Hollywood
403 Lankershim	North Hollywood	11/29/1950		WGM approved name change	403 North Hollywood
403 North Hollywood	North Hollywood	11/19/1991	403	North Hollywood	403 North Hollywood-Noel
			611	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

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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
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	406 411 543	Siloam West Adams Windsor	406 Tri Star
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

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
409 George Washington	San Francisco	7/09/1923		Instituted	
409 George Washington	San Francisco	9/24/1979	280	Victory	280 George Washington Victory
			409	George Washington	
410 Lake Merritt	Oakland	7/10/1923		Instituted	
410 Lake Merritt	Oakland	9/19/1975	410	Lake Merritt	410 Lake Merritt
			415	Loma Vista	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
414	Mar Vista	Long Beach	11/09/1997	173 Long Beach-Bettina	173 Long Beach
			414	Mar Vista	
415	Loma Vista	Oakland	8/17/1923	Instituted	
415	Loma Vista	Oakland	9/19/1975	410 Lake Merritt	410 Lake Merritt
			415	Loma Vista	
416	Smyrna	Ceres	8/18/1923	Instituted	
416	Smyrna	Ceres	11/21/1993	296 Wisteria	296 Ceres
			416	Smyrna	
418	Arlington	Los Angeles	11/17/1923	Instituted	
418	Arlington	Los Angeles	11/26/1973	329 Olivette-Wilshire	329 Olivette-Wilshire
			418	Arlington	
420	Fort Sutter	Sacramento	11/30/1923	Instituted	
420	Fort Sutter	Sacramento	11/26/1990	117 Columbus	117 Columbus-Fort Sutter
			420	Fort Sutter	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
421 Radiant	Hollywood	1/19/1924		Instituted	
421 Radiant	Hollywood	10/15/1971	265	Daylight	265 Radiant-Daylight
			421	Radiant	
422 Glendale	Glendale	1/19/1924		Instituted	
422 Glendale	Glendale	11/09/1994	237	Glen Eyrie	237 Glendale Glen Eyrie
			422	Glendale	
423 Plymouth	Oakland	1/31/1924		Instituted	
423 Plymouth	Oakland	8/13/1973	423	Plymouth	423 Plymouth
			484	Prudence	
423 Plymouth	Oakland	4/25/1983	8	Oak Leaf	8 Oak Leaf
			423	Plymouth	
424 Nimshi	Los Angeles	2/09/1924		Instituted	
424 Nimshi	Los Angeles	3/27/1970	354	Elysian	354 Elysian
			424	Nimshi	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
439 Guardian	South Gate	11/15/1988	160	Occident	160 Occident-Guardian
			439	Guardian	
440 Fireside	San Francisco	2/27/1925		Instituted	
440 Fireside	San Francisco	9/27/1966	434	Trinity	434 Trinity Fireside
			440	Fireside	(CANCELLED right after Consolidation)
440 Fireside	San Francisco	8/08/1967	124	Harmony	124 Harmony
			440	Fireside	
441 Utopia	Los Angeles	3/09/1925		Instituted	
441 Utopia	Los Angeles	7/12/1971	168	Los Angeles	168 Los Angeles
			441	Utopia	
442 Granada	Alhambra	3/25/1925		Instituted	
442 Granada	Alhambra	11/20/1990	193	Alhambra	193 Alhambra-Granada
			442	Granada	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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
445 Tujunga	Tujunga	4/20/1925		Instituted	
445 Tujunga	Tujunga	7/20/2005	352 445	Burbank Tujunga	352 Burbank
446 Ionic	Los Angeles	4/27/1925		Instituted	
446 Ionic	Los Angeles	11/20/1980	446 497	Ionic Menorah	446 Ionic-Menorah
446 Ionic-Menorah	Los Angeles	3/20/1984	446 498	Ionic-Menorah Composite	446 Ionic-Menorah
446 Ionic-Menorah	Los Angeles	11/21/1991	245 446	Ocean Park Ionic-Menorah	245 Ocean Park
447 Escallonia	Escalon	5/06/1925		Instituted	
447 Escallonia	Escalon	7/31/2002	226 447	Oakdale Escallonia	447 Escallonia

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
450 North Star	Fall River Mills	3/22/1997	26	Northern Light	26 Northern Light
			450	North Star	
451 Liberty	San Francisco	6/24/1925		Instituted	
451 Liberty	San Francisco	8/20/1964	99	Beulah	99 Beulah-Liberty
			451	Liberty	
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	Van Nuys	338 Van Nuys
			452	Canoga	
453 Santa Maria	Ramona	7/18/1925		Instituted	
453 Santa Maria	Ramona	4/14/1998	287	Poinsettia	287 Poinsettia
			453	Santa Maria	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
454	Harding	Los Angeles	8/04/1925	Instituted	
454	Harding	Los Angeles	11/10/1972	454 Harding	454 Polaris
			517	Holly Vista	
454	Polaris	Los Angeles	11/29/2000	21 Highland Park	21 Acacia
			454	Polaris	
455	Elmhurst	Elmhurst	8/07/1925	Instituted	
455	Elmhurst	Elmhurst	2/17/1987	455 Elmhurst	455 Castro Valley
			572	Castro Valley	
455	Castro Valley	Castro Valley	11/07/1992	331 Hayward	455 Castro Valley-Hayward
			455	Castro Valley	
455	Castro Valley-Hayward	Castro Valley	11/15/1997	294 Pleasanton	294 Castro Valley
			455	Castro Valley-Hayward	
456	Triangle	Venice	8/10/1925	Instituted	
456	Triangle	Venice	8/26/1994	456 Triangle	456 Triangle Palms
			491	Palms	
456	Triangle Palms	Santa Monica	11/16/2000	245 Ocean Park	245 Ocean Park
			456	Triangle Palms	
457	Caliz de Oro	Oakland	2/12/1926	Instituted	
457	Caliz de Oro	Oakland	6/02/1980	8 Oak Leaf	8 Oak Leaf
			457	Caliz de Oro	
458	Chula Vista	Chula Vista	2/13/1926	Instituted	
458	Chula Vista	Chula Vista	11/25/1996	345 South West	345 Chula Vista
			458	Chula Vista	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
459	Wilmington	2/27/1926		Instituted	
459	Wilmington	11/18/1989	380	Torrance	380
			459	Wilmington	
460	Justice	4/05/1926		Instituted	
460	Justice	11/30/1973	1	Golden Gate	1
			27	Ivy	
			196	San Francisco	
			460	Justice	
463	Larchmont	5/07/1926		Instituted	
463	Larchmont	4/23/1974	463	Larchmont	522
			522	Atwater	
464	The Gardens	5/08/1926		Instituted	
464	The Gardens	5/02/1972	248	Hollenbeck	248
			464	The Gardens	
465	Roseland	6/28/1926		Instituted	
465	Roseland	3/21/1984	465	Roseland	465
			612	Heritage	
465	Heritage-Roseland	2/20/1991	352	Burbank	352
			465	Heritage-Roseland	
467	Melita	7/30/1926		Instituted	
467	Melita	11/16/1984	108	Pasadena	108
			467	Melita	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
468 Star of the West	Pomona	7/31/1926		Instituted	
468 Star of the West	Pomona	2/14/1999	110	Pomona	110 Star of Pomona
			468	Star of the West	
469 Hawthorne	Hawthorne	8/10/1926		Instituted	
469 Hawthorne	Hawthorne	11/12/1988	319	Centinela Valley	319 Centinela Valley
			469	Hawthorne	
470 Roosevelt	San Francisco	8/18/1926		Instituted	
470 Roosevelt	San Francisco	3/13/1989	252	Casimir	252 Casimir
			470	Roosevelt	
471 Arcadia	Arcadia	8/18/1926		Instituted	
471 Arcadia	Arcadia	4/28/1984	227	Monrovia	471 Arcadia
			471	Arcadia	
471 Arcadia	Arcadia	11/22/1991	448	Temple City	471 Arcadia
			471	Arcadia	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
442 480 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	

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484 Prudence	Berkeley	5/26/1927		Instituted	
484 Prudence	Berkeley	8/13/1973	423	Plymouth	423 Plymouth
			484	Prudence	
486 Glassell Park	Los Angeles	7/13/1927		Instituted	
486 Glassell Park	Los Angeles	11/24/1987	313	Eagle Rock	313 Eagle Rock-Glassell Park
			486	Glassell Park	
487 White Pine	Weed	7/25/1927		Instituted	
487 White Pine	Weed	2/12/1983	175	Sisson	175 Sisson-White Pine
			487	White Pine	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
492 Henry S. Orme	Los Angeles	5/14/1928		Instituted	
492 Henry S. Orme	Los Angeles	10/08/1971	281	Pleiades	281 Pleiades-Orme
			492	Henry S. Orme	
493 Jarman	San Jose	5/25/1928		Instituted	
493 Jarman	San Jose	11/26/1991	288	Fraternity	288 Bright Star
			493	Jarman	
494 Crescenta Valley	Montrose	6/04/1928		Instituted	
494 Crescenta Valley	Montrose	11/15/1996	237	Glendale Glen Eyrie	237 Glencrest
			494	Crescenta Valley	
495 Beacon Ray	Los Angeles	6/14/1928		Instituted	
495 Beacon Ray	Los Angeles	7/22/1971	495	Beacon Ray	495 Mendias-Ray
			582	Mendias	
495 Mendias-Ray	Los Angles	11/28/1972	210	Palestine	210 Mendias-Ray
			495	Mendias-Ray	
496 Nonpareil	San Francisco	6/16/1928		Instituted	
496 Nonpareil	San Francisco	11/02/1967	124	Harmony	124 Harmony
			496	Nonpariel	
497 Menorah	Los Angeles	6/16/1928		Instituted	
497 Menorah	Los Angles	11/20/1980	446	Ionic	446 Ionic-Menorah
			497	Menorah	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
498 Composite	Los Angeles	6/21/1928		Instituted	
498 Composite	Los Angeles	6/21/1976	376	Sunbeam	498 Composite
			498	Composite	
498 Composite	Los Angeles	3/20/1984	446	Ionic-Menorah	446 Ionic-Menorah
			498	Composite	
499 El Dorado	El Dorado	6/30/1928		Instituted	
499 El Dorado	El Dorado	3/18/1989	499	El Dorado	499 El Dorado-Lake Tahoe
			610	Lake Tahoe	
499 El Dorado-Lake Tahoe	El Dorado	6/23/1996	62	Mountain Fern	62 El Dorado-Tahoe Fern
			499	El Dorado-Lake Tahoe	
500 Jordan	Huntington Park	7/12/1928		Instituted	
500 Jordan	Huntington Park	4/29/1978	439	Guardian	439 Guardian
			500	Jordan	
501 Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	7/14/1928		Instituted	
501 Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	1/24/1988	78	Marguerite	78 Santa Barbara-Marguerite
			501	Santa Barbara	
502 All States	Long Beach	8/08/1928		Instituted	
502 All States	Long Beach	11/16/1992	310	Meridian	310 Meridian
			502	All States	
503 Olivette	Los Angeles	8/13/1928		Instituted	
503 Olivette	Los Angeles	11/24/1969	329	Wilshire	329 Olivette-Wilshire
			503	Olivette	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
504 Rosa M. Shattuck	Berkeley	8/15/1928		Instituted	
504 Rosa M. Shattuck	Berkeley	4/09/1969	65	Unity	65 Unity
			504	Rosa M. Shattuck	
505 Reseda	Reseda	4/01/1929		Instituted	
505 Reseda	Reseda	11/26/2001	338	Van Nuys	338 Van Nuys
			505	Reseda	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	463	Larchmont	522 Atwater-Larchmont
			522	Atwater	
522 Atwater-Larchmont	Los Angeles	11/21/1987	21	Highland Park	21 Highland Park
			522	Atwater-Larchmont	
524 San Clemente	San Clemente	5/05/1930		Instituted	
524 San Clemente	San Clemente	2/26/2002	524	San Clemente	524 San Clemente-Saddleback
			645	Saddleback	
525 Cambria Pines	Cambria	10/04/1930		Instituted	
525 Cambria Pines	Cambria	11/16/1995	525	Cambria Pines	525 Estero Pines
			587	Estero Bay	
525 Estero Pines	Morro Bay	11/13/2004	95	Bethlehem	95 Bethlehem-Estero Pines
			525	Estero Pines	
526 Altadena	Altadena	3/14/1931		Instituted	
526 Altadena	Altadena	4/19/1988	473	East Pasadena	473 East Pas Alta
			526	Altadena	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
527 Baldwin Park	Baldwin Park	4/30/1931		Instituted	
527 Baldwin Park	Baldwin Park	7/15/1988	527	Baldwin Park	527 West Covina
			607	West Covina	
527 West Covina	West Covina	8/10/1991	325	La Puente	325 West Covina
			527	West Covina	
528 Ojai	Ojai	4/16/1932		Instituted	
528 Ojai	Ojai	6/30/2003	79	Channel Islands	79 Channel Islands
			528	Ojai	
529 Lauralane	Sacramento	7/14/1933		Instituted	
529 Lauralane	Sacramento	11/15/2003	385	Rainbow	385 Harmony
			529	Lauralane	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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 Tulelake	Tulelake	5/31/1937		Instituted	
539 Tulelake	Tulelake	11/22/1987	450	North Star	450 North Star
			539	Tulelake	
540 Elizabeth B. Wheeler	Los Angeles	12/30/1937		Instituted	
540 Elizabeth B. Wheeler	Los Angeles	4/20/1981	216	Los Feliz	216 Los Feliz
			540	Elizabeth B. Wheeler	
541 Estrellita	Berkeley	7/01/1938		Instituted	
541 Estrellita	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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
548 Arrowhead	San Bernardino	5/03/1991	75 548	Arrowhead Silver Wave	75 Arrowhead
550 Albany	Albany	1/28/1942		Instituted	
550 Albany	Albany	10/13/1983	550 586	Albany Vista Cerrito	550 Vista Cerrito
550 Vista Cerrito	El Cerrito	8/09/1990	178 550	Thousand Oaks Vista Cerrito	178 Vista Cerrito
552 Mountain View	Janesville	10/07/1944		Instituted	
552 Mountain View	Janesville	11/27/1999	112 552	Hesperian Mountain View	112 Mountain View
553 Campbell	Campbell	10/12/1944		Instituted	
553 Campbell	Campbell	4/11/2003	128 553	Los Gatos Campbell	128 Golden Oak
554 San Marino	San Marino	4/25/1945		Instituted	
554 San Marino	San Marino	8/24/1993	193 554	Alhambra-Granada San Marino	193 Alhambra
555 La Sierra	Fresno	6/12/1945		Instituted	
555 La Sierra	Fresno	4/01/1983	534 555	Venus La Sierra	555 La Sierra Venus

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
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

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
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	

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456	Old Chapter		Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter	
	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		
	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		

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
580 Castroville	Castroville	9/17/1951		Instituted	
580 Castroville	Castroville	11/26/1990	47	Reveille	47 Reveille
			580	Castroville	
582 Mendias	Hollywood	1/30/1952		Instituted	
582 Mendias	Hollywood	7/22/1971	495	Beacon Ray	495 Mendias-Ray
			582	Mendias	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
583 Crystal Springs	San Bruno	2/18/1952		Instituted	
583 Crystal Springs	San Bruno	11/22/1992	305	Ruth	305 Unity
			583	Crystal Springs	
584 La Paz	Bell Gardens	5/01/1952		Instituted	
584 La Paz	Bell Gardens	11/18/1983	584	La Paz	584 El Rancho de la Paz
			624	El Rancho	
584 El Rancho de la Paz	Pico Rivera	9/30/1995	584	El Rancho de la Paz	584 Tri Star
			614	Hacienda	
584 Tri Star	Whittier	6/06/2002	144	Lyra	144 Whittier Star
			335	Whittier	
			584	Tri Star	
585 Mountain Star	Middletown	6/20/1952		Instituted	
585 Mountain Star	Middletown	11/05/1988	231	Lower Lake	231 Lower Lake
			585	Mountain Star	
586 Vista Cerrito	El Cerrito	8/25/1952		Instituted	
586 Vista Cerrito	El Cerrito	10/13/1983	550	Albany	550 Vista Cerrito
			586	Vista Cerrito	
587 Estero Bay	Cayucos	9/09/1952		Instituted	
587 Estero Bay	Cayucos	11/16/1995	525	Cambria Pines	525 Estero Pines
			587	Estero Bay	
588 San Ramon Valley	Danville	1/31/1953		Instituted	
588 San Ramon Valley	Danville	8/01/2001		Change meeting location to Pleasanton	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
588 San Ramon Valley	Pleasanton	11/10/2003	571 588	Larinda San Ramon Valley	571 Diablo Star
589 Belmont Shore	Long Beach	2/14/1953		Instituted	
589 Belmont Shore	Long Beach	10/17/1982	561 589	Emera Belmont Shore	561 Emera
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	590 644	Silver Chalice Clayton Valley	590 Silver Valley
590 Silver Valley	Concord	6/07/2000	384 590	Concord Silver Valley	384 Concord
591 Lomita	Lomita	10/08/1953		Instituted	
591 Lomita	Lomita	7/29/1994	512 591	Point Firmin Lomita	512 Golden Chain
592 Home	North Hollywood	10/09/1953		Instituted	
592 Home	Granada Hills	11/18/2003	403 592	Horizon Star Home	403 Horizon Star
593 Eothen	Carmichael	8/16/1954		Instituted	
593 Eothen	Carmichael	6/06/1955		Name changed	593 Rising Star
593 Rising Star	Carmichael	11/17/1995	36 593	Naomi Rising Star	36 Rising Star

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
594 Fairfax	Larkspur	8/21/1954		Instituted	
594 Fairfax	Larkspur	11/21/1993	215	San Rafael	215 Marin Star
			594	Fairfax	
			609	Novato	
595 Mono	Bridgeport	8/23/1954		Instituted	
595 Mono	Bridgeport	6/19/1991	197	Mt. Whitney	197 Mt. Whitney
			595	Mono	
596 Rialto	Rialto	8/25/1954		Instituted	
596 Rialto	Rialto	11/16/1991	211	Colton	211 Rialto
			596	Rialto	
597 Fuchsia	El Segundo	8/26/1954		Instituted	
597 Fuchsia	El Segundo	3/28/2001	425	Playa Linds-Ascot	425 Fuchsia
			597	Fuchsia	
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	

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
600 Harbor Lights	San Diego	5/28/1955		Instituted	
600 Harbor Lights	San Diego	11/23/1991	478 600	Normal Heights Harbor Lights	478 Harbor Lights
601 Morningside	Inglewood	6/23/1955		Instituted	
601 Morningside	Inglewood	11/22/1972	516 601	Angeles Vista Morningside	516 Morning Vista
602 Desert Star	Twentynine Palms	6/27/1955		Instituted	
602 Desert Star	Twentynine Palms	2/07/1999	602 629	Desert Star Yucca Valley	602 Desert Valley
603 Arvin	Arvin	6/29/1955		Instituted	
603 Arvin	Arvin	12/03/1969	188 603	Tehachapi Arvin	188 Tehachapi
605 Mission Bell	San Pablo	8/29/1955		Instituted	
605 Mission Bell	San Pablo	11/22/1992	205 605	El Portal Mission Bell	205 Mission Bell
606 Pacific Beach	La Jolla	9/21/1955		Instituted	
606 Pacific Beach	La Jolla	8/28/1989	490 606	Point Loma Pacific Beach	490 Point Loma
607 West Covina	West Covina	9/22/1955		Instituted	
607 West Covina	West Covina	7/15/1988	527 607	Baldwin Park West Covina	527 West Covina

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Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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 Friendley 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	
612 Heritage	North Hollywood	6/30/1956		Instituted	
612 Heritage	North Hollywood	3/21/1984	465	Roseland	465 Heritage-Roseland
			612	Heritage	
613 Century	Compton	8/07/1956		Instituted	
613 Century	Compton	11/22/1996	147	Pearl	147 Golden Crown
			613	Century	

CONSOLIDATED CHAPTERS IN CALIFORNIA

Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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
618 Parva Stella	South Gate	8/04/1956		Instituted	
618 Parva Stella	South Gate	2/07/1972	343 480 618	York Majestic Parva Stella	343 Majestic Star
620 San Dieguito	Cardiff-by-the-Sea	3/11/1958		Instituted	
620 San Dieguito	Cardiff-by-the-Sea	11/28/1995	287 620	Poinsettia San Diegito	287 Poinsettia

CONSOLIDATED CHAPTERS IN CALIFORNIA

	Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter		New Chapter
464	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		
	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		

CONSOLIDATED CHAPTERS IN CALIFORNIA

Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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	
632 Conejo Valley	Thousand Oaks	9/11/1961		Instituted	
632 Conejo Valley	Thousand Oaks	2/28/2005	632	Conejo Valley	632 Conejo Valley
			649	Camarillo	
633 Desert Candle	Mojave	5/21/1962		Instituted	
633 Desert Candle	Mojave	6/20/1989	630	Joshua Tree	630 Joshua Tree
			633	Desert Candle	
634 Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa	6/06/1962		Instituted	
634 Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa	1/20/1995	161	Gold Ridge Star	161 Gold Ridge Star
			634	Santa Rosa	

CONSOLIDATED CHAPTERS IN CALIFORNIA

Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
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
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

CONSOLIDATED CHAPTERS IN CALIFORNIA

Old Chapter	Location	Date	No.	Chapter	New Chapter
647 Lakeside	Lakeside	9/10/1975		Instituted	
647 Lakeside	Lakeside	11/24/1992	412	Estrella	412 Estrella
			647	Lakeside	
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	Conejo Valley	632 Conejo Valley
			649	Camarillo	

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SUMMARY CHAPTER INFORMATION

Chapter Name	Chtp No	Date of Institution	Members 6-30-07	Members 6-30-08	Total Assess
Golden Gate	1	05/10/1869	453	440	\$4,350.45
Suisun	2	03/12/1870	202	189	\$1,896.95
Gateway	3	11/22/1870	459	438	\$4,680.40
Alameda Oak Leaf	8	04/12/1872	347	322	\$3,429.45
Evangeline	9	06/17/1873	154	138	\$1,701.65
Evening Star	10	10/01/1872	67	70	\$832.35
Lucerne	13	12/09/1874	207	188	\$2,144.40
Shasta Northern Light	14	01/28/1875	268	252	\$2,681.55
Welcome Redding	17	04/05/1875	189	178	\$2,192.35
Wild Lily	18	05/11/1875	183	177	\$1,971.70
Vesper	20	03/01/1876	108	107	\$1,429.10
Hollywood	21	03/14/1876	482	461	\$5,042.20
Ferndale	23	09/01/1876	62	60	\$779.70
Yolano	28	03/03/1877	196	176	\$1,886.35
San Jose	31	09/07/1877	449	429	\$4,588.45
Rose Valley	33	02/21/1878	250	231	\$2,744.05
Amapola Vernon Lyman	35	06/01/1878	186	172	\$1,955.60
Rising Star	36	05/03/1879	280	270	\$3,451.95
Stella	39	05/24/1880	102	96	\$1,101.65
Aurora Placer	40	02/13/1880	168	161	\$1,653.05
Lily of the Lake	41	03/23/1880	143	120	\$1,414.35
Ariel	42	03/30/1880	155	147	\$1,747.25
Magnolia	45	05/22/1880	90	85	\$1,099.40
Athena	46	07/07/1880	82	79	\$914.75
Reveille	47	07/09/1880	324	307	\$3,588.20
Wheatland	48	03/23/1881	112	108	\$1,159.15
Stockton Oaks	50	05/21/1881	240	227	\$2,517.00
Five Star	51	06/03/1881	181	174	\$2,034.40
Sincerity	53	06/24/1881	85	82	\$769.45
Marysville Friendship	55	06/25/1881	103	103	\$1,296.90
Fidelia	56	06/28/1881	201	192	\$2,081.80
Crystal	57	07/09/1881	134	134	\$1,689.80
Kingsley Augusta	58	07/23/1881	212	190	\$1,976.90
Silver Spray	59	08/12/1881	277	261	\$3,154.10
Golden Valley	60	08/20/1881	166	152	\$1,611.85
El Dorado Foothills	62	10/15/1881	264	238	\$2,919.85
Camellia	63	10/08/1881	100	93	\$1,087.40
Amador	66	04/11/1882	149	142	\$1,551.90
Electa Modesto	72	06/29/1883	195	190	\$2,022.00
Rohnerville Redwood	76	09/08/1883	104	103	\$1,265.05

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Chapter Name	Chpt No	Date of Institution	Members 6-30-07	Members 6-30-08	Total Assess
Azalia Angels	77	10/13/1883	108	99	\$1,136.85
Channel Islands	78	05/12/1884	458	404	\$4,494.40
Sotoyome - Clover Leaf	82	09/03/1884	72	78	\$1,028.35
Molino Star	83	05/31/1884	142	135	\$1,676.25
Citrus	86	04/18/1885	73	66	\$709.00
Raisina Fresno	89	04/26/1886	284	271	\$2,893.80
Madera	92	04/30/1886	83	76	\$879.55
Concordia	93	05/02/1887	260	221	\$2,453.75
Tulare Corcoran	94	11/07/1887	152	146	\$1,700.25
Bethlehem Estero Pines	95	03/22/1888	184	169	\$1,934.30
La Paloma Star	96	04/02/1888	295	287	\$3,145.95
Mizpah	97	06/19/1888	301	289	\$3,475.20
Golden Wave	103	04/05/1889	196	181	\$1,876.90
Josephine Chico	104	06/28/1889	283	263	\$2,968.45
Ungava	106	04/11/1890	307	304	\$4,091.45
Corona	107	06/14/1890	106	96	\$1,161.10
Pasadena	108	07/11/1890	377	358	\$4,019.95
Elk Grove Onisbo	109	09/24/1890	196	187	\$2,203.00
Star of Claremont	110	08/31/1891	160	139	\$1,589.90
Ocean View	111	09/19/1891	98	89	\$1,078.05
Palm Leaf	114	02/18/1892	200	187	\$2,164.55
New Hope	117	08/08/1892	246	226	\$2,384.50
Woodbridge Oaks	118	09/17/1892	117	114	\$1,301.25
Tuolumne Star	123	08/25/1893	122	118	\$1,325.70
Bakersfield	125	12/18/1893	237	226	\$1,972.10
Mercedes	126	02/23/1894	153	154	\$1,685.25
Golden Oak	128	03/19/1894	209	194	\$2,195.30
Sierra Star	129	06/12/1894	43	41	\$515.80
Fidelity	131	08/31/1894	145	132	\$1,570.80
Semper Fidelis	135	06/03/1895	228	221	\$2,722.40
Summit	138	12/21/1895	92	92	\$1,158.10
Nova Dies Oakland	140	01/02/1896	88	86	\$1,045.10
Miramonte	141	01/08/1896	171	159	\$1,851.50
Emerald Star	143	02/12/1896	152	151	\$1,835.20
Whittier Star	144	02/12/1896	497	464	\$5,548.45
Stardust	145	02/13/1896	278	267	\$3,259.80
Ami Tai	147	04/10/1896	356	314	\$3,779.60
Del Norte	149	05/15/1896	85	84	\$1,048.95
Lodi	150	04/28/1896	124	119	\$1,370.10
Escondido	154	02/05/1896	152	141	\$1,723.35

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Chapter Name	Chpt No	Date of Institution	Members 6-30-07	Members 6-30-08	Total Assess
Penrhyn	159	03/20/1897	98	100	\$1,279.15
Downey	160	06/19/1897	295	275	\$3,118.05
Gold Ridge Star	161	01/06/1898	245	237	\$2,663.50
Crown	162	03/07/1898	156	157	\$2,168.50
Scepter	163	03/11/1898	503	474	\$6,066.05
Mother Lode	165	06/15/1898	141	134	\$1,627.20
Alpha Star	171	05/12/1899	215	211	\$2,148.30
Lexington	172	07/18/1899	104	99	\$1,207.40
Long Beach	173	08/07/1899	342	316	\$2,864.05
San Pedro Harbor	174	08/18/1899	288	257	\$2,794.45
Miguelito	176	12/26/1899	124	118	\$1,468.55
San Lorenzo	177	03/21/1900	253	224	\$2,720.50
Vista Cerrito	178	04/04/1900	190	176	\$1,468.10
Heber	181	05/29/1900	163	152	\$1,891.85
Santa Paula	185	09/22/1900	64	63	\$831.00
Unity	186	09/22/1900	319	280	\$3,123.70
Tehachapi	188	01/16/1901	70	71	\$898.00
Silverado	189	01/19/1901	154	139	\$1,571.25
Santa Clara	195	06/15/1901	112	106	\$1,307.70
Mt. Whitney	197	01/11/1902	106	99	\$1,102.45
Las Mariposas	200	05/27/1902	122	114	\$1,504.50
Beckwith Portola Star	201	06/25/1902	57	52	\$594.50
West Covina	202	08/05/1902	215	207	\$2,377.15
Palo Alto	203	09/01/1902	260	243	\$2,552.35
Mission Bell	205	09/30/1902	331	311	\$3,465.60
Arcata	207	12/08/1902	106	104	\$1,260.05
Tri Star	211	07/08/1903	224	210	\$2,640.00
Gate City	212	08/13/1903	316	295	\$2,921.50
Diablo Star	214	09/05/1903	286	278	\$3,414.50
Marin Star	215	09/11/1903	244	232	\$2,553.20
Mill Valley	219	02/16/1904	88	85	\$1,093.40
Lake	231	04/20/1905	170	159	\$2,088.65
Natoma San Juan	233	07/03/1905	335	301	\$3,838.75
Los Cerritos	234	07/22/1905	144	141	\$1,722.90
Glencrest	237	02/22/1906	154	151	\$1,598.05
Tahquitz Victoria	241	04/06/1906	202	191	\$2,394.30
Barstow	242	04/11/1906	109	105	\$1,367.60
Menifee Valley	243	04/16/1906	185	169	\$1,991.65
Ocean Park	245	05/10/1906	433	406	\$4,003.55
Plumas	246	06/11/1906	99	96	\$1,230.45

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Chapter Name	Chpt No	Date of Institution	Members 6-30-07	Members 6-30-08	Total Assess
Valley Star	250	03/14/1907	179	168	\$2,083.70
Pacific Star	252	04/13/1907	296	284	\$2,831.10
Seaside	259	04/17/1907	195	196	\$2,782.75
Santa Cruz Redwoods	273	04/04/1908	433	429	\$5,431.40
Imperial Valley	276	06/08/1908	121	116	\$1,553.55
La Posa	282	03/30/1909	66	64	\$789.20
Ione	283	04/22/1909	46	48	\$648.10
Poinsettia	287	06/08/1909	221	214	\$2,718.15
Rose	292	06/11/1910	132	110	\$1,424.80
Castro Valley	294	09/22/1910	209	194	\$2,066.45
Ceres	296	10/01/1910	162	143	\$1,732.35
Arcadia Star	299	01/23/1911	409	346	\$3,702.30
Star of the East	300	03/04/1911	263	253	\$2,962.70
Meridian	310	02/26/1912	260	235	\$1,997.30
Nova Star	319	05/10/1913	248	245	\$2,808.40
Sunshine	327	05/12/1914	124	112	\$1,315.80
Coronado	332	10/14/1914	81	77	\$905.45
El Rio	333	12/05/1914	60	59	\$798.00
Van Nuys	338	09/10/1915	450	416	\$4,671.70
Pentalpha	339	12/29/1915	96	84	\$950.30
Manzanita	342	05/09/1916	82	77	\$896.10
Atascadero	344	09/02/1916	46	44	\$444.90
Chula Vista	345	10/09/1916	299	297	\$3,453.05
Upland	346	11/23/1916	99	96	\$1,192.75
Yorba Linda	347	02/09/1917	140	133	\$1,754.70
Joaquin	348	04/16/1917	98	101	\$1,166.80
Burbank	352	03/31/1919	265	253	\$3,608.45
Harbor Lights	358	12/15/1919	248	215	\$2,197.40
Blythe	359	12/30/1919	70	66	\$795.70
Coachella Valley	360	02/07/1920	235	219	\$2,806.20
Chowchilla	365	07/29/1920	96	90	\$1,154.50
Linden	372	05/02/1921	55	53	\$692.50
Kearsarge	378	07/09/1921	58	54	\$663.70
Torrance	380	07/30/1921	198	185	\$1,873.00
Concord	384	09/28/1921	228	224	\$2,426.20
Harmony	385	10/13/1921	184	179	\$2,254.05
Fallbrook	390	03/09/1922	117	119	\$1,571.45
Caledonia	391	03/13/1922	254	237	\$2,299.70
Bellflower	397	09/06/1922	395	364	\$3,748.05
San Fernando	398	09/30/1922	147	142	\$1,723.90

SUMMARY CHAPTER INFORMATION

Chapter Name	Chpt No	Date of Institution	Members 6-30-07	Members 6-30-08	Total Assess
Starlight	401	12/09/1922	108	114	\$1,222.00
Horizon Star	403	01/16/1923	238	225	\$2,601.10
Estrella	412	08/04/1923	240	217	\$2,564.20
Patterson	417	10/12/1923	82	78	\$993.20
Fuchsia	425	03/01/1924	184	177	\$1,648.90
Security	426	03/10/1924	90	82	\$1,040.95
El Camino	428	03/13/1924	135	119	\$1,316.75
Escallonia	447	05/06/1925	148	137	\$1,689.65
Manchester	449	05/18/1925	73	68	\$840.45
Big Bear	485	06/18/1927	81	73	\$948.75
Point Loma	490	11/14/1927	192	180	\$2,116.35
Temple	513	05/11/1929	77	74	\$739.05
Yucaipa San Gorgonio	515	07/31/1929	183	177	\$2,030.55
Vallecito	523	07/19/1930	38	38	\$415.55
San Clemente - Saddleback	524	05/05/1930	126	117	\$1,640.55
Livingston	531	12/29/1933	85	85	\$1,065.05
Victor Valley	537	10/06/1934	190	174	\$2,352.15
Desert Holly Joshua Tree	547	03/18/1941	206	190	\$2,393.80
Paradise	549	06/13/1941	154	139	\$1,556.00
San Carlos	551	01/29/1942	92	85	\$917.40
La Sierra Venus	555	06/12/1945	180	181	\$2,340.50
Star of Vista	556	09/14/1945	107	103	\$1,318.00
Fort Millerton	557	01/23/1946	145	142	\$1,757.20
Rim of the World	578	04/16/1951	66	63	\$947.45
Carmel	581	09/18/1951	80	77	\$857.20
Desert Valley	602	06/27/1955	146	146	\$2,246.75
Del Mar	604	07/08/1955	62	60	\$846.35
Star of Palmdale	619	10/07/1957	89	91	\$1,130.80
Riverside	622	04/30/1958	181	181	\$2,509.85
Rio Linda	631	07/22/1961	121	119	\$1,679.30
Conejo Valley	632	09/11/1961	170	160	\$2,108.55
Simi Valley	637	06/11/1965	88	84	\$1,174.35
Delta Star	639	08/24/1967	86	85	\$1,180.05
Old West	642	03/06/1969	144	141	\$1,937.65
Kern River Valley	643	06/12/1971	130	125	\$1,488.05
Star of the Valley	648	03/01/1980	148	146	\$2,150.15
Trinity Star	650	03/05/2006	52	53	\$809.15
Dr. Rob Morris	UD	06/14/2008	0	58	\$1,111.90
Grand Totals >			36,063	34,073	\$396,903.75

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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, 2008 and 2007, 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.

As discussed in Note (8) to the financial statements, the Grand Chapter had 198 and 207 active chapters as of September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, which are responsible for their own fundraising, revenues, and expenses. Those chapters are unaudited and excluded from the accompanying financial statements of the Grand Chapter. If those chapters had been audited and consolidated into the Grand Chapter, assets would have increased by approximately \$15,133,000 and \$16,705,000 as of September 30, 2008 and 2007 respectively, and revenues and expenses would have increased by approximately \$1,501,000 and \$2,983,000 and \$834,000 and \$1,196,000, respectively for the years then ended.

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, 2008 and 2007, 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, 2008 and 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, 2008 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 September 30, 2008 combined financial statements taken as a whole.

Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.

Irvine, California
January 28, 2009

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Statements of Financial Position

September 30, 2008 and 2007

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 3)	\$ 4,013,526	3,553,281
Accounts receivable	16,152	10,543
Due from affiliated organizations:		
Eastern Star Homes of California	17,583	18,385
California Eastern Star Foundation	14,872	11,043
Investments (note 3)	28,614,243	33,766,950
Deposits and prepaid expenses	18,967	57,883
Inventory	55,457	51,238
Antiques and collections	40,038	40,038
Life insurance policies	309,627	263,564
Other assets	127,982	564,810
Property and equipment, net (note 4)	<u>17,929</u>	<u>22,809</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 33,246,376</u>	<u>38,360,544</u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 98,720	112,734
Deferred revenue	26,547	29,314
Advances payable	<u>4,379</u>	<u>59</u>
Total liabilities	<u>129,646</u>	<u>142,107</u>
Net assets (note 11):		
Unrestricted	792,560	856,618
Temporarily restricted	10,954,552	16,173,962
Permanently restricted	<u>21,369,618</u>	<u>21,187,857</u>
Total net assets	<u>33,116,730</u>	<u>38,218,437</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 33,246,376</u>	<u>38,360,544</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Activities

Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Support and Revenue:				
Contributions:				
Members' dues	\$ 110,345	206,333	-	316,678
Bequests	66,796	139,602	-	206,398
Donations	126	10,007	-	10,133
Life sponsors	-	-	22,976	22,976
Residents' assets	-	-	158,785	158,785
Other	45,470	38,934	-	84,404
Convention revenue	-	81,303	-	81,303
Investment income (loss) (note 3)	13,536	(2,115,137)	-	(2,101,601)
Support of Eastern Star Homes (note 7)	-	(2,975,000)	-	(2,975,000)
Sales of supplies	67,886	-	-	67,886
Administration fees (note 9)	376,226	-	-	376,226
Miscellaneous	9,123	1,433	-	10,556
Subtotal - support and revenues	689,508	(4,612,525)	181,761	(3,741,256)
Net assets released from restrictions (note 12)	606,885	(606,885)	-	-
Total support and revenues	1,296,393	(5,219,410)	181,761	(3,741,256)
Expenses:				
Program services:				
Member services	144,914	-	-	144,914
Subtotal - program services	144,914	-	-	144,914
Support services:				
Management and general	1,165,259	-	-	1,165,259
Fundraising	50,278	-	-	50,278
Subtotal - support services	1,215,537	-	-	1,215,537
Total expenses	1,360,451	-	-	1,360,451
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(64,058)	(5,219,410)	181,761	(5,101,707)
Net assets at beginning of year	856,618	16,173,962	21,187,857	38,218,437
Net assets at end of year	\$ 792,560	10,954,552	21,369,618	33,116,730

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Statement of Activities

Year Ended September 30, 2007

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support and Revenue:				
Contributions:				
Members' dues	\$ 118,815	193,698	-	312,513
Bequests	-	211,691	-	211,691
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 9)	399,174	-	-	399,174
Miscellaneous	<u>190,255</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190,315</u>
Subtotal - support and revenues	867,887	2,185,594	758,700	3,812,181
Net assets released from restrictions (note 12)	<u>687,824</u>	<u>(687,824)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support and revenues	<u>1,555,711</u>	<u>1,497,770</u>	<u>758,700</u>	<u>3,812,181</u>
Expenses:				
Program services:				
Member services	<u>195,907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>195,907</u>
Subtotal - program services	<u>195,907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>195,907</u>
Support services:				
Management and general	1,113,950	-	-	1,113,950
Fundraising	<u>34,316</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,316</u>
Subtotal - support services	<u>1,148,266</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,148,266</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,344,173</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,344,173</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	211,538	1,497,770	758,700	2,468,008
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>645,080</u>	<u>14,676,192</u>	<u>20,429,157</u>	<u>35,750,429</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 856,618</u>	<u>16,173,962</u>	<u>21,187,857</u>	<u>38,218,437</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Program Services	Total	Support Services		Total	Total
	Member Services	Program Services	Management and General	Fund Raising	Support Services	
Cost of sales (note 5)	\$ 74,397	74,397	-	-	-	74,397
Cost of sales - resident assets	7,305	7,305	-	-	-	7,305
Allowances and jewels (note 6)	-	-	44,050	-	44,050	44,050
Committee	-	-	17,464	-	17,464	17,464
DGM official visits and schools	-	-	37,995	-	37,995	37,995
Convention	63,212	63,212	-	-	-	63,212
Fundraising	-	-	-	50,278	50,278	50,278
Depreciation	-	-	8,083	-	8,083	8,083
Insurance	-	-	139,510	-	139,510	139,510
Equipment rental and maintenance	-	-	29,492	-	29,492	29,492
Office supplies	-	-	12,324	-	12,324	12,324
Rent	-	-	36,975	-	36,975	36,975
Other office expenses	-	-	5,367	-	5,367	5,367
Telephone	-	-	3,731	-	3,731	3,731
Utilities	-	-	6,723	-	6,723	6,723
Contract services	-	-	664	-	664	664
Licenses and other taxes	-	-	835	-	835	835
Salaries and wages	-	-	443,551	-	443,551	443,551
Payroll taxes	-	-	34,293	-	34,293	34,293
Employee benefits	-	-	44,693	-	44,693	44,693
Other employee related expenses	-	-	3,473	-	3,473	3,473
Professional fees	-	-	265,801	-	265,801	265,801
Printing	-	-	9,180	-	9,180	9,180
Other	-	-	21,055	-	21,055	21,055
Total expenses	<u>\$ 144,914</u>	<u>144,914</u>	<u>1,165,259</u>	<u>50,278</u>	<u>1,215,537</u>	<u>1,360,451</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended September 30, 2007

	Program Services		Support Services			
		Total	Management		Total	
	Member	Program	and	Fund	Support	Total
	Services	Services	General	Raising	Services	
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	<u>\$ 195,907</u>	<u>195,907</u>	<u>1,113,950</u>	<u>34,316</u>	<u>1,148,266</u>	<u>1,344,173</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Member dues received	\$ 316,678	312,513
Bequests received	206,398	211,691
Member contributions received	667,063	732,901
Convention revenue received	81,303	55,957
Investment income received	1,612,805	1,220,011
Sales of supplies	67,886	91,898
Administration fees received	520,166	399,174
Miscellaneous income	10,556	190,315
Administrative and operating expenses paid	<u>(4,457,708)</u>	<u>(4,003,661)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(974,853)</u>	<u>(789,201)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(3,203)	(21,055)
Proceeds from sale of investments	13,514,578	9,293,446
Purchase of investments	<u>(12,076,277)</u>	<u>(6,776,201)</u>
Net cash flows provided (used) by investing activities	<u>1,435,098</u>	<u>2,496,190</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	460,245	1,706,989
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>3,553,281</u>	<u>1,846,292</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 4,013,526</u>	<u>3,553,281</u>
Reconciliation of change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ (5,101,707)	2,468,008
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	8,083	6,345
Net unrealized and realized (gain) loss on investments	3,714,406	(3,189,806)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(50,489)	53,622
(Increase) decrease in due from affiliated organizations	29,428	34,492
(Increase) decrease in deposits and prepaid expenses	38,916	105,871
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(4,219)	(5,017)
(Increase) decrease in life insurance policies	(46,063)	(22,105)
(Increase) decrease in other assets	436,828	(185,810)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(1,589)	(65,445)
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	(2,767)	22,141
Increase (decrease) in advances payable	<u>4,320</u>	<u>(11,497)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ (974,853)</u>	<u>(789,201)</u>

Noncash investing and financing activities:

There were no significant noncash investing and financing activities for fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Years Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007

(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, 2008 and 2007, uninsured amounts held at a financial institution totaled approximately \$377,000 and \$549,000, 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 2007 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>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Petty cash	\$ 200	200
Deposits	476,921	625,170
Money market	<u>3,536,405</u>	<u>2,927,911</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$4,013,526</u>	<u>3,553,281</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.

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>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Government securities	\$ 4,739,100	4,827,724
Stocks	4,032,304	15,211,268
Bond mutual funds	17,095,215	10,465,151
Mutual funds	<u>2,747,624</u>	<u>3,262,807</u>
Total investments	<u>\$28,614,243</u>	<u>33,766,950</u>

Investment income (loss) is comprised of the following for fiscal year ended September 30:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ 1,612,805	1,220,011
Realized gains	1,407,464	722,857
Unrealized gains (losses)	<u>(5,121,870)</u>	<u>2,466,949</u>
Total investment income (loss)	<u>\$(2,101,601)</u>	<u>4,409,817</u>

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(4) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consisted of the following at September 30:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 40,465	40,465
Computer equipment and software	39,713	37,629
Leasehold improvements	<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>
Total property and equipment	80,878	78,794
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(62,949)</u>	<u>(55,985)</u>
Total property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 17,929</u>	<u>22,809</u>

(5) Cost of Sales

Cost of sales expense consisted of member supplies and proceedings in the amounts of \$74,397 and \$79,930 for the years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

(6) Allowances and Jewels

Allowances and jewels expense consisted of payments to the following for the years ended September 30:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Allowances:		
Worthy Grand Matron	\$17,400	17,400
Worthy Grand Patron	9,650	9,650
Associate Grand Matron	6,500	6,500
Associate Grand Patron	3,500	3,500
Grand Conductress	3,500	1,000
Associate Grand Conductress	<u>3,500</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	44,050	39,050
Jewels:		
Worthy Grand Patron	-	-
Worthy Grand Matron	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total allowances and jewels	<u>\$44,050</u>	<u>39,050</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 is as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Realized gains	\$1,407,464	722,857
Interest and dividends	<u>1,612,805</u>	<u>1,220,011</u>
Total income	3,020,269	1,942,868
Additional funds transferred/ (withheld)	<u>(45,269)</u>	<u>857,132</u>
Net support to Eastern Star Homes	<u>\$2,975,000</u>	<u>\$2,800,000</u>

(8) Chapters (Unaudited)

At September 30, 2008 and 2007, the Grand Chapter had 198 and 207 active California chapters, respectively, which are responsible for their own fundraising, revenues and expenses. Each individual California chapter's books are not consolidated into the Grand chapter's books. As of September 30, the unaudited cash and investments, revenues and expenses of these chapters consisted of the following:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Cash and investments	\$15,133,000	16,705,000
Revenues	1,501,000	2,983,000
Expenses	834,000	1,196,000

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(9) Related Party Transactions

Grand Chapter received \$216,131 and \$233,200 from Eastern Star Homes of California, \$160,095 and \$165,974 from California Eastern Star Foundation, and \$143,940 and \$150,298 from the Endowment for administrative services rendered for the years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, 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.
- Record and audit all investment activity.
- Administrate bequests and telephone inquiries.
- Provide membership services.
- Maintain all records required for tax and audit purposes.
- Provide various supplies.
- Administrate resident assets.

(10) 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, 2008:

2009	\$ 41,760
2010	41,305
2011	36,300
2012	36,300
2013	<u>27,225</u>
	<u>\$182,890</u>

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(11) Net Assets

Net assets are comprised of the following at September 30, 2008:

<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	\$ 17,929	-	-	17,929
Unrestricted, invested in antiques and collections	40,038	-	-	40,038
Unrestricted, available for programs	734,593	-	-	734,593
Subsequent programs	-	301,183	-	301,183
Endowment – support of Eastern Star Home	-	(2,380,973)	-	(2,380,973)
Endowment – obligation to provide future services to Home residents	-	13,034,342	-	13,034,342
Endowment fund	-	-	21,369,618	21,369,618
Totals	\$792,560	10,954,552	21,369,618	33,116,730

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	\$ 22,809	-	-	22,809
Unrestricted, invested in antiques and collections	40,038	-	-	40,038
Unrestricted, available for programs	793,771	-	-	793,771
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	-	-	21,187,857	21,187,857
Totals	\$856,618	16,173,962	21,187,857	38,218,437

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(12) Net Assets Released from Restrictions

During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, \$606,885 and \$687,824 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, 2008

	<u>Grand Chapter Operations</u>	<u>Grand Chapter Session</u>	<u>Endowment Fund</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 239,595	19,187	3,754,744	-	4,013,526
Accounts receivable	7,087	8,500	565	-	16,152
Due from affiliated organizations:					
Eastern Star Homes of California	17,583	-	-	-	17,583
California Eastern Star Foundation	14,872	-	-	-	14,872
Endowment Fund	12,425	-	-	(12,425)	-
Investments	354,716	185,732	28,073,795	-	28,614,243
Deposits and prepaid expenses	6,666	12,301	-	-	18,967
Inventory	55,457	-	-	-	55,457
Antiques and collections	-	-	40,038	-	40,038
Life insurance policies	-	-	309,627	-	309,627
Other assets	-	-	127,982	-	127,982
Property and equipment, net	17,929	-	-	-	17,929
Interfund accounts	262,020	(29,374)	(232,646)	-	-
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 988,350</u>	 <u>196,346</u>	 <u>32,074,105</u>	 <u>(12,425)</u>	 <u>33,246,376</u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 59,774	253	38,693	-	98,720
Deferred revenue	-	26,547	-	-	26,547
Advances payable	4,379	-	-	-	4,379
Due to affiliated organizations:					
Grand Chapter of California	-	-	12,425	(12,425)	-
 Total liabilities	 <u>64,153</u>	 <u>26,800</u>	 <u>51,118</u>	 <u>(12,425)</u>	 <u>129,646</u>
Net assets:					
Unrestricted	792,560	-	-	-	792,560
Temporarily restricted	131,637	169,546	10,653,369	-	10,954,552
Permanently restricted	-	-	21,369,618	-	21,369,618
 Total net assets	 <u>924,197</u>	 <u>169,546</u>	 <u>32,022,987</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>33,116,730</u>
 Total liabilities and net assets	 <u>\$ 988,350</u>	 <u>196,346</u>	 <u>32,074,105</u>	 <u>(12,425)</u>	 <u>33,246,376</u>

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Grand Chapter Operations	Grand Chapter Session	Endowment Fund	Eliminations	Total
Support and Revenue:					
Contributions:					
Members' dues	\$ 241,982	6,911	67,785	-	316,678
Bequests	66,796	-	139,602	-	206,398
Chapter donations	126	-	10,007	-	10,133
Life sponsors	-	-	22,976	-	22,976
Residents' assets	-	-	158,785	-	158,785
Other	45,470	-	38,934	-	84,404
Convention revenue	-	81,303	-	-	81,303
Investment income	13,536	6,493	(2,121,630)	-	(2,101,601)
Net investment income to					
Eastern Star Homes	-	-	(2,975,000)	-	(2,975,000)
Sales of supplies	67,886	-	-	-	67,886
Administration fees	520,166	-	-	(143,940)	376,226
Miscellaneous	9,124	-	1,432	-	10,556
Support and revenues	<u>965,086</u>	<u>94,707</u>	<u>(4,657,109)</u>	<u>(143,940)</u>	<u>(3,741,256)</u>
Expenses:					
Cost of sales	74,397	-	-	-	74,397
Cost of sales - resident assets	-	-	7,305	-	7,305
Allowances and jewels	47,600	-	-	-	47,600
Committee	17,464	-	-	-	17,464
DGM official visits and schools	37,995	-	-	-	37,995
Convention	-	63,212	-	-	63,212
Fundraising	50,240	-	38	-	50,278
Depreciation	6,965	-	1,118	-	8,083
Insurance	139,417	-	93	-	139,510
Equipment rental and maintenance	26,621	2,871	-	-	29,492
Office supplies	12,324	-	-	-	12,324
Rent	36,975	-	-	-	36,975
Other office expenses	5,367	-	-	-	5,367
Telephone	3,731	-	-	-	3,731
Utilities	6,723	-	-	-	6,723
Contract services	664	-	-	-	664
Licenses and other taxes	555	-	280	-	835
Administration fees	-	-	143,940	(143,940)	-
Salaries and wages	443,551	-	-	-	443,551
Payroll taxes	34,293	-	-	-	34,293
Employee benefits	44,693	-	-	-	44,693
Other employee related expenses	3,473	-	-	-	3,473
Professional fees	35,273	150	230,378	-	265,801
Printing	907	8,273	-	-	9,180
Other	8,290	1,838	7,377	-	17,505
Total expenses	<u>1,037,518</u>	<u>76,344</u>	<u>390,529</u>	<u>(143,940)</u>	<u>1,360,451</u>
Increase (decrease) in total net assets	(72,432)	18,363	(5,047,638)	-	(5,101,707)
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>996,629</u>	<u>151,183</u>	<u>37,070,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,218,437</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 924,197</u>	<u>169,546</u>	<u>32,022,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,116,730</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, 2008 and 2007, 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, 2008 and 2007, 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 28, 2009

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

Statements of Financial Position

September 30, 2008 and 2007

<u>Assets</u>		
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Cash and cash equivalents (note 3)	\$ 342,579	226,150
Resident cash held in trust	3,257	6,656
Other receivables	27,623	25,910
Deposits and prepaid expenses	97,040	91,679
Inventory of provisions and medical supplies, at cost	23,840	10,250
Property and equipment, net (note 4)	<u>9,191,134</u>	<u>9,548,268</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 9,685,473</u>	<u>9,908,913</u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 164,804	266,395
Residents' accounts held in trust	3,257	6,656
Due to affiliated organizations		
Grand Chapter of California	17,583	18,385
Obligation to provide future services and use of facilities in excess of amounts received or to be received for such services (note 5)	<u>13,034,342</u>	<u>12,583,007</u>
Total liabilities	<u>13,219,986</u>	<u>12,874,443</u>
Net assets (deficit) (note 6):		
Unrestricted	(3,534,513)	(2,965,530)
Temporarily restricted	-	-
Permanently restricted	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total net assets (deficit)	<u>(3,534,513)</u>	<u>(2,965,530)</u>
Total liabilities and net assets (deficit)	<u>\$ 9,685,473</u>	<u>9,908,913</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

Statement of Activities

Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Support, Revenue and Gains:			
Contributions:			
Per capita - Grand Chapter	\$ 27,645	-	27,645
Residents' contributions after admission	782,571	-	782,571
Donations	3,142	-	3,142
Other	36,855	-	36,855
Resident fees	47,245	-	47,245
Net transfers from (to) Grand Chapter Endowment			
Fund (note 8)	2,975,000	-	2,975,000
Rental income	259,592	-	259,592
Other miscellaneous revenue	19,509	-	19,509
	<u>4,151,559</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,151,559</u>
Subtotal - support, revenues and gains	4,151,559	-	4,151,559
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support, revenues and gains	<u>4,151,559</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,151,559</u>
Expenses:			
Program services:			
Elderly care	3,177,978	-	3,177,978
Support services:			
Rental property	170,189	-	170,189
Management and general	905,011	-	905,011
Fundraising	16,029	-	16,029
	<u>1,091,229</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,091,229</u>
Subtotal - support services	1,091,229	-	1,091,229
Total expenses	<u>4,269,207</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,269,207</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets before obligation to provide future services	(117,648)	-	(117,648)
(Increase) decrease in obligation to provide future services (note 5)	<u>(451,335)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(451,335)</u>
Change in net assets	(568,983)	-	(568,983)
Net assets (deficit) at beginning of year	<u>(2,965,530)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,965,530)</u>
Net assets (deficit) at end of year	<u>\$ (3,534,513)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,534,513)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

Statement of Activities

Year Ended September 30, 2007

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support, Revenue and Gains:			
Contributions:			
Per capita - Grand Chapter	\$ 29,476	-	29,476
Residents' contributions after admission	797,740	-	797,740
Donations	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	23,324	-	23,324
Subtotal - support, revenues and gains	4,068,238	-	4,068,238
Net assets released from restrictions	-	-	-
Total support, revenues and gains	4,068,238	-	4,068,238
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	15,151	-	15,151
Subtotal - support services	1,353,980	-	1,353,980
Total expenses	4,336,690	-	4,336,690
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)	525,793	-	525,793
Change in net assets	257,341	-	257,341
Net assets (deficit) at beginning of year	(3,222,871)	-	(3,222,871)
Net assets (deficit) at end of year	\$ (2,965,530)	-	(2,965,530)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended September 30, 2008

	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	\$ 867,458	19,396	196,234	-	215,630	1,083,088
Employee benefits	113,932	2,070	25,774	-	27,844	141,776
Payroll taxes	80,306	2,085	18,165	-	20,250	100,556
Other employee expenses	31,377	-	6,424	-	6,424	37,801
Professional and consultant fees	-	-	21,625	-	21,625	21,625
Legal fees	-	-	24,047	-	24,047	24,047
Administration fee (note 7)	-	4,702	211,429	-	216,131	216,131
Food	11,283	-	-	-	-	11,283
Insurance:						
Property and liability	-	-	140,164	-	140,164	140,164
Workers' compensation	79,589	-	18,004	-	18,004	97,593
Occupancy:						
Electricity	183,490	4,414	-	-	4,414	187,904
Gas	75,993	-	-	-	-	75,993
Water and sewer	35,102	7,766	-	-	7,766	42,868
Minor equipment and other supplies	87,510	2,726	79,657	-	82,383	169,893
Equipment rental and maintenance	102,021	15,353	10,847	-	26,200	128,221
Telephone	-	-	17,228	-	17,228	17,228
Licenses and taxes	-	18,628	6,331	-	24,959	24,959
Member assistance	166,078	-	-	-	-	166,078
Resident activities	70,112	-	-	-	-	70,112
Resident allowances	70,753	-	-	-	-	70,753
Resident admission expenses	29,967	-	-	-	-	29,967
Holiday gifts - residents	5,338	-	-	-	-	5,338
Contract labor and food services	718,716	11,092	18,694	-	29,786	748,502
Board member expenses	-	-	21,855	-	21,855	21,855
Hospitalization/medical supplies	99,644	-	-	-	-	99,644
Dues and subscriptions	6,704	-	6,826	-	6,826	13,530
Other purchased services	597	-	21,056	-	21,056	21,653
Publications	-	-	60,651	-	60,651	60,651
Fundraising	-	-	-	16,029	16,029	16,029
Other expenses	-	23,094	-	-	23,094	23,094
Total expenses before depreciation	2,835,970	111,326	905,011	16,029	1,032,366	3,868,336
Depreciation	342,008	58,863	-	-	58,863	400,871
Total expenses	<u>\$ 3,177,978</u>	<u>170,189</u>	<u>905,011</u>	<u>16,029</u>	<u>1,091,229</u>	<u>4,269,207</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 and food services	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

Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007

	2008	2007
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Contributions received	\$ 822,568	859,720
Private pay resident fees received	47,245	138,115
Per capita received	27,645	29,476
Transfers received from Endowment fund	2,975,000	2,800,000
Rental income received from medical office space	257,879	225,078
Site lease and miscellaneous income received	19,509	23,324
Administrative and operating expenses paid	<u>(3,989,680)</u>	<u>(4,003,468)</u>
Net cash flow provided (used) by operating activities	<u>160,166</u>	<u>72,245</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	<u>(43,737)</u>	<u>(154,792)</u>
Net cash flows provided (used) by investing activities	<u>(43,737)</u>	<u>(154,792)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	116,429	(82,547)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>226,150</u>	<u>308,697</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 342,579</u>	<u>226,150</u>
Reconciliation of change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ (568,983)	257,341
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	400,871	354,611
(Increase) decrease in other receivables	(1,713)	7,475
(Increase) decrease in deposits and prepaid expenses	(5,361)	(28,761)
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(13,590)	-
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(101,591)	52,907
Increase (decrease) in due to affiliated organizations	(802)	(45,535)
Increase (decrease) in obligation to provide future services	<u>451,335</u>	<u>(525,793)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 160,166</u>	<u>72,245</u>

Noncash investing and financing activities:

There were no significant noncash investing and financing activities for fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

Notes to Financial Statements

Years Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007

(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.

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Notes to Financial Statements

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(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, 2008 and 2007, the fee-based deposits held in trust were \$3,257 and \$6,656, respectively.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

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 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, 2008 and 2007, uninsured amounts held at a financial institution totaled approximately \$237,000 and \$159,000, 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>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Petty cash	\$ 1,500	630
Deposits	<u>341,079</u>	<u>225,520</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$342,579</u>	<u>226,150</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:

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

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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, 2008 and 2007.

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(4) Property and Equipment

At September 30, 2008 and 2007, property and equipment consisted of the following:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Yorba Linda Property:		
Land	\$ 2,738,904	2,738,904
Buildings	8,422,881	8,422,881
Building improvements	960,518	856,610
Computer equipment and software	21,595	19,760
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	377,562	373,134
Automobiles	<u>217,007</u>	<u>217,007</u>
Total property and equipment	12,738,467	12,628,296
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,547,333)</u>	<u>(3,080,028)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>\$9,191,134</u>	<u>9,548,268</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 \$13,034,342 and \$12,583,007 at September 30, 2008 and 2007, 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

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Unrestricted net assets:		
Unrestricted, invested in land, property and equipment	\$ 9,191,134	9,548,268
Unrestricted, Operating Fund	<u>(12,725,647)</u>	<u>(12,513,798)</u>
Total unrestricted net assets (deficit)	(3,534,513)	(2,965,530)
Temporarily restricted net assets:	-	-
Permanently restricted net assets:	-	-
Total net assets (deficit)	<u>\$ (3,534,513)</u>	<u>(2,965,530)</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 \$216,131 and \$233,200 administrative expense charges in fiscal years 2008 and 2007, 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.
- Administrate bequests and telephone inquiries.
- Provide membership services.
- Maintain all records required for tax and audit purposes.
- Processing payments for Home operations
- Performing monthly bank reconciliations

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

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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, 2008 and 2007 is as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Investment income, less unrealized holding gains/(losses)	\$3,020,269	1,942,868
Additional net funds transferred/ (withheld)	<u>(45,269)</u>	<u>857,132</u>
Total	<u>\$2,975,000</u>	<u>2,800,000</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, 2008 and 2007 was \$785,156 and \$789,856, respectively. The Home had a surplus of qualifying assets over the required reserve amount of \$9,250,205 and \$15,144,100 at September 30, 2008 and 2007, 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:

2009	\$169,669
2010	129,624
2011	43,842
2012	36,300
2013	<u>27,225</u>
Total	<u>\$406,660</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, 2008 and 2007, 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, 2008 and 2007, 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 28, 2009

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

Statements of Financial Position

September 30, 2008 and 2007

	2008	2007
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 3)	\$ 532,660	390,298
Investments (note 3)	<u>6,724,156</u>	<u>7,732,273</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,256,816</u>	<u>8,122,571</u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 99,364	53,153
Due to affiliated organizations:		
Grand Chapter of California	<u>14,872</u>	<u>11,043</u>
Total liabilities	<u>114,236</u>	<u>64,196</u>
Net assets (note 4):		
Unrestricted	(12,790)	(4,859)
Temporarily restricted	6,103,116	7,010,980
Permanently restricted	<u>1,052,254</u>	<u>1,052,254</u>
Total net assets	<u>7,142,580</u>	<u>8,058,375</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 7,256,816</u>	<u>8,122,571</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

Statement of Activities

Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Support and Revenue:				
Contributions:				
Bequests	\$ -	49,797	-	49,797
Donations	79,817	72,936	-	152,753
Member dues	-	15,205	-	15,205
Investment income (note 3)	(10,460)	(589,268)	-	(599,728)
Miscellaneous	-	29,425	-	29,425
Subtotal - support and revenues	69,357	(421,905)	-	(352,548)
Net assets released from restrictions (note 5)	485,959	(485,959)	-	-
Total support and revenues	555,316	(907,864)	-	(352,548)
Expenses:				
Program services:				
Member assistance	143,591	-	-	143,591
Humanitarian assistance	184,243	-	-	184,243
Total program services	327,834	-	-	327,834
Support services:				
Management and general	235,413	-	-	235,413
Total support services	235,413	-	-	235,413
Total expenses	563,247	-	-	563,247
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(7,931)	(907,864)	-	(915,795)
Net assets (deficit) at beginning of year	(4,859)	7,010,980	1,052,254	8,058,375
Net assets (deficit) at end of year	\$ (12,790)	6,103,116	1,052,254	7,142,580

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

Statement of Activities

Year Ended September 30, 2007

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support and Revenue:				
Contributions:				
Bequests	\$ -	34,000	-	34,000
Donations	467	182,148	-	182,615
Member dues	-	5,896	-	5,896
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 Functional Expenses

Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Program	Services	Total	Support	Total	
	Member	Humanitarian	Program	Services	Support	
	Assistance	Assistance	Services	Management	Services	Total
	Assistance	Assistance	Services	and General	Services	Total
Administration fees (note 6)	\$ -	-	-	160,095	160,095	160,095
Assistance to members	125,631	-	125,631	-	-	125,631
Committee	2,051	875	2,926	-	-	2,926
Professional and consulting	-	-	-	69,287	69,287	69,287
Grants, awards and donations	-	165,768	165,768	-	-	165,768
Office supplies	15,909	17,600	33,509	-	-	33,509
Other	-	-	-	6,031	6,031	6,031
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,031</u>	<u>6,031</u>	<u>6,031</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 143,591</u>	<u>184,243</u>	<u>327,834</u>	<u>235,413</u>	<u>235,413</u>	<u>563,247</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended September 30, 2007

	Program Services		Total	Support Services	Total	
	Member Assistance	Humanitarian Assistance	Program Services	Management and General	Support Services	Total
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
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

Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ (915,795)	646,889
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Net unrealized and realized (gain) loss on investments	880,147	(736,496)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	46,192	(34,158)
Increase (decrease) in due to affiliated organizations	<u>3,829</u>	<u>11,043</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>14,373</u>	<u>(112,722)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sale of investments	1,279,758	1,858,322
Purchase of investments	<u>(1,151,769)</u>	<u>(1,608,730)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>127,989</u>	<u>249,592</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	142,362	136,870
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	<u>390,298</u>	<u>253,428</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	<u>\$ 532,660</u>	<u>390,298</u>

Noncash investing and financing activities:

There were no significant noncash investing and financing activities for fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

Notes to Financial Statements

Years Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007

(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.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

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 two financial institutions. These balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. At September 30, 2008 and 2007, 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>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Deposits	\$ 99,988	37,239
Money market	<u>432,672</u>	<u>353,059</u>
Total	<u>\$532,660</u>	<u>390,298</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.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

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>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Foundation Investment Pool:		
Government securities	\$ 520,390	543,640
Stocks	679,190	2,629,496
Bond mutual funds	3,947,475	2,568,087
Mutual funds	<u>293,167</u>	<u>381,941</u>
Subtotal – Investment pool	<u>5,440,222</u>	<u>6,123,164</u>
Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund:		
Government securities	620,770	502,948
Stock	316,558	751,775
Mutual funds	<u>346,606</u>	<u>354,386</u>
Subtotal – Rennie Fund	<u>1,283,934</u>	<u>1,609,109</u>
Total investments	<u>\$6,724,156</u>	<u>7,732,273</u>

Investment income (loss) is comprised of the following for fiscal year ended September 30:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ 280,419	231,862
Realized gains	262,036	153,427
Unrealized gains (losses)	<u>(1,142,183)</u>	<u>583,069</u>
Total investment income	<u>\$ (599,728)</u>	<u>968,358</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, 2008:

<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	\$ 36,270	-	-	36,270
Benevolent fund	-	412,133	-	412,133
J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer fund	-	4,311,988	-	4,311,988
Marguerite Rennie Memorial fund	-	824,421	615,274	1,439,695
Scholarship fund	-	318,560	120,000	438,560
Memorial Cancer Dressing Station fund	-	227,365	-	227,365
Gerald P. Cashion fund	(49,060)	-	166,000	116,940
Thelma Bailey Scholarship fund	-	-	150,980	150,980
Cancer Research	-	7,020	-	7,020
Medical Research	-	745	-	745
Heart Research	-	884	-	884
Totals	<u>\$(12,790)</u>	<u>6,103,116</u>	<u>1,052,254</u>	<u>7,142,580</u>

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>

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(4) Net Assets, (Continued)

Net assets temporarily restricted for the Gerald P. Cashion fund in the amount of \$(49,060) and \$(33,171) at September 30, 2008 and 2007, 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, 2008 and 2007, \$485,959 and \$527,232, 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 \$160,095 and \$165,974 to the Grand Chapter of California for administrative services rendered for the years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, 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.
- Administrate bequests and telephone inquiries.
- Provide membership services.
- Maintain all records required for tax and audit purposes.
- Provide various supplies.
- Processing payments for Home operations
- Performing monthly bank reconciliations

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(7) Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund

The California Eastern Star Foundation paid approximately \$52,908 and \$61,324 of expenses on behalf of individuals with cancer in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, 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.

(8) J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund

The California Eastern Star Foundation paid approximately \$52,557 and \$35,795 of expenses on behalf of individuals with cancer in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, 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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