**NOMINATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE**

**151st ANNUAL GRAND SESSION**

**MAY 23, 24, AND 25, 2022**

**MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

**Sister Jeannette Wallace**

**Shekinah Chapter #82 – 36th District**

**MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

**Brother Bernard M. Byrne**

**Mountain View Chapter #205 – 31st District**

**RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON**

**Joanne V. Byrne**

**Mountain View Chapter #205 – 31st District**

**RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY**

**Sister Patti L. Rhinesmith, PGM, RWGS**

**Little Falls Chapter #224 – 31st District**

**RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER**

**Sister Michele Hess, PGM**

**Northern Chapter No. 38 – 39th District**

**RIGHT WORTHY GRAND CONDUCTRESS**

**Sister Sharon Rosequist**

**Starlight Chapter #107 – 39th District**

**RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS**

**Sister Mary Elaine Guynn**

**Morningstar Chapter #22 – 38th District**

Eastern Star is not something I belong to, it is something that I am. You cannot leave it or turn it off. It is a part of everything you do and I believe now is the time I could give back to this organization that I love so dearly and which has given me everything. I am proud to say I was the first Masonic member in my family when I joined Rainbow in 1973 at the age of 13. My parents soon realized that they too should become members and joined Apollo Lodge in Cranbury and Bordentown Chapter respectively. I am the wife of a Senior DeMolay who I met when we both ere in the West and soon served as Worthy Advisor and Master Councilor respectively. Our son is a Senior DeMolay, Past State Marshal and a Master Mason. Our daughter is a Majority Rainbow girl, Past Grand Worthy Advisor and currently a member of the Adult Grand Executive Committee with Louisiana Rainbow. She too is a member of Morningstar Chapter.

Schooling; I attended The College of New Jersey, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and Minors in Psychology and Sociology. Also Fairleigh Dickson University, State of NJ Employee Education – Certified Public Manager.

Work experience: for 18 years, I worked for the State of NJ Judiciary-Appellate Division as a Court Services Officer/Supervisor. During that time of supervising a team of Professional and Support staff that managed analyzed and prepared cases for the court. I was able to be an adjunct trainer with the Human Resources department. I traveled throughout the state training our staff in the area of cultural diversity, aids Awareness, Sexual harassment, evaluations and to facilitate brainstorming sessions. I took 15 years off to be an at home mom to our two children. During that time as PTA president, Band President, Girl Scout leader and Mother Advisor. I kept my hand in the area of parliamentary procedures, youth protection training, adult leader training and various other skills. Since 2017, I have been employed with Walmart as the People Lead (Human Resource Director) where I am able to keep my hand in legal requirements, regulations, training and associate engagement. I have had the pleasure of teach a class at LSU as a visiting facilitator on the subject of Multi-Cultural Diversity in the Classroom.

**Rainbow:** joined Trenton Assembly No. 9, Worthy Advisor- 1976, GR of Pennsylvania- 1977, Master of the Grand Cross- 1978, Majority-1980, Mother Advisor Trenton #9-2008-2017, International Ritual Judge-2012-2016, Adult Grand Executive Committee 2016-2022 -Chairman of Youth Protection and – Asst. Coach Ritual Team, and Grand Deputy of Delaware Valley Assembly #65-2019-2022. **DeMolay** – Chapter Sweethearts – Capital Chapter-1978 and Assistant Director of NJ Squires 2018-2019. **Eastern Star** - Joined Bordentown Chapter 1978, Worthy Matron 1994-1995, 2000-2001, GR of Arkansas 1996-98, WDD #7 - 1999-2000, Worthy Grand Fraternal Correspondent-2004-2005, Worthy Grand Marshal – 2010-2011, Official Prompter 2011-2012, Worthy Matron of Morningstar Chapter 2014-2015, GR of Louisiana 2018-2021 and RW Grand Trustee – 2021-2022. Committees Home Day Co-Chairperson 2012-2013, Treasurer – Voluntary Donations-2013-2014, Rainbow Liaison 2014-2015,2016-2020.

**RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TRUSTEE**

**Sister Dawn Smith**

**Fairview Chapter #219 – 37th District**

Date initiated 9/15/83, Grand Chapter Offices, Worthy Grand Esther, 2013-2014, Worthy Grand Fraternal Correspondent 2016-2017, Worthy District Deputy 2018-2019, 2019-2021, and 2021-2022. Served on NJ OES Home Board of Directors as Treasurer. District Chairperson: Voluntary Donations, Copper, Home Day, MWGM Jewelry, Children’s Dyslexia Center, Charity Ball, Halloween Hoot, Karaoke Night. Chapter Offices served as: Worthy Matron (3x), Associate Matron, Conductress, Associate Conductress, Marshal, Chaplain, Esther, Warder. Work Experiences: Closet & Storage Concepts – Corporate Director of Operations (21 Years), Charming Shoppes – Merchandise/Inventory Financial Planner (3 years), TJ Maxx – District Manger & Regional Merchandise Manager (14 years)

Skills include – Executive management, verbal/written communication, problem solving, employee relations, employee relations, finance accounting, budget planning & profitability management, public speaking, project planning, state/federal regulatory oversight. Education: Bachelor’s Degree in Business & Retail Merchandising/Management

Why do I want to be Most Worthy Grand Matron: Eastern Star has played a key role in my and my family’s life for many years. The friendships I have formed and lessons I have learned have helped me grow in so many ways not only with OES but in life in general. In recent years I have seen the challenges our Order has faced with declining membership and am genuinely concerned for our future. I feel now is the time for me to be to put my abilities to good use to do my part in giving back to our Order and its members. My years as an active member of OES in combination with my career experience have provided me with the skills and ability to support, contribute to and to be a leader. It would be my sincere honor to serve NJ OES as MWGM by working together with the Corporate Board and our membership in a positive and productive way that preserves our most treasurer traditions while helping to sustain and grow our Order into the future.