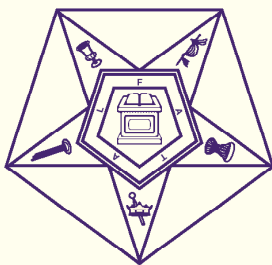


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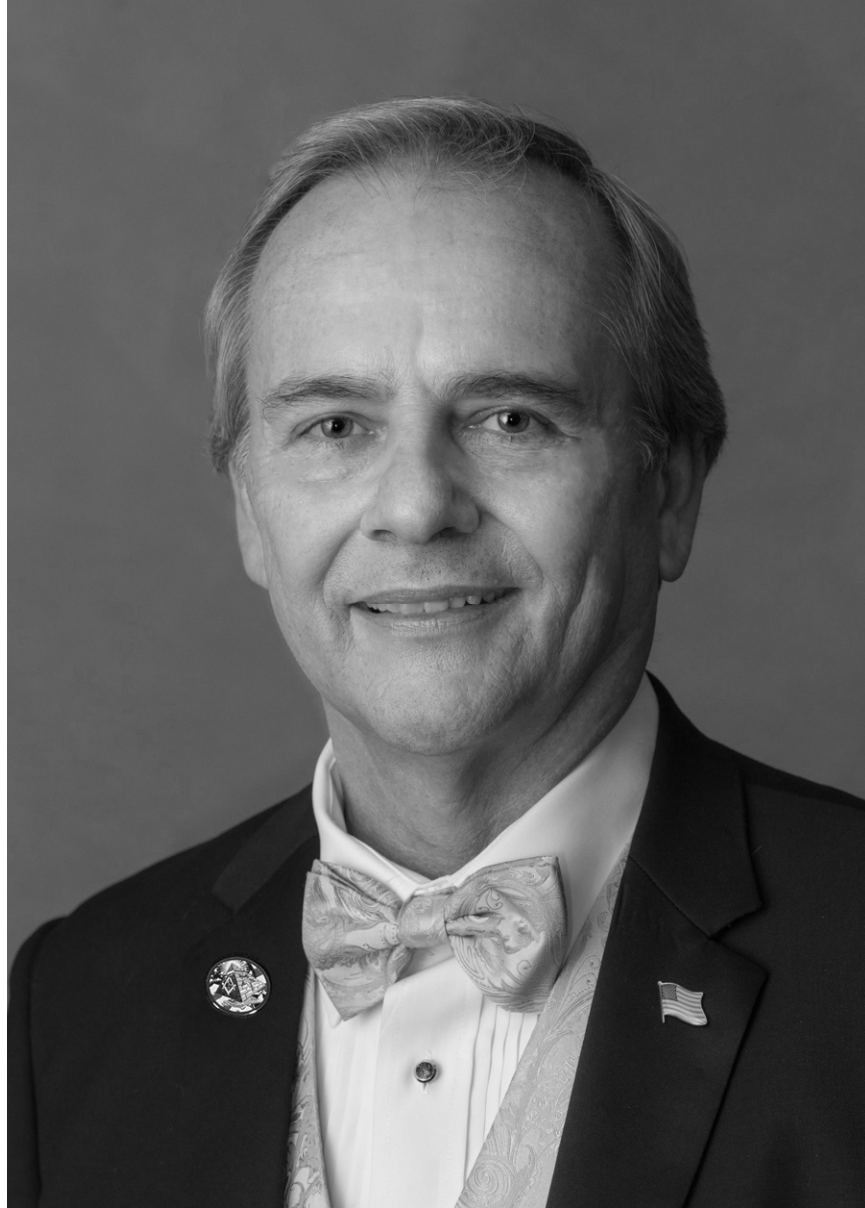
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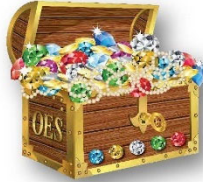
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OUR EMBLEM

An Open Treasure Chest overflowing with Gemstones and Precious Metals

Our Emblem is a Treasure Chest filled with Gold, Silver, Pearls, Diamonds and Gems of Sapphires, Yellow Topaz, Amethysts, Emeralds and Rubies, with a Gold Key in the Lock. The Chest represents our Order and each Gem represents our individual members, each precious, but with unique qualities and characteristics. The Gold and Silver are reminders that we have Sisters and Brothers, new and old; friendships to be treasured forever. The key reminds us to keep the Chest, like our hearts and minds, unlocked at all times and represents my service as Grand Treasurer.

COLORS

Gold, Silver, Bronze and Black, with Accents in the Gem colors

FLOWER

The Iris

The word Iris means a Rainbow. Irises come in many colors: Blue & Purple, White & Yellow, Red & Brown and even Black. They grow in deserts, swamps, and in many different climates. As our members come from different walks of life, so too does the beautiful Iris.

WATCHWORDS

Integrity, Civility, Strength, Vision and Fellowship

Serve with **Integrity**, be **Civil** with each other, have **Strength** to do what is right, and believe in a **Vision**, remembering that **Fellowship** is not an occasion, it is part of our everyday fraternal life.

MOTTO

Polish each Gem and keep our Treasures shining brightly

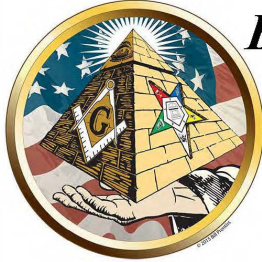
SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:31 – "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"

FUN EMBLEM

Topaz, the Tiger

The tiger is a symbol of strength and courage. Each tiger has its very own stripe pattern and no two are alike, unique like each of our members. The Eye of the Tiger symbolizes sound judgment and keen perception. The name Topaz represents my service as Grand Ruth.



BILL PRENTISS

2017



OUR EMBLEM

The Ancient Pyramid with our emblems embedded therein, the all Seeing Eye ever watching over us and the sun rising on a new day. The Right Hand of God supporting us in all our endeavors and the flag of our great nation gently waving in the background to remind us of our freedom to gather in his name.

OUR COLORS

Red, White & Blue

OUR MOTO

“Remember the Member”

OUR WATCH WORDS

FAMILY – ATTITUDE – RESPONSIBILITY

Family – There is nothing more important than our families. Including our Masonic Family

Attitude – Your attitude determines virtually everything in your life. Life is an Attitude, choose to have a good one!

Responsibility – We must take it and teach it. Take responsibility for our part in all situations and teach our children and grandchildren responsibility.

Together, as a family, we'll go **FAR**

FUN EMBLEM

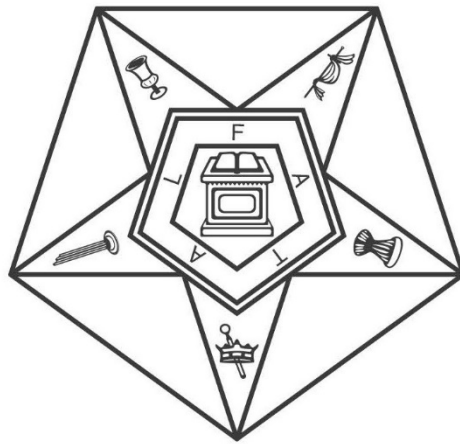
“Freedom” our mighty eagle represents the amazing adventure we are all on this year and the strengths in all our Members. He's also a reminder that “Freedom isn't Free”

SCRIPTURE

“For everyone who asks, receives; those who seek, find;
and to those who knock, the door will be opened.”

Matthew 7:8

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



One Hundred Forty-Fourth Annual
“TREASURES OF FREEDOM” SESSION

October 25 – 28, 2017

Visalia Convention Center

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**“TREASURES OF FREEDOM” SESSION
WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 25, 2017
VISALIA CALIFORNIA**

INFORMAL OPENING

6:30 pm Musical Prelude
Cherri Whiteley, PM (62/59)

7:00 p.m. Entrance
Grand Representatives
Deputy Grand Matrons

ESCORT AND CALL TO ORDER
Robin Logan, PM and Mike Logan, PP (160/171)
Chairmen, Grand Chapter Week

Robin: As again Chairmen of Grand Chapter Week, it is our honor and pleasure to call the Informal Opening Session of the Grand Chapter of California to order.

Mike: We thank each of you for your attendance this evening and hope that you enjoy the opportunity to help us welcome our distinguished and honored members from California and from the other Grand Jurisdictions of our Order of Eastern Star.

Robin: We also look forward to welcoming the leaders of our concordant bodies and thank them for attending our open session this evening.

Mike: We are excited to hear the words of wisdom from our international leaders of our order, our Most Worthy Grand Matron and our Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Robin: Honorary Grand Marshals, you will escort the Hostess and Host to the East.

Honorary Marshals:

Collette Gole, GGCCM
Sheri Weisser, PGM

Barbara Scott, GGCCM
Janet Robinson, PGM

ESCORT
Sarahann Shapiro, *Past Grand Matron, Hostess*
Art Weiss, *Past Grand Patron, Host*

Robin: Sisters, brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sister Sarahann Shapiro, Past Grand Matron and Brother Art Weiss, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. Brother Art is also the Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of

California. You will join us in extending the Grand Honors to our distinguished members. *(Grand Honors extended)*

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: Sisters, brothers and friends, I have the pleasure to present Sister Robin Logan, Past Matron, and Brother Mike Logan, Past Patron, Chairmen of Grand Chapter Week. *(Applause)*

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: Honorary Grand Marshals, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and their escorts to the East.

ESCORT

Linda Hoeser, *Worthy Grand Matron*, and Herb Hoeser
William “Bill” Prentiss, *Worthy Grand Patron*, and Ris Prentiss, PM

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: Sisters, brothers and friends, I have the honor of presenting Sister Linda Hoeser, Worthy Matron, and Brother William “Bill” Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. Members will unite with me in extending the Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. *(Grand Honors extended)*

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: And it is also my pleasure to present Herb Hoeser, the husband of our Worthy Grand Matron, and Sister Ris Prentiss, wife of our Worthy Grand Patron. *(Applause)*

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: Honorary Grand Marshals, you will escort the Grand Officers and their escorts to the East.

ESCORT

2017 Grand Officers of California and Escorts

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: Sisters, brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sisters Alyson Grant, Associate Grand Matron, La Paloma Star Chapter, San Diego, and her Escort, Linda Dolman.

Brothers, Fred Loeser, Associate Grand Patron, Alameda Oak Leaf Chapter, Alameda, and his Escort, Cyntra Giboney.

Tammy Kinzy, Grand Secretary, Mt. Whitney Chapter, Bishop, and her Escort, Delma Davis.

Sandra Geanoulis, Grand Treasurer, Point Loma Coronado and La Paloma Star Chapter, San Diego, and her husband, George.

Terri Ewing, Grand Conductress, Rose Valley Chapter, Santa Rosa, and her husband, Gary.

Sharon Jazwiecki, Associate Grand Conductress, Scepter Chapter, Orange, and her husband, Al.

Ken Miller, Grand Chaplain, Silverado Chapter, St. Helena, and his wife, Deane.

Laura Bouwens, Grand Marshal, Yolano Valley Chapter, Vacaville and Suisun Chapter, Fairfield, and her husband, Andy.

Linda Fuentes, Grand Organist, Rose Valley Chapter, Santa Rosa and Kingsley Augusta Chapter, Ukiah, and her husband, Oscar.

Joanne Gibson, Grand Adah, Semper Fidelis Chapter, Livermore, who is escorted by Marsha Schandelmier.

Cindy Murphy, Grand Ruth, Crystal Chapter, Auburn and Rohnerville-Redwood Chapter, Fortuna, and her father, William Butrica.

Beth Massengill, Grand Esther, Friendship Chapter, Marysville and Yolano Chapter, Vacaville, and her daughter, Amanda.

Lynn Tripler, Grand Martha, Emerald Star Chapter, Norwalk, and her husband, Bill.

Becky Burson, Grand Electa, Channel Islands Chapter, Ventura, and Vallecito Chapter, Carpinteria, and her escort, Jackie Cullum.

Stephanie Perez, Grand Warder, Lucerne Lake Chapter, Lemoore, and her husband, Mel.

Robert Hovorka, Grand Sentinel, Linden Chapter, and his wife, Annette.

The Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star and their escorts. *(Applause)*

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

*(by Sarahann Shapiro, Past Grand Matron and
Art Weiss, Past Grand Patron)*

Art Weiss, PGP: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored members, sisters, brothers, and friends. We are delighted you have joined us tonight for this Informal Opening prior to the start of our 144th “Treasures of Freedom” annual session.

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: Because we know that many of you have traveled long distances, it is our pleasure to serve as handy native guides and give you some useful tips and tricks to orient yourself in our adventurous State of California.

Art: You will find many things that seem similar to what you might have at home, but everything has a little California twist.

Sarahann: For example, the Most Worthy Grand Matron may find similarity in Southern California where we have Disneyland, Universal Studios and Sea World. We acknowledge, of course, that Florida has much larger versions of these attractions, but then we think that our versions have all the best rides and have weeded out all the ones that would have had a ticket below E.

Art: Our Most Worthy Grand Patron may find similarity in Northern California where we have Pittsburg, St Mary's and Redding. Of course, we think that you have them spelled incorrectly in Pennsylvania, but our members would never be so rude as to correct you.

Sarahann: There are also a few things that you will need to know to find common items in California. For example, if you are looking for a jar of Hellman's, try Best Foods.

Art: If you want a hamburger with a smiley face star on the box, you are looking for Carl's Junior, not Hardy's.

Sarahann: And if you want that familiar orange juice, what they call pure California orange juice in Florida is called pure Florida orange juice here. I guess they think they can sell it for more money if they say it comes from farther away. Personally, I have never been able to tell the difference.

Art: For the session there are a couple of important differences for you to know. First, in California, persons being escorted are not introduced by name on the floor. All names are given in the East. So, if you do not hear your name on the floor, the person leading you has not forgotten you are behind her. She is taking you East so that the Worthy Grand Matron may introduce you.

Sarahann: Please do not be startled when the room explodes in applause after Grand Honors are given. We love to cheer for our Distinguished and Honored members. In fact, when we travel, we have to remember not to clap. If you see a member from California swinging their arms after Grand Honors in another jurisdiction, you will know that they have barely managed to catch themselves from being the lone sound in an otherwise quiet room.

Art: Finally, please do not take offense if at the start of remarks after the first one each day does not begin with the long list of titles and greetings. We feel that the first speech of the day, having included all those words, has established protocol for the rest of the day. Some people may even say "protocol having been established" before they skip all the titles. No insult or disrespect is intended.

Sarahann: Now, some of these differences may seem odd to some of our visitors. We think that some of these differences have risen because of the difficulty of travel in our state leading to a scarcity of opportunities to see and appreciate our Distinguished and Honored members. While California may be only the second largest state in the contiguous 48, the travel distances can be daunting.

In fact, I once had a client who came here for a meeting at my office in San Jose from his home state of New Jersey. When the meeting was over, he said to me, "Since I was out here in California, I thought I might visit my cousin. How long do you think it will take me to drive to Los Angeles?"

When I told him that if he was going to do that, he should just change his plane ticket to fly home from there because it was a six-hour drive, he looked astonished and replied, "But aren't San Jose and Los Angeles in the same state? How can they be that far apart?"

After confirming that I knew of what I spoke and it really was a six-hour drive, he said, “Well, I guess that won’t work. It is much more than I had in mind. Maybe I will visit my old college buddy. How long will it take me to drive to San Diego?”

Art: It is sometimes hard for members from East coast states to realize the size of California. Although members from Florida have some idea of how far you drive here, since they can go from the panhandle to Miami.

Here in California, from our northwestern-most chapter in Arcata, to our southern-most chapter in Brawley, is about 850 miles.

Sarahann: That’s only 200 miles less than the distance between the homes of our Most Worthy Grand Matron in Florida and our Most Worthy Grand Patron in Pennsylvania. In fact, if our Most Worthy Grand Matron were to start driving north from her home, she would make it to Richmond, Virginia before driving the length of California.

Art: And if our Most Worthy Grand Patron were to leave his home and drive south, he would be 30 miles past Birmingham, Alabama and have passed through seven states before going the same distance.

Sarahann: Because of the great distances involved, we have developed some distinct cultural differences between the northern part of our state and the southern part of our state. While no generalization is true in every case, there are some reliable indicators to know whether a person is from the north or from the south.

Art: For example, if you hear someone ask for directions and they tell you to get on the 101, they are from the south.

If they tell you to take 101 or Highway 101, they are from the north.

Sarahann: If you ask a person how far it is to another town and they answer by telling you how long it takes to get there, they are from the south.

If they actually tell you how many miles it is, they are from the north.

Art: Our members from the south are not willing to drive north any farther than Bakersfield and have trouble remembering that the state goes on for another 275 miles after you get to Sacramento, because that is the location of the last major airport in the north.

Our members in the north don’t understand why members from the south balk at driving 60 miles, forgetting that it takes an hour in the north and three hours in the south to go the same distance.

Sarahann: And finally, people from the north are convinced that everyone in the south is a water waster, or we would not have to send all our water down there for them to drink.

Art: However, despite the occasional oddball who suggests that California should be divided into anywhere from two to six separate states, we like the diversity that our different regions provide. There are few recreations or pastimes that you cannot enjoy in California that are available anywhere else in the contiguous 48

states. Here you have beaches, forests, mountains, rivers, lakes and deserts, low humidity and a lack of mosquitoes. What more could anyone want?

Sarahann: We are very proud of our State, our Grand Chapter and our members, and we want to give our most pleased and humble thanks to our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron for the appointment of several of our members to committees and as the recipients of your special appointments. We are so very proud of all of our members who have received such recognition and appreciate the honors you have shown California.

Art: We look forward to your attendance during this year's session and the opportunity to show you the many skills and talents of our members. We were pleased to be able to start tonight with our Sister Cherri Whiteley who has already begun our lovely evening playing for us this evening, with much more to come.
(Applause)

Sarahann: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, tonight is the beginning of the end of your adventurous and fabulous year of service. You have traveled all over the state finding the treasures of our Order, and remembering our members, and now return to where we began for your final adventure, leading us through the annual business of our Order with fun and fellowship for everyone.

We look forward to watching you preside as the culmination of a year of service to our Order and to our Grand Chapter. We have been proud of the dedication and commitment that you have given to our Order. Not only this year, but throughout your respective journeys through the Grand Line.

We could not be more pleased at the work that you have done, the obstacles that you have overcome and your devotion to the improvement of our Grand Chapter in every aspect and for every member.

Sarahann: Sister Linda, it is with the greatest love and pride that I present to you your gavel for the first time at this Grand Chapter Session. I know that you will be kind, firm and understanding as you preside over the proceedings and business of the session, and that you will listen courteously and deal fairly with everyone that brings forward business for the consideration of the members, treasuring our members, and trusting that they shall speak and act for the good of our Order.

Art: Brother Bill, you also will wield this gavel at times during our session, and I know that you will also be fair and impartial as you preside over those deliberations that are assigned to you.

As you have spent the year remembering the member, I have no doubt that you will listen with good attention and with an eye to assisting our members as they consider the issues brought before them.

Sarahann and Art: Congratulations and Welcome!

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sarahann, it has been six years since you handed me the note that would change my life forever. At that time, Grand Chapter 2017 seemed so far away. How well I remember your parting

words after I said yes to being your Grand Marshal. You said the journey would be hard and difficult at times, but in the end, it will be the most rewarding thing you have done. How true.

You have been my biggest supporter and advocate. You have helped me deal with the rolling boulders, the quicksand, and double agents. Thank you for the confidence you placed in me.

Brother Art, I thank you for all of your support. You have given me good advice ever since I became Grand Ruth and served as Barbara's little sister. Somehow you went from being my sort of big brother to my dad. Thank you for your patience and guidance these past years.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Sarahann, your help, guidance and love the last few years and that fateful telephone call convincing me that I might want to consider something like this in the future, I thank you. I thank you for the confidence you have shown in me and the love and support that you have always given us.

Brother Art, your friendship, your guidance and your tutelage has truly, truly meant the world to us, both Ris and I.

You have helped us through some of the tougher parts of what comes along with this job – and you don't really realize when it is started, but through your calming and cool way of looking at things – and even though you say it is not rocket science, I think it actually is. You have found a way to keep me from pulling out my hair and making things happen. I can't thank you enough for everything you've done for us. Thank you, sir.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Loyal Stark, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, may we have your invocation?

INVOCATION

(Loyal Stark, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron)

Our gracious Heavenly Father, Great Architect of the Universe, we ask Thy blessing upon this 144th "Treasures of Freedom" Session of the Grand Chapter of California.

As we welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob, and the General Grand Chapter members, we ask Thy traveling mercies on them as they continue to serve our beautiful Order.

Our nation, our citizens, our neighbors, our friends, our sisters and brothers, have been battered and buffeted by storms, wind and fire. We ask that, as you temper the wind to the shorn lamb, may Your divine comfort and consolation be with those who have suffered hardships and loss. May your grace be with our sisters and brothers, and may kindness, peace and harmony prevail during these proceedings with an abundance of hugs and fraternal goodwill. We pray that Thy guiding hand be among those of our sisters and brothers who need our special

thoughts. Grant that kind care and protection for all of our armed forces and first responders, whoever they serve. AMEN.

FLAG TRIBUTE

(Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron)

From our blue mountains majesty to the craters on the moon, I stand for the freedoms we all assume.

They call me Old Glory. I've seen quite a lot, but it's the bravery and the heroism that will not be forgot.

Shall we be thoughtful for those who give every day, and for those who gave it all we are thankful and pray.

I wave every day with my red, white and blue, respecting freedom and liberty and unity, too.

I'm a promise, a standard, a commitment, too. But we all know this land is made up of you.

FLAG PRESENTATION

Flag Bearer:

Frank Young, PGP

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: We are honored to have with us tonight the Mayor of Visalia, the Honorable Warren Gubler. May we hear from you at this time, please.

GREETINGS

(by Warren Gubler, Mayor of the City of Visalia)

Thank you very much, and welcome to Visalia. I don't know if you remember me, but this is the third year where I've had the opportunity to come and address your conference and welcome you here.

There's a reason for that. Let me explain.

As the Mayor, I'm the one that gets to delegate out the jobs that include welcoming various conventions to Visalia, but when I come to the Order of the Eastern Star, I pull that one out and say, "I'm keeping this one."

And I wasn't here earlier today, but I want to make sure you all know we have even arranged that at Baskin Robbins down the street on Main Street, if you tell

them you are from the Order of the Eastern Star conference, they will give you a special discount of one-dollar ice cream cones. And I tell you, truthfully, I have never seen them do it to any other convention that has come to Visalia. So congratulations.

On behalf of the Visalia City Council, it is a privilege to once again welcome the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, here to Visalia. Since 2014 we have been honored to host you here in Visalia, and we treasure having you with us once again. We are pleased to have you, and our team here at the Visalia Convention Center has pulled out all the stops to help provide you the best experience.

I particularly would like to extend a special welcome to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Helen Westmoreland, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Robert Penoyer, both of the General Grand Chapter of Eastern Star.

Let's give them another round of applause. (*Applause*)

And for us Californians, it is a pleasure to recognize Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron of California Eastern Star, and Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron of California Eastern Star.

Visalia is proud to be the home of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star convention. We love having you as our guests and it is wonderful to see new faces around town.

This event brings an abundance of OES General Grand Officers in attendance, and I can't think of a better place with all of you having right here kicking off tonight. Visalia welcomes you and it is our hope over the next few days you are able to carve out some time to enjoy our great city. With our lively downtown, agricultural landscape and friendly feel, we hope you feel right at home.

We are please to once again host the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, and I hope you enjoy your stay. Thank you very much.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you for welcoming us to your city. We have always enjoyed our sessions here and look forward to your hospitality this week.

Tonight, we begin our final adventure, seeking out the "Treasures of Freedom" that are polished like gems by our members vendors. The culmination of an incredible year filled with many adventures.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Although we only have a short time left, there are many important matters that we must take up in the next three days. If we do it fast, we can get more ice cream.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: But tonight is our evening to welcome and celebrate the many Distinguished and Honored members and special guests who have been kind enough to attend our session.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: So, before we get started with escort, I would like to thank Sister Robin and Brother Mike who called our session to order and thank them for all their spectacular service for this Grand Chapter week and this whole session.

Having served in this role – and mostly my beautiful bride having served in this role – last year, we know exactly what you have gone through and what’s expected of you and the efforts and time that you put in. You both have been such very special friends to us and throughout the years. It’s appreciated. We cannot thank you enough for taking on this ever so important task for both of us. Thank you.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: And now on to Escort and Introductions.

Honorary Grand Marshals, you will escort our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

ESCORT OF THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND THE MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sister Helen Westmoreland, Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Florida, and Brother Robert Penoyer, Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania, Order of the Eastern Star.

Sisters and brothers, you will unite with me in extending the Grand Honors to our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. *(Grand Honors extended)*

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Will our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron please approach the podium?

Sisters, brothers and friends, I have the honor to introduce Brother Loyal Stark, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of California.

You will please join me in extending the Grand Honors to our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron. *(Grand Honors extended)*

ESCORT OF THE ELECTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, brothers and friends, I have the honor to present these Elected Officers of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Sisters Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, a Past Grand Matron of Wyoming; Brothers Henry Martin, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, a Past Grand Patron of Texas; Alma Lynn Bane, Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary, a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Billie Bradfield, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, a Past Grand Matron of Arizona;

Betty Briggs, Chairman of the Right Worthy Grand Trustees, a Past Grand Matron of Iowa; and our own Dennis Jordan, Right Worthy Grand Trustee.

Sisters and brothers, you will join me in extending Grand Honors to our Distinguished members. *(Grand Honors extended)*

ESCORT OF THE APPOINTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, brothers and friends, I have the honor to present these Appointive Officers of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Sisters Joy Feit, Worthy Grand Marshal, a Past Grand Matron of Florida; Brothers Charlie Chandler, Worthy Grand Organist, a Past Grand Patron of West Virginia; Judy Rutter, Worthy Grand Ruth, a Past Grand Matron of Pennsylvania; Lorraine Hough, Worthy Grand Esther, a Past Grand Matron of Alberta; Wilma Thompson, Worthy Grand Electa, a Past Grand Matron of Maryland; and John R. Lay, Worthy Grand Warder, A Past Grand Patron of Utah.

Sisters and brothers, you will join me in extending Grand Honors to our Distinguished members. *(Grand Honors extended)*

ESCORT OF THE CALIFORNIA APPOINTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Brothers Don Snyder, Bylaws; JD Hammett, Charters, Chairman; Sisters Collette Serio Gole, Jurisprudence and Barbara Scott, Youth; and Brothers Don Snyder, Bylaws, Jim Whiteley, Public Relations, and Michael Cornell, Regenerative Medicine, Chairman All Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

Sisters and brothers, you will join me in extending the Grand Honors to these General Grand Chapter Committee Members. *(Grand Honors extended)*

ESCORT OF THE APPOINTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sisters Sharon Cormie, Education, Julie McMillan, Projects, and Brothers Larry Decker, Eastern Star Journal, Malcolm Hough, Education, and Robert Lundy, Membership, Committee Members of the General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other jurisdictions.

Sisters and brothers, you will join me in extending Grand Honors to our Distinguished members. *(Grand Honors extended)*

ESCORT OF WORTHY GRAND MATRONS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, brothers and friends, I have the honor of presenting these Worthy Grand Matrons. Sisters Tori Loll, Arizona and Stephanie Cox, Wyoming and a member of California. You will join me in extending Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matrons. *(Grand Honors extended)*

ESCORT OF THE PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF CALIFORNIA

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: I have the honor to present Sisters Hildegard Smith, Denny Rae Grist, Sue McKinney, Sheri Weissner, Sue Bishop, Janet Robinson, Sue White, Donna Herring, Beverly Wade, Kim Hegg, Linda Bernhard, Debbie Maiman, Martha Peters and Chris Dias, and Brothers Clint Dillon, Frank Young, David von Bima, Terry Holts, Jim Chormicle, Steve Nicholas, Randy Cady, Roger Nieder, and John Scott, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the Grand Chapter of the California, Order of the Eastern Star.

Sisters and brothers, you will join me in extending the Grand Honors of our Past Grand Patrons and Past Grand Patrons. *(Grand Honors extended)*

ESCORT OF THE PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Diane Hunt, Massachusetts; Barbie Holmes, Sharon Hoff, and Jann Kostka, Nevada; Helen Delaney, Ontario; Ruth Lay, Utah, Cheri Moll, Washington; Hazel Bless and JoAnne Buriak, North Dakota; and Brothers Paul Hunt, Massachusetts; and Paul Buriak and Martin Bless, North Dakota.

Sisters and brothers, you will join me in extending the Grand Honors to these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. *(Grand Honors extended)*

ESCORT OF THE HUMMINGBIRDS AND EAGLES

Linda Hoeser, PGM: Sisters, brothers and friends, I have the honor to present the Hummingbirds and Eagles, the special appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Sisters Nancy Jordan, Marty McKidd, Elaine Howell, Pauline Thomassen, and Brothers Patrick Delaney, who is also the Grand Secretary of Ontario, and Michael Feit from Florida. Thank you for attending our session. *(Applause)*

**ESCORT OF THE ELECTIVE AND APPOINTIVE
GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

Linda Hoeser, PGM: Sisters, brothers and friends, I have the honor to present these Grand Officers from other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Kathy Deni, Grand Conductress, Patty Loewencamp, Grand Chaplain, Sandie Levine, Grand Esther, and Brother Jim Hoff, Grand Sentinel, Nevada; and Anna De Oliveira Palva, Grand Warder, Sao Paulo. Thank you so much for joining us. *(Applause)*

ESCORT OF THE PAST GRAND MASTER OF CALIFORNIA

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Brother R. Stephen Doan, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California. Brother Steve, thank you for coming tonight. *(Applause)*

ESCORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES EMERITUS

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sisters Shirley Orth and Maryann Barrios, Grand Secretaries Emeritus of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Applause)*

ESCORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, brothers and friends, I have the honor to present our Deputy Grand Matrons, the Tiger Eyes of California.

Sisters Tamara Keen, Chairman of the Deputy Grand Matrons

Becky Herzog, Sebastopol, President of the Northern Deputies Association

Connie Snow, President of the Southern Deputies Association, was unable to attend the Wednesday evening session

Peggy Mecham-Carlottie, Ferndale
Marlene Facey, Mt. Shasta
Robin Barnes, Quincy
Jean Hayes, Redding
Marie Harder, Red Bluff
Donna Howard, Placerville
Brenda Hansen, Sacramento
Gwen Bassett, Napa
Ginger Ford, Ukiah
Kathie Ketels-Lichtig, Orinda
Cheryl Li, San Francisco
Bonnie Jain, San Jose
Ruth Smith, Knights Ferry
Irmgard Fowler, Lodi

Denise Armstrong, Tracy
Ginger Basset, Carmel
Becky Davis, Fresno
Marguerite Biklian, Bakersfield
Karen Newsom, Santa Maria
Rose Anne Cooley, Conejo Valley
Denice Sanford, Palmdale
Karen Dodge, Arcadia
Melissa Cronin, Santa Monica
Beverly Stillwater, Lomita
Cindy Collier, Bellflower
Susan Johnston, Lake Forest
Judith Peterson, Ridgecrest
Stacey Beyenhof, Upland

Terry Lusk, Riverside
Cindy Marshall, Yucca Valley
Julie Strahl, Hemet

Penny Kincaid, San Diego
Vickie Francis, El Cajon

(Applause)

ESCORT OF THE PAST GRAND TREASURERS

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, brothers and friends, I have the honor to present our Past Grand Treasurers. Sisters Donna Tucker, Erla Hildebrand, Beverly Cratsenburg, and Tacy Lee and Brothers David Long and Fred Schulenburg. Thank you very much. *(Applause)*

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and brothers, this concludes Escort.

We are truly honored at this session to welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron for her official visit to our grand jurisdiction. Sister Helen, we invite you to address our members at this time.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON

(Helen J. Westmoreland, PGM, Florida)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter officers and my sisters and brothers.

I have been looking forward to being here in California and seeing and meeting old and new friends. I am always glad when I can be at a Chapter again with your sweet Brother Loyal Stark and his wife Joan. What an inspiration they have been to many people around the world, and I just wanted to say how much I have missed seeing you. Love you. Joan, I love you too.

I like to recognize my appointments in their own Grand Jurisdiction, and today is no different. We have Brother Dennis Jordan, Board of Grand Trustees. Don Snyder, Bylaws Committee. JD Hammett, Chairman of the Charters Committee. Collette Serio Gole, Jurisprudence Committee. And what a wonderful job she has been doing. Jim Whiteley, Public Relations Committee. Michael Cornell, Chairman of the Regenerative Medicine Committee. Absolutely marvelous man to serve on that committee. He is working hard because that is one of my special projects. And there's going to be a resolution coming out. I hope you will all read it, think about it, and vote for it. Barbara Scott, Youth Committee. Nancy Jordan and Marty McKidd, my Hummingbirds, and Anne Murphy, Eagle to the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

What a wonderful group. And I know everyone here is all product of all the wonderful work you're currently doing and will be doing at our annual session in Orlando.

There are many differences between California and there are not many differences. I want to tell you, the group that introduced us and talked to us about California, that's marvelous what they did. I can't wait to get the Proceedings so I can have a copy of that. It was just marvelous. I'm laughing back there.

Because where I live in the panhandle – and she mentioned that, too – it is ten hours down to Miami. And I won't go there in the daytime by myself, much less at night. And I was born in Florida.

We are both on the coast, both have high volume of tourism, but one thing that you – that we don't have – are wildfires. And we are not saying that – we do have the hurricane, and we just had a couple. But California, our thoughts and prayers are with those who are in harm's way, and with those fires, we pray for their safety.

We also know that you travel and like to work, so just sign up for anything you would like to do at the Triennial Assembly and I will put you to work. Don't worry about that.

I love history and especially that of the forming of nations and those who stood for a cause and endured many challenges along the way. Being the wife of a career military man, I have a deep love and respect for those who are currently serving and those that have served for a cause greater than themselves.

As far as I am concerned, we cannot do enough for our military men and women, but we can give them our thanks whenever we see them. And I have a husband who was military. He died from heart problems. I had a son-in-law who was a fireman at the Air Force base – and this is not in my speech, but I am going to tell you anyway. He is from Hanford, California. He was six-foot-four, worked out at the base gym every day, went with the 33rd tac firemen to the gulf war and they got the most killed. He came back and transferred to Robbins Air Force base in Georgia, and every morning he worked out at the gym. June of 1997, he went into the office and he said, "Guys, I do not have the flexibility in my right leg I used to have." And they said, "No, James, you are dragging it."

He was operated on the third day of July 1997, in Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi. He had an astrocytoma wrapped around his spine and they could not get it off. September of 1997 until he died in 2003, he never walked another step. But he was a good father and a good – wonderful, wonderful husband, and a really good son-in-law. His two children, one of them is married to a captain and they are stationed in Oklahoma, and he's a pilot.

They have just had their first great-grandchild, and that's my special one. September, born nine-pounds one-ounce, 22 inches-long when he was born. And I have not seen him yet, but I am going to Thanksgiving. I can't wait to get there.

And his is working on a criminal justice degree in college and combat – he’s just been overseas and I don’t know where he was – he’s back home now and I will get to see him at Thanksgiving.

So, pray for my family as well as yours, and everyone who is here, wherever they are serving for us, so we can have freedom in our world and do the things that we want to do here.

Women are important -- another thing it’s not in my speech. I get lost. I want to say to the spouses, whether a man spouse or a woman spouse, and others, in the military. We stayed home and we worked. We take care of things while you are out there fighting.

I was more or less by myself from January 1968 until my husband retired 1 October 1974. He never went anywhere during that time frame I could go with him. And I stayed home and worked, mowed the grass, took care of our little girls, all that stuff. Anyway, you women and you men – and there are a lot of men now who are staying home and their wives are off over doing jobs somewhere. So, we got to think about them. We work hard.

I love history and especially that as to the forming of nations, and those that stood for a cause and endured many challenges along the way. I feel the same way about this. As far as I am concerned, we cannot do enough for our military men and women and we can give them our thanks whenever we see them. And I have got a beautiful coin for the first responders right here, and somebody is kind enough to put a hole in it so I can wear it as an emblem.

And I have to tell you about this, too. I have got something to sell and I’m not giving to a couple men around here, I’m not sure yet.

I feel the same way about what we are doing for our regenerative medicine for the Wake Forest Regenerative Medicine Institute. We are on the cusp of new developments using technology to advance. It seems like something out of science fiction novel, but just think, we are part of this. We are responsible for some of the research being completed. Our support is necessary to ensure the advancement of the new ways of healing. And there’s someone sitting on the stage right now who was with me on that event and he talked to Dr. Datar who was in charge of that. Dr. Datar was a DeMolay in Florida. He’s now running this big event that’s going on at Wake Forest where they take your stem cells, put it in your body, and they it put it into an eleven-year-old child, a bladder. They built him one out of his stem cells. And this is -- anyway, he is now grown. He didn't get ill. It grew with him as he grew. He never rejected it and never had another operation.

So, this thing is working, and you will see it work in other parts of our world.

First responders. The first on the scene, the first to come to your aid and the first to put themselves in harm’s way to secure your safety. We should never take for granted the support and dedication these men and women have, because you never know when you may be the one that the first responders are attending to. And that has happened to us just not too long ago when we lost our Right Worthy Grand

Secretary, Gary Miller. They came to support him and while he didn't make it, they did get him to the hospital.

Have you noticed that all these previously mentioned groups have one thing in common? They all help others. They all seek to ensure safety, advancement and security for all. They are the real heroes.

If you do not know about any of these special projects, please let me know and I will be most happy to put you in touch with the right person to talk about it.

We have been attending several chapters overseas this year, and what wonderful trips they were. We have been to Guam, Taiwan, the Philippines, Romania, Australia, Scotland, Ireland and Germany.

I have eaten everything from dumplings to soup from frog mucous but, I have to say, it is the warmth and love from the members of those chapters that will forever remain in my thoughts and dreams.

The hospitality everywhere could not have been any better, and I encourage each of you and every one of you to visit with those various countries and attend a chapter meeting. Believe me, you will not regret meeting and socializing with new friends.

We have seen some amazing sights, and such a deep-rooted history. A few days is just not enough. And I am ready to go back just after I win the lottery, because I buy a ticket once in a while. Our travel agent does such a great job on our travel arrangements, and if you want to go with us anywhere, just check the calendar and come with us. We would like to have as many travel with us as possible. Who knows, you may even meet new friends that will span a lifetime.

Don't miss out. We are going to be finishing our travels in 2017 in November with our trip to visit the chapters in Hawaii. So, dust off your suitcase and join me for a world-wide adventure in the land of milk and honey.

For those you who would like to know a little more about the jewelry, I have the hummingbird. It was created in Alabama, and she is an art teacher and she printed in out on the front of her card. And I said, may I use that? So, the hummingbird, we have got the jewelry. And I will tell you that our committee person is Julie MacMillan and her husband Bob, and they are outside with the jewelry. So, you all go see about it and enjoy – you will enjoy it. She's over there, sitting back there. Okay.

And if you – just please – please get some of the jewelry. She'll be glad to sell you some, unless you have some. My friend who is traveling with me, Elaine Howell – you can't get away from her. She'll sell it to you. You can email her directly – just be sure to tell her Helen sent you.

Can you believe the Triennial Assembly is only one year away? Where did the time go? I feel as though I have been on a wild rapid ride and it is getting close to the end. Orlando, "The Place to be Seen in 2018," is going to be something you won't want to miss.

The Fun Night – which is not at the hotel but a bus ride to the dinner and show – at the Medieval Times in Orlando with special surprises in store. Look for the form coming soon to the General Grand Chapter website. This is one of the many events planned, so I hope we can see all of you and share time with you at the 49th Triennial Assembly.

I would like to take this time to thank my wonderful Page, Lucinda Webber, for all that you have done and will do while I am still here.

I want to thank you for the kind attention and all the wonderful courtesies you have given. Please know that I am always here to assist you in any matter that I can, and that meeting the membership is my most favorite activity. Stop by and say hello.

And remember, I would like to ask the Worthy Grand Matron if he could come and say about three seconds about the housing forms while he's here. Worthy Grand Matron, could we do that? And I will make sure – I will – he's right here. Can we do that? He wants to tell you about our housing and where the forms are and what you can do. And it is going to be really inexpensive for you to go.

Okay, I'll say this and then I'll sit down. I thank you for your kind attention and all the wonderful courtesies. I'll talk to you tomorrow. Please know, I'm always here to assist you in any matters that I can, and meeting the members is my favorite activity. And I really want you – and don't forget – let this day be your masterpiece. From this hummingbird to you, spread your wings and fly.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Helen, we thank you not only for your words but for your positive presence and cheerful companionship at our session this year. We also thank you for the many honors and appointments that you have bestowed upon our California members. We are so proud of each of them.

We also want you to know how much we appreciate your dedication and many years of service to our Order and look forward to seeing you preside next year in the Triennial session.

General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly Housing Chairman: First of all, take a deep breath because I don't talk near as fast as she does.

Orlando is "The Place to be Seen in 2018." Everything I'm about to tell you is going to be found on the General Grand Chapter website under the Triennial tab. We have already published the tentative program for the event, so you can see what's going on and the dates that it's going to take place. You will also find housing reservation forms that are available to you.

I could tell you that when I left home the other day, out of 1,200 rooms that we have blocked in a 2000-room hotel – it is the largest Marriott in the world – 44 percent of my rooms have already been reserved.

So, the message is that if you think or even plan on coming to General Grand Chapter, I needed your reservation forms yesterday.

I'm going to leave you with one little note, because I'm from Florida but, if you remember, years ago when you mailed a letter you put on the C-a-l-i-f abbreviation for California.

Do you know what that stands for? Come and live in Florida.

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, my brother. We are also honored by a visit from our Most Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Bob, may we hear from you at this time?

ADDRESS OF THE MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON
(Robert C. Penoyer, PGP, Pennsylvania)

Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, sisters and brothers, good evening.

This is my second visit to the Grand Chapter of California. I was here four years ago when you were up the road a few miles, in Fresno, and I certainly had a good time and enjoyed the visit that moment. But at that time, my wife was not able to travel with me. But she is here tonight and I want to introduce her before I forget about it. My lovely wife Mary.

And I also want to introduce the lady sitting next to her, Opal Martin, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron's spouse.

I want to thank the California membership for all the wonderful courtesies and kindnesses that have been extended to us. We just got here at noon today, but we are looking forward to spending a couple days with you. And I know that California always makes us feel welcome and more.

And it is always a pleasure to visit with Brother Loyal Stark, because he has always been an inspiration to me long before I was even thinking about coming into the line of General Grand Chapter. And one of the things that he is interested in, and my special project – and most of you may know this – but for this Triennium my special project is accentuation on membership and the Rob Morris program.

Membership is something that we need to consider more and more. I realize that your jurisdiction has seen declining membership, just as most of our other jurisdictions. However, there are positive signs that Eastern Star in the world is growing. And new chapters are being born.

During our last Triennium, our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother John Grobler constituted the Grand Chapter of Italy. We are currently working on creating a Grand Chapter in the Philippines. And I'm hoping by the end of this

Triennium, or at least early in the next Triennium we'll have a Grand Chapter in the Philippines. We already have 30 chapters over there and over 900 members in the Philippines, so we are looking forward to seeing that happen.

We are seeing new chapters created in Romania, Bolivia, and Brazil. In the past month there have been eight new chapters instituted in Brazil and three chapters constituted.

So, there is growth in the world outside the United States.

We have received letters of inquiry from other countries that are showing an interest in starting Eastern Star chapters with the assistance of the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges supporting that endeavor.

Those are the positive aspects for our future.

However, here in our country, where Eastern Star was born over 150 years ago, the picture has not been so bright.

I do not profess to have an answer to stem the decline in membership. I do know that only through the commitment and dedication of each and every one of you, within the hearing of my voice to solicit eligible people to join our ranks, can we turn that tide. You can do this. You wouldn't be here now if you did not believe in the precepts of our Order or enjoyed the friendships that you have gained through your membership in Eastern Star.

Think about it. How many of your friends, your sisters, your brothers, would you know now if you hadn't decided to make the commitment to join our beautiful Order?

As I have traveled the many jurisdictions over these past few years, I have heard the variety of reasons as to why we lose members, and I believe it is beneficial to review some of those reasons.

New members are not asked to do anything. People join for a reason and we need to find that reason and see that it is fulfilled.

Members are neglected by cliques that form in some of the chapters, or they drift away due to the lack of attention or recognition.

Many members get frustrated by long-time members who will not relinquish responsibility of leadership to those willing to assume new stations or positions.

Jealousy rears its ugly head when someone receives an appointment or accolade. It would be nice to congratulate that sister or brother that you professed to love. Remember your Obligation. Let us love one another.

Members are criticized openly or by whispers when they do something incorrectly. Many members become discouraged by the poor ritualistic work that is being done in many of our chapters today.

Sisters and brothers, we need to be more proactive and sustain the membership in our chapters. There are many things we can do which may be out of the ordinary

to enhance our membership, such as work with our Masonic lodges and get them to encourage members to join our organization. This can be done by asking the Master of the lodge to let you speak on behalf of our Order.

Many of our chapters acquired new members by having joint Masonic Eastern Star dinners and meetings, and have members invite friends and spouses to come and listen to a presentation of Eastern Star and Masonry.

We must improve our ritualistic work. We need to do high quality work or no one will be interested in it.

Involve your new members in your committees so they can feel part of our good work.

Make use of our new social media tools, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and other forms to advance the possibility of reaching new prospective members quickly and painlessly.

Get involved in community groups and spread the word of the charity work we do and seldom get credit for it. We need to get out of the comfort zone of our Chapter walls and let the world know what we can do for our fellow man, and what we always have done for our fellow man.

Potential new members are out there in our communities and waiting for our encouragement.

One thing is certain. If we do nothing, nothing will change. We need to be more involved in the ever-changing world around us. We may – we need to try many different ideas – a few which I have touched on and I know your fertile minds can think of many more.

You are the only ones that can bring in new members. Only you can sign the petitions for degrees. Only you can help improve the ritualistic work in our chapters, and only you can make our chapters grow and known throughout the world. You can make a difference because you are the most important person in this room.

Sisters and brothers think about this: If every one of you in this room would bring in one new member, in a year just think of the exponential growth that this organization would have. And I challenge you to think about that and do it. Go out there and bring in one new member this year.

Each and every one of you.

Just remember, that this is the greatest organization for men and women in the world. Spread the word.

God bless you and remember: Keep flying high for OES.

Thank you.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Brother Bob, thank you for your words of wisdom and for the special honor of the appointments to California members. They have been wonderful goodwill ambassadors for the world of Eastern Star and our Grand Jurisdiction. We also appreciate your dedication and many years of service to the Order and look forward to seeing you at the General Grand Chapter Triennium session next year in Florida.

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Marianne Shenefelt, our Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, we understand you have some very important announcements for our members here in California. We would be pleased to have your announcements at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron)

Thank you. Thank you.

Protocol having been established, Worthy Grand Matron Linda and Worthy Grand Patron Bill, thank you for your kind courtesies at this time to speak this evening. It is such a pleasure to be here with you to help you celebrate your “Treasures of Freedom” session. I have only been here a short time and I am having a wonderful time. It is very great to be here with Past Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother Loyal and his beautiful wife Joan.

I am looking forward to attending your OES State Fair Fun Night tomorrow night. I'm pretty sure it will be lots of fun. I'm interested also in hearing more about the success of your 2017 project of getting your own house in order, which I find admirable because I think it is true, as well, that you can't help others until you help yourself.

And your project of Eastern Star Cares for the Community Food Bank is great. We had a similar project in Wyoming and it was very successful. It is amazing how much good can come from this type of initiative and I'm betting that yours was very successful, too.

And then I would like to know more about the statement I heard just a little bit earlier, Remembering the Member. I would like to know more about that.

You know we had a tremendous time in Yosemite yesterday. What a beautiful, beautiful place. I love our Yellowstone and you should come and see it, but I can tell you that your Yosemite comes in a very close second on my list.

Well, I reckon I'm going to get down to what I have been given the time to do, and I do thank you again for the courtesy of this time in making the announcement of these dedicated, willing and wonderful Californians, sisters and brothers who have agreed to serve General Grand Chapter for the 2018-2021 Triennium.

Each jurisdiction has an appointment on the Service Dog Committee. And each jurisdiction has a Most Worthy Grand Matron special appointment who are all Past Matrons and they are called Campfire Friends.

The appointments will be given in committee order. And Worthy Grand Matron Linda, if you don't have any objection, may these members when – may they come and stand – shall we have them stay in the East or – if that's all right with you? Would that be all right? Thank you. That would be great.

This first gentleman is dedicated, wise and best ever Past Grand Patron, and I can say that because I was one of their tri-line when he served. He is an honored member of the General Grand Chapter Advisory Committee for 2018-2021, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Loyal Stark.

This Past Grand Patron is welcoming and always pleasant, qualities that are just right for his duty as Ambassador to Australia, Brother Mike Cornell.

This fine Past Grand Matron has agreed to lend her expertise, kindness and fairness to the important committee of Appeals and Grievances, Sister Sarahann Shapiro.

This efficient and capable Past Grand Matron will be an asset to the Charters Committee, Sister Martha Peters.

I think these fine Sisters and Brothers have done a very good job of keeping things secret. I love it!

Dedicated, friendly and devoted, this Past Grand Patron will be an important member of the Membership Committee, Brother Steve Johnson. He is not here this evening, but he will be here tomorrow and I am sure you would like to congratulate him and I appreciate that you would do that.

This competent and ready-to-work Past Grand Patron will bring added benefit to the Public Relations Committee, Brother Larry Coffin.

This caring and capable Past Grand Matron will put her skills to work on the Registration Committee, sister Debbie Maiman.

The Service Dogs Committee is the lead committee for 2018-2021. And it is with anticipation we look forward to the big kick-off of this initiative in November of 2018 for a doggone fine success for our Order. This enthusiastic, active-in-more-than-just Eastern Star Past Grand Patron who will serve as California's member of the Service Dogs Committee, Brother Art Weiss.

My Special Appointments, my California Campfire Friend, is a dependable, always willing to help, full of ideas and I'm glad she's mine, Past Matron Sister Delma Davis.

The tri-line Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons are a part of this family, too, and I would like to introduce No. 1 Worthy Grand Matron is Terri Ewing, and her Worthy Grand Patron will be Paul Lacroix. Our No. 2 Worthy

Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Jazwiecki, and No. 3 Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Laura Bouwens.

And of course, the No. 2 Worthy Grand Patron and No. 3 Worthy Grand Patron we don't know yet.

I would also like to acknowledge Past Grand Patron Dennis Jordan, who will serve as Chairman of the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees in 2018-2021. He is hard-working and committed to excellence, and his service is very much appreciated.

Thank you so very much.

And Sisters and Brothers, won't you join me once again in giving these fine California Sisters and Brothers, these wonderful workers, a round of applause for their willing to serve. *(Applause)*

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Maryann and Brother Henry, for these wonderful appointments.

Brother Michael Cornell, Chairman of Regenerative Medicine, may we have your report at this time?

REGENERATIVE MEDICINE REPORT
(Michael Cornell, PGP, Chairman)

Thank you Worthy, Grand Matron.

If you attended Grand Chapter last year and listened to my speech, you heard me use the word “imagine” a lot. Imagine if there was no longer a need for an organ transplant list. Imagine if a cure for diabetes has been developed. Imagine if there was a better way to treat burn victims and imagine if you could replace a defective organ with a new one. The hope for all of this still exists, but now the reality has to be explained.

You may recall that I told you that WFIRM is the only regenerative medicine institute in the world that does it all. Tissue engineering, cell and gene therapies and organ regeneration. Their mission statement reads as follows:

WFIRM, leading the global transformation from treatments to cures.

If you stop and think about that for a bit, that means a world that talks about cures instead of treatments. What has them all working hours these days is that their science continues to move forward rapidly. Currently they have eight what they call technologies – think biologicals or living treatments – cued up for the FDA process, and another in the pipeline. Some examples would be bladders, blood cells and sphincter muscles. And here is where it starts to get really exciting. After years of research and study and discovery, they are now approaching actual manufacturing. That's fabulous news. The tricky part is that, just like everything else about regenerative medicine, no one has ever done this before. No company

yet specializes in this unique and Star Trek but real-life products. None have manufactured this type of product and living treatment before.

What challenges do they face? First – and this is extremely important – nothing they develop can be used by patients until they make it through the FDA process. That process is currently long and complicated. You may not know that the cost of developing a new drug averages \$2.6 billion and takes eight to twenty years. Even more discouraging is that 90 percent of them fail before they ever get to a patient.

As the leading institute for this type of science in the world, they are working with the FDA and other regulatory authorities to look for ways to streamline the regulatory process for regenerative medicine-type technologies.

You probably have heard of clinical trials. Clinical trials are the mechanism by which medical science tests new drugs, new procedures and new healing technologies.

For drug development, clinical trials occur in three steps: Phase I, Phase II and Phase III.

Phase I is designed to see whether the drug or therapy developed is actually safe for use. The Phase I scientists don't necessarily expect to gather data on the results of the treatment or drug on the condition but, rather, determine whether it is safe to test on patients.

Phase II is designed to continue to test safely, but also to begin to see if the proposed treatment on the medical condition it is designed to treat.

Phase III, when indicated, then becomes a trial that focuses primarily on the results of the treatment on the actual medical problem.

During all three phases enrolled patients get the very best of medical treatment. Indeed, there are studies that show clinical trial patients receive better overall care because they are so carefully and continually monitored.

That said, we also celebrate those patients who participate in clinical trials as heroes for medicine. They, in a way, are pioneers and what we learn from their response to new treatments or drugs will help patients afflicted with their medical condition all over the world.

One of the research areas in which WFIRM is showing tremendous progress is wound healing. Currently, researchers at WFIRM are awaiting FDA approval to enter a Phase I clinical trial for a new technology to address this issue. This trial is particularly critical to our wounded soldiers and first responders and has positive implications for all sorts of wounds such as bed sores in the elderly, burns, and other skin traumas.

Enhancing the amniotic stem cells found in the placenta tissue or afterbirth, and this type of stem cell was discovered by the Institute in 2007, WFIRM has developed a new technology to help wound healing. In Phase I clinical trial they will place this technology in wounds and test the safety of this possible treatment.

Patients selected for this trial will more than likely be patients who need skin grafts. The surgeons will use the amniotic treatment to treat the harvest site after grafting. Once researchers have been able to demonstrate the safety of the procedure for the FDA, then they will begin Phase II trials which will focus on addressing how effective the treatment is.

Here is one interesting note about regenerative medicine. Unlike clinical trials for new drugs where part of the study population receives the new drug and part receives a placebo, in most instances those participating in clinical trials all receive the treatment.

Because all do, researchers are able to observe not only safety, but also the effect perhaps of the actual treatment. In some instances, the data is so impressive that the FDA does not require a Phase III. Thus accelerating the time it takes to get from the bench research phase to the actual treatment phase for patients.

In people with Type 1 diabetes, the body doesn't produce enough insulin to effectively regulate levels of blood sugar. In healthy individuals, insulin is produced by beta cells in the pancreas. For many years, scientists have been exploring potential ways to replace these beta cells and restore insulin production.

One option, transplanting cells from donors, has met with limited success because of the lack of donor cells and because recipients face the possibility of rejecting the transplant.

At WFIRM, researchers are working on two projects for the goal of restoring the body's natural capacity to produce insulin.

One is engineering pancreatic beta cells. This project involves a new type of stem cells discovered by the Institute. It is derived from amniotic fluid. These cells can give rise to many of the specialized cell types found in the human body. Scientists are working to coax these cells to differentiate into pancreatic insulin-producing cells. The ultimate goal is to produce cells that are able to regulate insulin levels based on the amount of glucose the cells are exposed to.

The team's work slowly – shows early promise. Ongoing work focuses on how to extend this effect by understanding more about how the cells function in the pancreas.

The bio-artificial pancreas project addresses the major obstacles to the transplantation of insulin-producing cells, lack of donor cells and issues with rejection. The project involves using donor cells that are encapsulated with a thin membrane that allows oxygen and nutrients to enter the capsule but prevents issues that would cause the patient to reject the cells. With this approach, the replacement cells can come from animals or could be engineered from stem cells.

One major obstacle, being able to efficiently encapsulate the large number of cells needed for therapy, has been solved with advances in engineering.

Second, this is where Eastern Star is so important and why they are so grateful. They have to have financial resources. They are a very frugal organization. They

work hard to make every dollar stretch as far as possible. Some of the price tags may be horrifying.

For example, they have a proposal now where they believe they can get from bench research to first immuno-clinical trials on a cure – not a treatment, but a cure – for Type 1 diabetes for 30 million dollars.

Thirty million sounds like an incredible amount of money until you compare that figure to the cost of treating a person with Type 1 diabetes and all the complications for their lifetime.

Now we come to the challenges that they face, and they can all be summed up with one word. Funding. Most of their funding comes from the federal government, which is they are concerned with the cut that is being proposed in the current budget. The researchers at the Institute are expected to find funding for part of their salaries. They are hopeful that the medical industry will come forward and increase their support for their research.

When people ask why it takes so long to get the research done and to patients, these are the two biggest issues that slow them down: Regulation and funding.

Now, how is OES raising the funds to support WFIRM? If you looked at my table, you will see that we are selling wristbands and starfish pins. Why a starfish? A starfish is one of the animals in the world that can heal themselves once they are injured. They can lose one of their legs and it will regenerate.

There's also a bottle, a Coke bottle out there with dimes in it. The Deputy in my District, Sister Kathie, she thought up this idea that that Coke bottle would hold \$100 in dimes. It doesn't. It holds 120. I get to count them. And she has members around the state – there is probably more now – collecting dimes for me.

My committee member in Louisiana decided that she wanted every chapter in her state to contribute \$1,000 to the project. She started by asking her chapter members to give her items they no longer wanted. She took them to an auction. Over time, they collected money until they had over a thousand dollars. They took the extra money and paid it forward to another chapter. It has been paid forward 16 times, and she has 17 chapters that now have raised over a thousand dollars in Louisiana.

My committee also sponsored a cruise this past January, and we will have another one in this upcoming January around the Hawaiian Islands.

Together, we can bring this science to many patients. Together, we can change the world. OES plus WFIRM. Just imagine.

Thank you.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you brother Mike. We appreciate everything you are doing for the Most Worthy Grand Matron's special project. Thank you.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: Would my mother please rise? Sisters and brothers, I have the pleasure to introduce my mother, Sister Jane Shultz, a 66-year member of the Order, who has been my other Escort this year. Mom, I couldn't have done this without you. Thank you so much.

Would all Escorts of our Distinguished Members of California and our Visiting Dignitaries please rise? Thank you all so much for being here and for all you do for your loved ones. I know that they appreciate it and it is certainly a privilege to have you here with us this evening. Thank you very much.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Would the presiding officers of Concordant and Appendant Bodies and adult leaders of the Youth Orders please approach the podium?

I have the pleasure to introduce Honored Lady Susan Amirsehhi, Grand Royal Matron and Sir Knight Richard Marsh, Grand Royal Patron, Order of the Amaranth

Queen Jean Denton, Sharon Temple No. 92, Daughters of the Nile

Queen Rhea Turek, Merret Temple, Daughters of the Nile

High Priestess Lady Barbara Wollery, El Riva No. 102 Court, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine of North America

Dana Regier, Supreme Deputy in California, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

David Studley, KYCH, Grand Captain General, California Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar

Craig L. Flagtwet, KYCH, Grand Senior Warden, California Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar

Randy Downey, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in California

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much for attending our evening tonight.

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

ESCORT AND CAVALCADE OF FLAGS
(Grand Representatives make self-introduction)

Mary Green	Alabama
Shirley Radder	Arizona
Elizabeth Lopez	California in Arizona
Debbie Willis	Colorado
Marydith Currie	Delaware
Carolyn Parker	District of Columbia
JoAnne Wright	Florida
Marsha Malloy	Georgia
Elda Gustafson	Illinois
LeRoy Foote.....	Indiana
Kathy Theener.....	Iowa
Mitchell Johns	Italy
Laurie Freseman.....	Italy in British Columbia and Yukon
Amber Balshaw	Kansas
James Billups	California in Kansas
Deborah Bernsdorf.....	Kentucky
Vera Lee.....	Maine
Casey Rainey	Manitoba
Joyce Anderson	Maryland
Molly Anne Steele	Massachusetts
Janice Hardy.....	Michigan
Kenneth Mansfield.....	California in Michigan
Cathy Solem.....	Minnesota
Sheila Kennedy	Mississippi
Barbara Layton.....	Missouri
Vivian Bens-Hower.....	Montana
Dianne Glass	California in Montana
Dennis LeClert	Nebraska
Donna Drivere.....	Nevada
Tiffany Marie	New Hampshire
Cheryl Townsend	New Jersey
Sandra White.....	New Mexico
Betty Coronel.....	New York
Brandi Wooten	California in New York
Dianne Schulenburg.....	North Carolina
Janis Decker	North Dakota
Marty Bless	California in North Dakota
Al Turek	Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
Laura Kelly	Ohio
Robin Logan.....	Oklahoma
Sue Teft.....	Ontario
Helene Nicholson.....	Oregon
Carol Morgan	Quebec

Pam Wilson	Rhode Island
Oscar Fuentes.....	Sao Paulo
Eduardo Paiva Da Silva	California in Sao Paulo
Dianne Diamond	Saskatchewan
Donna Park.....	South Carolina
Norma Shannon	South Dakota
John Olson	Tennessee
William Dyer	Texas
Linda Stevens.....	Washington
Lauren Jessup.....	California in Washington
Sharleen Keen	Wisconsin

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister and brothers, you will join me in extending Grand Honors to our spectacular Grand Representatives. *(Grand Honors extended)*

Sister Alyson Grant, Associate Grand Matron, we would be pleased to have you welcome our Grand Representatives.

WELCOME TO THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

(Alyson Grant, Associate Grand Matron)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron Linda, for the privilege of speaking to our Grand Representatives and giving a chance for them to celebrate with us at our “Treasures of Freedom” Annual Session.

Welcome to California. We extend to you our warmest fraternal greetings, and we are so happy to have you visiting with Eastern Star members of our Golden State. Did you realize when you came to California from all parts of the globe that you were seeking gold, much like the early settlers of our Great State? The chance to become rich led many to travel long distances over many months and years. Many years to seek fame and fortune out west. They came by stagecoach, clipper ship, horse, and on foot to find a better life.

We hope your passage to Visalia this week was a bit easier and hopefully a lot shorter. Of course, you weren't seeking a better life when you boarded your plane, train or car to come west or north or south or actually East, and from all accounts you already have the very best life there is to live in our Eastern Star world, that of a Grand Representative.

Nonetheless, we know that you were seeking to enrich your lives by making new friends and sharing your experiences of Eastern Star in your own hometown. I sincerely hope that your coming to California offers you the chance to make new friends and to renew old friendships.

If actual gold and silver could be added to our treasure chest each time we meet, greet and get to know each other, how wealthy we would all become. But we already are wealthy by being members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Okay,

maybe not materially rich – certainly not in my case – but rich in tradition, rich in the opportunity to travel, rich in knowing that we can go anywhere in the world and find the treasure of a safe place, a warm embrace and instant and unconditional acceptance within the folds of our fraternity.

Tonight has been rich in pageantry, and we have enjoyed seeing you each with the individual flag of your jurisdiction marching with pride along your California counterpart. It was an amazing sight to see, and we thank all of you coming from all parts of our world to come together with common purpose and goal, united in friendship. How lucky we are to live in countries that allow us all the freedom to travel.

We know that we can be safe because of our flag and the men and women all over the planet who share guard to protect that freedom, and to protect us and our way of life. From our military to our first responders, to the thousands of volunteers in every community, we are grateful to each and every one of them for giving us the freedom to assemble in a place such as this. How very rich we are indeed.

Thank you so much for being here. Thank you for traveling the miles to keep Eastern Star shining brightly. May that bright line continue to shine on you as you journey back to your respective homes, rich in friendships made and rich in the knowledge that you have made a difference in the lives of the members of California Eastern Star.

Thank you so much for being with us tonight.

(Applause)

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Alyson. Sister Casey Rainey, President of the Northern Grand Representative Association, may we have your response on behalf of the Grand Representatives?

RESPONSE

(Casey Rainey, President, Northern Grand Representative Association)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this honor to respond to the welcome given by our Associate Grand Matron, Sister Alyson Grant.

Thank you, Sister Alyson, for your warm welcome at this Informal Opening Session, “Treasures of Freedom.” There are so many places to go and people to see. There are many receptions and Official Visits to attend, as well as stated meetings. Where has the time gone? It seems like we have just started this journey.

As Ambassadors of our Order, we have a unique privilege to travel to other jurisdictions and represent our California Order of the Eastern Star, as well as the jurisdiction we are assigned to. We get to meet our counterparts and experience how other jurisdictions are somewhat different from ours here in California. What an experience.

We thank you for this opportunity. We have made new friends in our travels and feel pleased with friendships that will be treasured forever.

On behalf of the Grand Representatives in California and Other Jurisdictions, we thank you for our appointment. We are very happy to be in attendance at this “Treasures of Freedom” Session and to extend our small world of friendship to all. Again, I thank you for this honor. (*Applause*)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Casey. Guess what? I have got just two pages left. Announcements. Worthy Grand Patron, do you have any announcements?

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. We would like to again extend our heartfelt thanks to our Session Organist, Sister Cherri Whiteley, for her wonderful music this evening and every time she plays. We love it. Thank you very much. We would also like to thank everyone who participated in our Informal Opening ceremonies this evening. You have made an evening so beautiful, thank you.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Closing. Sisters, Brothers and Friends, thank you for sharing this evening with us. Please join us with the Mizpah Benediction before we retire for the evening.

MIZPAH BENEDICTION



**“TREASURES OF FREEDOM” SESSION
THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 26, 2017
VISALIA, CALIFORNIA**

FORMAL OPENING

8:15 am Musical Prelude:

Wendy Eisenberg, PM (186/557)

*California Singing Stars: Musical Selection
“This is My Country”*

Entrance:

Grand Representatives
Deputy Grand Matrons
Grand Pages

EMBLEM CEREMONY

Marshal: Laura Bouwens, Grand Marshal
Adah: Joanne Gibson, Grand Adah
Ruth: Cindy Murphy, Grand Ruth
Esther: Beth Massengill, Grand Esther
Martha: Lynn Tripler, Grand Martha
Electa: Becky Burson, Grand Electa

ENTRANCE OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Terri Ewing, Grand Conductress

ESCORT AND CALL TO ORDER

Hostess: Chris Dias, JPGM

Host: John Scott, JPGP

Chris Dias, JPGM: Sisters and brothers, it is my honor to call this 144th Session of the Grand Chapter of California to order.

ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS

ESCORT

Linda Hoeser, *Worthy Grand Matron*
William “Bill” Prentiss, *Worthy Grand Patron*

Chris Dias, Junior Past Grand Matron: Sisters and brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended)*

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: And I have the honor to present Sister Chris Dias, Junior Past Grand Matron, and Brother John Scott, Junior Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended)*

(Grand Officers assume their stations)

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(Chris Dias, JPGM and John Scott, JPGP)

Chris Dias, JPGM: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Prentiss, Most Worthy Grand Matron Helen and Most Worthy Grand Patron Robert, Distinguished and Honored members, sisters and brothers, it is our pleasure and privilege to welcome you all to the opening of the 144th “Treasures of Freedom” Session of the Grand Chapter of California.

We especially want to recognize and thank Sister Wendy Eisenberg for the prelude music, and the Choir for its special song. All of your contributions make our sessions so very special.

John Scott, JPGP: Sister Chris, it is hard to believe just a little over a year another Past Grand Matron, Martha Peters, was presenting us the gavel to open our “Let Your Dreams Set Sail” 2016 Grand Chapter Session. It seems like only yesterday.

Chris Dias, JPGM: Yes, and we had a successful session of implementing important changes to help insure the future of our order. OMG, or Oh My Goodness, do you remember all of the legislation we had?

John Scott, JPGP: Oh, yes, all 18 paper ballots. I also remember our delegates singing “Row, Row, Row, Your Boat” in a round in the Grand Chapter arena while we waited for the votes to be counted. Bet that was a first.

Chris Dias, JPGM: Oh, yeah, 18 paper ballots. In the vernacular of my students, “Dude, some things you just want to forget!” And yes, my students are college level.

But with all of our challenges in 2016, we sincerely hope that when we passed the torch to Linda and Bill the flame burned a little cleaner and brighter for them, as well as our membership.

John Scott, JPGP: And we know that Linda and Bill have had an outstanding year of service, and we wish you a wonderful week as you conduct the Grand Chapter business.

Chris Dias, JPGM: I too add my congratulations to you both for looking after the welfare of our membership, residents of our Senior Living Community, and

our Grand Chapter office. We are very proud of our little sister and brother.

John Scott, JPGP: To all of our Distinguished and Honored visitors and our California members, we hope you enjoy the session, participate in the fun and fellowship, and don't forget to support the vendors.

Chris Dias, JPGM: To Sister Linda and Brother Bill, thank you for continuing the tradition of having the Junior Past Grand Matron and Junior Past Grand Patron as Hostess and Host for the Formal Opening Session.

Sister Linda, it is with a lot of love and honor that I present to you this gavel for your 144th Grand Chapter Session of "Treasures of Freedom". I know that you will wield this gavel with honor and fairly as you preside.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Chris, for presenting my gavel to me for the Formal Opening of this 144th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. I thank you and Brother John for serving as the Host and Hostess as we begin our "Treasures of Freedom" Session.

Sister Chris, when I was asked to be Grand Marshal I was very excited to be behind you in the Grand Line since I knew you since 2007 and our years of service on the Home Board of Trustees. We thank you for your service to our Order and I look forward to you passing on to me the title of Junior Past Grand Matron at the end of this Session.

Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Brother John, it was a pleasure serving as Worthy Patron in my chapter when Sister Barbara was our Worthy Grand Matron. First times are always special, serving with her and Brother JD along with Sister Johnny. That was the year that will be fondly remembered. We appreciate all that you did last year as leaders of our Order, and I am glad that as Junior Past Grand Patron I will not have to sit behind the Flag.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Secretary, you will give the preliminary report of the credential committee.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE PRELIMINARY REPORT

(by Tammy Kinzy, Grand Secretary)

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. As of 5:00 pm Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 138 chapters have properly registered. Therefore, at this time, the constitutionally required number of chapters is represented.

For general information, the constitutional number of chapters that constitute a quorum is 20 percent of the subordinate chapters in California. Therefore, the number of chapters for a quorum is 30.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Taylor, *Chairman*, Credentials Committee

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: As there are more than the constitutional number of chapters represented, we will proceed to open the Grand Chapter.

It is a pleasure to open this session which represents the culmination of our year of service. We thank you for attending and extend this special welcome to those who are here for the very first time.

Every member in attendance is a sparkling gem in our Order.

FORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

PRAYER

(by Ken Miller, Grand Chaplain)

Almighty God, we thank You for Your everlasting love and allowing us to come together for these, our Greatest Adventure sessions of this Grand Chapter. Grant our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron the vision to lead our deliberations with wisdom and integrity. Foster within us the spirit of unity and strength so as to promote harmony within our deliberations.

We are grateful for Thy continued protection of all of our members both here and at home. Please bless and keep under Your watchful care all those who serve to protect our liberties and our communities.

May these and all our “Treasures of Freedom” be sustained through Thy grace. Amen.

OPENING ODE

“God Bless the USA”

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

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation)

AMERICAN FLAG PRESENTATION

Flag Presenter: Laura Bouwens, Grand Marshal

Flag Bearer: Frank Young, PGP

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Good morning everyone. We hope you enjoyed the pageantry last night and you got to bed at a decent hour. I doubt it, but we hope so.

Before we begin with the business of the session, I want to thank all the members who emailed me, texted me, called me and sent prayers and love my way during our recent fires in Northern California. It was very touching to receive so many concerned calls

I fortunately did not lose my home, but we did have members who did. In the last two weeks I have asked our Deputy Grand Matrons to quickly put together gift baskets for a silent auction. They are back in the right-hand corner. There's a lot of gift baskets. All the proceeds will go to the Disaster Fund for California.

So not right now, but at break time, please hurry back and place your bids. The auction will close at 3:00 p.m. tomorrow and all items need to be picked up by 5:00 p.m. Friday night.

I want to thank the Deputies for their last-minute hustling on this. I am so appreciative. Our Disaster Fund needs a little oomph to it, so we can help our members who did lose their homes. So thank you very much Deputies for that.

ESCORT

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and brothers I have the honor to present Brother Robert Lundy, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Membership and Past Grand Patron of Ontario.

Sisters and brothers, you will unite with me in extending the Grand Honors to our General Grand Chapter Committee Member. *(Grand Honors extended)*

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: I have the pleasure to introduce Sister Anne Murphy, an Eagle to the Most Worthy Grand Patron and a good friend that puts up with me.

Brother Don Snyder, it says here in my book to turn everything over to you, that you have some special entertainment for our distinguished guests.

Don Snyder, GGCCM: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. We are going to do this entertainment in three parts. It is specifically for all of you, but aimed – and that's probably an appropriate word – as Sister Helen Westmoreland and Brother Bob Penoyer. But you don't have to stand through the whole thing because it is long.

Evelyn, are we ready to go?

Sister Helen, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, our wonderful, wonderful, General Grand Chapter Officers, sisters, brothers, Distinguished and Honored members, guests, friends all, sit back and relax while we present a little music.

MUSICAL SELECTION
"Be Our Guest" Parody
Dennis Jordan, RWGT
Don Snyder, GGCCM
Evelyn de la Rosa, PM (96)

Don Snyder, GGCCM: Now the three of us have done so much work touring all over the Grand Jurisdictions that we couldn't have you here and not present each and every one of us.

So, it is my great honor to present a gentleman who had a great Honor Night this week. I was privileged to be part of it, as was our Worthy Grand Organist. We didn't introduce him that night. Charlie played. You are in the back, you didn't get up here yet. You didn't get up so early this morning. Though I exchanged messages with him at 6:00. He wanted to know what we wore in California.

I said, "Clothes. It's very frightening to see all our members nude at this hour of the morning."

At any rate, I present for your entertainment the wonderful talents of our Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Brother Dennis Jordan.

MUSICAL SELECTION
Dennis Jordan, RWGT

Don Snyder, GGCCM: You don't get to see him much, so thank you very much for sharing your talents this morning.

Before we get on with all the work of the morning, we have one other tidbit to do and Sister Evelyn will join us. We are so blessed to have so much talent here in California. Sister Evelyn has been such a good singing partner with me through the years and we've had so much joy together, and Dennis has backed us up on occasion and I thought this morning would be kind of fun.

So, we need you to suspend a little bit of reality for this song we are going to do. For the purposes of this song, you need to imagine that Sister Evelyn is Helen Westmoreland and that I am Bob Penoyer and this is a conversation that I heard took place between the two of them.

Don Snyder (as Robert Penoyer): You know, Sister Helen, I'm so glad that you invited me to be a part of all of this because you know really, seriously, we men have a little bit more expertise in these areas, and you know we can be the best help. You really absolutely need us in your lives.

Evelyn de la Rosa (as Helen Westmoreland): I beg your pardon.

MUSICAL SELECTION

“Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better”
Don Snyder, GGCCM and Evelyn de la Rosa, PM (96)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so much Brothers Don Snyder and Dennis Jordan and Sister Evelyn for sharing your talents with us this morning.

Sister Helen, I first met Brother Don when we served together as Grand Officers in 2007 and I was excited to be Grand Ruth. And when he came through the door as Grand Organist, I said to myself, “I finally made it to the top.”

Helen Westmoreland, MWGM: I don’t know if you know, but he was my first date after my husband died, whoo-hoo! Long, long time. A long time. But I want to tell you that your secretary over there, she told me last night that I speak 345 words a minute.

And Bob always had to make it up because he makes it nicer because he’s kind of slower. Thank you very much. Now I know, 345 words a minute.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: It will be your key to fame Tamra.

And now it is time for our serious adventures to begin. Before I call on our Parliamentarian to present the standing rules of the session, which are printed in our legislative book, we have a few requests to make our adventures run smoothly.

While we are at business of the Order, please remain seated except in case of emergency, and please to not walk around while others are speaking.

Please make sure you read your adventure itinerary – which is cleverly disguised as a program – to know when you will be arriving at each destination of your journey. You received a copy of it this week with your credentials when you registered. We don’t want you to miss that special moment for which you were waiting with anticipation, and we don’t know when a loss of an aircraft engine or the destruction of a bridge over a mighty gorge requires to change our plans. Please be understanding if we have to take a detour and return to other sights later.

At the close of each session, please remain seated until the Grand Officers and our Distinguished members in the East have retired.

Please remember your tickets and passports each time you desire to come back into our adventure room – they are cleverly made to look like credentials and dues cards – so you can pass our guards.

Microphones. When it is time for business for which a member may wish to speak from the floor, we will have five microphones available around the room for your use.

There will be one microphone on the upper level to the right that will be available to our residents and others who have used the elevator and cannot go down to the floor. If you use that microphone, please tell the Grand Page if you are speaking

For, Against or have a question.

For everyone else, in the west there will be one For microphone and one Against microphone. If you are speaking for or against the matter under deliberation, please go to the correct microphone in the west.

In the East on either side we have microphones that are for sisters or brothers that have questions about the current issue. Please remember that all questions should start with the magic words, “who”, “what”, “where”, “when”, “how” or “why”.

Questions do not start with, “do the members know”, “are the members aware”, or “isn’t it true”. Please do not abuse the Question microphones by using them to hide a speech which is actually for or against the motion on the floor.

If you feel that there is a fact that should be brought to the members' attention, then decide for yourself if you feel that fact weighs for or against the motion, and give your remarks at the appropriate microphone in the west.

Neither a question nor a point of information is for the purpose of giving information to the assembly. They are to allow the chair or proponent to give you information.

It is now my pleasure to present Sister Sherry Rullman-Glab who will be serving as Parliamentarian during this annual session. Sister Sherry will be pleased to meet with you individually should you have any questions regarding the parliamentary procedure of this Grand Chapter Session.

Sister Sherry, would you please present the proposed standing rules for this session.

PRESENTATION OF STANDING RULES

(by Sherry Rullman-Glab, PM (110) Parliamentarian)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I’m glad you gave a few remarks because I didn’t want to follow that act.

You will find these rules on Page 3 of your legislative booklet. You may read along with me, if I miss anything.

The Parliamentarian then proceeded to read the Standing Rules for the session in their entirety.

MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that these Rules for this session be adopted as printed.

(Motion seconded and vote taken)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: The Standing Rules for this Grand Chapter session as printed in the legislative book are **ADOPTED**.

Sister Sherry, thank you so much for agreeing to serve as our Parliamentarian. We appreciate your expertise and you have been kind enough to answer all our questions. We look forward to your guidance in the days ahead.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Patron, it is my desire that you preside.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Sisters and brothers, I now ask that you give your attention to the Address of the Worthy Grand Matron.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

(by Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron)

Please refer to APPENDIX A for the complete report

(Applause)

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. If there is no objection, the Annual Report of the Worthy Grand Matron will be referred to the Committee on Distribution. It is so ordered.

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

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Sisters and brothers, in now ask that you give attention to the Address of the Worthy Grand Patron.

Brother Bill, we would be pleased to hear your Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

(by William "Bill" Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron)

Please see APPENDIX B for the complete report

(Applause)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. If there be no objection, the Annual Report of the Worthy Grand Patron will be referred to the Committee on Distribution. It is so ordered.

Sister Tammy Kinzy, our Grand Secretary, we would be pleased to have your annual report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

(by Tammy Kinzy, Grand Secretary)

Please see APPENDIX C for the complete report

(Applause)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Tammy. We know it has been a challenging year in our Grand Chapter office and we appreciate all

your efforts to assure that the business of our Order has been handled as smoothly as possible. Thank you for your ongoing service to our Order.

If there be no objection, the Annual Report of the Grand Secretary will be referred to the Committee on Distribution. It is so ordered.

Sister Sandra Geanoulis, our Grand Treasurer, may we have your annual report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

(by Sandra Geanoulis, Grand Treasurer)

Please see APPENDIX D for the complete report

(Applause)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sandra, we thank you for agreeing to place your name in nomination for the office of Grand Treasurer last year. Your hard work is extremely appreciated and your ability to keep smiling and stay positive has been amazing. It has been a pleasure to travel with you and Brother George.

If there be no objection, the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer will be referred to the Committee on Distribution. It is so ordered.

Sister Deb Baker, our Grand Chapter Controller, we would be pleased to have your annual report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONTROLLER

(By Deborah Baker, PM (93/346/555) Controller)

Please refer to APPENDIX D for the complete report

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Deb, thank you very much for your report and for all your hard work on behalf of our members in the Grand Chapter office.

If there be no objection, the annual report of our Controller will be referred to the Committee on Distribution. It is so ordered.

Sister Grand Secretary, you will please read the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws and Instruction Book.

Tammy Kinzy, Grand Secretary: MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Laws and Instruction Book, as printed in the legislative handbook and the additional distribution of omission of errors, be considered read, with the exception of Proposed Amendment No. 12 which was withdrawn by the proponents over five days ago.

(The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: The motion to deem read the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Laws and Instruction Book, as printed in the legislative handbook and the additional distribution of omission of errors, with the exception of Proposed Amendment No. 12, is **ADOPTED**.

Sister Janet Robinson, Chairman of our Distribution Committee, would you please present the members of your committee and give your report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION

(By Janet Robinson, PGM Chairman)

Please refer to APPENDIX F for the complete report

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Janet, we thank you and your committee members for performing these important duties. I am certain you understand the responsibility you must bear for me standing here today. It was your faith and confidence in appointing me as a Deputy Grand Matron which eventually led to my appointment as Grand Marshal and, of course, the rest is history. Thank you so much for your ongoing love and support.

Sister Sarahann Shapiro, would you please introduce the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and present your report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(By Sarahann Shapiro, PGM Chairman)

Please refer to APPENDIX F for the complete report

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Sarahann and your committee, for all the work you do not only at Grand Chapter Session but all year long. You help our members with bylaw changes and answer so many questions. There is nothing we can add to our remarks from last night to express our deep appreciation for all that you have done for Brother Bill and me and all of our Order this year. Thank you for your ongoing love and support.

Brother Gary Gole, will you please introduce your committee and present your report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

(By Gary Gole, PP (21/651) Chairman)

Please refer to APPENDIX F for the complete report

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Gary, Sister Vivian and Brandon, thank you for helping me and all our member throughout the year as they call on you for assistance at all hours of the day and night. Thank you for all your work during the year and at this Grand Chapter Session.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Patron, do you have announcements?

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Yes, I do. We would again like to thank Sister Wendy for her music and our California Singing Stars for their musical selection.

Also, don't forget we have the silent auction baskets in the back. Proceeds will benefit the Disaster Fund so bid early, bid often and bid a lot.

Please remember to drink plenty of water, keep belongings out of walkway paths and be especially careful with purse handles. Wear steady shoes, not loose ones. And of course, you know we all do this but please assist others up and down the stairs.

Don't forget to check the Lost and Found for missing items.

Immediately following this morning's session, the photographs of the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons will be taken in the East stage area.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Bill and I thank all the members for their attention in our Formal Session this morning. We will be taking up other matters for legislation this afternoon.

After the Proclamation, please remain seated until the Grand Officers and the Distinguished members in the East have retired.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

(Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the Thursday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 1:45 pm.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

RETIRING MARCH OF GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND PAGES



**“TREASURES OF FREEDOM” SESSION
THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 26, 2017
VISALIA, CALIFORNIA**

8:15 am Musical Prelude:

Diane Jones, PM (195)

*California Singing Stars: Musical Selection
“Like a River that Overflows”*

Entrance:

Grand Representatives
Deputy Grand Matrons
Grand Officers

CALL TO ORDER

(Proving of Grand Chapter and Opening of the Holy Bible)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Welcome back to our Afternoon Session. We would like to thank Sister Diane Jones for her great prelude music for this afternoon and our Choir for their fantastic selection.

We would also like to extend a special welcome to those members who are attending their very first Grand Chapter Session. Would those members please rise?

Thank you so very, very much, and enjoy Grand Chapter. Worthy Grand Matron.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and brothers, we will be postponing the Report of the Finance Committee and the consideration of the Grand Chapter budget until later this afternoon.

Brother Jim Whiteley, President of our Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees, would you please introduce our trustees and present your report?

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTERN STAR
HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

(By Jim Whiteley, GGCCM, President)

Please see APPENDIX F for the complete report

(Applause)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Jim, thank you for serving as President of our Home Board of Trustees, and we thank each of our trustees for their faithful service to our Order.

As you know, I have a deep and personal connection to our Home and our residents from my many years of serving on that board. I know that you and the other board members will always consider the business of our Home with the welfare of our members and residents central in your hearts.

If there be no objection, the Annual Report of the Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees will be accepted and referred to the Committee on Distribution. It is so ordered.

Sister Denny Rae Grist, will you please present the 2017-2018 proposed Eastern Star Home budget.

**PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET
OF THE SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY**
*(The proposed 2017-2018 budget for the Senior Living Community
is printed on pages 375-376)*

Denny Rae Grist, PGM: I refer the delegates to the 2017-2018 budget of the Senior Living Community which was contained in your registration packet.

The following revisions to the budget are proposed:

- Change Private Pay Memory Care from \$445,500 to \$0
- Change Private Pay Rent from \$364,800 to \$150,000
- Change Total Revenue from \$1,781,580 to \$1,121,280
- Change Transfer from Endowment from \$1,853,352 to \$2,513,652

MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this budget as revised.

(Vote taken)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: The budget is **ADOPTED** as revised.

**PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET
OF THE EASTERN STAR PROFESSIONAL PLAZA**
*(The proposed 2017-2018 budget for the Eastern Star Professional Plaza
is printed on page 377)*

Denny Rae Grist, PGM: I refer the delegates to page 29 for the ESPP budget.

MOTION: I move the adoption of this budget as printed in the legislative booklet.

(Vote taken)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: The budget is **ADOPTED**.

Sisters and brothers, you will see that our Finance Committee and Home Board of Trustees has worked up to the last minute, so we appreciate their efforts.

Brother Fred Schulenburg, President of our Eastern Star Foundation, may we have your report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA

EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

(By Fred Schulenburg, PGT, PP (31/342), Chairman)

Please refer to APPENDIX F for the complete report

(Applause)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Fred, we thank you and your entire Board for the efforts to plan effectively for the future of our Foundation. We all know stories of the many lives that the funds in our Foundation touch and, without those resources, many of our members would find themselves without crucial assistance in their time of need.

The importance and value of our work should never be under-estimated. Worthy Grand Patron.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Brother Fred, I want to thank you and your board members for doing such an outstanding job this year, and we thank you personally for stepping up and taking the lead of the Foundation Board in 2017. All of your efforts are greatly appreciated. You did an outstanding job.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: If there be no objection, the report of the California Eastern Star Foundation will be referred to the Committee on Distribution. It is so ordered.

Brother R. Stephen Doan, would you please present the proposed 2017-2018 Eastern Star Foundation budget for our consideration.

PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET

OF THE CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

(The proposed 2017-2018 budget for the California Eastern Star Foundation is printed on page 379)

R. Stephen Doan, PP (245/651): I refer the delegates to the Foundation budget as printed on page 30 in our legislative booklet.

MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the 2017-2018 California Eastern Star Foundation budget published in the 2017 session booklet be adopted.

(Vote taken)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: The budget is **ADOPTED**.

Brother Don Snyder, do we have an entertainment piece for this afternoon? Sisters and brothers, please feel free to stand and stretch as we enjoy our afternoon entertainment.

Don Snyder, GGCCM: I have spared no expense bringing you entertainment here today. I spared no expense. Zero. But I went back into the past to bring you the entertainment for today. This particular piece of entertainment is particularly important to our Worthy Grand Matron. It certainly dovetails on something that I helped create for her back in 2007 when she was our Grand Ruth and she went by Lemon Drop. And so that will explain a little bit about this.

So, in addition to going back to 2007 to pick up the song and actually be a little different, I had to revise some of the words. I then had to go back into the past in order to pick up the right people to perform this song.

So, I want you all to imagine that it is Saturday night. You have turned on your television set and you have waited for one of the best champagne orchestra leaders in the world to come on the television set and entertain you. And he had some wonderful people on there. So, in your imaginations, go back to that time.

A wunnerful, a wunnerful, and I thank you for being here and listening to my wunnerful melodies. And now the lovely Lemon Sisters – that's the Lemon Sisters, are very pleased to present for your entertainment that wunnerful hip tune, Lemon Drop.

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Lemon Drop"

Merribeth Munyon, PM (141/195), Bonnie Jain, PM (31)

and Jennifer Craig, PM (31)

Don Snyder, GGCCM: My lovely Lemon Sisters, Merribeth Munyon, Jennifer Craig and Bonnie Jain, accompanied not by Joanne Castle, but by our own Joanne Castle, Diane Jones. Thank you, ladies.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so very much for sharing your vocal talents with us this afternoon.

And contrary to popular belief, the "Lemon Drop" nickname came from me looking like a giant lemon drop in a giant dress and not because of drinking cocktails. Just to clarify.

Sister Beverly Cratsenburg, Chairman of our Auditing Committee, could you please introduce your committee and present your report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

(By Beverly Cratsenburg, PGT Chairman)

Please refer to APPENDIX F for the complete report

(Applause)

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Beverly, our thanks to you and your committee for working with our outside auditors to assure that we have policy and procedures that protect the assets of our Grand Chapter, and assure that our books and records are kept in accordance with good accounting practices.

It there be no objections, this report will be referred to the Committee on Distribution. It is so ordered.

Sister Linda Kephart, Chairman of the Election Board, would you please introduce your committee and present your report.

REPORT OF THE ELECTION BOARD

(By Linda Kephart, PM (245) Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, sisters and brothers. First, thank you Worthy Grand Matron for asking me to serve as chairman of this important committee. I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to be of service to you and Grand Chapter.

Members of the Election Board Committee are listed in the program and many are seated in section 211. I thank each one of them for the work they will be doing during this Grand Session. Every member is essential to this committee and their service appreciated. Please give them every courtesy during the legislative process.

An orientation meeting of the Election Board Committee was held prior to the opening of our Grand Chapter Session. Members were given instructions on the balloting process and have received individual assignments. I have confidence that the members of this committee are prepared to perform their duty.

At this time, I would like to recognize my special assistants, Co-Chairman Elsa Templin, Peggy Buck, Diana Davidson, Suzanne Gallicho, Donna Herring, Past Grand Matron, and Deborah Winn. And captains Alan White, Jim Chormicle, Past Grand Matron, Michael Cornell, Past Grand Patron, Bill Netemeyer and Bob Slater.

These members have specific duties that are key to the balloting process and I thank them for agreeing to serve in these positions.

I will now review the general instructions regarding voting which are printed in your legislative book on page 6.

The Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter provides that every member in California, if registered and in attendance at this Grand Chapter Session, shall be entitled to one vote. When you registered you received your official voting card and official ballot. Remember to keep them with you at all times. If you lose or misplace your ballot card they cannot be replaced and each person is entitled to only one ballot.

You must be present in order to vote. You may not give your ballot to another person to cast your vote for you.

When there is only one candidate for an office, the vote will be by the show of the voting card. If there is more than one candidate for an office, instructions will be given at the appropriate time.

Our Constitution requires a two-thirds majority to pass legislation and to amend our Constitution and also to amend the Instruction Book. A simple majority is needed to pass a resolution.

When a written ballot has been called for, you will be given instructions at the appropriate time as to which ballot to use. Please listen carefully when the instructions are given. All incorrect ballots will not be counted.

And it is very important that members remain seated during the balloting process to allow the tellers to have free access to the aisles and stairs. Please do not set anything in the aisles or on the stairs. The ballot container will be passed to you and the tellers will collect the ballots only from those members who are seated. The exception to this will be the guards who will step to the nearest teller and deposit their own ballot. No ballots will be collected outside the Grand Chapter room or in undesignated areas.

Please remember, only official ballots are to be placed in the ballot container and nothing else. And please do not fold your ballot.

After the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the ballot open, members of the Election Committee will report to their assigned sections. Each section will be covered, so please be patient and have your ballot ready when a committee member arrives in your section.

Remember, the ballot will not be closed until all ballots have been collected. After the Worthy Grand Matron has declared the ballot closed, remain in your seats so that the business of Grand Chapter may continue.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience during the balloting process.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the Election Board Committee is looking forward to serving you during this "Treasures of Freedom" Session of Grand Chapter. Thank you.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Linda, thank you so much for accepting this Election Board Committee. We are hoping we will work you a tiny bit less this year, but we are grateful for the work you will do as our session moves forward. Thank you very much.

LEGISLATION

(Proposed Amendments No. 1, 2, and 3 were presented, discussed, and votes were taken. Proposed Amendment No. 1 was a written ballot; all others were by a show of voting cards. Complete amendments, reports and result of the votes can be found in APPENDIX E)

GRAND OFFICER JINGLE

By Cindy Murphy, Grand Ruth
Hold the pickles, hold the lettuce,
Special orders, don't upset us,
All we ask is that you do it
The Eastern Star way.
Have it your way, but do it
The Eastern Star way.
Have it your way, but do it
The Eastern Star way.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Art Weiss, Past Grand Patron, it is my desire that you assume authority.

(Proposed Amendment No. 5 was presented, discussed, and a vote was taken. Please refer to APPENDIX E for the complete amendment, report, and result of the vote.)

Art Weiss, Past Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, I invite you to resume your authority.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Past Grand Patron.

(Delegates voted to withdraw Proposed Amendment No. 4.)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

(By Debbie Sanborn, PM (555) Chairman)
Please refer to APPENDIX D for the complete report

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Our thanks to you and your committee for performing all the duties required this year. It was a very busy year and your committee rose to the challenge of serving our Order with excellence. It was a pleasure to work with you this year for the good of our Order.

If there be no objection, the annual report of the Finance Committee will be accepted and referred to the Committee on Distribution. It is so ordered.

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Patriotic Melody"

Singing Stars

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Choir, thank you very much. That was one of the songs I requested you do at this session. Thank you.

ESCORT

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Norma Stilwell, Past Grand Matron and Brother Steve Johnson, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star. (Grand Honors extended)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Larry Coffin, will you please present the proposed 2017-2018 Grand Chapter budget for consideration by the delegates.

PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED 2017–2018 GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET

(by Larry Coffin, PGP)

(The proposed 2017-2018 budget for the Grand Chapter of California is printed on pages 371-373)

Larry Coffin, PGP: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. The delegates will please turn to page 25 and page 26 in your session book.

I would like to make some changes to this budget as follows:

- Change Member Dues under Revenue from \$301,975 to \$373,975
- Change Total Revenue from \$569,732 to \$641,732
- Change Increase/Decrease in Grand Chapter Surplus to \$224

MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the 2018 Grand Chapter budget as revised be adopted.

(Vote taken)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: The proposed 2017–2018 budget of the Grand Chapter as revised is **ADOPTED**.

Sister Sheri Weisser, Chairman of the Constitutional Reorganization Committee, we understand you have a motion to make at this time and your report.

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT

(By Sheri Weissner, PGM (103) Chairman)

Again, I would like to express my appreciation to the committee members for their dedication to and efforts in this project. I am honored to introduce Sisters Alyson Grant, Associate Grand Matron, Shirley Orth, Grand Secretary Emeritus, James Hannum, Past Patron and Trisha Stewart, Past Matron.

Traditionally, we have met Thanksgiving weekend to work on the reorganization. However, since we met for the week prior to our last annual session to work on Part IV, we did not meet on Thanksgiving this year. Throughout the year, we completed the reorganization of Part IV, and each of us has been reviewing our past work, ensuring legislation adopted in the last six years, ratified decisions of the Worthy Grand Matrons, and approved housekeeping corrections have been incorporated into the reorganized Constitution and Laws.

Part IV as reorganized and the accompanying chart was sent to the Grand Line officers and the Grand Secretary. As required by our Constitution and Laws, Part IV and the chart were distributed to the chapter secretaries by the Grand Secretary. They were also posted on our website.

Worthy Grand Matron, at this time I move the adoption of Part IV as distributed.

*(The motion was seconded, the vote was taken and the motion was **ADOPTED**)*

(The Worthy Grand Patron made announcements.)

(Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.)

Linda Hooser, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the Thursday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 8:45 a.m. on Friday morning.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

RETIRING MARCH OF GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND PAGES



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**“TREASURES OF FREEDOM” SESSION
FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 27, 2017
VISALIA, CALIFORNIA**

8:00 A.M. Musical Prelude:

Kay Burns (59/3)

California Singing Stars: “Country Roads”

Entrance:

Grand Representatives

Deputy Grand Matrons

Grand Pages

ESCORT AND CALL TO ORDER

Host: Don Snyder, GGCCM

Hostess: Kim Hegg, PGM

ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS

ESCORT

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron

Kim Hegg, PGM: Sisters and brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. *(Grand Honors extended)*

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and brothers, I have the honor to present Brother Don Snyder, General Grand Chapter Committee Member Bylaws and Past Grand Patron and Sister Kim Hegg, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Easter Star. *(Grand Honors extended)*

Kim Hegg, PGM: Distinguished and Honored members, sisters and brothers, friends all, it is a great honor for Brother Don and me to extend to you a very warm welcome to this Friday morning session.

Four our Distinguished members of General Grand Chapter, we thank you for traveling such a distance to make your official visit to California. I am lucky to cunt several of you among my close friends and it is always good to see you in our Golden State.

To the Distinguished and Honored members visiting from other grand jurisdictions, we hope that you have found the hospitality extended to you to be warm and inviting. We invite you to stop by the Special Courtesies room, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, and a delicious goody, renew old friendships and make new ones.

Don Snyder, GGCCM: To the members of California, thank you for being warm and engaging to our visitors and experiencing our sessions, wanting to return year after year.

Kim Hegg, PGM: Sister Linda, Don and I share quite a history with you in this Order. It seems like only yesterday when we all nervously met in San Jose to become the kids of Karen and Skip.

Little did we even suspect what lie in store for us these many years later. We share an incredible bond. You went on to serve with us in 2011 as our Grand Treasurer and did a superb job guiding our finances that year.

Don Snyder, GGCCM: Brother Bill, our friendship has not been as long or strong as Sister Linda, but we were so proud of the job you and Ris did for us in 2011 as Chairs of our Senior Living Community Rodeo Drive Festival.

Kim Hegg, PGM: Rodeo.

Don Snyder, GGCCM: For me it was more rodeo.

Kim Hegg, PGM: Rodeo.

Don Snyder, GGCCM: Always gets your bank account.

We were happy to recommend your appointment to serve as Grand Representative to Oklahoma in California. Although other Grand Families have since laid claim to you, we consider you a special part of 2011.

Kim Hegg, PGM: Linda and Bill, you are rapidly approaching the end of what we know has been an exciting and exhausting time. Soon you will be able to relax a little bit more and enjoy the memories of the year of unselfish service and a job well done.

Don Snyder, GGCCM: We would like to remind you, the membership, that our leaders can only provide a sense of direction and continuity. It is you, the members, that must help supply inspiration, enthusiasm and support. Without you, the vision of our leaders is just a faint dream that comes in with Grand Installation and disappears a year later.

Kim Hegg, PGM: It is up to you to ensure the reality, beauty and integrity of the Order of the Eastern not only survives but thrives. To do this, we must remain relevant to the world around us. We must first be a sanctuary where we respect, trust and love one another.

We must set an example of high standards of outstanding ritual, elegance and dignified conduct, and help each other grow as individuals and as a rich and diverse community.

Don Snyder, GGCCM: Then it is incumbent upon us to take this system of ethics and love out into the world around us and be an inspiration to all mankind. Let us not lose our Order in fluff, pomp and circumstance. Let us not sacrifice our honor to petty squabbles and gossip.

Rather, let us shake off the dust of the past. Let us return kindness for hostility. Let us guard our lips from slander in order to provide a fresh and beautiful future to ourselves and to the world.

Kim Hegg, PGM: As we begin the joyous transition into the holiday season, let us renew our childlike faith and trust and our sense of wonderment and awe. Let us remember what brought us to this Order in the first place and renew our love and commitment to it.

Let us be thankful to be surrounded by extended family that will be there to support us through life's often challenging yet rewarding path.

Don Snyder, GGCCM: And as Christmas approaches, let us once more board the Polar Express, renew our friendships, search our dreams together and make them a reality.

Together: Keep the vision and you will always be able to say, "The bell still rings for me." Thank you. *(Applause)*

Kim Hegg, PGM: Sister Linda, Don and I have been sitting in the audience beaming with pride as you have presided over this Grand Chapter. Your love for this Order, its members and traditions is evident.

We know that you will continue to wield this gavel with a firm but gentle hand as we carry on with the business of Grand Chapter.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Kim and Brother Don, thank you for welcoming our members this morning and for presenting me with my gavel. I have very fond memories of 2007, when Hope Runneth Over, and we served together as Grand Officers in 2007, and when you asked me to serve as 2011 Grand Treasurer, I was very honored. I have treasured our friendship over the years, and I thank you for all your love and support.

Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you?

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Kim and Brother Don, it is always special to have special people to give their Welcome and Natasha and Boris are always our Welcome favorites. We appreciate everything you have done and will always continue to do for California Eastern Star.

And just as a little side note, the Festival, us chairing back then? We were roped into while I was recovering – I had just come out of surgery. I wasn't even out of my heavy anesthesia when I was asked. Boy, this guy knows when to make a phone call. Thank you both. We love you both.

(Proving of Grand Chapter and Opening of the Holy Bible)

NECROLOGY SERVICE

Tamra Elaine Keen, DGM Chairman: When someone we love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure. Memories are timeless treasures of the heart.

We come together this morning to honor those who are now a memory in our lives and are stored with love in the treasure chest of our hearts.

We come together to seek a spirit that binds together the scattered threads of our humanity; a thread that binds us together in sympathy; in understanding; in love; a thread that weaves the past, present and the future together and unites the fragments of our existence into a meaningful whole. In the face of death, life has grown dearer and the memories of our Sisters and Brothers who have gone beyond are more precious than jewels.

As the former Grand Ruths help to fill our treasure chest of love and memories, we also see the golden glow of love and constant devotion illustrated in the lives of our departed members. Let us pause for a moment to remember and honor those who have enriched and shaped our lives.

The mentor who gave us generously from his or her vast store of experience and knowledge.

The sister or brother who allowed us to acknowledge our imperfections by telling us of his or her own.

The sister or brother whose quiet wisdom and gentle spirits made us ashamed of our own pettiness.

The sister or brother whose good humor and loving kindness inspired us to nobler living.

The members who served our chapters with love and cheer and whose presence is felt so keenly whenever we meet.

We will store the memories of these special sisters and Brothers forever in our hearts and the light of their love will ever illumine our pathways.

As our treasure chest of memories closes, we pledge not to lock it away, but to share it freely and lovingly so that the spirit of those who have gone before may live on within us. For those we hold most dear never truly leave us. They live on in the kindnesses they showed, the comfort they shared, and the love they brought into our lives. So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: In his poem called “Stars, Songs, Faces,” the poet Carl Sandburg wrote:

Gather the stars if you wish it so.
Gather the songs and keep them.
Gather the faces of women.
Gather for keeping years and years.
And then ...
Loosen your hands, let go and say good-bye.
Let the stars and songs go.
Let the faces and years go.
Loosen your hands and say good-bye.

PRAYER

(By Ken Miller, Grand Chaplain)

Our Father, as we come into Thy presence today with hearts saddened by the loss of loved ones, may we feel Thy everlasting arms upholding us through Thy grace and love. We give thanks for dear and faithful Sisters and Brothers who have gone before, and we thank you for having had the chance to be touched by their goodness and service. As our lives have been touched by theirs, we have benefited, and we pray that in our own way we too may inspire others for good.

As we travel along this earthly path, may we keep to our faith so that we are strong in our beliefs and continue to be true to the principles of our Order.

We praise your mercy and love and honor Thy holy name. Amen.

EULOGY FOR DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: You may be seated. Our Golden Chain has been broken by the loss of three very special links this past year. Sister Sue McKinney, would you please share your memories of Brother Ernie Lewis and Sister Danna Willoughby.

ERNIE LEWIS, PAST GRAND PATRON

(By Sue McKinney, Past Grand Matron)

Brother Ernest Elder Lewis, Junior.

I am thrilled to have this opportunity to participate in the Ceremony of Life of my Worthy Grand Patron of 1998, Brother Ernie Lewis.

Brother Ernie’s watchwords were to be faithful to your obligation, understanding in your attitude and noble in your intentions. Faithful, Understanding, Noble, FUN.

Ernie loved to have fun, and he said, “If it ain’t fun I’m not going.”

Ernie loved the Lord. He loved people. He made friends and kept his friends.

Ernie spent his life in service to others. Beginning in the Junior Chamber of Commerce serving as the State President and then going on to National Vice President.

Then he started in Little League with his son, but never grew out of it. His service was local, district, state and international for over 40 years. The Little League World Series was a must on his calendar.

Then there was his love of sports. You name it, Ernie loved it. Hunting was very high on his list and the Eastern Star calendar and the openings of seasons did not always agree. I tried to explain no more dove hunting, but I think he still killed some gray birds.

For his untiring love and devotion to all his Masonic orders, he was awarded many honors. He loved ritual work and put great feeling into his delivery.

We first met in 1986. He and Barbara were Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron in Concord Chapter. He served as Worthy Patron twice, and then was chosen as Grand Sentinel in 1994. And then, in 1997, Barbara and Ernie joined Tom and me on the journey of our lives. We were bound together with love that cannot be broken.

Ernie continued to serve his Chapter, on many Grand Chapter Committees he served Grand Chapter, and served General Grand Chapter on the Committee for Public Relations for three years.

In Ernie’s closing remarks as Worthy Grand Patron, he said, “We have all come to realize that our future is in only one place, and that’s our hands. We have to mold our actions and create positive actions and eliminate the negative and drive forward to success. Only we can do it.”

Ernie passed into the celestial life above on January 1, 2017. The sincere sympathy of the Order of the Eastern Star in California was extended to his devoted wife Barbara, daughters Karen and husband Ben, Maureen and husband Michael, and son Ray and wife Martha, and the four very special grandchildren, great-grandchildren, his chapter, and many sorrowing friends.

DANNA WILLOUGHBY, PAST GRAND MATRON

(By Sue McKinney, Past Grand Matron)

Danna Willoughby, Worthy Grand Matron 2001-2002.

Danna was initiated in Garden Grove Chapter. Through consolidation the Chapter has become Scepter Chapter 163 in Orange.

She served as Marshal in 1976, and then went on up the line as Associate Conductress, going up to Worthy Matron in 1980.

Our Sister received the Service Award from her Chapter and served on many committees and offices.

Danna served as Deputy Grand Matron in 1988, Grand Ruth in 1994, and my Grand Marshal in 1998, proceeding on in the Grand Line to Worthy Grand Matron in 2002.

Danna served General Grand Chapter on the Committee for Youth in 2006 to 2008.

She never stopped serving. She had a long list of credentials from legislation and ritual, to decorating, for her Chapter, her District and Grand Chapter.

She was an excellent ritualist. She had been trained as a parliamentarian and kept up on all the laws and rules of our Order.

She also took time to enjoy the members. The members were the most important part of her life. She had a storeroom of decorations and, within a few moments notice, could put together a party, reception or installation in the theme of your choice.

Danna never worried about carrying money or credit cards. She would say, "I've got Darrel." He was truly by her side in sickness and in health.

Danna's emblem was the Dream Catcher, representing the never-ending circle of life and love, our families, and our Eastern Star life and our circle of friends.

Danna loved the members and was always thrilled to see any of our new members advancing in their positions with their Eastern Star careers.

Jesus took Danna home on December 19, 2016.

At Danna's Installation, she said, "Now is the time to move on. Take a bold and forceful step out into the future and do those dreams that we have been practicing. Just do it. If it's a good idea but just isn't quite right, fix it. If it's not a good idea, junk it and go on and do it."

Something else. "Improve on the foundations we have set before. Embrace change and go forward from this place. Just do it."

The sincere sympathy of the members of the Grand Chapter of California have been extended to her husband Darrel, their sons Charlie, Damon and wife Lisa, Galen and wife Shannon, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

And I'm so thrilled today to have with me Barbara Lewis and Darrel Willoughby.

The Gates of Heaven opened wide to take our two members home. Thank you.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Sue.

Sister Debbie Maiman, will you share with us your memories of Sister Kim Cooke.

KIMBERLY COOKE, PAST GRAND TREASURER

(By Debbie Maiman, Past Grand Matron)

Kimberly Cooke, Grand Treasurer 2014.

Kim shared her life with family and friends from June 11, 1966 to May 2, 2017.

She was initiated into Ungava Chapter No. 106 on September 17, 1984. Her years of service included Worthy Matron 2011, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, 2012 and 2016, Deputy Grand Matron 2013, Chairman of the Deputy Grand Matrons 2016, Member of the Board of Trustees for the Senior Living Community 2012-2013, Executive Director of the Senior Living Community 2013-2017.

Kim's leadership to our youth did include serving as Mother Advisor.

A letter to a friend.

Dear Kim. Hello, my friend. I miss you every day and I wish I could talk to you one more time. There is so much that wasn't said. I do not understand why you left so unexpectedly. We made plans that may never be completed, yet we shared many days that have become precious memories.

You lived your life giving encouragement to those who depended upon you to keep their world uncluttered by the memories of the ordinary day-to-day challenges they faced. You lifted their burden and carried it for a little while. Your gift of understanding a situation, taking the best from it and giving everyone involved a solution that left them feeling they had attained exactly what they needed was incredible.

Those of us who knew you do not believe the words "no", "sorry I can't", or "ask me later", were ever part of your vocabulary.

I think that you were unaware of how amazing you were and how beautiful your spirit will always be to those who shared your laughter, smiles and sometimes tears.

I am not saying that you were perfect, for no one is. The imperfections make us unique. I want you to know that I miss the imperfections, the laughs, the jokes, the smiles, and the eyelashes you couldn't resist wearing on special occasions.

So, my friend and fraternal daughter, I just miss you. We all miss you. I will talk to you soon and you will send a ladybug to let me know that you are listening.

Thank you for touching our lives and teaching us to live each day to the best of our ability in kindness and with charity toward one another, for accepting our imperfections, for helping us understand that each day is precious, each friend unique, and that we must take the time to nurture our friendships.

These words could not be truer.

No one knows whether another year or even a single day will be committed to our trust. Therefore, if we have been faithful heretofore, let us increase our expectations for the future.

We send you a smile. Your journey is complete. You have found your peace and will forever remain in our hearts.

With hope, joy and always hugs.

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Debbie.

We treasure the contributions to our Order from these Distinguished and Honored members, and their memory will continue to inspire us to make a difference in our Order and our communities.

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

By Merribeth Munyon

“Into the West”

Grand Choir

“Nearer My God to Thee”

PHOTO TRIBUTE TO DEPARTED MEMBERS

STAR POINT TRIBUTE TO DEPARTED MEMBERS

(Grand Star Point Officers, assisted by the former Grand Ruths of California and the Presidents of the Northern and Southern Deputy Grand Matrons)

Becky Herzog, President, Northern Deputy Grand Matrons: The loss of our sisters and brothers this past year has caused us to grieve. As time passes and our tears are dried, we are able to see their influence as a living part of the chapters and Order they loved and served. They planted seeds which grew into beautiful flowers. The seeds of these flowers are blown by the winds of time, nourished by God, and will grow in the fertile hearts of others.

As they lived here with us, our friends have grown into a garden of faith and cheer. They planted flowers of service and faith and brought God’s love so near.

Connie Snow, President, Southern Deputy Grand Matrons: Blue is the color of the first ray of our Star, teaching death can be faced without fear. With fidelity we hold fast and keep the memory of our departed near. A pledge of fidelity we placed in violets here.

Becky Herzog, President, Northern Deputy Grand Matrons: The hours we spend serving others are precious and make our lives whole. As grain satisfies our hunger, companionship feeds our soul. As a pledge of our constancy we now place these flowers of Gold.

Connie Snow, President, Southern Deputy Grand Matrons: From the point of White, a symbol of light where loyalty and purity are expressed. We bring these lilies in memory of those who have entered our garden of eternal rest.

Becky Herzog, President, Northern Deputy Grand Matrons: In peace and joy and gladness we return to our Father above. The Green illuminates the path that is taken with unfaltering faith and love. We bring this fern to the altar in memory of the beloved.

Connie Snow, President, Southern Deputy Grand Matrons: The love of neighbor and all fellowmen symbolize Electa's Red ray. As a part of our Heavenly Father's plan, let us Love One Another always. We bring these roses to the altar with love ever strong and praise.

Becky Herzog, President, Northern Deputy Grand Matrons: In memory of those whose gardens still thrive, may love grow and their sweet seeds mature. For as long as we hold them with joy in our hearts, their lives and their spirits endure.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Their lives were a blessing, their memories a treasure. They are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

Please feel free to join with our Singing Stars in our Closing Hymn, "Blessed Spirit of My Life". The words will be on the screens.

CLOSING HYMN

"Blessed Spirit of My Life"

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Our thanks to all who participated in our Necrology Service for your efforts to present such a beautiful and fitting tribute to our departed sisters and brothers.

Sister Meribeth, I wanted to personally thank you for singing "Into the West", which I did request. It is a very special song for myself and Sister Sarahann. Thank you very much for your beautiful voice.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Joan Taylor, Chairman of Credentials Committee, would you please report to us the number of chapters represented at this session at this time and the number of ballots which you have issued.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(By Joan Taylor, PM (321) Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored members, sisters and brothers, it has been my very special privilege to serve as Chairman of the Credentials Committee for this Grand Chapter Session. Thank you, Sister Linda, for asking me to serve in this position for 2017.

With a great deal of pride I would like to introduce in alphabetical order the hardworking members of the Terrific Tigers Credential Standing Committee: Judy Schnabel, Past Matron, my co-chairman; Marsha Herron, Past Matron; Marlene Larson, who is down here on the floor, Past Matron; Sue Lynn, Past Matron; Karen Nunzio, Past Matron; Marsha Price, Past Matron; Sheila Reed, Past Matron; and Joanne Wright, Past Matron.

Thank you, ladies.

On behalf of our committee I would like to present to you, Sister Linda and Brother Bill, my token of appreciation which she always has.

Our standing committee members have not been roaring by themselves this year. We have had 23 Terrific Tiger helpers who have made such a wonderful difference for all our delegates. They have shown over and over that they are really terrific.

Following an instructional meeting for our committee on Tuesday morning, we began this happy adventure with 1,100 packets which were stuffed by our committee members for the delegates and visitors of the session.

On Tuesday afternoon we began issuing validated credentials, voting card, packet and a lot of adventurous smiles.

On Wednesday, although the schedule calls for closing at the lunch hour, we kept Credentials open during that time to accommodate our members. Especially those who were in rehearsals. I do believe that the delegates appreciated this added courtesy.

Along with all this activity – thank you.

An accurate accounting of those in attendance must be continuously kept and updated daily, including both California members and out of state visitors. We also keep track of our first-timers who are attending Grand Chapter for their initial visit at our convention. We try to greet them with tiger roars, enthusiasm and a special tiger sticker.

As of 9:00 a.m. this morning, there were a total of 838 California members registered for this “Treasures of Freedom” Session at Grand Chapter.

Each of these members was issued a ballot and voting card in accordance with our California Eastern Star Constitution and Laws.

Therefore, a total of 838 ballots have been issued at this time.

We have also registered 71 members from other grand jurisdictions.

This gives us a total of 909 Eastern Star members currently registered for this 2017 “Treasures of Freedom” Grand Chapter Session.

Tomorrow morning, I will have a final count to share with you.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Joan, thank you very much for agreeing to chair this important committee and for your report. We look forward to your final report tomorrow morning.

Sister Linda Kephart, Chairman of our Election Board, would you please explain the election procedure that will be used.

ELECTION PROCEDURE INSTRUCTIONS

(By Linda Kephart, PM (245) Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, sisters and brothers, there is one candidate for each elected Grand Chapter office. There are two candidates for the Home Board of Trustees in the North, with one three-year term and one one-year term open, and there is one candidate for the Home Board of Trustees of the South for a three-year term.

In accordance with the parliamentary rules for our Grand Chapter Session, when there is only one candidate for an office, the vote will be by the show of the voting card. When there are two or more candidates for an office, a written ballot will be taken and the member receiving the majority of the votes cast will be declared elected. If additional ballots are required, parliamentary procedure will be followed. Further instructions will be given at the appropriate time as to which ballot to use.

Please listen carefully when the instructions are given. Incorrect ballots will not be counted. Thank you.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Linda, thank you again for agreeing to chair this important committee. You knew the job was dangerous when you took it, and we will have you busy all morning. We will call you when we begin to have election for our multiple candidates.

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Blue Skies"

Grand Choir

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: It is now 10:00 a.m. and in accordance with our Constitution and Laws, we will proceed with elections.

RESUMES OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED OFFICE

(The resumes of candidates for elected office can be found on pages 359-366)

ELECTION OF 2018 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.

Alyson Grant

Fred Loeser

Terri Ewing

Paul Lacroix

Tammy Kinzy

Peggy Tucker

Sharon Jazwiecki

Laura Bouwens

Worthy Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Patron

Associate Grand Matron

Associate Grand Patron

Grand Secretary

Grand Treasurer

Grand Conductress

Associate Grand Conductress

RESUMES OF CANDIDATES FOR TRUSTEES OF

THE EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA

(The resumes of candidates for Trustees of the Eastern Star Homes of California can be found on pages 368-370)

There being but one nominee for the office Eastern Star Home Board of Trustee from the South, Kathe Larick was declared elected unanimously, with the proper motion, seconded and carried for the ensuing three-year term.

There being two candidates for the two Trustee positions from the North, written ballots were taken. Beth Massengill was elected to one three-year term and Ruth Sereni was elected to one one-year term.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sue White, Past Grand Matron, Chairman of our Consolidation Committee, will you please introduce your committee members and give your report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE

(By Sue White, PGM Chairman)

Please refer to APPENDIX F for the complete report.

(Applause)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sue, we thank you and your committee for your work this year. While we always hope that the members of your committee will have nothing to do, the service you provide to our chapters is invaluable. You provide guidance and support in a very difficult time in the life of any chapter. Thank you and your committee for all your efforts this year.

Sister Juliet Vitz, Chairman of our Special Project, will you please give us your report.

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON SPECIAL PROJECT

(By Juliet Vitz, PM (13/555) Chairman)

Please refer to APPENDIX F for the complete report.

(Applause)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Juliet, we thank you for your work this year to promote our special project and all of the time and effort that you put in to making it happen. As we travel around the state we were astonished of the depth of need in California, and we are grateful for all your work to help us help others.

Worthy Grand Patron, we would be pleased to have your special recognition for our special project at this time.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: This year we had the opportunity to see just how much Eastern Star cares. Your support of our local food banks and charities was amazing. As I said earlier, tens of thousands of men, women and children were fed by this. It touched each and every one of us in the Grand Family when we had the opportunity to go out and meet with these food banks and when they were able to explain to us exactly how that was a physical manifestation of something that would happen, and that made all the difference in the world.

As we traveled throughout the state we learned how important this was to you, and so we wanted to make sure that the chapters – that at least somebody, the one that really stepped up and made that extra effort - got a little special recognition. So, we came up with a 2017 Spirit Award. And it will be able to be picked up at the Secretary's desk, so don't come running down here.

But in recognition of outstanding commitment to their community and the Worthy Grand Matron Worthy/Grand Patron's, project this Spirit Award is presented to Friendship Chapter No. 48 for their dedication to Eastern Star Cares and their community has proven you worthy of special recognition and gratitude of the Grand Chapter of California.

Presented this 26th day of October 2017, Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron, and Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron.

Thank you, Friendship Chapter, for your outstanding dedication to this project.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: I know it wasn't cheating if it is one of my chapters. I had nothing to do with the totals.

Thank you, sisters and brothers of Friendship. I had an idea, because I had been reading the newsletters, that you were pretty heavy on donating cans. I think it was Carrie's threats.

Sister Casey Rainey, Chairman of our Travel Award program, would you please give us your report of your activities?

REPORT OF THE TRAVEL AWARD PROGRAM

(By Casey Rainey, PM (117/631) Chairman)

Please refer to APPENDIX F for the complete report.

(Applause)

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Casey, we thank you for your work to promote our Travel program this year. We know that our members have enjoyed earning their pins and visiting chapters and events throughout the state. We appreciate all your efforts to increase social enjoyment and fellowship in our Order throughout California.

Brother Don, do we have any entertainment for this morning?

Don Snyder, GGCCM: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. This song I chose specifically because of the project you chose this year, and our love for what you have specifically done this year.

MUSICAL SELECTION

"It's Up to Us to Be the Change"

Don Snyder, GGCCM

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you brother Don, for sharing your musical talents with us this morning. We all appreciate your incredible ability to engage and entertain an audience and we are always happy to be that audience. Thank you so much for agreeing to be Entertainment Chair and line up so many wonderful performances during this session.

LEGISLATION

(Proposed Amendments No. 6, 7, and 8 were presented, discussed, and votes were taken. Complete amendments, reports and result of the votes can be found in APPENDIX E)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Collette Gole, Co-Chairman of the Membership Committee, may we have your report at this time?

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

*(By Collette Serio Gole, PGM Co-Chairman)
Please refer to APPENDIX F for the complete report.*

(Applause)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Collette, a very special thank you to the heads of the group that put up with me this year, gave us suggestions and helped us at meetings. You are wonderful. Thank you for your dedication to our Order.

(The Worthy Grand Patron made announcements.)

(Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the Friday Morning Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 1:45 p.m.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

RETIRING MARCH OF GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND PAGES



**“TREASURES OF FREEDOM” SESSION
FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 27, 2017
VISALIA, CALIFORNIA**

1:15 P.M. Musical Prelude:

John Olson, PP (110)

California Singing Stars: Musical Selection

Entrance:

Grand Representatives
Deputy Grand Matrons
Grand Officers

CALL TO ORDER

(Proving of Grand Chapter and Opening of the Holy Bible)

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: We welcome you back to our afternoon session. We would like to thank Brother John Olsen for the fantastic prelude music this afternoon and thank the Choir for their wonderful selections.

ESCORT

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Sisters and brothers, it is my sincere honor to introduce Perry Cassaza, Worthy Grand Patron of Arizona. (Grand Honors extended)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close the Bible informally.

(Bible closed informally)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Grand Sentinel, please invite our guest to enter the Grand Chapter room.

Today we have a much beloved group of sisters and brothers attending our Grand Chapter Session. Some of the residents of our Senior Living Community are with us today and we are very excited to have you join us. We also have a number of staff members from our Senior Living Community lead by our Acting Executive Director, Judy Figueroa.

Would you please introduce the residents and staff of our Senior Living Community and give us your report on the Home.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

(By Judy Figueroa, Acting Executive Director)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored members.

On behalf of the residents and staff at the Senior Living Community, we are prepared to present the following annual report highlighting the success and challenges this past year.

We would also like to express our appreciation to the Board of Trustees and the Eastern Star chapters for their dedication and support for our community.

Our senior community offers a continuum of care model that provides a full spectrum of care services. Residents are treated with respect and dignity while partnering with the staff to define what quality of life means to each individual.

During the past year we have served an average of 45 seniors on our campus. The resident mix of 20 percent independent, 72 percent assisted living, 8 percent of our placement in skilled nursing or memory care.

During the past year the average age of our residents was 90 years. This year, two of our residents have celebrated their 100th birthday.

We are also excited to announce that the Board of Trustees have approved memory care on our campus. This means our residents outplaced will be brought home to the campus, if it is appropriate for them.

As a resident-centered mission-driven community, the Senior Living Community promotes quality of life by empowering our residents, their families and our community to live well and have an active, beautiful and rewarding life. The residents enjoy a variety of activities both on and off campus. Staff promotes educational, physical, spiritual socialization in daily activities. Just to name a few, they have trips to the museum, baseball games, shopping, book clubs, tai chi, and we can't forget about Bingo.

This year, we have reorganized departments and added new programs for our residents. A Social Service Department has been created to meet the psycho-social needs of our residents. We have also developed a Wellness Center program with a Certified Restorative Nurse's Assistant to work daily with our residents on the gym and on an individual basis. She also will be working closely with the physical therapist to provide continuity of care for our residents who have been discharged from the hospital or from the skilled nursing facilities.

We have focused on keeping our residents and families engaged this year. Our residents are actively volunteering in the beauty shop ordering supplies, making appointments, announcements at mealtimes, being buddies to our new residents coming in. These are just to name a few.

Our residents are becoming very active in the community. We have started a new Resident Volunteer Emergency program. These residents will be trained to assist our staff in case of disaster on the campus. We have an active Resident Council

and Executive Council. We are also encouraging our other residents to participate in volunteering on campus.

Staff is working with residents to create a monthly newsletter, which will be out in November. This year we implemented a family meeting, which is quarterly, and our first meeting was great. We had a wonderful large participation from the families. These quarterly meetings help with the families and the residents to know what's happening on campus and getting the residents and the families more engaged.

Staff and residents have been challenged this past year with the untimely death of their Executive Director Kim Cooke. The uncertainty of the new leadership and what changes were ahead of them was clearly on the minds of the residents, staff and families. With the support of our Board of Trustees and staff pulling together, working as a team, residents and staff were able to move forward.

Staff has been focusing on different types of revenue that would benefit our Senior Living Community. We are in the process of applying for VA benefits for those residents who are eligible. We are also applying for Medi-Cal waiver which would allow us to keep our residents on campus instead of sending them to skilled nursing facilities. We will receive \$50 to \$200 a day, depending on the level of care needed.

I am positive that we will see an increase in admissions when our memory care is advertised to the public. I would like the Senior Living Community to be open to the Masonic Homes residents who need memory care.

Staff is actively marketing to hospitals, doctors' offices, senior placement and home health agencies, focusing more on the assisted living admissions.

Residents and staff participated in the Health Care Fair at the Yorba Linda Senior Center last week. They passed out our brochures and other helpful information that we developed for seniors. We had a great turnout at our table. The residents and staff enjoyed the networking.

Before I finish, I would like to introduce our residents and staff that are here today.

Alvin Stipp, former President of the Resident Council, Rosalee Becker, Beverly Coombs, Marilyn Brindell, Verna Hamilton, Joe Morris and Rita Wade.

I would also like to introduce our staff that brought our residents here today. Cindy Halverson, Social Service Designee, Brandi McGinnis, Director of Social Services, Rosie Rena, Health Service Coordinator, and Ellie Furtado, Resident Restorative Nurses Assistant.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to work as Interim Executive Director. The Senior Living Community of Eastern Star Homes is a beautiful campus with wonderful residents and staff. I truly believe, with all the marketing strategies and networking in the community and surrounding communities, we will be successful.

I want to thank the Senior Living staff for all the hard work and accomplishments that we have achieved this year. I would also like to thank the residents for their dedication and commitment in the many hours of volunteering on campus.

Thank you.

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: Judy, thank you for your work to care for our Eastern Star sisters and brothers and to assure that they continue to have a safe and happy home.

I understand that we are also pleased to have our Eastern Star Home Fraternalism Award presented today. Would our Board of Trustees please rise?

Brother Jim Whiteley, President of our Home Board, would you please give us some background on this award and announce the decision of the Board for this year?

Jim Whiteley, GGCCM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. This is an award that was established several years ago. Unfortunately, it hasn't been presented probably since 2013, if I have my numbers right.

On behalf of the residents and staff of the Senior Living Community, we are very happy to be able to present the very special Fraternalism Award for 2017. This year, we are recognizing four very hard-working members of our group. The residents and staff are very appreciative of their unselfish giving of their time and talents. Some of the support is as follows:

They play Zingo – and that's a card game, not Bingo, Zingo – provide entertainment, provide social time with the residents. This is the best part. They bring Krispie Kreme donuts – I need to know what date that is -- and they host a breakfast at Grand Chapter which will be held tomorrow morning.

The following members are to be commended for their loving care of our residents:

- President, Orine Carroll
- Second Vice President Kitty Coutts
- Secretary-Treasurer, Barbara DeGuire

Barbara will be with us tomorrow morning and we will present hers at the booster breakfast. The others will get theirs at the next event at the Senior Living Community.

The fourth is our Entertainment Chairman, Diane Heist. If Sister Diane could join me up here, along with Brandi McGinnis.

Brandi McGinnis, SLC Dir. of Sr. Services: On behalf of the Senior Living Community, the residents and staff are presenting this award to you. We thank you for your participation and care for the residents.

Diane Heist, SLC Entertainment Chairman: Thank you so much, it has been a pleasure to work with the ladies and our gentleman at the home, and it comes from the bottom of our heart. We love you to pieces.

Jim Whiteley, GGCCM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: We are most grateful for the work and dedication that our Booster club gives to our Senior Living Community. It is the dedication of our many volunteers that allow our home to sparkle for our residents.

We also have the pleasure of presenting the funds that we have collected in the Heart Fund of our Eastern Star Foundation. These are from previous years, as well as 2017.

Please join me in welcoming Ashley Teran, Director of Development Department of Medicine for the UC Irvine Heart Disease Prevention program, who will tell us a bit about their program.

HEART FUND PRESENTATION

*(By Ashley Teran, Director of Development, Department of Medicine,
UCI Heart Disease Prevention Program)*

Good afternoon, everybody.

I sure wish I would have known how lovely you are all dressed, so excuse my attire.

Thank you. I represent UC Irvine Health and I work for the Department of Medicine, specifically the Cardiology division.

I was honored that Bill invited me to be here today, because the time for your support is so critical right now and it is so fortuitous. UCI has recently become the first in the UC system to be a fully-integrated medical center. And what that means is, basically, we really want to shift from reaction to prevention medicine.

So one of the things we are doing in the Cardiology Prevention Center, is that clinically what that means is basically under one roof and under one system we are going to have exercise assistance on site, dietitians, obviously the cardiologists themselves, because we want our patients to have a holistic care experience. And we are honored that the California Eastern Star Foundation has actually named a fund and we're going to be recognizing your support as part of our research efforts.

Two-thirds of our diabetic population will suffer from heart attack or stroke. I mean, your timing for support is really meeting a national need and we are so very grateful. And the reason that we think we can do a little bit better and we want your funds to go that much further in directing this national need, we don't want to assess just one risk factor for diabetes or for cardiology-cardiac events in our diabetic patients. We want to address all these.

In fact, our early research efforts of doing this, we were actually able to improve cardiovascular disease detection 62 percent versus seven percent, which was what was done previously in major heart studies. So, this is huge and we cannot say thank you enough. It is really going to make a big impact on how we improve our patient care in the cardiology program, and also with educating physicians around the nation. So, thank you very much.

And there's a note from the Program Director, but I will just sum it up. He says thank you. He is so sorry he can't be here. He is exceedingly grateful. He wants to pour your money into the research efforts for the community and also for physician education, so that other physicians will know how to better diagnosis cardiology-cardiac incidents in our diabetic patients.

And the final thing I wanted to close on, is we are really honored and we hope if you are ever out in Orange County, please let me know and I would be glad to host you on an update on sort of what your funds have achieved in the community. It would be our honor and our pleasure and, more than that, we were able to get a press release on all the great work that the California Eastern Star Foundation is doing, because I can tell it is a great deal. We are so very grateful, again, and I hope you all enjoy your conference.

Thank you, again.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: The California Eastern Star Foundation is pleased to present to University of Irvine for their heart research, a check in the amount of \$27,304.

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: Today we also have the pleasure of presenting to a wonderful program the funds that have been collected in our Eastern Star Foundation for cancer research.

Please join me in welcoming Justin Schroer, Director of Development from the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center, which will tell us a little bit about their program.

CANCER RESEARCH FUND PRESENTATION

*(By Justin Schroer, Director of Development,
UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center)*

Thank you everyone. Good afternoon.

I'm here on behalf of UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center, as well as Dr. Marcio Malogolowkin -- that was the name. It can be a difficult one, from time to time, so I fully understand. We call him affectionately, Dr. Marcio. And he is our Division Chief of Pediatric Hematology Oncology at UC Davis Cancer Center. He couldn't be here today. He is on call this weekend, treating our kids of the Sacramento area, and so he wanted me to come down here and say thank you for all of your support and what you guys have been able to do for us. He is truly

grateful, we are very truly grateful and the children of Sacramento are truly grateful.

We have prepared a short video that he wanted to give his own thanks, so I think that we have a short video cued up.

(Video Presentation)

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: On behalf of the California Eastern Star Foundation, we are so pleased to be able to present to the UC Davis Pediatric Oncology Research -- and this means a lot to everybody in this room and all of the members of Eastern Star in California, because of the children that it affects and it takes care of. We want to present you with a check for \$82,448.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and brothers, that amount also is from prior years. We thank you for your years of dedication to our Foundation.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: I also want to mention that an additional \$1,939 and change went to the University of Irvine for additional heart research from The Medical Research Fund.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Eileen Simmons, Chairman of our Annual Session Site Committee, would you please present your report on the sites being offered for the consideration of the delegates today.

Eileen Simmons, Chairman: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Would it be okay if I did my report after the venue presentation?

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Yes.

Eileen Simmons, Chairman: Good afternoon, sisters and brothers. We have representatives from the three venues that are on the Site Committee, and they would like to give a short presentation to you this afternoon. First, I would like to introduce Nellie Freeborn Visalia Convention Center.

VISALIA CONVENTION CENTER PRESENTATION

(By Nellie Freeborn)

Thank you and good afternoon, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and members of the Order of Eastern Star.

On behalf of the City of Visalia, Visalia Visitor Bureau, Visalia Convention Center, partner hotels, we are truly honored to be here today, and we thank you for this opportunity.

Over the past few years we have built strong relationships with the Order of the Eastern Star. We consider you part of our family and, if you can believe it, we have worked together collectively for six years. And over those years we have come to know your program and your delegates. Because of our minimal turnover,

Order of Eastern Star has also gotten to know us and those who work behind the scene to execute a convention. We understand your needs, your expectation, your housing requirements and, most importantly, the attention to detail that your sessions require.

For example, understanding that stadium seating is very important to your group, and our convention center is one of the few that has this to offer is something that we take note of.

Visalia's central location means your attendees spend more time in fellowship at the destination and not just getting there. We are proud of our safe streets, our more than 50 convenient restaurant and dining options, and our small-town hospitality. We take great pride in that.

The convenience of the convention center to the host hotel, with views to our favorite part, our backyard, our downtown. Today, I had the distinct pleasure of hearing many wonderful stories to give a clue about our downtown experience, and those of you who have had wonderful experiences with our downtown. Some favorites were mentioned, Las Palmas, and the Depot, and Deli Delicious. While these restaurants are wonderful, I think what makes the difference are the people who are welcoming you back every single year and excited to have you.

We are prepared to offer Order of the Eastern Star accessible free parking throughout the city and convention center, to include our partner hotels, savory catering and culinary options, a variety of hotels and quality customer service that I think you have come to know and enjoy. Our city has a long and happy partnership with your convention and, at the end of the day, the people working within the walls of any building are what make the difference. We are grateful that you are with us through 2019 and we certainly hope you will return for many future years to Visalia where you are our city's treasure.

Thank you for your time.

Eileen Simmons, Chairman: Thank you. Next, we have Pamela Sirah and she is going to speak to us for Riverside.

RIVERSIDE CONVENTION CENTER PRESENTATION
(By Pamela Sirah, Director of Revenue Management)
Video Presentation

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Before I begin, I must say what lovely gowns I have seen here today. I feel slightly underdressed.

My name is Pamela Sirah. I am the Director of Revenue Management for the Riverside Convention Center. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to present to you our city for your Grand Chapter conferences.

It is my pleasure to reacquaint you with Riverside. I'm not sure many of you recall when your event was with us. As you can see from our video, we've come a long way.

In September 2012, the center went through a multi-million dollar renovation. It was our endeavor to offer future guests flexible meeting space, accessible areas for vendors, elegant rooms for meal events, and leading-edge technology, and a warm, welcoming environment.

Another important task when reopening the center was to seek and hire individuals to care for our guests. I am proud to say we have achieved that spot on. Our customer satisfaction rating has consistently been in the 90s. From our grounds crew, housekeeping and banquet staff, we hold dear your experience and will go above and beyond to be sure your time spent with us is a memorable one.

Your taste buds won't be disappointed, either, as the culinary team at Riverside Convention Center is led by Celebrity Chef Brad Martin of ABC's The Taste, who was mentored by world-renowned chef Anthony Bourdain.

Riverside has the unique, cozy feel of a small town with its walkable main street, boasting a variety of restaurants and shops. For walking or hiking there is nearby Mount Rubidoux is a favorite with its invigorating 2.7-mile route. We are steps away from the historical Mission Inn Hotel and Spa, offering our guests the charm of Spanish revival architecture which is seen throughout downtown Riverside.

For visitors who may prefer a more contemporary, modern choice, the Riverside Marriott at the convention center, as well as the Hyatt Place are both adjacent to our center. Each of our partner hotels have restaurants and cafes and offer full-service amenities and, also want to add, plenty of closet space for these lovely gowns. We invite you to return to Riverside and experience the new side of boutique hospitality.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Eileen Simmons, Chairman: Thank you, Pam. And finally, we will have the presentation from Ontario.

ONTARIO CONVENTION CENTER PRESENTATION

Good afternoon. First of all, I want to say thank you very much for once again giving Ontario the opportunity to showcase how important and how great our destination, Ontario, will be for the Order of the Eastern Star.

There's a lot of new things happening in Ontario that are very exciting to our city that we feel would be great for your organization.

One of the key things about it is our affordability.

Our hotels, our convention center, that's one thing that we strive for, being one of the most affordable destinations in Southern California. Our hotel rates range anywhere from \$99 to \$139, depending on the hotel that you want to stay at.

Customized menus. Our convention center will work hand in hand with you to make sure that we are staying within your budget, to make sure it is affordable and accessible for your group.

Another good thing about it is our accessibility. The Ontario Convention Center is conveniently located two blocks from the convention center. All of our hotels offer complimentary shuttles to and from the convention center, as well as anywhere within four miles.

Also, we have the freeways. We are very accessible via many freeways that connect in Ontario, the 210 freeway, the 10 freeway, the 57 freeway and the 15 freeway. So, we are a great hub in Ontario.

Things we are known for Ontario is our airport. As of November last year the City of Ontario took over the airport from L.A. so in the next coming years you will see more air time, more air flights. Our airport authority, as we speak, is meeting with different airlines to bring more affordable rates to the Ontario airport.

Renovation of hotels. The DoubleTree Ontario is going through a full hotel renovation that will be done by 2019. So it will be ready for 2020 when you – hopefully – will be there.

Another new brand that will be coming in by 2019 is a new Delta by Marriott, which will also be there, and it is directly across the street from the convention center.

So, things that are important to your group. We know safety is one of the important things that you guys are looking for. We have security 24-hours-a-day, plus roaming security through the convention center.

The convenience of the hotels. The hotels are directly right next-door, within walking distance to the convention center, so there would be no need to commute or get a car. All of our hotels offer complimentary parking and we have also negotiated a lower parking rate at the convention center.

Something that I know that you prefer, which I am looking at right now, is theater seating. We have committed to your group to bring in theater seating at our Exhibit Hall. That way, there is no change in your diagrams for your program.

And privacy. We know that that is something that is very important to you, and we have committed to make sure that everything that you request will be told to our staff and our event management team.

Again, we are very, very excited. We have worked with other organizations, so we feel that we are very experienced and know exactly what you are looking for, and we hope that you will give us the opportunity to show you how Ontario is the perfect place for your next conference.

Thank you, very much.

Eileen Simmons, Chairman: So, I would like to thank each of the representatives to be able to be here this afternoon and give us a short presentation.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Eileen.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will please escort all of our visitors to the Grand Sentinel in the Grand West.

PROVING OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

(Proving of Grand Chapter and Opening of the Holy Bible)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Eileen, may we have your report on the Annual Site Committee.

ANNUAL SESSION SITE COMMITTEE REPORT

(By Eileen Simmons, PM (2/28) Chairman)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, sisters and brothers, this committee was charged with the responsibility of selecting, contacting and researching convention sites for the consideration by the membership. The committee was directed with the task of obtaining proposals for the three-year period of 2020 through 2022 Grand Chapter Session. The rationale being that entering into a three-year contract would afford continuity for the venues and the members, with the possibility of receiving additional benefits and discounts for entering into a three-year contract.

The members of this committee, along with myself, were Brothers Patrick Burke, Past Patron, who was not able to be with us today, and Roger Nieder, Past Grand Patron.

Brother Patrick joined this committee in early 2017 after Brother Brad Dahl resigned after moving out of California. I want to extend my heartfelt thank you for each of these brothers for their time and experience for obtaining proposals for this committee.

One of the greatest concerns and realities facing the committee was the declining attendance at our Grand Chapter Session. Comparing attendance from 2014, 2015

and 2016, there was an 18.4 percent decline in attendance from 2014 to 2015, and 11.5 percent decline from 2015 to 2016.

As our membership continues to age, the decline in attendance seems to be the trend. While we hope that the efforts of all members and the Membership Committee are working to turn this around, it will take time. For purposes of receiving proposals for each of the venues, we used an estimated attendance of 1,100. We felt this was on the high side but did not want to run the risk that venues classifying us too small for the facility.

The good news is that both Visalia and Ontario are open to renegotiate the room block and banquet estimates as the particular Grand Chapter Session grows closer. For example, the 2020 session, we would have the opportunity to decrease our numbers in 2019 when the contract for that particular Grand Chapter is signed. Unfortunately, Riverside was unable to offer this concession.

Another challenging estimate is the number of room nights required. This number represents the total rooms occupied by our members on each night and the total for the week. This is a very hard estimate to provide for the hotel. In most cases, the number of room nights may directly affect the discounts we receive. This continues to be a requirement that members utilize the room blocks arranged for Grand Chapter in order to meet the minimum established for each of the hotels and the overall contract for the session.

This data, plus information on the requirements for hotels, vendors, events, seating, catering and ADA compatibility was used to construct the request for proposal. This document was then sent to the venues to solicit a proposal. It should be noted that room costs and parking were singled out as hot buttons for our organization.

The committee reached out to several convention sites, including Visalia, Ontario, Riverside, San Jose and Santa Clara.

It was determined that San Jose and Santa Clara were not viable sites due to dates not being available, or housing costs being well out of the range of our members. Therefore, we invited Visalia, Ontario and Riverside to submit a proposal for a three-year period between 2020 and 2022. In your packets is a sheet which briefly summarizes the data on Visalia, Ontario and Riverside.

On June 20, 2017, Brother Roger and I traveled to the Ontario Convention Center and Riverside Convention Center to tour each location in one day. We visually walked through the potential areas at the respective convention centers where the Grand Chapter Session would take place, to ensure it would meet our needs. We also visited several of the hotels in each city that we would be utilizing.

This committee met with the Finance Committee in person on July 7, 2017, and a follow-up meeting on August 17, 2017. Together, we reviewed the proposals and answered any questions which came up from the Finance Committee.

I remind you that in your packets is a grid sheet that briefly summarizes the data on Visalia, Ontario and Riverside. We have heard from the representatives and their short presentation.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron the committee thanks you for your support and it has been our pleasure to serve our Order.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Eileen, do have a motion to make on selection of a session site for our annual sessions in 2020 to 2022?

Eileen Simmons, Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, I do.

MOTION: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the annual sessions of the Grand Chapter of California for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 be held in Visalia, California.

(The motion was seconded, the vote was taken and the motion was ADOPTED)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Eileen and your committee, for your hard work.

Worthy Grand Patron, do you have another Spirit Award to present?

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Why, as a matter of fact, Worthy Grand Matron, I do.

Throughout the year we happen to have had yet another special project that we call Indy's Fraternal Treasure project. This project was taken on to offset any of the shortfalls that came within the budget of the Grand Chapter.

We had a wonderful outpouring of love and support that came from all of the members of our Order, but one chapter went above and beyond. Sister Linda and I felt it only right that in recognition of the exceptional commitment to the Grand Chapter and to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron special project, this Spirit Award is presented to New Hope Chapter No. 117 for their generous contribution to Indy's Fraternal Treasure project and have proven you worthy of the special recognition and gratitude of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star presented this 26th day of October, 2017. Signed Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron, and Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron.

This plaque will be able to be picked up at the Grand Secretary's desk. We personally want to thank New Hope Chapter for their amazing contribution to our project and the help all of you did in donating. So thank you ever so much.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

MUSICAL SELECTION

“Bill”

Rebecca Miller, PM (300/96)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Rebecca, thank you so much for sharing your fun rendition of “Bill.” Thank you for your talent this afternoon, and I won’t add anything more. Safer that way.

LEGISLATION

(Proposed Amendments No. 9, 10, and 11 were presented, discussed, and votes were taken. A written ballot was requested for Proposed Amendment No. 11.

*Complete amendments, reports and result of the votes can be found in
APPENDIX E)*

GRAND OFFICER JINGLE

By Cindy Murphy, Grand Ruth

I am stuck on Eastern Star because

Star is stuck on me.

I’m stuck on Eastern Star because

Star is stuck on me.

Yes, It’s there for you no matter what,

It’s all you want to be.

Oh, I’m stuck on Eastern Star because

Star is stuck on me.

GRAND OFFICER JINGLE

By Cindy Murphy, Grand Ruth

In Visalia for Grand Chapter

Ho-ho-ho

Eastern Star.

In Visalia for Grand Chapter

Ho-ho-ho

Eastern Star.

LEGISLATION

(Proposed Amendment No.13 was presented, discussed, and the vote was taken.

*Complete amendment, reports and result of the vote can be found
in APPENDIX E)*

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Associate Grand Matron, do you have motions to bring before the delegates?

Alyson Grant, Associate Grand Matron: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, I do.

I move that the Grand Chapter of California support Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine, WFIRM, as the special project of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, to be called “Just Imagine”, the net proceeds to be donated to WFIRM as prescribed by the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

(Motion seconded, vote taken and motion ADOPTED)

Alyson Grant, Associate Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the Grand Chapter of California support a patient comfort program, Eastern Star Cares, by making and donating Port Pals, an additional special project of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, with donations going to local area oncology offices, Infusion centers and other medical points of distribution, the net proceeds of any monetary donations being donated to the California Eastern Star Foundation, Patient Comfort.

(Motion seconded, vote taken and motion ADOPTED)

Alyson Grant, Associate Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the Grand Chapter of California continue their support of the We Care program, including but not limited to the support of Blue Star Moms, in 2018.

(Motion seconded, vote taken and motion ADOPTED)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress, do you have any motions to bring before the delegates at this time?

Terri Ewing, Grand Conductress: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, I do. I move that the Grand Chapter of California participate in fundraising with the members of California by securing advertising to be placed in our roster, with the proceeds to benefit the Grand Chapter Office.

(Motion seconded, vote taken and motion ADOPTED)

Terri Ewing, Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the Grand Chapter of California participate in fundraising with the members of California by the sale and distribution of pocket calendars, with the proceeds to benefit the Grand Chapter Office.

(Motion seconded, vote taken and motion ADOPTED)

MUSICAL SELECTION
“Rock my Soul”
California Singing Stars

MUSICAL SELECTION
"She Loves You"
California Singing Stars

GRAND OFFICER JINGLE
By Cindy Murphy, Grand Ruth
I don't want to grow up, I'm an Eastern Star kid.
There's a million folks at Star that I can be with.
More fun, more food, more friends.
It's the greatest Star there is.
I don't want to grow up, because if I did
I wouldn't be an Eastern Star kid.

(The written ballot result on Proposed Amendment No. 11 were given. Please refer to APPENDIX E for complete results.)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and brothers, that concludes our legislation for the year.

GRAND OFFICER JINGLE
By Cindy Murphy, Grand Ruth
Plop, Plop, Fizz, Fizz
Oh, what a relief it is.
Plop, Plop, Fizz, Fizz
Oh, what a relief it is.

(The Worthy Grand Patron made announcements.)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, sisters and brothers, for your attention this afternoon. Have a wonderful evening at one of the many state dinners that are scheduled for this evening, and we will see you in the morning.

Please be sure to pick up your silent auction gift baskets on your way out.

CLOSING OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the Friday Afternoon Session of the Grand Chapter of California called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday morning.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

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**“TREASURES OF FREEDOM” SESSION
SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 28, 2017
VISALIA, CALIFORNIA**

8:15 a.m. Musical Prelude

Tina Spriggs, PM (9/159)

MUSICAL SELECTION
California Singing Stars

ENTRANCE

Grand Representatives
Deputy Grand Matrons
Grand Pages

ESCORT AND CALL TO ORDER

Hostess: Karen Fletcher, Past Grand Matron

ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS

ESCORT

Linda Hooser, Worthy Grand Matron
Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron

Karen Fletcher, Past Grand Matron: Sisters and brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Linda Hooser, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bill Prentiss, 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.)*

Linda Hooser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and brothers, I have the honor to present Sister Karen Fletcher, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in extending Grand Honors to our Past Grand Matron. *(Grand Honors extended)*

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

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(By Karen Fletcher PGM)

Grand Family, everyone, please join me in thanking our Organist for the wonderful music this morning.

It is certainly my privilege to welcome you to this Saturday Morning Session to celebrate the service of our 2017 Grand Family and the impact that they have had on our Order and in our communities.

This morning we will take up the final business of this annual session and recognize all those who have made this year and this session such a success.

Sister Linda and Brother Bill, we congratulate you on an outstanding session and a year of service that will long be represented as a labor of love. As leaders of our beautiful Order you were faced with making very difficult decisions that both of you knew would affect the trajectory of this Grand Chapter. I'm extremely proud that you have demonstrated the courage to recognize the critical needs in this jurisdiction and the commitment to address those needs. Your balance of raising funds to support the operating expenses of our Grand Chapter and working with local communities with food banks through your Eastern Star Cares projects has been admirable.

You have assisted not only in sustaining our Order in California, but you have encouraged our members to be engaged and visible in our communities.

Success all the way around.

Sister Linda, you have endeared yourself to our members with your humor, knowledge of our Order and compassion. I could not be prouder of my Grand Ruth.

My friend, your devotion and love for our Order runs deep. A true gift to each of us in California.

Brother Bill, your leadership and dedication has earned you the love of our membership. Your strong Masonic ties and the support you have shown our members is something that will be remembered for years to come.

You know, it has been ten years ago today since Brother Skip and I had the pleasure of presiding over our own Farewell Session, with Sister Linda sitting in that yellow chair as Grand Ruth and probably at this point in a puddle of tears.

That being said, regardless of the year of service, ten years ago or today, this particular session is always a time of tears as the Grand Officers bid farewell and prepare themselves to re-enter society where they are no longer required to live their lives in protocol order.

When you think about it, this session is not too much different than a Parole Board hearing. Think about it. It has all the elements:

This year's theme, "Treasures of Freedom."

Having to present your ID to get past the guards in order to get in the room.

Being dressed alike. Thank goodness for no horizontal stripes.

Having to follow the lines on the floor, marching inside lines versus the painted lines to the infirm – infirm – whatever. That place. The infirmary – it's Saturday morning – or the Warden's office.

You got three hots and a cot in prison, just like at Grand Chapter. Catered meals – although not always hot – and a room at the Marriott.

And then the ultimate. You stand before your peers or the Parole Board with your Public Defender – or in Linda and Bill’s case, the Jurisprudence Committee – to plead your case.

You articulate the great work you have accomplished and now you have served your debt to society and you pray. You pray that you will receive credit for time served based on your good-time/work-time credits and that somehow, somehow, you will be released on the promise that you will be living a productive and pro-social life.

And then, when that fateful decision is rendered and you are allowed to return home with your new prison clothes and your \$200 in gate money – which is really all that’s left from money of the Grand Officers – you come to the shocking realization that serving our Order is never over. In fact, all of us who have gone before you can attest that you will just be another LWOPer. Life Without Parole.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for the opportunity to welcome our members and our visitors this morning. Congratulations on your outstanding service and your impending somewhat modified term of parole.

Sister Linda, it is my pleasure to present to you your gavel this morning as you preside over this, your Farewell session. Congratulations.

Linda Hoeser, WGM: Sister Karen, how can words express my gratitude for your friendship, support and love. It was my honor and privilege to serve as your Grand Ruth in 2007, and I have tried to emulate many of the qualities that I have admired from your special year of service. Thank you for presenting my gavel to me this morning.

And even though ten years ago I thought the journey had ended, on Monday morning Sister Karen sent an email out to the 2007 Grand Officers with a list of 26 events we were required to attend the next year.

Worthy Grand Patron, may we hear from you.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Karen, I want to thank you for your Welcome. And I had written a witty little, try to be funny little line here but, you know, I just can’t get myself to say it. Because the bottom line comes with the amount of admiration I have for you and the friendship that you have always shown me and leadership that you have always shown this Order, has done nothing but help guide Sister Linda and I do better and better.

So, thank you for being such the wonderful person that you are. Thank you.

PROVING OF GRAND CHAPTER

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

OPENING OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Saturday morning session of the Grand Chapter of California called from refreshment to labor.

(Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Grand Family, Sisters and Brothers. I hope the parties ended at least by midnight. I know one of them did because we got kicked out by security. I've never said that the 2017s were innocent or quiet.

I would like to report on our Silent Auction that we held yesterday and thank you for the participation. We raised \$4,331 for the Disaster Fund.

And I also received a donation of \$171.41 this morning from the 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016 luncheon. Thank you.

There has also been inquiry of how our Andy's Candies and Doughnuts Delights did during the year. Where is Brother Andy hiding? Through the sale of Andy's Candies, we received \$3,200.

Worthy Grand Patron it is my desire that you preside.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Brother Gary Gole, we understand that you have a decision for us to consider for inclusion in the Constitution. Please proceed.

DECISIONS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Gary Gole, PP (21/651): Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

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 to provide guidance in the future years without the need for members to repeat the same question. These decisions will be presented one at a time.

Opinion No. 1. The first decision held that a minor child of a member who is diagnosed with cancer can receive assistance from the J. Clifford Lee Cancer Fund and the Marguerite Rennie Cancer Fund, even after the member has received the maximum allowable assistance from these funds.

So, if a member has received \$15,000 in assistance from both the J. Clifford Lee fund and the Marguerite Rennie Cancer Fund, and his or her minor child has been diagnosed with cancer, assistance can be applied for, for the minor child.

MOTION: Worthy Grand Patron, I move that we adopt this decision of the Worthy Grand Matron.

(Motion seconded and vote taken)

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron's Decision No. 1 is **ADOPTED**.

Gary Gole, PP (21/651): The next decision has three distinct parts and we are going to deal with the decision and deal with each part of the decision.

The first part of the opinion dealt with the question of whether a petition could be received at a special meeting. This part of the decision held that a petition could not be received at a special meeting.

MOTION: Worthy Grand Patron, I move that we adopt this part of the decision of the Worthy Grand Matron.

(Motion seconded and vote taken)

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Part One of Decision No. 2 is **ADOPTED**.

Gary Gole, PP (21/651): The second part of this decision dealt with the rights and privileges of a member who has not paid dues for the current year. This part of the decision held that six months after failure to pay dues a member may be suspended but, until the member is actually and formally suspended, they are still entitled to exercise all rights and privileges of the Order within their own chapter.

Six months after failure to pay their dues, if they want to visit another chapter, they will need a current dues card.

So, the member fails to pay dues for six months, they may be suspended, but until they are formally suspended, they retain all rights and privileges of the Order in their own chapter. However, after six months they will need a current dues card to attend another chapter.

MOTION: Worthy Grand Patron, I move that we adopt this part of the decision of the Worthy Grand Matron.

(Motion seconded and vote taken)

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Part Two of Decision No. 2 is **ADOPTED**.

Gary Gole, PP (21/651): The third part of the decision dealt with whether a member can resign from the Order while their dues are not current. This part of the decision held that a member whose dues are delinquent cannot resign from the Order but can be suspended after the proper procedure is followed.

MOTION: Worthy Grand Patron, I move that this part of the decision of the Worthy Grand Matron be adopted.

(Motion seconded and vote taken)

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Part Three of Decision No. 2 is ADOPTED.

Gary Gole, PP (21/651): Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Gary.

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

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sarahann, do we have any further legislation?

Sarahann Shapiro, PM (141): No, we do not Worthy Grand Matron.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you. Sister Janet Robinson, Chairman of our Distribution Committee, may we have your final report?

Janet Robinson, PGM: Worthy Grand Matron, all amendments to the Constitution have been referred to the proper Grand Chapter committees and submitted to the membership. Our job is completed.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Janet. Brother Gary Gole, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, may we have your final report?

Gary Gole, PP (21/651): Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. All legislation that has been referred to the Jurisprudence Committee has been dealt with and completed. Thank you.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Gary. Brother Gary, Sisters Brandon and Vivian, thank you for your work all year long as well as during this Grand Chapter Session.

Sister Delma Davis, would you care to do a special presentation at this time.

Delma Davis, PM (31): Sisters and Brothers, just as we started our year with Roar and Soar in 2017, we finished the year Back in the Plains. Grand Officers, you know your part.

VIDEO PRESENTATION

“Eye of the Champion”

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Delma. Sister Joan Taylor, may we have your final report of the Credentials Committee.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

(By Joan Taylor, PM (231) Chairman)

Joan Taylor, PM (231) Chairman: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

This is the final count. Before I give you all the numbers, I would like to say that there are practically 75 people between California and the out-of-staters who registered and paid their money but did not show up.

So, I'm sorry about that. It would have taken us over a thousand if they were here.

Out of State Members

General Grand Chapter Officers	6
General Grand Chapter Committee Members.....	5
Past Grand Matrons	16
Past Grand Patrons	8
Grand Officers	4
Grand Representatives	12
Visiting Members	17
Most Worthy Grand Matron Hummingbirds	2
Total Out of State Member	70

California Members

Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	1
General Grand Chapter Officers	1
General Grand Chapter Committee Members.....	4
Past Grand Matrons	17
Past Grand Patrons	12
Grand Officers	18
Deputy Grand Matrons	35
Grand Representatives	50
Past Elected Grand Officers.....	10
Worthy Matrons	82
Worthy Patrons	36
Associate Matrons.....	79
Associate Patrons	40
Conductresses	63
Associate Conductresses.....	41
Past Matrons	214
Past Patrons.....	76
Members	92
Total California Members.....	871

This makes the total number of members registered **941**.

Of those, there were three members in training who were very young and 37 first-timers at Grand Chapter. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Joan. Our thanks to you and your committee for your nonstop work this week. Our members certainly appreciate your service to our Order.

Sister Sarahann Shapiro, may we have the final report of our Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Sarahann Shapiro, PM (141): Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am very pleased to tell you that we have managed all the legislation, resolutions and other matters that have been submitted to our committee, and we are finished.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Sarahann. Grant Chapter Week Committee report. Sister Robin and Brother Mike, words fail me to describe the incredible result of your efforts for this magnificent “Treasures of Freedom” Session.

We thank you and all your committee members. May we have your Grand Chapter Week Committee report at this time?

GRAND CHAPTER WEEK COMMITTEE REPORT

(By Robin Logan, PM and Mike Logan, PP (160/171) Chairmen)

Please refer to APPENDIX F for the complete report

(Applause)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: It is astonishing and humbling to consider how many people’s efforts are needed for our annual session.

Thank you again to all our Grand Chapter week volunteers for all your efforts to give the most perfect session possible. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

(The Worthy Grand Patron made announcements.)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you. Brother Don, I understand that you have an entertainment this morning. Would you please introduce our entertainer?

Don Snyder, GGCCM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

When you are the chair of Entertainment, since I have done a few times and some other members I know have done this as well, you are presented with a blank slate for an entire week. And then you have to sit and think about not only the musical numbers that need to be put into those spaces, how they are going to uplift the members, you also have to think about all of our talented members in the state and

you want to give them all equal airplay, and you want to put them in situations that show them off to their best ability and entertain our members.

You want to give the choir an opportunity to shine for all the work they do during the year to prepare for this session, and you want to make sure that you have been diligent in all of your responsibilities.

It feels daunting at first. Then, it becomes very much a labor of fun and love.

To conclude the entertainment that I have procured for us this week, I have asked Sister Lauren Derryberry to sing a song. I was looking for something very specific for the Farewell that would encapsulate what we as the members would wish, as the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, because I'm particularly aware how exhausting this year is. And I came upon this Eagles song I had forgotten years ago. And I called Sister Lauren and I said, "Do you know this piece?"

And she said, "No." And I said, "Do you mind doing it?" And like all of my people she said, "Anything you want, Don."

So, I present Sister Lauren Derryberry with the Eagles, *I Wish You Peace*.

MUSICAL SELECTION

*By Lauren Derryberry (245)
"I Wish You Peace"*

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so very much. A lovely song to round out our session. Brother Don, thank you. Sister Grand Conductress, you will close the Bible informally.

(Grand Conductress closes Bible informally.)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Grand Sentinel, will you see if my husband is at the outer door. I hope. *(Herb Hoeser enters the Grand Chapter Room.)*

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Yes, Honey, all the way up. Sisters and brothers, my family.

Nicole Brockriede (48): Well, a lot of people know how Linda's neck breaks out the minute she puts a necklace on. So, Mom, Herb and I want to present you with your Past Grand Matron's jewel, which is a bracelet of gems depicting the five rays of the Star. I know it will be very special to you, and we love you dearly.

Herb Hoeser: I would just like to thank everybody for the support you have given Linda through the years, and I can say I finally see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Jane Shultz, PM (48/161): Welcome home.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Ris Prentiss, do you have a presentation to make?

Ris Prentiss, PM (163): Bill, on behalf of your two sons and your four grandsons and myself, we want you to know how proud we are of what you have done and what you have accomplished, and how you always kept an eye on what you wanted to do for California Eastern Star.

Your goal and belief in the members and our Order you are always focused on the members of California Eastern Star. No matter what obstacles came your way, you believed in our members and you never let anything get in your way. Because you believed in our Order and the members of California Eastern Star, and we are so proud of you.

We have your Past Grand Patron ring, and I'd like to thank all of California members for your support and most especially Scepter Chapter, all of your support and the 2017 family for the support and love that you have given both Bill and I.

Thank you.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: It's beautiful. Thank you. I love you and I couldn't have done this without you. Guess I shouldn't put it on yet; I'm not past. But I will.

(Proving of the Grand Chapter.)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress you will attend at the altar.

(Grand Conductress attends the altar.)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: We have come to a part of the script that I don't really want to do. Everybody get your Kleenex out.

Sister Sarahann Shapiro, Brother Art Weiss, I would be pleased to have your Farewell at this point and presentation at this time.

FAREWELL TRIBUTE AND PRESENTATION

(By Sarahann Shapiro, PGM and Art Weiss, PGP)

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: As with any adventure, at some point we reach the end. Sometimes we are overjoyed with the treasures we have found. Sometimes we are glad just to have survived and sometimes there is a little of both mixed in when we get to the X that marks the spot.

Art Weiss, PGP: Today we come full circle in a journey that started, for some, many years ago. And for others just last year. And so, to close that circle we offer this tribute on behalf of our Grand Family and yours who celebrate this day as

special. We start in 2013 when our Worthy Grand Matron served as Grand Marshal and our Worthy Grand Patron served as Grand Warder. Sister Jan Smith our 2013 Grand Ruth and Sister Heidi Benjamin our 2013 Grand Martha, have something special for each of you to start off our tribute.

We make this presentation with all our love and pride for the service you have given in all the years since 2013.

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: And now to continue the tribute, we call forward each of your Grand Officers to offer you a token of their affection in the hopes that collectively they will create a memento that you will treasure in the years to come.

(Grand Officers enter carrying carnations and irises.)

Art Weiss, PGP: As they offer their tokens, they have entrusted us to tell you a little bit about what this year of service has been to them and the moments that have pleased them, touched them and surprised them.

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: Alyson Grant, Associate Grand Matron. Sister Alyson wants you to know that she appreciates all the hard work that you have put into this year and hopes that she will be able to continue your efforts to move the Order forward. She has enjoyed traveling with your Grand Family and is thankful for the welcome with which they have embraced her.

Art Weiss, PGP: Fred Loeser, Associate Grand Patron. Brother Fred wants you to know Brother Bill is leaving very large shoes for him to fill, and he hopes to fill them well in the coming year. He has appreciated all the love and the laughter he has enjoyed with your Grand Family.

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: Tammy Kinzy, Grand Secretary. Sister Tammy wants to say to you what a wonderful year filled with love, pride, patience and understanding that you have given to our members, and your overwhelming love and compassion for the Grand Family during happy times and sad times. Her favorite travel this year was the trip to Wyoming Grand Chapter, but she wants to remind you that everything that happened in Wyoming stays in Wyoming.

Art Weiss, PGP: Sandra Geanoulis, Grand Treasurer. Sister Sandra appreciated how hard you worked to stay on top of the many curve balls tossed your way this year, and how you managed to be decisive yet sensitive to the members and the issues presented. You were instrumental in keeping the Grand Chapter on track and moving in a positive direction. Sister Sandra loved the trip to Disneyland and the welcome she received from members during her travels.

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: Terri Ewing, Grand Conductress. Sister Terri has admired how your love and dedication to our Order has remained strong and unwavering throughout this year. She was deeply moved by the extraordinary rallying of love and support shown to our members when tragedy struck and hopes to build a Grand Family next year with an equal level of closeness and caring.

Art Weiss, PGP: Sharon Jazwiecki, Associate Grand Conductress. Sister Sharon wants you to know how much she enjoyed being a part of your Grand Family. The highlight of this year for her was the time that she was able to spend with members all over California. But, she was not completely thrilled to discover that the traffic in some parts of Northern California reminded her very much of the terrible traffic in Southern California and, of course, she gets to look forward to it getting worse as her years in the Grand Line move forward.

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: Ken Miller, Grand Chaplain. Brother Ken wants you to know that he has enjoyed immensely getting to know you both this year and forging the many, many memories that he will cherish the rest of his life. His best moment this year was at secret weekend when he had the pleasure of meeting all the other Appointive Grand Officers and their escorts for the first time. And he was very impressed by the distances that this year's Deputy Grand Matrons were willing to travel to attend each other's Official Visits and Receptions. What an amazing group of sisters.

Art Weiss, PGP: Laura Bouwens, Grand Marshal. Sister Laura wants you to know that you have both made a huge difference this year and have a positive impact on our members with your love of fun and warm smiles. Her favorite moment this year was when the whole Grand Family held up tens after one of your OV speeches, and her biggest surprise this year was to discover how many times and how much one person can eat in a day.

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: Linda Fuentes, Grand Organist. Sister Linda wants you to know how much she enjoyed your themes, emblems and other selections this year. Your choices helped her imagine what our Order can be, to grow into the future, and your Odes were spirited and inspired the members. She also had a new appreciation of the Iris as a flower. She enjoyed getting off Highway 5 and traveling to some of the more remote parts of our state, but she is astonished at how quickly the days and weeks and months can roll by.

Art Weiss, PGP: Joanne Gibson, Grand Adah. Sister Joanne wants you to know that this year has been her Greatest Adventure in Eastern Star. And she has appreciated every single moment of it. She particularly loved the opportunity to work with her subordinate officers at the All Member Instructionals and was overwhelmingly surprised and pleased when her escort was announced as the Grand Representative of Louisiana.

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: Cindy Murphy, Grand Ruth. Sister Cindy wants you to know how much it has meant to her to be blessed with such an extraordinary Grand Family who has been with her to share blissful joys and laughter, as well as deep sorrow and the pain of loss. She could not have asked for more kind and loving support this year and never imagined when the year started that she would need it so much. She will cherish the time when the Grand Family was able to hang out together after events, and she will miss trying to figure out the squelch button on her CB radio.

Art Weiss, PGP: Beth Massengill, Grand Esther. Sister Beth wants you to know what an impact you have made on the Order this year by encouraging the Grand Family to be themselves and share that with the members. The members were given excellent examples that you can do good work and have fun too, and they loved visiting with the whole Grand Family all year. Sister Beth's favorite moments have been the District 8 Clap, hearing our Worthy Grand Matron laugh so hard that she had to struggle to breath, and learning how much Bill loves ice cream. Of course, he got that from the 2013s.

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: Lynn Tripler, Grand Martha. Sister Lynn wants you to know how proud she is at being a part of this year's Grand Family, and of the job that both of you have done this year. She loved getting to see old friends and meeting new ones during her travels this year and was shocked and humbled by the incredible attendance at her reception. She is having trouble believing that the year has gone by so quickly. She swears that she only blinked once and here we are.

Art Weiss, PGP: Becky Burson, Grand Electa. Sister Becky wants you to know how much she has appreciated your love, caring, compassion and words of wisdom this year. She loved the ride to Oregon and singing "On the Road Again, just can't wait to get back in the van again." And at what might not have been the most appropriate moments. Sister Becky was amazed to learn that she could walk into a room of total strangers and leave having made many new friends. She will always remember ice cream while two little girls fell in love with our queen, listening to "Chariots of Fire" over the CB on the final stretch to Sebastopol, and the less said about the outside in the field, the better.

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: Stephanie Perez, Grand Warder. Sister Stephanie wants you to know that she has learned a great deal this year from watching you, seeing your commitment to our Order and sharing the love that you have for each of our members. She enjoyed many incredible moments this year and she particularly loved touring the City of Volcano with its little informational signs and visiting the Masonic lodge there that is still lit by kerosene lamps and warmed with a wood stove. She was surprised and pleased to learn how differently things are done in different Grand Jurisdictions and even between Northern and Southern California. How fun to see all these variations which are all in the end the same.

Art Weiss, PGP: Bob Hovorka, Grand Sentinel. Brother Bob wants you to know how much he has learned about our Order this year. Not just about the details of our ritual work, but how each event has significance to our members in that area. The extent of our community impact and how we are working to make a difference and be known throughout the state. He loved the message that we are not a secret society and therefore we should not act like one. His best moment this year was obvious, since he got married at his reception surrounded by all his friends.

Sarahann Shapiro, PGM: And so, another year comes to its close. This year was filled with the highest highs and the lowest lows, and through it all this Grand Family has stuck together, been there for each other, shared the joy, shared the pain. Your year of service may come to a close, but you will be a family forever.

And as your fraternal grandparents, we offer you one last piece of advice. Don't cry because it is over smile because it happened.

We love you.

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Cindy, our Grand Ruth, I'm glad we have each other. And just remember it's a Former Grand Ruth thing, and we blame it all on Martha Peters. And I just realized, Martha, there's no spot up here.

Worthy Grand Patron, may we have your Farewell Address at this time?

FAREWELL ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

(By Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron)

Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished and Honored Members, the 2017 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, sisters, brothers, family and friends.

Well, here I am again with a few minutes and an open mic, which we all know is a very dangerous thing. So, I guess maybe I'll kind of share some of my thoughts about this year and some of the people that made it.

I think I will start – I don't think, I will start with a sincere appreciation to Sister Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, for asking Sister Ris and I to share this great adventure with her, Jane and Herb. These past few years have truly been an adventure. An adventure in travel, an adventure in knowledge, an adventure in people. And the journey was fabulous. And as in any adventure, there are up times and there are down times. But I'll tell you, the up times far, far outweighed the down times.

We would never have had the opportunity to see the sites or meet the people we have without this great adventure, and the one thing for sure is we will remember the member.

This year, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons who have taken perhaps the best job in Eastern Star, that's the job at the local chapter level. That's where you connect with the community. Where you have an opportunity to show who we are and what we stand for and that there are still good people in this world. You have done a marvelous job and we are so grateful that you have come along on this great adventure with us, and Sister Linda and I want to thank you for that. But don't stop now, keep it going.

To all the members of all the committees that make everything happen at the chapter level, at the Grand Chapter level, everything that happens in this organization, thank you. You are the ones that give of your time and your energy to create and organize events, programs, projects, so that many inside and outside Eastern Star benefit. Every role is important, and it takes many hands to make these things happen. So, to each and every one of you that volunteer, from the head of our Foundation to those of us that take out that last bag of trash and lock the door, thank you.

Having served several positions along my Eastern Star career, it is my firm belief as I said before that I think the best position and most fun position is that of the Grand Representatives. You guys get to go and have fun and go to so many cool places and, everywhere we go, we show up in the other jurisdictions, and there you are smiling and showing that California Eastern Star is alive and well. And every time we show up at these other jurisdictions, we get glowing reports from our counterparts – even Barney up there in the purple – what an amazing and outstanding job you are doing.

We want to thank you for accepting your commissions and hope that if you haven't had the opportunity to visit your jurisdiction that you do so in the very near future.

And I think when I come back, I want to come back as a Grand Representative at Large. Yep. No, wait a minute. I think that's what I'm going to be here really soon. That's what it turns out to be, I think.

As we traveled throughout this beautiful state, there was one group of ladies that have kept us informed, in line, and on top of things. And that's our Deputy Grand Matrons. No matter where we were, we would usually show up to a group of smiling faces, to assist us in whatever we needed, to make sure that everything was taken care of and that we had a good time. We asked them to do the impossible and sometimes – actually, most of the time – they got it done. Thank you all for joining us on this adventure and we look forward to seeing you along life's roads.

And there's a group of people that have walked this road before and several of them have been instrumental in getting us through this great adventure. Some as simple as a kind word, and others like Brother Art and Sister Sarahann have devoted so much time and energy it goes beyond that of mortal human beings.

I am speaking of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. They have the ability to influence so many things in our organization, even locally. These people continue to give back to our Order and we should be very thankful for their insight and knowledge to be able to fall back on when needed.

I can say, beyond a shadow of a doubt, I'm a better person for having served this year. Not because I'm some type of a great leader or because I'm a really good stooge for Linda, it's because I had the pleasure and the honor of spending time with an amazing group of people. A group of people that have bonded and cared for each other in a way that only a parent can appreciate. The way only a family can.

Our Grand Family, all of them, our Grand Officers, our escorts, are all very special to me. And even at this writing I got choked up. Each and every one of them know exactly how I feel about them. And even though we may not be here, all of us physically, Bob and Betty are here in our hearts. I know it, I feel it, and we all love them.

I would be remiss if I didn't send out a huge thank you to my chapter, Scepter Chapter No. 163, my Worthy Matron, Jeani Scott, and her husband Rob. It's his fault I'm here. Brian and Becky Messenger, Judy and John Edgmon, in particular, for their timeless support this entire year. My entire chapter has been so supportive and so understanding this entire year, especially with Ris and I being MIA so frequently. They continually rallied the troops to get things done. They are our other family, and to say I love them is an understatement.

How do you stand up here and say something that will represent an entire year? Well, I think first, you say thanks to All Mighty God, for without him none of this would be possible. We have been blessed to be given an opportunity to serve this past year – actually these past few years, and I will not deny that I have enjoyed the attention. I may be a bit of a ham but, in every way, everything has always been focused on you, the members.

For those of you that came up to me at the OV's and said that you enjoyed the comments, please remember those thoughts and feelings and take them back to your chapters and share with others. Share amongst the members what it was that you felt at that time, what moved you, what made you understand Eastern Star at that time.

We have attempted to give you a better Eastern Star experience, bring Eastern Star family closer together and to show our communities what we are to the world, and maybe along the way we showed who we are to ourselves.

And to those good people we do not only help each other, we do help our communities. We help strangers and, along the way, hopefully we help others.

This journey wasn't taken alone. I had my best friend, my partner, alongside me the entire way. The person that makes me a better man and a better Mason, my beautiful bride, my forever queen, Ris.

Together we navigated this great adventure with Sister Linda throughout this great state visiting the people that mean the most to our Order, the members.

All along the way we tried and tried to remember the member. Because it was you that went out and collected the food. It was you that went in and gave blood. It was you that walked those laps for cancer research.

You are what make up California Eastern Star. And it is you that will decide what becomes of us. You have the power to continue this great organization or let it fade away into the sunset like so many other organizations have done in the past. Like dust in the wind.

You know, I just came from our Annual Communication at Grand Lodge here in California. And Freemasonry is growing here in California and across the country. If that's the case, we should be growing, too. We have so much to offer, but we can't if we don't create a relationship with our lodges and our Orders.

We need to go back and reestablish closer ties. We need to get involved. We need to help them out with their projects and their fundraisers. Open up a spruce-up

day for the hall building. Get everyone involved. Bring some buckets and some sponges. If necessary, some spackle and some paint. Show you care about the same things they do. Become a Masonic family again.

What we really wanted to do this year was to leave you, the members, with a positive experience, the thought ability to have some fun and to do the things we all need to do to make our chapters and, thus, our Order, grow and prosper into the future.

One of the advantages and disadvantages of this position is that we only have one year. There is only so much that that can get done in a year. And hopefully we have planted enough seeds along the way that you will be able to harvest into the future a wonderful crop, but that's all up to you.

Regardless of how we do it, we need to pull together and make it happen. Don't wait for someone else to move. Don't wait for someone else to start the movement. Start it yourself. You be the one. You be the one to open the door. You be the one to extend the hand and bring back what there was before.

You make it happen.

All of this has been in loving memory of Vickie, Gene and Danna. And I want to leave you with two thoughts. Life is an attitude. I choose to have a good one. Remember, freedom isn't free. Thank a vet.

God bless you all and thank you for this great adventure.

(Applause)

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Sisters and brothers, please give your attention to the Farewell Address of the Worthy Grand Matron.

FAREWELL ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

(By Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron)

Sisters and brothers today marked the final day of my Great Adventure as your Worthy Grand Matron. I stand here in gratitude and awe that I had this special year of service. I thank you for the honor and privilege to serve you.

One of our goals this year was simply to increase the fellowship and fun at our meetings and Official Visits. As the Grand Family traveled the state, we shared many social hours together getting to know our membership better. I thank you for the love and friendship you showed us.

There are so many who helped to make this adventure a success.

My sincere thanks to our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who came to Official Visits, receptions, and gave me advice and encouragement when needed. I have learned so much from you and look forward to our continued friendship.

Our Appointive Grand Officers and their escorts served with humor, dedication and lots of selfies. While you were chosen each for your special personality, I had no idea that we would bond so quickly and become a family for life. You are my kids. I am so proud of each of you.

Elective Grand Officers, you have the future of our Order in your hands. Thank you for your support and friendship. I have full confidence in each of you and will always be there for you.

Deputy Grand Matrons, thank you for your service. You have represented me well and will always be my Tiger Eyes.

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, would you please rise? To each of you I owe heartfelt thanks for all you have done for our chapters, our Order and for me. I asked you to serve with integrity, be civil with each other and have strength to do what is right, believe in a vision and a deep fellowship in your heart. This you have done. I cannot thank you enough for your love and support to our Order. Thank you.

Sister Sarahann and Brother Art, thank you again for your full support and guidance. I'm sure at times your faith in me may have wavered now and then. I am extremely grateful for all the help and support that you gave me.

Brother Bill and Sister Ris, thank you so very much for serving with me. Your humor and smiles brought so much to the membership. Thank you for always being there for me. I could not have done this adventure without you.

To the members of Friendship Chapter, you were there at the beginning of my Eastern Star life. Many of our friendships have lasted over 40 years. I thank you for your love and support.

To the members of Gold Ridge Star Chapter and District 12, there is so much that needs to be said and not enough time to say it all. You are amazing. You have been there for me for almost 10 years. I thank each of you for all that you have done, from the smallest item to the largest. For chairing all my receptions, decorating, and eagerly waiting for the next one to happen.

To my family, your love and support means the world to me. Mom, I finally hope you believe that your daughter was Worthy Grand Matron. I agree with you, who would have ever thought this was possible?

Sister and brothers, I have attempted to serve our Order with integrity and friendship. As my emblem states, each of you is a precious gem. Each unique with different qualities. Together, you make our Order a treasure chest full of sparkling gems. I sincerely thank the members of California for the honor of serving as your Worthy Grand Matron. It is an adventure I will treasure for a lifetime. The road goes ever on and on and the Greatest Adventure is what lies ahead. Thank you.

Thank you very much.

(Applause)

CLOSING

Linda Hooser, Worthy Grand Matron: Let us unite in singing our Closing Ode.

CLOSING ODE

“The Greatest Adventure”

“The Greatest Adventure is what lies ahead.

Today and tomorrow are yet to be said.

The chances, the changes are all yours to make.

Your Greatest Adventure is what lies ahead.”

Linda Hooser, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Grand Chaplain, lead our devotions.

PRAYER

(By Ken Miller, Grand Chaplain)

Our Heavenly Father, as we come to the end of our Greatest Adventure, we thank you for the blessings we have received this year. Thank you for all the wonderful places we have traveled, for the many dedicated Sisters and Brothers we have met, and for the fun and fellowship we have shared all across this great state and in the other jurisdictions we visited. Our lives have been enriched by this amazing Grand Family led by our Sister Linda and Brother Bill. May we always cherish these memories.

Grant that our members here at Grand Chapter may return to their homes with renewed enthusiasm to their obligation and to the work of our Order.

As we have prayed all year, please watch over our military and our first responders. We have seen again in recent days how important they are in keeping us safe and protecting our freedoms.

And finally, as we bring these Grand Chapter sessions to a close, please bless our 2018 Grand Family as they begin their journey. All of this we pray in Thy Your name. Amen.

CLOSING OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare the Saturday morning session of the Grand Chapter of California called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 1:30 p.m. in the Charter Oak Ballroom for our Masonic Youth Session. Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the proper proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

RETIRING MARCH OF GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND PAGES



**“TREASURES OF FREEDOM” SESSION
SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 28, 2017
“OUR YOUTH ROCKS!”
MASONIC FAMILY HONOR SESSION**

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Welcome to our Masonic Youth Session, our celebration of the youth groups and our Masonic family. We are thrilled to have so many of our youth group leaders with us this afternoon. Seeing you here today, reminds me of my own time in Rainbow and my opportunity to serve as Worthy Advisor and Grand Representative to Indiana. Who would have imaged the training I learned in those offices so many, many years ago – a hundred years ago – would bring me to this place where I could use those skills in the Grand East of Eastern Star.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: One of the things that we love about partying with our youth groups is the illustration of the unity of the Masonic family and how it spans the generations. But before we get started with the real fun, we look forward to a very special ceremony introducing and hearing from our youth leaders and reporting on our scholarship committee and the presentations from us, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on our Service Youth Awards.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Robin and Brother Mike, will you please present our special Youth Ceremony.

YOUTH CEREMONY

(By Robin Logan, General Chairman)

In the beginning there was the Bible. It was the summer of life and it still represents our lives today. The Bible is the center of our organizations. Each part of the Masonic family plays an important part. We will represent each of the organizations by placing their colors around the Bible.

First, blue and white, to represent the Master Mason. It is fitting that they should be first to be presented for they are the beginning. None of the other organizations could have begun without them. They have built and maintained a center for all of us to meet in. We call them dads, for it is with their help, the Master Masons, that our youth are assembled here this afternoon.

And let us add next the five colors representing the Order of the Eastern Star. Blue, yellow, white, green, and red are the Rays of our Star.

And the Star gives us the guiding light and it may be said that Eastern Star gives support as well. It is through their help that we maintain our goals. You are the mothers whose footsteps they are to follow.

Adding the colors of purple and white. Job's Daughters are our daughters whom you have faithfully guided through the years. They look for a worthy inheritance

that it may be truly said that they are hoped to be known as “The Fairest in the Land.”

Continuing, the Rainbow Girls. They are also our daughters. They are represented by the seven colors of the Rainbow. Red, symbolizing Love. Orange, representing Religion. Nature represented by yellow. Immortality represented by green. Blue symbolizing Fidelity, and indigo representing Patriotism. Service symbolized by violet.

Finally, the Masonic family is complete with a son.

We add the colors of DeMolay. Blue, red and gold. They too play an important part in our family. They are the future Masons on which the strength of our Masonic family will depend in our future years.

As you now look at the Bibles, you will notice that a circle has been formed around them. A circle is defined by an unbroken line. It is also made up of arcs. If one arc is separated from the circle, the remaining part is no longer a circle for it has a gap.

This once said of a nation: Divided we fall, united we stand. So, may we compare this nation with our circle. The circle means many things. Friendship, love, unity and infinity. Whichever word you choose to represent your circle, it must have a center. And the center is God.

We hope that in some way, some small way, we have shown our appreciation for you, our youth. Know that we always love and support you. We are your moms and dads in your Masonic family, and we are so proud of each of you. You rock!

I also want to give a special thank you to the following groups: Golden Trowel Lodge, Southern Grand Representatives Association, Emerald Star Chapter, and maybe a couple others I didn't have the name of right now. But I also like to thank Joe Ray DJ for he is volunteering his services here tonight for you, our youth.

Now, those other special people or groups, they helped provide the food that you had before our service here today.

So please know that we really do appreciate you. We look forward to having you in our centers, in our areas, helping us, being part with us, not, “Oh, you're here.” And we want to make sure that you are No. 1.

I also would like to thank everyone for coming and being very patient and hope you have a wonderful afternoon.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you to all our participants for that fantastic presentation. Now it is our pleasure to meet our youth leaders and their officers. Worthy Grand Patron, would you please introduce our DeMolay leaders.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: With honor and pleasure. Avery Brinkley, Jurisdiction Master Councilor Southern California Order of DeMolay. Would you please introduce the officers and share your remarks with us at this time?

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DEMOLAY ASSOCIATION
MASTER COUNCILOR'S ADDRESS**

(By Avery Brinkley, SCDA Master Councilor)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron, Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron, friends and guests. I would like to thank you for the privilege of speaking today on behalf of the Southern California Jurisdiction Order of DeMolay. I would like to begin by introducing my fellow jurisdictional officers who have traveled with me today.

Brother Alex Farris, Jurisdiction Deputy Master Councilor; Brother Russell Fung, Jurisdiction Congress Secretary; Miss Emily Gardner Jurisdiction Sweetheart; and Miss Cassidy Burns Jurisdiction Princess.

These officers are examples of the many leaders found in our jurisdiction that your support as advisors and as benefactors has helped create. Many in the DeMolay programs provide environments which will enable us to mold our young men into leaders. The Masonic family has been vital to providing the resources to accomplish this task. Whether it be locations, materials or food, you have been there for us. With your funding and willingness to teach and mold our young men, you have made many of our leadership camps a success. While we may have many events, these camps are vital to our continued growth. Each year a young man has his life changed forever when he is taught skills by his peers that will enable him to lead for the rest of his life.

But most importantly, your support has seen thousands of young men through the protected years of child and boy, into their eagerly awaited manhood where they are now integral parts of our community and Masonic family.

DeMolay has the privilege of being one of the very few organizations in the world that is youth led and adult advised. This means, that the ultimate success and failure of our events, chapters and very existence is up to us. This is a responsibility not lightly given and it provides experience to our youth, men and women far older than they will not have.

We do however provide a safety net and guide. Our advisors are willing mentors to whom we can go to for counsel, aid, and assistance.

It is they who truly mold our young men into the leaders of tomorrow. They have given of their time and talents with the full realization of how much better it is to give than to receive.

A philosophy told by some of our advisors is as follows:

We are not here to ensure the success of every event. We are not here to make sure these young men never fall. Sure, we may not want them to and we will strive our hardest to prevent these failures, but our true purpose is to ensure that they get

back up. That they know how to stand again and that they have learned from their experience. Therein lies the purpose of a DeMolay advisor. This philosophy is why we call our advisors Mom and Dad, and this is why they are much more than mentors. They are heroes. And who better to help train the heroes tomorrow than the heroes of today?

This year, Southern California DeMolay has been inspired not just to be great leaders of tomorrow but heroes of the future. With great freedom comes great responsibility, and it is your freedom to choose the future of the Masonic family and of your local Rainbow Assemblies, Job's Daughter Bethels and DeMolay Chapters. You will help guide us to the treasures of freedom and the promise of a future.

So, every year, a lot of the youth groups make pins and I would like to have the pleasure of giving the SCJ pin for the upcoming term to the Worthy Grand Patron.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you so much. Before you leave, please accept this check towards Southern California Jurisdiction. I think everybody knows that is to go towards all of the travels that I know you need to go through and the expenses that you have and put it to good use. We are proud of everything you are doing, all of you. Thank you very much.

Sean Foster, Senior Councilor Northern California DeMolay, would you please introduce the officers and share your remarks with us?

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DEMOLAY ASSOCIATION
SENIOR COUNCILOR'S ADDRESS**

(By Sean Foster, NCDA Senior Councilor, Representing Mitchell Walsh, Master Councilor)

Hello, Grand Worthy Matron Linda Hoeser and Grand Worthy Patron Bill Prentiss, honored guests and all of California Eastern Star.

The Northern California Master Councilor Brother Mitchell Walsh sends his regards and regrets that he could not be here today. My name is Sean Foster and I am the Senior Councilor.

I would like to take a moment to introduce our Executive Officer of the Northern California DeMolay Association, Mr. Terry Peters.

It is an honor to be afforded the opportunity to speak on behalf of Northern California DeMolay, especially at Grand Chapter. Our Orders get along with one another. We share the common goals of improving ourselves and the community around us. By supporting one another, we afford each other the opportunities that we otherwise would not be able to experience.

Our Masonic youth groups have given me so much. I have been an active DeMolay since the age of 12 and both an older and younger sister are in Job's Daughters. I always was and even continually find myself being carted around to

various functions, whether that be a meeting, an event, a dinner serving, or fundraiser. It is a life I have grown to know and love.

DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow could not exist without the support of the rest of our Masonic families. So, I want to thank you all for the support you give us. It has had a profound effect on my life and countless other lives.

I want to thank you also for contributing to the future of our communities through the scholarships you provide.

I have had a wonderful year serving as the Northern California DeMolay Association Senior Councilor. It is great to be able to travel and see all the Masonic organizations that are around.

In less than a month we will be holding our annual convention this year in Burlingame at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport on November 24 through 26, and you are all invited.

As exciting as our convention will be, though, being here before you is certainly a high note to wrap up my year. I hope you all have a productive, successful and enjoyable Grand Chapter, and thank you all for giving me the opportunity to speak to you today.

Thank you.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: We, too, have for Northern California DeMolay a check to help offset some of those trips and running around and all of those gas expenses and all of that, to help with all of those. So please utilize that to its best. Thank you very much. Worthy Grand Matron.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Krista Eason, Grand Bethel Honored Queen for California Job's Daughters International, would you please introduce your Grand Officers.

Krista Eason, Grand Bethel Honored Queen: I have a few Grand Bethel officers with me today. Emily Crawford, Grand Bethel Guide; Jaime Gallo, Grand Bethel Second Messenger; Julia Colbert, Grand Bethel Outer Guard; and Sara McQuarter, Grand Bethel Treasurer. Thank you.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sara Colbert, Miss California Job's Daughters, we would be pleased to hear from you.

MISS CALIFORNIA JOB'S DAUGHTERS ADDRESS

(By Sara Colbert, Miss California Job's Daughters)

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

My name is Sara Colbert and I am Miss California Job's Daughters for 2017-2018. Krista introduced the Grand Bethel girls that are here with us, but I would

also like to introduce our Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian, Mrs. Beverly Grant and Mr. Kendall Mills.

I would like to congratulate all the Grand Chapter officers on a successful year this year, and I extend my best wishes to the incoming Grand Chapter officers.

I would like to take a moment to share with you some history of Job's Daughters. Job's Daughters was founded in 1920 by Mrs. Ethyl T. Wead Mick in Omaha, Nebraska. The Order was created for the purpose of joining together young women who believe in God and develop leadership skills, public speaking skills, character and life-long friendships in young women between the ages of 10 and 20.

Here is a glimpse into my Job's Daughter story. I became a member of Job's Daughters when I was ten years old. But I was a really shy ten-year-old. I was the little girl that would sink down in her seat when the teacher was calling on students. Speaking in front of the class was my biggest fear and I was scared to death of talking with people.

The first office I was appointed to in the Bethel was Fourth Messenger. The duty of the Fourth Messenger is to share the fourth part of the Story of Job to the initiates. This requires a two to three-minute portion of ritual that must be memorized.

I was very upset that I was appointed to the office of Fourth Messenger. The last thing I wanted to do was stand up in front of people and talk while all the eyes in the room were on me.

Although I strongly disliked the station, as a ten-year-old, this experience sparked a passion for ritual work within me.

Following the station, I went on to accept more responsibilities in the Bethel, learning and performing more of the Job's Daughters ritual. I soon went on to learn all five parts of the Story of Job and have competed in the Story of Job ritual competition at our Grand Bethel session and twice at our International session.

Now, look where I stand today. Precisely the last place that my ten-year-old self would have wanted to have been. I didn't realize it during this time, but these ritual competitions were teaching me very important public speaking skills. To me, I was just participating in some competitions with my youth group but, along the way, I was developing confidence, leadership skills, public speaking skills and poise, all while doing something that I enjoyed.

This is exactly what our founder envisioned for our members.

I am so glad that there are organizations like Eastern Star that gave me the opportunity to continue working with my passion for ritual, even after I become a Majority Member of Job's Daughters.

I progressed through the line of elected officers in Bethel No. 278 Granada Hills and became a Past Honored Queen. Along the way, I was given more responsibilities in the Bethel.

I held the office of Honored Queen from June to December in 2014, where I planned our installation ceremony, a calendar of meetings, fundraisers and fun events for the Bethel, along with a balanced budget.

I later became a member of Bethel 89, Ventura and along with their members and leadership figures helped to build the Bethel up.

In 2017 I competed for the title of Miss California Job's Daughter with seven other amazing Bethel sisters. This competition includes a written test on the laws and rules of Job's Daughters, a ritual recitation, an interview, and a final question on stage at our Grand Bethel session. All things my ten-year-old self would have been terrified of.

My point of the story is that Job's Daughters has taught me so much and strengthened my confidence. All these things have helped me in all aspects of my life and have given me the courage to set high goals for myself for the future.

I couldn't even imagine the type of person I would have been if I had never gotten involved with our beautiful organization. I firmly believe that Job's Daughters is teaching the women of the future how to be strong, but not just strong, Jobie strong.

It is not just the strength to obey, but the strength to lead.

It is not just the strength in numbers, but the strength of sisters.

It is not just the strength to lift, but the strength to raise.

And it is not just the strength to get yourself over, but the strength to get over yourself.

There's strong, and then there's Jobie strong.

I'd like to thank the members of the Grand Chapter, for giving me the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Job's Daughters of California, and I would like to invite you to attend our Grand Bethel session in Visalia, California – here, actually – from June 21 to June 24, 2018.

Thank you.

We have a gift for both of you.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you very much.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you. And we have a gift for you. The California Eastern Star would like to give you some funds to be able to offset those costs that happen throughout the year for your Grand Bethel. So please accept that from all of us. Thank you very much.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Alana Clement, Grand Worthy Advisor for International Order of Rainbow for Girls, would you please introduce your Grand Officers and share your remarks with us.

GRAND WORTHY ADVISOR'S ADDRESS

(By Alana Clement, Grand Worthy Advisor, CAIORG)

So, before I begin that, I have my phone, which is my prized possession, and something that I like to do with my phone is I like to take selfies. So Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, would you please do me the honor.

Okay. I would now like to introduce my Grand Officers. Gwen Geneisa, Chaplain and Representative to Brazil – Bolivia; Elizabeth Slivinski, member of the Grand Executive Committee, Lecturer and Representative Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi; Amanda Ramos, Fidelity and Representative to Alaska and Hawaii; Caroline Palmer, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor; Kenidi Mitchell, member of the Grand Executive Committee, Color Bearer and Representative to Colorado and Nevada; Angelina Harris, member of the Grand Executive Committee, Rainbow Flag Bearer and Representative to Canada, New Hampshire and Vermont; Jillianne Reese, Drill Leader and Representative to Arizona and New Mexico; Karly Kimes, Charity and Representative to Washington, Idaho; Lucy Kappers, Faith and Representative to Australia and the Orient Pacific; Makayla Forse, Recorder and Representative to Maryland and West Virginia; and last but by no means least, Erica Gochenouer, Religion and Representative to Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished and honored guests and friends of the California Rainbow, hello and thank you for inviting me to speak to you on behalf of the girls of California Rainbow.

Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Oprah Winfrey, Malala Yousafzai, what do these women all have in common? Well, they are incredibly strong women who make even better role models. They have all fought for a cause and continue to stand up for what they believe in.

I'd like you all to think about who your female role model is. What traits and characteristics does she possess that you admire? For me, she is generous, intelligent and determined. All these traits describe my mother. She's always been there for me as a shoulder to cry on, someone I can relay my problems to and as a friend. She taught me kindness, respect and modesty and helped shape me into who I am today.

She's not only been my role model throughout my life, but also my role model in Rainbow. Much like any of our Rainbow supporters, she is always willing to lend a helping hand and give all the advice in the world. She possesses many of those qualities that thousands of other strong women possess.

In Eastern Star, there are several amazing women that you learn valuable lessons from at each of your star points. These women are the epitome of self service and sacrifice. Going above and beyond was expected of them. But the one that sticks out to me the most is the story of Ruth. Even after her and her mother-in-law Naomi were left widowed, Ruth refused to leave Naomi's side. Even traveling

with Naomi to a new land. She sacrificed everything for her. She left her home, left her stability and left her old life.

It is because of Ruth's fidelity and kindness that makes her so special. She didn't seek any kind of reward by staying by Naomi's side, but rather the kindness of her heart.

This year California Rainbow's Grand Service Project Families Forward focuses on helping at-risk and homeless families. Families that may have found themselves in situations similar to Ruth. Our priority is to provide these families with transitional housing, as well as the other necessary tools they may need in order to get back on their feet. On top of that, each Assembly was encouraged to host a food drive, as well as created Blessing Bags, that we call Hope in a Bag, to pass out to the homeless in their community.

We can only hope our kindness matches that of Ruth. That some day we can be someone else's role model, much as Eastern Star has been for our girls. You never fail to support our Assemblies and help mold us into the leaders that we are. You are the perfect example of the heroes and heroines that we need in our lives that we can only hope to model after that as we grow older.

With that being said, I would like you all to think about someone in this very room that's your role model, someone who has made an impact on your life. Maybe this person is a close friend or someone you call your family. Thank you not only being a part of our family but being our role models.

Thank you.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Fabulous job. Amazing. Well, we have a little something for you, too, because we know – boy, do we know – the cost to run up and down this big ol' state. So please accept this on behalf of California Eastern Star to help offset some of the grand charges and funds as you go through. So, thank you very much.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Alana, I want to thank you for that. My role model is also my mother, who was Grand Love in 1941.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Alana – this is a little off script. Those of us adults in here – and especially those of us who have served as adult leaders for the youth organizations – you know this country still has a chance because of them.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Brenda Hanson Smith, Chairman of our Scholarship Committee, would you please introduce your committee and give us your report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

(By Brenda Hanson-Smith, PM (62/195) Chairman)

Please refer to APPENDIX F for the complete report

(Applause)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Brenda, we thank you and your committee for your work this year. Going through our scholarship applications and determining those to whom we can provide financial assistance for their education is a hard but very worthwhile task. The work of your committee makes a difference in so many lives and we thank you for your dedication and service.

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARDS

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Continuing on our theme of dedication and service, it is now our privilege to present the recipients of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Service to Youth Awards.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: We have many recommendations for these awards. Our criteria for selecting these recipients include many years of service to the youth orders, along with unrelenting service to Eastern Star at all levels.

Serving our youth groups is very important but, for this award we wanted members who also continue to be active in their chapters.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: While almost all of the members recommended to us fit these guidelines, we intended this award to be special and rare. We therefore decided to limit ourselves to presenting this special award to only three recipients this year.

Our first recipient for service to International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is Sharon Stein from Escondido. I don't think she's here, but we will get her medallion to her.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: The second represents DeMolay in so many different ways, a gentleman who has spent countless hours, Charles Cross. Unfortunately, we just received word he couldn't make it.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: And our third recipient for service to International Order to Job's Daughters is Arlene Highlen.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: The words out of her mouth as she comes up is, "This is not why I do this." And my response was, "That's why you get it."

Really, all of the recipients are very, very deserving. We are sad that two of them couldn't be here, but they are so very deserving and we will make sure that they get these presented.

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: And now we have reached the social enjoyment portion of our afternoon, but before we start the music, let's give a big hand to Sister Robin and Brother Mike Logan for acting as Chairmen of this Masonic Youth Session.

(Applause.)

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: We thank everyone for attending today. Please enjoy the rest of the afternoon. Please join us for Grand Installation starting at 7:00 p.m. this evening.

Sister Robin and Brother Mike, please introduce our guest DJ.

Robin Logan, General Chairman: Before we do that, I did want to acknowledge we had a few cards of thinking of you and wishing well good thoughts for our Brother Master Councilor of the North for his sister. I'm not sure where all of them are, but I do have one so I would like to present this to you, sir.

As some of you might not have known there was a car accident and the situation where she really needs a lot of love, our prayers and thoughts. So, thank you.

So, with that, I think we just need one little thing moved out of the way.

The youth will help you.

And with that, Mr. DJ, can I get a beat?

Hey, young ladies and gentlemen, and boys and girls of all ages, if you would like to, please follow come to the dance floor and enjoy our session – our final session, with fellowship with our youth today.

Thank you.

YOUTH DANCE

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**THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
“THE COLORS OF AUTUMN BRIGHTEN OUR TRAIL”
145th ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 28, 2017**

7:00 p.m. Musical Prelude
Karen Skelton, PM (83)

ENTRANCE
Grand Representatives
2017 and 2018 Deputy Grand Matrons

**TRAIL BLAZING
BY 2018 WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS**
(Narrated by Randall Cady, PGP and Patti Cady, PM (23))

Randall Cady, PGP: As summer ends and the days grow shorter, Nature senses that a new season is about to begin. The woods are filled with trees awaiting the moment that brings the brilliance of autumn. The moment when their leaves turn to vibrant reds, oranges, golds and browns.

It is the season of extraordinary color.

Patti Cady, PM (23): The trails from the woods are covered with the canopy of evergreens to add to the beauty of the changes that are happening every day. Sometimes the trails are lost over the abundance of leaves on the ground. It is then that the new trail can be raised by those hikers who are prepared to find their way through the woods, walking side by side, depending on each other to succeed in the discovery of what lies ahead.

Randall Cady, PGP: Autumn, a magnificent season for hiking in the woods. Who may we find there and what is in store for us in this new season? Tonight, we find waiting at the entrance of the trails to Camp Miwok the Autumn Leaves and Beekeepers of 2018.

They are prepared to blaze that new trail led by our experienced campers, Sister Alyson and Brother Fred.

Patti Cady, PM (23): But wait, I think hear leaves rustling in the autumn breeze and the bees buzzing. Listen, and you may hear them, too.

ENTRANCE OF THE WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

EMBLEM CEREMONY:

Marshal	Kathleen MacDonald, PGM
Adah	Sue Bishop, PGM
Ruth	Martha Peters, PGM
Esther	Jeraldine Creager, PGM
Martha	Sue White, PGM
Electa	Donna Herring, PGM

ENTRANCE OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Bible Bearer Roger Nieder, PGP
Bible Escorts Colette Serio Gole, GGCCM, Barbara Scott, GGCCM
Sue McKinney, PGM

Debbie Maiman, PGM: Sisters, brothers, family and friends, I have the honor of presenting those sisters and brothers who participated in our Emblem and Bible Ceremonies. Members will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our Distinguished members. *(Grand Honors extended)*

ENTRANCE OF THE HOSTESS AND HOST

Linda Bernhard, Past Grand Matron
Steve Johnson, Past Grand Patron

ESCORT

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron
Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron

Linda Bernhard, PGM: Sisters, Brothers, family and friends, I have the honor to present Sister Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. Members will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. *(Grand Honors extended)*

Linda Bernhard, PGM: Sister Linda, it is with a lot of love, pleasure and also my honor to hand you your gavel which you will use during this evening's session.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Linda, for presenting me with my gavel this evening. Sisters, Brothers and friends, I have the honor to present Sister Linda Bernhard and Brother Steve Johnson, Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star, our Hostess and Host for the evening.

Members will join with me in extending the Grand Honors to our Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron. *(Grand Honors extended)*

ESCORT

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters, brothers, family and friends, I have the honor to present Brother Loyal Stark, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. Members will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron. *(Grand Honors extended)*

Loyal Stark, PMWGP: Thank you, sisters and brothers.

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Honorary Marshals. You will retire and escort the Junior Grand Warden to the East.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron: Sisters, brothers, family and friends, I have the honor to present the Right Worshipful Arthur J. Weiss, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of California, and Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California. Members will join with me in extending Grand Honors to our distinguished member. *(Grand Honors extended)*

Art Weiss, Junior Grand Warden: Thank you, sisters and brothers.

ENTRANCE OF 2017 GRAND OFFICERS

Acting Associate Grand Matron..... Chris Dias, JPGM

Acting Associate Grand Patron John Scott, JPGP

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

(Grand Conductress attends the Altar)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Let us unite in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: I now declare this Evening Session of the Grand Chapter of California duly open for the Installation of the Grand Officers.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation)

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

Flag Bearer.....Michael Cornell, GGCCM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM

ESCORT OF FLAGS

California Flag Bearer.....Frank Young, PGP
MWGM State Flag BearerDon Snyder, GGCCM
MWGP State Flag Bearer Jim Whiteley, GGCCM
Eastern Star Flag Bearer Larry Decker, GGCCM

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Participating in the flag ceremonies this evening are General Grand Chapter Committee Members Brothers Don Snyder, Bylaws; Jim Whiteley, Public Relations, Michael Cornell, Chairman, Regenerative Medicine, Larry Decker, Eastern Star Journal, and Past Grand Patron Frank Young, all Past Grand Patrons of California and Missouri, Order of the Eastern Star.

Members will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our Past Grand Patrons.
(*Grand Honors extended*)

GREETINGS

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so much to all of you for staying and continuing to support our Grand Chapter without heading home early. The Installation of the Grand Chapter Officers is an important event and I know Sister Alyson and Brother Fred and their Grand Officers are thrilled to have so many with us this evening. Thank you so much.

Sister Linda Bernhard and Brother Steve Johnson, we would be pleased to have you're welcome at his time.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

(*By Linda Bernhard, PGM and Steve Johnson, PGP*)

Linda Bernhard, PGM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Steve Johnson, PGP: Linda and I want to welcome all of you here today to the Visalia Convention Center. We also would like to give our warmest welcome and appreciation to all of you for sharing in this special evening with us.

Linda Bernhard, PGM: Yes, Steve. I am sure you remember six years ago when we awaited our Grand Installation and Fred was about to be installed as Worthy Patron of his Chapter. And look where the two of you are now.

Steve Johnson, PGP: Yes, that was a busy time for both of us, but today we are here with all these wonderful people to witness the Installation of the 2018 Grand

Officers. We are so very thankful for all our support from our distinguished and honored members, the members of our Order, and the guests here today while we celebrate the beginning of a new year.

We would also like to thank Alyson and Fred for asking us to be their Host and Hostess for their installation.

Linda Bernhard, PGM: It doesn't seem that long ago that Alyson, you and I served together in the 2010 Grand Family. We all had such fun together, including Alyson and Linda being part of those trying to guess who I would be revealing as my Associate Grand Patron.

I know sitting in the room together with you and Glenda we were really nervous.

Steve Johnson, PGP: Yes, I was there when the rule was made in 2010 when the pavement stops the car stops. Some of you may have not heard of the story. But Linda and Alyson almost missed an official visit up north when they were lost in the wilderness only to be rescued at the last minute.

In 2012, Fred and Cyntra accompanied us on our Kentucky Derby trip. Fred helped to create fun memories. He was certainly living up to his motto with you only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.

I also had the honor to be Worthy Patron of my Chapter when he was the Grand Warder in 2014. There was lots of music and great dancing that year.

You know, Linda, this really has been an exciting week, filled with meetings, Informal Opening, legislation, Masonic Youth Session and, of course, eating.

Linda Bernhard, PGM: Can't forget that. I understand that Fun Night was packed as usual, and the State Dinners were all reported to be well attended. I know we all look forward to these events when we can meet with friends and reminisce about the great times we have shared with each other.

Steve Johnson, PGP: The success of our Order can be attributed to several factors. Certainly, the leadership and dedication of our Grand Officers is a prime factor.

Linda Bernhard, PGM: We are exceptionally fortunate that these dedicated sisters and brothers have agreed to fill these important stations for our Order. They have been selected to be your Grand Officers for 2018 and they have all exhibited their dedication and love to our members and to the Order.

Steve Johnson, PGP: To the Grand Line that will be moving up, we wish you success in your goals and our deepest admiration for your commitment to build our Order.

To those Appointed Grand Officers who will be spending much of the next year going up and down the state, remember our members, smile and, above all, have fun.

Linda Bernhard, PGM: Steve, I think knowing Alyson and Fred as we do, this Grand Family will not only be ready to exemplify what is the best of our Order, but also they will make sure they bring fun amongst themselves and to our Order.

Thank you for being wonderful.

(Applause)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Linda and Brother Steve for your words of welcome. Brother Loyal Stark, may we hear from you at this time.

GREETINGS

(By Loyal Stark, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron)

Loyal Stark, PMWGP: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored members, our wonderful California sisters and brothers, family and friends.

From Aruba to Alaska, from Manila to Miami, from Italy to California, I bring you greetings on behalf of the World of Eastern Star.

Tonight, as in all of our beautiful Order, we continue the natural succession of the Installation of new officers to carry on the work of our Grand Chapter.

We thank all who worked so diligently during this past year, under the leadership of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill. Congratulations on a job well done.

Now, the colors of Autumn are about to brighten our trail, as we eagerly anticipate the year of 2018, with all of the plans and projects that Sister Alyson and Brother Fred have in store for this wonderful Grand Chapter of California.

May God Bless all of you in your efforts and may you be rewarded with much happiness and success!

(Applause)

Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Brother Loyal, for your wonderful welcome. The members in the east participating in the Ceremony of Installation will please step to the podium. I have the honor to present those who will be assisting in the installation ceremony this evening.

Installing Grand Officers Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron; Debbie Maiman, Past Grand Matron; and Randall Cady, Past Grand Patron; Installing Grand Marshal, Beverly Wade, Past Grand Matron; Installing Grand Chaplain, Larry Coffin, Past Grand Patron; Acting Associate Grand Matron, Chris Dias, Past Grand Matron; and Acting Associate Grand Patron, John Scott, Past Grand

Patron. Members will join me in extending the Grand Honors to our distinguished members. *(Grand Honors extended)*

Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron: Other members assisting this evening will please step to the podium. Installing Organist, Karen Skelton, 2014 Grand Organist. Musical selections by Don Snyder, Rebecca Miller and Lauren Derryberry.

Thank yous are also extended to the many members who have given their time and talent to make this memorable evening.

I now declare a recess. The 2017 Grand Officers will retire and we will prepare for the Installation of the 2018 Grand Officers.

RETIRING OF THE 2017 GRAND OFFICERS

MUSICAL SELECTION

Rebecca Miller, PM (96/300)

"You Raise Me Up"

PRESENTATION OF 2018 GRAND OFFICERS

(Narrated by Debbie Maiman, Past Grand Matron)

John Muir wrote, "Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into the trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you and the storms their energy, while cares will drop away from you like Autumn leaves."

Let us welcome the members who will serve as Grand Officers and blaze the trail for California in 2018 with gratitude, respect, commitment, friendliness, and may the colors of autumn brighten their trail.

Elected to serve as Worthy Grand Matron is Sister Alyson Grant, the Past Matron of La Paloma Star Chapter, whose members have and continue to give their endless support. Alyson's journey to this evening began with The Dance just four years ago. Her emblem, the Tree of Life, symbolizes the importance of the inner connection of the Masonic family. As she begins this year of grace she will be traveling with her best friend and escort, Sister Linda Dolman, Past Matron, who will serve as her escort and be ever watchful of the paved and unpaved trails.

Brother Fred Loeser has been elected Worthy Grand Patron for 2018. Included in his emblem is the beehive, a symbol of his Masonic commitment. Expressing that every member of our Eastern Star must play a part for the whole Order to succeed. The Beekeepers, Worthy Patrons for 2018, have already put into practice being friendly, being committed, and being involved. Brother Fred and his escort, Sister Cyntra Giboney, Past Matron, gladly call Alameda Oak Leave Chapter their home.

Elected to serve as the Associate Grand Matron, we welcome Sister Terri Ewing. She expresses her watchwords of Enthusiasm, Laughter, Motivation and Optimism everywhere she goes. With her friends Giggles and Elmo, she extends her hand in friendship to our members. Terri and her escort, husband Gary, a Past Patron, are members of Rose Valley Chapter.

The Imagineer is revealed. Brother Paul Lacroix, elected Associate Grand Patron, will serve with Sister Terri as they assist the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in 2018. Paul is a Past Patron of Upland and Star Dust Chapters. He will follow his watchwords of Diversity, Understanding and Enjoyment as he travels our jurisdiction with his pal Buddy. Paul will be escorted by his wife Corrine, a Past Matron who has traveled with him this path in 2016.

Entering is Sister Tammy Kinzy, elected Grand Secretary. Tammy begins her third year as our Grand Secretary and looks forward to working with the members in 2018. She is a Past Matron of Mount Whitney Chapter. By her side this year is Sister Delma Davis, Past Matron of San Jose Chapter. For installation this evening, Tammy is proudly escorted by her son, Terry South.

Elected Grand Treasurer for 2018 is Peggy Tucker. She is prepared to perform her duties with honesty and carefulness and the strictest fidelity. Sister Peggy is a Past Matron of Poinsettia Chapter and also calls Mountain Star Chapter her home. Escorting Peggy this year is Sister Meg Meyers, Past Matron of Poinsettia and Mountain Star Chapters and served as Grand Electa in 2010.

A Past Matron of Scepter Chapter, Sister Sharon Jazwiecki, has been elected Grand Conductress and is ready to take the next step in her journey. 2018 will find her searching for a certain gentleman to travel with her to the East. She carries Pearl the Cat with her as she travels and reminds us to keep our curiosity and value our friendships. Always beside her is escort and husband Alan. Al the master of the CB, a Past Patron and served as Grand Sentinel in 2012.

A little nervous and at the same time very excited, is Sister Laura Bouwens, elected Associate Grand Conductress. This evening she blazes a new trail. Laura shares her watchwords, inspiring us to be joyous, understanding, nurturing, encouraging and sincere. Home chapters for Laura and her escort, husband Andy, are Yolano Valley and Suisun. Past Patron Andy is as proud as Peacock June to let Laura spread her wings and take flight on her own.

Following in the footsteps of the honored sisters and brothers before him, is Brother Jeff Askins, our Grand Chaplain, a Past Patron of Rio Linda and member of Primrose Chapters. Escorting him as he leads our devotions this year is his wife, Sister Laura, a Past Matron.

Sister Kimberlie Kruse will serve our Order in 2018 as Grand Marshal. Her duties will be many, her time never enough. Sister Kimberlie is a Past Matron of Conejo Valley Chapter. Escorting our Grand Marshal in 2018 is her greatest fan and supporter, husband Marvin, Past Patron. Sister Kimberlie is honored this evening to be escorted by her son Christopher.

Sister Evelyn de la Rosa, Grand Organist, has graced our Eastern Star with her time, talent, smiles, joy and enthusiasm for many years. She is prepared to bring her continued enthusiasm to the members in 2018. We are anticipating delightful melodies from the instrument this year. Evelyn is a Past Matron of La Paloma Star Chapter. Escorting our Grand Organist in 2018 will be California's senior Past Grand Matron, Sister Hildegard Smith.

The Blue Ray of our Star will be represented this year by Sister Ryn Dee Greaves. The lessons of fidelity and obedience will shine as she greets our members this year. Our Grand Adah is a Past Matron of Kern River Valley Chapter and a member of Caledonia Chapter. She is escorted by her husband Roger, a Past Patron.

As Grand Ruth, Sister Marsha Price will represent the Yellow Ray of our Star. Marsha is excited to share the lessons of constancy and patient industry with our members. This year is a dream she never imagined. A Past Matron of Star of the Redwoods Chapter, she is supported by her husband Phillip.

Wearing the crown and representing the White Ray of our star we find Sister Cheryl Dangreau. She is honored to serve as Grand Esther and will bring light, joy and the lesson of loyalty to all she meets. A Past Matron of Santa Cruz Redwoods Chapter and a member of Carmel Chapter, Cheryl will be escorted in 2018 by her husband and Past Patron Paul.

Representing the Green Ray of our Star is Sister Cathy Velez, Grand Martha, who will bring us lessons of a trustful faith and hope in 2018. She is a Past Matron of Atascadero Chapter. Her friend, Sister Barbara Strong will support our Grand Martha. Barbara is a Past Matron of Atascadero Chapter and Bethlehem Estero Pines Chapter.

Sister Donna Drivere, Grand Electa, will represent the Red Ray of our Star. As a woman of strength and courage herself, Donna will bring to her station the understanding of charity and hospitality. She is a Past Matron of Simi Valley Chapter. Her escort for 2018 is Sister Karen Harris, a member of Simi Valley and Van Nuys Chapters.

Guarding our door from within as Grand Warder for the ensuing year is Sister Marina Kamariotis. She is ready to see that our ceremonies are not interrupted and share peace and harmony with our members. Marina is a Past Matron of Golden Gate and Pacific Star Chapters. Her husband Jim, Past Patron, will escort our mighty Grand Warder.

Guarding our door from without, is Brother Clint Marshall, Grand Sentinel. He will be ever watchful at his station to see that the solemnity of our ceremonies is secure. Brother Clint is a Past Patron of Desert Valley Chapter. He will be escorted in 2018 by his wife, Past Matron Sister Cynthia.

Sisters and Brothers and friends, the Grand Officers to be installed for 2018. Please welcome them.

(Applause)

CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION

Worthy Grand Matron.....Alyson Grant
Worthy Grand Patron..... Fred Loeser

MUSICAL SELECTION

Rebecca Miller, PM (96/300)
"Colors of the Wind"

Associate Grand Matron Terri Ewing
Associate Grand Patron.....Paul Lacroix
Grand Secretary Tammy Kinzy
Grand Treasurer Peggy Tucker
Grand Conductress..... Sharon Jazwiecki
Associate Grand Conductress Laura Bouwens
Grand Chaplain Jeff Askins
Grand Marshal Kimberlie Kruse
Grand Organist..... Evelyn de la Rosa
Grand Adah..... Ryn Dee Greaves
Grand Ruth..... Marsha Price
Grand Esther Cheryl Dangreau
Grand Martha Cathy Velez
Grand Electa.....Donna Drivere
Grand Warder..... Marina Kamariotis
Grand Sentinel Clint Marshall

PROCLAMATION

Linda Hooser, JPGM: Sister Alyson, it is an honor to present to you the gavel as an emblem of your authority. I know that you will use it with grace and for the good of our Order.

Alyson Grant, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Linda, it is such a pleasure for me to have you present this gavel. You have been such an amazing Big Sister, and I have watched you grow in your position as the years have gone by and only hoped that I could do the same. Thank you so much for the integrity you brought to our order and the vision that I hope that I can keep alive.

Sister Linda, do you have any further presentations.

Linda Hooser, Jr. PGM: Of course. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Alyson, it has been a pleasure to serve with you these past four years. Thank you for your support and constant friendship. It is with fraternal love and best wishes that all your plans may be accomplished that I present to you the Worthy Grand Matron box, which includes the Isabella Harrison Hilditch Worthy Grand Matron necklace. I hope that you will enjoy wearing it as much as I have. It has been worn by remarkable women who have served California as Worthy Grand Matron.

I also present to you the seal of the Worthy Grand Matron, and of course the keys to the Grand Chapter office. Congratulations.

Alyson Grant, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Linda, thank you so much for this presentation. Our Past Grand Matron, Isabella Harrison Hilditch was from the San Diego County Association. I grew up my early years in Eastern Star knowing about that remarkable woman. And to believe that I will be wearing her jewel, as you have and all the amazing women before me, just fills me with pride. Thank you.

Brother Bill, do you have a presentation for Brother Fred.

Bill Prentiss, JPGP: Why, yes, I do. Fred, I have for you the pin, the Worthy Grand Patron lapel pin, and I'm sure you have all kinds of information about it. I will let you spread the word about the Joseph Reed, Past Grand Patron lapel pin.

And this is the ring, the Past Grand Patron ring. So be careful with it, too.

Fred Loeser, Worthy Grand Patron: It actually fits.

Bill Prentiss, JPGP: It was too big for my hand, I'm just saying. And I am handing you a baggie full of keys. Now you have got the bag. There you go, buddy. Congratulations.

Fred Loeser, Worthy Grand Patron: Brother Bill, I take the opportunity to say this has been a pleasure to be part of the 2017 family and to take the Great Adventure with you and Sister Linda. I congratulate your Grand Family and a year well served.

Brother J. Hartley Taylor's platinum ring and Joseph Reed's platinum lapel pin were given to the Grand Chapter by the family members of those distinguished Brothers, to be worn by Worthy Grand Patrons in years forward. Brother Taylor served in 1935, wow, and Brother Reed in 1949. Both of them were thoughtful and kind men. It is an honor to receive these emblems of office and I am humbled to wear them.

Sisters Linda and Cyntra, would you please join me up here.

Linda Dolman, PM (96): As you know, our group of four call ourselves AFLC. AFLC. Okay, it stands for Alyson, Linda, Fred and Cyntra. Alyson, Fred, Linda, Cyntra, whatever. But only since Alyson can't give her own present to herself, this is really from FLC.

So, in a few years it was AFLC, we are referring to the four of us, because I got tired of typing all of our names all the time.

Sister Alyson, from all of us except you, this is your gavel and sounding block and use it wisely and well.

Alyson Grant, Worthy Grand Matron: Oh, wow. How cool is that? Okay. It is an acorn gavel with leaves and it says Alyson Grant Worthy Grand Matron, Fred Loeser Worthy Grand Patron 2018, love, Fred, Linda and Cyntra.

Very cool gavel, and the sounding block has confetti on it. It has carved leaves and acorns around it.

This was made by Brother Bob Jordan in San Diego County, and I thank him for his craftsmanship. Beautiful, thank you. Thank you, Sister Linda.

Okay. Would our Grand Marshal, Sister Kimberlie, please approach the podium?

It is with all our love and tremendous pride that AFLC presents to you this little token of our esteemed gratitude. We were so overcome with joy when you gave us the magic word, and we can't wait to see what you will do for our Order in the future. This is the first step.

Kimberlie Kruse, Grand Marshal: Oh, my goodness. It's just absolutely gorgeous. It is acorns and oak leaves on both handles, and then it says Kimberlie Kruse 2018 Grand Marshal, love AFLC. Thank you.

Fred Loeser, Worthy Grand Patron: It is now my pleasure to introduce Right Worshipful Arthur Weiss from the Grand Lodge of California. Would you please give us a few words and introduce your Grand Officers that might be present.

Art Weiss, Junior Grand Warden: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished and honored members, Sisters, Brothers family and friends. Good evening.

It is a pleasure to be with you this evening to witness the 145th Annual Installation of Officers.

I congratulate our new Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Alyson, and our new Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, and the rest of the 2018 Grand Officers, and wish you all a very successful year.

Tonight, I bring you greetings from the Most Worshipful Bruce R. Galloway, Grand Master of Masons in California. Most Worshipful regrets not being able to be present to honor Alyson and Fred, as he is in London where tomorrow he will take part in celebrating the 300th Anniversary of the creation of the very first Grand Lodge, the United Grand Lodge of England in 1717.

Grand Masters from all over the world have converged on London for this event. Our Grand Master will be presenting specially created gifts from Masons of California to be given to the Duke of Kent, Grand Master of Masons in England. I'm sure Most Worshipful Bruce will have some very tall tales to tell us when he returns to California.

With me this evening are a few of our Grand Lodge officers which I will now introduce. If you would please hold your applause until they have all been introduced.

From Richmond, a Past Master of Bay Cities Lodge No. 337, the Senior Grand Deacon, the Worshipful Greg Thompson and his lady, Sarah.

From Chico, a Past Master of Chico Leland Stanford Lodge No. 111, the Grand Marshal, the Worshipful Darrel R. Deatherage and his lady, Jan.

From Eureka, the wife of the Assistant Grand Lecturer for Division 1, Heidi Quintrell.

I am from Newbury Park, a Past Master of Conejo Valley Lodge No. 807, and serving as the Junior Grand Warden, and it is my honor to introduce my wife, Barbara.

Tonight, the Grand Chapter of California embarks on a new year. During your deliberations of the past week you have honored your traditions, the progress you made in 2017, and you even got a pretty good report card from our General Grand Chapter visitors. But tomorrow begins another year. A new future that you hope to write.

Our Grand Master's theme this year focuses exactly on this. Although our Grand Lodge honored the last 300 years of Freemasonry last year and the tremendous contributions the Masons of California have made in 167 of those years, it is now time to take the first steps into the next 100 years of Freemasonry by proactively shaping our future.

So, too, does the Grand Chapter of California have a similar opportunity. You have honored your past this week, been reminded of the wonderful contributions that Eastern Star members continue to make in the community, and you have continued a Great Adventure, but now it is time to take the next steps to shape your future.

Sister Alyson and Brother Fred, on behalf of Most Worshipful Galloway and the Grand Lodge, we wish you and your officers great success as you move this beautiful Order forward. You have honored your past, now go and shape the next 100 years of Eastern Star in California.

Thank you.

Fred Loeser, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, Right Worshipful. We are all part of the Masonic family and appreciate that you accepted our invitation to be here this evening.

Alyson Grant, WGM: Worthy Grand Patron, we would be pleased to hear from you at this time.

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

(By Fred Loeser, Worthy Grand Patron)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

I'm not going to lie to you. This is really something. I have watched with envy many Grand Masters and Worthy Grand Patrons speaking and presiding from the podium, and I said to myself, wouldn't this be something, standing up here. I'd like to say it is everything you can imagine, but scarier. My heartfelt thanks goes out to all who made this possible for me.

Past Grand Matron Linda and Past Grand Patron Steve, you are to blame for getting us started in 2012. Had it not have been for the Kentucky Derby – I think my horse is still running – who'd of thought "I'll take another" for the win? I raise this – actually more than one – to you.

Past Grand Matron Debbie, Past Grand Patron Randy and Patti, you guys took a big leap inviting Alyson and me into your 2014 family. Thank you. Mom always liked you best.

Cyntra, my escort, my admin, my sounding board, wrangler, your assistance has been and will be invaluable. Thank you very much.

Alameda Oak Leaf – I think you are over there. The biggest little Chapter in the state, you guys have always been there.

Live Oak Lodge, I thoroughly enjoy being with you all and that is why I keep coming back.

Worshipful John Morrison, my page this year, you validated Masonry to me and, after you joined Eastern Star, I figured I could, too.

I have some family here. I think they came here to see if I was telling the truth that this was going to happen. My dad, my sainted Aunt Bertha, and lovely Edie. See, I wasn't kidding.

It is with great anticipation and hopefulness that I start this Eastern Star year in the East with Sister Alyson. You have chosen a most capable Sister to govern our Order. Her knowledge of the nuances and history of the Order is astounding, and her regard for you, the members, is genuine and sincere. I have mentioned this to some members that I had no reason to doubt her wisdom, until she asked me to join her in the East.

Saying yes was the easiest thing after she and Linda boxed me into a restaurant booth one day and put the question to me. I knew it was going to be a great ride.

All of Alyson's planning and scheduling has been done with you in mind. The AMIs are on every corner. We, the Grand Officers, want to bring the work to everybody and hope that you will realize this and drag those reluctant members with you to one nearby. Our promise is not to put anybody on the spot. We want to share our fine ritual with you, so you can take it home and be proud to perform it in your Chapter.

All of us in the Masonic family are linked by an undissolvable chain of sincere affection. That is what separates us from everybody else and should be the guiding principle that directs our actions towards one another. It has been said by others more eloquent than me, that if we lead by example the others will follow. We wouldn't have any problem with retention or attracting new members if we lived by that concept.

I urge you to embrace what is peculiar about each other, welcome the differences and make this Order everything it can and should be.

Thank you.

(Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron, we would be pleased to hear from you at this time.

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

(By Alyson Grant, Worthy Grand Matron)

Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

I humbly stand before you tonight with so much love for you and for our Order that I can barely breathe.

The enormity of this moment in time and my ability to share it with those closest to me – and that means all of you – is almost overwhelming.

Sister Linda, Brother Bill and the Grand Family of 2017, congratulations on a job well done. I know the way has not always been easy, but you have kept your Tiger Eye on the goal, spread happiness, fun and laughter, shed a few tears together and led our Order with integrity. I hope you found the riches within our membership that you were seeking.

Fred and I are grateful to have been a part of your Great Adventure. We will treasure the friendships we have made.

To our 2014 Past Grand Matron Debbie and Past Grand Patron Randy, and all of the Joyful Flerd, it may have taken four very long years, but these two left feet have learned to dance with your help, encouragement and support. The installation you planned for Fred, for me, for our Happy Campers, the Grand Officers and family of 2018, and for all in attendance, is one of the most beautiful events I've ever witnessed. I feel your love in every nook and cranny of this vast arena and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I know the relief you must feel, and also know you will be dancing in your success later when you can put one foot in front of the other and manage to stay upright.

To every person, friends all, who participated in any way to make this evening so special, Fred and I thank you. Your talent, fully on display, is one of the many things that makes our Order so great.

The installation team did an outstanding job. I am connected to all of you in some way, and that you would share this evening with us has truly made it something special for Fred and for me.

The music was amazing. As most of you know, I can't imagine any life event without music, and as an accent – actually, an exclamation point. And tonight was the absolute best exclamation point I could possibly imagine. Brother Don, Sister Lauren, Sister Rebecca, all of you I call friends first, but I am constantly amazed by your talent.

Sister Karen Skelton, our Grand Organist of 2014, I love that you keep our toes tapping and that your music is always happy, and I'm so grateful that you shared it with us tonight. I will carry your beautiful notes, and the joy they inspire with me as I travel this year. Music brightens the path and allows us to find the harmony within ourselves and with each other. Thank you.

I invite you now to take a little walk with me. Close your eyes, imagine a simple, crooked path within the woods. Sometimes the path is wide and smooth, and sometimes there is no path at all, and you must pick your way through the ferns, acorns and leafy, loamy soil. Keep walking. Take a deep breath and feel nature all around you. Smell the crisp autumn air. Listen to the melody that the nearby brook is playing for you. The sun is shining, and the fragrance of sun-warmed pines surround you. You feel at peace.

Open your eyes and drink in the color. The multi-hued leaves greet you. The yellow and brown of the oak, the red sugar of maple leaf maple, the bright oranges of the season together with the stately conifers and their evergreen branches represent the harmony of our natural world. You are truly standing in God's cathedral. How can you not believe that?

As Robert Browning said, "God's in his heaven and all is right with the world." If only we could take a mental picture, a selfie, and carry that beauty with us wherever we go.

In his autobiographical song, "Rocky Mountain High" John Denver wrote that seeing the Rocky Mountains for the very first time was like, "Coming home to a place he'd never been before."

Think of that. To be in nature surrounded by God's masterpiece to John was like going home and, yet, he had never been there before.

That feeling was the feeling I got the first time I found myself in Yosemite. I was home. That was over 50 years ago, but the feeling has never changed. I continue to return there to replenish my energy and renew my soul. It is the place where I feel the most contentment.

John Muir said, "Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you and the storms their energy, while cares will drop away like Autumn Leaves."

Sisters and brothers, both John Denver and John Muir illustrate how I see our world of Eastern Star and, more specifically, our chapter rooms.

Entering that room for the very first time during initiation can be like going home. In fact, no matter how long we have been a member, entering a chapter room in any city, town or state is like going home to family, to a place that's familiar, though we may not have been in that building before. To a place that feels warm and welcoming, like the sun, but where we bask in the warmth of our love for each other and for our Order. A place where kindness is like a breath of fresh air. A place where we know we are surrounded by our Masonic roots. Much like the stately trees in the forest, the ones that stand despite the ravages of time, weather, fire, ice and wind, we continue to stand because the roots of our moral teachings and the firm foundation they provide keep us strong.

It is a place where religion and politics are left behind, where the words of our sacred Obligation remind us that we do not speak evil of each other not only within the walls of the Chapter room, but everywhere. We are coming home to a place that has the opportunity of bringing the many colors of diversity into our lives, like the many colors of our autumn leaves. To a place that provides inspiration and a set of values that can guide us in the right directions on our pathway in life. So long as we listen and learn and grow from our experience.

A nurturing place that can bring harmony within ourselves and within the world around us. A place that gives us the tremendous opportunity to grow into a better person, friend, partner, parent, employer, employee and citizen.

Are we making the most of that tremendous opportunity?

Are we showing ourselves and the world that we honestly believe and demonstrate all that we hear, read, see and learn? Do we promote harmony? Do we embrace the colors of our Star? I'm not just talking about our emblematic star, but the color of each and every member.

Do we celebrate all that every member has to offer? An acorn is but a small thing in nature, yet it has the opportunity to grow into a mighty oak. However, it can only do that if it is nourished by the sun, bathed in gentle rain and allowed to form its roots deep into the richness of the forest floor.

Do we give each and every member the chance to plant their roots into the Masonic soil and thrive?

There's a question in my escort song that Sister Rebecca sang so beautifully, "Colors of the Wind", that goes something like: How high does the Sycamore grow? If we cut it down, then we will never know.

How many times do we drive members away from our chapters? Do we cut them down because we do not nurture them and allow them to find their roots? They are sometimes not allowed to reach their full potential to be all that they can be, to be that mighty oak, because we stop their growth with an unkind word or try to force their growth into a shape that we think will be more beautiful.

Just as destructive to the health of our chapters, do we allow them to wither and die due to lack of warmth and nurturing that we have promised in our Obligation? Just as a tree needs the right elements to grow, so do our members require our mentoring, our love and our support.

Sisters and brothers, we must actively love and support each other. We must not only recognize but seize every chance to learn and develop our own individual character. We must nurture the right of every other member to do the same. We cannot grow and thrive as an Order unless we embrace the opportunities we are given to grow individually into better women and men.

Becoming better women and men individually and collectively will allow us to bring harmony into our world wherever we encounter discord. It will allow us to not only see the colors around us, but to create color with friendship and passion and love.

We know that all is not right with the world. The world at large is in turmoil, division, hatred and destruction both human-made and natural. Differences have become divisive. We have lost our civility. The members of Eastern Star can change that. We can lead by example. That example is the relevance of our Order.

We can use our Masonic and Eastern Star teachings, values and moral code to show others that peace and harmony can prevail even among those with differing views.

If we act with gratitude, respect, a positive attitude, charity and promote personal excellence in everything we say and do, we become leaders in society. We can light the pathway for others. Walk with me as we celebrate the colors we find on that pathway, within ourselves and within our Order.

We can create our own autumn splendor year-round for others to enjoy with us. What will your selfie look like? I can't wait to start taking pictures.

When I can't be in Yosemite, I call San Diego my home and, more specifically, I called La Paloma Star Chapter in San Diego my home.

Will the members of La Paloma Star Chapter, my family of the heart, please stand?

Thank you, one and all, for your love, support, warmth, compassion and dedication. Each of you joined me on my journey at some point. You continue to light the way and I hope you know that having you, my family, with me on this special occasion has made the evening complete.

Will all the members of San Diego County and Imperial County please stand.

Wow. Just wow.

So many of you came on the bus today to celebrate with La Paloma Star and with me. You are all amazing, and I would not be standing here today without your hard work, encouragement, friendship and love. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I have my personal thank you to Fred, for the attendance of Alameda Oak Leaf Chapter and Live Oak Lodge, as well. His dad, Fred Senior and Edie who has taken me into their home and called me a family member. Your support of Fred is so very appreciated. Fred would not be the man he is today without your positive influence and support. Thank you for lending him to me and to the members of California Eastern Star.

And to the members of the East Bay Association, you just rock. That's all there is to say.

To my Nuts, what can I say? Hazelnut, Peanut, Nutmeg, Butternut, Chestnut, Ooops Nut – that got thrown in – Cashew, there are others, how can I be so lucky as to have each one of you in my life? You know who you are. I love each of you for being there every single time I've asked. Often, before I have had to ask. You all represent the very best of our Order and I'm grateful for your service and for your friendship.

Fred, you are an amazing man. Indeed, you did say yes much more quickly than Linda and I ever thought possible. That should have given us pause, but I'm so lucky to have your enthusiasm and passionate support. Thank goodness you did say yes, because I know you are exactly right for me and for our Order.

I'm proud to know you. I'm proud to have you by my side and believe that you represent everything good about being a Mason.

Congratulations, by the way, on your recent Hiram Award. I know that it is well deserved. It is a good thing your lodge recognized you before you began a year where you might not see them very much. Thank you for taking this journey with me. You and Cyntra have been on board with every single thing that I have wanted to do for our members this year and I love and thank you.

Cyntra, your road has definitely not been smooth with the two of us. Managing Fred is like trying to get a thousand bees back into the hive all at the same time, and together with my Linda you have both miraculously kept my on the right path. I like to stray. Fortunately, you both know that and guide me back into reality with alarming frequency. Thank you for your dedication and for your friendship.

To my Linda, without whom I couldn't even exist as a person, as an Eastern Star member, and now as a Worthy Grand Matron, I know this was not the way you planned your retirement. I know that you have only half a tongue left from the time you have bitten it off rather than to say I told you so.

I can only promise there are several trips in our future. No, not weekend trips – we are about to take 52 of those – but I mean the trips to Disney World, Hawaii, Alaska, England, Scotland, Ireland and maybe Yosemite without dealing with my broken arm. I may have to hire our own personal travel agent and health care aide.

Some partners get dresses. So not Linda's thing. She gets trips. Thank you for all you have done, are doing and will do to make my life complete. I love you.

To our Happy Campers of 2018 and our Camp Counselors, Fred and I are so

blessed to begin this journey with you at our side, at our back and hopefully in front of us clearing the path. We are so grateful that you said yes, and we are so excited for the adventure to begin.

Lastly, to the members of California Eastern Star and our Autumn Leaves and Beekeepers, the biggest thank you of course goes to each of you. Thank you for your confidence, your laughter, your enthusiasm, your support.

My fraternal mom, Debbie, told me it would be the love and support of the members that I would remember the most when the journey was over. I already know she's correct. Thank you for allowing my cares to drop off like autumn leaves and to instead see the very best of our Order in the color that you all bring into my life. I hope you know that 2018 is possible because of you. Thank you so much. I love you.

Now we're seriously trying to come up for a theme for the session next year. And it has been suggested that we should contemplate something like Go Take a Hike. We cannot tell you how thrilled we are to be beginning our hike with all of you.

(Applause)

CLOSING

Alyson Grant, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Associate Grand Matron, do you have any further business to bring before the Grand Chapter?

Terri Ewing, Associate Grand Matron: Worthy Grand Matron, I have no further business to present.

Alyson Grant, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Grand Secretary, is there any business on your desk to be brought before the Grand Chapter?

Tammy Kinzy, Grand Secretary: There is no further business on my desk, Worthy Grand Matron.

Alyson Grant, Worthy Grand Matron: Has any Sister or Brother present any business to offer for the consideration of the Grand Chapter? If not, we will proceed to close.

(No response)

CLOSING ODE

"Pass It On"

It only takes a spark, to get a fire going
And soon all those around, can warm up to its glowing
That's how it is with Star Love, once you've experienced it.
You want to spread our love around
You want to pass it on.

Alyson Grant, WGM: Brother Grand Chaplain, lead our devotions.

PRAYER

(By Jeff Askins, Grand Chaplain)

Our Dear Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for each gift from Thou Bounteous Hand and for the pleasure of greeting and meeting the members of this faithful band.

Each morn may our prayers rise to heaven for protection throughout the day, and at evening a prayer of thanksgiving for the blessings that brighten our way.

May the days and hours be spent wisely, and each known duty faithfully done. And at last, when life's labors are finished, we may hear Thy approval, "Well Done."

Bless Thy children, oh Father. We ask you along life's roadway be our guide. Let Thy love like a mantel enfold us. In Thy love may we ever abide. **Amen.**

Alyson Grant, WGM: Sister Grand Conductress, attend at the altar.

(Grand Conductress attends at the altar.)

(The Worthy Grand Patron made announcements.)

Alyson Grant, WGM: The audience will please remain seated following the Proclamation until the Candle Ceremony has ended. Following the ceremony, you are cordially invited to greet the 2018 Grand Officers at their stations.

I now declare the Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star to be duly closed. Sister Grand Marshal, you will make the Proclamation.

(The Grand Marshal made the proper proclamation.)

Alyson Grant, WGM: Candle Ceremony. Those participating in the Candle Ceremony will please rise at the sound of the gavel.

CANDLE CEREMONY

(Narrated by Kimberlie Kruse, Grand Marshal)

This night we light our candles for the start of a new year to reaffirm a commitment to blaze a new trail of service with gratitude, respect and care.

We light our candles for the service of the great adventure we will share. We light our candles for all members near and far, for the services rendered and yet to be, their obligations and constancy.

May the flames of these candles continue to glow with friendship and fraternal love throughout the year. For we, the members of this Order, hold charity, truth and loving kindness dear.

MUSICAL SELECTION

*Rebecca Miller, PM (96/300) and Lauren Derryberry (245)
"Light One Little Candle"*

Kimberlie Kruse, Grand Marshal: And now as the flames of our candles go out and the work of this session is over, may the warmth that has been sparked in our heart remain until we meet at Grand Chapter once more.

Alyson Grant, WGM: The Grand Officers will be at their stations. Brother Fred and I will be down here in the well. Sister Terri and Paul in the west, and Laura and Sharon at their stations. We would love to greet you and to thank you for your attendance here tonight.

Thank you so much.



APPENDIX A

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

(by Linda Hooser, Worthy Grand Matron)

Report given during the Thursday Morning Session

Worthy Grand Patron, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, in compliance with the Constitution and Laws of the Order I am to present a written report to the Grand Chapter reviewing the work of my term of office, setting forth the general condition of the Order in the Jurisdiction, and recommending such legislation as I deem necessary.

Official Acts

Each Worthy Grand Matron is privileged to select and serve with ten Appointive Grand Officers. Many of our members are very deserving of this honor. It was my desire to appoint ten members who not only had served our Order, but who are outgoing, enthusiastic and would promote fellowship throughout the State. These ladies and gentlemen shared their humor and love for our Order with every member they encountered. Their service this year has made me very proud.

Ken Miller, Grand Chaplain, Laura Bouwens, Grand Marshal, Linda Fuentes, Grand Organist, Joanne Gibson, Grand Adah, Cindy Murphy, Grand Ruth, Beth Massengill, Grand Esther, Lynn Tripler, Grand Martha, Becky Burson, Grand Electa, Stephanie Perez, Grand Warder and Bob Hovorka, Jr., Grand Sentinal.

Our 2017 Grand Family was made complete with the addition of our Elective Grand Officers. Our Grand Secretary continued learning the duties of her office, all the while answering numerous questions for me. Our Grand Treasurer came back for a second time, fulfilling a request from me to complete the Treasurer's Handbook. I thank them both for their service.

Our Grand Line has been tremendously supportive this year. I thank them for their continued work for the good of the Order and look forward to supporting each of you in the coming years.

In addition to the Grand Officers, we were blessed to have Grand Escorts accompany us all year. These dear friends helped to make our Greatest Adventure one of joy and laughter. We also had our share of sadness with the loss of Brother Bob Murphy, the husband of our Grand Ruth, and the loss of Sister Betty, the grandmother of our Grand Warder.

Deputy Grand Matrons

It was my pleasure to have 40 Past Matrons to serve their respective districts as representatives of me, plus have a Chairman to watch over them. Each Deputy Grand Matron was chosen for their abilities, and it was important that each serve with respect, civility and integrity. Their names and districts will be printed in the Proceedings.

I thank you ladies for performing your duties. You have roared throughout the State. Thank you for accepting your positions.

My thanks to Sister Tamra Keen for serving as Chairman of our Tiger Eyes, and to Sisters Becky Herzog and Connie Snow for serving as Presidents of the two Deputy Grand Matron Associations.

Grand Representatives

I had the privilege of recommending the name of 31 Sisters and Brothers to Worthy Grand Matrons of other Jurisdictions for appointments as Grand Representatives of that jurisdiction in California. It was exciting to share these appointments, and I wish our ambassadors safe adventures. Their names will be printed in the official Proceedings.

I need to mention, that even though in our program we have do have a Grand Representative for Puerto Rico, this is not an official act as we have not been able to receive any kind of official appointment for Puerto Rico, and that was before the recent hurricanes.

Standing and Special Grand Chapter Week Committees

My grateful thanks is extended to the members who accepted the responsibility of their appointments on Standing and Special Grand Chapter Week Committees. The Grand Chapter and I are very indebted to each of you for your faithful service. Each committee and every member serving on a committee will be listed in the official Proceedings.

Official Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

This year, our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were given the option of holding a traditional Official Visit or a social-style Official Visit. Each visit, regardless of style, was unique and enjoyable.

We heard beautiful ritual work at our Traditionals and enjoyed many varieties of social style which were open to nonmembers of the Order. At many of these we had speakers from local food banks. It was enlightening and we were thrilled to hear of the impact California Eastern Star was doing with our Food Bank project this year.

We enjoyed a special day with Mr. Lincoln where the Worthy Grand Patron and I each received a United States flag that had been flown over the capitol.

We signed the historical Sullivan Bible, packed items for shelters, went on safaris with actual zoo animals, visited museums, the Shrine Hospital in Sacramento, and attended a Mushroom Festival where the Worthy Grand Patron and others cooked hamburgers over a grill.

Due to illness, I was unable to attend the Official Visits of 3 and 21. All Official Visits and dates will be listed in the proceedings.

Festival 2017

Our Freedom of Treasures Festival was a one-day event held in June at our Senior Living Community. We had vendors, a car show, live music and food trucks. We were pleased to spend the day with our residents and staff. The staff did an amazing job.

The mood was a bit somber due to the recent and unexpected death of our Executive Director, Sister Kim Cooke. My thanks to Brother Simon Dias and the staff for making this event possible. A full report for the Senior Living Community will be given later today or tomorrow by the President of the Senior Living Board of Trustees and the Current Executive Director.

All official communications and special dispensations will be printed in full in the Proceedings.

Troubled chapters

It was also my unpleasant duty to deal with several chapters who are experiencing very low attendance and misappropriation of funds.

Fidelity Chapter No. 131 was placed on probation due to accusations of missing property and complete lack of harmony within the Chapter. A five-year audit was done by the Grand Secretary which showed lack of following procedures but no misappropriation of funds. The Chapter was removed from probation. However, the 2017 Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron soon resigned.

I was informed on October 13th that at the Chapter elections a Past Matron who was not currently in the line was elected as Worthy Matron. After elections, the Secretary, Conductress and Worthy Patron resigned their positions and left the meeting. There continues to be a lack of cooperation and harmony.

Pentalpha Chapter No. 339. Disharmony among the members of this Chapter continues. Appeals and Grievances will work with this Chapter but, without a change in attitude, this Chapter will not survive.

There are approximately 15 chapters who are struggling to make a quorum. Our Associate Grand Matron and her Membership Committee will be working with these chapters.

Desert Rose No. 327. It was discovered that the Treasurer had not been making timely deposits and the Treasurer was removed from office. An audit by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer showed monies missing of approximately \$2,460. A letter has been sent to the former Treasurer asking about restitution and this matter is still under investigation.

Reveille Chapter No. 47. There was a misappropriation of funds by the Treasurer of this Chapter. An audit by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer showed an amount of \$25,300. This matter was turned over to police. Per the Court, the member has until November 1st to make full restitution. If this is met, the member will plead to a misdemeanor and be placed on probation. If full restitution is not made by November 1st, a felony trial will proceed.

There is also lack of active members in this Chapter. The Chapter has no elected Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Conductress or Associate Conductress for 2018.

Victor Valley No. 242. This Chapter has had constant disharmony and tension. On October 13th I placed them on probation for the following reasons:

Lack of elections of officers to continue the operations of the Chapter for the ensuing year.

Improprieties with respect to Chapter records and property.

Disrespect among the members of the Chapter, constant disharmony and tension among the members at stated meetings and outside the Chapter meetings.

As this probation is only valid until the close of this Grand session, it is my recommendation that our Associate Grand Matron continue with a new probation of this Chapter once she has been installed as our new Worthy Grand Matron.

Chapter Concerns

Many of our Chapter members have voiced their concerns about the rising cost of rent being charged. It is difficult for a Chapter to be charged \$1,000 a month in rent. We are often in conflict in obtaining necessary meeting space for receptions or other events when a Masonic lodge can be rented out to public groups for twice the rent a Chapter can pay.

Membership

Our Grand Secretary will be reviewing in detail our gains and losses in her report. However, I would like to give a summary as of September 30, 2017.

As of October 1, 2016, we had a membership of 20,048 members.

We had only gains of 356 members with a loss of 1,731 members, bringing our membership in good standing to 18,673.

Our state membership team, chaired by Brother JD Hammett, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, and his marvelous Membership team, have been taking aggressive steps to turn this tide. They have held several Membership task force meetings and provided results and actions they consider necessary for our growth. These results have been provided to our Grand Line for further consideration and action. I thank the entire Membership team for their hard work.

Grand Chapter budget

One year ago, Brother Bill and I asked you to support our Indy's Fraternal Project. As you will hear in our finance report later today, I am happy to announce that the 2017 budget was met. Your generous donations to our Grand Chapter made a difference. My special thanks to all who supported our Fund and a very special thank you to the members of New Hope Chapter, Gold Ridge Star Chapter, and Los Molinos Chapter.

Conclusion

In spite of our smaller membership, our members continue to enjoy many social activities and support each other. They enjoy being part of the Masonic family. As we go forward, it will be necessary to focus on our youth and also to see that our members remember their Obligation, that they treat each other with respect and kindness, and remember the scripture, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Our Greatest Adventure is what lies ahead. May it be a good one.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

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2016-2017 GRAND CHAPTER CALENDAR

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

02/25/2017	100 th Anniversary Celebration, Yorba Linda Chapter No. 347, Yorba Linda Masonic Center, Yorba Linda
04/22/2017	100 th Anniversary Celebration, Joaquin Chapter No. 348, Mount Oso Masonic Temple, Tracy
09/26/2017	50 th Anniversary Celebration, Delta Star Chapter No. 639, Scepter Masonic Family Center, Sacramento

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

10/23/2016	Grand Chapter Week Committee Meeting
12/03/2016	Home Board Meeting
12/03/2016	Finance Committee Meeting
01/14/2017	Home Board Meeting
01/14/2017	Finance Committee Meeting
02/18/2017	Home Board Meeting
02/18/2017	Finance Committee Meeting
03/25/2017	Home Board Meeting
03/25/2017	Finance Committee Meeting
05/05/2017	Home Board Meeting
05/05/2017	Finance Committee Meeting
06/02/2017	Home Board Meeting
06/02/2017	Finance Committee Meeting
07/07/2017	Home Board Meeting
07/07/2017	Finance Committee Meeting
08/19/2017	Home Board Meeting (Union City)
08/20/2017	Finance Committee Meeting (Union City)
09/08/2017	Home Board Meeting
09/08/2017	Finance Committee Meeting
10/24/2017	Home Board Meeting
10/24/2017	Finance Committee Meeting

CONCORDANT AND APPENDANT BODY EVENTS

11/25/16	Northern California DeMolay Association Convention, DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento
02/19/2017	Grand Worthy Advisor Reception, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
03/01/2017	Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth, Ontario
04/09/2017	Grand Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Fresno
06/22/2017	Grand Bethel, California Job's Daughters International, Visalia
09/03/2017	Southern California DeMolay Conclave, Riverside Convention Center, Riverside
10/15/2017	Grand Lodge of California, Public Ceremonies and Installation, San Francisco

GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS

06/18- 06/20/2017	Grand Chapter of Oregon
08/03- 08/04/2017	Grand Chapter of Arizona
08/12- 08/13/2017	Grand Chapter of Wyoming
10/08- 10/11/2017	Grand Chapter of Nevada
10/55- 10/28/2017	Grand Chapter of California

INSTALLATIONS

10/22/2016	Installation of Grand Chapter Officers, Visalia Convention Center, Visalia
11/06/2016	Installation of Officers, Friendship Chapter No. 48, Marysville Masonic Center, Marysville
11/12/2016	Installation of Officers, Scepter Chapter No. 163, Orange Masonic Center, Orange
11/19/2016	Installation of Officers, Gold Ridge Star Chapter No. 161, Sebastopol Masonic Center, Sebastopol

INSTRUCTIONALS, RETREATS, SCHOOLS, WORKSHOPS

12/04/2016	All Member Instructional, McCallum Masonic Center, Riverside
12/10/2016	All Member Instructional, Richmond Masonic Hall, Richmond
12/11/2016	All Member Instructional, Marysville Masonic Center, Marysville
12/17/2016	All Member Instructional, Escondido Masonic Center, Escondido
12/18/2016	All Member Instructional, Los Angeles Harbor Masonic Center, San Pedro
01/07/2017	All Member Instructional, Fresno Masonic Center, Fresno
01/08/2017	All Member Instructional, Ventura Masonic Center, Ventura
01/15/2017	Conductress/Associate Conductress Workshop, Roseville Masonic Center, Roseville
01/21/2017	Deputy Grand Matron Brush-up School, Orange Masonic Center, Orange
01/22/2017	Conductress/Associate Conductress Workshop, Orange Masonic Center, Orange
07/28- 07/30/2017	Associate Matron/Associate Patron Workshop, Stockton Oaks Masonic Center, Stockton
09/14- 09/16/2017	2018 Grand Officer School, San Diego
09/29- 10/02/2016	2018 Deputy Grand Matron School, Tulare Masonic Center, Tulare

OFFICIAL VISITS

01/28/2017	1 st Official Visit in the North, Districts 15 and 16, Mountain View Masonic Lodge, Mountain View
01/28/2017	2 nd Official Visit in the North, District 14, Castro Valley Masonic Center, Castro Valley
01/29/2017	3 rd Official Visit in the North, District 19, Mount Oso Masonic Temple, Tracy
02/11/2017	1 st Official Visit in the South, District 25, Ventura Masonic Center, Ventura
02/11/2017	2 nd Official Visit in the South, District 26, Palmdale Masonic Center, Palmdale
02/12/2017	3 rd Official Visit in the South, District 27, South Pasadena Masonic Center, South Pasadena
02/25/2017	Official Visit, District 28, Santa Monica Masonic Center, Santa Monica
02/26/2017	Official Visit, District 29, Los Angeles Harbor Masonic Center, San Pedro
03/11/2017	Official Visit, District 1, Fortuna Masonic Center, Fortuna
03/17/2017	Official Visit, District 13, Richmond Masonic Hall, Richmond
03/18/2017	Official Visit, District 20, Salinas Masonic Family Center, Salinas
03/19/2017	Official Visit, District 24, Paso Robles Masonic Complex, Paso Robles
03/25/2017	Official Visit, District 35, McCallum Masonic Center, Riverside
03/26/2017	Official Visit, Senior Living Community, Yorba Linda
04/01/2017	Official Visit and Orange Belt Event, Districts 36 and 37, Yucaipa Masonic Center, Yucaipa
04/08/2017	Official Visit, District 23, Bakersfield Masonic Center, Bakersfield
04/22/2017	Official Visit, District 18, Linden Fraternal Hall, Linden
04/23/2017	Official Visit, District 17, Volcano Armory Hall, Volcano
04/29/2017	Official Visit, Districts 39 and 40, Chula Vista Masonic Center, Chula Vista

OFFICIAL VISITS - CONTINUED

04/30/2017	Official Visit, District 38, Museum of Making Music, Carlsbad
05/06/2017	Official Visit, District 32, Winnedumah Lodge, Bishop
05/06/2017	Official Visit, District 33, Ridgecrest Masonic Center, Ridgecrest
05/07/2017	Official Visit, District 34, Ontario Masonic Center, Ontario
05/13/2017	Official Visit, District 10, Napa Memorial Masonic Center, Napa
05/20/2017	Official Visit, District 3, Plumas Historic Lodge, Quincy
05/21/2017	Official Visit, District 7, Roseville Masonic Center, Roseville
05/27/2017	Official Visit, District 4, Molino Masonic Lodge, Los Molinos
05/27/2017	Official Visit, District 2, Siskiyou Masonic Center, Mount Shasta
05/28/2017	Official Visit, District 5, Table Mountain Masonic Center, Paradise
06/11/2017	Official Visit, Districts 30 and 31, Norwalk Masonic Center, Norwalk
06/16/2017	Official Visit, District 8, George A. Primrose Masonic Center, Sacramento
06/17/2017	Official Visit, District 9, Davis
06/21/2017	Official Visit, District 21, Fresno
06/25/2017	Official Visit, District 22, Tulare Masonic Center, Tulare
06/30/2017	Official Visit, District 6, Marysville Masonic Center, Marysville
07/01/2017	Official Visit, District 11, Abell Masonic Hall, Ukiah
07/01/2017	Last Official Visit, District 12, Sebastopol Masonic Center, Sebastopol

RECEPTIONS

06/01/2017	Honor Night Honoring Sandra Geanoulis, Grand Treasurer
07/02/2017	Reception Honoring Joanne Gibson, Grand Adah
07/08/2017	Reception Honoring Terri Ewing, Grand Conductress
07/15/2017	Reception Honoring Lynn Tripler, Grand Martha
07/16/2017	Reception Honoring Becky Burson, Grand Electa
07/22/2017	Reception Honoring Robert Hovorka, Grand Sentinel
07/23/2017	Reception Honoring Stephanie Perez, Grand Warder
08/05/2017	Reception Honoring Beth Massengill, Grand Esther
08/06/2017	Reception Honoring Cindy Murphy, Grand Ruth
08/19/2017	Reception Honoring Kenneth Miller, Grand Chaplain
08/26/2017	Reception Honoring Linda Fuentes, Grand Organist
08/27/2017	Reception Honoring Laura Bouwens, Grand Marshal
09/09/2017	Reception Honoring Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron and Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron, Visalia

SPECIAL EVENTS

12/03/2016	Festival of Trees and SLC Holiday Dinner, Yorba Linda
03/03- 03/05/2017	Hands Across the Border with Nevada, Nevada
03/26/2017	J. Clifford Lee Breakfast, Los Angeles Harbor Masonic Center, San Pedro
04/08/2017	Kern County Dinner, Bakersfield Masonic Center, Bakersfield
05/13/2017	Senior Living Community Northern Event Fundraiser, Springbrook Masonic Center, Vallejo
06/25/2017	Central San Joaquin Past Matrons/Past Patrons Brunch, Selma
06/03/2017	Senior Living Community Festival, Yorba Linda
06/04/2017	Southern Fundraiser for the WGM/WGP Special Project, DeMolay Center, Anaheim
07/09/2017	Grand Conductress/Conductress Event
07/22/2017	Northern San Joaquin Event, Manteca
08/05/2017	Relay for Life, Vallejo
08/19/2017	Jam & Jelly Day, Masonic Home at Union City
08/20/2017	East Bay Event
09/08/2017	Grand Officer, Deputy Grand Matron, and Grand Page Dinner, Visalia
09/13/2017	2018 Grand Officer Revelation, San Diego
10/07/2017	Regenerative Medicine Fundraising Dinner, Concord
10/23/2017	Banquet Honoring Dennis Jordan, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Merced

APPROVED BYLAW CHANGES

No.	Name	Reason
82	Sotoyome Clover Leaf	Change meeting exceptions to no meeting on the 4 th Tuesday in November, December or months of July & August, month of June meetings on 2 nd & 4 th Mondays. <i>Approved 6/21/2017</i>
108	Arcadia Pasadena	Change annual fees and dues of each member to \$20.00. <i>Approved 7/8/2017</i>
117	New Hope	Change meeting date and time to 4 th Saturday at 10 a.m.; change location to Charles F. Anderson Masonic Center in Folsom except in November and December; October meeting held on Saturday prior to Grand Chapter; remove specific installation date. <i>Approved 10/28/2016</i>
128	Golden Oak	Change initiation fee to \$40.00, affiliation fee to \$20.00, relief amount to a sum not exceeding \$500.00, any member in good standing and any member having paid the appropriate fee to become a life member prior to 10/16/2016 shall be exempt from dues and assessments in perpetuity. <i>Approved 7/8/2017</i>
135	Semper Fidelis	Change anteroom time to 7:00 p.m., meeting exceptions to no meeting on New Year's Day, 3 rd Monday in February, Labor Day or during the month of July. Change dues to Per Capita fees and special assessments plus \$75.00. <i>Approved 10/18/2017</i>
160	Downey	Change Dues to \$35.00 plus assessment rounded up. <i>Approved 11/15/2016</i>
177	San Lorenzo	Change meeting location to Castro Valley Masonic Center, Castro Valley. <i>Approved 12/10/2016</i>
178	Vista Cerrito	Change meeting exceptions to no meetings in the month of July. <i>Approved 1/23/2017</i>
195	Santa Clara	Change dues to the amount of Grand Chapter Annual Per Capita fees and special assessments, rounded up to next whole dollar with extra cents going to chapter, plus -0- dollars. <i>Approved 11/15/2016</i>
202	West Covina	Change meetings dates to the 3 rd Friday in each month. <i>Approved 5/30/2017</i>

No.	Name	Reason
241	Tahquitz-Victoria	Change meeting dates to 2 nd & 4 th Thursday; relief amount not to exceed \$200.00 if required before the next stated meeting for emergency relief to a member in good standing. <i>Approved 7/8/2017</i>
287	Poinsettia	Delete trustees; Grand Chapter mandated changes. <i>Approved 7/28/2017</i>
332	Point Loma Coronado	Change meeting exceptions to include the Monday of Grand Chapter Week; anteroom time to be held at 6:30 p.m.; dues to Annual Per Capita fees and special assessments rounded up to the next whole number with extra cents going to chapter plus \$28.00; delete paid life membership; remove compensation for Sentinel. <i>Approved 7/18/2017</i>
348	Joaquin	Change meeting dates to 4 th Thursday in each month. Provided further that should a regular stated meeting fall during the Annual Session, Thanksgiving, or Christmas then meeting will be held on 1 st Thursday. Trustees cannot be related. <i>Approved 6/5/2017</i>
390	Fallbrook	Change dues to Grand Chapter Annual Per Capita fees and special assessments plus \$20.00. <i>Approved 2/16/2017</i>
547	Desert Holly	Change meeting date and time to 2 nd Monday in each month at 7:00 p.m. and in October on the 4 th Monday at 7:00 p.m. <i>Approved 2/6/2017</i>
650	Trinity Star	Change dues to the amount of Grand Chapter Per Capita fees and special assessments plus \$25.00. <i>Approved 4/13/2017</i>

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

Approved

10/24/2016	New Hope Chapter No. 117 to hold Installation of Officers at Charles Anderson Masonic Center, 1000 Duchow Way, Folsom.
10/31/2016	Golden Oak Chapter No. 128 extend previously granted dispensation to hold meeting at San Jose Masonic Center due to ongoing temple renovations.
2/16/2017	Palm Leaf Chapter No. 114 to hold Stated Meetings at 100 S. Westwood, Porterville until a permanent location is found.
3/14/2017	Manzanita Chapter No. 342 change meeting date of October 24, 2017 to October 10, 2017 due to Grand Chapter Session Dates.
6/26/2017	Ariel Chapter No. 42 to change Stated Meeting from July 3, 2017 to July 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.
6/26/2017	Northern Lights Chapter No. 14 to ballot and initiate Sadie Kay Hartman on the same meeting night of September 1, 2017.
9/26/2017	Silverado Chapter No. 189 to change the date of Election of Officers to September 28, 2018, to contribute \$150 to each youth group – Napa Job’s Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay for cleanup for Grand Chaplain reception; to change scheduled meeting of October 26, 2017 to October 16, 2017 due to conflict of Grand Chapter Session dates.
10/4/2017	Santa Cruz Redwoods Chapter No. 273 to ballot and initiate Heather E. Ramos on October 9, 2017.
10/5/2017	Los Cerritos Chapter No. 234 to ballot and initiate Jan Daniel on Wednesday, October 11, 2017.
10/18/2017	Bakersfield Chapter No. 125 to hold the Annual Installation of Officers on December 2, 2017.

APPENDIX B

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

(by William "Bill" Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron)

Report given during the Thursday Morning Session

Protocol having been established, according to the Constitution and Laws governing the Grand Chapter of California it states in section 56 that I am to make a written report to the Grand Chapter at its annual session reviewing my term and make such recommendations deemed to be for the good of the Order.

Well, here we go.

From the beginning, we were starting from a place no others had started from before. The Worthy Grand Matron Linda and I made a commitment to move forward in a positive manner. With the aid of an amazing Grand Family and the hard work and dedication of the members, we made some very incredible things happen and showed that we can have fun along the way.

Training and Instructionals

We conducted seven All Member Instructionals or AMIs throughout the state. The attendance was high and the enthusiasm was rewarding to all participants.

This was accomplished by combining hands-on one-on-one instruction with the leaders of the – with the Leadership team, and open communication with our officers.

Grand Representatives

As previously mentioned, we had the opportunity to appoint 31 Grand Representatives and they have represented us well throughout the country.

Meetings and Committees

Regularly we have regularly attended Finance and Home Board meetings, along with numerous other meetings that have come up throughout the year. This year we were tasked with obtaining additional sources of revenue to augment the income generated by and for the operation of our Senior Living Community. This alone absorbed cumulative weeks of time of the Associate Grand Patron and myself, along with other Home Board members, defining and refining projects that could and would effect long-term revenue sources.

Official Visits

I personally attended 38 of the 40 Official Visits this past year, missing the last two in the north due to a family emergency. To those two districts, I extend my deepest apology but, as I have always said, family first. The most important thing.

Star Clubs

Regrettably, I have no Star Clubs to report on in Eastern Star year.

Collaboration

We convened several Grand Line meetings, it being the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's desire to work open and collectively in an open and collective manner, deliberating and determining with the Grand Line, including the Grand Marshal, on issues affecting the future of our Order. It is our belief that open -- opening lines of communication and including those about to lead our organization in the long-term decision-making process would only strengthen the Order even more.

Out-of-State Travel

We had a large contingent attending our Tri-State Hands Across the Border held in Boulder City, Lake Mead, Nevada.

We also attended Out-of-State Grand Chapters, beginning with our friends in Arizona, then a family road trip to Oregon, followed by a few flights and a motor home to Casper, Wyoming. And just a few short weeks ago we were in Reno, Nevada, for their Grand Chapter. Warm welcomes and greetings were extended by all.

Projects

Throughout the year we conducted two projects designated as our special projects. Our Eastern Star Cares Food Bank project was a rousing success, with accolades and thanks coming from food banks up and down our state, and the knowledge that our members in California Eastern Star were responsible for feeding tens of thousands of men, women and children throughout the state. Thus proving, Eastern Star cares.

We also conducted in Indy's Fraternal Treasure project to assist Grand Chapter in offsetting some of its deficits assumed in the beginning of the year. As of this writing, we collected in excess of \$47,000. That's you guys. And as a little side note this just came in night before last. District 10 ran a Penny War, collected and promoted fellowship amongst its district and collected -- just amongst that district -- in pennies, \$1,300 towards the project. Very proud of them.

Youth Orders

I represented California Eastern Star at all four of our youth groups Annual sessions: Grand Assembly, Grand Bethel, and both DeMolay Conclaves, North and South. Attending along with other Grand Line Officers, the Grand Lodge, and the Mayo program to assist our youth orders, adult youth orders leaders in their programs and projects.

Grand Chapter Office

In February, I was given the duty to relocate our Grand Chapter office back to the complex adjacent to our Senior Living Community. Having -- having tried the offices within the Senior Living Community and realizing that it just wasn't working, we began the assignment of moving in to the office -- an office that had been vacant for just -- for a couple of years in the Eastern Star Professional Plaza.

Unfortunately, as previously noted, our Executive Director Kim Cooke unexpectedly passed and things were placed on hold. Then, when we were about to take possession of the unit, it suddenly became unavailable.

Eventually working with the Home Board, we were able to secure another unit in the Professional Plaza. Once it was vacated and made ready, we began the tedious process of moving. Hopefully, that will be completed in the next few weeks.

Conclusion and Recommendations

Having not sought this office and agreeing to work together for the good of the Order, I found it frustrating that someone would have to fight so hard to volunteer, and even more astonishing is who you have to battle with.

I learned at a very young age that if you don't have something nice to say, I shouldn't say anything at all. I didn't go to some private school that taught me special things. No. I, like most of you, I'm a product of our public education system. So, there's no prep schools and all of that fancy stuff here. Everything I needed to learn I learned in kindergarten.

But I also grew up in a Masonic family, and I was taught the morals and values that we, as Masons, are supposed to follow. None of them are that complicated. None of them are that difficult to follow. Be nice. Be kind. Be a good person. We've all got to stop the backbiting, working against each other. We've got to start looking at new ways and new people to help us get to where we want and need to go.

Too many already have one foot in the tar, but they won't move away from that spot. And we know where that ends up.

We now have enough trouble without fighting and bickering amongst ourselves. So, let's stop it. Remember our Obligation. Remember the member. Remember the person that brought you in. Remember the good times that we have all the time. Remember the things like I just said, the tens of thousands of men, women and children that we fed because we are good people. And let's be the Eastern Star we are. Let's go out, let's make it happen, and let's be the California Eastern Star we can be and we need to be.

Thank you.

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APPENDIX C

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

(by Tammy Kinzy, Acting Grand Secretary)

Report given during the Thursday Morning Session

In 2016 the Adventure began. We roared our way up and down the State of California, looking for treasures, and along the way we started filling our treasure chest with shining gems at each place we visited. I would like to thank each Chapter and every member for the great memories you have given us to fill our treasure chest with.

As you are aware, the Grand Chapter office has been very busy this year. I would like to recognize some wonderful members who have taken time to assist in the many mass mailings and filling of our supply orders.

Thank you to Delma Davis, Susan and Curt Massey, and extra special thank you to our Grand Treasurer, Sandra Geanoulis for the countless times of making the drive to the Grand Chapter office to help in many different ways.

This year we had four mass mailings that went out to 149 chapters. In addition to the four mass mailings, we completed 1,321 mailings to fulfill the request of supplies and certificates.

All publications, with the exception of our 2015 and 2016 Proceeding books, have been completed. It is with great hope that these two proceedings will be completed very soon.

During this year, I enjoyed meeting with Chapter Secretaries at seven AMIs, giving each in attendance packets with valuable information that will help ease their difficult duties.

With a great pleasure and a lot of hard work the Grand Treasurer and I were able to complete the updated version of the Secretary/Treasurer Handbook which is now on our website.

I would like to share some statistical information with you.

We issued 133 25-year pins and certificates; 191 50-year certificates and pins and 17 75-year certificates and pins; 132 Life Sponsor certificates; 53 Service Awards and 18 Rob Morris Awards.

Our membership, as accumulated from our annual report of 149 chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction, is as follows:

Members as of June 30, 2016	20,288
Gained by Initiation	239
Gained by Affiliation from inside the Jurisdiction	107
Gained by affiliation from outside the Jurisdiction	7
Gained by Reinstatement	33
Gained by Deceased in Error	<u>7</u>
Total gains	393
Loss by Demit	335
Loss by Resignation	23
Loss by Consolidation	13
Loss by Suspension for Non-payment of Dues	440
Loss by Suspension for Other Causes	5
Loss by Death	881
Loss by Presumed Deceased	<u>150</u>
Total loss	1,847
Total membership as of June 30, 2017	18,834

Out of this figure 3,649 are 50-year Life Members, 151 are residents of charitable homes, 178 members with medical exemption, and 406 have their dues remitted. This brings the Total Dues-Paying Members to 14,460.

Life Sponsors of the Eastern Star Home totals 10,884. There are 1,078 members who belong to two chapters in California. All chapters have paid their per capita assessments.

This fiscal year we have had two consolidations and anticipate two more chapters to complete their consolidations, bringing the Total Chapters in California to 145.

The small itinerary and pocket calendars will be available for purchase at five dollars each, and a preorder form for the state roster will be available in the Grand Chapter office.

We have included in each packet a flier for our roster advertising. What a great way to honor that someone special in your chapter and/or district.

The synopses of this session will be available within the next few weeks and will be posted on the website.

Sister Linda and Brother Bill, this has been a wonderful year. You have chosen a wonderful family in which I have been honored to be a part. I thank you for your friendship, love and support that you have given me this year. I wish you both happiness and fond memories of the 2017 year.

To our 2017 Grand Family, you have made me smile so many times, and of course a few tears were shed this year, but you have filled my heart with pride and forever we will be family.

I have the privilege to serve as the secretary to our Eastern Star Home Board of Trustees and Finance Committee. Thank you, Jim Whiteley and members of the

Home Board of Trustees, and to Debbie Sanborn, who has kept me smiling all year long. And to the members of the Finance Committee, I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you.

To my friend and confidant, Sister Delma Davis, what can I say? She can keep a secret. Your friendship and support has meant the world to me. Thank you for the countless hours of picking me up at airports, for carting me all over the state, and for your countless hours of helping in the Grand Chapter office and also being there when I needed help.

Thank you to the members of California for a fantastic year.

Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to at this time just take a moment to add something, if I may. The Grand Treasurer and I observed another Grand Jurisdiction who escorted and gave specific acknowledgment to the Chapter Secretaries and Treasurers. We were impressed and agreed with that practice.

Will the Chapter Secretaries and Treasures all please rise? Sisters and Brothers, these are your elected officers who work behind the scenes in your chapters. They manage your chapter records, books, finances and member tracking. They do this without recognition or fanfare. I would love for you to join me in again applauding our valuable officers. Thank you, Secretaries and Treasurers, for your work and care of your chapters.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for allowing us this opportunity.

APPENDIX D

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

(by Sandra Geanoulis, Grand Treasurer)

Report given during the Thursday Morning Session

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

The duties of the Grand Treasurer as stated in our ritual and our Constitution and Laws is to attend carefully to the financial interests of the Order, to serve as a member on the Finance Committee, and to act as a Treasurer of the Eastern Star Home Board Trustees. To that end, I endeavored to fulfill the responsibilities to which I was elected and hope that you, the delegates, are satisfied with my performance.

Immediately following election to the office, the Grand Secretary and I worked to develop useful and practical instruction material for the Secretaries and Treasurers who attended the All Member Instructionals. The feedback we received was favorable. For those Treasurers not able to attend the AMI, I mailed or otherwise delivered the material to them.

The Grand Secretary and I coordinated and communicated the new EDD requirements for filing employment taxes online, and how the Secretary and Treasurer can accommodate this.

During my interactions with Treasurers at the several Official Visits and other events, I took the opportunity to discuss with them activities and practices within their respective chapters.

I encouraged utilizing electronic programs and computer technology where appropriate.

I responded to email and phone communications with Treasurers on concerns or questions they had and was able to consult with them on best practices.

I am happy to report that the project started in 2015, the edited and revised Secretary/Treasurer Handbook was completed early this term and is now available on our website under Publications.

I encourage not only the Secretaries and Treasurers to study this document, but all elected Line Officers. You never know what secrets you may find there.

It was my pleasure to spend time in the Grand Chapter office on several occasions where I assisted in filling supply orders and helped prepare the annual financial report forms and instructions for the subordinate chapters. It was a pleasure to work with Tammy.

As a member of the Finance Committee, I attended all but one meeting. On my recommendation the Finance Committee approved and allowed transfers of funds to the perpetual fund to help subsidize the budget. I suggest that this action be considered next year as well.

I'd like to commend the Finance Committee for its utilization of Zoom Meeting technology which avoids travel and enables members to attend remotely. I felt a little like a newscaster where I only had to be properly groomed from the waist up.

I attended all but two Home Board meetings and was able to contribute from a Treasurer point of view where appropriate.

Due to our current fiscal picture, our Board has a daunting task ahead of them in protecting the ability to provide continuing care for our members.

During the course of the year it was necessary for me to participate in the audits of four chapters. Two were centered around compliance concerns and the other two dealt with the removal of the Chapter Treasurer for cause.

Additionally, I discovered through casual observation several chapters whose Treasurers were not completely or properly performing their duties. I attempted to counsel and instruct them in correct practices but am now concerned about how many others are out there not fully understanding their duties.

Although this office is more of a working position, I certainly did enjoy many pleasant times as the Grand Family traveled the state and beyond. One of these wonderful times was our visit to Wyoming Grand Chapter where the Grand contingent of California members showed up to support the incoming Worthy Grand Matron, Stephanie Cox, a former Deputy Grand Matron of California. Our own Janet Robinson, Past Grand Matron, was her Installing Officer. But the best part for the Grand Secretary and I was the special acknowledgment given the chapter Secretaries and Treasurers. We were so impressed by the recognition given them that we were determined to do something similar here.

Thank you, Sister Linda and Brother Bill, for allowing us to acknowledge and cheer our hard-working officers.

Thank you also, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the belief you had in me when you asked me to run once again for this office. I thought long and hard about it, but in the end, I can see the advantage of a Grand Treasurer serving more than one year. I therefore make the following recommendation to the Elected Line Officers, that they consider inviting the Grand Treasurer to run in subsequent years rather than looking to fill the position with a new member each year.

I further submit the recommendation that there be a formalized job description for the Grand Treasurer. I first stepped into this job in 2015 not completely sure of my duties. Those filling this office have all brought their thinking to the job, but a formalized statement of expectations and job duties would benefit all and ensure that we are fully utilizing a valuable manpower resource, little sister.

And finally, as agreed between the Grand Secretary and me, there should be some system of random chapter audits performed by Grand Chapter. The intention is not to hunt down infractions, but to discover where chapters are unaware or have become complacent in their records and practices. In doing so, we will be able to

get ahead of issues that, if left unchecked, could become serious troubles for the Chapter.

Finally, I wish to publicly thank my husband George for being such a good sport as we packed our bags for yet another weekend, for being patient while Tammy and I solved world hunger, and for maintaining his humor at 11:00 p.m. at night.

Worthy Grand Matron, this concludes my report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONTROLLER

(By Deborah Baker, Controller)

Report given during the Thursday Morning Session

What inspires each of us? What is your motivation? Each of us is driven by our own moral compass, which can be very different, but as Brothers and Sisters in a fraternal organization we share many common goals and ideals. Therefore, it is more likely that we are inspired and motivated by similar things. I believe that more than just a few people in this room are inspired by the good works that can be accomplished either individually or as being part of a team.

The Grand Chapter of California exists for the beneficent purposes of our members and our communities. I hope you are aware of what your membership in this Order does for you, your fellow members, our communities and other benevolent projects we participate in locally, across the United States, and beyond. Do you ever stop to think about it? I do.

The position of the Controller is an interesting one. Of course, it includes the regular day-to-day financial operations of paying the bills, making sure there's enough money in the bank to cover those checks, and providing timely monthly reports and analyses.

Then there are the annual duties of working with the auditors as they review our financial activities to prove that our records are sound. We are staying true to internal controls and our own Constitution and Laws, and we are not misrepresenting our financial position.

Plus, we make sure that all the proper reporting is completed with the IRS and the State Franchise Tax Board to keep our nonprofit status intact.

But beyond these necessary tasks, lies my inspiration to accomplishing my job with this organization.

When we process the distribution of funds on behalf of our Foundation and their many charities, those tasks fill me with a sense of purpose and fulfillment. It is a feeling that you just can't get from any other jobs.

It might be for a sad situation where any of the JC Lee or Marguerite Rene Cancer funds, the Disaster or Benevolent funds are requested for need. It can also be a Scholarship award in those very happy cases where we are supporting students as they continue in their studies.

There is also the wonderful feeling that happens when we process distributions for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's special projects to another organization.

But even when the special project is collecting for one of our own needs, there is still a sense of accomplishment and pride in watching our members giving so much.

Then there is our Senior Living Community, which is a daily source of my inspiration and happiness and a constant reminder of the good that we do as an Order. The residents and I share smiles and exchange pleasantries when we pass in the hallways. I occasionally step in and place a few pieces in the jigsaw puzzle, and I try to also attend the weekly card game gatherings after work. The residents are so kind to share their home with us.

Now that I have an understanding of what inspires me, here are some highlights of the fiscal year which just ended on September 30, 2017. Please keep in mind that the figures quoted are still preliminary results.

The Foundation is managing over \$9.1 million, which is up over last fiscal year by more than half-a-million dollars.

The \$881,000 of income this year came from donations and how well our investments performed.

The \$449,000 of expenses were over budget, but we are making some significant distributions this week.

We continue to be in a good financial position to assist in the areas of our specific Foundation charities when the need arises.

Together, the SLC and ESPP kept their total expenses under budget for the year at about \$3.9 million. This is about \$200,000 less than was spent in the 2015-16 years. The combined income stayed about the same as the previous year at about \$1.2 million.

I'm certain you will learn more about the future plans for the Home from other reports delivered during this session.

The Endowment Fund which exists to support the Home increased total assets by almost \$4 million, despite the fact that they transferred two-and-a-half million dollars of support to the SLC during the year.

The more than six-and-a-half million dollars of income was due to some significantly large bequests received this year, plus investment performance, resident contributions and Life sponsorships and Star Plus donations.

The \$62,000 expenses, which were lower than the previous year, are primarily management fees for investment, audit and tax services, plus the administration fees to the Grand Chapter office.

Grand Chapter recorded income of \$787,000 which was higher than budgeted. This is primarily due to a couple of windfalls, of which the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron special project is one example.

The bottom line, expenses of \$654,000 were higher than expected, but that was mostly to keep up with the demand of the membership supply order activity.

As we have turned the corner into our next fiscal year, we shall face new challenges and opportunity for achievements.

Our office has already transitioned to new accounting software which will cost less and should bring improvements to our productivity and ease of completing tasks. This major accomplishment is another great motivation for me.

I hope that you will join me in staying inspired for our Order.

Thank you.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

(By Debbie Sanborn, PM (555) Chairman)

Report given during the Thursday Afternoon Session

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I have the pleasure of introducing those who served on the Finance Committee in 2017. Brothers Larry Coffin, Past Grand Patron, who will be chairman of the Finance Committee for 2018. Sister Denny Rae Grist, Past Grand Matron, R. Stephen Doan, Rob Scott, Linda Hoeser, Worthy Grand Matron, Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron, and Sandra Geanoulis, Grand Treasurer. The other Grand Line officers served as ex-officio members without a vote.

I was appointed to the Finance Committee in 2013 by Sarahann Shapiro, Past Grand Matron. Thank you to Sarahann for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

As reported at last year's Grand Chapter Session by then chairman, Donna Tucker, the prior year was marked by many changes. Shortly after the Grand Chapter Session in 2015, reductions were made to the Grand Chapter expenses. These cuts were continued with the 2017 year, but there was still a shortfall between the anticipated income and expenses for the year.

At Grand Chapter last year our members were asked to pass a special assessment to bridge this gap and they did. Due in large part to this special assessment and the Worthy Grand Matron/Worthy Grand Patron special project, the 2017 budget was met.

In 2016 a new investment advisor, Harris Financial Advisors, was hired, and since then we have seen improved performance of our investments.

For the audit for our September 30, 2015 financial statement the accounting firm of Mueller Probst was engaged for a second year.

In November of 2016, a joint meeting was held with the members of the Audit Committee, Finance Committee and the auditors, as a review of the prior year audit process as a preliminary meeting for the coming year. This year marked an improved understanding by the auditors of our organization. Changes were made to the data collection process which helped to facilitate the completion of the audit and preparation of the income tax return. The same firm has been engaged again for a third year, and preparations for the coming audits are already underway.

A review of the Grand Chapter accounting document management software indicated that a change in software could generate substantial savings in the coming year. The Grand Chapter employees researched document software appropriate for our organization.

After review, the Finance Committee approved replacing the existing software. This is a big project and it has taken several months to implement. I'm happy to report that, effective beginning of this current fiscal year, we have completely transitioned to the new system.

This year, half of the Finance Committee meetings were held in person and the other half via video conferencing.

Some of the actions of the committee this year were:

- Approve the 2017-2018 budget of the three entities and the 2018 Grand Chapter Session Week budget.
- Approve the availability of funds for scholarship awards as reflected by the Scholarship Committee.
- And, as mentioned earlier, approved the new accounting and document management software.

The Committee also met with the Home Board, Annual Session Site and Audit Committees.

Thank you, Sister Linda and Brother Bill for letting me share in your Great Adventure.

To Sister Alyson and Fred, I wish you well in the coming year.

Thank you to the Grand Chapter office staff for all their help.

And to the members of the Finance Committee, I greatly appreciate all the time and dedication to this Order that each of you give. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND THE
ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AND 2016



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To The Finance Committee
Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star and
Endowment Fund of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star
Yorba Linda, California

We have audited the accompanying 2017 and 2016 combined financial statements of *Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star and Endowment Fund of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star* which comprise the combined statements of financial position as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related combined statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Combined Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these combined financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of combined financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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 combined financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the combined financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the combined financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the combined financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the combined financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of *Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star and Endowment Fund of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star* as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, and the results of its operations, changes in its net assets, and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Mueller Prost LC

June 12, 2018
St. Louis, Missouri

Certified Public Accountants

**GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
COMBINED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30**

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,115,610	\$ 799,931
Accounts receivable	14,267	31,936
Investments	29,631,485	25,782,675
Prepaid expenses and supplies	<u>143,568</u>	<u>146,758</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>30,904,930</u>	<u>26,761,300</u>
Property and Equipment, Net	<u>14,843</u>	<u>20,056</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 30,919,773</u>	<u>\$ 26,781,356</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 43,130	\$ 59,475
Due to affiliated organizations:		
California Eastern Star Foundation	8,639	8,568
Eastern Star Homes of California	61,244	46,734
Accrued expenses	17,347	22,674
Deferred revenue	<u>33,997</u>	<u>20,875</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>164,357</u>	<u>158,326</u>
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	832,010	691,934
Temporarily restricted	17,240,042	13,317,279
Permanently restricted	<u>12,683,364</u>	<u>12,613,817</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>30,755,416</u>	<u>26,623,030</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 30,919,773</u>	<u>\$ 26,781,356</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support and Revenue:				
Contributions:				
Bequests	\$ -	\$ 4,052,991	\$ 55,445	\$ 4,108,436
Donations	47,551	1,979	5,330	54,860
Life sponsors	-	-	8,772	8,772
Residents' assets	-	58,994	-	58,994
Members' dues	336,182	45,952	-	382,134
Convention revenue	49,019	-	-	49,019
Investment income	12,390	2,365,467	-	2,377,857
Sales of supplies	57,262	-	-	57,262
Administration fees	136,281	(9,426)	-	126,855
Miscellaneous	61,967	22	-	61,989
Subtotal - Support and Revenue	<u>700,652</u>	<u>6,515,979</u>	<u>69,547</u>	<u>7,286,178</u>
Net Assets Released from Restrictions for:				
Programs	-	-	-	-
Support of Eastern Star Homes of California	<u>2,593,216</u>	<u>(2,593,216)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Support and Revenue	<u>3,293,868</u>	<u>3,922,763</u>	<u>69,547</u>	<u>7,286,178</u>
Expenses:				
Program services:				
Member services	484,457	-	-	484,457
Support of Eastern Star Homes of California	2,540,000	-	-	2,540,000
Support services:				
Management and general	129,335	-	-	129,335
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>3,153,792</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,153,792</u>
Change in Net Assets	140,076	3,922,763	69,547	4,132,386
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>691,934</u>	<u>13,317,279</u>	<u>12,613,817</u>	<u>26,623,030</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 832,010</u>	<u>\$ 17,240,042</u>	<u>\$ 12,683,364</u>	<u>\$ 30,755,416</u>

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support and Revenue:				
Contributions:				
Bequests	\$ 2,817	\$ -	\$ 191,515	\$ 194,332
Donations	4,113	-	26,505	30,618
Life sponsors	-	-	13,192	13,192
Residents' assets	-	39,477	-	39,477
Members' dues	285,574	44,304	-	329,878
Convention revenue	60,289	-	-	60,289
Investment income	25,302	2,064,546	-	2,089,848
Sales of supplies	44,826	-	-	44,826
Administration fees	93,935	-	-	93,935
Miscellaneous	5,867	-	-	5,867
Subtotal - Support and Revenue	<u>522,723</u>	<u>2,148,327</u>	<u>231,212</u>	<u>2,902,262</u>
Net Assets Released from Restrictions for:				
Programs	-	-	-	-
Support of Eastern Star Homes of California	<u>2,725,000</u>	<u>(2,725,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Support and Revenue	<u>3,247,723</u>	<u>(576,673)</u>	<u>231,212</u>	<u>2,902,262</u>
Expenses:				
Program services:				
Member services	508,529	-	-	508,529
Support of Eastern Star Homes of California	2,725,000	-	-	2,725,000
Support services:				
Management and general	61,885	-	-	61,885
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>3,295,414</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,295,414</u>
Change in Net Assets	(47,691)	(576,673)	231,212	(393,152)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>739,625</u>	<u>13,893,952</u>	<u>12,382,605</u>	<u>27,016,182</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 691,934</u>	<u>\$ 13,317,279</u>	<u>\$ 12,613,817</u>	<u>\$ 26,623,030</u>

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
COMBINED STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

	Program Services			Support Services		Total Support Services and Fundraising	Total
	Member Services	Support of Eastern Star Homes of California	Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising		
Support of Eastern Star Homes of California	\$ -	\$ 2,540,000	\$ 2,540,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,540,000
Cost of sales	44,986	-	44,986	-	-	-	44,986
Allowances and jewels	-	-	-	44,050	-	44,050	44,050
Committee	-	-	-	695	-	695	695
Schools and Training	353	-	353	-	-	-	353
Convention	54,812	-	54,812	-	-	-	54,812
Depreciation and amortization	7,811	-	7,811	-	-	-	7,811
Insurance	97,785	-	97,785	-	-	-	97,785
Equipment rental and maintenance	18,628	-	18,628	-	-	-	18,628
Office supplies	4,979	-	4,979	-	-	-	4,979
Rent	18,405	-	18,405	-	-	-	18,405
Other office expenses	7,709	-	7,709	-	-	-	7,709
Telephone	2,206	-	2,206	-	-	-	2,206
Utilities	33	-	33	-	-	-	33
Contract services	-	-	-	9,315	-	9,315	9,315
Licenses and other taxes	4,237	-	4,237	-	-	-	4,237
Salaries and wages	179,011	-	179,011	-	-	-	179,011
Payroll taxes	15,222	-	15,222	-	-	-	15,222
Employee benefits	19,039	-	19,039	-	-	-	19,039
Other employee related expenses	9,241	-	9,241	-	-	-	9,241
Professional fees	-	-	-	75,275	-	75,275	75,275
Total Expenses	\$ 494,457	\$ 2,540,000	\$ 3,024,457	\$ 129,335	\$ -	\$ 129,335	\$ 3,153,792

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
COMBINED STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

	Program Services			Support Services	
	Member Services	Support of Eastern Star Homes of California	Total Program Services	Management and General	Total Support Services and Fundraising
Support of Eastern Star Homes of California	\$ -	\$ 2,725,000	\$ 2,725,000	\$ -	\$ -
Cost of sales	12,536	-	12,536	-	-
Allowances and jewels	-	-	-	33,550	33,550
Committee	-	-	-	1,004	1,004
Schools and Training	5,783	-	5,783	-	-
Convention	71,207	-	71,207	-	-
Depreciation and amortization	9,089	-	9,089	-	-
Insurance	101,407	-	101,407	-	-
Equipment rental and maintenance	23,190	-	23,190	-	-
Office supplies	5,282	-	5,282	-	-
Rent	23,201	-	23,201	-	-
Other office expenses	5,416	-	5,416	-	-
Telephone	5,813	-	5,813	-	-
Utilities	1,783	-	1,783	-	-
Contract services	-	-	-	3,823	3,823
Licenses and other taxes	3,280	-	3,280	-	-
Salaries and wages	188,970	-	188,970	-	-
Payroll taxes	18,163	-	18,163	-	-
Employee benefits	25,708	-	25,708	-	-
Other employee related expenses	7,701	-	7,701	-	-
Professional fees	-	-	-	23,508	23,508
Total Expenses	\$ 508,529	\$ 2,725,000	\$ 3,233,529	\$ 61,885	\$ 61,885
					\$ 3,295,414

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND
ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA,
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COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30**

	2017	2016
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 4,132,386	\$ (393,152)
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to net cash used by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	7,811	9,089
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets	-	5,551
Contributions restricted for endowment fund	(69,547)	(231,212)
Realized and unrealized losses (gains) on investments	(1,805,636)	(1,249,613)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Prepaid expenses and supplies	3,190	126,500
Accounts receivable	17,669	(29,697)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(21,672)	(30,544)
Deferred revenue	13,122	(14,107)
Due from / to affiliated organizations:	14,581	66,054
Net Cash Provided (used) in Operating Activities	<u>2,291,904</u>	<u>(1,741,131)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchases of property and equipment	(2,598)	(10,169)
Proceeds from sale of investments	3,326,686	38,837,486
Purchase of investments, including reinvested dividends	(5,369,862)	(37,021,414)
Net Cash Provided (used) in Investing Activities	<u>(2,045,772)</u>	<u>1,805,903</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Contributions restricted for endowment fund	69,547	231,212
Net Cash Provided in Financing Activities	<u>69,547</u>	<u>231,212</u>
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>315,679</u>	<u>295,984</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of year	<u>799,931</u>	<u>503,947</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 1,115,610</u>	<u>\$ 799,931</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 1 NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star ("GC" or the "Grand Chapter") is a California not-for-profit unincorporated association which promotes and practices charity and fraternalism. Endowment Fund of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star (the "Endowment Fund") is a separate 501(c)(3) fund of the Grand Chapter used to support Eastern Star Homes of California (the "Homes") a related not-for-profit organization founded by the Grand Chapter.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Principles of Combination

The accompanying combined financial statements include the accounts of Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star and the Endowment Fund (collectively, the "Grand Chapter"), which are under common control. All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in combination.

The combined financial statements do not include the financial position or results of activities of the Eastern Star Homes of California or local chapters throughout the State of California, or the California Eastern Star Foundation, a related not-for-profit organization. Management has evaluated the structure and relationships of these related organizations in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (FASB ASC) 958-810 and determined that consolidation would not be required or appropriate as the Grand Chapter does not have an economic interest in these related organizations.

Basis of Accounting

The combined financial statements of the Grand Chapter have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Financial Statement Presentation

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, which are described as follows:

Unrestricted – Net assets that are not subject to explicit donor-imposed stipulations. Unrestricted net assets may be designated for specific purposes by action of the Finance Committee.

Temporarily restricted – Net assets whose use by the Grand Chapter is subject to either explicit donor-imposed stipulations, or by operation of law that can be fulfilled by actions of the Grand Chapter or that expire by the passage of time.

Permanently Restricted - Net assets subject to explicit donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Grand Chapter and stipulate the use of income and/or appreciation as temporarily restricted based on donor-imposed stipulations or by operation of law.

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Concentrations

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Grand Chapter to concentrations of credit risk, consist primarily of cash deposits and money market funds at financial institutions. The Grand Chapter maintains its cash and cash equivalents with high-credit quality financial institutions. At times, such amounts may exceed federally insured limits.

The Grand Chapter's investments are subject to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risks. Further, because of the significance of the investments to the Grand Chapter's financial position and the level of risk inherent in most investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of these investments could occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. Management is of the opinion that the diversification of its invested assets among the various asset classes should mitigate the impact of changes.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits and all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity at date of purchase of three months or less.

Investments

Investments, other than certificates of deposit, are reported at their fair value in the statements of financial position. Changes in fair value that occur during a fiscal year are recognized as investment income reported for that fiscal year. Certificates of deposit held for investment are classified as investments and are reported at amortized cost. Investment income includes interest and dividend earnings, changes in fair value and any gains or losses realized upon liquidation, maturity or sale of investments, net of any investment fees.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is carried at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization.

Cost of normal maintenance and repairs and minor replacements are charged to expense when incurred. Major replacements or betterments of properties are capitalized.

Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation of property and equipment is provided using the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives of three to five years. Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over the lesser of the estimated useful lives of the assets or lease term.

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

When facts and circumstances indicate that the carrying values of long-lived assets may be impaired, the Grand Chapter performs an evaluation of recoverability by comparing the carrying values of the assets to projected future cash flows in addition to other quantitative and qualitative analyses. No impairment charges were recorded for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

Revenue Recognition

Contributions

Contributions received, including unconditional promises to give, are recorded as revenue in the period received at their fair value. Bequests are recorded based on the liquidated value upon legal determination of the Grand Chapter's rights to the assets.

For financial reporting purposes, the Grand Chapter distinguishes between contributions of unrestricted assets, temporarily restricted assets and permanently restricted assets. Contributions for which donors have imposed restrictions limiting the use of the donated assets are reported as restricted support. When such donor-imposed restrictions are met, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported as net assets released from restrictions. Contributions of assets which donors have stipulated must be maintained permanently, with only the income earned thereon available for current use, are classified as permanently restricted net assets. Contributions for which donors have not stipulated restrictions are reported as unrestricted support.

Unconditional promises to give, with payments due in future periods, are reported as restricted support. Gifts of land, buildings and equipment are recorded as unrestricted support unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulation, the Grand Chapter reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service.

Promises to give, which depend on the occurrence of a specified future and uncertain event to bind the promisor, are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met, that is, when the conditional promise becomes unconditional.

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenue Recognition

Residents' Assets

Revenue from residents' assets represents contributions to the Endowment Fund by residents upon admission into the Homes. The recognition of this revenue is considered to be a contribution, as the value of assets contributed on the date of admission is not sufficient to cover the costs of services rendered by the Home over the life of the residents. The services to be rendered are consistent with the Homes' mission of providing housing to members of the Order of the Eastern Star and the purpose of the Grand Chapter's endowment fund is to support the Home. Upon completion of a 90 day cooling off period, residents' assets are recognized as temporarily restricted contributions on the 91st day after a resident has been admitted to the Home under a Life Care Contract. Revenue is recorded based on the estimated liquidated value of the contributed assets.

Other Revenue

All non-contribution revenue are recognized when earned.

Donated Goods, Facilities and Services

Donated non-cash 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 Grand Chapter receives a significant amount of donated services from unpaid volunteers who assist with the different functions of the Grand Chapter. No donated services have been recognized in the statements of activities because the criteria for recognition was not satisfied.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the combined statements of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Income Taxes

Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star is a not-for-profit organization exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and Section 23701(b) of the Revenue Taxation Code of California. 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.

The Endowment Fund is a not-for-profit organization exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS and Section 23701(d) of the Revenue Taxation Code of California and is a publicly supported organization as described in Section 509(a) of the IRC.

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Income Taxes (Continued)

The Grand Chapter and the Endowment Fund have no unrecognized tax benefits recorded or unrecorded at September 30, 2017 and 2016. The Grand Chapter's and Endowment Fund's federal information tax returns are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service generally for a period of three years from the filing of a federal return. California income tax returns are subject to examination by the Franchise Tax Board for a period of four years from the filing of a return.

If applicable, the Grand Chapter and the Endowment Fund recognize interest and penalties associated with tax matters as part of income tax expense, and includes accrued interest and penalties with accrued expenses in the statements of financial position.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities in the combined financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

There was no cash paid during the year for interest.

NOTE 4 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

At September 30, property and equipment consists of the following:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 51,637	\$ 51,637
Computer equipment and software	<u>61,214</u>	<u>58,616</u>
	\$112,851	\$ 110,253
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(98,008)</u>	<u>(90,197)</u>
	<u>\$ 14,843</u>	<u>\$ 20,056</u>

Depreciation expense for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 was \$7,811 and \$9,089, respectively.

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NOTE 5 INVESTMENTS

At September 30, investments consist of the following:

	2017	2016
Mutual funds:		
Bank loan	\$ 1,753,324	\$ -
Exchange traded funds:		
Dividend-paying equities	26,308,963	24,159,728
Certificates of deposit	102,697	102,544
Deposit accounts	1,466,501	1,520,403
	<u>\$ 29,631,485</u>	<u>\$ 25,782,675</u>

Investment income for the years ended September 30, is as follows:

Interest and dividends	\$ 572,221	\$ 935,487
Realized and unrealized gains (losses)	1,805,636	1,249,612
Investment fees	(33,746)	(95,251)
	<u>\$ 2,344,111</u>	<u>\$ 2,089,848</u>

The Grand Chapter's Finance Committee has the sole discretion as to the investment and reinvestment of assets based on the following guidelines established by the Grand Chapter's Constitution and Laws:

- 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 Poor's 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 investment certificates issued by Federal Chartered Banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
- 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.
- 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.

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NOTE 6 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Grand Chapter values its financial assets and liabilities based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In order to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements, a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs is used to measure fair value into three broad levels, which are described below:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical asset or liabilities. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs.

Level 2: Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in inactive markets or model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs are observable or can be derived principally from or corroborated with observable market data.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs are used when little or no market data is available. The fair value hierarchy gives the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at September 30, 2017 are as follows:

	<u>Level I</u>	<u>Level II</u>	<u>Level III</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 1,753,324	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,753,324
Exchange traded funds	26,308,963	-	-	26,308,963
Deposit accounts	1,486,501	-	-	1,486,501
Certificates of deposit	<u>102,697</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,697</u>
Totals	<u>\$29,631,485</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$29,631,485</u>

Investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at September 30, 2016 are as follows:

	<u>Level I</u>	<u>Level II</u>	<u>Level III</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deposit accounts	\$ 1,520,403	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,520,403
Exchange traded funds	24,159,728	-	-	24,159,728
Certificates of deposit	<u>102,544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,544</u>
Totals	<u>\$25,782,675</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$25,782,675</u>

Valuations of mutual funds and exchange traded funds are based on quoted prices for transactions in active exchange markets involving identical assets. For the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, there have been no changes in the valuation methodologies.

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NOTE 6 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

The preceding methods may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Organization believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

NOTE 7 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Administrative Services

During the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Grand Chapter provided administrative services to its affiliates, from which it earned revenue as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Eastern Star Homes of California	\$ 96,483	\$ 70,280
California Eastern Star Foundation	28,972	25,701
	<u>\$ 125,455</u>	<u>\$ 95,981</u>

At September 30, 2017 and 2016, \$61,244 and \$46,734 is due to the Home, respectively. At September 30, 2017 and 2016, \$8,639 and \$8,568 is due to the Foundation, respectively.

Operating Leases

The Grand Chapter leases office spaces from the Home (Note 10). For the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Grand Chapter incurred \$18,405 and \$23,201, respectively, of rent expense on the leases.

Other Transactions

The Grand Chapter acts as an agent and collects certain dues from members of the Grand Chapter which are remitted to the Home and California Eastern Star Foundation (the "Foundation").

The Grand Chapter had an existing business relationship with an insurance company owned by an officer of the Organization. For the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 the Grand Chapter paid \$97,785 and \$1,780, respectively, to the insurance company. For the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, there were no amounts due to the insurance company.

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NOTE 8 NET ASSETS

Net assets are comprised of the following at September 30, 2017:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Totals
Unrestricted	\$ 828,403	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 828,403
Endowment Fund – support of the Home	-	17,243,649	-	17,243,649
Endowment Fund	-	-	12,683,364	12,683,364
Totals	\$ 828,403	\$ 17,243,649	\$12,683,364	\$ 30,755,416

Net assets are comprised of the following at September 30, 2016:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Totals
Unrestricted	\$ 691,934	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 691,934
Endowment Fund – support of the Home	-	13,317,279	-	13,317,279
Endowment Fund	-	-	12,613,817	12,613,817
Totals	\$ 691,934	\$ 13,317,279	\$12,613,817	\$ 26,623,030

NOTE 9 ENDOWMENT FUND

The Grand Chapter's endowment includes donor-restricted funds. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Grand Chapter has interpreted the State of California Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("UPMIFA") as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Grand Chapter classifies as permanently restricted net assets: (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Grand Chapter in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA. In accordance with UPMIFA, the Grand Chapter considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds: (a) the duration and preservation of the various funds, (2) the purposes of the Grand Chapter and donor-restricted endowment funds, (3) general economic conditions, (4) the possible effect of inflation and deflation, (5) the expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments, (6) other resources of the Grand Chapter and (7) the Grand Chapter's investment policies.

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NOTE 9 ENDOWMENT FUND (CONTINUED)

Investment Return Objectives, Risk Parameters and Strategies. The Grand Chapter's Finance Committee has the sole discretion as to the investment and reinvestment of the assets of the fund based on the guidelines described in Note 4.

The primary investment objective of these accounts is capital preservation. Actual returns in any given year may vary. Investment risk is measured in terms of the total endowment fund; investment assets and allocation between asset classes and strategies are managed to not expose the fund to unacceptable levels of risk.

Spending Policy. The Grand Chapter has a policy of appropriating for distribution each year up to 7% of its endowment fund's average fair value of the prior three years through the fiscal year-end preceding the fiscal year in which the distribution is planned. In establishing this policy, the Grand Chapter considered the long-term expected return on its investment assets, the nature and duration of the individual endowment funds, many of which must be maintained in perpetuity because of donor-restrictions, and the possible effects of inflation.

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of September 30, 2017:

	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Totals
Donor-restricted			
Endowment funds	<u>\$17,238,871</u>	<u>\$ 12,683,364</u>	<u>\$29,922,235</u>

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of September 30, 2016 is as follows:

Donor-restricted			
Endowment funds	<u>\$13,316,109</u>	<u>\$ 12,613,817</u>	<u>\$25,929,926</u>

Designations of net assets. Under the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter, there is a more restrictive designation of assets than provided under UPMIFA. All assets are restricted except for the income on those assets. Endowment net asset composition under the Constitution and Laws by type of fund as of September 30, 2017 is as follows:

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NOTE 9 ENDOWMENT FUND (CONTINUED)

	Temporarily Restricted under UPMIFA	Permanently Restricted under UPMIFA	Unrestricted under Constitution and Laws	Restricted under Constitution and Laws	Totals
Per UPMIFA	\$ 17,238,871	\$12,683,364	\$ -	\$ -	\$29,922,235
Undistributed Net Investment Income	(1,084,810)	-	1,084,810	-	-
Member Application Fees	(846,720)	-	-	846,720	-
Resident Asset Assignments	(15,307,341)	-	-	15,307,341	-
Reclassification	-	(12,683,364)	-	12,683,364	-
Per Constitution and Laws	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,084,810	\$28,837,425	\$29,922,235

Endowment net asset composition under the Constitution and Laws by type of fund as of September 30, 2016 is as follows:

	Temporarily Restricted under UPMIFA	Permanently Restricted under UPMIFA	Unrestricted under Constitution and Laws	Restricted under Constitution and Laws	Totals
Per UPMIFA	\$ 13,316,109	\$12,613,817	\$ -	\$ -	\$25,929,926
Undistributed Net Investment Income	2,733,005	-	(2,733,005)	-	-
Member Application Fees	(800,768)	-	-	800,768	-
Resident Asset Assignments	(15,248,346)	-	-	15,248,346	-
Reclassification	-	(12,613,817)	-	12,613,817	-
Per Constitution and Laws	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,733,005)	\$28,662,931	\$25,929,926

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NOTE 9 ENDOWMENT FUND (CONTINUED)

The following table summarizes the activity affecting endowment net assets for the year ended September 30, 2017:

	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$13,316,109	\$ 12,613,817	\$25,929,926
Contributions	106,924	69,547	176,471
Investment income/(loss)	2,302,847	-	2,302,847
Appropriated for support Of Eastern Star Homes Of California	1,512,991	-	1,512,991
Amounts appropriated for expenditure	-	-	-
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$17,238,871</u>	<u>\$ 12,683,364</u>	<u>\$29,922,235</u>

The following table summarizes the activity affecting endowment net assets for the year ended September 30, 2016:

	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$13,892,782	\$ 12,382,605	\$26,275,387
Contributions	83,781	231,212	314,993
Investment income/(loss)	2,064,546	-	2,064,546
Appropriated for support Of Eastern Star Homes Of California	(2,725,000)	-	(2,725,000)
Amounts appropriated for expenditure	-	-	-
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$13,316,109</u>	<u>\$ 12,613,817</u>	<u>\$25,929,926</u>

As of September 30, 2017 and 2016, there were no deficiencies of donor-restricted endowment funds.

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NOTE 10 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Operating Leases

The Grand Chapter leases office spaces under operating leases from the Homes expiring on December 6, 2020 and September 30, 2022. Future minimum payments under the non-cancelable operating leases are as follows:

Year ending September 30,	
2018	\$ 34,004
2019	34,799
2020	35,614
2021	19,062
2022	15,920
	<u>\$139,399</u>

Contingencies

Certain claims have been filed against the Grand Chapter in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, these matters will not have a material effect on the Grand Chapter's financial position or results of operations.

NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

The Grand Chapter maintains a Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees Individual Retirement Account ("SIMPLE IRA") plan covering substantially all employees. The Grand Chapter contributes 2% of employees' salaries, up to allowable limits, and for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, contributions totaled \$915 and \$2,055, respectively. The plan will be terminated in December 2017. See subsequent event disclosure on plan termination.

NOTE 12 CALIFORNIA CHAPTERS

At September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Grand Chapter had 147 and 152 active California chapters, respectively, which are responsible for their own fundraising, revenue and expenses. Each individual California chapter's financial statements are not consolidated into the Grand Chapter's financial statements. As of September 30, 2017 and 2016, the unaudited cash and investments, revenue and expenses of these chapters consisted of the following:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Cash and investments	\$ 22,437,157	\$ 21,886,600
Revenue	\$ 2,110,565	\$ 2,585,553
Expenses	\$ (1,487,724)	\$ (1,237,604)

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NOTE 13 RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior year financial statements to conform with the current year presentation. Total assets, total liabilities, and changes in net assets were not affected.

NOTE 14 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

During December, 2017, the Organization discovered it had been named as a beneficiary of a portion of the income of three separate perpetual trusts. The aggregate fair market value of the Organization's portion of the beneficial interests in these trusts totaled \$1,064,160 at September 30, 2017, which will be recorded as a permanently restricted asset during the subsequent year end.

As of December 31, 2017, management of Grand Chapter made the decision to terminate its savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees Individual Retirement Account plan.

Subsequent events have been evaluated by the Grand Chapter through the date of the auditors' report, which is the date the combined financial statements were available to be issued.

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To The Board of Trustees
Eastern Star Homes of California
Yorba Linda, California

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of *Eastern Star Homes of California* which comprise the statements of financial position as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of *Eastern Star Homes of California* as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AND 2016

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 176,139	\$ 111,749
Receivables	14,903	4,390
Due from affiliated organization	61,450	43,943
Prepaid expenses and other	96,957	101,371
Property and equipment, net	<u>6,656,642</u>	<u>7,020,769</u>
Total Assets	\$ 7,006,091	\$ 7,282,222
 <u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 139,673	\$ 244,569
Obligation to provide future services	<u>15,178,611</u>	<u>14,331,747</u>
Total Liabilities	15,318,284	14,576,316
Net Assets		
Unrestricted deficit	<u>(8,312,193)</u>	<u>(7,294,094)</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 7,006,091	\$ 7,282,222

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AND 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Support, Revenue and Gains		
Contributions		
Per capita - members of Grand Chapter of California,		
Order of the Eastern Star	\$ 57,808	\$ 46,734
Residents' contributions after admission	713,397	802,689
Donations	35,722	61,659
Grant from Endowment Fund of the Grand Chapter		
of California, Order of the Eastern Star	2,540,000	2,725,000
Rental income	357,427	290,884
Other miscellaneous revenue	<u>7,238</u>	<u>523</u>
Total Support, Revenue and Gains	<u>3,711,592</u>	<u>3,927,489</u>
Expenses		
Program Services		
Elderly care	3,237,371	3,329,069
Support Services		
Management and general	447,210	556,337
Rental property	167,343	166,904
Fundraising	<u>30,903</u>	<u>56,374</u>
Total Expenses	<u>3,882,827</u>	<u>4,108,684</u>
Change in Net Assets Before Obligation to Provide Future Services	(171,235)	(181,195)
Decrease in Net Assets from Change in Obligation to Provide		
Future Services	<u>(846,864)</u>	<u>(470,482)</u>
Change in Net Assets	(1,018,099)	(651,677)
Net Assets, Beginning of the Year	<u>(7,294,094)</u>	<u>(6,642,417)</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ (8,312,193)</u>	<u>\$ (7,294,094)</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Program Services		Support Services		Fundraising		Total
	Elderly Care	Management and General	Rental Property	Fundraising	Support Services and Fundraising	Total	
Compensation and related expenses							
Salaries and wages	1,367,347	110,008	36,702	19,095	165,806	1,527,153	
Employee benefits	202,819	16,823	4,933	2,930	24,726	233,545	
Payroll taxes	124,534	10,187	4,920	1,768	16,875	141,409	
Other employee expenses	40,955	7,754	-	1,237	8,991	49,857	
Professional and consultant fees	-	32,769	-	-	32,769	32,769	
Administration fee	-	77,217	2,403	-	79,620	79,620	
Insurance	98,310	-	4,027	-	4,027	102,337	
Property and liability	138,614	11,167	3,308	1,039	16,414	155,028	
Workers' compensation							
Occupancy	145,331	12,672	2,326	-	14,988	160,329	
Electricity	35,540	3,660	-	-	3,660	39,200	
Gas	30,708	3,513	6,645	-	13,138	43,866	
Water and sewer	289,219	32,834	16,046	-	70,402	369,817	
Depreciation	95,455	12,136	34,210	2,793	32,489	146,014	
Minor equipment and other supplies	10,084	1,084	-	-	2,529	13,697	
Equipment rental and maintenance	11,684	3,924	-	-	2,924	18,532	
Telephone	23,146	5,853	21,219	-	27,072	50,218	
Telephones	1,796	-	-	-	-	1,796	
Member assistance - outreach	35,627	-	-	-	-	35,627	
Resident activities	61,059	-	-	-	-	61,059	
Resident allowances	4,674	-	-	-	-	4,674	
Resident admission expenses	3,540	-	-	-	-	3,540	
Holiday gifts - residents	99,595	48,431	26,027	1,150	74,608	173,862	
Charitable contributions	2,023	8,089	-	-	8,089	10,112	
Board member expenses	215,918	-	-	-	-	215,918	
Hospitalization / medical supplies	5,220	5,220	-	-	5,220	10,440	
Dues and subscriptions	11,453	3,818	525	-	4,343	15,766	
Office expense	174,183	-	-	-	-	174,183	
Food services	7,003	-	-	-	-	7,003	
Other resident services	1,917	1,916	-	-	1,916	3,833	
Publications	14,793	-	-	-	-	14,793	
Events	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 3,237,371</u>	<u>\$ 447,210</u>	<u>\$ 167,343</u>	<u>\$ 30,903</u>	<u>\$ 646,466</u>	<u>\$ 3,882,827</u>	

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EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA
STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	Program Services		Support Services		Fundraising		Total
	Elderly Care	Management and General	Rental Property	Fundraising	Support Services and Fundraising	Total	
Compensation and related expenses							
Salaries and wages	1,219,388	230,138	26,512	38,433	295,083	1,514,461	
Employee benefits	181,722	34,370	1,457	5,521	41,348	223,070	
Payroll taxes	114,549	21,885	4,476	3,578	30,039	144,598	
Other employee expenses	37,737	7,144	-	1,140	8,284	48,021	
Professional and consultant fees	-	-	-	-	51,746	51,746	
Administration fee	-	84,494	2,972	-	87,466	87,466	
Insurance							
Property and liability	98,475	-	4,033	-	4,033	102,508	
Workers' compensation	144,623	27,228	1,699	4,519	33,446	178,069	
Occupancy							
Electricity	123,702	10,791	2,098	-	12,629	136,531	
Gas	40,365	4,508	-	-	4,508	48,073	
Water and sewer	29,733	3,405	5,375	-	12,780	42,313	
Depreciation	347,163	18,250	37,964	-	37,864	365,007	
Minor equipment and other supplies	112,185	18,250	55,165	3,183	3,886	186,844	
Equipment rental and maintenance	11,889	3,694	-	-	3,694	15,583	
Telephone	10,984	2,741	-	-	2,741	13,725	
Telephone	10,984	2,741	-	-	2,741	13,725	
Licenses and taxes	22,492	5,698	20,624	-	26,310	48,792	
Member assistance - outreach	9,950	-	-	-	-	9,950	
Resident activities	39,946	-	-	-	-	39,946	
Resident allowances	56,702	-	-	-	-	56,702	
Resident admission expenses	2,090	-	-	-	-	2,090	
Holiday gifts - residents	9,565	-	-	-	-	9,565	
Charitable contributions	175,260	6,916	15,363	-	26,309	205,569	
Board member expenses	972	3,888	-	-	3,888	4,860	
Hospitalization / medical supplies	292,063	-	-	-	-	292,063	
Dues and subscriptions	6,504	6,504	-	-	6,504	13,008	
Office expense	28,543	9,514	1,308	-	10,822	39,365	
Food services	198,871	-	-	-	-	198,871	
Other resident services	27,025	-	-	-	-	27,025	
Publications	12,259	12,208	-	-	-	24,467	
Events	10,837	10,837	-	-	-	21,674	
Total Expenses	<u>3,325,089</u>	<u>556,337</u>	<u>165,904</u>	<u>56,374</u>	<u>779,815</u>	<u>4,108,684</u>	

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EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AND 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Contributions received	\$ 806,927	\$ 911,082
Grants received from Grand Chapter of California		
Order of the Eastern Star Endowment Fund	2,540,000	2,725,000
Rental income	357,427	291,616
Miscellaneous income received	7,238	523
Administrative and operating expenses paid	<u>(3,641,712)</u>	<u>(3,887,021)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	69,880	41,200
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchases of property and equipment	<u>(5,490)</u>	<u>(26,504)</u>
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	64,390	14,696
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>111,749</u>	<u>97,053</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ <u>176,139</u>	\$ <u>111,749</u>
Reconciliation of Change in Net Deficit to Net Cash Provided by		
Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$ (1,018,099)	\$ (651,677)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net deficit to net cash		
provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	369,617	385,057
Decrease in obligation to provide future services	846,864	470,482
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	(10,513)	732
Due from/to affiliated organizations, net	(17,507)	(12,065)
Prepaid expenses and other	4,414	28,198
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>(104,896)</u>	<u>(179,527)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ <u>69,880</u>	\$ <u>41,200</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

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EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS

Eastern Star Homes of California (the "Home") is a California not-for-profit corporation organized in 1930 for the purpose of operating a home, under the name of "Senior Living Community," for the care of aged members of the Order of the Eastern Star. The Home also operates a medical office rental facility under the name "Eastern Star Professional Plaza."

The Home is the income beneficiary of the Endowment Fund ("the Endowment Fund") of the Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star (the "Grand Chapter"). Net investment income is transferred to the Home 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 temporarily restricted portion of the Endowment Fund.

Residents are affiliated members of the Grand Chapter, in good standing for at least five years, who are at least sixty-five years of age, as described in the Constitution and Laws. Upon admission to the Home, residents contribute their assets to the Endowment Fund of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star. Fee for service arrangements are also available for members and nonaffiliated applicants.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Home have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Financial Statement Presentation

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 which are described as follows:

Unrestricted – Net assets that are not subject to explicit donor-imposed stipulations. Unrestricted net assets may be designated for specific purposes by action of the Board of Directors.

Temporarily restricted – Net assets whose use by the Home is subject to either explicit donor-imposed stipulations, or by operation of law that can be fulfilled by actions of the Home or that expire by the passage of time.

Permanently Restricted - Net assets subject to explicit donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Home and stipulate the use of income and/or appreciation as temporarily restricted based on donor-imposed stipulations or by operation of law.

At September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Home does not have any temporarily or permanently restricted net assets.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the combined statements of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits and all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity at date of purchase of three months or less.

Concentrations

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Home to concentrations of credit risk, consist primarily of cash deposits and money market funds at financial institutions. The Home maintains its cash and cash equivalents with high-credit quality financial institutions. At times, such amounts may exceed federally insured limits.

Property and Equipment

Acquisitions of property and equipment are recorded at cost. Donated property is recorded at its estimated fair value at the date of receipt. Currently, there are no donor or legal restrictions on the proceeds from the disposition of donated property. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs and minor replacements are charged to expense when incurred. Major replacements or betterments of properties are capitalized. When assets are sold or retired, their cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is reported in the statements of activities. Depreciation of property and equipment is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally from two to thirty years.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

When facts and circumstances indicate that the carrying values of long-lived assets may be impaired, the Home performs an evaluation of recoverability by comparing the carrying values of the assets to projected future cash flows in addition to other quantitative and qualitative analyses. No impairment charges were recorded for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

Estimated Obligation to Provide Future Services

The Home expects to provide services and the use of facilities to residents over their remaining lives. The Home annually calculates the present value of the net cost of future services and the use of facilities to be provided to current residents as described in Note 4.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenue Recognition

Contributions

Contributions received, including unconditional promises to give, are recorded as revenue in the period received at their fair value. Contributions from residents after admission consist primarily of social security and retirement payments.

For financial reporting purposes, the Home distinguishes between contributions of unrestricted assets, temporarily restricted assets and permanently restricted assets. Contributions for which donors have imposed restrictions limiting the use of the donated assets are reported as restricted support. When such donor-imposed restrictions are met, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported as net assets released from restrictions. Contributions of assets which donors have stipulated must be maintained permanently, with only the income earned thereon available for current use, are classified as permanently restricted net assets. Contributions for which donors have not stipulated restrictions are reported as unrestricted support.

Unconditional promises to give, with payments due in future periods, are reported as restricted support. Gifts of land, buildings and equipment are recorded as unrestricted support unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulation, the Home reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service. Promises to give, which depend on the occurrence of a specified future and uncertain event to bind the promisor, are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met, that is, when the conditional promise becomes unconditional.

Donated Goods, Facilities and Services

Donated non-cash 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 with the different functions of the Home. No donated services have been recognized in the statements of activities because the criteria for recognition was not satisfied.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Income Taxes

The Home is a not-for-profit organization exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and Section 23701(d) of the Revenue Taxation Code of California and is a publicly supported organization as described in Section 509(a) of the IRC.

The Home has no unrecognized tax benefits at September 30, 2017 and 2016. The Home's federal income tax returns are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for a period of three years from the filing of a federal return. California income tax returns are subject to examination by the Franchise Tax Board for a period of four years from the filing of a return.

If applicable, the Home recognizes interest and penalties associated with tax matters as part of income tax expense, and includes accrued interest and penalties with accrued expenses in statements of financial position.

Endowment Fund

Support from the Endowment Fund for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, was \$2,540,000 and \$2,725,000, respectively. At September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Endowment Fund has temporarily restricted net assets of \$17,238,871 and \$13,316,109, respectively, and permanently restricted net assets of \$12,683,364 and \$12,613,817, respectively.

NOTE 3 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

At September 30, 2017 and 2016, property and equipment consists of the following:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Land	\$ 2,738,904	\$ 2,738,904
Buildings	8,422,882	8,422,882
Building improvements	1,589,803	1,584,313
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	530,243	530,243
Automobiles	189,195	189,195
Computer equipment and software	64,261	64,261
	13,535,288	13,529,798
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(6,878,646)</u>	<u>(6,509,029)</u>
	<u>\$ 6,656,642</u>	<u>\$ 7,020,769</u>

The Home's property also includes office facilities that are leased to the Grand Chapter and various other medical offices (Note 8).

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 4 OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE FUTURE SERVICES

Certain applicants for admission to the Home are required to make a contribution of their personal assets to the Endowment Fund of the Grand Chapter. In exchange for this contribution, the Home agrees to care for the residents for the remainder of their lives. This does not apply to residents under a fee for service arrangement. The Home 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 revenue has been estimated to increase at 2.01% and 1.68% annually (representing inflation) as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and is based on actual historical expenses and revenue related to the resident care facility. The resulting liability has been discounted by 5% to reflect net present value. This liability reflected in the accompanying statements of financial position amounted to \$15,178,611 and \$14,331,747 at September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The change in obligation from year to year is shown on the statements of activities. Management estimates that the cost to provide future care for existing residents at a replacement facility providing a similar continuum of care in the local area to range from \$11,350,575 to \$13,620,690 at September 30, 2017 based on actual reported expenses at such replacement facilities over estimated revenues increasing at 2.01% annually for inflation and discounted by 5% to reflect net present value.

The Home is licensed to operate a seventy-six bed continuing care home, and at each of the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Home had 37 residents. Any shortfall in future operating cash flow is obligated to be met by the Endowment Fund of the Grand Chapter (Note 2).

NOTE 5 CASH RESERVES

The Grand Chapter's Constitution and Laws require that the operating cash balance of the Home 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. Any shortfall in future operating cash flow is obligated to be met by the Endowment Fund. At September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Home had operating cash balances of \$75,723 and \$67,046, respectively.

NOTE 6 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Home incurred \$79,620 and \$87,466 in administrative expense charges during the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, for services provided by the Grand Chapter. The Home also leases office space to the Grand Chapter (Note 8). For the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Home earned \$18,450 and \$15,000, respectively, of rental income from the Grand Chapter. At September 30, 2017 and 2016, \$61,450 and \$37,731 was due from the Grand Chapter, respectively.

For the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, California Eastern Star Foundation reimbursed the Home \$12,025 and \$65,648 under an employee-sharing agreement. At September 30, 2016, \$6,169 is due from the Foundation.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

The Home had an existing business relationship with an insurance company owned by an officer of the Organization. For the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 the Home paid \$21,315 and \$21,254, respectively, to the insurance company. For the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, there were no amounts due to the insurance company.

NOTE 7 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 at September 30, 2017 and 2016 was \$701,217 and \$765,129, respectively. The Home reported a surplus of qualifying assets over the required reserve amount of \$16,713,794 and \$12,760,230 at September 30, 2017 and 2016 respectively, which includes temporarily restricted net assets held in the Endowment Fund of the Grand Chapter for the benefit of the Home.

NOTE 8 OPERATING LEASES – RENTAL INCOME

The Home leases office space under an operating lease to the Grand Chapter expiring in September 2022. In addition, the Home leases various medical offices to non-related parties under operating leases expiring through July 2025. At September 30, 2017, property and equipment held for leasing consists of the following:

Buildings	\$ 458,187
Building improvements	303,779
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	<u>13,232</u>
	775,198
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(495,555)</u>
	<u>\$ 279,643</u>

The future minimum lease payments to be received under the non-cancelable leases are as follows:

	Related Party	Non-related Parties	Total
<u>Year Ending September 30,</u>			
2018	\$ 15,590	\$ 152,420	\$ 168,010
2019	15,188	126,028	141,216
2020	15,415	128,999	144,414
2021	15,647	127,714	143,361
2022	15,881	105,103	120,984
Thereafter	<u>2,653</u>	<u>109,382</u>	<u>112,035</u>
	<u>\$ 80,374</u>	<u>\$ 749,646</u>	<u>\$ 830,020</u>

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 9 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Health Care

The health care industry is subject to numerous laws and regulations by federal, state, and local governments. These laws and regulations include, but are not necessarily limited to, matters such as licensure, accreditation, government health care program participation requirements, reimbursement for resident services, and Medicare fraud and abuse. Recently, government activity has increased with respect to investigations and allegations concerning possible violations of fraud and abuse statutes and regulations by health care providers. Violations of these laws and regulations could result in expulsion from government health care programs together with the imposition of significant fines and penalties, as well as significant repayments for patient services previously billed.

Litigation

The Organization may be subject to asserted and unasserted claims encountered in the normal course of business. The Organization's management and legal counsel assess such contingent liabilities and such assessment inherently involves an exercise of judgment. In assessing loss contingencies related to legal proceedings that are pending against the Organization or unasserted claims that may result in such proceedings, the Organization's legal counsel evaluates the perceived merits of any legal proceedings or unasserted claims as well as the perceived merits of the amount of relief sought or expected to be sought therein. In the opinion of management, disposition of these matters will not have a material effect on the Organization's financial condition or results of operation.

Professional Liability Coverage

The Organization is insured for professional liability under an occurrence policy for a combined occurrence and maximum annual aggregate of \$3,000,000.

Risk Management

The Organization has obtained workers' compensation insurance through a private insurer. Worker's Compensation expense through coverage by this entity was \$155,028 and \$178,069 for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Affordable Care Act

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Tax Credits Reconciliation Act of 2010 is currently in force. Together, these two acts affect the health care system and impact payments received by health care providers. Under the new Administration, action has been taken to start repealing the Affordable Care Act. The overall impact of these actions to the Organization is not presently determinable.

NOTE 10 RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain reclassifications have been made to the financial statements and related disclosures as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016 to conform to the year ended September 30, 2017 presentation.

EASTERN STAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 11 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated by the Home through the date of the auditors' report which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AND 2016



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To The Board of Directors
California Eastern Star Foundation
Yorba Linda, California

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of *California Eastern Star Foundation* which comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Combined Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of California Eastern Star Foundation as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AND 2016

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 69,713	\$ 754,092
Prepaid expenses and other	-	279
Due from affiliated organization		6,702
Other receivables	8,182	-
Investments	<u>9,035,977</u>	<u>7,830,849</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>9,113,872</u>	\$ <u>8,591,922</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ -	\$ 16,036
Grants payable	112,839	996
Due to affiliated organizations:		
Eastern Star Homes of California	<u>-</u>	<u>6,783</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>112,839</u>	<u>23,815</u>
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	24,520	73,952
Temporarily restricted	7,924,259	7,441,901
Permanently restricted	<u>1,052,254</u>	<u>1,052,254</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>9,001,033</u>	<u>8,568,107</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ <u>9,113,872</u>	\$ <u>8,591,922</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support and Revenue				
Contributions:				
Donations	\$ -	\$ 72,662	\$ -	\$ 72,662
Bequests	-	-	-	-
Residents' assets	-	-	-	-
Investment income (loss)	-	790,128	-	790,128
Members' dues	-	7,948	-	7,948
Subtotal - support and revenue	-	870,738	-	870,738
Net assets released from restrictions	388,380	(388,380)	-	-
Total Support and Revenue	388,380	482,358	-	870,738
Expenses				
Program services:				
Member assistance	94,968	-	-	94,968
Humanitarian assistance	278,560	-	-	278,560
Support services:				
Management and general	35,035	-	-	35,035
Fundraising	29,249	-	-	29,249
Total Expenses	437,812	-	-	437,812
Change in Net Assets	(49,432)	482,358	-	432,926
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	73,952	7,441,901	1,052,254	8,568,107
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 24,520</u>	<u>\$ 7,924,259</u>	<u>\$ 1,052,254</u>	<u>\$ 9,001,033</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support and Revenue				
Contributions:				
Donations	\$ -	\$ 145,798	\$ -	\$ 145,798
Bequests	-	951,531	-	951,531
Residents' assets	10	-	-	10
Investment income (loss)	-	545,823	-	545,823
Members' dues	-	8,968	-	8,968
Subtotal - support and revenue	10	1,651,720	-	1,651,730
Net assets released from restrictions	384,460	(384,460)	-	-
Total Support and Revenue	384,470	1,267,260	-	1,651,730
Expenses				
Program services:				
Member assistance	108,438	-	-	108,438
Humanitarian assistance	136,204	-	-	136,204
Support services:				
Management and general	36,638	-	-	36,638
Fundraising	48,221	-	-	48,221
Total Expenses	329,501	-	-	329,501
Change in Net Assets	54,969	1,267,260	-	1,322,229
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	18,963	6,174,641	1,052,254	7,245,878
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 73,952</u>	<u>\$ 7,441,901</u>	<u>\$ 1,052,254</u>	<u>\$ 8,568,107</u>

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CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Program Services			Support Services		
	Member Assistance	Humanitarian Assistance	Total Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
Administration fees	\$ 2,603	\$ 2,603	\$ 5,206	\$ 20,828	\$ -	\$ 26,034
Assistance to members	92,365	-	92,365	-	-	92,365
Payroll and payroll expenses	-	-	-	-	29,249	29,249
Committee	-	233	233	-	-	233
Professional and consulting	-	-	-	13,100	-	13,100
Grants, awards and donations	-	275,724	275,724	-	-	275,724
Office expenses	-	-	-	1,107	-	1,107
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 94,968</u>	<u>\$ 278,560</u>	<u>\$ 373,528</u>	<u>\$ 35,035</u>	<u>\$ 29,249</u>	<u>\$ 437,812</u>

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CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	Program Services		Support Services		Total
	Member Assistance	Humanitarian Assistance	Management and General	Fundraising	
Administration fees	\$ 2,866	\$ 2,866	\$ 5,732	\$ -	\$ 28,660
Assistance to members	105,572	-	105,572	-	105,572
Payroll and payroll expenses	-	-	-	48,221	48,221
Committee	-	-	-	-	-
Professional and consulting	-	-	12,751	-	12,751
Grants, awards and donations	-	133,338	-	-	133,338
Office expenses	-	-	969	-	969
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 108,438</u>	<u>\$ 136,204</u>	<u>\$ 244,642</u>	<u>\$ 48,221</u>	<u>\$ 328,501</u>

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CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AND 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 432,926	\$ 1,322,229
Adjustments to reconcile decrease in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities		
Realized and unrealized losses (gains) on investments	(613,277)	(340,591)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Prepaid expenses and supplies	279	720
Accounts receivable	(8,182)	-
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(16,036)	9,578
Grants payable	111,843	(3,038)
Due from / to affiliated organizations:		
Grand Chapter of California, Order of Eastern Star	6,702	(8,820)
Eastern Star Homes of California	(6,783)	(32,027)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(92,528)</u>	<u>948,051</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Proceeds from sale of investments	996,071	11,619,661
Purchase of investments	<u>(1,587,922)</u>	<u>(11,631,115)</u>
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(591,851)</u>	<u>(211,454)</u>
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(684,379)	736,597
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	754,092	17,495
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	<u>\$ 69,713</u>	<u>\$ 754,092</u>

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CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS

California Eastern Star Foundation (the "Foundation") is a California not-for-profit corporation organized to receive gifts, bequests and contributions for the furtherance of educational, charitable and scientific purposes. The Foundation was organized in 1996 at the direction of the members of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star (the "Grand Chapter"), and operated in accordance with Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star and operated in accordance with the Grand Chapter constitution and laws.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Financial Statement Presentation

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, which are described as follows:

Unrestricted – Net assets that are not subject to explicit donor-imposed stipulations. Unrestricted net assets may be designated for specific purposes by action of the Board of Directors.

Temporarily restricted – Net assets whose use by the Foundation is subject to either explicit donor-imposed stipulations, or by operation of law that can be fulfilled by actions of the Foundation or that expire by the passage of time.

Permanently Restricted - Net assets subject to explicit donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Foundation and stipulate the use of income and/or appreciation as temporarily restricted based on donor-imposed stipulations or by operation of law.

Concentrations

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Foundation to concentrations of credit risk, consist primarily of cash deposits and money market funds at financial institutions. The Foundation maintains its cash and cash equivalents with high-credit quality financial institutions. At times, such amounts may exceed federally insured limits.

The Foundation's investments are subject to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risks. Further, because of the significance of the investments to the Foundation's financial position and the level of risk inherent in most investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of these investments could occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. Management is of the opinion that the diversification of its invested assets among the various asset classes should mitigate the impact of changes.

**CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits and all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity at date of purchase of three months or less.

Investments

Investments, other than certificates of deposit, are reported at their fair value in the statements of financial position. Changes in fair value that occur during a fiscal year are recognized as investment income reported for that fiscal year. Certificates of deposit held for investment are classified as investments and are reported at amortized cost. Investment income includes interest and dividend earnings, changes in fair value and any gains or losses realized upon liquidation, maturity or sale of investments, net of any investment fees.

Revenue Recognition

Contributions

Contributions received, including unconditional promises to give, are recorded as revenue in the period received at their fair value.

For financial reporting purposes, the Foundation distinguishes between contributions of unrestricted assets, temporarily restricted assets and permanently restricted assets. Contributions for which donors have imposed restrictions limiting the use of the donated assets are reported as restricted support. When such donor-imposed restrictions are met, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported as net assets released from restrictions. Contributions of assets which donors have stipulated must be maintained permanently, with only the income earned thereon available for current use, are classified as permanently restricted net assets. Contributions for which donors have not stipulated restrictions are reported as unrestricted support.

Unconditional promises to give, with payments due in future periods, are reported as restricted support. Gifts of land, buildings and equipment are recorded as unrestricted support unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulation, the Foundation reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service.

Promises to give, which depend on the occurrence of a specified future and uncertain event to bind the promisor, are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met, that is, when the conditional promise becomes unconditional.

**CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Donated Goods, Facilities and Services

Donated non-cash 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 Foundation receives a significant amount of donated services from unpaid volunteers who assist with the different functions of the Foundation. No donated services have been recognized in the statements of activities because the criteria for recognition was not satisfied.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the combined statements of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Income Taxes

The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and Section 23701(d) of the Revenue Taxation Code of California and is a publicly supported organization as described in Section 509(a) of the IRC. As such, there were no income taxes for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

The Foundation has not recognized any uncertain tax positions at September 30, 2017 and 2016. The Foundation's federal income tax returns are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for a period of three years from the filing of a federal return. California income tax returns are subject to examination by the Franchise Tax Board for a period of four years from the filing of a return.

Grant Expenditures

Grant expenditures are recognized in the period the grant is made, provided the grant is not subject to significant future conditions. Conditional grants are recognized as grant expense and as a grant payable in the period which the grantee meets the terms of the conditions. Grants payable that are expected to be paid in the future years are recorded at present value of expected future payments.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Statement of Cash Flows

No interest was paid during the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS

At September 30, 2017 and 2016, investments consist of the following:

	2017	2016
Mutual funds	\$ 532,726	\$ -
Mortgage pools		
Intermediate government bonds	78	83
Exchange traded funds		
Dividend-paying equities	8,082,636	7,112,025
Deposit accounts		
Charles Schwab bank	420,537	718,741
	<u>\$ 9,035,977</u>	<u>\$ 7,830,849</u>

Investment income for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

	2017	2016
Interest and dividends	\$ 187,768	\$ 232,769
Realized and unrealized gains (losses)	613,277	340,591
Investment fees	(10,917)	(27,537)
	<u>\$ 790,128</u>	<u>\$ 545,823</u>

The Foundation's Board of Directors and the Grand Chapter's Finance Committee have the sole discretion as to the investment and reinvestment of assets based on the following guidelines established by the Grand Chapter's Constitution and Laws.

- 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 Poor's 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 investment certificates issued by Federal Chartered Banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
- 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.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

- 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.

NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Foundation values its financial assets and liabilities based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In order to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements, a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs is used to measure fair value into three broad levels, which are described below.

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical assets or liabilities. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level I inputs.

Level 2: Observable inputs other than Level I prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in inactive markets or model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs are observable or can be derived principally from or corroborated with observable market data.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs are used when little or no market data is available. The fair value hierarchy gives the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Fair values of investments measured on a recurring basis at September 30, 2017 are as follows:

	<u>Level I</u>	<u>Level II</u>	<u>Level III</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	532,726	-	-	532,726
Mortgage pools	78	-	-	78
Exchange traded funds	8,082,636	-	-	8,082,636
Deposit accounts	<u>420,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>420,537</u>
Totals	<u>\$9,035,977</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,035,977</u>

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
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NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Fair values of investments measured on a recurring basis at September 30, 2016 are as follows:

	<u>Level I</u>	<u>Level II</u>	<u>Level III</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mortgage pools	83	-	-	83
Exchange traded funds	7,112,025	-	-	7,112,025
Deposit accounts	<u>718,741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>718,741</u>
Totals	<u>\$7,830,849</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$ 7,830,849</u>

Valuations of mutual funds and exchange traded funds are obtained from real-time quotes for transactions in active exchange markets involving identical assets. For the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, there have been no changes in the valuation methodologies.

The preceding methods may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Foundation believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

NOTE 5 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Foundation incurred expenses for administrative services of \$26,034 and \$28,660 from the Grand Chapter for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. At September 30, 2017, no amount is due to the Grand Chapter. At September 30, 2016, \$6,702 amount is due from the Grand Chapter.

For the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Foundation reimbursed Eastern Star Homes of California (the "Home") \$18,706 and \$65,548, respectively, under an employee-sharing agreement. At September 30, 2017 and 2016, \$0 and \$6,783, was due to the Home, respectively.

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6 NET ASSETS

Net assets are comprised of the following at September 30, 2017:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Unrestricted	\$ 24,520	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,520
Benevolent fund	-	504,212	-	504,212
J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer fund	-	5,659,683	-	5,659,683
Marquerite Rennie Memorial fund	-	780,730	615,274	1,396,004
Scholarship fund	-	535,994	270,980	806,974
Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program fund	-	286,315	-	286,315
Gerald P. Cashion fund	-	32,846	166,000	198,846
Disaster fund	-	35,657	-	35,657
Cancer research	-	-	-	-
Medical research	-	-	-	-
Heart research	-	-	-	-
NIRK	-	88,822	-	88,822
Totals	\$ 24,520	\$ 7,924,259	\$1,052,254	\$ 9,001,033

Net assets are comprised of the following at September 30, 2016:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Unrestricted	\$ 73,952	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,952
Benevolent fund	-	462,406	-	462,406
J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer fund	-	5,254,166	-	5,254,166
Marquerite Rennie Memorial fund	-	694,344	615,274	1,309,618
Scholarship fund	-	526,261	270,980	797,241
Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program fund	-	263,121	-	263,121
Gerald P. Cashion fund	-	28,574	166,000	194,574
Disaster fund	-	32,295	-	32,295
Cancer research	-	73,884	-	73,884
Medical research	-	1,843	-	1,843
Heart research	-	21,900	-	21,900
NIRK	-	83,107	-	83,107
Totals	\$ 73,952	\$ 7,441,901	\$1,052,254	\$ 8,568,107

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 7 ENDOWMENTS

The Foundation's Endowments include donor-restricted funds. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Foundation has interpreted the State of California Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("UPMIFA") as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Foundation classifies as permanently restricted net assets: (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Foundation in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA. In accordance with UPMIFA, the Grand Chapter considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds: (a) the duration and preservation of the various funds, (2) the purposes of the Grand Chapter and donor-restricted endowment funds, (3) general economic conditions, (4) the possible effect of inflation and deflation, (5) the expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments, (6) other resources of the Grand Chapter and (7) the Foundation's investment policies.

Investment Return Objectives, Risk Parameters and Strategies. The Foundation's Board of Directors and the Grand Chapter's Finance Committee have the sole discretion as to the investment and reinvestment of the assets of the fund based on the guidelines described in Note 3.

The primary investment objective of these accounts is capital preservation. Actual returns in any given year may vary. Investment risk is measured in terms of the total endowment fund; investment assets and allocation between asset classes and strategies are managed to not expose the fund to unacceptable levels of risk.

Spending Policy. The Foundation has a policy of appropriating for distribution each year up to 7% of its endowment fund's average fair value of the prior three years through the fiscal year-end preceding the fiscal year in which the distribution is planned. In establishing this policy, the Foundation considered the long-term expected return on its investment assets, the nature and duration of the individual endowment funds, many of which must be maintained in perpetuity because of donor-restrictions, and the possible effects of inflation.

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of September 30, 2017:

	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted funds	\$ 1,349,570	\$ 1,052,254	\$ 2,401,824

CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
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NOTE 7 ENDOWMENTS (CONTINUED)

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of September 30, 2016 is as follows:

	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted Endowment funds	<u>\$ 1,249,179</u>	<u>\$ 1,052,254</u>	<u>\$ 2,301,433</u>

The following table summarizes the activity affecting endowment net assets for the year ended September 30, 2017:

	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 1,249,179	\$ 1,052,254	\$ 2,301,433
Contributions	17,786	-	17,786
Investment income	52,818	-	52,818
Net appreciation (depreciation)	168,478	-	168,478
Amounts appropriated for expenditure	<u>(138,691)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(138,691)</u>
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,349,570</u>	<u>\$ 1,052,254</u>	<u>\$ 2,401,824</u>

The following table summarizes the activity affecting endowment net assets for the year ended September 30, 2016:

	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 1,208,435	\$ 1,052,254	\$ 2,260,689
Contributions	23,312	-	23,312
Investment income	64,115	-	64,115
Net appreciation (depreciation)	76,800	-	76,800
Amounts appropriated for expenditure	<u>(123,483)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(123,483)</u>
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,249,179</u>	<u>\$ 1,052,254</u>	<u>\$ 2,301,433</u>

NOTE 8 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated by the Foundation through the date of the independent auditors' report, and the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

APPENDIX E

LEGISLATION

(Throughout the Sessions the various Committees presented the following legislation to the delegates.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1 (CARRYOVER)

WHEREAS, the administrative governance of our Grand Chapter requires continuity and cohesion to allow the Grand Chapter to be successful in the business of the Order; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Line Officers are often involved in the administrative decisions, but no consultation is currently required by our Constitution; and

WHEREAS, decisions are made affecting the business of the Grand Chapter that require more than one year for full implementation; and

WHEREAS, those making decisions for the good of the Order should have the legal and insurance protections afforded those who are officially involved in the decision-making process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that an additional Standing Committee be added to this Grand Chapter, called the Executive Committee. The membership of the Executive Committee shall consist of the following ten members: The six elected Grand Line Officers, the Grand Marshal, and three members selected from the general membership (the “General Members”), who meet the following criteria:

1. The member must be a Past Matron or Past Patron and may not be a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron;
2. The member shall have served for no less than five years on one or any combination of the following boards/committees: Constitution and Laws, Jurisprudence, Finance, Home Board, and Foundation; and
3. The member shall not serve on, nor be related to any member serving on any of the following committees; Constitution and Laws, Jurisprudence, Finance, Home Board, Foundation or Appeals and Grievances. If a later appointment of the member or an immediate relative of the member results in a violation of this rule, the member shall resign from the Executive Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Members shall serve for three-year terms, with one General Member appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron each year.

For purposes of filling the initial positions on the Executive Committee only, in the year that this legislation takes effect, the Worthy Grand Matron shall select one member who shall serve for three years, the Associate Grand Matron shall select one member who shall serve for one year, and the Grand Conductress shall select one member who shall serve for two years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee shall meet monthly, in no less than ten months of each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Worthy Grand Patron shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee, responsible for arranging and running the meetings, and as such shall not have the right to vote on matters before the Executive Committee except in cases of a tie vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all members of the Executive Committee shall be protected under the fidelity and other insurance policies currently in place for those persons who run the business of our Order.

s/Linda Bernhard (106)
s/Collette Serio Gole (21/651)
s/Sarahann Shapiro (141)

Report of Committees: The committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 1 has been referred, recommend a “yes” vote for the following reason:

This amendment would ensure greater continuity and more consistent strategic planning for our Order.

The proposed composition of this committee can always be changed in later years.

As written, there are currently over 50 members who are eligible to serve with the presented criteria.

The joint committees to whom this proposed amendment was referred believe that the formation of an executive committee is vital to the survival of our Order.

Written ballot requested

Amendment **NOT ADOPTED**.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2

WHEREAS, the State legislation for age requirement for an RCFE (Resident Care Facility for the Elderly) has lowered the age for admission to 60 years of age; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Star Senior Living Community designation is RCFE; and

WHEREAS, the current age for admission is 65 years of age; and

WHEREAS, now non-member paying residents may be admitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Constitution and Laws be amended to allow the age for admission for all paying residents (member and non-member) be lowered to 60 years of age.

s/Karen Meador (259)
s/Melissa Cronin (174)
s/Ruth Sereni (8)

Report of Committees: The committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 2 has been referred, recommend a “yes” vote for the following reason:

This allows for a greater range of admission to our Home and conforms to the laws of California.

Amendment **ADOPTED**.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3

WHEREAS, SLC resident asset assignments are placed into the restricted fund of the Endowment Fund, from which our law prohibits any principal withdrawals; and

WHEREAS, the State of California expects that such assets will be available to discharge our life care obligations to our SLC residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Constitution and Laws be amended to allow resident asset assignments to be withdrawn from the restricted fund of the Endowment Fund to cover deficits in the SLC budgets approved by Grand Chapter.

s/Jim Whiteley (59/62)
s/Laura Bouwens (2/28)
s/R. Stephen Doan (245/651)

Report of Committees: The committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance, to whom Proposed Amendment No. 3 has been referred, recommend a yes vote for the following reason:

It would move Grand Chapter closer to the restrictions imposed by California state law.

Amendment **ADOPTED**.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4 (CARRY-OVER)

WHEREAS, the administrative governance of our Grand Chapter requires continuity and cohesion to allow the Grand Chapter to be successful in the business of the Order; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Line Officers are often involved in the administrative decisions, but no consultation is currently required by our Constitution and no continuity is currently assured; and

WHEREAS, decisions are made affecting the business of the Grand Chapter that require more than one year for full implementation; and

WHEREAS, decisions that require more than one year should generally be approved by those during whose terms of leadership the implementation of the decisions will take place and should be acceptable to the general membership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following duties shall be assigned to a newly formed Executive Committee:

1. To supervise and administer the Grand Chapter Office, with the Worthy Grand Matron serving as the immediate supervisor of the Grand Secretary, including reviewing recommendations from the Grand Secretary regarding salary schedules and fringe benefits prior to such items being sent to the committee on Finance for their approval;
2. To give an annual performance review to the Grand Secretary, the occurrence of which shall be included in the Worthy Grand Matron's report at Grand Chapter;
3. To review all contracts before they are sent to the committees on Jurisprudence and Finance;
4. To review and approve a plan of action for all subordinate Chapters under probation or threat of probation; and
5. To create, approve and execute ongoing strategic plans for the future Good of the Order.

s/Linda Bernhard (106)
s/Collette Serio Gole (21/651)
s/Sarahann Shapiro (141)

Amendment **WITHDRAWN**.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 5

WHEREAS, it has become impossible to operate our Grand Chapter effectively with decreasing membership and a per capita that only increases by fifty cents per year; and

WHEREAS, setting the per capita correctly would greatly improve the ability of the Grand Chapter to provide appropriate services to the members, the Eastern Star Senior Living Community and the Foundation without unreasonably burdening our Charities; and

WHEREAS, the most accurate setting of the per capita would take into account the anticipated expenses for the following Grand Chapter year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a budget shall be presented for the Grand Chapter at each Grand Chapter session which shows the anticipated expenses for the then current Grand Chapter fiscal year, including a ten percent contingency/reserve amount, and the anticipated income from sources other than the per capita payments, including anticipated service charges usually billed to the Eastern Star SLC and the Foundation, and that the per capita shall then be determined by dividing the next uncovered expenses by the number of dues paying members in California as of the last per capita calculation.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that said budget and the resulting per capita shall be submitted for the vote of the Grand Chapter during each Annual Session and revised as needed during the Grand Chapter session until a budget and per capita are approved; provided however, that if the Grand Chapter fails to approve a budget and resulting per capita before the close of the last business session prior to Grand Installation, the per capita for the fiscal year shall be 150% of the previous year's per capita.

s/Terri Ewing (33)

s/Linda Hoeser (161/48)

s/Bill Prentiss (163)

Report of Committees: The committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 5 has been referred, recommend a "yes" vote for the following reason:

Our Grand Chapter per capita income for the members has declined over the years as our membership has dropped. Fewer members means less per capita. For some time, we have covered that decline by spending down our Grand Chapter cash reserves and cutting expenses. Those cash reserves are gone, and we cut last year as many expenses as we could and still maintain our level of service to the membership.

We now need annual assessments to cover the budget deficit, which is running about \$70,000 to \$75,000 a year.

Last year the special assessment was five dollars. This year, we need a six-dollar special assessment to generate the same amount of income. We could do that special assessment in one of two ways. Finance can in a single motion move for the adoption of the budget and the adoption of the assessment needed to cover the deficit.

Alternatively, you can approve Proposed Amendment No. 5 in which case the required assessment to cover the deficit would be automatic without a separate motion being approved to the proposed budget. You would still control the assessment by controlling the budget.

So, the result is the same either way. It just seems cleaner to adopt Proposed Amendment No. 5 and do away with the second part of the annual Grand Chapter budget motion.

Amendment **ADOPTED**.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 6

WHEREAS, during the escort of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at a Traditional Style Official Visit, the Instruction Book (page 90) directs the Conductress to give the Worthy Grand Matron her bouquet and Associate Conductress to give the Worthy Grand Patron is boutonniere; and

WHEREAS, the current practice is that a District may, or may not, provide a carrying piece for the Conductress to present to the Worthy Grand Matron, and a carrying piece for the Associate Conductress to present to the Worthy Grand Patron, immediately prior to their escort, instead of a bouquet and boutonniere; and

WHEREAS, the Conductress and Associate Conductress are further instructed to offer their right/left arm respectively to the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron, to escort them through the Labyrinth, first stopping behind the Altar for introduction and then through the Labyrinth to the East; and

WHEREAS, the current practice is for the Worthy Grand Matron to follow the Conductress and the Worthy Grand Patron to follow the Associate Conductress; and

WHEREAS, most chapter rooms are not large enough to expand the Labyrinth sufficiently to allow for the Conductress to walk beside the Worthy Grand Matron and the Associate Conductress to walk beside the Worthy Grand Patron through the Labyrinth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that at a Traditional Style Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron the instructions be changed to the current practice of giving the District the option of providing carrying pieces for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and deleting the requirement to provide a bouquet and boutonniere.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron may follow the Conductresses rather than take their arms during escort.

s/Sharon Jazwiecki (163)
s/Alyson Grant (96)
s/Terri Ewing (33)

Report of Committee: The committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 6 has been referred recommend a “yes” vote, for the following reason:

Over the last several years, practices have changed in many of the districts of California. We feel that our Instruction Book should reflect these changes and give the districts options to choose what they want to use.

Amendment **ADOPTED**.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 7

WHEREAS, the Instruction Book states that the Minutes shall be either hand-written, typed, or computer generated, in full in properly authorized minute books, with pre-numbered pages purchased from the Grand Chapter of California; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of California no longer has the area to maintain an inventory of Minute Books and authorizes the purchase of a Grand Chapter approved Minute Book from a supplier as chosen by the Grand Secretary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes shall be either hand-written, typed or computer generated, in full in a Grand Chapter approved Minute Book, which shall contain a continuation of numbered pages.

s/Tammy Kinzy (197)
s/Alyson Grant (96)
s/Corinne Lacroix (346)

Report of Committees: The committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 7 has been referred, recommend a “yes” vote for the following reason:

The Proposed Amendment will save the Grand Chapter office time, money and storage space by permitting minute books to be purchased directly from the authorized vendor.

Amendment **ADOPTED**.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 8

WHEREAS, Section 36 of our current Constitution and Laws defines the terms “North” and “South” as those members in California residing in, and belonging to chapters in, either north or south of the state dividing line; and

WHEREAS, the state dividing line is currently defined by counties, with the counties of San Luis Obispo, Kern and Inyo considered to be in the “south”, and counties north of those counties to be in the “north”; and

WHEREAS, the geographic center of California is near the City of Madera, located in Madera County, with the counties of Fresno, Tulare and Kings being south of that county; and

WHEREAS, moving counties of Madera, Fresno, Tulare and Kings, all of which are south of the geographic center of California, into the South, will better equalize the distribution of members and districts between north and south, with 20 districts in the north and 20 districts in the south.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the definition, for the purpose of dividing the state of California in our Constitution and Laws, will be “North” to constitute those members who reside and belong to chapters north of the northern boundary of San Luis Obispo, Madera, Fresno and Inyo counties with “South” to constitute those members who reside and belong to chapters south of that northern boundary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the purpose of Deputy Grand Matron appointment only, if the majority of the chapters in the district assigned to the Deputy Grand Matron fall into either the north or the south that the Deputy Grand Matron shall belong to whichever association represents the most chapters in the district assigned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this legislation shall not have any effect on any previously organized groups of Distinguished or Honored Members unless such group chooses to implement this change and that this legislation shall not have any effect on the members currently serving on the Board of Trustees for the Eastern Star Homes of California.

s/Alyson Grant (96)
s/Terri Ewing (33)
s/Laura Bouwens (2/28)

Report of Committees: The committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence to whom Proposed Amendment No. 8 has been referred recommend a “no” vote for the following reasons:

First, the north-south line was never meant to cut the membership evenly. It is a cultural and travel line and, for those purposes, it is located correctly now.

Second, with no changes at all we are already trending in equality. At the time the line was codified, the state had two-thirds of its districts and chapters north and one-third south. Now we are almost even and the line is too important to move each year to keep the sides even. So, if we move it now, it will just imbalance again next year.

Third, the population center of the state is in Bakersfield and has been for 50 years or more.

Finally, the members of the affected chapters to who we have spoken do not want the line moved.

Amendment **NOT ADOPTED.**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 9

WHEREAS, concerns have arisen over the years that the costs of administering the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's special projects, when such projects involve outside charities, have not been reasonably charged against such projects; and

WHEREAS, in addition to regular administrative fees, a five percent charge of the amount collected for outside projects was instituted to attempt to rectify these issues but has failed to reasonably correlate the work involved with the amount charged against the project; and

WHEREAS, by federal and state standards, all projects are to be charged in a similar manner as other charities administered through our Grand Chapter office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the five percent charge for special projects be eliminated and instead, the time spent by the Grand Chapter office staff for special projects shall be accounted for and charged against such special project at the same rate as is charged against all Eastern Star charities for such time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that amounts collected by any Chapter or group of members for a special project shall be sent into the Grand Chapter office by a check made payable to the Grand Chapter for projects under the Grand Chapter directly and payable to the California Eastern Star Foundation for projects under the Foundation. If the intent of the project is for donations to benefit local groups of the designated charity, rather than a single location or statewide office, the Chapter or group providing the funds may specify the local group to which they would like the funds disbursed when said funds are disbursed.

s/Chris Dias (622)

s/R. Stephen Doan (245-651)

s/Sharon Jazwiecki (163)

Report of Committees: The committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to whom Proposed Amendment No. 9 has been referred recommend a “yes” vote for the following reasons:

This will ensure that the special projects of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will be charged an administrative fee in the same manner that such fees are charged to all charities.

Amendment **ADOPTED**.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 10

WHEREAS, the current Investment of Funds provisions of the Constitution and Laws came from the California Masonic Code; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and Laws have not been updated for the current Investment of Funds provisions of the California Masonic Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Investment of Funds provisions of the Constitution and Laws be updated to the current Investment of Funds provisions of the California Masonic Code.

s/R. Stephen Doan (245/651)

s/Larry Coffin (557)

s/Deborah Baker (346/555)

From Section 809.130 of the California Masonic Code on Lodge Investments.

A Lodge may invest its assets, exclusive of Lodge Masonic Property, Lodge Masonic Hall Association securities, Life Membership Fund and Lodge revolving funds, as follows:

- A. Not less than 20% of the Lodge’s assets subject to investment under this section, as valued at the time of deposit or purchase (and disregarding any automatic reinvestments of income or gains), must be invested in:
 - 1. Tier 1 (Cash Reserves). The lesser of 80% of the Lodge’s assets subject to investment under this Section 809.130 or two times the Lodge’s average annual expenditures over the prior three full calendar years must be invested in:
 - a. Cash or cash equivalents,
 - b. Money market funds or accounts,
 - c. Checking accounts or savings accounts of depository institutions to the extent fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund,

- d. Certificates of deposit with maturities of less than two years to the extent fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund,
 - e. Obligations of the United States Government or obligations whose payment is pledged by the full faith and credit of the United States Government with maturities of less than three years, or
 - f. Investment companies or investment trusts that invest in the above referenced financial instruments;
2. Tier 2 (Fixed Income). The balance of the 20% investment minimum under this paragraph A may be invested in:
- a. Cash or cash equivalents,
 - b. Money market funds or accounts,
 - c. Checking accounts or savings accounts of depository institutions to the extent fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund,
 - d. Certificates of deposit without regard to maturities to the extent fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund,
 - e. Obligations of the United States Government or obligations whose payment is pledged by the full faith and credit of the United States Government without regard to maturities,
 - f. Corporate notes and bonds that are at least investment grade and are fully registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and who issuers have a market capitalization of at least \$500 million,
 - g. Mortgage-Backed Securities,
 - h. Commercial Paper that is at least investment grade,
 - i. Banker's Acceptances,
 - j. Investment companies or investment trusts that invest in the above referenced financial instruments, or
 - k. Such other prudent and appropriate investments as may be approved from time to time by the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Lodge Committee on Investments.

3. Tier 3 (Growth Assets): no more than 80% of the Lodge's assets subject to investment under this section, as valued at the time of deposit or purchase (and disregarding any automatic reinvestments of income or gains), may be invested in:
 - a. Common stocks which must be fully registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and whose issuers have a market capitalization of at least \$500 million;
 - b. Preferred stocks;
 - c. Master Limited Partnerships;
 - d. Convertible Notes and Bonds;
 - e. Convertible Preferred Stocks;
 - f. ADRs (American Depositary Receipts) of non-U.S. companies;
 - g. Publicly traded REITs (Real Estate Investment Trusts);
 - h. Investment companies or investment trusts that invest in the above referenced financial instruments; or
 - i. Such other prudent and appropriate investments as may be approved from time to time by the Grand Master after consultation with the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Lodge Committee on Investments.

A Lodge may only invest its Life Membership Fund in cash equivalents, savings accounts, certificates of deposit, investment grade bonds and conservative growth investments which are designed for total return (defined as any investment returns, including capital gains/ appreciation and losses/depreciation – realized or unrealized – and all dividends and interest). A Lodge's Life Membership Fund may not be used to secure or fund any loan to a Lodge or Hall Association, nor may it be used as collateral for a mortgage or promissory note to or for the benefit of any entity or person.

Report of Committees: The committees on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance to which Proposed Amendment No. 10 has been referred, recommend a "yes" vote for the following reason:

It will give chapters greater flexibility to make prudent investments.

Amendment **ADOPTED**.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 11

WHEREAS, vacancies in the office of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer may occur by death, suspension, resignation, or termination of paid employment, while accordingly having those positions filled by appointment by the Worthy Grand Matron; and

WHEREAS, that appointed officer shall exercise the powers and duties of said office, and in accordance with the Constitution and Laws, Section 20, receive the compensation of such office, as an acting officer, without installation, until the election and installation of a successor to the office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that those persons who have served in the capacity of an Acting Grand Secretary or Acting Grand Treasurer, performing such duties as required for those positions for a minimum of six months shall be afforded the title of Past Grand Secretary or Past Grand Treasurer, as befitting their service to our Order.

s/Sharon Jazwiecki (163)

s/Steve Johnson (2)

s/Terri Ewing (33)

Report of Committee: The committee on Constitution and Bylaws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 11 has been referred recommend a “no” vote for the following reason:

It has been the rule in California that those who are elected to a Grand Office and have completed their term of service are given the title of Past Grand Officer, while those who have been appointed to a Grand Office and have completed their term of service are referred to as the title of Former Grand Officer. We do not believe that a specific exception to this rule should be made.

Written ballot requested

Amendment **NOT ADOPTED**.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 12

WHEREAS, currently the Instruction Book states on page 34, “All members shall face the Flag during its escort. The salute to the Flag is given as soon as the Flag is in motion and is held through the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem”; and

WHEREAS, the Instruction Book outlines proper flag protocol but only allows for the singing of the National Anthem. There are many appropriate Patriotic Songs that could be sung at this time, but we still need to observe proper flag protocol. This would give the Worthy Matron the flexibility of choosing another patriotic song but does not require her to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Worthy Matron in her discretion, at all meetings other than at Installation, may select a different patriotic song to be sung at the time of Flag escort in lieu of the National Anthem. If the National Anthem is not sung, then the flag salute shall be released after completion of the Pledge.

s/Pat MacDonald (18)
s/Cheryl Dangreau (273/581)
s/Alyson Grant (96)

Amendment **WITHDRAWN**.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 13

WHEREAS, during Initiation, the Instruction Book instructs the officers to back out of the labyrinth at the conclusion of the ceremony at the altar referred to as the Golden Chain/Prayer Circle; and

WHEREAS, the Instruction Book further instructs that the officers, after backing out of the labyrinth, turn west to retrace their steps to their stations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that any officer who is unable to back out of the labyrinth or to turn west safely may return to their station in the safest manner, including but not exclusive to turning east.

s/Laura Bouwens (2/28)
s/Alyson Grant (96)
s/Tammy Kinzy (197)

Report of Committee: The committee on Constitution and Laws to whom Proposed Amendment No. 13 has been referred recommends a “yes” vote for the following reasons:

The safety of our members is very important.

Amendment **ADOPTED**.

APPENDIX F

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

(By Beverly Cratsenburg, PGT Chairman)

Report given during the Thursday Afternoon Session

I would like to introduce Donna Tucker and Brian Messenger who have my heartfelt thanks for their services on this committee.

The duties of the Committee on Audit are set forth in section 93B of the Constitution and Laws. The Committee on Audit is responsible for seeing that the financial statement of the Grand Chapter of California, the Eastern Star Homes of California and California Eastern Star Foundation are annually audited by independent Certified Public Accountants.

The committee is also responsible for making recommendations to the Worthy Grand Matron regarding the choice and compensation of the CPA and approves all non-audit services to be provided to the organizations prior to such services being performed.

Where appropriate, the committee also consults with the Committee on Jurisprudence. The committee also sees that all requirements of the Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004 or any amended or subsequent Internal Revenue Code sections relating to audit of nonprofit organizations are met.

The committee recommended to the Worthy Grand Matron that the firm Mueller Prost CPAs be retained to audit the financial statement of the Grand Chapter of California, the Eastern Star Homes of California and the California Eastern Star Foundation for the period ending September 30, 2016.

The committee reviewed the audit report of Mueller Prost CPAs. In the opinion of that firm the financial statements of all three entities present fairly in all material respects the financial position of each such entity as of September 30, 2016 and 2015, and result the operations changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended are in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

No ethical concern for competency issues were raised by the audit.

The committee believes that all requirements of Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004 or any amended or subsequent Internal Revenue Code section relating to audit of nonprofit organizations have been met.

Thank you.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA
EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION**
(By Fred Schulenburg, PGT, PP (31/342), Chairman)
Report given during the Thursday Afternoon Session

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored guests, sisters and brothers.

I would like to begin my report by introducing and acknowledging the hard work and the members who have served on the Foundation board during 2017.

Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron, Alyson Grant, Associate Grand Matron, Cathy Solem, Roger Nieder, Past Grand Patron, and Heidi Benjamin.

The 7th member of our board position was not filled after the incumbent resigned early in the year.

I would like to thank the members for the generous support you have given to the California Eastern Star Foundation over the years. Your donations have allowed us to aid at-risk members in their time of need, provide scholastic scholarships to the youth of California, and raise funding needed to support organizations researching medical issues that have touched all our lives.

The California Eastern Star Foundation is the umbrella organization that allows our members and others to make tax deductible donations to our various charities. The Foundation was formed in 1996 as a 501c(3) tax exempt organization and is overseen by a board of seven members. During the 2017 fiscal year, the Foundation held five meetings. In October 2016 we met to elect officers and plan our agenda for the upcoming year. Our December meeting via teleconference call was used to coordinate attendance at the upcoming All Member Instructionals and plan our fundraising campaign for the upcoming year.

Due to the resignation last March of Emily Char, the Director of Charitable Giving, we were only able to launch one of our planned fundraisers.

Our February meeting was dedicated to drafting our proposed 2018 Foundation budget, and our June and September meetings were set aside to review and update our five-year plan which was last adopted in 2013.

In closing, please remember the charities of our Eastern Star Foundation are here to assist our members in their time of need. If you find yourself in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us for help.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE

(By Sue White, PGM Chairman)

Report given during the Friday Morning Session

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, sisters and brothers. It is a pleasure to present those committee members with whom I have the privilege of working this past year. And if they are still in the audience and not up here behind me, stand and wave.

Sisters Debbie Baptiste, Dixie Batto, Stacy Beyenhof, Patti Cady, Deanna Carr, Judy Edgmon, Ginger Jackson, Tamra Keen, Casey Rainey, Cindy Schulenburg, and Virginia Williams. And special wave out to sisters Cindy, Stacy and Judy who were kept the busiest this year. Thank you. Thank you for your service.

The others that I would like to name were not officially on the committee but, since committee members could not get to where the consolidation geography was located, I would like to acknowledge Sisters Robin Barnes, Deputy Grand Matron, Melissa Cronin, Deputy Grand Matron, and Erla Hildebrand, Past Grand Treasurer. They assisted in the completion of the consolidations and they were very, very willing to put out their time and effort to help our Grand Chapter in these processes. And I thank you very much.

It has been an adventure and continuing education to serve as the Chairman of Consolidations again this year. In Eastern Star it continues to be an emotional time that requires discussion and agreement with the need of merging and joining together.

In our Consolidation manual, which is being revised as new challenges arrive, there are 13 major steps to accomplish.

Step No. 1, contacting Grand Chapter, which gives you a liaison to assist you and clarify the needs of your individual Chapter. Then you begin to work with the process.

The second step is to examine the challenges of providing membership direction. You may consider location and condition and personality of the Chapter. Through meetings you finally arrive at the diligent work, the give, the take and loving compromise.

Committees are appointed, property and logistics are examined. Countless letters and reminders to the membership. Voting on a myriad of decisions and meeting and discussing details.

Then final voting, elections and installation.

Through it all, comes the realization there are people in the Order who act as true sisters and brothers who want to do all they can for the good of the Order.

There have been about five consolidation adventures this year. I will share the names of the Chapters, numbers, meeting places and dates with you today.

The officers, bylaws, reports and records will have been received by the correct committees and the Grand Chapter office as per our rule.

All this labor and more has been completed by valiant efforts and dedicated service and sacrifice.

In most cases our secretaries and Grand Chapter Secretary and their assistants have shouldered the responsibility and deserved our gratitude. No one knows the time you have expended.

Sisters and brothers, consolidations are really hard work. And I didn't have to borrow the Worthy Grand Patron's whip to accomplish anything. The rent was too high.

The five consolidations are:

On April 17, 2017, Lake Chabot Chapter No. 103 joined with San Lorenzo Chapter No. 177 to be consolidated as San Lorenzo Chapter No. 103, meeting in Castro Valley Masonic Center.

The second one, after being turned down by one chapter, Nova Star Chapter No. 319 joined with Ocean Park Chapter No. 245 to become Ocean Park Star No. 245 on April 23, 2017, and meetings are held at the Sunset Masonic Center in Santa Monica. This consolidation took over two years.

No. 3. September 18, 2017, Palmleaf Chapter No. 114, Porterville, completed consolidation procedures with Tulare-Corcoran Chapter No. 94, and will become South San Joaquin Chapter No. 94, with meetings held in Tulare Masonic Center. Their Installation of Officers is scheduled next weekend, November 6, 2017, so they would probably be considered as consolidating next year.

No. 4. After consolidation with another chapter was not successful, on September 20, 2017, Menifee Valley Chapter No. 243 consolidated with Star of the Valley Chapter No. 648, Moreno Valley, to be Star of the Valley Chapter No. 243.

Installation was held and they are planning another installation in November. They are meeting at the Masonic Center in Moreno Valley until December, but news just reached me that there's angelic help on the way, so that two months might not be set in stone.

No. 5. On October 18, 2017, Bellflower Chapter No. 397 sought consolidation with Emerald Star Chapter No. 143. They will be called Emerald Star Chapter No. 143, to meet in the Norwalk Masonic Center. The Installation of Officers is scheduled for November.

So that makes three completed consolidations and two almost completed.

Thank you again, Worthy Grand Matron, for your trust and confidence. I move this report be accepted and placed on file.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

(Sarahann Shapiro, PGM Chairman)

Report given during the Thursday Morning Session

This year it was my very great pleasure to serve on this committee with Sisters Heidi Benjamin and Kathy Young. Both of these sisters did an amazing job on each of the tasks assigned to our committee this year. I cannot thank them enough for their hard work, enthusiasm and assistance.

We began the year by working with the Jurisprudence Committee to write up the language to incorporate last year's legislation into our Constitution. All of the items adopted at last year's session were incorporated into change pages for our Constitution, and we sent a copy of our changes to the committee on Constitutional Reorganization so that they could be sure to provide the approved parts of all the new Constitution to include the items.

Throughout the year we reviewed and made recommendations with respect to proposed chapter bylaws revisions. In total, we reviewed 29 sets of proposed bylaws. Seventeen were approved as written. Three were sent back for revision, resubmitted and approved. Five were sent back with a request for revision, but no revisions were ever made and they were therefore rejected. And four were rejected for attempting to include items that were disallowed under our Constitution.

A complete list of these submissions and the results will be included in the written report submitted for the Proceedings.

As an aid to our sisters and brothers moving forward, I would like to remind anyone submitting bylaws for approval that you must include the date on which the notice of the bylaws consideration meeting was sent to the members. We check that date to make sure that sufficient notice was given to comply with the requirements of our Constitution. Many chapters send this notice out as an item in their newsletter, but the newsletter does not say the date on which it was mailed, and some chapters sent separate letters but didn't put a date on them.

Seventeen of the 29 bylaws reviewed, more than half, did not have correct notice information in the packet sent to the Grand Secretary. In 12 of those cases, we were able to get the notice information and approve the bylaws. Please, please, remember to provide the date on which the notice was mailed when you submit the proposed bylaws for revision.

In July, we attended a joint meeting of our committee and the committee on Jurisprudence to review the legislation submitted for this session, to assure that the words written by the proponents clearly set forth their intent, and that the object of the legislation was lawful. Meaning, that it did not violate the ritual or Red Book of General Grand Chapter and did not violate federal or state law.

My heartfelt thanks to each of the proponents who worked with us on wording for their legislation. Their kind cooperation allowed us to get the approved legislation to the Grand Secretary in plenty of time to meet the required publication deadline.

Yesterday, we held our Joint Legislative Review meeting with the committees on

Jurisprudence and Finance to review the legislation and determine our recommendation in accordance with our duty under the Constitution. I appreciate the efforts of all the members of the joint committees who participated in the meaningful discussion of the proposed amendments yesterday, and for each taking part of a task of getting them ready for presentation.

We thank Sister Linda and Brother Bill for appointing us to this committee, and we looked forward to fulfilling our final duties of the year in the next few days.

Our thanks also to Brother Gary Gole of Jurisprudence who was kind enough to help us with some sticky questions on some of our bylaw submissions, and to Sister Tammy Kinzy, our Grand Secretary, who has helped us track down missing information and documents all year. And a special thanks to our legislative staff here at the session for helping us prepare the legislation to be presented to you.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

(By Janet Robinson, PGM Chairman)

Report given during the Thursday Morning Session

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, officers and members of this Grand Chapter.

It is my pleasure to present to the assembly the members of the committee who have reviewed the legislation presented to the membership and made referrals to the appropriate committees for study.

Sister Collette Serio Gole, Past Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter. And we are missing Brother JD Hammett, Past Grand Patron. Thank you, Sister Collette.

Following the closing day for legislation to be received, copies of all proposed amendments to our Constitution were sent to each of the committee members, and included 13 proposed amendments, three of which were carryovers.

These amendments were discussed and distributed as follows:

To the committee of Constitution and Bylaws, all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws.

Jointly to the committees on Constitution and Bylaws and Jurisprudence, Proposed Amendments No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Jointly to the committees of Constitution and Bylaws and Finance, Proposed Amendments No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10.

And to the committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Jurisprudence and Finance, Proposed Amendments No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10.

We are pleased to report that all three of us were in full agreement to the distribution of these proposed amendments. We thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the opportunity to be of service to this Grand Chapter.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTERN STAR
HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

(By Jim Whiteley, GGCCM, President)

Report given during the Thursday Afternoon Session

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored members, sisters and brothers, it has been an honor and privilege to continue this past year as the President of the Board of Trustees and speak at this Annual Session on behalf of the entire board.

At this time, I would like to present our dedicated board members who have served you, the members and the residents of our Home, with passion during this past year. They are Sisters Linda Hoesser, Worthy Grand Matron, Karen Meador, who has served as the Vice President, Laura Bouwens, Melissa Cronin, Kathe Larick and Ruth Serini, and Brothers Bill Prentiss, Worthy Grand Patron and Scott Smissen.

In addition to your elected board members, we are supported by two other important members of the team. They are sisters Tammy Kinzy, Grand Secretary, and Sandra Geanoulis, Grand Treasurer.

We are also supported by our Interim Executive Director and Administrator Judy Figueroa. Judy also serves as the Executive Director of Residential Services of the Masonic Home at Covina. Judy will be with us on Friday and you will get to meet her when she gives our report.

Our Constitution and Laws requires the trustees make a complete report of the property condition and operation of our charity for the preceding year.

We have two properties. Our Eastern Star Professional Plaza, also known as the ESPP, and our Senior Living Community, also known as the SLC. The ESPP has continued to be a good source of income for the SLC. As reflected in this year's ESPP budget the projected profit is expected to be over \$170,000. That amount is equivalent to having an additional four million dollars in our endowment at a four percent draw.

We are happy to report that we have all suites under contract with one exception, that being a lease that was recently turned out by a retiring doctor. Our agent has had interest in that suite by potential renters with hopes of having it leased soon.

2017 has been a challenging year for our Senior Living Community. We started out our budget year with a Home under the direction of our late Sister Kim Cooke and her highly qualified staff of managers. Sister Kim managed our Home through the first six months until her untimely passing while attending a LeadingAge conference in Monterey. In addition to Kim's service on the board of trustees she served four years as the Executive Director of our Home. She was a very dedicated employee with a 24/7 commitment to the Home's success.

Very soon after Kim's passing, we were contacted by Gary Charland, the Executive Director for Masonic Homes of California, who offered to help us in

any way necessary. As a result of this offer, we contracted with the Masonic Homes to have Judy serve as our interim administrator and to allow us to continue our operation under her administrator license.

At the time of Sister Kim's passing, Brother Simon Dias stepped up to the position of Interim Executive Director. Brother Simon served in that position up until about a month ago when he decided to re-enter retirement. The life of retirement. Brother Simon served as our Director of Maintenance for the past four years and is to be commended for leaving our Home in an excellent condition. He was instrumental in accomplishing a lot of deferred maintenance and setting up an effective maintenance schedule.

Judy is now serving as our Executive Director and Administrator, with Randi McGinnis serving as our SLC Manager.

Judy Figueroa brings to us over 28 years of residential care facility for the elderly and executive director experience. We are currently utilizing her experience to help evaluate the operation of our Home and look for ways to improve the efficiency, reduce costs and look for new sources of revenue.

We are currently working to establish memory care within our facility which will allow us to take care of our own resident members in-house and to provide a fee for service to nonmembers.

At the 2015-2016 annual sessions we had to submit emergent legislation that would allow us to spend up to \$3 million if necessary, of our temporarily restricted endowment funds to support our budget. I'm happy to inform you that over the past two years we did not have to spend any of those authorized funds. We have heard rumors that we spent the three million dollars each year and that isn't true. If it were, our endowment would have been well under \$19 million.

The ceiling of our restricted fund in 2015 was \$24,165,115.

I'm happy to report that the amount of our endowment as of September 30 of this year is \$29,366,737.

Now the increase in our endowment is due to some very generous trust payments that were received this year from two of our deceased members, in the amounts adding up to over four million dollars.

Sisters and brothers, please listen carefully. Even though we received some very generous gifts into our Endowment Fund, we still have some very serious problems. The income from our investments is not paying the bills. The 2016 budget year ended with a net draw down of the endowment by approximately \$577,000 as compared to the endowment value at the end of 2015.

The unaudited number for 2017 budget year indicates that we reduced the endowment value by another \$209,000.

Your board has been working diligently over the past two years to find a breakeven plan that would allow us to fund our budget with a four percent maximum draw from our endowment to ensure sustainability of our Home for the

future. With our projected budget deficit, that you will see later, for this year of \$2,513,652 on this year's budget, we would need an endowment of \$63 million at a four percent draw to cover the deficit. We are almost halfway there, if you want to look at the positive side of that.

As was mentioned in an earlier report today, we have a very daunting task before us. To achieve the four percent requirement has been a very difficult task and one that demands that we find a new significant source of revenue in addition to our investment income. The Home has never been required to operate with a maximum four percent draw from our endowment, and at this time that may be an impossible task.

Your board held two special sessions this past year to brainstorm possible new sources of revenue and will continue into the 2018 year to find a solution. Because of the seriousness of this issue, we are working on two plans. The first being Plan A, an all-out effort to find a breakeven plan that will sustain our Home well into the future. To assist the board in this effort, we have enlisted the support of a business professional who will guide the board through this process and leave no stones unturned. Should it be proven that we do not have a path to a sustainable future for our Home, we will need a Plan B.

At our 2016 Grand Installation we were approached by our newly installed Grand Master of Masons in California who offered to sit down with us and talk about ways that we could work together for the benefit of our residents. We have had some discussion with the Masons this past year and plan to continue our discussions into the next year.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you for allowing us to serve you and the residents of our beautiful Home.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER WEEK COMMITTEE

(By Robin Logan, PM and Mike Logan, PP (160/171) Chairmen)

Report given during the Saturday Morning Session

Robin Logan, Co-Chairman: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Protocol having been established, Grand Family, my sisters and brothers.

On every adventure it would be best if you plan your itinerary before you leave your trip. Our journey started in 2013 in many ways. The most important way led us right to this spot.

Mike Logan, Co-Chairman: We have had many trail guides to assist us in our adventure with Chris and Simon Dias, Bob and Cindy Murphy, Theresa and Don Markert, and finally, Bill and Ris Prentiss. We have learned so much and are so grateful for your guidance and assistance.

Robin Logan: Like any adventure there are times when we needed to take a detour due to road construction or the road was washed out. It was always great when you have a reliable GPS like Sister Sarahann Shapiro and Brother Art Weiss

to help you navigate around situations. We will be forever grateful for your guidance.

Mike Logan: Grand Chapter would not be a memorable event without our Grand Chapter Week committees. They do what they do and their work is not done until everyone has exited the arena and it is time for the next corps of committees to take the reins.

Robin Logan: This year, we wanted to try something new by reaching out to local businesses to see what they could do to benefit the members and Grand Chapter. I reached out to Dickey's BBQ Pit to see if we could try a dine-out for the week. How many of you participated?

The new owners had just taken over that particular establishment the last two months and had not experienced a Grand Chapter week before. I have a feeling they'll be looking forward for us to be coming up next year.

Mike Logan: Did you enjoy the ice cream at 31 Flavors? We reached out to the Visitors Bureau to see if any of the local businesses would like to share with us any specials they would be having this week. We have seen some of you noticing the posters in the windows of the local businesses so our presence is known.

Robin Logan: We have had many banquets, and that has proven us Order of the Eating Siblings. But it was a success in that about \$2,000 in the live auction of the beautiful quilts created by Sisters Mary Lou Curtiss and Shirley Radder. Can we please give these ladies a round of applause?

Mike Logan: Have you been around our vendors? Did you find a hidden treasure you had to have? Did you participate in the silent auction to help the Disaster Fund? Without your participation this would not have been as successful as it has been.

Robin Logan: Did you get to meet our Most Worthy Grand Matron and/or the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and the General Grand Officers or Visiting Dignitaries? Did you also notice that legislation is done?

Mike Logan: And most importantly, did you enjoy yourselves?

Robin Logan: And as the title goes, it takes a village. We did not complete this task without the help of our fellow Sisters and Brothers in California. They have been an intricate part of the success of this Grand Chapter week. The chairmen and committee members can hold their heads high as their job has been well done.

Mike Logan: Sisters and brothers, I am honored to introduce to you the committees of this week's Grand Chapter.

Group No. 4, Chairmen Gary and Judy Dunham. Arts and Crafts, Cancer Dressing, Election Board Entertainment, Publicity, and signs.

Robin Logan: Group No. 3, Corrine and Paul Lacroix. Their particular group consists of Grand Choir Director, Escort, Fun Night, Lost and Found, Masonic

Youth Session, Special Duties, Secretary to the Legislative Committee, and Sound and Lighting.

Mike Logan: Group No. 2, Cyntia Giboney and Fred Loeser. This covers the back side of water – oh, I’m sorry, this isn’t the Jungle Book Cruise. Arena Set Up, Decorations, Drayage, Grand Guards Health and Personal Services, Safety Services and Seating.

Robin Logan: Group No. 1. Melanie and Steve Chase. Their committee consists of Credentials, Necrology Devine Services, Picture Coordinator, Programs, Transportation and Vendor Coordinator.

Mike Logan: Then we have under our committee Housing, Committee Rooms, Installation of 2018 Grand Officers, Banquets, Courtesies to Dignitaries, Grand Pages, Committee Rooms, Special Courtesies and Parliamentarian.

Sisters and Brothers, please show these committee chairmen and members how much you appreciated what was done this past week. *(Applause)*

Robin Logan: As our journey on this adventure comes to an end, we would like to thank Sister Linda for having the confidence in us to make this session what you wanted. We also want to thank Brother Bill and Sister Ris for lending their experience along the way these last two years. And also getting a new trailer.

A special thank you goes out to my mother Shirley Ann Warder with her help when things got tricky. Janice Mann for stepping into the secretary role for a time. Sister Karen Mann for helping with the Masonic Youth Session. And Brother Clint Marshall and his wife Cynthia for volunteering to haul the new trailer up to Visalia when the original chairman resigned due to health reasons.

Grand Secretary Sister Tammy Kinzy, thank you for your help settling a few things prior to the session.

And it has been an honor to serve you as General Chairmen for your “Treasures of Freedom” Session. We hope that the memories of this session will bring you happiness and joy.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

(Gary Gole, PP (21/651) Chairman)

Report given during the Thursday Morning Session

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. First, I would like to introduce the members of my committee. Sister Brandon Lee Baker, a member of La Paloma Chapter No. 96. She has a Juris Doctorate and a Masters of Library Information Science Degree. She currently holds the distinguished position of adjunct Professor of Law at California Western School of Law.

The other distinguished member of the committee is Vivian Bens-Hower, Past Matron of Gold Ridge Star Chapter No. 161 and Grand Representative of Montana in California. She has been licensed to practice in the State of California

for 31 years and is currently a research attorney for the Superior Court of Marin County.

It has been a real pleasure to work with both of you this year. You are both dedicated and exceptionally skilled members and really assisted in drafting our formal opinions, and I really appreciate your work.

The members of the committee want to thank Sister Linda and Brother Bill for appointing us to this important committee. It was quite a quiet year for our committee. Although we were presented with a number of questions, we only had to render three formal opinions.

Our committee has also been called upon to review contracts during the year and we work all year long. We were real fortunate to render unanimous decisions in our three opinions this year.

To our members who have questions regarding fraternal law, please submit them to the Jurisprudence Committee. Next year's Chairman will be Brother Frank Young and you should direct your questions to him.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

(By Collette Serio Gole, PGM Co-Chairman)

Report given during the Friday Morning Session

Thank you very much for allowing us to give this report.

The Membership Committee is aware we weren't giving a report this morning, so I don't expect you to run up to the podium the next two minutes because that's how long my report is but, when I do call your name, please wave.

The members of the 2017 Membership Committee are Sisters Jacquie McDermott, co-chair, Deborah Winn, Delma Davis, Stephanie Bezner, Laird Crandall, Barbara Clark, Penny Kincaid, Teri Lusk, Sandra Murch, Susie Reynoso, Trudy Slater, Katherine Monedero, Debbie Bernsdorf, Janice Mann, Marsha Price, and Bobbie Allen and Brothers Mike Logan and JD Hammett, Chairman.

This year, our chairman wanted to have all committee members more involved in the workings of the state Membership Committee, and wanted our committee members to be more involved with your subordinate chapters. Therefore, he assigned each member of the committee seven chapters to contact. The chapters were assigned not based on district or association.

The state Membership Committee designed a format for AMIs and created the theme Roar and Soar in 2017.

The format was to be ritual and leadership training. The programs were presented throughout the state during December and January.

A separate task force was formed to focus and accept the membership challenges facing Eastern Star in California. Meetings were held, two in the south, one in the north, where a total of over 100 members participated.

From these meetings a list of 39 challenges were identified. From the 39 challenges the members in charge of the task force selected 10 challenges to focus upon.

Over 100 members were then emailed invitations to take a survey and rank the ten challenges from the most important to the least important.

The data collected from the survey at the three meetings showed overwhelmingly that the three most important challenges facing our Order are:

- No. 1, stability;
- No. 2, member retention, including mentorship; and
- No. 3, chapter management and leaders.

It should be noted that no money was requested from Grand Chapter for the work of this task force.

Based on the results of the survey, a request was made to the Worthy Grand Matron for permission to hold a meeting on September 9, 2017, in Visalia, California. The invitation to this meeting was extended to the Grand Line.

The members at the September 9 meeting discussed solutions to the membership challenges and to formulate a plan to implement those solutions.

Forty-three eager members and enthusiastic members attended this meeting, including several members of the Grand Line.

Those sisters and brothers that attended any of the task force meetings, please stand at this time.

Thank you so much for your participation.

The data and information was collected, shared with the Grand Line and given to the 2018 state Membership Committee Chair Jackie McDermott for further implementation.

The main goal of this task force was a call to action to the Grand Line and to our members to work on our membership issues. It was more than just talk, because we have been talking since 1974 about these same issues. It was a shout out for concrete plans, implementation of the plans and measurable results.

The consensus with each of the members wants and prays that the vision of Eastern Star be kept alive. The implementation of the solution is with the Grand Line. It is – a deep thank you and gratitude goes to Deborah Winn, Delma Davis, Jackie McDermott in sharing with my vision. Going forward, hopefully the Membership Committee will continue to work serving the chapters and the

members by providing needed education, leadership training and resources to deal with the many challenges facing our Order.

As an addendum to this report, the same group, Deb Winn, myself and Delma Davis, were invited to New Mexico's Grand Chapter last week to present a leadership training program to their members. At their Grand Chapter, we met with marketing coordinator of New Mexico. It should be noted that the data recommendations of the California task force was identical to the solutions and recommendation of New Mexico. The big difference was that our task force – all of you that stood up – did this without having to hire a professional consultant. We rock.

Sisters and brothers, our work is not complete. We all must wake up and begin to roar about our Order by doing those things that will make our Order relevant to everyone. If we are knowledgeable about our Order, positive in our approach, and persistent in our outreach, we will have a solid foundation for which to regrow our chapters.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for our appointments. The members of your 2017 Membership Committee were honored to serve as members to this Grand Chapter as we Roar and Soar in 2017.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

(By Brenda Hanson-Smith, PM (62/195) Chairman)

Report given during the Saturday Afternoon Masonic Family Honor Session

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron distinguished and honored guests, brothers and sisters, I want to thank you for this opportunity to report on the work of the Scholarship Committee during 2017. Our committee included Patti Whitehill, and John Hoffman and Christa Tipton who could not be here today because of other commitments, and myself as chairperson.

I want to extend my gratitude to each of them for their diligence to the task at hand, for their extraordinary preparation, coupled with their educational expertise, and kind and compassionate hearts. Thank you.

Our committee met for our annual two-day deliberation retreat and I thought I would share with you some of the quantifiable and qualitative information from that. Some of it is numbers, because some of you are numbers people, and others of you are story people, so I am going to give you a mix of both of those to give you a feel of what the work of the Scholarship Committee is about.

We had \$97,600 in the fund this year. Thank you, brothers and sisters.

There were unfortunately no qualified applicants for the ESTARL or Music scholarships, and so those funds will carry over into 2018 and will be hopefully used then. The remainder to distribute was \$92,000.

We had 103 applicants, of which 100 were eligible to be considered.

Fifty-five students were funded. Eighteen of them are graduating high school seniors. Six are attending community colleges. Twenty-seven are in baccalaureate programs. Four are in graduate programs. I think that adds up to 55, but if it doesn't it was my mistake. It was what we did.

The students planning on attending or continuing at community colleges received scholarships in the amount of \$650 to \$1,000, and those planning on or already attending four-year programs or graduate programs received scholarships in the amount of \$650 to \$2,000.

Throughout the year this committee has been available to all applicants, if they chose to connect with us by phone, by text, by email, by carrier pigeon, Hogwarts, doves, whatever else. If they can get ahold of us, we were happy to talk with them. And we will continue to do this in 2018, and you should tell the young people that you know that if they have a question, please contact one of the members of the Scholarship Committee.

I think it is important for us to remember that our students, in response to the question of where do they attend school, they go to school all over. So, for this year's recipients, you can find seven of them on the UC campuses. For those of us who are Bears and Bruins, this is a good thing they are there. Eight of the California State University campuses will be represented. Six of the community college campuses.

However, many of you asked, where else do they go other than California? Do our monies go out of the state? Yes, some of it does. Some of it stays within private schools within California. We don't differentiate that, as long as they are California residents.

The list of out of state and out of state institutions is quite significant this year and includes the University of Nevada Reno, University of Arizona, Northern Colorado, Colorado State, Western Oregon, Northern Arizona, Perdue, Bucknell, Cogswell Polytechnic College, Spellman, Graceland, St. Catherine's, American University, Dominican College, American Military College, Concordia, Irvine, Chapman and National University.

A second question that you often ask us is, well, what are they majoring in? And you know, those of us who have had college experience are always looking for someone who might be following in our footsteps, so they are. And these are the majors that you can count on them doing. I would tell you that they are highly motivated and there were only three who were entering college as undeclared. In all of the groups the GPAs were averaging around 3.4 to 3.6.

So, in health care, we will find our recipients in medicine, osteopathy, nursing, physical and occupational therapy, public health, speech therapy, global disease and psychology.

In the hard sciences they are studying chemical engineering, biochemistry, environmental science and engineering, ecology, forestry, biology, forensic chemistry, computer science, game designing, engineering and cognitive science.

In business they will be found in finance and accounting, business administration and management.

In the arts and letters, they will be found in prelaw, sociology, poly-sci, communication, jazz studies, broadcast journalism, liberal studies for teaching and early childhood development.

I did not do that for this year but we will be adding a separate scholarship application for those who are applying for the music scholarship and the revised 2018 scholarship. They should all be up on the website here by the end of November.

In addition to academic excellence, all of our recipients, every single one of the 55, are involved in community service projects that we don't have enough time for me to talk about. They are all worthy. They are all in our community. They are doing just exactly the sort of things that we, as Eastern Star brothers and sisters, want to see the young people of our world doing and that we want to be doing, too.

I did an exit interview by telephone and email and text – whatever way I could communicate – with about half – a little bit more than half of the recipients this year because I wanted to be able to answer these kind of key questions that you posed to us.

So I learned that our scholarship funding is helping the recipients to become doctors, lawyers, teachers, nurses, physical therapists, journalists, forest rangers – Sister June Lucretia would love that – engineers of all types, genome researchers, business owners, corporate managers, corporate administrators, forensic pathologists and musicians.

There are more. I could name all 55 of their hopes and dreams and aspirations, but you get the point. They are highly motivated. They are directed to success and they are on the pathway that we can be proud of.

Many of you asked me and other committee members, how do they use our money? This is one of those kind of E.F. Hutton moments. How is our money being spent? Is it being spent wisely?

And I think I would just tell you that, once again, the exit interviews were incredibly revealing, and our dollars were helping them in a variety of ways.

For some, of course, it is helping with that tuition bill which can be formidable depending on where they are attending. However, for several it was the ability to know that they would have less credit card debt because they could pay things off in cash. They could buy all their textbooks. They could buy e-books, whatever, but they can pay for it in one fell swoop and not have to carry a debt on a credit card.

For some, it meant they could buy a computer and not have to spend time in the university computer labs doing their homework. Because those of you who are in

college, been to college, or paying for somebody else's college, know that a computer is just about as essential now as a ballpoint pen, maybe, if not more so.

Pay for college labs, which are expensive. My nursing students at the university pay around \$250 every semester just for lab fees.

Many said that our funding enabled them to work less hours each week and gave them more time to study.

One student in particular said that she had no transportation except her own two feet and lived three miles from campus. And our scholarship enabled her to buy a bicycle which gave her transportation in her college community, and she can now ride a bicycle to and from campus, and she bought her very first laptop computer and printer, and how much easier it made her life, she said. She said, "It just is easier now."

Students and their families fund college with a patchwork of scholarships, grants, work-study and personal contributions. I know I'm speaking to the choir here because many of you are college students and you know how that quilt looks. It is all a bunch of pieces. There is no one scholarship funding that pays for everything. But our part of it, our piece in that puzzle, in that quilt is an important piece.

I was trying to summarize what some of the students have said and, when I spoke with them, they validated how important our funding is to them. However much they get, they are grateful. They say, "Oh, this helped."

I thought of one student's story to try to stand out from all the others that might illustrate for all of us why we need to keep doing what we are doing, even if it means one less latte a week, one less McDonald's burger, for those of us who are ice cream-oholics, one less Baskin Robbins, but this is a story that I know will warm your heart.

If one student's story were to stand out, it is the student who will be attending Spellman College on a full tuition scholarship that will pay for classes, board and room, period. However, on August 1st, upon turning 18, and having been in foster care for 14 years, working throughout high school, every day, every week, this student is now out of the system.

She is without parents and she is without family. She has been in six foster care homes in the course of those 14 years. And she said to me, "It's on me now. It's on me to take care of me and to get through college. I've got this great scholarship and I'm not going to, quote, 'screw up'."

"I used the money that you sent me, the scholarship from the Eastern Star, to buy a laptop computer, and I have bought my books already for one semester, and I bought a new suit and nice shoes to go with it, so that when I go for job interviews I will look professional. I have a little bit left over in case there is an emergency."

I want to thank you brothers and sisters for helping this student fund something that's really important to her. She said, "I will write you and let you know how

I'm doing." And she will. And I will give it to Cherri Whiteley and she can post it and you can see her letters.

So, the last take-away point for us today, is that by funding scholarships for students, we are funding the future in case we doubted that. I don't think any of us did. Like I say, I'm preaching to the choir. I think we would agree it is an impressive list of institutions they are attending. Their majors are relevant to the needs of the 21st century. Our scholarship funding makes a positive statement that we value the recipients, we support their hopes and dreams for their future and for our future. They are our caregivers for our future.

In the exit interviews the recipients stated repeatedly that it was our vote of confidence in their ability to be successful – and it was priceless – and while they were grateful for the funding in any amount, the gratitude of our tangible statement of belief in them, the belief in another person by a person, by an organization, makes them say that they can and they will do whatever they can to work for the future and to not disappoint us.

We have a neat group. For those of you who are all about gender equity, we're not. We're about young people. So, for example, we have seven of our recipients are Eastern Star members, five are DeMolays, couple are Eagle Scouts. Three of them are Rainbow and Job's Daughter Grand Officers – no, five of them are. Two are Masons. Many of them belong to Rainbow or to Job's Daughters. Seemed like a really good group to me.

So, I hope you will continue to join with us committee members as we continue our efforts and we redouble our efforts to sustain and to even increase the donations for scholarship funding. It is a worthy endeavor, to say the least, and it is something that clearly you all know is a deep, deep passion in my heart.

And once again I thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the opportunity to serve our Order, to serve our youth, and to hopefully serve my brothers and sisters by giving you some information you may not have had.

Thank you very much for this opportunity.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRAVEL AWARD PROGRAM COMMITTEE

*(By Casey Rainey, PM (117/631) Chairman)
Report given during the Friday Morning Session*

Protocol having been established, thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for appointing me chairman to this program.

It is amazing to see all the things that our members do each year. They attend chapter meetings, All Member Instructionals, Official Visits, Receptions and other events, as well as participate in our Masonic family, their own community and their chapters.

It is not just about the pin, although the pin is a great pin. It is about the adventure. The adventure of being an officer in your own chapter or attending a sister chapter and meeting old friends and making new friends.

The adventure of learning how a chapter meeting is to be conducted at an All Member Instructional. The adventure of meeting the Grand Family when they visit your district Official Visit. The adventure of going to receptions of Grand Family members, Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives and other events.

The adventure of participating in our Masonic Family events, to include International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters International and DeMolay, as well as our own chapter events.

The adventure of helping in our own community, the adventure of sending items to soldiers through the California Eastern Star Cares program, and many more adventures.

All of this is part of cheerful companionship and social enjoyment. That's what we signed up for when we were initiated into the Order.

The pin is a symbol to show others that you completed this program and are willing helpers in the service of humanity. By wearing your pin, you may meet someone who will ask about the pin. That's your cue to say your elevator speech and tell them all about being an Eastern Star family.

On behalf of the Indy's Adventure Traveling Service Program, I want to congratulate all who participated and for the time and effort you have dedicated to serving our Order, and to thank you for completing the form and receiving your beautiful pin.

I have given out 231 pins to those who have sent in their forms. I thank you all for all you do for our beautiful Order.

Again, I want to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for appointing me to this program.

On to new adventures.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON
AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON SPECIAL PROJECT**

(By Juliet Vitz, PM (13/555) Chairman)

Report given during the Friday Morning Session

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron Linda and Worthy Grand Patron Bill for implementing the Eastern Star Cares program.

My name is Juliet Vitz, Worthy Matron of Legacy Chapter 555 in Fresno, and a member of Lucerne Lake Chapter No. 13 in Lemoore. I am also Chairman of the Eastern Star Cares program for 2017.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Special Project Eastern Star Cares has been a phenomenal success. The Eastern Star of California have donated \$33,628 worth of food to food banks, churches and directly to the needy in local communities, thus achieving our goal of giving to our local communities and having California Eastern Star associated with local community service.

Chapters filled the bags with the Eastern Star Cares logo on them and distributed them where they were most needed. The total reported dollar amount again was \$33,628, which breaks down roughly to about 13,726 pounds of food distributed to the people in need of the most basic necessity, food.

Chapters took up collections, donated coin marches, held fundraisers, to make these donations possible. Some of the chapters took on the preparation and serving of food in cooperation with churches and other nonprofit groups totaling many hundreds of hours. Many handmade, knitted and fleece blankets, scarves, Christmas gifts for homeless children, school supplies and stuffed animals were also donated by our chapters to those in need.

The efforts of each chapter who participated in the Eastern Star Cares program can be very proud. One of our larger chapters in a metropolitan area has donated \$7,765 in goods and services and is still going strong.

One of our smaller, more rural chapters with fewer than a hundred people, has donated \$1,171 worth of food and services. Everyone who participated should be proud of your amazing Order.

I would like to thank Linda and Bill for allowing me to be Chairman of the Eastern Star Cares program for 2017. Thank you to all the chapters who have participated and worked hard for this program and turned in their reports of their amazing donations to their communities, you did a great job. Thank you.

GENERAL APPENDIX

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
2015-2018**

Helen J. Westmoreland	Most Worthy Grand Matron
Robert C. Penoyer	Most Worthy Grand Patron
Marianne Shenefelt	Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron
Henry S. Martin	Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron
Alma Lynn Bane	Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary
Michael E. Berry	Right Worthy Grand Treasurer
Glenda G. Winchester	Right Worthy Grand Conductress
Billie Bradfield.....	Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress
Betty J. Briggs.....	Right Worthy Grand Trustee
Dennis P. Jordan	Right Worthy Grand Trustee
Jo L. Cullifer	Right Worthy Grand Trustee
Jo Ann Sheppard	Worthy Grand Chaplain
Joy W. Felt	Worthy Grand Marshal
Charlie Chandler	Worthy Grand Organist
Amy Wehmeier	Worthy Grand Adah
Judy A. Rutter	Worthy Grand Ruth
Lorraine Hough	Worthy Grand Esther
Tammy Clawson	Worthy Grand Martha
Wilma J. Thompson	Worthy Grand Electa
John Lay.....	Worthy Grand Warder
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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN CALIFORNIA

Grand Chapter	Representative	Address	Expires
Alabama	Mary Green (447)	2042 Falmouth Cir, Manteca 95336-9605	07/01/19
Alberta	Marguerite DeMichele (129)	8915 Benedict Dr, Sparks, NV 89441-9206	07/30/18
Arizona	Elizabeth Lopez (524)	21546 Lake Forest Dr, Apt E, Lake Forest 92630	08/31/19
Arkansas	Shirley Radder (273)	13404 16th Ave, Lemoore 93245-9514	03/10/18
Australia	Donna Doan (245/651)	6411 Seabryn Dr, Rancho Palos Verde 90275	12/31/17
Bolivia	Romeo Ricarte (144)	13622 Beach St, Cerritos 90703-1434	01/31/19
BC/Yukon	Patrick Burke (1/186)	1662 38th Ave, San Francisco 94122-3002	12/31/17
Colorado	Debbie Willis (205)	2971 Estates Ave, Pinole 94564-1444	04/16/19
Connecticut	Yvette Elness (531/417)	2328 N 6 th St, Ceres 95307-2627	12/31/18
Delaware	Marydith Currie (147)	521 Lido Pl, Fullerton 92835-2441	12/31/18
Dist. of Columbia	Carolyn Parker (202/145)	808 West Bridwell, Glendora 91741-3248	03/01/18
Florida	JoAnne Wright (177)	4732 Herrin Way, Pleasanton 94588-3827	12/31/17
Georgia	Marsha Molloy (219)	308 Becky Ct, Novato 94949-5469	09/01/19
Idaho	Steve Pewitt (515)	1227 S. Hermosa Ave, Banning 92220-6113	12/31/17
Illinois	Elda Rosco-Gustafson (126/14)	756 Kinglet Ct, Merced 95340-8346	09/30/19
Indiana	LeRoy Foote (557)	2198 Rall Ave, Clovis 93611-4140	01/21/18
Iowa	Kathie Theener-Delong (96)	2785 Highgate Pl, Simi Valley 93065-1413	12/31/17
Italy	Mitchell Johns (425/245)	1413 E Mariposa Ave, El Segundo 90245-3227	12/31/18
Kansas	Amber Balshaw (33/161)	818 Rolling Hill Dr, Petaluma 94954-7437	01/01/19
Kentucky	Deborah Bernsdorf (42)	721 Stone Harbour Dr, Pittsburg 94565-4038	12/31/17
Louisiana	Ruth McKernan (135)	P.O. Box 307, Livermore 94551-0307	12/31/18
Maine	Vera Lee (243/622)	1584 W. Metz Rd, Perris 92570-1685	03/01/18
Manitoba	Casey Rainey (117/631)	5364 Buckwood Way, Sacramento 95835-1723	10/15/18
Maryland	Ruben Gallegos (163)	230 E Monroe Ave, Orange 92867-4848	06/30/19
Massachusetts	Molly Anne Steele (203/141)	P.O. Box 833, Alamo 94507-0833	12/31/17
Michigan	Janice Hardy (300)	4688 Mayapan Dr, LaMesa 91941-7148	01/01/18
Minnesota	Cathy Solem (385/631)	3649 Rio Pacifica Way, Sacramento 95834-2026	12/31/18
Mississippi	Sheila Kennedy (345)	738 Beejay Dr, San Diego 92154-1401	03/01/18
Missouri	Barbara Layton (242)	6925 SVL Box, Spring Valley Lake 92395-5173	12/31/17
Montana	Vivian Bens-Hower (161)	2540 Pleasant Hill Rd, Sebastopol 95472-5439	12/31/18
Nebraska	Dennis LeClert (372)	96 Trent Dr, Galt 95632-2324	10/01/19
Nevada	Donna Drivere (637)	5708 E. Damon St, Simi Valley 93063-4229	12/31/17
New Brunswick	Virginia Williams (46/273)	488 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz 95060-7005	12/31/17
New Hampshire	Tiffany Ruiz (50)	821 W Oak St, Stockton 95203-2708	09/01/19
New Jersey	Cheryl Townsend (108/397)	9615 E. Naomi Ave, Arcadia 91007-7411	01/01/18
New Mexico	Sandra White (347)	312 S Western Ave, Anaheim 92804-1614	01/01/19
New York	Betty Coronel (358)	8661 Winter Gardens Blvd. #5, Lakeside 92040-5432	04/30/18
North Carolina	Diane Schulenberg (31)	1620 Knollwood Ave, San Jose 95125-5042	01/01/18
North Dakota	Janis Decker (138)	805 Kimball St, Oakdale 95361-2560	01/01/19
Nova Scotia/P.E.I.	Albert Turek (310)	11247 Gonsalves St, Cerritos 90703-6532	12/31/17
Ohio	Laura Kelley (642)	24371 Crestview Dr, Newhall 91321-3548	09/01/19
Oklahoma	Robin Logan (160/171)	1947 Caddington Dr, Rancho Palos Verdes 90275-2040	10/01/19
Ontario	Sue Tefft (401)	4944 Dickinson Dr, San Jose 95111-2709	12/31/17
Oregon	Helene Nicholson (23)	4271 Grizzly Bluff Rd, Ferndale 95536-0070	04/30/18
Pennsylvania	Clint Marshall (602)	6469 Cedar Dr, Twentynine Palms 92277	12/31/17
Puerto Rico	NO APPOINTMENT DUE TO DISASTER		
Quebec	Carol Morgan (18/273)	87 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz 95060-7000	06/30/18
Rhode Island	Pam Wilson (555)	4622 North Wishon Ave, Fresno 93704-3141	12/31/18
São Paulo	Oscar Fuentes (58/33)	410 Maple St, Willits 95490-382	09/01/18
Saskatchewan	Diane Diamond (195)	19661 Vicksburg Dr, Cupertino 95014-3321	12/31/17
Scotland	Thena MacArthur (8/1)	2745 Stuart St, Apt 2, Berkeley 94705-1361	12/31/18
South Carolina	Donna Park (378/547)	824 Atkins St, Ridgecrest 93555-2408	09/15/18
South Dakota	Norma Shannon (642)	29267 Las Palmas Ct, Valencia 91354-1544	03/01/18
Tennessee	Jon Olson (110)	466 Milton Ct, Claremont 91711-5118	12/31/17
Texas	William Dyer (287/524)	988 Ashley Ln, Vista 92084-4833	10/09/19
Utah	Glenn Gephart (82/33)	5263 Beaumont Way, Santa Rosa 95409-2861	03/31/19
Vermont	Marie Worthy (104)	701 E Lassen Ave, #208, Chico 95973-0739	02/01/19
Virginia	Daniel Hales (141)	197 W Hendy Ave, Sunnyvale 94086-5062	12/31/18
Washington	Linda Stevens (622)	10225 Victoria Ave, Riverside 92503-6145	12/31/17
West Virginia	D.W. Venturella (13)	14684 17 th Ave, Lemoore 93245-9520	12/31/18
Wisconsin	Sharleen Keen (214)	3320 Estero Dr, San Ramon 94583-3219	12/31/18
Wyoming	Diane Reed (360)	1223 Del Mar Way, Palm Springs 92262	12/31/17

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Alabama	Mrs. Andrea von Hermann	3001 Panorama Brook Circle, Vestavia, AL 35216	2017
Alberta	Deanna Gillis	284 Red Crow Blvd W. Lethbridge, AB T1K 7J6	2018
Arizona	Hazel Larson	35 W Brown Road, apt. 270N Mesa, AZ 85201-2811	2018
Arkansas	Charlene Lile	1605 South Detroit russellville, AR 72801	2018
Australia	Anne Brogden	29A Milne Street Bicton, WA 6157, Australia	2018
Bolivia	Victor Hug Morales Bardales	N/A	2018
British Columbia	Gerald Long	#34-9058 Shook Road, Hatzic Island, BC V2V 7M7	2017
Colorado	Pam Bottolfson	4821 S Pennsylvania St. Englewood, CO 80113-6917	2018
Connecticut	Gary W. Arseneau	546 South Farms Terrace, Southington, CT 06489	2017
Delaware	Miss Beth Ann Johnson	405 Joshua Lane, Middletown, DE 19709	2017
Dist. of Columbia	Henrietta Karefa-Smart	10829 Santa Clara Drive Fairfax, VA 22030-4464	2018
Florida	Glenda Holtzman	4243 Newland St. Clermont, FL 34711	2018
Georgia	Daniel sims	215 Gilchrist Dr. Warner Robins, GA 31093	2018
Idaho	Edith Gist	6625 Denver Road, Fruitland, ID 83619	2017
Illinois	Mary Nell Chew	1525 Mary Nell's Lane Carbondale, IL 62902	2018
Indiana	Vickie Wright	PO Box 330, Washington, IN 47501	2018
Iowa	Gretchen Hagedorn	104 5th Avenue West spencer, IA 51301	2018
Italy	No appointment		
Kansas	James F. Billups	PO Box 356, Viola, KS 67149-0356	2017
Kentucky	Ralph Muse	210 Scenic View Somerset, KY 42503	2018
Louisiana	Florene Keen	111 Dunn Ave. Winnfield, LA 71483	2017
Maine	Viola Richardson	287 Camden Rd. Hope, ME 04847	2019
Manitoba	Nancy Drewniak	1 Berwyn Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2C 2W1 Canada	2019
Maryland	Joyce Anderson	507 W. State Street, Terra Alta, WV 26764	2017
Massachusetts	Laura Brainard	16 Aaron Rd sudbury, MA 01776	2017
Michigan	Kenneth Mansfield	21283 Chiptmunk Trail East, Woodhaven, MI 48183	2018
Minnesota	Mary Indritz	2425 Holtan St. Roseville, MN 55113	2018
Mississippi	Arnettie Sanders	5332 Teal De. Jackson, MS 39272	2017
Missouri	Doug Reece	8110 Covered Bride Rd, Platte City, MO 64079	2018
Montana	Dianne Ayres	97 Bell Lane, Hamilton, MT 59840	
		(Winter address: 917 Oleander St., The Villages, FL. 32159-6103)	2017
Nebraska	Kimberly Scherlie	1803 Ave B Plattsmouth, NE 68048	2019
Nevada	Patricia Lowenkamp	177 Birch Ridge Avenue, Henderson, NV 89044	2017
New Brunswick	Irene Knowles	835 Hillsboro Road, Riverview, NB E1B 3W1	2017
New Hampshire	Misty Gagne	141 Spruceville Road, Milan, NH 03588	2017
New Jersey	Lisa O'Brien	236 Middle Lane, Manahawkin, NJ 08050	2017
New Mexico	Johnnye Hammett	P.O. Box 55 Hatch, NM 87937	2017
New York	Brandi Wooten	62 Hillary Dr. Rochester NY 14624	2017
North Carolina	Diane Holder	297 Ivy Green Trail Lowgap, NC 27024	2018
North Dakota	Martin Bless, PGP	1833 N. Washington St., Bismarck, ND 58501	2017
Nova Scotia & PEI	Donna Himmelman	RR#1, Box 1334, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia CANADA B0J 2X0	2017
Ohio	Sandra Lehner	200 Orchard Dr apt 6 Upper Sandusky, OH 43351	2019
Oklahoma	Debbie Beattie	1516 S. 117th East Ave, Tulsa, OK 74128-6427	2018
Ontario	Melissa Brown	175 Edinburgh Ave. Fergus, ON N1M 1A2	2018
Oregon	Leona Zamora	PO Box 883, Gold Beach, OR 97444	2017
Pennsylvania	Donald Dodson	PO Box 818 31 Charles Place, Brownstown, PA 17508	2018
Puerto Rico	Elba I Velez	BO. El Seco, 15 Juan Batista Lojo, Mayaguez, PR 00682	2017
Quebec	Mary Bailey, P.M.	11 chemin de Mansonville, Mansonville, Québec J0E 1X0, CANADA	2017
Rhode Island	Norman Priestley	11 Winter St. Apt 4 Manville, RE 02838	2017
São Paulo	Eduardo Paiva Tavares da Silva		
		Ruu Barbara Knippelbelg Loureiro n 33/ap. 134, Sao Jose dos Campos - SP-CEP-12.243-040	2018
Saskatchewan	Kimberely Rathwell	3734 Edinburgh Place, Regina, SK S4V2B3	2018
Scotland	Nora Lonie	Silverear by Eddleston, Peebles Scotland EH45 7QY	2017
South Carolina	Barbara Hardwick	647 Woodmoor Ct.,Unit 301, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576	2017
South Dakota	Phyllis Marts	28888 Old 1806 Rd. Bonesteel, South Dakota 57317	2018
Tennessee	Sandra Perry	8819 N. Hicborg Valley Rd Chattanooga, TN 37416	2018
Texas	Sandra Perdue	3516 Hampshire Drive, Arlington, TX 76013	2017
Utah	Fran Townsend	PO Box 451 Moab, UT 84532	2018
Vermont	Martha Fisk	4626 Vermont Route 14, Sharon, VT 05065	2018
Virginia	Brian McDonough	134 Chickadee Lane, Windsor, VA 23487-6110	2017
Washington	Lauren Jessepp	112 Harley Ln, Chehalis WA 98532-8767	2017
West Virginia	Lisa McLaughlin	1535 Dee Friel Road, Cass, WV 24927	2017
Wisconsin	Maureen Wise	15295 Library Lane, Apt. 101, New Berlin, WI 53151	2017
Wyoming	Ruth Hood	2307 Inverness Blvd. Rawlins, WY 82301	2018

GRAND OFFICERS

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October 1899 WILLIAM SCHUYLER MOSES* Venerable Past Grand Patron	October 1913 KATE JOSEPHINE WILLATS* Past Grand Matron	October 1930 SUSAN MILLS WILLATS* Grand Secretary Emeritus
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October 1995 DIANE DIXON SILVA* Grand Secretary Emeritus	October 2005 SHIRLEY LEE ORTH Grand Secretary Emeritus	October 2016 MARYANN BARRIOS Grand Secretary Emeritus

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May 1873		1876-1877		1880-1881	
George John Hobe*	GP	Jerome Spaulding*	GP	Jerome Banks*	GP
Maria Anderson*	GM	Ada Adelia Libbey**	GM	Sarah Jennie Mann*	GM
George W. Simonton*	GAP	John Carlton Marsh*	GAP	Joseph W. Kinsley+	GAP
Anna Maria Elliott*	GAM	Elizabeth Bullard**	GAM	Eleanor Farrington*	GAM
Henrietta Whitcher*	GS	Abbie Elvenia Wood*	GS	Abbie Elvenia Wood*	GS
Mary Ellen Gillespie*	GT	Mary Ann S. Knox*	GT	Mary Jane Reeves*	GT
October 1873-1874		1877-1878		1881-1882	
George John Hobe*	GP	Rollin C. Gaskill*	GP	Edward Swift West*	GP
Mary Ellen Gillespie*	GM	Annie E. Douglas*	GM	Frances Ellen Ryder*	GM
W.G. Doolittle**	GAP	William Adams**	GAP	John Bradford Cox*	GAP
Sarah Anderson*	GAM	Harriet Norcross*	GAM	Sarah Cassidy*	GAM
Henrietta Whitcher*	GS	Abbie Elvenia Wood*	GS	Abbie Elvenia Wood*	GS
Kate Richardson*	GT	Lizzie J. Holmes*	GT	Mary A. Hasty*	GT
1874-1875		1878-1879		1882-1883	
George John Hobe*	GP	Ianthus Jerome Rolfe*	GP	Abram F. Hitchcock*	GP
Henrietta Whitcher*	GM	Fena Woods Ford*	GM	Mary Ann Flint*	GM
William S. Phelps**	GAP	John W. Philbrook*	GAP	Andrew J. McPike*	GAP
Sarah Anderson*	GAM	Malinda C. Parker*	GAM	Caroline Seeley**	GAM
Henrietta Whitcher*	GS	Abbie Elvenia Wood*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS
Kate Richardson*	GT	Anna L. Thomas*	GT	Mary Matilda Holtz*	GT
1875-1876		1879-1880		1883-1884	
Jeremiah E. Whitcher*	GP	Charles L. Thomas*	GP	Anderson C. Hartley*	GP
Emily Rolfe*	GM	Eleanor Marie Owens*	GM	Mary Ann Flint*	GM
John Quincy Adams**	GAP	Edward Swift West*	GAP	Darwin DeGolia*	GAP
Emile C. Swain*	GAM	Hattie E. Major*	GAM	Mary Jane Mayhew*	GAM
Abbie Elvenia Wood*	GS	Abbie Elvenia Wood*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS
Kate RJ Willats*	GT	Sarah E. Baker*	GT	Annie E. Briggs*	GT

1884-1885		1892-1893		1900-1901	
Fred Wm.G. Moebus*	GP	Jacob F. Boller*	GP	Ernest W. Conant*	GP
Mary J. Young*	GM	Georgia A. Matfield*	GM	Maud E. Bowes*	GM
Justice Merryfield*	GAP	George W. Stout*	GAP	Benjamin A. Plant*	GAP
Luci M. Singletarry*	GAM	Emma Perkins*	GAM	Etta Ada Miller*	GAM
Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS
Ella Marie Haum*	GT	Arvilla McHarvey*	GT	Adaline B. Runyon*	GT
1885-1886		1893-1894		1901-1902	
Edmund W. Roberts*	GP	Allen B. Lemmon*	GP	Charles E. Mitchell*	GP
Abbie E. Wilkins*	GM	Emma Hapgood*	GM	Clara A. Giberson*	GM
Martin J. Wright*	GAP	Zachary T. Gilpin*	GAP	Claude de St. Maurice*	GAP
Carrie A. Kingsley*	GAM	Margaret B. Searles*	GAM	Minnie D. Brown*	GAM
Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS
Lora Virginia Ream*	GT	Sarah I. Hubbard*	GT	Agnes Johnson*	GT
1886-1887		1894-1895		1902-1903	
John Nelles Young*	GP	Thomas Flint, Jr.*	GP	Lyman C. Byce*	GP
Mary B. Moore*	GM	Augusta D. Wilson*	GM	Mabel B. Seymour*	GM
Benjamin F. Bagley*	GAP	Powell S. Lawson*	GAP	Arthur H. Millberry*	GAP
Elizabeth Phillips*	GAM	Hattie E. Alexander*	GAM	Emma E. Rupp*	GAM
Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS
Lovina Gibson**	GT	Julie M. Lubeck*	GT	Henrietta Heuer*	GT
1887-1888		1895-1896		1903-1904	
John Hatfield Gray*	GP	James B. Merriit*	GP	George F. McNoble*	GP
Gertrude S. Freeman*	GM	Carrie L. Peaslee*	GM	Chlo Craig*	GM
Jesse Beech Fuller*	GAP	Roscoe E. Hewitt*	GAP	Erwin S. Logan+	GAP
Mary S. Numms*	GAM	Florence Miller*	GAM	Agnes Conant*	GAM
Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS
Isabel Derman*	GT	Mary T. Dean*	GT	Annie B. Barnes*	GT
1888-1889		1896-1897		1904-1905	
Thomas Flint*	GP	James R. Tapscott*	GP	Charles J. Willett*	GP
Mary E. Partridge*	GM	Ella Tyler Hall*	GM	Pauline W. Dohrmann*	GM
John McMurry*	GAP	John Adam Gallup*	GAP	Lorenzo B. Leavitt*	GAP
Elmira F. West*	GAM	Susan Rucker*	GAM	Anna N. Skinner*	GAM
Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS
Calista Spaulding**	GT	Isadore Hoarton*	GT	Emma Neal Rider*	GT
1889-1890		1897-1898		1905-1906	
Jesse Beech Fuller*	GP	Harrison D. Rowe*	GP	Florin L. Jones*	GP
Annie E. Briggs*	GM	Eva M. Porter*	GM	Georgiana Polhamus*	GM
George T. Shaw*	GAP	Lewis O. Stephens*	GAP	Curtis J. Monroe*	GAP
Mary Louis Grohs*	GAM	Belle Smith**	GAM	Catherine Merrit*	GAM
Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS
Elizabeth Wardwell*	GT	Jane F. Raabe*	GT	Helen Seeman*	GT
1890-1891		1898-1899		1906-1907	
Fred Lawrence Button*	GP	Joseph M. Lawrence*	GP	Casimir J. Wood*	GP
Mary Jeannie Parker*	GM	Jaria A. Pierce*	GM	Anna D. Dudderar*	GM
J. Avery Shepherd*	GAP	George L. Darling*	GAP	George W. Earl*	GAP
Mary S. Brown*	GAM	Marie Summerfield**	GAM	Alice F. Hickie*	GAM
Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS
Melissa Morey*	GT	Kate S. Craig*	GT	Ida H. McCoy*	GT
1891-1892		1899-1900		1907-1908	
Chauncey C. Bush*	GP	George L. Darling*	GP	Benjamin Cartwright*	GP
Mattie Ann Farnum*	GM	Fannie T. McCowen*	GM	Emma R. Leach*	GM
David Byron Todd*	GAP	Charles C. Corbiere*	GAP	Matthew Stewart*	GAP
Kate E. Boyd*	GAM	Lulu Lucas*	GAM	Alice S. Dozier*	GAM
Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS
Mary Anna Smith*	GT	Isabelle L. Wavter*	GT	Laura P. Butcher*	GT

1908-1909		1916-1917		1925-1926	
Alexander Fraser*	GP	William F. Holman*	GP	Cora S. Holland*	GM
Annie M. Johnson*	GM	Maude N. Haven*	GM	Waldo F. Postel*	GP
Harry Clay Cooper*	GAP	Arthur T. Biddle*	GAP	Kate J. Willats*	GS
Marsh E. Rankin*	GAM	Nellie D. Graham*	GAM	Bessie A. Pierce*	GT
Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS		
Eliza C. Higgins*	GT	Georgia Catherwood*	GT		
1909-1910		1917-1918		1926-1927	
Phineas F. Ferguson*	GP	Robert Edgar*	GP	Hazael M. Piper*	GM
Rosa J. Burns*	GM	Ivy C. Shelhamer*	GM	Raymond H. Griest*	GP
Dr. John Paddock*	GAP	Frank A. Foye*	GAP	Kate J. Willats*	GS
Lucy Anna Curtis*	GAM	Mary E. Finlay*	GAM	Birdie Eiler*	GT
Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS		
Marie Sherer*	GT	Lena R. Mallery*	GT		
1910-1911		1918-1919		1927-1928	
William Mossholder*	GP	Darwin W. Pierce**	GP	Gladys Fitch Pierce*	WGM
Ada M. Dalton*	GM	Elizabeth Marshall*	GM	Henry E. Pernau*	WGP
William A. Hicks+	GAP	Henry C. Haake*	GAP	Kate J. Willats*	GS
Nellie A. Darling*	GAM	Margaret E. Sawyer*	GAM	Susan Mills Willats*	GS
Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Mattie M. Charette*	GT
Josephine M. Pattern*	GT	Lillian P. Beckley*	GT		
1911-1912		1919-1920		1928-1929	
John L. McNab*	GP	Lew E. Wallace*	GP	Pauline A. Hause*	WGM
Lena W. Stannard*	GM	Louise Elsensohn*	GM	Bert R. Hollway*	WGP
George G. Vanderlip*	GAP	Walter V. Scott*	GAP	Susan Mills Willats*	GS
Addie Lee Sleeper*	GAM	Ida H. Fitschen*	GAM	Anna L. McKenney*	GT
Kate J. Willats*	GS	Kate J. Willats*	GS		
Lillian B. Hammar*	GT	Gertrude M. Mildrim*	GT		
1912-1913		1920-1921		1930-1931	
William K. Chambers*	GP	Effie Easton*	GM	Willa J. Hellwig*	WGM
Martha G. Dinsmore*	GM	Roy Musser*	GP	Joseph M. Argabrite*	WGP
Briceno A. Fassett*	GAP	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Stella Linscott, PGM*	GS
Leah Nora Earl*	GAM	Annie S. Brasch*	GT	Florence Newman*	GT
Kate J. Willats*	GS				
Charlotte Jameson*	GT				
1913-1914		1921-1922		1931-1932	
Fred L. Kincaid*	GP	Maud Dezell Bradley*	GM	Elsie M. Pierce*	WGM
Minnie Hiner*	GM	Delos Albert Mace*	GP	John L. McDonald*	WGP
Arnold Goodfriend*	GAP	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Stella Linscott, PGM*	GS
Virginia Coate Rankin*	GAM	Genevieve Norton*	GT	Grance I. Good*	GT
Kate J. Willats*	GS				
Theresa J. Catron*	GT				
1914-1915		1922-1923		1932-1933	
Eldon P. Mains*	GP	Stella M. Linscott*	GM	Grace Butterfield*	WGM
Minnie B. Wheeler*	GM	Ernest E. Noon*	GP	Lloyd E. Griffin*	WGP
Harry V. Brown+	GAP	Kate J. Willats*	GS	Stella Linscott, PGM*	GS
Jennie M. Wayman*	GAM	Sue Estelle Tuck*	GT	Gladys H. Robinson*	GT
Kate J. Willats*	GS				
Laura M. MacDermott*	GT				
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Bertie Y. Connolly*	WGM	Isabella H. Hilditch*	WGM	Mabel Tellefson*	WGM
Edward Counter, Jr.*	WGP	Harry C. Sproule*	WGP	Reuben C. Wright*	WGP
Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS
Joseph L. Fisk*	GT	Beulah Ludlow*	GT	Agnes C. Barnes*	GT
1936-1937		1946-1947		1956-1957	
Rita May Cooper*	WGM	Birdie Bassett*	WGM	Marguerite Weisheimer*	WGM
Frank D. Cruse*	WGP	Carson Hubbard*	WGP	Elmer J. Walther*	WGP
Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS
Leila Vevoda*	GT	Isabelle Mosher*	GT	Royetta Wilson*	GT
1937-1938		1947-1948		1957-1958	
Mary I. Warner*	WGM	Thelma Bailey*	WGM	Grace M. Hoffman*	WGM
Robert P. Easley*	WGP	George Harlan*	WGP	George D. Danielson*	WGP
Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS
Flora T. Whitney*	GT	Viola L. Rasmeor*	GT	Agnes McGehee*	GT
1938-1939		1948-1949		1958-1959	
Maude E. Fluetsch*	WGM	Elvetta Grohl*	WGM	Annie P. Mills*	WGM
John Vale*	WGP	Joseph F. Reed*	WGP	Henry L. Wintz*	WGP
Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS
Catherine E. Yates*	GT	Lillian H. Adkins*	GT	Thelma Schleifer*	GT
1939-1940		1949-1950		1959-1960	
Helen L. Edwards*	WGM	Margaret Lauritzen*	WGM	Mary E. Balden*	WGM
Ernest E. Williams*	WGP	Arthur J. Hook*	WGP	James L. Millard*	WGP
Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS
Grace King*	GT	Verna Westhoven*	GT	Isabel V. Meager*	GT
1940-1941		1950-1951		1960-1961	
Gertrude C. Matson*	WGM	Lois B. Tamba*	WGM	Everina Rheingans*	WGM
Ralph Boynton*	WGP	Henry J. Hardy*	WGP	Dalora K. Burnham*	WGP
Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS
Margurite McDonald*	GT	Sadie Lumry*	GT	Eunice W. Benson*	GT
1941-1942		1951-1952		1961-1962	
Corine O. Melville*	WGM	Helen B. DeBeers*	WGM	Helen O. Isberg*	WGM
Walker Peddicord*	WGP	James L. Halley*	WGP	Robert C. Atkinson*	WGP
Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS
Sally L. Chalson*	GT	Hattie M. Tolle*	GT	Ruth V. Burnside*	GT
1942-1943		1952-1953		1962-1963	
Kathryn Farwell*	WGM	Gilma Vick Moyer*	WGM	Carl M. Jensen*	WGM
Donald A. Boone*	WGP	Arthur J. Hook*	WGP	Edwin F. Collins*	WGP
Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS
Kittie Briggs*	GT	Zelma L. Bray*	GT	Ethel Holland*	GT
1943-1944		1953-1954		1963-1964	
Hazel T. Lane*	WGM	Bernice J. Basich*	WGM	Esther M. Sandman*	WGM
Francis J. Herz*	WGP	Robert J. McMullen*	WGP	William P. Wilson*	WGP
Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS
Anna Shrader*	GT	Viola Larsen*	GT	Bessie Kidd*	GT
1944-1945		1954-1955		1964-1965	
Lillian W. Podesta*	WGM	Thelma R. Warner*	WGM	Ellen C. Walters*	WGM
Logan R. Cotton*	WGP	Philip F. Leahy*	WGP	James H. Hoole*	WGP
Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS	Maud M. Smith*	GS
Esther M. Serel*	GT	Jennie E. Young*	GT	Helen Bratschie*	GT

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Marian F. Schwach*	WGM	Donna M. Smith*	WGM	Jeraldine Southward	WGM
Edward T. Mancuso*	WGP	Stanley M. Love*	WGP	Dennis Jordan	WGP
Maud M. Smith*	GS	Gladys M. Johnson*	GS	Diane Silva*	GS
Ruby M. Parker*	GT	Laverne Walker*	GT	Viola Perry*	GT
1966-1967		1976-1977		1986-1987	
Vivian Kilgore*	WGM	Patricia B. Quibell*	WGM	Barbara Campbell*	WGM
Robert Armbrust*	WGP	Gerald P. Cashion*	WGP	Clinton O. Dillon	WGP
Maud M. Smith*	GS	Gladys M. Johnson*	GS	Diane Silva*	GS
Isabelle E. Johnson*	GT	Eunice Thornton*	GT	Viola Perry*	GT
1967-1968		1977-1978		1987-1988	
Lura Rae Dales*	WGM	Hildegard Smith*	WGM	Jean Powers*	WGM
Robert M. Lutz*	WGP	John Allen	WGP	Bernard Seamans*	WGP
Maud M. Smith*	GS	Gladys M. Johnson*	GS	Diane Silva*	GS
Vera G. Blum*	GT	Lillian Propst*	GT	Viola Perry*	GT
1968-1969		1978-1979		1988-1989	
Florence Dunn*	WGM	Boyana Brown-Redman*	WGM	Yvonne Beckenhauer	WGM
Richard Brassell, Jr.*	WGP	Stuart H. Maude*	WGP	Thomas M. Sagar*	WGP
Maud M. Smith*	GS	Gladys M. Johnson*	GS	Diane Silva*	GS
Dale A. Ellsworth*	GT	Viola Perry*	GT	Sheri Weisser	GT
1969-1970		1979-1980		1989-1990	
Bessie V. Robinson*	WGM	Earlynn Albright	WGM	Kay Cosby*	WGM
Henry E. Woods*	WGP	Hershel C. Brown*	WGP	Loyal L. Stark	WGP
Maud M. Smith*	GS	Diane Dixon*	GS	Diane Silva*	GS
Ruth H. Chase*	GT	Viola Perry*	GT	Sheri Weisser	GT
1970-1971		1980-1981		1990-1991	
Elsie K. Mitchell*	WGM	Ferne Hammond*	WGM	June Lucretia Barnum*	WGM
Thomas W. Thurman*	WGP	Earl E. Eckert	WGP	Donald A. Hull	WGP
Maud M. Smith*	GS	Diane Dixon*	GS	Diane Silva*	GS
Grace Anderson*	GT	Viola Perry*	GT	Sheri Weisser	GT
1971-1972		1981-1982		1991-1992	
Barbara E. Poole*	WGM	Betty Stubblefield*	WGM	Paula Remington*	WGM
Jay E. Miller*	WGP	David A. Minnich**	WGP	Vernon Gordon*	WGP
Maud M. Smith*	GS	Diane Silva*	GS	Diane Silva*	GS
Helen Andrews*	GT	Viola Perry*	GT	Sheri Weisser	GT
1972-1973		1982-1983		1992-1993	
Lilas E. Haug*	WGM	Anita Simon*	WGM	Mary Meixner	WGM
Jens A. Morley*	WGP	A. Leroy Covey*	WGP	Gene Stiles*	WGP
Gladys M. Johnson*	GS	Diane Silva*	GS	Diane Silva*	GS
Grace Gould*	GT	Viola Perry*	GT	Sheri Weisser	GT
1973-1974		1983-1984		1993-1994	
Zoe Harris*	WGM	Ardath Garst*	WGM	Barbara Pierce	WGM
James B. Craven*	WGP	Warren Wildman*	WGP	Frank Young	WGP
Gladys M. Johnson*	GS	Diane Silva*	GS	Diane Silva*	GS
Lois Johnson	GT	Viola Perry*	GT	Sheri Weisser	GT
1974-1975		1984-1985		1994-1995	
Eleanor M. Marsh*	WGM	Katherine Hill*	WGM	Kathleen MacDonald	WGM
W. Gordon Gilbert*	WGP	Delroy Aldershof*	WGP	Irwin "Bill" Betts	WGP
Gladys M. Johnson*	GS	Diane Silva*	GS	Diane Silva*	GS
Wilma A. Harrell*	GT	Viola Perry*	GT	Jerri Jean Golden	GT

1995-1996		2005-2006		2015-2016	
Sherie Gustafson	WGM	Norma Stilwell	WGM	Chris Dias	WGM
David Von Bima	WGP	Michael Cornell	WGP	John Scott	WGP
Shirley Orth	GS	Sharanne Wick	GS	Tammy Kinzy	AGS
Jerri Jean Golden	GT	David Long	GT	Deb Baker	AGT
1996-1997		2006-2007		2016-2017	
Denny Rae Grist	WGM	Karen Fletcher	WGM	Linda Hoeser	WGM
Terry Holts	WGP	David Skipworth	WGP	Bill Prentiss	WGP
Shirley Orth	GS	Maryann Barrios	GS	Tammy Kinzy	GS
Jerri Jean Golden	GT	Beverly Cratsenburg	GT	Sandra Geanoulis	GT
1997-1998		2007-2008			
Sue McKinney	WGM	Collette Serio Gole	WGM		
Ernie Lewis	WGP	Jim Whiteley	WGP		
Shirley Orth	GS	Maryann Barrios	GS		
Jerri Jean Golden	GT	Debbie Maiman	GT		
1998-1999		2008-2009			
Sheri Weisser	WGM	Barbara Scott	WGM		
Ron Behnke*	WGP	JD Hammett	WGP		
Shirley Orth	GS	Maryann Barrios	GS		
Jerri Jean Golden	GT	Donna German*	GT		
1999-2000		2009-2010			
Doris May Parrish	WGM	Beverly Wade	WGM		
Glenn Jones*	WGP	Larry Coffin	WGP		
Shirley Orth	GS	Maryann Barrios	GS		
Donna Tucker	GT	Liz Moffat*	GT		
2000-2001		2010-2011			
Sue Bishop	WGM	Kim Hegg	WGM		
William J. Bray III	WGP	Don Snyder	WGP		
Shirley Orth	GS	Maryann Barrios	GS		
Erla Hildebrand	GT	Linda Hoeser	GT		
2001-2002		2011-2012			
Danna Willoughby	WGM	Linda Bernhard	WGM		
John Fletcher*	WGP	Steve Johnson	WGP		
Shirley Orth	GS	Maryann Barrios	GS		
Erla Hildebrand	GT	Tacy Lee	GT		
2002-2003		2012-2013			
Janet Robinson	WGM	Sarahann Shapiro	WGM		
James Chormicle	WGP	Art Weiss	WGP		
Shirley Orth	GS	Maryann Barrios	GS		
David Long	GT	Fred Schulenburg	GT		
2003-2004		2013-2014			
Susan White	WGM	Debbie Maiman	WGM		
Steve Nicholas	WGP	Randy Cady	WGP		
Shirley Orth	GS	Maryann Barrios	GS		
Laurella Kerr	GT	Kim Cooke	GT		
2004-2005		2014-2015			
Donna Herring	WGM	Martha Peters	WGM		
David Buck	WGP	Roger Nieder	WGP		
Shirley Orth	GS	Maryann Barrios	GS		
Debbie Lytle	GT	Sandra Geanoulis	GT		

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Year

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Robin Barnes (129/163)	3
Jean Haynes (14/83).....	4
Anne Ratzlaff (104).....	5
Marie Harder (48).....	6
Debbie Osborne (292/385).....	7
Donna Howard (62).....	8
Brenda Hansen (639).....	9
Gwen Bassett (59)	10
Ginger Ford (58)	11
Rebecca Herzog (161).....	12
Kathie Ketels-Lichtig (214).....	13
Laura Filiau (8/103)	14
Cheryl Li (1).....	15
Bonnie Jain (31)	16
Ruth Smith (138).....	17
Irmgard Fowler (50/150).....	18
Denise Armstrong (348).....	19
Ginger Bassett (581).....	20
Becky Davis (555).....	21
Linda Venturella (13)	22
Marguerite Biklian (125).....	23
Karen Newsom (21/97)	24
Rose Anne Cooley (632)	25
Denice Sanford (327/642)	26
Karen Dodge (108).....	27
Melissa Cronin (174).....	28
Beverly Stillwater (171).....	29
Cindy Collier (173/397)	30
Suzanne Johnston (524)	31
Sharon Phelps (197)	32
Judith Peterson (547).....	33
Stacy Beyenhof (346).....	34
Theresa Lusk (622).....	35
Cynthia Marshall (602)	36
Julie Strahl (241)	37
Connie Snow (287/390)	38
Penny Kincaid (358).....	39
Vicky Francis (300).....	40

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name	Committee/Board
Bobbie Allen	Membership
Michelle Alves	Drayage
Ray Alves	Drayage
Jeff Askins	Appeals and Grievances
Brandon Baker	Jurisprudence
Debby Baptiste	Consolidations
Dixie Batto	Consolidations
Nancy Bay	Endowment Fund
Heidi Benjamin	California Eastern Star Foundation
	Constitution and Bylaws
Vivian Bens-Hower	Jurisprudence
Debbie Bernsdorf	Membership
Stacy Beyenhof	Consolidations
Stephanie Bezner	Membership
Laura Bouwens	Eastern Star Homes of CA
Mary Kay Bowser	Cancer Assistance
Jackie Bozeman	Relay for Life
Margie Burke	Grand Lodge Booth
	Website
Patti Cady	Consolidations
Deanna Carr	Consolidations
Zoe Chambers	Cancer Dressing Gift Wrap
Melanie Chase	Activities - Group 1
Steve Chase	Activities - Group 1
Tina Claar	Sound and Lighting
Barbara Clark	Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program
	Membership
Larry Coffin	Finance
Pam Collins	Consolidations
Laird Crandall	Appeals and Grievances
	Membership
Beverly Cratsenburg	Audit
George Cronin	Special Duties
	Transportation
Melissa Cronin	Eastern Star Homes of CA
	Special Duties
Marydith Currie	Southern WGM/WGP Project Dinner
Becky Davis	Home Festival
Bob Davis	Appeals and Grievances
	Home Festival
	Publicity
Delma Davis	Membership
Pam Davis	Benevolent Fund

Name	Committee/Board
Diana Davison.....	Banquets
Larry Decker.....	Eastern Star Journal
R. Stephen Doan	Finance
David Duncan	Set-up Grand Chapter Floor - Auditorium
Valmarie Duncan	Set-up Grand Chapter Floor - Auditorium
Gary Dunham.....	Activities - Group 4
	Safety Coordinator
Judy Dunham	Activities - Group 4
Judy Edgmon	Consolidations
Yvette Elness	Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program
Connie Espino.....	Membership
Terri Ewing.....	Appeals and Grievances
Kat Farris	Fun Night
Aldene Felton.....	Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program
Karen Fiegehen	Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program
Margaret Foley.....	Committee Rooms
Kathy Fowler	Housing
Kitty Frisbie	Grand Pages
Linda Frost.....	Benevolent Fund
Jacob Galba-Bright	Liaison to DeMolay International
Suzanne Gallicho	Hands Across the Border
Meg Gaston.....	Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program
Sandra Geanoulis	Finance
Elizabeth Gendron.....	Appeals and Grievances
Cyntra Giboney	Activities - Group 2
Collette S. Gole.....	Distribution
	Membership
Gary Gole.....	Jurisprudence
Alyson Grant.....	Appeals and Grievances
	California Eastern Star Foundation
	Constitution & Laws Reorganization
Denny Rae Grist.....	Finance
Marge Haase	Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program
JD Hammett	Distribution
	Membership
James Hannum, Jr.	Constitution & Laws Reorganization
Brenda Hansen	Courtesies to Dignitaries
Brenda Hanson-Smith.....	Scholarship
Marsha Herron	Credentials
Arlene Highlen.....	Liaison to Job's Daughters International
Erla Hildebrand.....	Banquets
Ilona Hodgson.....	Grand Guards
William Hodgson	Grand Guards
Linda Hoesser.....	Eastern Star Homes of CA
	Finance

Name	Committee/Board
John Hoffman.....	Scholarship
Joyce Honerlah.....	Benevolent Fund
	Lost and Found/Information
Mary Kay Hunter	Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program
Ginger Jackson.....	Consolidations
Sharon Jazwiecki	Appeals and Grievances
Barbara Johnson.....	Fraternal Correspondence
Bob Johnston.....	Appeals and Grievances
Jerry Jones.....	Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund
Dennis Jordan.....	Liaison to General Grand Chapter
Tamra Keen.....	Consolidations
Laura Kelley.....	Secretarial Services
Linda Kephart	Election Board
Kathie Ketels-Lichtig.....	Membership
Penny Kincaid.....	Membership
Corinne Lacroix	Activities - Group 3
	Appeals and Grievances
Paul Lacroix	Activities - Group 3
Kathe Larick.....	Eastern Star Homes of CA
	Necrology/Divine Service
Fred Loeser	Activities - Group 2
	Appeals and Grievances
Mike Logan.....	Grand Chapter Week
	Masonic Family Honor Session
	Membership
Robin Logan.....	Appeals and Grievances
	Grand Chapter Week
	Masonic Family Honor Session
Josette Losurdo	Seating
Teri Lusk.....	Membership
Sue Lynn	Credentials
Debbie Maiman.....	Installation Advisor
Janice Mann	Membership
	Signs
Beth Massengill	Appeals and Grievances
Jacqueline McDermott	Membership
Karen Meador	Eastern Star Homes of CA
	Health and Personal Services
Brian Messenger	Audit
Robert Mitchell	Roster Advertisements
Katharine Monedero	Membership
Janice Mullard.....	Roster Advertisements
Sandra Murch.....	Membership
Bob Murphy	Cal Star News
	Membership

Name	Committee/Board
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Roger Nieder	Annual Session Site
	California Eastern Star Foundation
Sandy Nieder	Special Courtesies
Katie Nielsen	Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program
	Housing
Karen Nuccio	Credentials
Marie O'Neil	We Care
Shirley Orth	Constitution & Laws Reorganization
Debbie Osborne	Health and Personal Services
Carolyn Parker	Endowment Fund
Judy Parker	J.C. Lee Memorial Cancer Fund
Martha Peters	Special Courtesies
Pam Potter	Benevolent Fund
Bill Prentiss	California Eastern Star Foundation
	Eastern Star Homes of CA
	Finance
Marsha Price	Credentials
	Escort
	Membership
Gee Gee Querry	Appeals and Grievances
Casey Rainey	Consolidations
	Travel Program
	Vendor Coordinator
Kathy Randall	Pictures
Sheila Reid	Credentials
Susie Reynoso	Membership
Rory Richardson	Transportation
Janet Robinson	Distribution
Tiffany Ruiz	Endowment Fund
Sherry Rullman-Glab	Parliamentarian
Debbie Sanborn	Finance
Judy Schnabel	Credentials
Cindy Schulenburg	Consolidations
Dianne Schulenburg	Decorations
Fred Schulenburg	California Eastern Star Foundation
John Scott	Dispensations and Charters
Rob Scott	Finance
Ruth Sereni	Eastern Star Homes of CA
Sarahann Shapiro	Constitution and Bylaws
	Grand Chapter Week Advisor
Eileen Simmons	Annual Session Site
Trudy Slater	Membership
Cynthia Smiley-Reese	Fun Night
Scott Smissen	Eastern Star Homes of CA

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Jan Smith.....	Secretarial Services
Jeanne Smith	Arts and Crafts
Don Snyder	Entertainment
Cathy Solem.....	California Eastern Star Foundation
Gary Spriggs	Website
Patty Stahl	Arts and Crafts
Tricia Stewart.....	Constitution & Laws Reorganization Programs
Pat Stokes.....	Grand Choir Director
Joan Taylor.....	Credentials
Kathie Theener-DeLong	Committee Rooms
Christa Tipton	Scholarship
Bill Tripler	Home Festival Set-up Grand Chapter Floor - Auditorium
Lynn Tripler	Home Festival Set-up Grand Chapter Floor - Auditorium
Donna Tucker.....	Audit
Juliet Vitz.....	Special Project of the WGM
Debbie Von Bima	Liaison to Rainbow for Girls
Annette Vowell	Consolidations
Art Weiss	Appeals and Grievances Dispensations and Charters Liaison to Grand Lodge of California
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Sue White.....	Consolidations
Patricia Whitehill	Scholarship SLC Fundraiser - North
Cherri Whiteley.....	Cal Star News
Jim Whiteley	Dispensations and Charters Eastern Star Homes of CA
Virginia Williams.....	Consolidations
Deborah Winn	Membership
Margaret Wolford	Public Relations
JoAnn Wright.....	Credentials
Kathy Young.....	Constitution and Bylaws

CHAPTERS WITHDRAWN FROM THE JURISDICTION OF CALIFORNIA

No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Action
120	Electa	Austin	5/1/1894 10/16/1901	Admitted to California Grand Chapter Withdrew to Nevada
121	Esther	Carson	5/1/1894 10/16/1901	Admitted to California Grand Chapter Withdrew to Nevada
122	Adah	Reno	5/1/1894 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	Silver State	Winnemucca	6/11/1896 10/16/1901	Instituted Withdrew to Nevada
156	Argenta	Virginia City	3/20/1897 10/16/1901	Instituted Withdrew to Nevada
166	Iphigenia	Eureka	10/17/1898 10/16/1901	Instituted Withdrew to Nevada

EXTINCT CHAPTERS IN CALIFORNIA

No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Charters
4	California	San Francisco	4/ /1873 10/18/1893	Chartered Instituted before Grand Chapter was organized Charter recalled Reorganized as Harmony Chapter 124
7	Alameda	Alameda	4/ /1873 9/18/1878	Chartered Instituted before Grand Chapter was organized Charter surrendered
12	Amador	Drytown Plymouth	3/07/1874 4/22/1878 10/ /1901	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
22	Olive Branch	Hornitos	3/04/1876 8/16/1887	Instituted Charter recalled
24	Centennial	West Oakland	10/11/1876 8/16/1887	Instituted Charter recalled
29	Queen Esther	Windsor Healdsburg	4/05/1877 5/7/1879 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	Instituted Charter surrendered
37	Adah	Meridian College City	5/24/1879 8/16/1887	Instituted Charter surrendered
38	Pacific	Santa Cruz	11/21/1879 5/17/1884	Instituted Charter surrendered

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Charters
43	Woodbine	Walnut Creek	5/08/1880 2/26/1884	Instituted Charter surrendered
51	Alturas	Alturas	6/3/1881 3/4/2006 10/15/2015	Instituted Name changed to Five Star Charter revoked
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	Manzanits	Calistoga	4/13/1883 1/09/1899	Instituted Charter surrendered
70	Brilliant Star	Orland	5/15/1883 10/22/1891	Instituted Charter recalled
72	Electa	Modesto	6/29/1883 11/20/2012 10/15/2015	Instituted Name changed to Electa El Rio through consolidation Charter revoked
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
111	Ocean View	Mendocino	9/19/1891 10/20/2016	Instituted Charter revoked
132	Chrysanthemum	Sanger	2/14/1894 6/29/1990	Instituted Charter recalled
139	Orestimba	Newman	12/28/1895 2/03/1988	Instituted Charter surrendered

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Charters
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
162	Crown	Corona	3/7/1898 10/18/2012	Instituted Charter revoked by Grand Chapter.
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
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 12/13/1972	Instituted Consolidated with Reedley 257 Charter surrendered
265	Daylight Radiant-Daylight	Los Angeles Los Angeles	2/06/1907 5/28/1971 6/22/1988	Instituted Consolidated with Radiant 421 Charter surrendered
285	Garvin	Randsburg	5/26/1909 11/07/1917	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
398	San Fernando	San Fernando	9/30/1922 8/14/2014	Instituted Charter surrendered
419	Park	San Francisco	11/26/1923 10/22/1925	Instituted Charter revoked

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Date	Charters
461	Mayflower	San Francisco	4/07/1926 9/21/1928	Instituted Charter surrendered
462	Angeles Mesa	Los Angeles	5/06/1926 10/20/1927	Instituted Charter revoked
466	Melrose	Los Angeles	7/29/1926 12/20/1964	Instituted Charter surrendered
536	Dunsmuir	Dunsmuir	9/08/1934 11/01/1959	Instituted Charter surrendered
538	Ad Astra	Fresno	10/03/1936 10/18/1944	Instituted Charter revoked
646	Silver Trowel	Los Angeles	8/13/1973 5/24/1985	Instituted Charter surrendered

CONSOLIDATED CHAPTERS IN CALIFORNIA

No.	Chapter Name	Location	Instituted
1	Golden Gate	San Francisco	5/10/1869
	Consolidated November 30, 1973 with Ivy No. 27, San Francisco No. 196 and Justice No. 460 as Golden Gate No. 1. Consolidated January 24, 1996 with Parnassus-Imperial No. 229 as Golden Gate No. 1. Consolidated November 17, 2001 with Harmony No. 124 as Golden Gate No. 1. Consolidated November 17, 2005 with San Francisco No. 99 and Golden Gate No. 1.		
2	Suisun.....	Fairfield.....	3/12/1870
	Consolidated November 20, 2004 with Rio Vista No. 222 as Suisun No. 2.		
3	Silver Star	Vallejo	11/22/1870
	Consolidated May 12, 2003 with Silver Gate No. 30 and Vallejo No. 278 as Gateway No. 3.		
8	Oak Leaf	Oakland	4/12/1872
	Consolidated June 16, 1975 with Effie Easton No. 392 as Oak Leaf No. 8. Consolidated June 2, 1980 with Caliz de Oro No. 457 as Oak Leaf No. 8. Consolidated September 15, 1980 with Athens No. 277 as Oak Leaf No. 8. Consolidated April 25, 1983 with Plymouth No. 423 as Oak Leaf No. 8. Consolidated August 13, 1984 with Unity No. 65 as Oak Leaf No. 8. Consolidated September 28, 1999 with Estrellita No. 541 as Oak Leaf No. 8. Consolidated November 18, 2007 with Alameda No. 115 as Alameda Oak Leaf No. 8. Consolidated November 20, 2016 with Nova Dies-Oakland No. 140 as Alameda Oak Leaf No. 8.		
9	Evangeline	Nevada City.....	6/17/1873
	Consolidated May 6, 1980 with Pelton No. 615 as Evangeline No. 9. Consolidated November 6, 2004 with Bethany No. 304 as Evangeline No. 9. Consolidated March 27, 2010 with Aurora Placer No. 40 as Evangeline No. 9.		
13	Martha Washington	Visalia.....	12/9/1874
	Consolidated March 11, 1988 with Exeter No. 334 as Martha Washington No. 13. Consolidated July 27, 2002 with Lucerne No. 127 as Lucerne No. 13. Consolidated November 3, 2013 with Lily of the Lake No. 41 as Lucerne Lake No. 13.		
14	St. John's.....	Weaverville	1/28/1875
	Consolidated November 7, 1997 with Northern Light No. 26 as Northern Light No. 14. Consolidated October 29, 2005 with Mt. Shasta No. 153 as Shasta Northern Light No. 14. Consolidated November 1, 2013 with Vesper No. 20 as Northern Lights No. 14.		
17	Welcome	Shasta	4/5/1875
	Consolidated April 27, 1993 with Redding No. 44 as Welcome Redding No. 44.		
18	Lily of the Valley.....	Watsonville	5/11/1875
	Consolidated November 30, 1994 with Idlewild No. 19 as Wild Lily No. 18.		
19	Idlewild.....	Santa Cruz	3/30/1876
	Consolidated November 30, 1994 with Lily of the Valley No. 18 as Wild Lily No. 18.		
20	Vesper	Red Bluff.....	3/1/1876
	Consolidated November 1, 2013 with Shasta Northern Lights No. 14 as Northern Lights No. 14.		

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Instituted
21	Acacia	Los Angeles.....	3/14/1876
	Consolidated May 14, 1971 with Rose Croix No. 317 as Acacia-Rose Croix. Consolidated November 29, 1986 with Highland Park No. 167 as Highland Park No. 21. Consolidated November 21, 1987 with Atwater-Larchmont No. 522 as Highland Park No. 21. Consolidated September 14, 1989 with Los Feliz No. 216 as Highland Park No. 21. Consolidated November 29, 2000 with Polaris No. 454 as Acacia No. 21. Consolidated February 26, 2007 with Hollywood No. 133 as Hollywood No. 21. meeting in South Pasadena. Consolidated November 9, 2009 with Lexington No. 172 as Hollywood No. 21. Name changed on May 13, 2013 to South Pasadena No. 21.		
23	Ferndale	Ferndale.....	9/1/1876
	Consolidated July 8, 2009 with Del Norte No. 149 as Ferndale No. 23.		
26	Northern Light	Millville.....	9/11/1875
	Consolidated March 22, 1997 with North Star No. 450 as Northern Light No. 26. Consolidated November 7, 1997 with St. John's No. 14 as Northern Light No. 14.		
27	Ivy	San Francisco	12/7/1876
	Consolidated November 30, 1973 with Golden Gate No. 1, San Francisco No. 196 and Justice No. 460 as Golden Gate No. 1.		
28	Vacaville	Vacaville	3/3/1877
	Consolidated May 16, 2007 with Esparto-Grafton No. 218 as Yolano No. 28. Consolidated August 17, 2016 with Golden Valley No. 60 as Yolano Valley No. 28.		
30	Silver Gate	Benicia.....	7/14/1877
	Consolidated May 12, 2003 with Silver Star No. 3 and Vallejo No. 278 as Gateway No. 3.		
31	San Jose	San Jose.....	9/7/1877
	Consolidated November 25, 2005 with Blossom Hill No. 288 as San Jose No. 31.		
35	Vernon	Gridley.....	6/1/1878
	Consolidated January 6, 1992 with Lyman No. 363 as Vernon-Lyman No. 35. Consolidated November 29, 1998 with Amapola No. 119 as Amapola Vernon Lyman No. 35. Name changed on December 31, 2009 to Amapola No. 35.		
36	Naomi.....	Sacramento	5/3/1879
	Consolidated November 17, 1995 with Rising Star No. 593 as Rising Star No. 36.		
40	Aurora	Grass Valley	2/13/1880
	Consolidated April 10, 2003 with Placer No. 49 as Aurora Placer No. 40. Consolidated March 27, 2010 with Evangeline No. 9 as Evangeline No. 9.		
41	Lily of the Lake	Lemoore	3/23/1880
	Consolidated June 21, 1944 with Riverdale No. 400 as Lily of the Lake No. 41. Consolidated February 9, 1991 with Eschscoltzia No. 270 as Lily of the Lake No. 41. Consolidated November 3, 2013 with Lucerne No. 13 as Lucerne Lake No. 13.		
42	Ariel	Antioch.....	3/30/1880
	Consolidated September 13, 1983 with Pittsburg No. 353 as Ariel No. 42. Consolidated November 6, 1993 with Maspha No. 198 as Ariel No. 42.		
44	Redding.....	Redding	6/18/1880
	Consolidated April 27, 1993 with Welcome No. 17 as Welcome Redding No. 17.		

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45	Ceanothus	San Juan Bautista	5/22/1880
	Consolidated November 18, 1990 with Magnolia No. 73 as Magnolia No. 45.		
47	Reveille	Salinas	7/9/1880
	Consolidated November 26, 1990 with Castroville No. 580 as Reveille No. 47.		
	Consolidated October 25, 2003 with El Gabilan No. 574 as Reveille No. 47.		
	Consolidated October 29, 2005 with Monterey Peninsula No. 68 as Reveille No. 47.		
48	Wheatland	Wheatland	3/23/1881
	Consolidated March 8, 2009 with Marysville-Friendship No. 55 as Friendship No. 48.		
49	Placer	Dutch Flat	3/24/1881
	Consolidated March 24, 1984 with Truckee No. 116 as Placer No. 49. Consolidated April 10, 2003 with Aurora No. 40 as Aurora Placer No. 40.		
50	Homo	Stockton	5/21/1881
	Consolidated November 25, 1991 with Golden Poppy No. 355 as Valley Oaks No. 50. Consolidated November 14, 2007 with Stockton No. 373 as Stockton Oaks No. 50. Consolidated January 14, 2012 with Woodbridge Oaks No. 118 as Stockton Oaks No. 50.		
51	Alturas	Alturas	6/3/1881
	Consolidated June 25, 1986 with Bonner No. 232 as Alturas No. 51. Consolidated November 10, 2001 with Mountain View No. 112 as High Sierra No. 51. Name changed March 4, 2006 to Five Star No. 51. Charter revoked October 15, 2015.		
53	Sincerity	Taylorville	6/24/1881
	Moved October 30, 1895 from Taylorville to Greenville. Consolidated November 3, 2002 with Westwood No. 377 as Sincerity No. 53. Consolidated November 18, 2012 with Plumas No. 246 as Mountain Star No. 53. Consolidated November 5, 2016 with Alpine Valley No. 129 as Mountain Star No. 53.		
55	Marysville	Marysville	6/25/1881
	Consolidated May 2, 1991 with Friendship No. 67 as Marysville-Friendship No. 55. Consolidated March 8, 2009 with Wheatland No. 48 as Friendship No. 48.		
56	Fidelia	Yuba City	6/28/1881
	Consolidated July 8, 1986 with Smartville No. 431 as Fidelia No. 56. Consolidated November 14, 1998 with Veritas No. 84 as Fidelia No. 56.		
58	Kingsley	Ukiah	7/23/1881
	Consolidated November 13, 2005 with Willits No. 314 as Kingsley No. 58. Consolidated June 16, 2008 with Augusta No. 80 as Kingsley Augusta No. 58.		
59	Silver Spray	Napa	8/12/1881
	Consolidated April 5, 1984 with St. Helena No. 274 as Silver Spray No. 59.		
60	Yolo	Woodland	8/20/1881
	Consolidated February 22, 1985 with Cacheville No. 349 as Yolo No. 60. Consolidated November 8, 2002 with Golden Valley No. 199 as Golden Valley No. 60. Consolidated August 17, 2016 with Yolano No. 28 as Yolano Valley No. 28.		

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61	Morning Star	Petaluma	9/27/1881
	Consolidated February 24, 1993 with Gold Ridge No. 161 as Gold Ridge Star No. 161.		
62	Mountain Fern	Georgetown.....	10/15/1881
	Consolidated June 23, 1996 with El Dorado-Lake Tahoe as El Dorado-Tahoe Fern No. 62, location changed to El Dorado. Consolidated April 19, 2008 with Fallen Leaf No. 62 as El Dorado Foothills No. 62.		
65	Unity	Oakland	3/17/1882
	Consolidated April 9, 1969 with Rosa M. Shattuck No. 504 as Unity No. 65. Consolidated August 13, 1984 with Oak Leaf No. 8 as Oak Leaf No. 8.		
66	Golden Star	Jackson	4/11/1882
	Consolidated November 6, 2005 with Queen Esther No. 71 as Amador No. 66. Consolidated December 12, 2001 with Azalia Angels No. 77 as Azalia Star No. 66.		
67	Friendship	Lincoln	5/3/1882
	Consolidated May 2, 1991 with Marysville No. 55 as Marysville-Friendship No. 55.		
68	Monterey.....	Pacific Grove.....	11/11/1882
	Name changed March 19, 1896 to Ocean Spray No. 68. Consolidated January 18, 1993 with Monterey No. 239 as Monterey Peninsula No. 68. Consolidated October 29, 2005 with Reveille No. 47 as Reveille No. 47.		
71	Queen Esther.....	Sutter Creek.....	6/21/1883
	Consolidated November 6, 2005 with Golden Star No. 66 as Amador No. 66.		
72	Electa	Modesto.....	6/29/1883
	Consolidated November 19, 1996 with Modesto No. 532 as Electa Modesto. Consolidated November 20, 2012 with El Rio No. 333 as Electa El Rio No. 72. Charter revoked October 15, 2015.		
73	Magnolia	Gilroy	7/5/1883
	Consolidated November 18, 1990 with Ceanothus No. 45 as Magnolia NO. 45.		
74	Esther	Adin.....	7/19/1883
	Consolidated June 24, 1978 with North Star No. 450 as North Star No. 450.		
75	Silver Wave	San Bernardino.....	7/28/1883
	Consolidated May 3, 1991 with Arrowhead No. 548 as Arrowhead No. 75. Consolidated April 18, 1999 with Gate City No. 212 as Gate City No. 212.		
76	Rohnerville	Fortuna	9/8/1883
	Consolidated March 16, 1997 with Redwood Empire No. 564 as Rohnerville-Redwood No. 76.		
77	Azalia.....	Campo Seco	10/13/1883
	Location change May 21, 1895 to San Andreas. Consolidated September 20, 1988 with Angels No. 134 as Azalia Angels No. 77. Consolidated December 12, 2011 with Amador No. 66 as Azalia Angels No. 66.		
78	Marguerite.....	Santa Barbara	5/12/1884
	Consolidated January 24, 1988 with Santa Barbara No. 501 as Santa Barbara-Marguerite No. 78. Consolidated August 23, 2005 with Channel Islands No. 79 as Channel Islands No. 78.		

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79	Ventura.....	Ventura	5/13/1884
	Consolidated November 14, 1987 with Fillmore No. 361 as Ventura-Fillmore No. 79.		
	Consolidated April 4, 2003 with Oxnard No. 322 as Channel Islands No. 79.		
	Consolidated June 30, 2003 with Ojai No. 528 as Channel Islands No. 79.		
	Consolidated August 23, 2005 with Santa Barbara-Marguerite No. 78 as Channel Islands No. 78.		
80	Augusta	Covelo	7/31/1884
	Consolidated June 16, 2008 with Kingsley No. 58 as Kingsley Augusta No. 58.		
82	Sotoyome	Healdsburg	9/3/1884
	Consolidated November 16, 1991 with Clover Leaf No. 130 as Sotoyome-Clover Leaf No. 82.		
83	Molino.....	Tehama	5/31/1884
	Changed location on January 12, 1978 to Los Molinos. Consolidated March 29, 2003 with Mystic Star No. 279 as Molino Star No. 83. Consolidated March 12, 2011 with Citrus No. 86 as Molino Star No. 83.		
84	Veritas	Colusa.....	11/21/1884
	Consolidated November 10, 1989 with Arbuckle-Loayl No. 368 as Veritas No. 84.		
	Consolidated November 14, 1998 with Fidelia No. 56 as Fidelia No. 56.		
85	Valley of the Moon.....	Sonoma.....	12/6/1884
	Consolidated November 14, 1998 with Calistoga Keystone No. 189 as Silverado No. 189.		
86	Marshall	Willows	4/18/1885
	Consolidated January 8, 1987 with Citrus No. 208 as Citrus No. 86, meeting location Orland. Consolidated March 12, 2011 with Molino Star No. 83 as Molino Star No. 83.		
89	Raisina	Fresno	4/26/1886
	Consolidated November 27, 1995 with Fresno No. 295 as Raisina Fresno No. 89.		
	Consolidated November 25, 1996 with Sanger No. 482 as Raisina Fresno No. 89.		
	Consolidated June 6, 2012 with La Sierra Venus No. 555 as Legacy No. 555.		
90	Fallen Leaf.....	Placerville.....	7/14/1886
	Consolidated April 19, 2008 with El Dorado-Tahoe Fern No. 62 as El Dorado Foothills No. 62.		
92	Madera	Madera.....	4/30/1886
	Consolidated June 4, 2013 with Chowchilla No. 365 as Madera-Chowchilla No. 92.		
93	Heliotrope	Selma	5/2/1887
	Consolidated September 24, 1979 with Kingsburg No. 312 as Heliotrope No. 93.		
	Consolidated November 27, 1989 with Monte Vista No. 271 as Heliotrope No. 93.		
	Consolidated April 22, 2006 with Concordia No. 309 as Concordia No. 93, meeting location Clovis. Consolidated November 20, 2013 with Legacy No. 555 as Legacy No. 555.		
94	Tulare	Tulare	11/7/1887
	Consolidated June 25, 1990 with Corcoran No. 370 as Tulare-Corcoran No. 94.		
	Consolidated July 27, 2002 with Sierra Foothill No. 510 as Tulare-Corcoran No. 94.		

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95	Bethlehem	Paso Robles	3/22/1888
	Consolidated May 20, 1969 with Violet No. 102 as Bethlehem No. 95. Consolidated November 13, 2004 with Estero Pines No. 525 as Bethlehem-Estero Pins No. 95.		
96	Southern Star	San Diego	4/2/1888
	Consolidated November 19, 1991 with San Diego No. 264 as San Diego Star No. 96. Consolidated November 4, 2001 with La Jolla No. 479 and Palomar No. 565 as La Paloma Star No. 96.		
97	Ramona	Arroyo Grande	6/19/1888
	Consolidated June 22, 2006 with Mizpah No. 100 as Mizpah No. 97, meeting location Santa Maria. Consolidated January 25, 2011 with Miguelito No. 176 as Central Coast Star No. 97.		
99	Beulah	San Francisco	8/16/1888
	Consolidated August 20, 1964 with Liberty No. 451 as Beulah-Liberty No. 99. Consolidated February 11, 1974 with Amity No. 262 as Amity No. 99. Consolidated November 8, 1990 with Golden West Mission as San Francisco No. 99. Consolidated November 12, 1992 with California Presidio No. 183 as San Francisco No. 99. Consolidated November 17, 2005 with Golden Gate No. 1 as Golden Gate No. 1.		
100	Mispah	Santa Maria	9/13/1888
	Consolidated July 26, 2001 with Santa Ynez Valley No. 566 as Mizpah No. 100. Consolidated June 22, 2006 with Ramona No. 97 as Mizpah No. 97, meeting in Santa Maria.		
102	Violet	San Miguel	3/21/1889
	Consolidated May 20, 1969 with Bethlehem No. 95 as Bethlehem No. 95.		
103	Golden Wave	San Leandro	4/5/1889
	Consolidated December 29, 1986 with Foothill No. 293 as Golden Wave No. 103. Consolidated September 5, 2008 with Castro Valley No. 294 as Lake Chabot No. 103. Consolidated April 17, 2017 with San Lorenzo No. 177 as San Lorenzo No. 103.		
104	Josephine.....	Chico	6/28/1889
	Consolidated December 15, 1988 with Chico No. 627 as Josephine Chico No. 104. Consolidated June 20, 1996 with Wild Rose No. 326 as Josephine Chico No. 104.		
105	Hermosa	Santa Ana	10/13/1888
	Consolidated November 20, 1993 with Garden Grove No. 483 as Golden Harvest No. 105. Consolidated August 13, 1998 with Westminster No. 625 as Golden Harvest No. 105. Consolidated November 12, 2007 with Scepter No. 163 as Scepter No. 163.		
108	Pasadena	Pasadena	7/11/1890
	Consolidated November 16, 1984 with Melita No. 467 as Pasadena-Melita No. 108. Consolidated November 16, 1990 with Southland No. 307 as Pasadena No. 108. Location change September 24, 1996 to San Marino. Consolidated March 27, 2003 with East Pas Alta No. 473 as Pasadena No. 108. Consolidated April 27, 2007 with Alhambra No. 193 as Pasadena No. 108. Consolidated June 25, 2013 with Arcadia No. 299 as Arcadia Pasadena No. 108, meeting in Arcadia.		
109	Elk Grove.....	Elk Grove	9/24/1890
	Consolidated November 17, 2007 with Onisbo No. 164 as Elk Grove Onisbo No. 109.		

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110	Pomona	Pomona.....	8/31/1891
	Consolidated February 14, 1999 with Star of the West No. 468 as Star of Pomona No. 110. Consolidated March 4, 2007 with Claremont No. 324 as Star of Claremont No. 110, meeting in Claremont.		
111	Ocean View	Mendocino.....	9/19/1891
	Consolidated April 29, 1990 with Point Arena No. 291 as Ocean View No. 111. Consolidated May 16, 1993 with Sapphire No. 230 as Ocean View No. 111.		
112	Hesperian	Susanville	9/30/1891
	Consolidated November 27, 1999 with Mountain View No. 552 as Mountain View No. 112. Consolidated November 10, 2001 with Alturas No. 51 as High Sierra No. 51.		
113	Santa Monica by the Sea	Santa Monica.....	1/8/1892
	Name changed on October 18, 1899 to Santa Monica No. 113. Consolidated November 18, 1985 with Palisades No. 474 and Westwood Hills No. 476 as Santa Monica No. 113. Consolidated November 17, 1994 with Ocean Park No. 245 as Ocean Park No. 245.		
114	Palm Leaf.....	Porterville.....	2/18/1892
	Consolidated March 31, 1987 with Lindsay No. 306 as Palm Leaf No. 114.		
115	Carita.....	Alameda	3/9/1892
	Consolidated January 19, 2001 with Alameda No. 297 as Alameda No. 115. Consolidated November 18, 2007 with Oak Leaf No. 8 as Alameda Oak Leaf No. 8.		
116	Truckee	Truckee.....	3/15/1892
	Consolidated March 24, 1984 with Placer No. 49 as Placer No. 49.		
117	Columbus	Sacramento	8/8/1892
	Consolidated November 26, 1990 with Fort Sutter No. 420 as Columbus-Fort Sutter No. 117. Consolidated November 15, 2001 with Ada-Sacramento No. 190 as New Hope No. 117.		
118	Woodbridge	Woodbridge.....	9/17/1892
	Consolidated March 30, 1994 with Live Oak No. 371 as Woodbridge Oaks No. 118. Consolidated January 14, 2012 with Stockton Oaks No. 50 as Stockton Oaks No. 50.		
119	Amapola.....	Oroville.....	7/5/1893
	Consolidated November 29, 1998 with Vernon-Lyman No. 35 as Amapola Vernon Lyman No. 35.		
123	Tuolumne Star	Sonora.....	8/25/1893
	Consolidated November 14, 2010 with Mother Lodge No. 165 as Mother Lode No. 123, meeting in Murphys.		
124	California	San Francisco	11/10/1893
	Name changed to Harmony before charter issued. Consolidated August 8, 1967 with Fireside No. 440 as Harmony No. 124. Consolidated November 2, 1967 with Nonpareil No. 496 as Harmony No. 124. Consolidated April 26, 1977 with Jewel No. 238 as Harmony-Jewel No. 124. Name changed on November 30, 1982 to Harmony No. 124. Consolidated November 18, 1995 with Crocker No. 382 as Harmony No. 124. Consolidated November 17, 2001 with Golden Gate No. 1 as Golden Gate No. 1.		

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125	Bakersfield.....	Bakersfield	12/18/1893
	Consolidated November 16, 1998 with Taft No. 323 as Bakersfield No. 125. Consolidated February 21, 2002 with Oildale No. 559 as Bakersfield No. 125.		
126	Mercedes.....	Merced.....	2/23/1894
	Consolidated May 26, 1998 with Centinela No. 136 as Mercedes No. 126. Consolidated November 1, 2008 with Las Mariposas No. 200 as Yosemite Gateway No. 126.		
127	Lucerne	Hanford.....	2/15/1894
	Consolidated July 27, 2002 with Martha Washington No. 13 as Lucerne No. 13.		
128	Los Gatos	Los Gatos	3/19/1894
	Consolidated April 11, 2003 with Campbell No. 553 as Golden Oak No. 128.		
129	Sierra Star	Sierra Valley.....	6/12/1894
	Consolidated September 16, 1972 with Celeandine No. 224 as Sierra Star No. 129, meeting in Sierraville. Consolidated November 12, 2010 with Beckwith Portola Star No. 201 as Alpine Valley No. 129, meeting in Beckwourth. Consolidated November 5, 2016 with Mountain Star No. 53 as Mountain Star No. 53.		
130	Clover Leaf.....	Cloverdale	7/21/1894
	Consolidated November 16, 1991 with Sotoyome No. 82 as Sotoyome-Clover Leaf No. 82.		
131	Fidelity.....	Dunsmuir.....	8/31/1894
	Consolidated March 25, 1976 with McCloud No. 381 as Fidelity No. 131. Consolidated March 27, 1999 with Sisson-White Pine No. 175 as Fidelity No. 131.		
133	South Gate	Los Angeles.....	12/24/1894
	Consolidated November 19, 1968 with West Lake No. 268 as South Gate No. 133. Consolidated August 2, 1986 with Hollywood No. 209 as Hollywood No. 133. Consolidated November 23, 1991 with South Pasadena No. 272 as Hollywood No. 133. Consolidated November 20, 1993 with Elysian No. 192 and Eagle Rock-Glassell Park No. 313 as Hollywood No. 133, meeting in South Pasadena. Consolidated February 26, 2007 with Acacia No. 21 and Hollywood No. 21.		
134	Angels	Angels Camp.....	12/18/1894
	Consolidated September 20, 1988 with Azalia No. 77 as Azalia Angels No. 77.		
136	Centinela.....	Los Banos.....	6/10/1895
	Consolidated November 24, 1990 with Dos Palos No. 545 as Centinela No. 136. Consolidated May 26, 1998 with Mercedes No. 126 as Mercedes No. 126.		
137	Clear Lake.....	Lakeport	10/9/1895
	Consolidated November 5, 2005 with Lower Lake No. 231 as Lower Lake No. 231.		
140	Oakland.....	Oakland	1/2/1896
	Consolidated June 2, 1965 with Sterling No. 533 as Oakland No. 140. Consolidated November 22, 1974 with Encina No. 519 as Oakland No. 140. Consolidated April 4, 1984 with Nova Dies No. 544 as Nova Dies-Oakland No. 140. Consolidated August 17, 1988 with Golden Chain No. 303 as Nova Dies-Oakland No. 140. Consolidated November 12, 1988 with Lake Merritt No. 410 as Nova Dies-Oakland No. 140. Consolidated November 20, 2016 with Alameda Oak Leaf No. 8 as Alameda Oak Leaf No. 8.		

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141	Miramonte.....	Mountain View	1/8/1896
	Consolidated November 23, 1988 with Menalto No. 562 as Miramonte No. 141. Consolidated November 16, 2008 with Valley Star No. 250 as Valley Star No. 141, meeting in Los Altos. Consolidated July 15, 2009 with San Carlos No. 551 as Valley Star No. 141.		
142	Copa del Oro.....	Redlands	1/23/1896
	Consolidated September 25, 1998 with Gate City No. 212 as Gate City No. 212.		
143	Norwalk	Norwalk	2/12/1896
	Consolidated August 20, 1997 with Artesia No. 253 as Emerald Star No. 143.		
144	Lyra.....	Whittier.....	2/12/1896
	Consolidated November 17, 1990 with Holly Gardens No. 248 as Lyra No. 144. Consolidated June 6, 2002 with Whittier No. 335 and Tri Star No. 584 as Whittier Star No. 144.		
145	Jasmine	Azusa	2/13/1896
	Consolidated November 17, 1996 with Foothill No. 357 as Goothill No. 145, meeting in Glendora. Consolidated May 18, 2005 with Sunrise No. 179 as Stardust No. 145, meeting in Ontario.		
146	Delano.....	Delano	3/12/1896
	Consolidated May 22, 1972 with Wasco No. 489 as La Rosa No. 146. Consolidated November 22, 1976 with Faith No. 514 as La Rosa No. 146. Consolidated June 29, 1987 with Libertas No. 362 as Libertas No. 362.		
147	Pearl	Compton.....	4/10/1896
	Consolidated November 22, 1996 with Century No. 613 as Golden Crown No. 147, meeting in Norwalk. Consolidated November 10, 2004 with Ami Tai No. 405 as Ami Tai No. 147, meeting in Brea. Consolidated June 29, 2007 with Chispa No. 151 as Ami Tai No. 147.		
149	Del Norte	Crescent City.....	5/15/1896
	Consolidated July 8, 2009 with Ferndale No. 23 as Ferndale No. 23.		
151	Chispa	Anaheim	6/6/1896
	Consolidated May 29, 1990 with Brea No. 191 as Chispa No. 151. Consolidated November 25, 1997 with Buena Park No. 240 as Chispa No. 171. Consolidated June 29, 2007 with Ami Tai No. 147 as Ami Tai No. 147.		
153	Mt. Shasta	Millville.....	1/8/1896
	Consolidated October 29, 2005 with Northern Light No. 14 as Shasta Northern Light No. 14.		
155	Mission	San Francisco	12/19/1896
	Consolidated November 3, 1975 with Golden West No. 350 as Golden West Mission No. 155. Consolidated November 8, 1990 with Amity No. 99 as San Francisco No. 99.		
159	Penrhyn.....	Penryn.....	3/20/1897
	Consolidated November 29, 2014 with Heber No. 181 as Penrhyn No. 159.		

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160	Occident	Downey	6/19/1897
	Consolidated November 15, 1988 with Guardian No. 439 as Occident-Guardian No. 160. Consolidated February 15, 1994 with In Shallah No. 626 as Downey No. 160.		
161	Gold Ridge.....	Sebastopol	1/6/1898
	Consolidated November 23, 1985 with Valley Home No. 182 as Gold Ridge No. 161. Consolidated February 5, 1991 with Riverview No. 336 as Gold Ridge No. 161. Consolidated February 24, 1993 with Morning Star No. 61 as Gold Ridge Star No. 161. Consolidated January 20, 1995 with Santa Rosa No. 634 as Gold Ridge Star No. 161.		
163	Scepter	Orange	3/11/1898
	Consolidated July 14, 1986 with Santa Ana No. 389 as Scepter No. 163. Consolidated May 21, 2005 with Harbor Star No. 521 as Scepter No. 163. Consolidated November 12, 2007 with Golden Harvest No. 105 as Scepter No. 163.		
164	Onisbo	Courtland.....	4/29/1898
	Consolidated November 17, 2007 with Elk Grove No. 109 as Elk Grove Onisbo No. 109.		
165	Crescent	Murphys	6/15/1898
	Consolidated November 12, 2007 with Milton No. 244 as Mother Lode No. 165. Consolidated November 14, 2010 with Tuolumne Star No. 123 as Mother Lodge No. 123, meeting in Murphys.		
167	Esperanza.....	Los Angeles.....	2/11/1899
	Consolidated September 12, 1972 with East Gate No. 225 as Esperanza-East Gate No. 167. Consolidated October 18, 1982 with Highland Park No. 263 as Highland Park No. 167. Consolidated November 29, 1986 with Acacia-Rose Croix No. 21 as Highland Park No. 21.		
168	Los Angeles	Los Angeles.....	2/14/1899
	Consolidated July 12, 1971 with Utopia No. 441 as Los Angeles No. 168. Consolidated February 25, 1977 with Golden Star No. 258 and Pleiades-Orme No. 281 as Los Angeles No. 258.		
169	Olive Branch.....	San Francisco	3/29/1899
	Consolidated September 24, 1965 with Starr King No. 204 as Starr King No. 169. Consolidated June 24, 1971 with King Solomon's No. 170 as King Solomon's No. 170.		
170	King Solomon's.....	San Francisco	4/4/1899
	Consolidated June 24, 1971 with Starr King No. 169 as King Solomon's No. 170. Consolidated August 28, 1980 with Richmond No. 255 as Richmond No. 255.		
171	Carnation.....	Redondo	5/12/1899
	Consolidated March 26, 2001 with Golden Chain No. 512 as Alpha Star No. 171. Consolidated November 12, 2010 with Torrance No. 380 as Alpha Star No. 171.		
172	Lexington.....	El Monte.....	7/18/1899
	Consolidated November 9, 2009 with Hollywood No. 21 as Hollywood No. 21.		
173	Long Beach.....	Long Beach	8/7/1899
	Consolidated August 14, 1992 with Bettina No. 399 as Long Beach-Bettina No. 173. Consolidated November 9, 1997 with Mar Vista No. 414 as Long Beach No. 173.		

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174	San Pedro Harbor.....	San Pedro	8/18/1899 Consolidated November 19, 2007 with Gardena No. 360 as San Pedro Harbor No. 174.
175	Sisson.....	Mount Shasta.....	9/23/1899 Consolidated February 12, 1983 with White Pine No. 487 as Sisson-White Pine No. 175. Consolidated March 27, 1999 with Fidelity No. 131 as Fidelity No. 131.
176	Miguelito.....	Lompoc.....	12/23/1899 Consolidated January 25, 2011 with Mizpah No. 97 as Central Coast Star No. 97.
177	Orient	Fremont	3/21/1900 Consolidated March 12, 2007 with San Lorenzo No. 577 as San Lorenzo No. 177, meeting in Hayward. Consolidated April 17, 2017 with Lake Chabot No. 103 as San Lorenzo No. 103.
178	Berkeley	Berkeley	4/4/1900 Consolidated June 6, 1967 with Alethe No. 366 as Alethe-Berkeley No. 178. Consolidated January 16, 1984 with Thousand Oaks No. 375 as Thousand Oaks No. 178. Consolidated August 9, 1990 with Vista Cerrito No. 550 as Vista Cerrito No. 178. Consolidated November 24, 1991 with West Gate No. 290 as Vista Cerrito No. 178.
179	Ontario	Ontario.....	5/3/1900 Name changed August 31, 1900 to Euclid No. 179. Consolidated November 15, 1990 with Chino Valley No. 330 as Sunrise No. 179. Consolidated May 18, 2005 with Foothill No. 145 as Stardust No. 145.
181	Heber.....		5/29/1900 Consolidated November 29, 2014 with Penrhyn No. 159 as Penrhyn No. 159.
182	Valley Home.....	Windsor.....	7/28/1900 Consolidated November 23, 1985 with Gold Ridge No. 161 as Gold Ridge No. 161.
183	Yerba Buena	San Francisco	8/14/1900 Name changed October 15, 1900 to California No. 183. Consolidated January 2, 1952 with Aloha No. 206 as California No. 183. Consolidated March 22, 1968 with Yerba Buena No. 228 as California No. 183. Consolidated November 12, 1986 with Presidio No. 481 as California-Presidio No. 183. Consolidated November 12, 1992 with San Francisco No. 99 as San Francisco No. 99.
184	Crockett.....	Crockett.....	8/7/1900 Consolidated April 24, 1984 with Pinole No. 220 as Pinole-Crockett No. 220.
185	Santa Paula.....	Santa Paula	9/22/1900 Consolidated November 13, 2013 with Vallecito No. 523 as Vallecito No. 185, meeting in Carpinteria.
186	Laurel.....	San Mateo.....	9/22/1900 Consolidated November 30, 1986 with Burlingame No. 275 as Peninsula No. 186, meeting in Burlingame. Consolidated November 25, 2007 with Unity No. 305 as Unity No. 186. Consolidated November 17, 2016 with Del Mar No. 604 as Unity No. 186.

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188	Tehachapi.....	Tehachapi	1/16/1901
	Consolidated December 3, 1969 with Arvin No. 603 as Tehachapi No. 188.		
189	Calistoga	Calistoga.....	1/19/1901
	Consolidated June 23, 1996 with Keystone No. 235 as Calistoga Keystone No. 189.		
	Consolidated November 14, 1998 with Valley of the Moon No. 85 as Silverado No. 189.		
190	Sacramento	Sacramento.....	3/7/1901
	Consolidated November 16, 1989 with Ada No. 301 as Ada-Sacramento No. 190.		
	Consolidated November 15, 2001 with Columbus-Fort Sutter No. 117 as New Hope No. 117.		
191	Fullerton.....	Fullerton	3/19/1901
	Consolidated February 12, 1979 with Brea No. 506 as Brea No. 191. Consolidated May 29, 1990 with Chispa No. 151 as Chispa No. 151.		
192	Pacific	Los Angeles.....	3/23/1901
	Consolidated February 24, 1972 with Loyalty No. 217 as Trinity No. 192.		
	Consolidated February 15, 1977 with Wil-Brea No. 520 as United No. 192.		
	Consolidated February 27, 1989 with Elysian No. 354 as Elysian No. 192.		
	Consolidated November 20, 1993 with Hollywood No. 133 and Eagle Rock-Glassell Park No. 313 as Hollywood No. 133.		
193	Alhambra	Alhambra.....	3/25/1901
	Consolidated November 20, 1990 with Granada No. 442 as Alhambra-Granada No. 193. Consolidated August 24, 1993 with San Marino No. 554 as Alhambra No. 193.		
	Consolidated April 27, 2007 with Pasadena No. 108 as Pasadena No. 108.		
196	San Francisco.....	San Francisco	9/16/1901
	Consolidated November 30, 1973 with Golden Gate No. 1, Ivy No. 27, and Justice No. 460 as Golden Gate No. 1.		
197	Mt. Whitney.....	Bishop.....	1/11/1902
	Consolidated June 19, 1991 with Mono No. 595 as Mt. Whitney No. 197.		
198	Maspha.....	Brentwood	4/23/1902
	Consolidated November 6, 1993 with Ariel No. 42 as Ariel No. 42.		
199	Ionia	Davis.....	4/29/1902
	Consolidated May 22, 1996 with Golden Rod No. 221 as Golden Valley No. 199.		
	Consolidated November 8, 2002 with Yolo No. 60 as Golden Valley No. 60.		
200	Las Mariposas.....	Mariposa.....	5/27/1902
	Consolidated November 17, 1991 with Sierra Vista No. 641 as Las Mariposas No. 200. Consolidated November 1, 2008 with Mercedes No. 126 as Yosemite Gateway No. 126.		
201	Beckwith Star.....	Beckwourth	6/25/1902
	Consolidated June 30, 1996 with Portola No. 321 as Beckwith Portola Star No. 201.		
	Consolidated November 12, 2010 with Sierra Star No. 129 as Alpine Valley No. 129.		
202	La Paloma	Covina	8/5/1902
	Consolidated November 21, 1997 with West Covina No. 325 as West Covina No. 202.		

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203	Sequoia	Menlo Park	9/1/1902
	Consolidated November 21, 2007 with Palo Alto No. 213 as Palo Alto No. 203, meeting in Palo Alto.		
204	Starr King.....	San Francisco	9/26/1902
	Consolidated September 24, 1965 with Olive Branch No. 169 as Starr King No. 169.		
205	Miramar	Richmond	9/30/1902
	Consolidated September 14, 1984 with Acantha No. 249 as El Portal No. 205.		
	Consolidated November 22, 1992 with Mission Bell No. 605 as Mission Bell No. 205.		
	Consolidated December 10, 1993 with Pinole-Crockett No. 220 as Mission Bell No. 205.		
	Consolidated August 25, 2003 with Beacon Point No. 283 as Mission Bell No. 205.		
206	Aloha.....	San Francisco	10/4/1902
	Consolidated January 2, 1952 with California No. 183 as California No. 183.		
208	Citrus.....	Orland.....	2/25/1903
	Consolidated January 8, 1987 with Marshall No. 86 as Citrus No. 86.		
209	Hollywood	Hollywood.....	2/28/1903
	Consolidated November 10, 1973 with Malta No. 475 as Hollywood-Malta No. 209.		
	Consolidated January 12, 1980 with Mendias-Ray No. 210 as Hollywood No. 209.		
	Consolidated August 2, 1986 with South Gate No. 133 as Hollywood No. 133.		
210	Palestine	Los Angeles.....	3/7/1903
	Consolidated November 28, 1972 with Mendias-Ray No. 495 as Mendias-Ray No. 210.		
	Consolidated January 12, 1980 with Hollywood-Malta No. 209 as Hollywood No. 209.		
211	Colton.....	Colton	7/8/1903
	Consolidated November 16, 1991 with Rialto No. 596 as Rialto No. 211, meeting in Rialto.		
	Consolidated November 18, 2006 with Orange Blossom No. 488 as Tri-Star No. 211.		
	Consolidated June 23, 2014 with Riverside No. 622 as Riverside No. 622.		
212	Gate City	San Bernardino.....	8/13/1903
	Consolidated September 25, 1998 with Copa del Oro No. 142 as Gate City No. 212.		
	Consolidated April 18, 1999 with Arrowhead No. 75 as Gate City No. 212.		
213	Palo Alto	Palo Alto.....	8/22/1903
	Consolidated November 21, 2007 with Sequoia No. 203 as Palo Alto No. 203.		
214	Almona	Concord.....	9/5/1903
	Consolidated July 10, 2005 with Diablo Star No. 571 as Diablo Star No. 214, meeting in Orinda.		
215	San Rafael	San Rafael	9/11/1903
	Consolidated November 21, 1993 with Fairfax No. 594 and Novato No. 609 as Marin Star No. 215.		
	Consolidated April 2, 2015 with Mill Valley No. 219 as Star of the Redwoods No. 219.		

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216	Sunset.....	Los Angeles.....	9/16/1903
	Consolidated November 25, 1974 with Olivette-Whilshire No. 329 as Los Feliz No. 216. Consolidated April 20, 1981 with Elizabeth B. Wheeler No. 540 as Los Feliz No. 216. Consolidated November 26, 1984 with Los Angeles No. 258 as Los Feliz No. 216. Consolidated September 14, 1989 with Highland Park No. 21 as Highland Park No. 21.		
217	Loyalty.....	Los Angeles.....	9/22/1903
	Consolidated February 24, 1972 with Pacific No. 192 as Trinity No. 192.		
218	Yosolano.....	Winters.....	2/13/1904
	Consolidated March 17, 1983 with Esparto No. 241 as Esparto-Winters No. 218, meeting in Esparto. Consolidated February 28, 1987 with Grafton No. 379 as Esparto-Grafton No. 218. Consolidated May 16, 2007 with Vacaville No. 28 as Yolano No. 28.		
219	Mill Valley.....	Mill Valley.....	2/16/1904
	Consolidated April 2, 2015 with Marin Star No. 215 as Star of the Redwoods No. 219.		
220	Pinole.....	Hercules.....	2/23/1904
	Consolidated April 24, 1984 with Crockett No. 184 as Pinole-Crocket No. 220. Consolidated December 10, 1993 with Mission Bell No. 205 as Mission Bell No. 205.		
221	Golden Rod.....	Dixon.....	4/2/1904
	Consolidated May 22, 1996 with Ionia No. 199 as Golden Valley No. 199.		
222	Rio Vista.....	Rio Vista.....	4/5/1904
	Consolidated November 20, 2004 with Suisun No. 2 as Suisun No. 2.		
223	Loyal.....	Williams.....	4/27/1904
	Consolidated December 9, 1975 with Arbuckle No. 368 as Arbuckle-Loyal No. 368.		
224	Celeandine.....	Loyalton.....	6/22/1904
	Consolidated September 16, 1972 with Sierra Star No. 129 as Sierra Star No. 129.		
225	East Gate.....	Los Angeles.....	2/15/1905
	Consolidated September 12, 1972 with Esperanza No. 167 as Esperanza-East Gate No. 167.		
226	Oakdale.....	Oakdale.....	4/11/1905
	Consolidated July 31, 2002 with Escallonia No. 447 as Escallonia No. 447.		
227	Monrovia.....	Monrovia.....	4/12/1905
	Consolidated August 29, 1972 with Santa Anita No. 575 as Monrovia No. 227. Consolidated April 28, 1984 with Arcadia No. 471 as Arcadia No. 471.		
228	Yerba Buena.....	San Francisco.....	4/14/1905
	Consolidated March 22, 1968 with California No. 183 as California No. 183.		
229	Imperial.....	San Francisco.....	4/17/1905
	Consolidated June 20, 1974 with Parnassus No. 269 as Parnassus-Imperial No. 229. Consolidated January 24, 1996 with Golden Gate No. 1 as Golden Gate No. 1.		

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230	Sapphire	Fort Bragg	4/17/1905
	Consolidated May 16, 1993 with Ocean View No. 111 as Oceanview No. 111.		
231	Lower Lake.....	Lower Lake	4/20/1905
	Consolidated November 5, 1988 with Mountain Star No. 585 as Lower Lake No. 231.		
	Consolidated November 5, 2005 with Clear Lake No. 137 as Lake No. 231.		
232	Bonner.....	Cedarville	4/29/1905
	Consolidated October 28, 1964 with North East No. 254 as Bonner No. 232.		
	Consolidated June 25, 1986 with Alturas No. 51 as Alturas No. 51.		
233	Natoma.....	Folsom	7/3/1905
	Consolidated November 11, 2006 with San Juan No. 563 as Natoma San Juan No. 233, meeting in Citrus Heights.		
235	Keystone	Napa	9/27/1905
	Consolidated June 23, 1996 with Calistoga No. 189 as Calistoga Keystone No. 189.		
237	Glen Eyrie	Glendale	2/22/1906
	Consolidated November 9, 1994 with Glendale No. 422 as Glendale Glen Eyrie No. 237.		
	Consolidated November 15, 1996 with Crescenta Valley No. 494 as Glencrest No. 237.		
238	Jewel	San Francisco	3/20/1906
	Consolidated April 26, 1977 with Harmony No. 124 as Harmony-Jewel No. 124.		
239	Monterey.....	Monterey	3/30/1906
	Consolidated January 18, 1993 with Ocean Spray No. 68 as Monterey Peninsula No. 68.		
240	Buena Park.....	Buena Park	4/6/1906
	Consolidated November 25, 1997 with Chispa No. 151 as Chispa No. 151.		
241	La Victoria	San Jacinto	4/6/1906
	Consolidated November 19, 1992 with Tahquitz No. 351 as Tahquitz-Victoria No. 241.		
242	Needles.....	Needles	4/11/1906
	Consolidated December 29, 1996 with Barstow No. 546 as Barstow No. 242.		
	Consolidated July 28, 2011 with Victor Valley No. 537 as Victor Valley No. 242, meeting in Victorville.		
243	Elsinore	Elsinore.....	4/16/1906
	Consolidated February 14, 2007 with Miriam No. 302 as Meniffee Valley No. 243, meeting in Sun City. Consolidated October 4, 2017 with Star of the Valley No. 648 as Star of the Valley No. 243.		
244	Milton.....	Milton.....	4/17/1906
	Consolidated November 10, 2007 with Crescent No. 165 as Mother Lode No. 165.		

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245	Ocean Park.....	Ocean Park	5/10/1906
	Consolidated January 19, 1984 with Culver City No. 395 as Ocean Park No. 245. Consolidated November 21, 1991 with Ionic-Menorah No. 446 as Ocean Park No. 245. Consolidated November 19, 1992 with Columbia-Beverly Hills No. 247 as Ocean Park No. 245. Consolidated November 17, 1994 with Santa Monica No. 113 as Ocean Park No. 245. Consolidated November 16, 2000 with Triangle Palms No. 456 as Ocean Park No. 245. Consolidated April 23, 2017 with Nova Star No. 319 as Ocean Park Star No. 245.		
246	Plumas.....	Quincy	6/11/1906
	Consolidated November 18, 2012 with Sincerity No. 53 as Mountain Star No. 53.		
247	Columbia.....	West Los Angeles	6/14/1906
	Consolidated November 22, 1986 with Beverly Hills No. 404 as Columbia-Beverly Hills No. 247. Consolidated November 19, 1992 with Ocean Park No. 245 as Ocean Park No. 245.		
248	Hollenbeck.....	Los Angeles.....	6/2/1906
	Consolidated May 2, 1972 with The Gardens No. 464 as Holly Gardens No. 248. Consolidated November 25, 1984 with La Mirada No. Holly Gardens No. 248. Consolidated November 17, 1990 with Lyra No. 144 as Lyra No. 144.		
249	Acantha	Richmond	9/7/1906
	Consolidated September 14, 1984 with Miramar No. 205 as El Portal No. 205.		
250	Sunnyvale	Sunnyvale.....	3/14/1907
	Meeting location changed January 17, 1964 to Los Altos. Consolidated November 15, 1998 with Miramonte No. 141 and Los Altos No. 636 as Valley Star No. 250.		
252	Casimir.....	Ukiah	4/13/1907
	Moved to San Francisco in 1921. Consolidated November 18, 1965 with Forest No. 432 as Casimir No. 252. Consolidated July 14, 1980 with Seaport No. 427 as Casimir No. 252. Consolidated March 13, 1989 with Roosevelt No. 470 as Casimir No. 252. Consolidated November 7, 1991 with Lebanon No. 374 as Casimir No. 252. Consolidated April 28, 1995 with Richmond No. 255 as Pacific Star No. 252. Consolidated March 5, 1999 with Sunset No. 280 as Pacific Star No. 252. Consolidated November 18, 2013 with Golden Gate No. 1 as Golden Gate No. 1.		
253	Artesia	Artesia	4/15/1907
	Consolidated August 20, 1997 with Norwalk No. 143 as Emerald Star No. 143.		
254	North East	Fort Bidwell	4/19/1907
	Consolidated October 28, 1964 with Bonner No. 232 as Bonner No. 232.		
255	Richmond.....	San Francisco	4/22/1907
	Consolidated August 28, 1980 with King Solomon's No. 170 as Richmond No. 255. Consolidated May 26, 1988 with Albert Pike No. 284 as Richmond No. 255. Consolidated April 28, 1995 with Casimir No. 252 as Pacific Star No. 252.		
257	Reedley	Reedley.....	5/28/1907
	Consolidated January 12, 1972 with Dinuba No. 261 as Alta No. 261.		

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258	Oriental	Los Angeles.....	9/6/1907
	Consolidated May 26, 1970 with Golden State No. 298 as Golden State No. 258. Consolidated February 25, 1977 with Los Angeles No. 168 and Pleiades-Orme No. 281 as Los Angeles No. 258. Consolidated November 26, 1984 with Los Feliz No. 216 as Los Feliz No. 216.		
260	Gardena.....	Gardena	9/30/1907
	Consolidated May 22, 1992 with Moneta No. 315 as Gardena No. 260. Consolidated November 19, 2007 with San Pedro Harbor No. 174 as San Pedro Harbor No. 174.		
261	Dinuba.....	Tulare	10/28/1907
	Consolidated January 12, 1972 with Reedley No. 257 as Alta No. 261. Charter surrendered December 13, 1972.		
262	Amity	San Francisco	11/30/1907
	Consolidated June 23, 1969 with Trinity No. 434 as Amity No. 262. Consolidated February 11, 1974 with Beulah-Liberty No. 99 as Amity NO. 99.		
263	Highland Park	Los Angeles.....	1/13/1908
	Consolidated September 9, 1979 with Garvanza No. 266 as Highland Park No. 263. Consolidated October 18, 1982 with Esperanza-East Gate No. 167 as Highland Park No. 167.		
264	San Diego.....	San Diego.....	1/17/1905
	Consolidated November 19, 1991 with Southern Star No. 96 as San Diego Star No. 96.		
265	Daylight	Los Angeles.....	2/6/1908
	Consolidated October 15, 1971 with Radiant No. 421 as Radiant-Daylight No. 265. Charter surrendered June 22, 1988.		
266	Garvanza	Los Angeles.....	2/19/1908
	Consolidated September 9, 1979 with Highland Park No. 263 as Highland Park No. 263.		
267	Golden Rule	Imperial	2/21/1905
	Consolidated March 27, 1994 with Signal-Alamitos Crown No. 276 and Alamo No. 289 as Imperial Valley No. 276.		
268	West Lake	Beverly Hills	2/22/1908
	Consolidated November 19, 1968 with South Gate No. 133 as South Gate No. 133.		
269	Parnassus.....	San Francisco	2/27/1908
	Consolidated June 20, 1974 with Imperial No. 229 as Parnassus-Imperial No. 229.		
270	Eschscholtzia	Coalinga	3/14/1905
	Consolidated February 9, 1991 with Lily of the Lake No. 41 as Lily of the Lake No. 41.		
271	Monte Vista	Orosi	3/16/1908
	Consolidated November 27, 1989 with Heliotrope No. 93 as Heliotrope No. 93.		
272	South Pasadena	South Pasadena	3/28/1908
	Consolidated November 23, 1991 with Hollywood No. 133 as Hollywood No. 133.		

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273	Santa Cruz.....	Santa Cruz	4/4/1908
	Consolidated November 23, 1991 with Valley of the Redwoods No. 638 as Santa Cruz Redwoods No. 273.		
274	St. Helena.....	St. Helena	5/2/1908
	Consolidated April 5, 1984 with Silver Spray No. 59 as Silver Spray No. 59.		
275	Burlingame	Burlingame	5/16/1908
	Consolidated November 30, 1986 with Laurel No. 186 as Peninsula No. 186.		
276	Signal.....	El Centro	6/8/1908
	Consolidated March 19, 1977 with Alamitos No. 316 as Signal-Alamitos No. 276. Consolidated September 30, 1983 with Imperial Crown No. 311 as Signal-Alamitos Crown No. 276. Consolidated March 27, 1994 with Golden Rule No. 267 and Alamo No. 289 as Imperial Valley No. 276.		
277	Athens	Oakland	6/10/1905
	Consolidated September 15, 1980 with Oak Leaf No. 8 as Oak Leaf No. 8.		
278	Vallejo.....	Vallejo	9/26/1908
	Consolidated May 12, 2003 with Silver Star No. 3 and Silver Gate No. 30 as Gateway No. 3.		
279	Mystic Star.....	Corning.....	11/24/1908
	Consolidated March 29, 2003 with Molino No. 83 as Molino Star No. 83.		
280	Amo	San Francisco	1/22/1909
	Name changed June 20, 1931 to Occidental No. 280. Consolidated December 3, 1968 with Victory No. 388 as Victory No. 280. Consolidated September 24, 1979 with George Washington No. 309 as George Washington Victory No. 280. Consolidated November 11, 1994 with Seal Rock Brilliant Star No. 396 as Sunset No. 280. Consolidated March 5, 1999 with Pacific Star No. 252 as Pacific Star No. 252.		
281	Pleiades.....	Los Angeles.....	1/30/1909
	Consolidated October 8, 1971 with Henry S. Orme No. 492 as Pleiades-Orme No. 281. Consolidated February 25, 1977 with Los Angeles No. 168 and Golden State No. 258 as Los Angeles No. 258.		
284	Albert Pike	San Francisco	4/26/1909
	Consolidated May 26, 1988 with Richmond No. 255 as Richmond No. 255.		
286	Rising Light	Huntington Park	5/28/1909
	Consolidated June 16, 1987 with Bell No. 393 as Bell No. 286. Consolidated November 25, 1996 with Bellflower No. 397 as Bellflower No. 397.		
287	Poinsettia.....	Oceanside	6/8/1909
	Consolidated November 28, 1995 with San Dieguito No. 620 as Poinsettia No. 287. Consolidated April 14, 1998 with Santa Maria No. 453 as Poinsettia No. 287.		
288	Fraternity.....	San Jose.....	11/23/1909
	Consolidated November 26, 1991 with Jarman No. 493 as Bright Star No. 288. Consolidated November 23, 2001 with Willow Glen No. 530 as Blossom Hill No. 288. Consolidated November 25, 2005 with San Jose No. 31 as San Jose No. 31.		

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289	Alamo.....	Brawley	1/13/1910 Consolidated March 27, 1994 with Golden Rule No. 267 and Signal-Alamitos Crown No. 276 as Imperial Valley No. 276.
290	West Gate.....	Berkeley	2/1/1910 Consolidated November 24, 1991 with Vista Cerrito No. 178 as Vista Cerrito No. 178.
291	Point Arena	Point Arena.....	5/31/1910 Consolidated April 29, 1990 with Ocean View No. 111 as Ocean View No. 111.
293	Elvesta.....	Oakland	7/30/1910 Consolidated June 10, 1980 with Foothill No. 433 as Foothill No. 293. Consolidated December 29, 1986 with Golden Wave No. 103 as Golden Wave No. 103.
294	Pleasanton	Pleasanton	9/22/1910 Consolidated November 15, 1997 with Castro Valley-Hayward No. 455 as Castro Valley No. 294. Consolidated September 5, 2008 with Golden Wave No. 103 as Lake Chabot No. 103.
295	Fresno.....	Fresno	9/30/1910 Consolidated November 27, 1995 with Raisina No. 89 as Raisina Fresno No. 89.
296	Wistaria.....	Turlock	10/1/1910 Consolidated November 21, 1993 with Smyrna No. 416 as Ceres No. 296.
297	Fruitvale	Oakland	12/21/1910 Consolidated August 20, 1982 with Alameda No. 386 as Alameda No. 297. Consolidated January 19, 2001 with Carita No. 115 as Alameda No. 115.
298	Halcyon.....	Los Angeles.....	1/10/1911 Name changed August 12, 1919 to Golden State No. 298. Consolidated May 26, 1970 with Oriental No. 258 as Golden State No. 258.
299	Sierra Madre	Sierra Madre	1/23/1911 Consolidated August 21, 2001 with Sojourner No. 608 as Friendly Star No. 299, meeting in Monrovia. Consolidated January 8, 2007 with Arcadia No. 367 as Arcadia Star No. 299, meeting in Arcadia. Consolidated June 25, 2013 with Pasadena No. 108 as Arcadia Pasadena No. 108, meeting in Arcadia.
300	La Mesa	La Mesa.....	3/4/1911 Consolidated November 16, 1991 with El Cajon No. 429 as Star of the East No. 300.
301	Ada.....	Sacramento	3/23/1911 Consolidated November 16, 1989 with Sacramento No. 190 as Ada-Sacramento No. 190.
302	Miriam	Sun City.....	4/28/1911 Consolidated February 14, 2007 with Elsinore No. 243 as Meniffee Valley No. 243, meeting in Sun City.
303	Golden Chain.....	Oakland	4/29/1911 Consolidated August 17, 1988 with Nova Dies-Oakland No. 140 as Nova Dies-Oakland No. 140.

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304	Bethany	Colfax	4/24/1911
	Consolidated November 6, 2004 with Evangeline No. 9 as Evangeline No. 9.		
305	Ruth.....	South San Francisco.....	5/12/1911
	Consolidated November 22, 1992 with Crystal Springs No. 583 as Unity No. 305.		
	Consolidated November 25, 2007 with Peninsula No. 186 as Unity No. 186.		
306	Lindsay	Lindsay	6/13/1911
	Consolidated March 31, 1987 with Palm Leaf No. 114 as Palm Leaf No. 114.		
307	Southland.....	Pasadena	1/13/1912
	Consolidated November 16, 1990 with Pasadena-Melita No. 108 as Pasadena No. 108.		
308	Mary E. Partridge	Oakland	1/19/1912
	Consolidated August 6, 1976 with Lake Merritt No. 410 as Lake Merritt No. 410.		
309	Calkota.....	Kerman	2/17/1912
	Consolidated December 18, 1990 with Concordia No. 320 as Concordia No. 309, meeting in Kerman. Consolidated April 22, 2006 with Heliotrope No. 93 as Concordia No. 93, meeting in Clovis.		
310	Palos Verdes	Long Beach	2/26/1912
	Consolidated January 27, 1990 with Searchlight No. 435 as Meridian No. 310.		
	Consolidated November 16, 1992 with All States No. 502 as Meridian No. 310.		
	Consolidated March 13, 1994 with Star of Lakewood No. 617 as Meridian No. 310.		
311	Imperial Crown.....	Calexico.....	3/27/1912
	Consolidated September 30, 1983 with Signal-Alamitos No. 376 as Signal-Alamitos Crown No. 276.		
312	Kingsburg	Kingsburg	7/11/1912
	Consolidated September 24, 1979 with Heliotrope No. 93 as Heliotrope No. 93.		
313	Eagle Rock.....	Los Angeles.....	9/12/1912
	Consolidated November 24, 1987 with Glassell Park No. 486 as Eagle Rock-Glassell Park No. 313. Consolidated November 20, 1993 with Hollywood No. 133 and Elysian No. 192 as Hollywood No. 133.		
314	Willits.....	Willits.....	3/13/1912
	Consolidated November 13, 2005 with Kingsley No. 58 as Kingsley No. 58.		
315	Moneta	Los Angeles.....	11/30/1912
	Consolidated May 22, 1992 with Gardena No. 260 as Gardena No. 260.		
316	Alamitos.....	Holtville.....	2/1/1913
	Consolidated March 19, 1977 with Signal No. 276 as Signal-Alamitos No. 276.		
317	Rose Croix	Los Angeles.....	3/10/1913
	Consolidated May 14, 1971 with Acacia No. 21 as Acacia-Rose Croix No. 21.		

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319	Inglewood	Inglewood.....	5/10/1913
	Consolidated June 25, 1985 with Westchester No. 569 as Centinela Valley No. 319. Consolidated November 12, 1988 with Hawthorne No. 469 as Centinela Valley No. 319. Consolidated November 9, 2000 with Parkside No. 436 as Nova Star No. 319. Location changed January 1, 2003 to Manhattan Beach. Consolidated April 23, 2017 with Ocean Park No. 245 as Ocean Park Star No. 245.		
320	Concordia.....	Clovis	6/3/1913
	Consolidated December 18, 1990 with Calkota No. 309 as Concordia No. 309.		
321	Portola.....	Portola	6/16/1913
	Consolidated June 30, 1996 with Beckwith Star No. 201 as Beckwith Portola Star No. 201.		
322	Oxnard	Oxnard.....	6/28/1913
	Consolidated April 4, 2003 with Ventura-Fillmore No. 79 as Channel Islands No. 79.		
323	Maricopa.....	Maricopa	7/12/1913
	Consolidated January 20, 1970 with Taft No. 337 as Taft No. 323. Consolidated November 16, 1998 with Bakersfield No. 125 as Bakersfield No. 125.		
324	Claremont	Claremont.....	3/14/1914
	Consolidated March 4, 2007 with Star of Pomona No. 110 as Star of Claremont, meeting in Claremont.		
325	La Puente	La Puente.....	4/4/1914
	Consolidated August 10, 1991 with West Covina No. 527 as West Covina No. 325. Consolidated November 21, 1997 with La Paloma No. 202 as West Covina No. 202.		
326	Wild Rose	Afton.....	4/22/1914
	Consolidated February 8, 1965 with Maxwell No. 369 as Wild Rose No. 326. Consolidated November 11, 1990 with Eowana No. 328 as Wild Rose No. 326. Consolidated June 30, 1996 with Josephine Chico No. 104 as Josephine Chico No. 104.		
327	Sunshine.....	Lancaster	5/12/1914
	Consolidated February 7, 2009 with Star of Palmdale No. 619 as Desert Rose Star No. 327, meeting in Palmdale.		
328	Eowana.....	Stonyford.....	5/30/1914
	Consolidated November 11, 1990 with Wild Rose No. 326 as Wild Rose No. 326.		
329	Wilshire.....	Los Angeles.....	7/18/1914
	Consolidated November 24, 1969 with Olivette No. 503 as Olivette-Wilshire No. 329. Consolidated November 26, 1973 with Arlington No. 418 as Olivette-Wilshire No. 329. Consolidated November 25, 1974 with Sunset No. 216 as Los Feliz No. 216.		
330	Chino Valley.....	Chino	7/21/1914
	Consolidated November 15, 1990 with Euclid No. 179 as Sunrise No. 179.		
331	Hayward.....	Hayward	9/23/1914
	Consolidated November 1, 1992 with Castro Valley No. 455 as Castro Valley-Hayward No. 455.		

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332	Coronado.....	San Diego.....	10/14/1914 Consolidated March 8, 2014 with Point Loma No. 490 as Point Loma Coronado No. 332.
333	El Rio.....	Riverbank.....	12/5/1914 Consolidated November 20, 2013 with Electa Modesto No. 72 as Electa El Rio No. 72.
334	Exeter.....	Exeter	2/26/1915 Consolidated March 11, 1988 with Martha Washington No. 13 as Martha Washington No. 13.
335	Montebello.....	Montebello	3/17/1915 Consolidated November 17, 1989 with Whittier No. 444 as Whittier No. 335. Consolidated January 31, 1991 with La Habra No. 508 as Whittier No. 335. Consolidated June 6, 2002 with Lyra No. 144 and Tri Star No. 584 as Whittier Star No. 144.
336	Riverview.....	Guerneville.....	4/13/1915 Consolidated February 5, 1991 with Gold Ridge No. 161 as Gold Ridge No. 161.
337	Taft.....	Taft	5/22/1915 Consolidated February 2, 1968 with Buena Vista No. 364 as Taft No. 337. Consolidated January 20, 1970 with Maricopa No. 323 as Taft No. 323.
338	Van Nuys	Van Nuys.....	9/10/1915 Consolidated November 27, 2000 with Canoga No. 452 as Van Nuys No. 338. Consolidated November 26, 2001 with Reseda No. 505 as Van Nuys No. 338. Consolidated July 24, 2006 with Granada Hills No. 616 as Van Nuys No. 338. Consolidated November 24, 2008 with Horizon Star No. 403 as Van Nuys No. 338.
341	Esparto	Esparto.....	4/28/1916 Consolidated March 17, 1983 with Yosolano No. 218 as Esparto-Winters No. 218.
343	York	Watts.....	6/13/1916 Consolidated February 7, 1972 with Majestic No. 480 and Parva Stella No. 618 as Majestic Star No. 343. Consolidated April 13, 1977 with Florence No. 477 as Majestic Star No. 343. Consolidated November 26, 1984 with Bellflower No. 397 as Bellflower No. 397.
345	South West.....	National City	10/9/1916 Consolidated November 25, 1996 with Chula Vista No. 458 as Chula Vista No. 345.
349	Cacheville	Yolo.....	4/24/1917 Consolidated February 22, 1985 with Yolo No. 60 as Yolo No. 60.
350	Golden West	San Francisco	6/1/1918 Consolidated November 3, 1975 with Mission No. 155 as Golden West Mission No. 155.
351	Tahquitz	Hemet	9/21/1918 Consolidated November 19, 1992 with La Victoria No. 241 as Tahquitz-Victoria No. 241.

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352	Burbank.....	Burbank.....	3/31/1919
	Consolidated July 6, 1983 with Magnolia Park No. 598 as Burbank No. 352.		
	Consolidated February 20, 1991 with Heritage-Roseland No. 465 as Burbank No. 352. Consolidated July 20, 2005 with Tujunga No. 445 as Burbank No. 352.		
353	Pittsburg.....	Pittsburg	6/26/1919
	Consolidated September 13, 1983 with Ariel No. 42 as Ariel No. 42.		
354	Elysian	Los Angeles.....	6/28/1919
	Consolidated March 27, 1970 with Nimshi No. 424 as Elysian No. 354. Consolidated March 26, 1982 with Cahuenga No. 413 as Elysian No. 354. Consolidated February 27, 1989 with United No. 192 as Elysian No. 192.		
355	Golden Poppy	Stockton.....	8/4/1919
	Consolidated November 25, 1991 with Homo No. 50 as Valley Oaks No. 50.		
357	Glen.....	Glendora.....	10/3/1919
	Consolidated January 31, 1991 with San Dimas No. 509 as Foothill No. 457. Consolidated November 17, 1996 with Jasmine No. 45 as Foothill No. 145.		
358	Corinthian	San Diego	12/15/1919
	Consolidated November 19, 1989 with Silver Strand No. 387 as North Park No. 358. Consolidated November 20, 1999 with Harbor Lights No. 478 as Harbor Lights No. 358. Consolidated November 19, 2011 with Estrella No. 412 as Harbor Lights No. 358.		
359	Blythe.....	Blythe	12/30/1919
	Consolidated November 14, 2009 with Coachella Valley No. 360 as Coachella Valley No. 360.		
360	Coachella Valley.....	Coachella.....	2/7/1920
	Consolidated May 30, 2007 with Palm Springs No. 576 as Coachella Valley No. 360. Consolidated November 14, 2009 with Blythe No. 359 as Coachella Valley No. 360.		
361	Fillmore.....	Fillmore	3/13/1920
	Consolidated November 14, 1987 with Ventura No. 79 as Ventura-Fillmore No. 79.		
362	Progressive.....	Bakersfield	5/12/1920
	Name changed October 18, 1928 to Libertas No. 362. Consolidated June 29, 1987 with La Rosa No. 146 as Libertas No. 362. Consolidated November 12, 2005 with Caledonia No. 391 as Caledonia No. 391.		
363	Lyman	Biggs.....	5/15/1920
	Consolidated January 6, 1992 with Vernon No. 35 as Vernon-Lyman No. 35.		
364	Buena Vista.....	Fellows	7/9/1920
	Consolidated February 20, 1968 with Taft No. 337 as Taft No. 337.		
365	Chowchilla	Chowchilla	7/29/1920
	Consolidated June 4, 2013 with Madera No. 92 as Madera-Chowchilla No. 92.		
366	Alethe.....	Berkeley	8/23/1920
	Consolidated June 6, 1967 with Berkeley No. 178 as Alethe-Berkeley No. 178.		

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367	Ramona Star.....	Monterey Park.....	9/15/1920
	Consolidated June 21, 1985 with Belvedere No. 402 as Ramona Star-Belvedere No. 367. Consolidated August 29, 1988 with San Gabriel No. 407 as Mission Star No. 367, meeting in San Gabriel. Consolidated November 13, 1993 with Rosemead No. 430 as Rosemead No. 367, meeting in Rosemead. Consolidated May 10, 1995 with Arcadia No. 471 as Arcadia No. 367, meeting in Arcadia. Consolidated January 8, 2007 with Friendly Star No. 299 as Arcadia Star No. 299.		
368	Arbuckle	Arbuckle.....	9/21/1920
	Consolidated December 9, 1975 with Loyal No. 223 as Arbuckle-Loyal No. 368. Consolidated November 10, 1989 with Veritas No. 84 as Veritas No. 84.		
369	Maxwell	Maxwell.....	9/22/1920
	Consolidated February 8, 1965 with Wild Rose No. 326 as Wild Rose No. 326.		
370	Corcoran	Corcoran.....	11/30/1920
	Consolidated June 25, 1990 with Tulare No. 94 as Tulare-Corcoran No. 94.		
371	Live Oak	Galt.....	4/13/1921
	Consolidated March 30, 1994 with Woodbridge No. 118 as Woodbridge Oaks No. 118.		
373	Stockton	Stockton.....	5/14/1921
	Consolidated November 14, 2007 with Valley Oaks No. 50 as Stockton Oaks No. 50.		
374	Lebanon	San Francisco.....	5/21/1921
	Consolidated November 7, 1991 with Casimir No. 252 as Casimir No. 252.		
375	Thousand Oaks	Berkeley	5/27/1921
	Consolidated January 16, 1984 with Alethe-Berkeley No. 178 as Thousand Oaks No. 178.		
376	Sunbeam	Los Angeles.....	6/2/1921
	Consolidated June 21, 1976 with Composite No. 498 as Composite No. 498.		
377	Westwood	Westwood.....	6/27/1921
	Consolidated November 3, 2002 with Sincerity No. 43 as Sincerity No. 53.		
379	Grafton.....	Knights Landing.....	7/14/1921
	Consolidated February 28, 1987 with Esparto-Winters No. 218 as Esparto-Grafton No. 218.		
380	Torrance.....	Torrance	7/30/1921
	Consolidated November 18, 1989 with Wilmington No. 459 as Torrance No. 380. Consolidated November 12, 2010 with Alpha Star No. 171 as Alpha Star No. 171.		
381	McCloud	McCloud.....	9/3/1921
	Consolidated March 25, 1976 with Fidelity No. 131 as Fidelity No. 131.		
382	Crocker.....	Daly City	9/9/1921
	Consolidated November 18, 1995 with Harmony No. 124 as Harmony No. 124.		
383	Beacon	Richmond.....	9/9/1921
	Consolidated January 20, 1990 with Point No. 394 as Beacon Point No. 383. Consolidated August 25, 2003 with Mission Bell No. 205 as Mission Bell No. 205.		

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384	Concord.....	Concord.....	9/28/1921 Consolidated June 7, 2000 with Silver Valley No. 590 as Concord No. 384.
385	Rainbow.....	Sacramento.....	10/13/1921 Consolidated November 15, 2003 with Lauralane No. 529 as Harmony No. 385. Consolidated March 20, 2015 with El Camino No. 428 as Primrose No. 385.
386	Alameda.....	Alameda.....	11/30/1921 Consolidated August 20, 1982 with Fruitvale No. 297 as Alameda No. 297.
387	Silver Strand.....	San Diego.....	12/17/1921 Consolidated November 19, 1989 with Corinthian No. 358 as North Park No. 358.
388	Victory.....	San Francisco.....	2/11/1922 Consolidated December 3, 1968 with Occidental No. 380 as Victory No. 280.
389	Santa Ana.....	Santa Ana.....	3/8/1922 Consolidated July 14, 1986 with Scepter No. 163 as Scepter No. 163.
390	Fallbrook.....	Fallbrook.....	3/9/1922 Consolidated July 8, 2011 with Star of Vista No. 556 as Fallbrook No. 390.
391	Caledonia.....	Bakersfield.....	3/13/1922 Consolidated November 12, 2005 with Libertas No. 362 as Caledonia No. 391. Consolidated January 6, 2015 with Security No. 425 as Caledonia No. 391.
392	Effie Easton.....	Oakland.....	4/24/1922 Consolidated June 16, 1975 with Oak Leaf No. 8 as Oak Leaf No. 8.
393	Bell.....	Bell.....	5/2/1922 Consolidated December 7, 1976 with San Antonio No. 573 as Bell No. 393. Consolidated June 16, 1987 with Rising Light No. 286 as Bell No. 286.
394	Point.....	Richmond.....	7/6/1922 Consolidated January 20, 1990 with Beacon No. 383 as Beacon Point No. 383.
395	Culver City.....	Los Angeles.....	7/27/1922 Consolidated January 19, 1984 with Ocean Park No. 245 as Ocean Park No. 245.
396	Seal Rock.....	San Francisco.....	8/11/1922 Consolidated March 12, 1982 with Brilliant Star No. 472 as Seal Rock Brilliant Star No. 396. Consolidated November 11, 1994 with George Washington Victory No. 380 as Sunset No. 280.
397	Bellflower.....	Bellflower.....	9/6/1922 Consolidated November 26, 1984 with Majestic Star No. 343 as Bellflower No. 397. Consolidated November 25, 1996 with Bell No. 286 as Bellflower No. 397. Consolidated November 23, 1998 with Lynwood No. 438 as Bellflower No. 397. Consolidated July 23, 2005 with Emera No. 561 as Bellflower No. 397.
399	Bettina.....	Long Beach.....	10/11/1922 Consolidated August 14, 1992 with Long Beach No. 173 as Long Beach-Bettina No. 173.

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400	Riverdale.....	Riverdale	11/29/1922
	Consolidated June 21, 1944 with Lily of the Lake No. 41 as Lily of the Lake No. 41.		
402	Belvedere	Los Angeles.....	12/23/1922
	Consolidated June 21, 1985 with Ramna Star No. 367 as Ramona Star-Belvedere No. 367.		
403	Lankershim	Lankershim.....	1/16/1923
	Location name changed September 20, 1950 to North Hollywood. Name changed November 29, 1950 to North Hollywood No. 403. Consolidated November 19, 1991 with Noel No. 611 as North Hollywood-Noel No. 403. Location changed August 7, 2002 to Tarzana. Name changed August 7, 2002 to Horizon Star No. 403. Consolidated November 18, 2003 with Home No. 592 as Horizon Star No. 403. Consolidated November 24, 2008 with Van Nuys No. 338 as Van Nuys No. 338.		
404	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	2/2/1923
	Consolidated November 22, 1986 with Columbia No. 247 as Columbia-Beverly Hills No. 247.		
405	Ami Tai	Anaheim	3/23/1923
	Location changed August 7, 2002 to Brea. Consolidated November 10, 2004 with Golden Crown No. 147 as Ami Tai No. 147.		
406	Siloam	Los Angeles.....	4/11/1923
	Consolidated September 8, 1972 with West Adams No. 411 and Windsor No. 543 as Tri Star No. 406. Consolidated March 28, 1979 with Morning Vista No. 516 as Morning Vista No. 516.		
407	San Gabriel	San Gabriel.....	4/27/1923
	Consolidated August 29, 1988 with Ramona Star-Belvedere No. 367 as Mission Star No. 367.		
408	America.....	Los Angeles.....	6/16/1923
	Consolidated April 13, 1978 with El Sereno No. 430 as Sereno America No. 430.		
409	George Washington	San Francisco	7/9/1923
	Consolidated September 24, 1979 with Victory No. 280 as George Washington Victory No. 280.		
410	Lake Merritt	Oakland	7/10/1923
	Consolidated September 19, 1975 with Loma Vista No. 415 as Lake Merritt No. 410. Consolidated August 6, 1976 with Mary E. Partridge No. 308 as Lake Merritt No. 410. Consolidated November 12, 1988 with Nova Dies-Oakland No. 140 as Nova Dies-Oakland No. 140.		
411	West Adams.....	Los Angeles.....	7/27/1923
	Consolidated September 8, 1972 with Siloam No. 406 and Windsor No. 543 as Tri Star No. 406.		
412	Estrella	East San Diego	8/4/1923
	Consolidated November 24, 1992 with Lakeside No. 647 as Estrella No. 412. Consolidated November 28, 2000 with San Miguel No. 579 as Estrella No. 412. Consolidated November 19, 2011 with Harbor Lights No. 358 as Harbor Lights No. 358.		

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413	Cahuenga	Hollywood.....	8/8/1923
	Consolidated March 26, 1982 with Elysian No. 354 as Elysian No. 354.		
414	Service	Long Beach	8/13/1923
	Consolidated July 12, 1983 with El Petrol No. 507 as El Petrol-Service No. 414.		
	Consolidated August 29, 1989 with Mar Vista No. 511 as Mar Vista No. 414.		
	Consolidated November 19, 1991 with Catalina Island No. 570 as Mar Vista No. 414.		
	Consolidated November 9, 1997 with Long Beach-Bettina No. 173 as Long Beach No. 173.		
415	Loma Vista.....	Oakland	8/17/1923
	Consolidated September 19, 1975 with Lake Merritt No. 410 as Lake Merritt No. 410.		
416	Smyrna.....	Ceres.....	8/18/1923
	Consolidated November 21, 1993 with Wisteria No. 296 as Ceres No. 296.		
418	Arlington.....	Los Angeles.....	11/17/1923
	Consolidated November 26, 1973 with Olivette-Wilshire No. 329 as Olivette-Wilshire No. 329.		
420	Fort Sutter	Sacramento.....	11/30/1923
	Consolidated November 26, 1990 with Columbus No. 117 as Columbus-Fort Sutter No. 117.		
421	Radiant.....	Hollywood.....	1/19/1924
	Consolidated October 15, 1971 with Daylight No. 265 as Radiant-Daylight No. 265.		
422	Glendale	Glendale	1/19/1924
	Consolidated November 9, 1994 with Glen Eyrie No. 237 as Glendale Glen Eyrie No. 237.		
423	Plymouth.....	Oakland	1/31/1924
	Consolidated August 13, 1973 with Prudence No. 484 as Plymouth No. 423.		
	Consolidated April 25, 1983 with Oak Leaf No. 8 as Oak Leaf No. 8.		
424	Nimshi.....	Los Angeles.....	2/9/1924
	Consolidated March 27, 1970 with Elysian No. 354 as Elysian No. 354.		
425	Playa Linda.....	Hermosa Beach	3/1/1924
	Consolidated November 12, 1990 with Ascot No. 437 as Playa Linda-Ascot No. 425.		
	Consolidated March 28, 2001 with Fuchsia No. 597 as Fuchsia No. 425.		
426	Security	Bakersfield	3/10/1924
	Consolidated January 6, 2015 with Caledonia No. 391 as Caledonia No. 391.		
427	Seaport	San Francisco	3/29/1924
	Consolidated July 14, 1980 with Casimir No. 252 as Casimir No. 252.		
428	El Camino	Sacramento.....	3/31/1924
	Consolidated March 20, 2015 with Harmony No. 385 as Primrose No. 385.		
429	El Cajon	El Cajon.....	5/17/1924
	Consolidated November 16, 1991 with La Mesa No. 300 as Star of the East No. 300.		

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430	El Sereno.....	Los Angeles.....	6/2/1924
	Consolidated April 13, 1978 with America No. 408 as Sereno America No. 430.		
	Consolidated April 28, 1988 with Rosemead No. 567 as Rosemead No. 430.		
	Consolidated November 13, 1993 with Mission Star No. 367 as Rosemead No. 367.		
431	Smartville.....	Smartville.....	6/14/1924
	Consolidated July 8, 1986 with Fidelia No. 56 as Fidelia No. 56.		
432	Forest.....	San Francisco.....	6/21/1924
	Consolidated November 18, 1965 With Casimir No. 252 as Casimir No. 252.		
433	Foothill.....	Oakland.....	7/29/1924
	Consolidated June 10, 1980 with Elvesta No. 293 as Foothill No. 293.		
434	Trinity.....	San Francisco.....	8/2/1924
	Consolidated September 27, 1966 with Fireside No. 440 as Trinity Fireside No. 434		
	(cancelled right after consolidation). Trinity No. 434 consolidated June 23, 1969 with		
	Amity No. 262 as Amity No. 262.		
435	Searchlight.....	Long Beach.....	8/12/1924
	Consolidated March 7, 1982 with Seal Beach No. 542 as Searchlight No. 435.		
	Consolidated January 27, 1990 with Palos Verdes No. 310 as Meridian No. 310.		
436	Sunnyside.....	Los Angeles.....	12/15/1924
	Charter suspended November 13, 1984. Charter restored April 4, 1985. Consolidated		
	November 21, 1987 with South Park No. 443 as Parkside No. 436. Consolidated June		
	1, 1989 with Morning Vista No. 516 as Parkside No. 436. Consolidated November		
	9, 2000 with Centinella Valley No. 319 as Nova Star No. 319.		
437	Ascot.....	Los Angeles.....	1/30/1925
	Consolidated November 12, 1990 with Playa Linda No. 425 as Playa Linda-Ascot		
	No. 425.		
438	Lynwood.....	Lynwood.....	2/19/1925
	Consolidated November 23, 1998 with Bellflower No. 397 as Bellflower No. 397.		
439	Guardian.....	South Gate.....	2/19/1925
	Consolidated April 29, 1978 with Jordan No. 500 as Guardian No. 439. Consolidated		
	November 15, 1988 with Occident No. 160 as Occident-Guardian No. 160.		
440	Fireside.....	San Francisco.....	2/27/1925
	Consolidated September 27, 1966 with Trinity No. 434 as Trinity Fireside No. 434		
	(cancelled right after consolidation). Fireside No. 440 consolidated August 8, 1967		
	with Harmony No. 124 as Harmony No. 124.		
441	Utopia.....	Los Angeles.....	3/9/1925
	Consolidated July 12, 1971 with Los Angeles No. 168 as Los Angeles No. 168.		
442	Granada.....	Alhambra.....	3/25/1925
	Consolidated November 20, 1990 with Alhambra No. 193 as Alhambra-Granada No.		
	193.		
443	South Park.....	Los Angeles.....	3/26/1925
	Consolidated November 21, 1987 with Sunnyside No. 436 as Parkside No. 436.		

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444	Whittier.....	Whittier.....	4/18/1925 Consolidated November 17, 1989 with Montebello No. 335 as Whittier No. 335.
445	Tujunga.....	Tujunga.....	4/20/1925 Consolidated July 20, 2005 with Burbank No. 352 as Burbank No. 352.
446	Ionic.....	Los Angeles.....	4/27/1925 Consolidated November 20, 1980 with Menorah No. 497 as Ionic-Menorah No. 446. Consolidated March 20, 1984 with Composite No. 498 as Ionic-Menorah No. 446. Consolidated November 21, 1991 with Ocean Park No. 245 as Ocean Park No. 245.
447	Escallonia.....	Escalon.....	5/6/1925 Consolidated July 31, 2002 with Oakdale No. 226 as Escallonia No. 447.
448	Workman.....	Temple.....	5/7/1925 Name changed October 24, 1930 to Temple City No. 448. Consolidated November 22, 1991 with Arcadia No. 471 as Arcadia No. 471.
450	North Star.....	Fall River Mills.....	5/29/1925 Consolidated June 24, 1978 with Esther No. 74 as North Star No. 450. Consolidated November 22, 1987 with Tullake No. 539 as North Star No. 450. Consolidated March 22, 1997 with Northern Light No. 26 as Northern Light No. 26.
451	Liberty.....	San Francisco.....	6/24/1925 Consolidated August 20, 1964 with Beulah No. 99 as Beulah-Liberty No. 99.
452	Owensmouth.....	Owensmouth.....	7/7/1925 Name changed October 1, 1931 to Canoga No. 452. Consolidated November 27, 2000 with Van Nuys No. 338 as Van Nuys No. 338.
453	Santa Maria.....	Ramona.....	7/18/1925 Consolidated April 14, 1998 with Poinsettia No. 287 as Poinsettia No. 287.
454	Harding.....	Los Angeles.....	8/4/1925 Consolidated November 10, 1972 with Holly Vista No. 517 as Polaris No. 454. Consolidated November 19, 2000 with Highland Park No. 21 as Acacia No. 21.
455	Elmhurst.....	Elmhurst.....	8/7/1925 Consolidated February 17, 1987 with Castro Valley No. 572 as Castro Valley No. 455. Consolidated November 7, 1992 with Hayward No. 331 as Castro Valley-Hayward No. 455. Consolidated November 15, 1997 with Pleasanton No. 294 as Castro Valley No. 294.
456	Triangle.....	Venice.....	8/10/1925 Consolidated August 26, 1994 with Palms No. 491 as Triangle Palms No. 456. Consolidated November 16, 2000 with Ocean Park No. 245 as Ocean Park No. 245.
457	Caliz de Oro.....	Oakland.....	2/12/1926 Consolidated June 2, 1980 with Oak Leaf No. 8 as Oak Leaf No. 8.
458	Chula Vista.....	Chula Vista.....	2/13/1926 Consolidated November 25, 1996 with South West No. 345 as Chula Vista No. 345.
459	Wilmington.....	Wilmington.....	2/27/1926 Consolidated November 18, 1989 with Torrance No. 380 as Torrance No. 380.

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460	Justice.....	San Francisco	4/5/1926
	Consolidated November 30, 1973 with Golden Gate No. 1, Ivy No. 27, and San Francisco No. 196 as Golden Gate No. 1.		
463	Larchmont.....	Los Angeles.....	5/7/1926
	Consolidated April 23, 1974 with Atwater No. 522 as Atwater-Larchmont No. 522.		
464	The Gardens.....	Belvedere Gardens	5/8/1926
	Consolidated May 2, 1972 with Hollenbeck No. 248 as Holly Gardens No. 248.		
465	Roseland	Hollywood.....	6/28/1926
	Consolidated March 21, 1984 with Heritage No. 612 as Heritage-Roseland No. 465.		
	Consolidated February 20, 1991 with Burbank No. 352 as Burbank No. 352.		
467	Melita.....	Pasadena.....	7/30/1926
	Consolidated November 16, 1984 with Pasadena No. 108 as Pasadena-Melita No. 108.		
468	Star of the West	Pomona.....	7/31/1926
	Consolidated February 14, 1999 with Pomona No. 110 as Star of Pomona No. 110.		
469	Hawthorne.....	Hawthorne	8/10/1926
	Consolidated November 12, 1988 with Centinela Valley No. 319 as Centinela Valley No. 319.		
470	Roosevelt	San Francisco	8/18/1926
	Consolidated March 13, 1989 with Casimir No. 252 as Casimir No. 252.		
471	Arcadia.....	Arcadia	8/18/1926
	Consolidated April 28, 1984 with Monrovia No. 227 as Arcadia No. 471.		
	Consolidated November 22, 1991 with Temple City No. 448 as Arcadia No. 471.		
	Consolidated May 10, 2005 with Rosemead No. 367 as Arcadia No. 367.		
472	Brilliant Star.....	San Francisco	10/12/1926
	Consolidated March 12, 1982 with Seal Rock No. 396 as Seal Rock Brilliant Star No. 396.		
473	Lamanda Park	Pasadena	11/20/1926
	Name changed December 17, 1946 to East Pasadena No. 473, meeting in Lamanda Park. Consolidated April 19, 1988 with Altadena No. 526 as East Pas Alta and 473.		
	Consolidated March 27, 2003 with Pasadena No. 108 as Pasadena No. 108.		
474	Palisades	Santa Monica.....	1/15/1927
	Consolidated November 18, 1985 with Santa Monica No. 113 and Westwood Hills No. 476 as Santa Monica No. 113.		
475	Malta	Los Angeles.....	1/21/1927
	Consolidated November 10, 1973 with Hollywood No. 209 as Hollywood-Malta No. 209.		
476	Bethel.....	Los Angeles.....	2/9/1927
	Consolidated January 23, 1973 with Westwood Hills No. 535 as Westwood Hills No. 476. Consolidated November 18, 1985 with Santa Monica No. 113 and Palisades No. 474 as Santa Monica No. 113.		

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477	Florence	Los Angeles.....	2/12/1927
	Consolidated April 13, 1977 with Majestic Star No. 343 as Majestic Star No. 343.		
478	Normal Heights.....	San Diego.....	2/18/1927
	Consolidated November 23, 1991 with Harbor Lights No. 600 as Harbor Lights No. 478. Consolidated November 20, 1999 with North Park No. 358 as Harbor Lights No. 358.		
479	La Jolla.....	La Jolla	3/7/1927
	Consolidated November 4, 2001 with San Diego Star No. 96 and Palomar No. 565 as La Paloma Star No. 96.		
480	Majestic.....	Inglewood.....	4/12/1927
	Consolidated February 7, 1972 with York No. 343 and Parva Stella No. 618 as Majestic Star No. 343.		
481	Presidio	San Francisco	4/14/1927
	Consolidated November 12, 1986 with California No. 183 as California-Presidio No. 183.		
482	Sanger	Sanger.....	4/26/1927
	Consolidated November 25, 1996 with Raisina Fresno No. 89 as Raisina Fresno No. 89.		
483	Garden Grove.....	Garden Grove	4/28/1927
	Consolidated November 20, 1993 with Hermosa No. 105 as Golden Harvest No. 105.		
484	Prudence	Berkeley	5/26/1927
	Consolidated August 13, 1973 with Plymouth No. 423 as Plymouth No. 423.		
485	Big Bear	Big Bear Lake	6/18/1927
	Consolidated November 22, 2008 with Rim of the World No. 578 as Mountain Lakes No. 485, meeting in Twin Peaks. Consolidated July 8, 2013 with Riverside No. 622 as Riverside No. 622.		
486	Glassell Park	Los Angeles.....	7/13/1927
	Consolidated November 24, 1987 with Eagle Rock No. 313 as Eagle Rock-Glassell Park No. 313.		
487	White Pine	Weed.....	7/25/1927
	Consolidated February 12, 1983 with Sisson No. 175 as Sisson-White Pine No. 175.		
488	Orange Blossom	Fontana	8/16/1927
	Consolidated November 18, 2006 with Rialto No. 211 as Tri-Star No. 211.		
489	Wasco.....	Wasco	10/1/1927
	Consolidated May 22, 1972 with Delano No. 146 as La Rosa No. 146.		
490	Point Loma.....	Ocean Beach.....	11/14/1927
	Consolidated August 28, 1989 with Pacific Beach No. 606 as Point Loma No. 490. Consolidated March 8, 2014 with Coronado No. 332 as Point Loma Coronado No. 332.		
491	Palms.....	Los Angeles.....	12/5/1927
	Consolidated August 26, 1994 with Triangle No. 456 as Triangle Palms No. 456.		

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Instituted
492	Henry S. Orme	Los Angeles.....	5/14/1928 Consolidated October 8, 1971 with Pleiades No. 281 as Pleiades-Orme No. 281.
493	Jarman	San Jose.....	5/25/1928 Consolidated November 26, 1991 with Fraternity No. 288 as Bright Star No. 288.
494	Crescenta Valley	Montrose	6/4/1928 Consolidated November 15, 1996 with Glendale Glen Eyrie No. 237 as Glencrest No. 237.
495	Beacon Ray	Los Angeles.....	6/14/1928 Consolidated July 22, 1971 with Mendias No. 582 as Mendias-Ray No. 495. Consolidated November 28, 1972 with Palestine No. 210 as Mendias-Ray No. 210.
496	Nonpareil	San Francisco	6/16/1925 Consolidated November 2, 1967 with Harmony No. 124 as Harmony No. 124.
497	Menorah	Los Angeles.....	6/16/1928 Consolidated November 20, 1980 with Ionic No. 446 as Ionic-Menorah No. 446.
498	Composite	Los Angeles.....	6/21/1928 Consolidated June 21, 1976 with Sunbeam No. 376 as Composite No. 498. Consolidated March 20, 1984 with Ionic-Menorah No. 446 as Ionic-Menorah No. 446.
499	El Dorado	El Dorado	6/30/1928 Consolidated March 18, 1989 with Lake Tahoe No. 610 as El Dorado-Lake Tahoe No. 499. Consolidated June 23, 1996 with Mountain Fern No. 62 as El Dorado-Tahoe Fern No. 62.
500	Jordan	Huntington Park	7/12/1928 Consolidated April 29, 1978 with Guardian No. 439 as Guardian No. 439.
501	Santa Barbara.....	Santa Barbara	7/14/1928 Consolidated January 24, 1988 with Marguerite No. 78 as Santa Barbara-Marguerite No. 78.
502	All States.....	Long Beach	8/8/1928 Consolidated November 16, 1992 with Meridian No. 310 as Meridian No. 310.
503	Olivette.....	Los Angeles.....	8/13/1928 Consolidated November 24, 1969 with Wilshire No. 329 as Olivette-Wilshire No. 329.
504	Rosa M. Shattuck.....	Berkeley	8/15/1928 Consolidated April 9, 1969 with Unity No. 65 as Unity No. 65.
505	Reseda	Reseda	4/1/1929 Consolidated November 26, 2001 with Van Nuys No. 338 as Van Nuys No. 338.
506	Brea	Brea	4/12/1929 Consolidated February 12, 1979 with Fullerton No. 191 as Brea No. 191.
507	El Petrol	Signal Hill	4/22/1929 Consolidated July 12, 1983 with Service No. 414 as El Petrol-Service No. 414.

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Instituted
508	La Habra	La Habra	4/24/1929
	Consolidated January 31, 1991 with Whittier No. 335 as Whittier No. 335.		
509	San Dimas	San Dimas	4/25/1929
	Consolidated January 31, 1990 with Glen No. 357 as Foothill No. 357.		
510	Woodlake	Woodlake	4/27/1929
	Location changed December 5, 1994 to Exeter. Name changed February 7, 1996 to Sierra Foothill No. 510. Consolidated June 27, 2002 with Tulare-Corcoran No. 94 as Tulare-Corcoran No. 94.		
511	Mar Vista	North Long Beach	4/30/1929
	Consolidated October 10, 1982 with Paramount No. 628 as Mar Vista No. 511. Consolidated August 29, 1989 with El Petrol-Service No. 414 as Mar Vista No. 414.		
512	Point Firmin	San Pedro	5/4/1929
	Consolidated July 29, 1994 with Lomita No. 591 as Golden Chain No. 512. Consolidated March 26, 2001 with Carnation No. 171 as Alpha Star No. 171.		
514	Faith	Taft	7/19/1929
	Consolidated November 22, 1976 with La Rosa No. 146 as La Rosa No. 146.		
515	San Geronio	Banning	7/31/1929
	Consolidated November 24, 2002 with Yucaipa Valley No. 560 as Yucaipa-San Geronio No. 515.		
516	Angeles Vista	Los Angeles	8/3/1929
	Consolidated November 22, 1972 with Morningside No. 601 as Morning Vista No. 516. Consolidated March 28, 1979 with Tri Star No. 406 as Morning Vista No. 516. Consolidated January 18, 1984 with Betsy Ross No. 518 as Morning Vista No. 516. Consolidated June 1, 1989 with Parkside No. 436 as Parkside No. 436.		
517	Holly Vista	West Los Angeles	8/6/1929
	Consolidated November 10, 1972 with Harding No. 454 as Polaris No. 454.		
518	Betsy Ross	Los Angeles	8/7/1929
	Consolidated April 28, 1978 with The Valley No. 621 as Betsy Ross No. 518. Consolidated January 18, 1984 with Morning Vista No. 516 as Morning Vista No. 516.		
519	Encina	Oakland	3/19/1930
	Consolidated November 22, 1974 with Oakland No. 140 as Oakland No. 140.		
520	Wil-Brea	Los Angeles	5/3/1930
	Consolidated February 15, 1977 with Trinity No. 192 as United No. 192.		
521	Laguna Beach	Laguna Beach	6/11/1930
	Consolidated August 14, 1984 with Harbor Star No. 568 as Harbor Star No. 521, meeting in Newport Beach. Consolidated May 21, 2005 with Scepter No. 163 as Scepter No. 163.		
522	Atwater	Los Angeles	6/17/1930
	Consolidated April 23, 1974 with Larchmont No. 463 as Atwater-Larchmont No. 522. Consolidated November 21, 1987 with Highland Park No. 21 as Highland Park No. 21.		

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Instituted
523	Vallecito	Carpinteria	7/19/1930 Consolidated November 13, 2013 with Santa Paula No. 185 as Vallecito No. 185, meeting in Carpinteria.
524	San Clemente	San Clemente	5/5/1930 Consolidated February 26, 2002 with Saddleback No. 645 as San Clemente- Saddleback No. 524.
525	Cambria Pines	Cambria	10/4/1930 Consolidated November 16, 1995 with Estero Bay No. 587 as Estero Pines No. 525. Consolidated November 13, 2004 with Bethlehem No. 95 as Bethlehem-Estero Pines No. 95.
526	Altadena	Altadena	3/14/1931 Consolidated April 19, 1988 with East Pasadena No. 473 as East Pas Alta No. 473.
527	Baldwin Park	Baldwin Park	4/30/1931 Consolidated July 15, 1988 with West Covina No. 607 as West Covina No. 527. Consolidated August 10, 1991 with La Puente No. 325 as West Covina No. 325.
528	Ojai	Ojai	4/16/1932 Consolidated June 30, 2003 with Channel Islands No. 79 as Channel Islands No. 79.
529	Lauralane	Sacramento	7/14/1933 Consolidated November 15, 2003 with Rainbow No. 385 as Harmony No. 385.
530	Willow Glen	San Jose	11/10/1933 Consolidated November 23, 2001 with Bright Star No. 288 as Blossom Hill No. 288.
531	Livingston	Livingston	12/29/1933 Consolidated February 1, 2014 with Wistaria No. 652 as Wistaria No. 531.
532	Modesto	Modesto	3/10/1934 Consolidated November 19, 1996 with Electa No. 72 as Electa Modesto No. 72.
533	Sterling	Oakland	6/4/1934 Consolidated June 2, 1965 with Oakland No. 140 as Oakland No. 140.
534	Venus	San Joaquin	6/8/1934 Consolidated April 1, 1983 with La Sierra No. 555 as La Sierra Venus No. 555.
535	Westwood Hills	Westwood Village	7/30/1934 Consolidated January 23, 1973 with Bethel No. 476 as Westwood Hills No. 476.
537	Mojave Valley	Victorville	10/6/1934 Name changed July 12, 1946 to Victor Valley No. 537. Consolidated July 28, 2011 with Barstow No. 242 as Victor Valley No. 242.
539	Tulelake	Tulelake	5/31/1937 Consolidated November 22, 1987 with North Star No. 450 as North Star No. 450.
540	Elizabeth B. Wheeler	Los Angeles	12/30/1937 Consolidated April 20, 1981 with Los Feliz No. 216 as Los Feliz No. 216.

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Instituted
541	Estrellita	Berkeley	7/1/1938
	Location changed February 27, 1978 to Orinda. Location changed January 22, 1990 to Oakland. Consolidated September 28, 1999 with Oak Leaf No. 8 as Oak Leaf No. 8.		
542	Seal Beach	Seal Beach	9/27/1939
	Consolidated March 7, 1982 with Searchlight No. 435 as Searchlight No. 435.		
543	Windsor.....	Los Angeles.....	1/27/1940
	Consolidated September 8, 1972 with Siloam No. 406 and West Adams No. 411 as Tri Star No. 406.		
544	Nova Dies	Oakland	7/17/1940
	Consolidated April 4, 1984 with Oakland No. 140 as Nova Dies-Oakland No. 140.		
545	Dos Palos	Dos Palos.....	9/7/1940
	Consolidated November 24, 1990 with Centinela No. 136 as Centinela No. 136.		
546	Barstow	Barstow.....	10/4/1940
	Consolidated December 29, 1996 with Needles No. 242 as Barstow No. 242.		
547	Searles Lake.....	Trona	3/8/1941
	Consolidated February 22, 1993 with Desert Holly No. 558 as Dessert Holly No. 547. Consolidated November 19, 2005 with Joshua Tree No. 630 as Desert Holly-Joshua Tree No. 547. Name changed October 14, 2014 to Desert Holly No. 547.		
548	Arrowhead	San Bernardino.....	4/29/1941
	Consolidated April 10, 1984 with J. Clifford Lee No. 599 as Arrowhead No. 548. Consolidated May 3, 1991 with Silver Wave No. 75 as Arrowhead No. 75.		
550	Albany.....	Albany	1/28/1942
	Consolidated October 13, 1983 with Vista Cerrito No. 586 as Vista Cerrito No. 550. Consolidated August 9, 1990 with Thousand Oaks No. 178 as Vista Cerrito No. 178.		
551	San Carlos	San Carlos	1/29/1942
	Consolidated July 15, 2009 with Valley Star No. 141 as Valley Star No. 141.		
552	Mountain View	Janesville	10/7/1944
	Consolidated November 27, 1999 with Hesperian No. 112 as Mountain View No. 112.		
553	Campbell.....	Campbell	10/12/1944
	Consolidated April 11, 2003 with Los Gatos No. 128 as Golden Oak No. 128.		
554	San Marino.....	San Marino	4/25/1945
	Consolidated August 24, 1993 with Alhambra-Granada No. 193 as Alhambra No. 193.		
555	La Sierra.....	Fresno.....	6/12/1945
	Consolidated April 1, 1983 with Venus No. 534 as La Sierra Venus No. 555. Consolidated June 6, 2012 with Raisina Fresno No. 89 as Legacy No. 555. Consolidated November 20, 2013 with Concordia No. 93 as Legacy No. 555.		
556	Star of Vista	Vista	9/14/1945
	Consolidated July 8, 2011 with Fallbrook No. 390 as Fallbrook No. 390.		

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Instituted
558	Desert Holly	Ridgecrest.....	3/22/1947
	Consolidated February 22, 1993 with Searles Lake No. 547 as Desert Holly No. 547.		
559	Oildale.....	Bakersfield	5/20/1947
	Consolidated February 21, 2002 with Bakersfield No. 125 as Bakersfield No. 125.		
560	Yucaipa Valley	Yucaipa.....	7/16/1947
	Consolidated November 24, 2002 with San Geronio No. 515 as Yucaipa-San Geronio No. 515.		
561	Emera.....	Long Beach	7/17/1947
	Consolidated October 17, 1982 with Belmont Shore No. 589 as Emera No. 561.		
	Consolidated July 23, 2005 with Bellflower No. 397 as Bellflower No. 397.		
562	Menalto	Menlo Park	8/30/1947
	Consolidated November 23, 1988 with Miramonte No. 141 as Miramonte No. 141.		
563	San Juan	Citrus Heights.....	4/27/1948
	Consolidated November 11, 2006 with Natoma No. 233 as Natoma San Juan No. 233, meeting in Citrus Heights.		
564	Redwood Empire	Garberville.....	8/18/1948
	Consolidated March 16, 1997 with Rohnerville No. 76 as Rohnerville-Redwood No. 76.		
565	Palomar	San Diego	9/13/1948
	Consolidated November 4, 2001 with San Diego Star No. 96 and La Jolla No. 479 as La Paloma Star No. 96.		
566	Santa Ynez Valley	Los Olivos	4/27/1949
	Location change December 26, 1957 to Solvang. Charter suspended March 3, 1994. Charter restored May 4, 1994. Consolidated July 26, 2001 with Mizpah No. 100 as Mizpah No. 100.		
567	Rosemead.....	South San Gabriel	7/8/1949
	Consolidated April 28, 1988 with Sereno America No. 430 as Rosemead No. 430.		
568	Harbor Star.....	Newport Beach.....	7/9/1949
	Consolidated August 14, 1984 with Laguna Beach No. 521 as Harbor Star No. 521.		
569	Westchester.....	Los Angeles.....	9/24/1949
	Consolidated June 25, 1985 with Inglewood No. 319 as Centinela Valley No. 319.		
570	Catalina Island	Avalon	1/28/1949
	Consolidated November 19, 1991 with Mar Vista No. 414 as Mar Vista No. 414.		
571	Chabot.....	Oakland.....	3/15/1950
	Location change November 6, 1969 to Lafayette. Name changed November 6, 1979 to Lafayette No. 571. Consolidated October 9, 2000 with Orinda No. 635 as Larinda No. 571. Consolidated November 10, 2003 with San Ramon Valley No. 588 as Diablo Star No. 571. Consolidated July 10, 2005 with Almona No. 214 as Diablo Star No. 214.		
572	Castro Valley	Castro Valley.....	5/25/1950
	Consolidated February 17, 1987 with Elmhurst No. 455 as Castro Valley No. 455.		

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Instituted
573	San Antonio	South Gate	6/28/1950 Consolidated December 7, 1976 with Bell No. 393 as Bell No. 393.
574	El Gabilan	Salinas	7/8/1950 Consolidated October 25, 2003 with Reville No. 47 as Reville No. 47.
575	Santa Anita.....	Temple City.....	7/14/1950 Charter suspended at elections, 1952. Charter restored April 13, 1953. Consolidated August 29, 1972 with Monrovia No. 227 as Monrovia No. 227.
576	Palm Springs.....	Pal Springs	3/15/1951 Consolidated December 18, 2002 with Desert Hot Springs No. 640 as Palm Springs No. 576. Consolidated May 30, 2007 with Coachella Valley No. 360 as Coachella Valley No. 360.
577	San Lorenzo	Hayward	3/29/1951 Consolidated March 12, 2007 with Orient No. 177 as San Lorenzo No. 177.
578	Rim of the World.....	Twin Peaks	4/16/1951 Consolidated November 22, 2008 with Big Bear No. 485 as Mountain Lakes No. 485.
579	San Miguel.....	Lemon Grove	5/3/1951 Consolidated November 28, 2000 with Estrella No. 412 as Estrella No. 412.
580	Castroville.....	Castroville	9/17/1951 Consolidated November 26, 1990 with Reville No. 47 as Reville No. 47.
582	Mendias.....	Hollywood.....	1/30/1952 Consolidated July 22, 1971 with Beacon Ray No. 495 as Mendias-Ray No. 495.
583	Crystal Springs	San Bruno.....	2/18/1952 Consolidated November 22, 1992 with Ruth No. 305 as Unity No. 305.
584	La Paz	Bell Gardens.....	5/1/1952 Consolidated November 18, 1983 with El Rancho No. 624 as El Rancho de la Paz No. 584. Consolidated September 30, 1995 with Hacienda No. 614 as Tri Star No. 584. Consolidated June 6, 2002 with Lyra No. 144 and Shittier No. 335 as Whittier Star No. 144.
585	Mountain Star	Middletown	6/30/1952 Consolidated November 5, 1988 with Lower Lake No. 231 as Lower Lake No. 231.
586	Vista Cerrito.....	El Cerrito	8/25/1952 Consolidated October 13, 1983 with Albany No. 550 as Vista Cerrito No. 550.
587	Estero Bay.....	Cayucos.....	9/9/1952 Consolidated November 16, 1995 with Cambria Pines No. 525 as Estero Pines No. 525.
588	San Ramon Valley	Danville.....	1/31/1953 Location changed August 1, 2001 to Pleasanton. Consolidated November 10, 2003 with Larinda No. 571 as Diablo Star No. 571.
589	Belmont Shore	Long Beach	2/14/1953 Consolidated October 17, 1982 with Emera No. 561 as Emera No. 561.

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Instituted
590	Silver Chalice.....	Walnut Creek	8/2/1953 Location changed April 29, 1974 to Concord. Consolidated November 28, 1994 with Clayton Valley No. 644 as Silver Valley No. 590. Consolidated June 7, 2000 with Concord No. 384 as Concord No. 384.
591	Lomita.....	Lomita	10/8/1953 Consolidated July 29, 1994 with Point Firmin No. 512 as Golden Chain No. 512.
592	Home.....	North Hollywood	10/9/1953 Consolidated November 18, 2003 with Horizon Star No. 403 as Horizon Star No. 403.
593	Eothen	Carmichael	8/16/1954 Name changed June 6, 1955 to Rising Star No. 593. Consolidated November 17, 1995 with Naomi No. 36 as Rising Star No. 36.
594	Fairfax	Larkspur	8/21/1954 Consolidated November 21, 1993 with San Rafael No. 215 and Novato No. 609 as Marin Star No. 215.
595	Mono	Bridgeport	8/23/1954 Consolidated June 19, 1991 with Mt. Whitney No. 197 as Mt. Whitney No. 197.
596	Rialto.....	Rialto	8/25/1954 Consolidated November 16, 1991 with Colton No. 211 as Rialto No. 211.
597	Fuchsia	El Segundo	8/26/1954 Consolidated March 28, 2001 with Playa Linda-Ascot No. 425 as Fuchsia No. 425.
598	Magnolia Park.....	Burbank	8/28/1954 Consolidated July 6, 1983 with Burbank No. 352 as Burbank No. 352.
599	J. Clifford Lee.....	Highland	9/20/1954 Consolidated April 10, 1984 with Arrowhead No. 548 as Arrowhead No. 548.
600	Harbor Lights.....	San Diego	5/28/1955 Consolidated November 23, 1991 with Normal Heights No. 478 as Harbor Lights No. 478.
601	Morningside.....	Inglewood.....	6/23/1955 Consolidated November 22, 1972 with Angeles Vista No. 516 s Morning Vista No. 516.
602	Desert Star	Twentynine Palms.....	6/27/1955 Consolidated February 7, 1999 with Yucca Valley No. 629 as Desert Valley No. 602.
603	Arvin	Arvin.....	6/29/1955 Consolidated December 3, 1969 with Tehachapi No. 188 as Tehachapi No. 188.
604	Del Mar	Pacifica	7/8/1955 Consolidated November 17, 2016 with Unity No. 186 as Unity No. 186.
605	Mission Bell.....	San Pablo.....	8/29/1955 Consolidated November 22, 1992 with El Portal No. 205 as Mission Bell No. 205.

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Instituted
606	Pacific Beach	La Jolla	9/21/1955
	Consolidated August 28, 1989 with Point Loma No. 490 as Point Loma No. 490.		
607	West Covina.....	West Covina	9/22/1955
	Consolidated July 15, 1988 with Baldwin Park No. 527 as West Covina No. 527.		
608	Duarte Sojourner.....	Duarte	9/26/1955
	Location changed April 23, 1993 to Monrovia. Consolidated August 21, 2001 with Sierra Madre No. 299 as Friendly Star No. 299.		
609	Novato.....	Novato	10/4/1955
	Consolidated November 21, 1993 with San Rafael No. 215 and Fairfax No. 594 as Marin Star No. 215.		
610	Lake Tahoe	Lake Tahoe	10/5/1955
	Consolidated March 18, 1989 with El Dorado No. 499 as El Dorado-Lake Tahoe No. 499.		
611	Noel.....	Van Nuys.....	6/29/1956
	Consolidated November 19, 1991 with North Hollywood No. 403 as North Hollywood-Noel No. 403.		
612	Heritage.....	North Hollywood	6/30/1956
	Consolidated March 21, 1984 with Roseland No. 465 as Heritage-Roseland No. 465.		
613	Century	Compton	8/7/1956
	Consolidated November 22, 1996 with Pearl No. 147 as Golden Crown No. 147.		
614	Hacienda	Whittier.....	8/8/1956
	Consolidated September 30, 1995 with El Rancho de La Paz No. 584 as Tri Star No. 584.		
615	Pelton	Camptonville.....	10/6/1956
	Consolidated May 6, 1980 with Evangeline No. 9 as Evangeline No. 9.		
616	Granada Hills	Granada Hills	3/21/1957
	Consolidated July 24, 2006 with Van Nuys No. 338 as Van Nuys No. 338.		
617	Star of Lakewood.....	Long Beach	3/22/1957
	Consolidated March 13, 1994 with Meridian No. 310 as Meridian No. 310.		
618	Parva Stella	South Gate	8/4/1956
	Consolidated February 7, 1972 with York No. 343 and Majestic No. 480 as Majestic Star No. 343.		
619	Star of Palmdale.....	Palmdale	10/7/1957
	Consolidated February 7, 2009 with Sunshine No. 327 as Desert Rose Star No. 327.		
620	San Dieguito	Cardiff-by-the-Sea	3/11/1958
	Consolidated November 28, 1995 with Poinsettia No. 287 as Poinsettia No. 287.		
621	Centinella Valley	Los Angeles.....	4/26/1958
	Name changed January 5, 1959 to The Valley No. 621. Location changed June 1, 1971 to Gardena. Consolidated April 28, 1978 with Betsy Ross No. 518 as Betsy Ross No. 518.		

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Instituted
622	Riverside	Riverside	4/30/1958 Consolidated July 8, 2013 with Mountain Lakes No. 486 as Riverside No. 622. Consolidated June 23, 2014 with Tri-Star No. 211 as Riverside No. 622.
623	La Mirada	La Mirada	5/14/1958 Location changed February 1, 1971 to Whittier. Consolidated November 25, 1984 with Holly Gardens No. 248 as Holly Gardens No. 248.
624	El Rancho	Pico Rivera	9/15/1958 Consolidated November 18, 1983 with La Paz No. 584 as El Rancho de la Paz No. 584.
625	Westminster	Westminster	4/23/1959 Consolidated August 13, 1998 with Golden Harvest No. 105 as Golden Harvest No. 105.
626	In Shallah	Downey	8/4/1959 Consolidated February 15, 1994 with Occident-Guardian No. 160 as Downey No. 160.
627	Chico	Chico	2/16/1960 Consolidated December 15, 1988 with Josephine Chico No. 104 as Josephine Chico No. 104.
628	Paramount	South Gate	3/26/1960 Consolidated October 10, 1982 with Mar Vista No. 511 as Mar Vista No. 511.
629	Yucca Valley	Yucca Valley	8/2/1960 Consolidated February 7, 1999 with Desert Star No. 602 as Desert Star No. 602.
630	Joshua Tree	Boron	3/14/1961 Consolidated June 20, 1989 with Desert Candle No. 633 as Joshua Tree No. 630. Consolidated November 19, 2005 with Desert Holly No. 547 as Desert Holly-Joshua Tree No. 547.
632	Conejo Valley	Thousand Oaks	9/11/1961 Consolidated February 28, 2005 with Camarillo No. 649 as Conejo Valley No. 632.
633	Desert Candle	Mojave	5/21/1962 Consolidated June 20, 1989 with Joshua Tree No. 630 as Joshua Tree No. 630.
634	Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa	6/6/1962 Consolidated January 20, 1995 with Gold Ridge Star No. 161 as Gold Ridge Star No. 161.
635	Orinda	Orinda	6/7/1962 Consolidated October 9, 2000 with Lafayette No. 571 as Larinda No. 571.
636	Los Altos	Los Altos	4/7/1964 Consolidated November 15, 1998 with Sunnyvale No. 250 as Valley Star No. 250.
638	Valley of the Redwoods	Felton	8/23/1966 Consolidated November 23, 1991 with Santa Cruz No. 273 as Santa Cruz Redwoods No. 273.

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No.	Chapter Name	Location	Instituted
640	Desert Hot Springs.....	Desert Hot Springs	9/18/1967
	Consolidated December 18, 2002 with Palm Springs No. 576 as Palm Springs No. 576.		
641	Sierra Vista	Oakhurst	10/12/1968
	Consolidated November 17, 1991 with Las Mariposas No. 200 as Las Mariposas No. 200.		
644	Clayton Valley	Concord	8/12/1972
	Consolidated November 28, 1994 with Silver Chalice No. 590 as Silver Valley No. 590.		
645	Saddleback	Lake Forest	8/8/1973
	Consolidated February 26, 2002 with San Clemente No. 524 as San Clemente-Saddleback No. 524.		
647	Lakeside	Lakeside	9/10/1975
	Consolidated November 24, 1992 with Estrella No. 412 as Estrella No. 412.		
648	Star of the Valley	Moreno Valley	3/1/1980
	Consolidated October 4, 2017 with Menifee Valley No. 243 as Star of the Valley No. 243.		
649	Camarillo	Camarillo	9/5/1981
	Location changed January 19, 2004 to Thousand Oaks. Consolidated February 25, 2005 with Conejo Valley No. 632 as Conejo Valley No. 632.		
652	Wistaria	Turlock	4/14/2013
	Consolidated February 1, 2014 with Livingston No. 531 as Wistaria No. 531.		

SUMMARY CHAPTER INFORMATION

Chapter Name	Chpt No	Date of Institution	Members 6/30/2015	Members 6/30/2016	Total Assessed
Golden Gate	1	05/10/1869	388	363	\$8,077
Suisun	2	03/12/1870	124	105	\$2,490
Gateway	3	11/22/1870	288	271	\$6,417
Alameda Oak Leaf	8	04/12/1872	158	184	\$5,049
Evangeline	9	06/17/1873	172	142	\$2,585
Evening Star	10	10/01/1872	45	41	\$1,098
Lucerne-Lake	13	12/09/1874	155	151	\$4,030
Northern Lights	14	01/28/1875	172	164	\$3,800
Welcome Redding	17	04/05/1875	110	99	\$2,782
Wild Lily	18	05/11/1875	127	121	\$3,284
South Pasadena	21	03/14/1876	233	220	\$4,513
Ferndale	23	09/01/1876	93	85	\$2,272
Yolano Valley	28	03/03/1877	99	154	\$3,765
San Jose	31	09/07/1877	256	245	\$6,560
Rose Valley	33	02/21/1878	160	156	\$4,452
Amapola	35	06/01/1878	99	92	\$2,348
Rising Star	36	05/03/1879	138	135	\$3,467
Stella	39	05/24/1880	52	51	\$1,348
Ariel	42	03/30/1880	91	83	\$2,024
Magnolia	45	05/22/1880	46	44	\$1,269
Athena	46	07/07/1880	69	65	\$1,841
Reveille	47	07/09/1880	176	171	\$4,278
Friendship	48	03/23/1881	109	110	\$3,187
Stockton Oaks	50	05/21/1881	199	164	\$4,291
Mountain Star	53	06/24/1881	77	110	\$2,674
Fidelia	56	06/28/1881	79	65	\$1,500
Crystal	57	07/09/1881	95	88	\$2,611
Kingsley Augusta	58	07/23/1881	115	111	\$2,704
Silver Spray	59	08/12/1881	174	156	\$3,950
El Dorado-Foothill	62	10/15/1881	154	152	\$3,726
Camellia	63	10/08/1881	56	48	\$1,355
Azalia Star	66	04/11/1882	132	124	\$3,093
Rohnerville-Redwood	76	09/08/1883	71	65	\$1,667
Channel Islands	78	05/12/1884	248	232	\$5,150
Sotoyome-Clover Leaf	82	09/03/1884	60	41	\$1,258
Molino Star	83	05/31/1884	124	122	\$3,173
Madera-Chowchilla	92	04/30/1886	82	82	\$2,376
Tulare-Corcoran	94	11/07/1887	92	79	\$1,826
Bethlehem Estero Pines	95	03/22/1888	85	82	\$1,846
La Paloma Star	96	04/02/1888	202	196	\$5,390
Central Coast Star	97	06/19/1888	210	204	\$5,381
San Lorenzo	103	04/05/1889	201	294	\$6,695
Josephine Chico	104	06/28/1889	172	160	\$3,491
Ungava	106	04/11/1890	167	141	\$4,356
Corona	107	06/14/1890	71	68	\$2,007
Arcadia Pasadena	108	07/11/1890	385	354	\$8,691
Elk Grove Onisbo	109	09/24/1890	167	159	\$4,338
Star of Claremont	110	08/31/1891	78	74	\$1,922

SUMMARY CHAPTER INFORMATION - CONTINUED

Chapter Name	Chpt No	Date of Institution	Members 6/30/2015	Members 6/30/2016	Total Assessed
Palm Leaf	114	02/18/1892	102	85	\$1,951
New Hope	117	08/08/1892	113	125	\$3,057
Mother Lode	123	08/24/1893	131	124	\$3,141
Bakersfield	125	12/18/1893	138	135	\$2,927
Yosemite Gateway	126	02/23/1894	143	135	\$3,261
Golden Oak	128	03/19/1894	119	106	\$2,770
Fidelity	131	08/31/1894	77	74	\$1,956
Semper Fidelis	135	06/03/1895	184	164	\$4,577
Summit	138	12/21/1895	78	76	\$2,190
Valley Star	141	01/08/1896	229	199	\$4,494
Emerald Star	143	02/12/1896	100	90	\$2,344
Whittier Star	144	02/12/1896	245	237	\$5,949
Stardust	145	02/13/1896	173	162	\$4,662
Ami Tai	147	04/10/1896	178	172	\$4,134
Lodi	150	04/28/1896	74	73	\$1,905
Escondido	154	02/05/1896	83	84	\$2,221
Penrhyn	159	03/20/1897	144	133	\$3,187
Downey	160	06/19/1897	204	183	\$4,302
Gold Ridge Star	161	01/06/1898	151	147	\$3,739
Scepter	163	03/11/1898	308	308	\$8,705
Alpha Star	171	05/12/1899	233	218	\$4,871
Long Beach	173	08/07/1899	147	141	\$3,083
San Pedro Harbor	174	08/18/1899	186	176	\$4,462
Vista Cerrito	178	04/04/1900	115	107	\$2,259
Vallecito	185	09/22/1900	67	61	\$1,442
Unity-Del Mar	186	09/22/1900	191	206	\$5,427
Tehachapi	188	01/16/1901	68	67	\$1,754
Silverado	189	01/19/1901	93	90	\$2,405
Santa Clara	195	06/15/1901	114	114	\$3,359
Mt. Whitney	197	01/11/1902	58	54	\$1,262
West Covina	202	08/05/1902	128	119	\$3,166
Palo Alto	203	09/01/1902	136	121	\$2,795
Mission Bell	205	09/30/1902	153	144	\$3,367
Arcata	207	12/08/1902	80	81	\$2,450
Gate City	212	08/13/1903	161	154	\$2,937
Diablo Star	214	09/05/1903	149	142	\$3,741
Star of the Redwoods	219	02/16/1904	200	185	\$4,896
Lake	231	04/20/1905	71	64	\$1,785
Natoma - San Juan	233	07/03/1905	211	195	\$5,462
Los Cerritos	234	07/22/1905	103	94	\$2,919
Glencrest	237	02/22/1906	103	95	\$2,109
Tahquitz-Victoria	241	04/06/1906	102	86	\$2,420
Victor Valley	242	04/11/1906	143	128	\$3,378
Menefee Valley	243	04/16/1906	91	74	\$2,123
Ocean Park Star	245	05/10/1906	235	330	\$7,344
Seaside	259	04/17/1907	153	146	\$4,728
Santa Cruz Redwoods	273	04/04/1908	408	398	\$12,233
Imperial Valley	276	06/08/1908	64	58	\$1,598

SUMMARY CHAPTER INFORMATION - CONTINUED

Chapter Name	Chpt No	Date of Institution	Members 6/30/2015	Members 6/30/2016	Total Assessed
La Posa	282	03/30/1909	40	40	\$1,138
Poinsettia	287	06/08/1909	124	115	\$2,995
Rose	292	06/11/1910	89	65	\$1,695
Ceres	296	10/01/1910	102	86	\$2,355
Star of the East	300	03/04/1911	122	114	\$2,390
Meridian	310	02/26/1912	145	129	\$2,985
Desert Rose Star	327	05/12/1914	94	92	\$2,089
Point Loma Coronado	332	10/14/1914	119	109	\$2,665
Van Nuys	338	09/10/1915	378	337	\$8,812
Pentalpha	339	12/29/1915	66	61	\$1,638
Manzanita	342	05/09/1916	66	64	\$1,722
Atascadero	344	09/02/1916	39	37	\$945
Chula Vista	345	10/09/1916	170	170	\$4,575
Upland	346	11/23/1916	81	86	\$2,676
Yorba Linda	347	02/09/1917	138	142	\$4,247
Joaquin	348	04/16/1917	75	74	\$1,964
Burbank	352	03/31/1919	157	145	\$4,038
Harbor Lights	358	11/19/1919	265	249	\$6,700
Coachella Valley	360	02/07/1920	170	165	\$5,106
Linden	372	05/02/1921	43	49	\$1,448
Kearsarge	378	07/09/1921	38	35	\$967
Concord	384	09/28/1921	154	147	\$4,049
Primrose	385	10/13/1921	181	159	\$3,997
Fallbrook	390	03/09/1922	129	125	\$3,640
Caledonia	391	03/13/1922	198	193	\$5,008
Bellflower	397	09/06/1922	207	188	\$4,500
Starlight	401	12/09/1922	108	108	\$2,912
Patterson	417	10/12/1923	57	53	\$1,344
Fuchsia	425	03/01/1924	119	107	\$2,459
Escallonia	447	05/06/1925	96	97	\$3,157
Manchester	449	05/18/1925	59	54	\$1,501
Temple	513	05/11/1929	73	66	\$1,373
Yucaipa-San Gorgonio	515	07/31/1929	116	102	\$2,694
San Clemente Saddleback	524	05/05/1930	101	88	\$2,769
Wistaria	531	12/29/1933	88	84	\$2,458
Desert Holly	547	03/18/1941	120	115	\$2,845
Paradise	549	06/13/1941	76	71	\$1,833
Legacy	555	06/12/1945	357	329	\$7,409
Fort Millerton	557	01/23/1946	92	76	\$2,050
Carmel	581	09/18/1951	53	47	\$1,326
Desert Valley	602	06/27/1955	58	49	\$1,698
Riverside	622	04/30/1958	289	266	\$7,424
Rio Linda	631	07/22/1961	75	67	\$2,062
Conejo Valley	632	09/11/1961	95	97	\$2,809
Simi Valley	637	06/11/1965	69	68	\$2,265
Delta Star	639	08/24/1967	66	62	\$1,922
Old West	642	03/06/1969	99	88	\$2,485
Kern River Valley	643	06/12/1971	87	80	\$2,030

SUMMARY CHAPTER INFORMATION - CONTINUED

Chapter Name	Chpt No	Date of Institution	Members 6/30/2015	Members 6/30/2016	Total Assessed
Star of the Valley	648	03/01/1980	89	88	\$2,759
Trinity Star	650	03/05/2006	43	39	\$1,240
Dr. Rob Morris	651	06/14/2008	75	74	\$2,500
GRAND TOTAL			19,743	18,834	\$487,319
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHAPTERS					

RÉSUMÉS

OF CANDIDATES FOR

ELECTED GRAND CHAPTER OFFICES

ALYSON GRANT
FOR THE OFFICE OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON

PERSONAL:

Born: San Diego, CA – September 8, 1958

EDUCATION:

University of California, San Diego

Major: Sociology Minor(s): English and Biology

PROFESSIONAL:

Health Information Management, Clinical Coding and Compliance
Manager with Sharp Healthcare, Supervision for 25 years

YOUTH SERVICE:

Past Worthy Advisor, San Diego Assembly, IORG

Master of the Grand Cross of Color 1973

Advisory Board Member

OES HISTORY AND CHAPTER SERVICE:

Initiated into Palomar Chapter #565 in 1977 (through consolidation –
La Paloma Star #96)

Served as Chaplain, Marshal, Organist, Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha,
Electa, AC, Conductress, Associate Matron

Worthy Matron, 1991, 2003, 2004

Service Award 1994

MASONIC AFFILIATION:

Mecca Temple, Daughters of the Nile

Honor Court, Order of the Amaranth

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE:

Grand Page, 2002, 2006

Deputy Grand Matron, 1999

Ritual Team Leader, 2013

Grand Chaplain, 2010

Grand Marshal, 2014

Associate Grand Conductress, 2015

Grand Conductress, 2016

Associate Grand Matron 2017

GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES:

Aims and Objectives

Appeals and Grievances

California Eastern Star Foundation

Consolidations

Constitutional Reorganization

Decorations

Membership

Parliamentarian

Ritual Competition

Vision

FRED LOESER
FOR THE OFFICE OF WORTHY GRAND PATRON

PERSONAL:

9154 Skyline Blvd, Oakland, CA 94611

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Arts, Criminology, University of California, Berkeley, 1973

Associate of Arts, Chabot College, Hayward, 1971

PROFESSIONAL:

City of Oakland, Supervisor, Right of Way Management, 2008 - Present

Oversee \$3 million budget

Manage 18 Inspectors and staff

Board of Directors, Underground Service Alliance North (USA) – City of

Oakland Representative 2008 - Present

Review and approve annual budget - \$4.5 million

Protect underground utility facilities

Fred Loeser Co., General Contractor, 1979 – 2008

CEO - Residential and commercial construction

Berkeley Police Department, 1974 – 1979

Patrol Officer

FRATERNAL:

Eastern Star: Alameda Oak Leaf, Chapter #8, Alameda, CA
Senior Living Community Board of Trustees 2015-2016

Grand Chapter Committee Chairmen – 2019

Associate Grand Patron 2017

Appeals and Grievances – 2017

Grand Warder 2014

Service Award 2013

Worthy Patron 2012, 2015

Associate Patron 2011, 2014

Page to Worthy Grand Patron 2012

Northern Co-Chair Worthy Patron Festival Booth 2012

Outer Guard Grand Chapter 2011 & 2013

Election Board Grand Chapter 2010

Blue Lodge: Live Oak Lodge #61, Oakland

Master, 2008, 2009, 2011

Candidates Coach, 2015 - Present

Scottish Rite: Oakland Valley

32 Degree, Knight Commander Court of Honor

Shrine: Aahmes Temple, Livermore

Asst. Inner Guard 2013, 2014

Past Master's Unit, President, 2014

Past Master's Unit, Secretary/Treasurer, 2015 – Present

Royal Order of Scotland

Robert the Bruce Association-Firth of Forth Clan

TERRI EWING
FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON

PERSONAL:

- 529 Lorraine Ct South, Rohnert Park 94928
- Born: April 10, 1958 – Tacoma, WA
- Husband: Gary Ewing, member of Santa Rosa Luther Burbank Lodge and Valley of Santa Rosa Scottish Rite
- Daughter: Stefani Ewing, member of Rose Valley and Kingsley Augusta Chapters, Past Grand Officer IORG
- Son: Benjamin

PROFESSIONAL:

- 1998 – present: Administrative Director, Marin Community Foundation
- 1988-1998 – Executive Assistant, County of Marin H&HS
- 1978-1988—various clerical positions (legal, medical, Insurance)

EDUCATION

- St. Mary's College, Moraga, CA – Business Management
- Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham, OR – Associate Degree – Legal Secretary

YOUTH SERVICE

- Master of the Grand Cross of Color 1974
- Past Grand Faith, Oregon
- Santa Rosa Rainbow Assembly Advisory Board 17 years (8 as Mother Advisor)
- Camp Fire Leader/Cub Scout Leader

MASONIC AFFILIATION

- Nefru Ari Temple, Daughters of the Nile

OES HISTORY

- **Local Chapter:**
Initiated into Rose Valley Chapter 1999
Served as Worthy Matron 2004, 2007, 2016; Associate Matron 2003, 2006, 2015; Conductress 2002, 2005, 2014; Associate Conductress 2001, 2013; Treasurer 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011; Electa 2000, 2012
- **Grand Chapter:**
Grand Conductress 2017
Associate Grand Conductress 2016
Grand Marshal 2015
Grand Electa 2012
Deputy Grand Matron 2008
Eastern Star Foundation 2010-2014 (President 2014)
Appeals and Grievances 2016-2017

PAUL LACROIX
FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON

Personal/Family:

7439 Marine Ave, Rancho Cucamonga 91730
Born: Sept. 27th, 1955 Pomona CA. Married 37 years to Corinne, PM, DGM
2014 & 2015. My two sons Jacque and Garrett, PP, are members of Upland
Chapter 346.

Professional Career:

US Navy 1975-1979
Southern California Edison/Reliant Energy 1980-2010
Power Plant Control Operator, Safety/Environmental Specialist, Manager

Fraternal:

Raised a Master Mason 1989 in Upland-Mt. Baldy Lodge 419, Upland CA.
Member of Scottish Rite and Al Malaikah Shrine 1996. Served 5 years on
Grand Lodge Youth Orders Committee. Recipient of Grand Master's Youth
Support Award in 2004 and the Hiram Award.

Chapter Service:

Initiated into Upland Chapter 346 in 2004. Affiliated with Stardust Chapter
145 in 2007. Worthy Patron Upland 346, 2007 & 2016. Worthy Patron
Stardust 145 in 2012 & 2014. Currently Associate Patron Stardust 145.
Recipient of Service Award, Rob Morris Merit Award, Rob Morris
Membership Award, and Senior Living Community Fraternalism Award
2012.

Grand Chapter Service:

Liaison to DeMolay 2007 & 2008
Outer Guards, Chairman 2009
Festival Chairman 2012
Grand Representative of New Jersey 2011-2013
Grand Page 2014
Grand Chaplain 2016

Youth Service:

DeMolay:

Senior DeMolay and Chapter Dad for 17 years.
Deputy Member International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay.
So. Cal. Jurisdiction: District Governor, Jurisdiction Dad, and Director of
Conclave
Honors: Chevalier, Zerubbabel Key, Legion of Honor, Cross of Honor.

Rainbow:

Advisory Board Member and Chairman for 6 years
Grand Cross of Color 2009

TAMMY KINZY
FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY

PERSONAL:

625 S Prospero Dr, Covina 91723
BORN: Edwards AFB, Ca – November 11, 1957
Sons: Terry Stout, Nathan Kinzy, Daughter: Gaylene Kinzy-Reische
member of Mt. Whitney #197, 2 - Grand Daughters Kayla and Lillian.

PROFESSIONAL:

Over 35 years of experience in Accounting/Payroll, Inventory Control,
H.R.
Income Tax and Payroll Tax Preparation, Office Management
Audit Department Mgr. –Tax Service Specialist 1976-1986
Inventory Control, Report Management – Air Supply, Inc. 1986-1991
Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper – Dean's Plumbing & Heating
1991-2010
Bookkeeper – Cle Hospitality (Hotel) – 2010-2011
Bookkeeper – Paiute Palace Casino – 2011 to 2015
Sole Proprietor – Kinzy Bookkeeping and Tax Service 2004 to 2015
Acting Grand Secretary - Grand Chapter of California Order of the
Eastern Star - Current

EDUCATION:

Antelope Valley College
Colorado Technical University – AA Degree Medical Billing & Coding
Certifications:
Hiring & Firing Laws 1
Rapport Leadership
Employee discharge and documentation
Managing and Supervising People

FRATERNAL:

Initiated August 1978, member of Mt. Whitney #197
Chapter Service: Electa 1996; Marshal 1997; Associate Conductress
1998, 2002, 2008; Conductress 1999, 2003, 2009; Associate Matron
2000, 2004, 2010; Worthy Matron 2001, 2005, 2011; Secretary 2006,
2007, 2012-2015
Eastern Star Service Award 2000
Grand Chapter Service: Grand Esther 2007; Deputy Grand Matron
2004, 2005, 2014; Elected Grand Treasurer 2016; Acting Grand
Secretary 2016; Grand Secretary 2017
Membership Committee 2008-2010
Audit Committee 2015

**MARGARET “PEGGY” TUCKER
FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER**

PERSONAL:

1168 Barger Pl, Ramona 92065-2850
BORN: March 31, Vallejo, CA
Married; one son, one daughter and two stepdaughters

EDUCATION:

K-12 El Cajon, CA
University of San Diego

PROFESSIONAL:

7 yrs. Barwick Carpet Office Manager
20 yrs. Ramona Unified School
10 yrs. Elem. Computer Tech
1 yr. Financial Sec. 9th District PTA
President PTA 4 years, PTA Treasurer 1 yr.
Negotiation team Ramona Classified
13 yrs. President CA School Employee Association Benefit Committee
for RUSD

FRATERNAL:

Youth:

Majority Jobs Daughters of Bethel 300
Served as Bethel Guardian & Guardian
Treasurer for Bethel 178

Chapter Service:

Initiated Santa Maria Chapter 453 in 1989
Member of Mountain Star No. 51 and Poinsettia No. 287
Received Service Award in 1998
Worthy Matron 1994, 1996 & 2003
Secretary, Conductress & Associate Conductress,
Adah, Ruth, Esther

Grand Chapter:

Grand Page 2004
Grand Representative to Saskatchewan 2008-11
Deputy Grand Matron 2014
President of Southern Deputies Association 2014
Escort to Grand Electa 2010

Committees:

Roster 2013
Special Project 2013
Grand Chapter Week, Seating 2004
Grand Chapter Week, Decoration 2014

SHARON K. JAZWIECKI
FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CONDUCTRESS

PERSONAL:

1124 E. Oakmont Ave, Orange 92867
Born: Newport Beach, CA – September 5, 1958

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Science: Management, Pepperdine University 1998
Associate in Arts: Orange Coast College 1979

FAMILY:

Husband: Albert, Past Patron, 2002 2011 2015; Grand Sentinel 2012
Member, Newport Mesa Lodge No. 602 & Orange Grove Lodge No.
293

PROFESSIONAL:

Supervisor, Graphics/Publications, Coast Community College District
(Golden West College) 1999-present; Health Coach, Optavia 2013-
present; other jobs at CCCD 1984-98;
Registered Dental Assistant 1979-1984

YOUTH SERVICE:

Past Honored Queen, Bethel No. 157, Newport Beach, Job's Daughters
International

EASTERN STAR HISTORY/CHAPTER SERVICE:

Initiated into Harbor Star Chapter No. 521, Newport Beach, 1986
(Consolidated with Scepter Chapter No. 163, Orange, 2005)
Service Award 2003
Worthy Matron 1991, 2002, 2015; Associate Matron 1990, 2001, 2014;
Secretary 2004, 2005; Treasurer 2008-2013; Conductress 1989, 2000;
Associate Conductress 1988; Adah 1987, 2004; Ruth 2003

GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE:

Associate Grand Conductress 2017
Grand Marshal 2016
Grand Adah 2010
Deputy Grand Matron 1999; Chairman, Deputy Grand Matrons 2012
Constitution & Bylaws 2015
Constitution & Bylaws Reorganization 2011-2015
SLC Festival Chairman 2015, Co-Chairman 2014
Grand Page 2000, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2015
Jurisprudence 2011
Secretary to Worthy Grand Matron 2002, 2006
Ritual Competition Program 2006
Aims and Objectives 2001-2004
Grand Pages Co-Chairman 2002

LAURA BOUWENS
FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS

PERSONAL:

- 29 East Abbey St, Winters 95694
- Born Oct. 05, 1964, Santa Clara, CA
- Married 29 yrs. to Andy Bouwens, PP, Vacaville Lodge No. 134
- Five children, six grandchildren

PROFESSIONAL:

- 2007 - Present System Wide Quality Analyst for California Animal Health and Safety Laboratories.
- 1986-2007 Production Quality Manager-HemoStat Laboratories.

CREDENTIALS:

- Certified Quality Improvement Associate-American Society of Quality
- Certified Quality Auditor-American Society of Quality

FRATERNAL:

- Worthy Advisor 1979
- Mother Advisor- 2004-2013
- Member of the Rainbow PR Team
- Member of the Rainbow Decorations Team
- Initiated into Rio Vista Chapter, now Suisun Chapter, Oct 1999
- Affiliated into Yolano Valley Chapter Sept 2005
- **Chapter Service:**
 - Yolano Valley**
 - WM, 2009, 2014
 - AM, 2008, 2013, 2017
 - Conductress, 2007, 2012, 2016
 - Associate Conductress, 2006, 2011, 2015
 - Marshall, 2010
 - Rio Vista/Suisun**
 - Esther, 2000, 2001, 2013, 2014
 - Ruth, 2015, 2016, 2017
- **Grand Chapter Service:**
 - Grand Marshal 2017
 - SLC Home Board Trustee 2016-2017
 - Grand Ruth, 2014
 - DGM, 2012, 2013 (Northern President)
 - Grand Chapter Decoration Chairperson- 2013, 2015, 2016
 - WGM/WGP Special Project Chairperson-Blue Star Mothers 2015

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OF CANDIDATES FOR

EASTERN STAR HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

POSITIONS OPEN:

From the NORTH One Three-Year Term
 One One-Year Term

From the SOUTH One Three-Year Term

BETH MASSENGILL
FOR THE HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES – NORTH

PERSONAL:

9935 Township Rd, Live Oak 95953
BORN: Woodland CA July 1967
Husband: Tommie Massengill
Son: Thomas Massengill
Daughter: Amanda Massengill, Friendship #48 and Golden Valley #60
Grandchildren: Thomas Massengill and Adeline Massengill.

PROFESSIONAL:

Over 20 years of experience in Office Management, Accounting,
Payroll, Payroll Tax Preparation, HR, AP, AR,
Property Management of Commercial and Residential properties
Realtor – Woodland Real Estate 1993-1997
Owner, Bookkeeper/Office Manager/AP/AR– Dave’s Towing 1995-
2002
Owner, Bookkeeper/Office Manager/AP/AR/HR/Payroll Tax
Preparation–M & M Salvage 1996 – 2004
Partner, Bookkeeper/Payroll Tax Preparation/AP/AR/HR/Inventory
Control – Quality Supply 1999 – 2003
President and CFO– CarWorks Inc 1999 to Present
Vice President and CFO – House to Home Renovations, LLC 2010 to
present

EDUCATION:

Yuba College – Woodland
Western Governor’s University – AA Accounting
Certifications:

QuickBooks Pro, Microsoft Word, Excel and Access

FRATERNAL: Initiated Sept 2004, member of Golden Valley #60 affiliated
with Friendship #48 April 2009

Chapter Service:

Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, and Electa
Associate Conductress – 2006, Conductress – 2007, 2015, Associate
Matron – 2008, 2010, 2016
Worthy Matron – 2009, 2011, Secretary – 2012 to 2014, Organist –
2016
Rob Morris Service Award – 2007
Eastern Star Service Award – 2010

Service to Youth Groups:

Mother Advisor Woodland #2 – 2005-2007

Grand Chapter Service:

Deputy Grand Matron – 2012
Appeals and Grievance – 2016-2017
Grand Esther - 2017

RUTH SERENI
FOR THE HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES – NORTH

PERSONAL:

18603 Crane Ave, Castro Valley 94546-2535
Widowed by Kyrre Helmersen, PM, San Leandro Lodge
Married to William Sereni, initiated into Live Oak Lodge the year
before we married, 2006
2 daughters, (PGOs of IORG), 3 granddaughters

EDUCATION:

Oakland High School, SF State University, EBSU, majoring in
Mathematics, minoring in Japanese & Psychology

CAREER:

UCB Bank- Collections and Exchange, 1973-1976
City of Oakland – Parking Violations, 1976-1983
Castro Valley School District – Part time Teacher's Assistant, 1988-
1990
Frigidyne Corporation, VP Administration, 1991-1997
Mentor Logic, VP Administration, 1998-2003
Arp Property Management, 2004-2005
Sara Lee Corp -> Hillshire Brands -> Tyson Foods, HR &
Procurement, 2006-Present

FRATERNAL:

Eastern Star: Joined in 1979, a 38-year member
Served as Esther, Marshal, Chaplain, & Line Offices
including:
WM in 1989, 2014 & currently serving as AM in Alameda
Oak Leaf Chapter #8
Service Award, 2015
Served Grand Chapter:
Home Board of Trustees, 2017
Grand Ruth, 2016
Chairman, SLC Northern Event 2014
Youth: Currently Area Grand Deputy IORG; GD since 2001, 16 years
PMA Faith Assembly, 1979-1982
PWA of Golden Chain Assembly #69, 8 years
Grand Cross of Color, 1970

KÄTHE J. LARICK
FOR THE HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES – SOUTH

PERSONAL:

10921 Polaris Drive, San Diego 92126
Born April 15, 1956 in Hamilton, Ohio
Married 26 years to Jeffrey Larick

EDUCATION:

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, Major: Biology/Cell Biology
University of California, San Diego, Major:
Immunology/Immunopathology

PROFESSIONAL:

Worked for over 22 years in Clinical Laboratory Medicine and Medical Research, specifically sickle cell anemia research and transplant immunology
Currently employed as Youth Programs Coordinator & Pelletieri OWL's Nest Coordinator at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego – responsible for recruitment and of training youth advisors, writing curricula and organizing program activities for youth in grades 7-12. Also responsible for formulation and administration of the budgets for the two programs above.

OES GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE:

Trustee, Home Board of Senior Living Community (January 2016-2017)
Grand Ruth 2012
Deputy Grand Matron 2011 – President of the Southern DGMs
Grand Chapter Week Committee Service: Signs Chairman – 2002, Seating Chairman– 2006, Necrology Chairman – 2007, 2010, 2013, 2014 & 2016, 2017, Health/Medical Chairman-2014

OES SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SERVICE:

Initiated Palomar Chapter #565 (now La Paloma Star #96), July 1, 1999
Affiliated with Harbor Lights Chapter #358, 2001
Served as Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Electa, Marshal, and Chaplain Worthy Matron – 2005, 2010
Rob Morris Award – 2001 (La Paloma Star)
Service Award – 2007 (La Paloma Star), 2010 (Harbor Lights)

California Eastern Star Grand Chapter Proposed consti 2018			
	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2018 Proposed
Revenues			
Member Dues	285,534	391,268	301,975
Insurance - Per Capita	116,835	113,153	107,588
Bequest	2,807		
Donations	3,322		
Other Member Contributions	20		
We Care Revenue	45		
Sale of Roster Ads	3,640	3,600	3,000
Fundraising Projects	-		5,000
Misc Fund Raising	790		
Other Investment Income - Grand Chapter	168	150	100
Other Investment Income - Insurance	22	20	15
Other Investment Income - Membership	58	50	30
Other Investment Income - Perpetual	4,983	500	2,120
Sales of Proceedings	238		
Sale of Rosters	5,455	4,800	4,800
Website Publication	1,675	1,900	1,000
Sale of Membership Supplies	35,493	20,000	10,000
Administration Fees - Endowment	7,541	7,200	11,500
Administration Fees - Home	67,639	70,000	78,000
Administration Fees - ESPP	2,641	3,500	2,500
Administration Fees - Foundation	25,701	23,000	28,000
Special Dispensations	135		75
Consolidations and New Chapters Formation	200	500	500
Assets of Closed Chapters	3,124		
Fines	-		1,000
Transfer from other funds	-		12,530
Misc Income	501		
Total Revenues	568,567	639,641	569,733

	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2018 Proposed
Expenses			
CofS - Member Supplies	4,869	6,000	6,000
CofS - Rosters	3,558	3,600	3,000
CofS - US Postage	3,849	2,800	2,500
CofS - UPS	412	400	
Use Tax	2,112	1,800	1,000
Travel Program	1,119	1,000	1,000
Chapter Training - Secty/Treas Workshop	185	500	
We Care expenses	67		
Standing Committee Meals	17		
Standing Committee Lodging	450		
Standing Committee Mileage	537		
Gain/Loss on Disposition of Assets	4,550		
Membership/Leadership Committee Expenses	-	750	2,000
GO/DGM Visits - Lodging	(835)		
GO/DGM Visits - Meals	2,380		
GO/DGM Visits - Mileage	4,238		
Allowances - Grand Line	33,550	44,050	44,050
Donations to Masonic Organizations	200		
Miscellaneous Expenses	269	250	250
Salaries & Wages	188,970	180,500	195,728
Payroll Taxes	18,163	15,465	18,193
Employee Retirement	2,055	2,975	225
Employee Medical Insurance	23,653	18,720	21,000
Employee Training & Manuals	200	500	1,000
Employee Travel, Meals & Lodging	-	500	1,000
Contract Services	965	500	1,020
Web Page Design and Maintenance	460	5,000	1,000
Contract Labor - Computer Tech Support	2,858	3,000	11,000
Audit & Tax Service	11,500	12,000	14,000
Legal Fees	68	5,000	1,000
Office Rent	23,201	18,000	14,400
Janitorial Service	705	-	2,820
E-Mail, Internet	581	303	1,345
Telephone	5,813	5,708	1,395
Utilities	1,783	-	5,000

	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2018 Proposed
Office Supplies	2,965	1,900	2,400
Kitchen Supplies	127	-	
Computer Software	1,246	347	350
Computer Hardware	944	1,000	250
Copier Rental & Maintenance Fees	4,707	4,500	4,800
Computer Maintenance Fees	16,177	15,601	12,000
Security Monitoring Service	75		300
Other Equipment Rentals	2,306		2,027
Grand Chapter Insurance	101,407	110,000	105,000
Workers Compensation	5,001	5,400	5,000
Late Fees	95		
Bank & Payroll Charges	2,315	3,100	2,707
Expenses Related to IRS issues	1,440	2,000	
Business & Property Taxes	825	500	850
Business Licenses/Fees (Local & State)	40	100	300
Depreciation Expense	9,089		
Special Occasion Fund	-	1,000	
Transfer Perpetual Fund Income			2,120
Grand chapter week shortfall (see budget)		17,626	
Per Capita to General Grand Chapter Fund	22,171	40,288	37,471
Per Capita for Endowment	44,304	48,367	48,536
Per Capita for Home	46,734	60,348	57,380
Per Capita for Foundation	8,568	8,298	7,890
Total Expenses	613,038	649,696	639,508

Capital Expenditures			
Computer Equipment		3,000	1,000
Computer Software		1,000	
Furniture/Fixtures/Non Computer Equip			1,000
Total Capital Expenditures		4,000	2,000

Increase (decrease) to GC Surplus	(44,471)	(14,055)	(71,775)
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SLC - 2017-2018 REVENUE BUDGET			
	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2018 Proposed
Revenues			
Holiday Fund	1,375	2,000	600
Marketing Revenue		6,500	
Contributions by Residents	802,689	980,000	850,000
Donation and Gifts	11,641	12,000	12,000
Outreach Program Payback	18,185	8,000	5,000
StarCare repayment by Foundation		29,629	
Festival of Trees	5,698	8,000	8,000
Festival of Trees	15,712	12,000	15,000
Estate Sale Proceeds	3,654	2,000	3,000
Car Show	623	600	600
Northern Event	4,771	7,500	8,000
Per Capita, Assessments & Fees		30,940	57,380
Private Pay Rent	37,000	278,000	364,800
Private Pay Entrance Fees			7,500
Private Pay Memory Care			445,500
Visitor & Empl Reimb for Meals	360		
Visitor Meals	91	2,000	2,500
Tenant Rental Income		18,000	-
Lease income		1,200	1,200
Vending Machine	22	50	
Misc Income	30	500	500
Total Revenues	901,851	1,398,919	1,781,580
Transfer from ESPP	248,589	118,490	173,140
Transfer from Endowment	2,725,000	2,525,343	1,853,352

SLC - 2017/2018 EXPENSES BUDGET			
	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2018 Proposed
Expenses			
General Overhead	943,019	519,296	573,725
Administration	731,640	787,330	709,015
Social Services	50,129	51,010	32,100
Nursing	688,651	872,289	837,852
Housekeeping	136,452	179,494	168,430
Dietary	529,965	558,961	571,199
Activities	128,776	177,532	169,641
Building & Maintenance	319,974	337,001	313,280
Other Activities Administration	6,791	12,200	10,600
Resident Medical Care	285,101	160,820	204,230
Resident Personal Care	105,352	112,540	105,200
Board of Trustees	4,860	15,400	7,850
Fundraising	41,250	45,021	-
StarCare	38,420	45,807	43,600
Marketing	11,006	26,550	16,350
Total Expenses	4,021,386	3,901,251	3,763,072
Total Capital Expenditures	-	141,500	45,000
Grand Total Expenses & Capital Expenditures	4,021,386	4,042,751	3,808,072

ESPP - 2017/2018 BUDGET			
	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2018 Proposed
Revenues			
Rental Income	246,484	267,396	300,000
ESPP late rent payment fee			
Misc. Income	12		
Discounts taken			
Total Revenues	246,496	267,396	300,000
Expenses			
Salaries & Wages - Maintenance Supervisor	7,738	8,000	8,000
Salaries & Wages - Maintenance	18,774	24,960	21,000
Payroll Taxes	4,476	2,971	2,610
Workers Comp Insurance		3,504	
Medical Insurance		2,580	
Dental Insurance ESPP		116	
Visions Insurance ESPP		28	
Contract Labor - Tree Trimming		3,700	3,700
Contract Labor - Landscaping	13,521	10,800	12,000
Contract Labor - Termite Prevention		2,500	
Audit & Tax Service		2,400	
Administration Fee	2,972	3,500	2,500
Liability Insurance		1,684	
Fire & Property Insurance		3,345	
Bank & Payroll Processing Charges		50	
Property Taxes - Yorba Linda (O.C.)	20,624	20,118	22,000
Electric	2,038	2,800	2,800
Water & Trash	9,375	10,500	9,000
Depreciation	37,864		
Miscellaneous	5,558		
Pest Control	9,033	4,000	3,000
Landscape Repairs & Supplies	6,873	1,300	1,000
Electrical & Lighting Repairs & Supplies	8,208	1,500	1,000
Plumbing Repairs & Supplies	59	1,300	1,000
Painting Repairs & Supplies	9,592	2,000	2,000
Roof, Walls, Ect., Repairs & Supplies	(1)	500	500
Fire Safety Repairs/Supplies - Building		250	250
Heat & Air Conditioning Repairs/Supplies	415	2,500	2,500
Bldg & Grnds Equip Rent/Repair/Supplies	2,684	2,000	2,000
Total Expenses	159,803	118,906	96,860
Capital Expenditures			
Building Improvements	29,380	30,000	30,000
Total Expenses & Capital Expenditures	189,183	148,906	126,860
SLC Transfers	120,000	118,490	173,140

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2017/2018 Foundation Budget

	Operating	Travel/Event	JC Lee	Scholarship	Patient Comfort	Renite	Cashion	Disaster	Cancer Research	Medical Research	Heart	Nisk	Total	FYE 2016 Actual
Revenues														
Member Dues	6,500			1,100	1,000			1,500			2,000		7,100	8,508
Charitable Contribution Revenue	2,500												4,500	4,500
Brick Project	500												500	500
Bequests	-												-	951,531
Donations	8,000	10,000	20,500	1,500	1,500	1,000	200	1,300					42,500	145,808
ESTARL Scholarship	2,500	20,000	250,000	35,000	12,500	75,000	10,000		2,750			3,000	410,750	573,460
Other Investment Income	2,500	35,000	260,000	56,900	15,000	76,000	10,200	2,800	2,750	-	2,000	3,000	460,150	1,679,267
Expenditures														
Promotion/Goodwill	500	2,500		115	1,350						35		4,500	969
Office Committee Expenses	100	250		1,000		300							1,650	1,650
Miscellaneous						200							200	-
Fund Raising Expenses														47,914
Expenses for Field Project	150							5,000					5,150	307
Assistance to Members	21,000	50,000		55,000		50,000							126,000	102,849
Administrative Expenses				2,500									2,500	65,373
J. Bannan Scholarship				4,000									4,000	4,000
ESTARL Scholarship														65,375
WGM Distribution											3,000		3,000	3,000
Audit & Tax Services	250	10,640		425	500	1,500	100	5			10		13,350	12,751
Insurance	1,400	16,860		1,750	1,000	5,500	750	75			25		23,380	23,380
Materials & Supplies - ESF&CP					10,000								10,000	3,223
StarCARE														-
Administrative Fees	400	22,263		924	722	3,377	190	14			20		28,000	28,660
Contributions to Other														-
Charities														2,500
	-	23,870	102,453	65,714	13,422	69,907	1,040	5,094	-	-	3,000	-	275,650	357,038
Transfer to (from) Reserves														
	2,500	11,130	157,547	(8814)	1,578	13,033	9,160	(2,284)	2,750	-	(1,000)	3,000	190,500	1,522,259
Distribution of Foundation Administration Fee														
	1.75%	79.51%	3.30%	2.58%	12.06%	0.68%	0.05%	0.07%					1.00%	

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