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*From left to right: Bruce Zielinski, MWGP and Daria Hamm, MWGM*



# Most Worthy Grand Matron's Message



*Happy New Year*

*To Our Membership:*

**M**any Blessings from my heart to yours. As we start this New Year and the downside of my year of pandemic recovery, I thank everyone for the kindness that has been shown to me in this crazy period we are living. I have taken the responsibility from myself and put it back in the hands of our chapters. You must remember this Covid Pandemic is not over, we must still use common sense in our recovery period. Masks, social distancing, sanitizing, preparation, and delivery of refreshments must be taken seriously. Think very seriously if you haven't been vaccinated, and consider doing it at this time.

I care about the membership and the Grand Officers of this year who have given so much in trying to do those things that will help us move forward in a relaxed and enjoyable way so that we all can be comfortable and feel safe in the decisions that have been made.

To say I haven't been disappointed in not doing some of the things that had been

planned doesn't bother me, would not be true; but knowing that the membership and the survival of this organization is what is key, I can accept the challenges of this year in a more positive frame of mind. I wish I could say that the seriousness of this year is understood by all.

What is gone, is gone; what will be, will be our challenge of the future. Hoping, with God's help, our members understand the message and help us to that point with less negative criticism and a more favorable look and guidance to our future.

I love Eastern Star. It has been a saving grace with the loss of my husband.

I hope the membership knows and understands that its survival is what is most important to me.

May you all be safe and happy in Eastern Star's future. ❖

*Yin Star Love*

*Daria Hamm*

*Most Worthy Grand Matron, 2021-2022*





# Most Worthy Grand Patron's Message



*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

**T**his is certainly a year of renewed Star spirit and love, and we thank you for doing all you can to pull our beautiful Order through trying times and into refreshed new starts.

Among the highlights of the fall and early winter, we've had great fun being with many of you at our terrific Virginia Beach Bus Trip (Thanks Diane S!), our outstanding vacation in the Poconos (Thanks Lynn B!), and wonderful State Christmas Party at Camp Inawendiwin (Thanks Betty & Judy!). It's also been a pleasure to meet, with safety as a first concern, in Chapters and at Social Events. Thank you all for these cherished memories!



let me take a moment to mention the importance of

Christmas spirit—of our Guiding Star, and how that impacts the lives we lead as Star members. Let us keep that Star Light shining in our hearts as we interact with one another and with the outside world, ever remembering our watchwords—Peace, Faith, Love, Hope. We are meant to make ourselves better by our lessons and our promises. This light should guide us and remind us of exactly who we are, and who we are meant to be. I am extremely happy and proud to be your MWGP this year, at Sister Daria's side.

It was fun trimming my "Star Tree" with your thoughtful and clever ornaments, and I will treasure them while remembering each of you through the years. You have my gratitude. Also, the Grand Officers' cheerful illuminated Sledding Snowmen tree-globe is de"light"ful!

Warmest wishes to you each for a Happy and Healthy 2022! ❖

*Fraternally,  
Bruce Zielinski  
Most Worthy Grand Patron, 2021-2022*

## “ENGLISH TEA”

**Submitted by Ruth Ann Hoyt, Chairman**



**In Honor of our MWGM, MWGP & RWAGM  
Musconetcong Lodge (Starlight Chapter), Budd Lake, NJ  
April 3, 2022 1 PM to 4PM  
Amount \$20.00**

**Checks payable to Grand Chapter Voluntary Donations  
District Chairman will have tickets**

**Please make your reservations early so we can accommodat eveveryone.**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CUP & SAUCER**



# Greetings From the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron



## *Greetings from the Grand West*

*Many wishes to you all for a Happy, Safe, and Prosperous New Year!*

**“It’s a dangerous business, going out of your door. You step into the Road, and if you don’t keep your feet, there is no knowing where you might be swept off to.”** This quote by JRR Tolkien has been very applicable to the last few years, as our world and our Order has faced challenges and changes that we never would have anticipated. But a constant that has shone through all those dark moments we faced has been the light of our beautiful Eastern Star. What have you done, since we’ve come out of the dark, to help feed the light of His Star? To help it shine again, and gain in brilliance?

It is hard to believe that in May I will be installed to serve our Order as Most Worthy Grand Matron. It is my fervent wish

to build on all the efforts of those sisters who have served before me and do all that I can to strengthen the fraternal bonds of friendship throughout the state. There is much work to do, and I am relying on the Membership for its patience, and it’s help.

We have far to go. But Tolkien also said that **“Little by little, one travels far.”** I am thankful for all of you who will be traveling this road with me. And, as we travel, let’s not count the pot holes, or the detours, or the storms we encounter on this journey together. Let’s count the Rainbows. ❖

*Fraternally,  
Jeannette Wallace  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron  
2021-2022*

## RW Grand Trustee

I want to wish everyone a Happy , and most importantly, a Healthy New Year.

During the holidays, my daughter came up from Louisiana. We had my brother and sister-in-law over for dinner and we began talking about the craziness of the world. We all said we couldn’t wait until this year was over because it was a horrible year. My daughter jumped up, obviously hurt, and reminded us of her wedding in September. Have we all focused so much on Covid that we forget those wonderful moments in our lives and put them in the back of our minds? Are we dwelling so much on the negative that we forget the joy?

We recently had a rehearsal at our chapter for the upcoming Official. One of our newest members stated that she was so excited to be at rehearsal because it was the bright moment to look forward to and take her mind off of the negatives. And I thought ME TOO. I really do look forward to any Star related activities.



It has become the light at the end of a very dark tunnel. We talk about “getting back to normal” but will we ever be normal again?

And then I thought about the original Star in the East. We HAVE seen His Star. We ARE following it. The lessons we teach, are being put to great use. Are we not being Ruth when we think now more often of our elder members or those with illnesses? Do we have the Trustful Faith of Martha as we agonize over what will be best for the Order? All of our lessons are there for us to lean on during this troubled time.

So, there I am, along with that new member, looking for the wonderful moments that this Star of ours has lead us to find. All we have to do is see it and follow it.....

*With Much Love,  
Mary E. Guynn, Right Worthy Grand Trustee*



## *From the Desk of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary*

*Greetings Sisters and Brothers.*

Happy New Year! I hope this year brings much happiness to all of you, our members.

Looking forward to seeing everyone. I wish you all a safe and healthy New Year.

We are planning to hold a Secretaries/Treasurer's meeting to hand out several items for the new year. The annual reports will be distributed along with current dues cards. Remember, the Preliminary Report, with your per-capita, must be received in the Grand Chapter Office within a week after your Chapter elections; and the Annual and Financial Reports are due May 1, 2022.

Our Annual Secretary and Treasurer's Luncheon/Meeting will be at Musconetcong Masonic Lodge, Budd Lake, on Saturday May 7, 2022, at 11:30 AM. Cost is \$15.00 and dues are \$2.00. The reservation form is printed in the Star Journal and will be sent out to the individual Chapters. I hope you will be able to attend. **THE LUNCHEON IS OPENED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORDER, NOT JUST SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS.** If you have any questions regarding the



law, our Most Worthy Grand Matron will be happy to answer them. I am looking forward to greeting you.

Continue to take advantage of our email newjersey.oesgc@gmail.com, also our web site, www.njoes.com which continues to be informative. We strive to make sure you can see all the happenings throughout the state, including sickness, happy news, social events, etc.

To all Chapter Secretaries, I look forward to working with each of you. It doesn't seem possible, but elections are right around the corner, I wish to thank those Secretaries who have dedicated years of Service to our Order, and I welcome those new Secretaries who will be taking over.

Congratulations to Sister Daria and Brother Bruce as you served during your "Unity thru Simplicity" year. ❖

*Love with Happiness,  
Patti L. Rhinesmith, PGM  
Right Worthy Grand Secretary*

## *Right Worthy Grand Conductress*

*Greetings from the Grand South!  
Happy New Year 2022!!!!*

*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

It is hard to believe that we have entered a new year and soon will be getting ready for Grand Session and another Eastern Star year. The last couple of years have been hard, but hopefully, we will come back even stronger. I would like to share a story with you.

A professor gave a balloon to every student, who had to inflate it, write their name on it, and throw it into the hallway. The professor then mixed up all the balloons. The students were then given 5 minutes to find their own balloon. Despite a hectic search, no one found their own.



At that point, the professor told the students to take the first balloon that they found and hand it to the person whose name was written on it. Within 5 minutes, everyone had their own balloon.

The professor said to the students: *"These balloons are like happiness. We will never find it if everyone is looking for their own. But if we care about other people's happiness; we'll find ours too."*

May each of you find your happiness by helping others to find theirs. That is what Eastern Star is really all about. ❖

*In Star Love and Friendship,  
Joanne Byrne, Right Worthy Grand Conductress*





## *From the Desk of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer*



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I sit down to write this letter to you, I ponder on what message I want to send to you. Should I just say what's on my mind? Should I discuss the world events? Should I just give you some instructions? I have tried multiple times to write this message and I keep coming back to the same thing.

Where are we today and where are we going?

The world certainly is not the same as we once knew it. This pandemic has everyone second guessing their actions, running scared and basically, in a panic. This is NOT what we should be doing. We need to do what's right. And just what is that? I'm not sure anyone has the answer to this question, but I do know, being an EMT and out in the field every day, that we need to stop panicking. If you think you have COVID, please STAY HOME!! This is one gift that we don't want to give. If you think you are sick, call your doctor. If you think you may have COVID, call a testing site and get a test. Please, please, please don't race to the emergency rooms. They are full of people who are going there because they think they are positive and want to get tested. Now, when someone truly sick, needs the emergency department, they can't get in. Yes, there is a huge uptick in COVID cases right now. However, people are not as sick as with the original virus. So, call your doctor and follow their instructions. Mask up and stay safe. Let's all put this in God's Hands and we can work together to help make our world a better and safer place.

Now, on another note, I know we all have the same questions—where are we going and what is happening? I know that Grand Chapter is moving forward as best as possible under the circumstances. It's the not knowing what is coming that is making decision making so difficult. Hopefully, I will see you all at Grand Session. I'm sure it isn't going to be as we all remember it from past Sessions, but it will still be a wonderful time to meet and greet each other.

Sister Daria, our MWGM and Brother Bruce, our MWGP, have done the best they could under the circumstances dealt to them. Congratulations on your accomplishments. Sister Jeannette, I know, is looking forward to her year and hoping that things will be much better for her. Let's give her our support. Best wishes on your Installation.

To my Treasurer pals, Sister Patti and I are working on the financial report form in hopes of making it easier to read and file. There are many chapters whose reports do not reconcile and I am working on trying to get through them. Please call me if you have any questions on how to fill these out. I will be glad to walk through this with you. I am looking forward to seeing you at our meeting and again at our Annual Luncheon and meeting. Please make sure you come introduce yourself to me and let's work together for a wonderful rest of our year. ❖

*In Star Friendship,  
Michele Hess, DGM  
Right Worthy Grand Treasurer*

## *Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress*



*Sisters and Brothers:*

As I sit, thinking about what I am going to write for our Star Journal, I am filled with the excitement of the Christmas season, of being with my family and friends to celebrate the Birth of our Lord and Savior.

Though Christmas was yesterday, the holiday is as far away as it can get. All our planning and preparations have come to fruition. As I sit in church this morning, the message was of Hope and Kindness. Keep the Christmas spirit alive, spread good will and cheer as we go through our daily lives, not just at Christmas, but all year long. I am filled with Hope for our future, the future of our order and the future of our country. I know these are difficult times, but I

wish, after this season of renewal, that we have a resurgence of attendance at our Chapter meetings, and a normalcy restored to our daily lives. We, as the future of our Order, have a big job ahead of us. We need to roll up our sleeves, work on a plan, to come up with a solution to start increasing our membership. This will not be an easy task, but together we can do it!

I wish every member of our beautiful Order Peace, Prosperity, and Good Health as we move forward into the New Year of 2022. May God Bless and keep you all safe!!!! ❖

*In Star Love,  
Sharon E. Rosequist  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress,  
2021-2022*



## 55th ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON OF THE STATE SECRETARIES/TREASURERS CLUB

You are invited to join the State Secretaries/Treasurers Club and attend the Luncheon and Annual Meeting

DATE: Saturday, May 7, 2022  
LOCATION: Musconetcong Lodge, International Dr. & Rt. 46, Budd Lake, NJ  
TIME: 12:00 Noon  
PRICE: \$15.00/Person (Luncheon only) \$17.00 w/annual dues  
MENU:

Tossed Salad  
Chicken Pot Pie  
Dessert  
Beverages: Water, Coffee & Tea

### PLEASE NOTE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS ON YOUR RESERVATION

Please make sure your reservation(s) are in by the due date of May 1, 2022

Make checks payable to "**Michele Hess**" and mail your reservation to:

Michele Hess, PGM, Treasurer  
PO Box 157  
Stillwater, NJ 07875-0157  
973-579-1975/973-390-1250  
[Hessm902@aol.com](mailto:Hessm902@aol.com)

This invitation is extended to all Past and Present Secretaries and Treasurers to join our club, stay for lunch and attend our Annual Meeting. Hope to see you there!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter/District: \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Secy: \_\_\_\_\_ Treas: \_\_\_\_\_



PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR **GUESTS**  
THE GRAND CHAPTER  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF NEW JERSEY  
151<sup>st</sup> "UNITY THRU SIMPLICITY"  
GRAND SESSION  
MAY 23, 24, 25, 2022

ONE FORM PER PERSON –  
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Patti L. Rhinesmith, PGM, RWGS  
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(908)725-0222

REGISTRATION FEE OF \$15.00 PAYABLE TO:  
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Note: Registration Desk hours will be posted

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*The Grand Chapter  
Order of the Eastern Star  
of  
New Jersey*

*Cordially invites you to attend the  
One Hundred and Fifty-first*

*“Unity thru Simplicity”  
Annual Grand Session*

*May 23, 24, 25, 2022  
at  
Caesars Hotel  
Atlantic City, New Jersey*

*Formal Opening,  
Monday, May 23, 2022  
7:30 P.M*

*Davia Hamm  
Most Worthy Grand Matron  
Bruce Zielinski  
Most Worthy Grand Patron*

*Patti L. Rhinesmith, PGM  
Right Worthy Grand Secretary  
111 Finderne Avenue  
Bridgewater, NJ 08807*





Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Order of the Eastern Star,

We look forward to greeting you at the "Unity thru Simplicity" 151<sup>st</sup> Grand Session. This year Grand Session will be held at Caesars Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ.

The price of the rooms will be \$69 base plus taxes for single and double rooms. (Approx. \$109.00 total). Please make all reservations directly with Caesar's at 1-888-516-2215 (Sam-2am EST seven days a week) under the name of the Order of the Eastern Star 2022 group using code SC05ES2. Reservations can be made at: <https://book.passkey.com/go/SC05ES2>

*Please understand all reservations should be made by giving the Grand Chapter reservation code. By not using this Code, you will be costing Grand Chapter extra money. Our meeting room for Grand Session is not free. A percentage of these costs are incorporated in our room rate and meal rates. So please register using our Code. Casino Comps may be applied to your room.*

*Proper attire is required at all times for admittance to Grand Session – Jeans or shorts will not be permitted.*

*The Hospitality Committee will be pleased to greet you.*

*Hospitality will be opened on the following dates and times.*

- Monday 1 to 4pm*
- Tuesday 10 to 12 noon and 1 to 4pm*
- Wednesday 10 to 1pm*

*We welcome all of you and hope to see you at the Reception for the MWGM and MWGP by Northern Chapter #38 and Haddonfield Chapter No. 140. This dinner will be on Monday evening – May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Come join us for the "Unity thru Simplicity" Grand Session".*

*In Star Love,  
Daria Hamm, Most Worthy Grand Matron  
Bruce Zielinski, Most Worthy Grand Patron*

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM  
TO BE HELD AT CAESAR'S HOTEL**

**Monday Evening - May 23, 2022**  
Reception MWGM & MWGP 5:00 ~ 7:00 PM

Opening Processional 7:30 PM

Informal Opening of Grand Session

Introduction of: Jr. Past Grand Master; Amaranth; Rainbow; DeMolay

Formal Opening of Grand Session

Receiving of: Visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons

Receiving of: Visiting Associate Grand Matrons and Associate Grand Patrons

Presentation of: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of New Jersey

Receiving of: Visiting Distinguished Guests

**Tuesday – May 24, 2022**

**Business Session** 9:00 AM

Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron

Address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron

Report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary

Report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer

Grand Representatives Luncheon Noon

Afternoon Session 2:00 PM

Report of Auditor

Charity Foundation Annual Meeting and Election of Directors

Election of Grand Officers of New Jersey

Necrology Report and Memorial

**Evening Session**

Presentation of: Right Worthy Grand Officers 7:00 PM

Worthy Grand Officers

Worthy District Deputies

All Grand Representatives

Report of the Worthy Grand Fraternal Correspondent

Grand Representative Commissions

**Wednesday – May 25, 2022**

**Business Session**

Greetings by Caesar's Hotel 9:00 AM

Election of RW Grand Trustee

Report of President of the N.J. Eastern Star Home, Inc

Voting on Recommendations

RWAGM Rehearsal Immediately following morning session

**Evening Session**

Presentations of: Hostesses, Hosts, Hospitality 7:00PM

Committee, Pages, Location Committee

Open Installation of Grand Officers, 2022-2023

\*\* Committee Reports will be given during business sessions at the discretion of the Most Worthy Grand Matron



**151<sup>st</sup> "UNITY THRU SIMPLICITY" GRAND SESSION  
MEAL PLAN**

**CAESAR'S, ATLANTIC CITY, NJ  
MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

**MEAL PLAN OPTIONS**

**OPTION ONE \$150.00**



**BREAKFAST-** 2 Mornings- Tuesday & Wednesday

Assorted Chilled Juices, Oatmeal, Pastries/Donuts/Muffins, Low Fat Granola and Dry Cereals, Fresh Fruit Medley, Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes, Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Coffee/Tea

**Tuesday – Pancakes .....Wednesday – French Toast**

**Dinner – 2 Nights - BUFFET- ENTREES – Tuesday –** Deluxe Salad Bar, Marinated Pork Loin with Roasted Apples, and Roasted Turkey with gravy, Vegetables and Potatoes Dessert/Coffee/Tea  
**Wednesday –** Deluxe Salad Bar, Crispy skinned Chicken Breast in smoked bacon and Medallions of Filet Mignon, vegetables, mashed potatoes, Dessert/Coffee/Tea



**OPTION TWO - \$110.00**

**Dinner – 2 Nights- BUFFET- ENTREES – Tuesday –** Deluxe Salad Bar, Marinated Pork Loin with Roasted Apples, and Roasted Turkey with gravy, Vegetables and Potatoes Dessert/Coffee/Tea  
**Wednesday –** Deluxe Salad Bar, Crispy skinned Chicken Breast in smoked bacon and Medallions of Filet Mignon, vegetables, mashed potatoes, Dessert/Coffee/Tea

**OPTION THREE - \$60.00**

**BREAKFAST-** 2 Mornings- Tuesday & Wednesday

Assorted Chilled Juices, Oatmeal, Pastries/Donuts/Muffins, Low Fat Granola and Dry Cereals, Fresh Fruit Medley, Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes, Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Coffee/Tea

**Tuesday – Pancakes.....Wednesday – French Toast**

**PLEASE INFORM US OF DIETARY RESTRICTIONS AT TIME OF REGISTERING!**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GRAND CHAPTER OES OF NJ**

**MAIL WITH BELOW REGISTRATION FORM TO:**

**Patti Rhinesmith, RWGS, Grand Chapter Office, 111 Finderne Ave, Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

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**DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS: MAY 1, 2022 – ONLY 1 FORM PER PERSON**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Meal Option \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_



**Believe in Dreams  
“ The Flip flops”  
Grand Representatives of 2018 – 2019**

will host  
The

**Grand Representatives Luncheon  
On Tuesday, May 24, 2022  
at Noon  
Caesar’s Resort, Atlantic City**

**Subscription \$43.00**

- Menu: Seaside Picnic of Fried Chicken, Potato Salad and Baked Beans, Apple Pie for dessert.
- 



**DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2022**  
RSVP TO : Judith Alberti, PGO  
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Pjalberti507@comcast.net - 609-634-345

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TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ GRAND JURISDICTION \_\_\_\_\_





# March 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>5¢ if you went to church today (in person or virtually). 25¢ if you didn't</p> <p>13</p> <p>5¢ if you went to church today (in person or virtually). 25¢ if you didn't</p> <p>20</p> <p>5¢ if you went to church today (in person or virtually). 25¢ if you didn't</p> <p>27</p>	<p>5¢ for every room in your house</p> <p>7</p> <p>10¢ for every pet you own</p> <p>14</p> <p>1¢ for every card you sent this month to let someone know that they are being thought of 25¢ if you didn't</p> <p>21</p> <p>28</p>	<p>10¢ for every pair of shoes you own</p> <p>1</p> <p>25¢ if you have a birthday this month</p> <p>8</p> <p>5¢ for every window in your house</p> <p>15</p> <p>5¢ for every door in your home</p> <p>22</p> <p>25¢ if you called a shut-in to let them know that they are being thought of 25¢ if you didn't</p> <p>29</p>	<p>10¢ if you attended the Zoom Eastern Star Charity Foundation Meeting. 25¢ if you didn't</p> <p>2</p> <p>10¢ if you have a computer in your home. 25¢ if you have more than one.</p> <p>9</p> <p>10¢ for every grandchild you have</p> <p>16</p> <p>25¢ if you have a Wedding Anniversary this month!</p> <p>23</p> <p>10¢ if you called a shut-in to let them know that they are being thought of 25¢ if you didn't</p> <p>30</p>	<p>10¢ if you have the MWGM's Pin of the Year. 25¢ if you don't.</p> <p>3</p> <p>10¢ if you're Irish 50¢ if you wish you were! \$1.00 if you ignore this</p> <p>17</p> <p>5¢ for every cabinet door in your kitchen</p> <p>24</p> <p>25¢ if you have a cell phone and know how to use it.</p> <p>31</p>	<p>25¢ for every TV in your house.</p> <p>4</p> <p>50¢ if you ate takeout any night this week 25¢ if you didn't</p> <p>11</p> <p>10¢ if you binged watched any TV show this month. 25¢ if you didn't</p> <p>25</p> <p>Thank you for supporting the Good Works of the NJ Eastern Star Charity Foundation! Please make checks payable to the <b>NJ Eastern Star Charity Foundation, Inc</b> Please mail checks to <b>Norma J. Hines, Jr. PGM, CF Secretary,</b> <b>127 Post Road, Mays Landing, NJ 08330</b></p>	<p>25¢ if you went to the Charity Ball 50¢ if you didn't</p> <p>5</p> <p>25¢ if you went to the Rose Pinning 50¢ if you didn't</p> <p>12</p> <p>25¢ if you didn't attend the MWGM's Homecoming &amp; 37<sup>th</sup> District Meeting</p> <p>19</p> <p>25¢ if you didn't attend the MWGM's Homecoming &amp; 39<sup>th</sup> District Meeting</p> <p>26</p>

*To Live Our Obligation by Providing "aid to members in their misfortunes" and Educational Support for the Future*



*The Grand Chapter  
Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey*

Cordially invites you to attend the Joint Reception of  
Sister Daria Hamm, Most Worthy Grand Matron  
And  
Brother Bruce Zielinski, Most Worthy Grand Patron

Monday, May 23, 2022  
5-7PM

Empire Room, Caesar's Palace - Atlantic City, NJ  
During the One Hundred Fifty-First "Unity thru Simplicity" Grand Session

Dinner Menu: Garden Salad, Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable  
Mascarpone Cheesecake  
Bread and rolls, Coffee and assorted Teas

Please send completed form and check of \$50.00 payable to "Haddonfield Chapter"  
by May 9, 2022 to:

Francine Zioance, 13 Mullray Court, Deptford, NJ 08096  
(Please include individual form for each attendee)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

*Kindly indicate any food allergies or necessary restrictions:*



## MWGM and MWGP, and Chauffeur's Pins



My name is Candace Walling, and I am the State Chairman of Jewelry for 2021 – 2022.

We have four beautiful pins this year.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron has two pins:

A silver daffodil \$10.00 each

A yellow daffodil in a mason jar \$6.00 each

The Most Worthy Grand Patron's jewelry is a tie tack.

Five balloons in the star point colors. This pin is \$8.00 each

The Grand Chauffeur's pin was designed by our MWGP.

A clown car with clowns and ducks. This pin is \$5.00 each.

I am out of the silver daffodil pins.

Please see your chapter chairperson or your District Deputy to purchase this pin.

Please attend the "Simply Fabulous Masquerade Ball" - March 5, 2022, to see the beautiful pin that I will be selling.

I will be attending the District Meetings so please see me if you would like to purchase a pin.

## A Brief History of Veterans Day Submitted by Joe Herx, GO

Veterans Day was originally known as Armistice Day. It was a day to commemorate the ending of the fighting in The Great War, which is now known as World War 1, and to remember the fallen. The guns fell silent on the Western Front at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. A war that had lasted four long years had come to an end.

In Great Britain and many Commonwealth countries, this day is known as Remembrance Day and two minutes of silence are observed at 11am to remember the fallen of the Great War. Remembrance Sunday, the second Sunday of November is their day to remember all those who have died in all wars from World War 1 to the present. In France and Belgium, the main battlegrounds of the war, the day is still observed as Armistice Day.

In America, the first Armistice Day was November 11, 1919. President Woodrow Wilson issued a message to the country asking they remember the sacrifice of those who fought and the effort of the Nation. His message concluded: "To us in America, the reflection of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the council of nations."

Congress adopted a resolution on June 4, 1926 requesting President Calvin Coolidge issue an annual proclamation calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate cere-

monies. A congressional Act passed on May 13, 1938 making November 11 in each year a national legal holiday.

After World War 2, a movement was started by Raymond Weeks, a Navy veteran of World War 2, and an Alabama state representative. He wanted to expand the holiday to include all veterans, not just those from World War 1. Mr. Weeks and a delegation of like-minded veterans approached General Eisenhower for his support for a National Veterans Day. General Eisenhower gave his support and Mr. Weeks had the first Veterans Day in 1947 in Birmingham, Alabama and continued to host a celebration every year until his death in 1985.

US Representative Ed Rees of Kansas presented a bill in Congress to establish a national holiday for all veterans. It was signed by President Eisenhower on May 26, 1954. Congress amended the bill on June 1, 1954 to replace Armistice Day with Veterans Day and it has been Veterans Day from that time.

From 1974 through 1977, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October due to the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. Veterans Day was returned to November 11th in 1978. Legally, 2 minutes of silence is recommended to be observed at 2:11pm Eastern Time.

There has been some question as to whether it is Veterans Day or Veteran's Day. The US Department of Veteran affairs states that the attributive case applies, not the possessive case. Therefore there is no apostrophe used.



***Haddonfield Chapter #140  
Order of the Eastern Star of NJ***

*Cordially invites you to join us in celebration of our  
Centennial and 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday*



*April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 12 PM Social, 1 PM Luncheon*

***The Kove***

*20 West Atlantic Ave, Audubon, NJ 08106*

*Please make check of \$30.00 payable to "Haddonfield Chapter"  
and Mail by March 28<sup>th</sup> to:*

*Francine Zioance, 13 Mullray Court, Deptford, NJ 08096*

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*Name* \_\_\_\_\_ *Number Attending* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone* \_\_\_\_\_ *Email* \_\_\_\_\_

*Kindly indicate your choice:*

*Grilled Salmon* \_\_\_\_\_

*Chicken Francaise* \_\_\_\_\_

*Pasta Primavera* \_\_\_\_\_





***State Chauffeurs' Party - All invited!***  
***Order of the Eastern Star of NJ***

*You are cordially invited to join us in for a Hot Buffet at our  
Unity Through Simplicity Celebration!*



*March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 2:00 PM*

***The Crescent Shrine***

*700 Highland Drive, Westampton, NJ 08060*

*\$25.00 per person, payable to "Kathleen Zielinski"*

*Mail by March 14<sup>th</sup> to:*

*Kathleen Zielinski, 15 Saddle Drive, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054*

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*Name*----- *Number Attending*-----

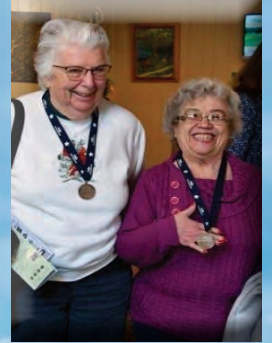
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# 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Reunion

of the

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Mary Jane Lojewski    Most Worthy Grand Matron    2001 – 2002

Sunday June 5, 2022

3:00pm

Mastoris

Bordentown

*(Dutch treat from their menu)*

**SAVE THE DATE**

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**RSVP:** Before May 30, 2022

Mary Jane

732-563-1278

MJLSong@aol.com

**(Chauffeurs always welcome)**







## Message from Dr. Dawn Giakas New Jersey Eastern Star Home Administrator

January 2022

*Dear Eastern Star Community,*

Since my last writing in January, an extraordinary amount of hard work and success has occurred here at the New Jersey Eastern Star Home. The entire team, across all shifts, has risen to the multitude of challenges that the year has presented. I will spotlight some of the major projects and accomplishments as they are too numerous to mention all of them.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 has not yet become a thing of the past, however the Home has been COVID free for several months now. We have continued to be vigilant in screening all staff and visitors to our Home as well as testing of new patients and any who have declined the vaccine. We continue to utilize all PPE and safety protocols. Three vaccination clinics were held, and we continue to offer a choice of vaccine to new patients, residents, and staff. We will remain vigilant in our practices against this virus to maximize everyone's safety.

Amidst the challenge of COVID-19, the Home experienced an environmental emergency, a flood due to a burst water pipe on our subacute unit. Our disaster response plan was immediately initiated. The entire team responded swiftly and professionally, and residents were relocated to unaffected areas of the Home. Much water damage was sustained on our subacute wing, and within 10 weeks, the entire unit was remediated, refreshed, and reopened for business.

Our unit is better than ever! Even though this unexpected event occurred, I could not be prouder of the response by our dedicated staff. In particular, our maintenance Director Pete Zoesch coordinated work being performed by numerous vendors that were performing repairs simultaneously. This was a monumental task which required the cooperation and teamwork of all departments (Nursing, Finance, Admissions, Housekeeping, Infection Control, Social Services, Administration) to render the unit operational again. After the flood, came the winter freeze and snowstorms, and we also conquered these weather-related challenges that came our way from a staffing and physical plant perspective.

During this unprecedented time, the Department of Health also mandated that all long-term care facilities implement an electronic medical record (EMR) system and discontinue the use of paper charts. Needless to say, we have been very busy with installing WIFI in the original portion of the building, selecting a software system, purchasing computer hardware, training employees and physicians, and finally launching the system in June! Another huge milestone achieved for NJESH!

In April, the NJ Department of Health arrived, unannounced, for our annual recertification survey. Due to the pandemic, a full annual survey had not been conducted since June 2019. I am happy to report that for the first time, NJESH has achieved a deficiency free health inspection! This is a coveted achievement obtained by very few facilities. The team of surveyors spent an entire week onsite observing every aspect of resident and patient care from meals, medications, rehabilitation therapy, cleanliness, staff interactions, infection control protocols, resident rights, just to name a few areas. This Deficiency Free Health Inspection directly affects our CMS Five Star Rating by increasing the inspections rating. This rating is important to the facility as consumers routinely use these ratings to select a facility for their loved ones.

A concerted effort has been made to advertise our deficiency free survey and share this wonderful news with potential patients and residents. We have begun posting articles in several online local newspapers. Here is a link to two recent articles for your review: <https://www.tapinto.net/towns/bridgewater-slash-raritan/articles/new-jersey-eastern-star-home-achieves-deficiency-free-health-inspection> and <https://www.tapinto.net/towns/warren/sections/health-and-wellness/articles/new-jersey-eastern-star-home-holds-inaugural-star-life-rewards-boutique>. Please share this information with anyone you know who may need either short term subacute rehabilitation or long-term care and let them know what a great Home we have. We will be sure to provide excellent care and a positive experience!

Finally, I would like to share with you some photos of an area in the front of the Home that has been adopted by Acacia Lodge #21. This area has been beautified with landscaping and decorative rocks. If your chapter is interested in "adopting" a spot here at the Home, we would appreciate the support and be happy to permanently honor your contribution with a commemorative plaque for all to see. We strive to maintain an aesthetically appealing environment both inside and outside of our Home and generous donations such as this make it possible.

Please know that we appreciate all that you do and your ongoing support of the Home. I would like to extend best wishes for a healthy and safe summer to all of you. Please continue to make smart contact choices.

*Dr. Dawn Giakas, DBA, MPH, LNHA, CALA, FABC  
Administrator*



  
**New Jersey Eastern Star Home**



## Renew & Refresh Project

Donations may be made payable to:  
New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc  
Mailed to:  
111 Finderne Ave. Bridgewater, NJ 08807  
Attention: Business Office

The building project that we completed in the Winter of 2020 was a great success! The Unit I, A-wing received a much-needed facelift. We were able to install new flat screen TV's, new head, and foot boards as well as some new paint. Now it is time for us to do the same for Nursing Unit I, B-wing. We would like to continue our color and furniture scheme as we have throughout the rest of the building. We are also going to upgrade the shower rooms to provide better service to our residents. We would greatly appreciate your help with our renew & refresh project.

TV, Mount & Shelf: \$250



Bed Side table: \$200



Dresser: \$724



Head & Foot Board: \$200





## Private Pay & Medicaid beds now available!!

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## NEW JERSEY EASTERN STAR HOME

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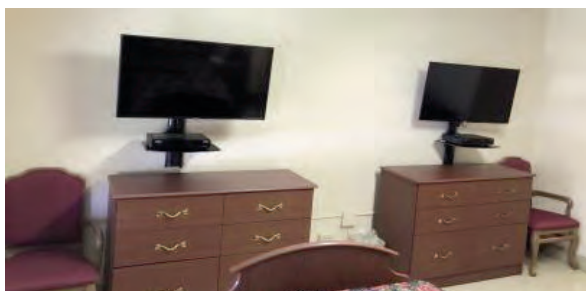
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## Eastern Star Home Board

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and I wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

### Delegates Meeting

Our Delegates Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 9am. Last year we had all Chapters represented except for one. I am hoping for 100% this year. The location of our meeting will be announced at a later date. At this time, we don't know if we will have a WebEx meeting or an in-person meeting. We will not be able to hold the meeting at the Eastern Star Home, due to COVID. The Administrator would prefer that we have it at another location for the safety of our residents.

Remember that If your Delegate or Alternates cannot make the meeting the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron or Associate Matron can come in their place to represent your Chapter. To keep each Chapter informed as to what is going on at our Home it is important that either the Delegate, Alternates, Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron or the Associate Matron is in attendance, so they can in turn take information about our Home to their Chapters. I want to thank everyone who attended the Delegates Annual Meeting via Webex, the Board of Directors and our Home appreciate it.

### Home Day

We were unable to have Home Day the past two years because of Covid. And we will not be able to hold Home Day this year because of COVID. Because we were not able to hold Home Day we will be holding 3 Boutique Sales. The first one was on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at Merchantville Masonic Lodge, Pennsauken, NJ. This was hosted by the District #37 Home Day Chairmen. The 2nd date is scheduled on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at Little Falls Masonic Lodge, Little Falls, NJ. This will be hosted by Little Falls Chapter and the 31st District. The 3rd date is scheduled for January 30, 2022, at Gothic Lodge, Hamilton, NJ. This will be hosted by Morning Star Chapter and the 38th District. Please check out the Grand Chapter Website for future dates. We thank the Elected line for doing this for our Home.

### Home 64th Birthday

For the past two years we were not able to hold our Home Birthday celebration, but we had a special lunch and dinner for the residents on the Home's actual birthday. I hope that we will be able to hold our 64th birthday

this year in November. We will keep everyone informed on the Grand Chapter's website.

### Refresh and Renew Project

Nursing Unit A Refresh/Renew project has been completed. We are now focusing on Nursing Unit 2 and The Shower Room on that unit. We thank everyone who has donated to the Refresh/Renew project. It is because of your generosity that this was possible. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to the "New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc." and put Refresh and Renew on the memo line, and forward to Sister Carole Moore, PGM, Treasurer of our Home Board. All donations made to our Home are tax deductible.

### Rehabilitation Unit

We have a state-of-the-art Rehabilitation Unit and hope that you will consider our facility should you or someone you know need our services. They provide physical, occupational and speech therapy.

### Volunteers

We are now open for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for BINGO, arts and crafts or anything else, please contact Ashely Molnar, Director of Activities at 908-722-4140, ext. 3527 to set a date. We want to thank everyone who volunteers their time to visit, play games, do crafts, hold a meeting, sponsor a summer picnic or host other activities. The Board of Directors and the Home thank you for your dedication to the residents and our Home. You must contact Ashely before you come to the Home, and she will advise you of the regulations that the Home has in place.

### Bequest

When planning for the future, you may not only be thinking about how to help your family, but also how you might benefit one or more charitable organizations. A Charitable bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. You can create a bequest of any dollar amount. When you are preparing your will, please think about including our NJ Eastern Star Home.

### Tree of Life

The Tree of Life has received some new leaves and rocks, make sure you check it out the next time you are at the Eastern Star Home. If you would like to have a leaf or rock added to the Tree of Life, you can obtain forms by going to the NJ Eastern Star Home's website at





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www.njeasterstarhome.com and click the Donation tab to obtain the form or go to the Grand Chapter website, or by contacting our Home at 908-722-4140. The forms for Leaves and Rocks are also printed in the journal. Leaves are \$500.00, and a rock is \$1000.00. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Home, I thank you for supporting this project.

#### **Facebook/Website**

Did you know that the NJ Eastern Star Home has a Facebook page? Please go on their page and follow them. You can also visit the Home's website at www.njeasterstarhome.com.

#### **Our Home**

It has been an extremely trying time for all, but especially the employees that tirelessly work for our Home; as they move through these scary, stressful, limiting, isolating times, we say, "Thank You." It has been especially hard on the residents as they have been quarantined in their rooms. We thank everyone at the home for helping our residents adjust. As we move forward, the Home continues to follow the directions provided from the Department of Health, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Governor's Office. The Home is open for visitors. You must call the Home and set a date/time to visit residents. At the current time they are allowing only 2 visitors at a time with a resident.

#### **Fundraiser**

The Board thanks everyone who has donated to the calendar fundraiser. It's not too late to do the calendar fundraiser, you can find it on the Grand Chapter website. Since we have not been able to hold Home Day or a Tricky Tray, we are looking into having a bus trip. Information on the bus trip will be forthcoming.

#### **Projects Completed and Future Project**

COVID has put a stress on the Home financially. The past two years, because of the extra expense of purchasing Protective equipment and supplies for COVID, our

monthly expenses have quadrupled. On top of that we had to have the roof on the old section of the Home replaced. Our boiler is in the process of being replaced and the backup boiler is 62 years old and will be replaced this summer. Because of the problems with the boilers, we had to get an emergency backup boiler, which is stationed outside the front of the Home. The cost of a new boiler, backup boiler and the emergency backup boiler are very costly. We also had the pipe that burst in the new section and all the resident rooms, the hallway, and the nurses' station had to be cleaned up and fixed. Thanks to Pete and his crew this was accomplished in 2 months. We finished the A wing renovation, and it is beautiful. We had a Wander Guard system installed for the protection of the residents.

In the future we will need to have the roof on the new section of the Home replaced. At the present time we have several leaks that the maintenance unit is handling. The refresh of unit two and the shower room had to be put on hold at the present time. We hope to start this project by the summer. The 62-year-old backup boiler will need to be replaced. We plan on doing this during the summer. In the future we are thinking about building a dementia unit.

I want to thank our members that have donated to the Home to help during these trying times. All donations can be sent to Carole Moore, PGM. Please make sure you put on the memo line what project you would like it to go to.

In closing I want to thank all the employees who work at our Eastern Star Home for their dedication and support of our residents and Home. To all our members, thank you for your continued support to our residents and our Home. Stay Safe.

In Star Love,  
Deborah Lynn LeDoux, PGO  
President

## **In Memory of a Beautiful Person, Sister Gail Naia**

*Donated by Judy and John Carter and JoAnn Bingenheimer.  
Visit with her on your visit to The Eastern Star Home.*



## THE TREE OF LIFE



Leaves and Rocks can be purchased and personalized for the Tree of Life. This is an effective and beautiful way to recognize members, chapters, groups, friends and loved ones. Leaves can be purchased for \$500 and Rocks for \$1,000. To purchase leaves or a rock fill out the form, make check payable to NJ Eastern Star Home, Inc. and mail to NJ Eastern Star Home, 111 FINDERNE AVENUE, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807. If you have any questions you can call the NJ Eastern Star Home or ask any Home Board Director.

### Eastern Star Home



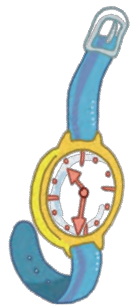
### Boutique



Hi Everyone,



I am writing to you regarding some items that the residents are asking for this month's Boutique which is hosted once a month. Maybe you can help spread the word around to see if anyone would like to make some donations! Some of the items they are looking for are Shirts, men and women, ties, hats, watches, and most importantly YARN! The residents basically wiped us out of all the donated/purchased yarn at last month's store. Some of the ladies were asking to see some makeup like powders and brushes. Word Search Puzzles and the Sudoku Puzzles are in high demand also. Many of them do not care for cross word puzzles. As always, any donations are greatly appreciated. Thanks for your time.



Kindly, Ashley Molnar  
Director of Activities  
New Jersey Eastern Star Home 111 FINDERNE Ave, Bridgewater, NJ 08807  
Phone 908-722-4140 ext. 3527





NEW JERSEY EASTERN STAR HOME, INC.

### TREE OF LIFE ROCKS

1. **DONOR INFORMATION**  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT INFORMATION**  
Complete only if you wish the Home to send an acknowledgement of your donation.  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

3. **ENGRAVING INFORMATION** (See reverse side)  
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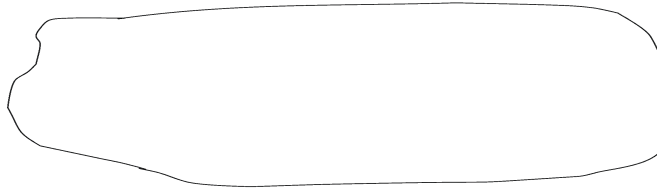
4. **AUTHORIZATION**  
 I hereby authorize the New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc. to engrave one rock as indicated above and to attach it to their TREE OF LIFE.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your \$1,000.00 check payable to:  
 NJ Eastern Star Home  
 111 Finderne Avenue  
 Bridgewater, NJ 08807 (908-722-4140)

Documents/Tree of Life Rock Order Form 5-2019

PRINT OR TYPE THE **EXACT LETTERING**



### TREE OF LIFE LEAVES

NEW JERSEY EASTERN STAR HOME, INC.

1. **DONOR INFORMATION**  
 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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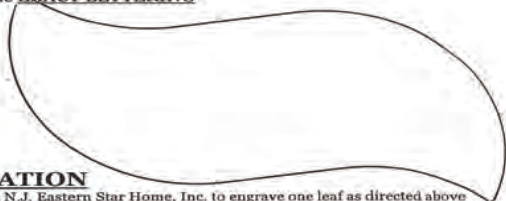
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT INFORMATION**  
Complete only if you wish the Home to send an acknowledgement of your donation.  
 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **ENGRAVING INFORMATION**  
 In the space below is an exact size outline of the leaf.  
 PRINT or TYPE the **EXACT LETTERING**

4. **AUTHORIZATION**  
 I hereby authorize the N.J. Eastern Star Home, Inc. to engrave one leaf as directed above and to attach it to their TREE OF LIFE.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your \$500 check payable  
 New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc.  
 111 Finderne Ave.  
 Bridgewater, NJ 08807







## Delegates Relations Committee of the Eastern Star Home Board

*Dear Delegate and Alternates,*

The Delegate Relations Committee of the Eastern Star Home Board hopes that this pandemic recovery period is finding you happy to be able to meet once again. While we must follow safety measures to be able to do so, we hope you are well and in compliance with the restrictions required. We would like to make sure you are updated on all the happenings of our Home.

Our Home's 63rd Birthday will be celebrated as it was last year on November 19th with a special dinner for all residents and staff and will include birthday cake or cupcakes. Hopefully the future will allow us to celebrate as we have done in the past.

Due to the pandemic, we were unable to hold the Gown Boutique at Home Day and we are now holding the "Annual Boutique Sale" on three separate dates. The 1st date is scheduled on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at Merchantville Masonic Lodge, Pennsauken, NJ. This is being hosted by the District #37 Home Chairmen. The 2nd date is scheduled on Saturday, January 22nd, 2022 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Little Falls Masonic Lodge, Little Falls, NJ. This will be hosted by Little Falls Chapter and the 31st District. The 3rd date is scheduled for January 30, 2022 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Gothic Lodge, Hamilton, NJ. This will be hosted by Morning Star Chapter and the 38th District. The renovation of Unit 1 has been completed and the transformation is amazing, with fresh paint and new furniture the rooms look lovely. If you would like to make a donation to the renew/refresh project for Unit B and the Shower room, please make sure you put that in the memo line and send to Carole Moore, Treasurer Home Board of Directors. Don't forget that our Rehabilitation Unit is open and if you have friends or family members in need of physical, speech or occupational therapy, please consider the Home. Visitors are now allowed indoors; they are limited to two and reservations must be made in advance as required by the Governor's office. For Volunteers to visit, please contact Ashley Molnar, Activities Director and Linda Dickson, Chairman of Voluntary Services to the Eastern Star Home. Ashley is requesting donations for the residents for their "pop-up" stores. Items such as WATCHES, MEN & WOMENS tops sold out instantly last time. The residents would very much enjoy finding more tops and watches in the mix next month. (Women's blouses from small to 2XL and Men's tops from large to 2XL) Wallets

are also an item that are still being requested along with ties, hats, and most importantly YARN! Some of the ladies were asking to see some more lipsticks, and shower caps. WORD-SEARCH and SUDOKU puzzles are always a crowd pleaser! (Many of them do not care for cross word puzzles). As always, any donations are greatly appreciated. When donating Memorial gifts or making other charitable donations to the Home, please remember to list the specific place where you would like your donation to go in the memo

line of your check, which is made payable to "NJ Eastern Star Home, Inc." and mail to Carole Moore, Treasurer of the Home Board. Her address can be found in the Official List book.

The next Delegate's meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2022, the location has not yet been determined. It will be based on Local, state, and Federal guidelines specific to healthcare facilities.

There was a private ceremony as requested by the family dedicating a tree and chair for Gail Naia, our Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, and also a dedication of the Claire Marie Scheffbuch wing. There will be a public ceremony for these dedications; the date will be announced.

Many members were concerned about the flooding due to the pipe burst in the ceiling of the resident's wing. Due to fast action and the efforts of staff and members, all rooms were operational within two months of the incident.

Both the Board of Health and the CDC have recommended that we all send cards to the residents of the Home. There are many side effects due to the isolation our residents have been going through as a result of the pandemic; this will help cheer them up and feel in touch with the outside world.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Eastern Star Home, we thank you for your continued support and wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Holiday Season, and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

If you have any questions regarding the Home, please call me at 973-979-5976 or email me at schmolzekermie@aol.com.

In Star Friendship,

Diane Schmolze, PGM Delegate Liaison Chairman





Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons

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PGMs & PGP's HOME DAY Fundraiser

# "BAKE-LESS" BAKE SALE

Proceeds will benefit the Eastern Star Home of NJ

What is the cost to bake a pie, a cake, brownies, or cookies? Each May at Home Day we invite the members to purchase the goodies donated by the PGMs & PGP's at our bake sale table. This year we are holding a "Bake-Less" bake sale and asking you to support our Eastern Star Home by donating the cost of making your favorite desserts!

Make checks payable to and send to:

**Marlene D. Hoffman, PGM**

50 West Main Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829

Please earmark donations "Bake Sale" in the memo line

Please send your donations in by April 30th

Thank you for supporting our project and our beautiful Eastern Star Home!





## Star Life Program At The Eastern Star Home



Residents at the NJ Eastern Star Home enjoyed a day of shopping. Ashley Molnar, Director of Activities at NJESH, created and implemented this innovative program. The Star Life Rewards Program encourages residents to participate in activities, and as a reward for doing so, they are able to earn and ultimately redeem points for prizes.

The Monthly Boutiques are now a part of our activity calendar that the residents eagerly anticipate. Residents are able to cash-in their points for a variety of items such as fashion accessories, scarves, shawls, snack items, lotions and toiletries, room decorations and other useful items.

About NJESH-Founded in 1957, NJESH has a long-standing

commitment to providing high quality, dignified care to our patients and residents. Whether short stay or long-term, we offer individualized care with a goal of achieving your highest level of functioning and returning to your previous level of activity. Our 82-bed facility offers elegant and spacious private and semi-private accommodations, a well-equipped therapy gym staffed by skilled therapists, engaging activities, appetizing meals, and a tranquil garden. The facility offers an intimate setting, conducive to recovery and becomes a home away from home. Whether patients require strengthening after a hospital stay or are recovering from a fall, illness, or surgical procedure, NJESH can provide the clinical services needed. We are proud to be a Preferred Provider of Robert Wood Johnson Somerset Hospital. NJESH has achieved an overall 5-star rating from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services; this is the highest rating that CMS awards and encompasses inspection results, quality of care measures, and staffing data.

## Charity Foundation President's Message

*Your Charity Foundation has been active these past several months in service to our membership. We have continued to meet remotely via Zoom on our regular meeting nights. We are working to be able to return to face-to-face meetings while still maintaining the remote accessibility. We have had a large number of requests for the scholarships that we offer Remember, requests for a scholarship application have to be received by February 1st. The Foundation has continued our financial support for the Eastern Star Home and our residents there.*

*The Charity Foundation continues to meet the first Wednesday of every month except in August. Our meetings are open to all the members of the Order. To attend the meetings, go to the NJOES website to send a request for the Zoom meeting invitation. We are always happy to have guests join us.*

*At this year's Grand Session we will have our annual elections for the Board of Directors. Due to the Covid restrictions last year, we have a number of Directors who were appointed only for a one year term. This means that*

*we have eight positions opening up on the Board that we need filled. The nomination petitions are available on the NJOES website or can be requested through the Charity Foundation: njescfsec@gmail.com. Please support your Charity Foundation by attending our meetings and considering running for a position on the Board.*

*The Charity Foundation does not receive any part of your dues or Chapter per capita. Our only source of income is from the membership. Besides your direct donations, you can also support the Charity Foundation through using Amazon Smile and selecting the OES Charity Foundation as your charity. Amazon will donate a small portion of all your purchases to the Charity Foundation.*

*Hope that your 2022 is a wonderful year. Looking forward to seeing you at our meetings and in person at the District meetings.*

*In Star Love,  
Joseph Herx, GO  
President, Eastern Star Charity Foundation*





## Spreading Holiday Cheer at The New Jersey Eastern Star Home Submitted by Dr. Dawn Giakas



The Holidays have been given an extra special meaning this year due to the efforts of a young man named PJ Zoesch and his dad Peter Zoesch, Director of Maintenance at the New Jersey Eastern Star Home.

PJ's coffee stand, in conjunction with donations from the Masons at Acacia Lodge #20 enabled the Activities Department to purchase a small holiday gift for each and every resident at the New Jersey Eastern Star Home. Residents were able to choose from a variety of gifts displayed on a holiday cart that traveled throughout the Home spreading cheer.

The Generosity of PJ and His dad have made a positive difference and is greatly appreciated!



## 50 Year Pin Presentation Williamstown Chapter #149



50 year presentation on September 26, 2021

**Back Row:** Charlie Murschell PG Fraternal Dad, Joe Jagers, PP, Besty Eley, WM, E. Norman Surran, PGO, Michael Pino, WP, Dorothy Bonadies, PGO

**Front Row:** 50 Year Members

Blanch Jagers, PGO; Andrea Surran, PGO, Ruthmarie Weinberg, PM

50 Year Presentation on  
October 12, 2021  
Doris Firth, PM





*Eastern Star Charity Foundation of New Jersey, Inc.*  
**NOMINATION FORM**

We, the undersigned, being members of the *Eastern Star Charity Foundation of New Jersey, Inc.* and members in good standing of separate and distinct Subordinate Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey do offer in nomination for election at the Annual Meeting in May 20\_\_\_\_, the name of:

\_\_\_\_\_

for the office of DIRECTOR for a term of three (3) years, she/he being a member in good standing of

\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_  
Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey.

Name	Chapter Name & Number	District Number	Date

I, the undersigned, a member of the *Eastern Star Charity Foundation of New Jersey Inc.* and a member in good standing of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey, do agree that my name shall be placed in nomination for election for the office of DIRECTOR, for a term of three (3) years at the 20\_\_\_\_ Annual Meeting, and do agree, if elected, to fulfill the duties of the office in strict compliance with the By-Laws of the *Eastern Star Charity Foundation of New Jersey, Inc.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERTINENT QUALIFICATIONS SHALL BE PROVIDED In the SPACE BELOW:** (May Attach Additional Sheet)

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**The original Nomination form must be received and filed with the Secretary of the Charity Foundation on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>. THE APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

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Secretary:  Address:
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## Charity Foundation Nominations

Sisters and Brothers, we hope that you are aware that every member of the Order of The Eastern Star of NJ is a member of the Charity Foundation.

Our motto is: **“To live our obligation by providing *aid to members in their misfortunes* and educational support for the future.”**

The events of these past few years have caused the Board to need seven (7) new Directors this upcoming year. Sadly, we had to elect several one-year directors due to our bylaws rejecting inadequately completed filed petitions.

We are asking **YOU** to give much thought on serving **OUR** Charity Foundation which is the heart of our Order and gives

those who serve much satisfaction, allowing us to fulfill our obligation in assisting our Sisters and Brothers.

Please complete and sign the attached petition, along with the required signatures of three Sisters or Brothers who recommend you for this position. Your fully completed petition must be received by the secretary (Norma J. Hines, Jr. PGM) of the Charity Foundation no later than **APRIL 1, 2022**. Elections will be at Grand Session May 23 -25.

Send the completed nomination form to our secretary: **Sister Norma Hines, Jr. PGM, 127 Post Road, Mays Landing, NJ 08330-1627.**

## CHARITY FOUNDATION Living Up to Their Obligation



At their December meeting the Charity Foundation decided to purchase gifts for all residents of the NJ Eastern Star Home.

Sisters Jane Ann Farissier, PGM and Norma J. Hines, Jr. PGM, both members of the Board of Directors of the Charity Foundation, traveled to the Home in mid-December to assemble and deliver the gifts for the residents.

They were accepted with delight and appreciation by the Home’s administrator Dr. Dawn Giakas, who made sure that each resident received their gifts and some Christmas Cheer from the Charity Foundation.



***“Unity thru Simplicity” State Christmas Party***  
**Submitted by Betty Robinson, GO**  
**Judy Brown, PGO**



**CHRISTMAS PARTY**



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



**KITCHEN STAFF AND CO-CHAIRMAN JUDY BROWN**

It was a bright sunny day and a great day for a ride to the “Unity thru Simplicity” State Christmas Party held at Camp Inawendawin in Tabernacle on December 12, 2021.

The lodge was warm and inviting with its fireplaces decorated with pine garland and lanterns and a fire in each of the fireplaces. The centerpieces for the tables were a Santa’s sleigh filled with packages lead by Rudolph and eight reindeer. Each package and reindeer were filled with candy for everyone to enjoy on their ride home.

Each person was asked to bring an ornament to hang on the Christmas tree. The tree was beautiful and when each person was ready to leave, they chose a different ornament to take home.

A delicious Traditional Holiday Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings and a variety of desserts was enjoyed by all. After

dinner Santa arrived and gave everyone a candy cane. Then what started with a birthday cake and a couple of December birthdays being recognized turned into everyone with a December birthday being recognized. Who would have guessed there would be so many of us born in December?

Participating in the focus of service projects for the year, each person was asked to bring a signed Christmas card to be delivered to our Eastern Star Home to be distributed to the residents. The response was overwhelming and two filled bags were delivered to the home on December 15th.

Unfortunately, attendance was not as much as we anticipated but the pandemic continues to impact our gatherings.

All who attended enjoyed a relaxing afternoon filled with good fellowship. Thank you to all who came to enjoy the afternoon with us.



## Shekinah No. 82 Presentation of 50 Year Pin

Sister Kathleen Ackroyd, who has been a member since November 1971 received her 50 year, at the same time her husband received his from his Lodge. She was originally a member of Cape May Chapter and merged with Shekinah Chapter No. 82.

Pictured is Sister Kathleen, Elizabeth “Betty” Miskelly, Worthy Matron of Shekinah Chapter along with Sister Linda Thibault, Worthy District Deputy No. 36.



## Sister Lisa Couch, WDD #39 Honored as Woman of The Year by Musconetcong Lodge #42, F&AM

Sister Lisa Couch, WDD #39 was honored by Musconetcong Lodge #42, F&AM as Woman of the Year at their first annual Citizens Awards Night. Other honorees included police officers, first responders, teachers, coaches, and a non-profit organization creator. Sister Lisa was recognized for her work in managing Fish, Inc. Dunellen Area, an all-volunteer, non-profit food pantry and clothing distribution charity in Piscataway.



Stay Healthy and Stay Safe!!!!!!!!!!  
Your Family In Star Love







## Order of the Eastern Star Starlight Chapter 107 of New Jersey

Submitted by Elsie Walker

By *new view media* on December 12, 2021

When people see Betty Robinson’s ring with the star on it, they sometimes ask her about it. “I belong to the Eastern Star which is the women’s group of the Masonic lodge,” she tells them. “Oh, my grandmother used to be in that,” is one common reply. However, many times, people aren’t quite sure what the Eastern Star is. Robinson, of Flanders, belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star Starlight Chapter 107 of New Jersey. Recently, Robinson and Sharon Rosequist, of Netcong, talked about the Order of the Eastern Star and about their chapter which meets at Musconetcong Masonic Lodge #42 F.& A.M., 20 Old Budd Lake Road, Budd Lake.

Within the Order of the Eastern Star, Robinson and Rosequist are both Grand Officers for the State of New Jersey. They are also both Past Matrons (presidents) of their chapter. Robinson is a 58 year member of the Eastern Star; Rosequist is a 50 year member.

The women explained that the Order of the Eastern Star was started in the 1800s by a member of the Masons (fraternal organization) for the wives of that organization’s members. Besides the Order of the Eastern Star offshoot, there is the Order of DeMolay for boys and young men and Rainbow Girls for girls and young women. The Order of the Eastern Star has a website, easternstar.org, which describes the organization this way: “The Order of the Eastern Star is a worldwide fraternal, non-profit, charitable service organization that is an associated body of the family of Masonry similar to Shriners, Scottish rite, York Rite and others.”

Rosequist noted that the Order of the Eastern Star is “a faith-

based [group]”. The faith emphasis of the organization is reflected by the Eastern Star symbol itself. It is made up of different colors. Each color represents a different woman with a biblical significance, role models after whom the chapter members endeavor to live their lives. Robinson and Rosequist shared the colors and the women they represent: Indigo is for Adah, yellow is Ruth, white is Esther, green is Martha, and red is Electa. Electa is not a person named in the Bible but comes from 2 John which was addressed to “the elder to the elect lady and her children.”

In addition to holding monthly meetings, Starlight Chapter 107 is involved in outreach. It raises monies for the Eastern Star Home for the Aged, Nursing and Resident Home in Bridgewater. There those who can’t stay in their homes can live with the support and care they need. Other outreaches include the Eastern Star Charity Foundation which helps members in need and Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association, a fund which helps anyone in need referred by a member. In addition, the chapter does outreaches in the local area such as adopting a family for Christmas through Mt. Olive Social Services. “We’re assisting them to have a great Christmas,” shared Rosequist.

The group also holds a variety of fundraisers throughout the year. Last month, they had breakfast with Santa. Other fundraisers include a line dance luncheon in the spring and fall, a spaghetti dinner, and a calendar party (type of Bingo) plus various other events.

The group is also looking for new members. Meetings are held twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:30pm. Yearly dues are \$42 and help to pay for expenses like rent for using the building where they meet.

### The OES/Turkey Connection!

I hope this finds you well. Wanted to share a cool story. As you know we have been raising Heritage Turkeys for Thanksgiving 11+ years now. One of my very first—and most loyal customers is Marilyn Armstrong from Anderson SC. Each year Marilyn calls me in October and orders a turkey, and we meet her in a parking lot to deliver the bird.

About 3 years ago Marilyn called me during the summer—which was odd—and shared that we are also OES sisters! She is a PM and a member of NJOES. She happened to open the Star Journal to see a picture of her “turkey lady”—a photo my mother had shared from SC Grand Chapter. We absolutely could not get over it! What are the chances?

Just today, on a cold windy day Marilyn and I met up for customary exchange. She also brought me a copy of the Star Journal March 2021 issue, which she saved after reading of the passing of my mother, RWGT Gail Naia. I talked her into taking a selfie with me even though the wind did make our hair messy!

Marilyn just received her 70-year certificate. I feel so honored to know her. Just another reminder of how we are connected in love and service.



*Gail Cooley, WM  
SC Pelzer Chapter 84  
(and) Farm Goddess*



## Starlight Chapter Honors Pin Recipients



*Anna Clausen, PGO and Sister Sharon Rosequist, RWAGC.*



*L to R: Sister Daria Hamm, MWGM; Sister Doris V. Coe, PGO and her Daughter, Cheri Coe Kerr.*



Sister Doris V. Coe, PGP

Starlight Chapter #107 was proud to present very dear and dedicated Sisters with their membership pins. Sister Anna Clausen, PGO received her 75 year bar, Sister Doris V. Coe, PGO her 60 year bar and Sister Sharon Rosequist, RWAGC her 50 year pin.C

It was a special treat for Sister Doris to be personally presented with her pin by our MWGM and fellow church member, Sister Daria Hamm. Sister Doris' daughter drove in to make the special celebration arrangements at Sister Doris' residence. A lovely afternoon was spent with members of the chapter. We hope these Sisters wear their pins with much pride as they reflect on years of memories in our beautiful order.

## Sister Ruth Elton, PGO 100th Birthday

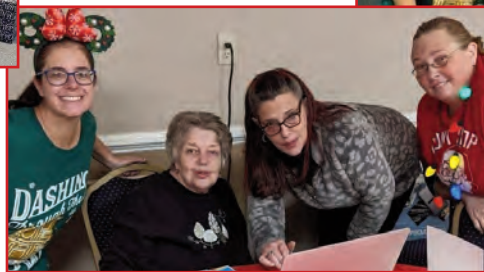


On Saturday, September 18th, 2021, about 100 family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and Eastern Star Brothers and Sisters met at the Pennsauken Country Club to celebrate the 100th birthday of Athene Chapter #201's Sister Ruth Elton, PGO. It was a lovely day, and the room was beautiful, with tables filled with photos, candles, and white roses. Ruth was lively and joyful, and greeted each guest personally. A member of Eastern Star for 64 years, Ruth was initiated into Crescent Chapter #55 in 1941. Sister Ruth was the Grand Representative of New York for Sister Pat Quackenbush, PGM in 1979, and Fraternal Correspondent for Sister Adeline Gehring, PGM in 1982. In her home chapter, Ruth has always been known for her absolutely perfect taste! A ticket to her table at our annual

tea party is always in high demand, and no one can embrace a theme like she can! In chapter, when planning events, we frequently find ourselves asking the eternal question, WWRD (What Would Ruth Do?) Ruth has always been a hard worker outside the Chapter, as well, only retiring at the age of 95 from the medical office where she worked for 15 years. Ruth is widowed, and she and her husband, John, would have celebrated 80 years of marriage this year. Ruth's daughter, Ruth Ann and her Granddaughter Tanya, put together this magnificent milestone celebration of a most special lady.



## Starlight Chapter's Pictures and Visit With Santa



In the true spirit of the season, Starlight Chapter #107 held a holiday event for the local community—a visit and pictures with Santa. Fifty beautiful pictures were taken by Sister Lorraine Altimus, PGO, Official Photographer and given free to the families along with goody bags, cookies, and hot chocolate. Brother George Allenspach, PP played Santa with assistance from chapter elves.

Thank you, Sister Lorraine, for working with Starlight Chapter to bring this special holiday event to our community. We hope to make this an annual event.

## Chester Clark Reaches 100 Years! Submitted by David Clark

On Saturday August 7th, Chester Clark enjoyed a birthday celebration with over 140 Brothers, Sisters, friends, and relatives. This special event, provided by his three sons—David, Douglas, and Daniel—was held at the Paris Caterers in Berlin, NJ.

Daniel created a special display of pictures and sentimental items highlighting Chester's life. The band, including Jim Hines, played music which many people danced to. Everyone had a choice of flounder, ham, or chicken, with a salad, vegetables, and potato, which followed a social hour with delicious appetizers. There was a large birthday cake with candles and Chester was able to blow out all of them on one try.

Pastor Mike Bill of St. John's UMC said the grace. Family members were introduced, including a great-great-grandson. The Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron shared a few special words. The Grand Master of Masons in New Jersey also made a few comments. In an emotional moment, the Grand Master came to Chester's table, took a pin off his own jacket, and pinned it on Chester's label.

Chester has been a loyal and dedicated member of the Eastern Star for over 50 years. He served Esther Chapter 12 times as Worthy Patron, and was Worshipful Master and Grand Chaplain for the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. After moving to south Jersey, he joined Beverly Maqueda and Laurel Springs Chapters.

Chester thanks all who came to the party and made charitable donations in his name. A special thank you to Lorraine Altimus, who graciously used her talent to give Chester and his family a photographic documentation of this once-in-a-lifetime event!







## Say Hello to Northern Chapter's Shining Star!!



Meet Kennedy Drake, Northern Chapter's Shining Star and the pride of District 39! Kennedy was totally surprised by Sister Daria Hamm, MWGM at Starlight Chapter's Honor Night on November 1st when she and Brother Bruce Zielinski, MWGP presented Kennedy with her Shining Star award.

Kennedy is a sweet, friendly, dedicated and always helpful Sister. She greets you with a smile that lights up the room and makes you feel so good when you see her. She'll pitch in no matter where an opportunity presents itself and is the kind of Sister that takes her obligation seriously. She is one of the unsung heroes of our Order.

Kennedy is the daughter of Sister Tammy Drake, the Granddaughter of Sister Linda Pettenger, Worthy Grand Electa and serves as the Secretary of Northern Chapter.

Congratulations Sister Kennedy! You definitely deserve the honor, and we hope you will wear your award with pride. We are so happy for and proud of you!!



*Left to Right: Sister Daria Hamm, MWGM; Sister Kennedy Drake and Brother Bruce Zielinski, MWGP*

## A Sunday Afternoon Supper & Show



To reunite District 39 after such a long Covid separation, on Sunday, November 7th district members were treated to a free, home-cooked supper and a showing of the Sight & Sound performance of The Story of Ruth, hosted by Sister Lisa Couch, WDD #39.

A ham and turkey supper were served at 1:00 followed by the show. A special touch was added to the tables with decorations made and donated by Sister Donna Frey, PGO. As a surprise to Sister Lisa, a free-will offering was taken for her to donate to the charity of her choice. The funds collected were sent to aid the Shriner's Hospital for Children through Voluntary Donations, the OES Charity Foundation's Rays of Caring project and two local food banks. It was a lovely afternoon spent with wonderful Sisters and Brothers and a story we all know so well.

## Important Information for Submissions:

Digital photos need to be high resolution. (If not, they will be used in a limited fashion.)  
Articles need to be submitted in Microsoft Word.

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