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*From right to left: Jeannette Wallace, MWGM, Bernie Byrne, MWGP and Joanne Byrne, RWAGM*



# Most Worthy Grand Matron's Message



*Dear Sisters and Brothers:*

I must begin by thanking all of you for the support and encouragement I have received on my adventure to the Grand East, especially to all of you who have been so positive and uplifting. Our recent Grand Session was beautiful! The only thing that could have made it better was if Sister Daria's health had permitted her to be there; however, Sister Diane Scmolze, PGM, did a wonderful job executing Sister Daria's wishes, and Sister Carole Moore, PGM performed, along with Sister Betty Robinson, PGO, a beautiful installation ceremony. It was heartening to see so many of the membership in attendance, and I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me.

Do you realize what a gift we have in our beautiful Order? Do you realize the amazing Sisters and Brothers we have throughout the state? There is a song by a band with the unusual name of "The Flaming Lips", who pose the same question:

*Do you realize  
That you have the most beautiful face?  
Do you realize  
We're floating in space?  
Do you realize  
That happiness makes you cry?  
Do you realize  
That everyone you know someday will die?  
And instead of saying all of your goodbyes  
Let them know you realize that life goes fast  
It's hard to make the good things last  
You realize the sun doesn't go down*

*It's just an illusion caused by the world spinning round*

*Do you realize?*

If I have learned anything in my 35 years of membership in Star, it is that there is a boundless reservoir of talent, enthusiasm, creativity, compassion, and energy amongst our members. That there is always someone to hold out a helping hand, to roll up their sleeves, and to pitch in wherever it is needed. We get wrapped up in the minutia, in the day to day, and sometimes miss the big picture. Do you realize what a gift you have received in your membership? Do you see the limitless possibilities that are out there for us?

We have faced trials in these past years, and it is easy to become discouraged and lose heart. We begin to fixate on the negative and see the glass as half empty instead of half full. But Sisters and Brothers, we have it all wrong. The glass is not half empty or half full—the glass is **RE-FILLABLE!**

We have the ability to move forward and do all we can, with the talents and drive we have in us, to demonstrate to the world the virtues of our heroines in our lives. You are a heroine (or hero) of Star! Do you realize?

Please remember, wherever you go, and whatever you can be in these Wonderful Worlds of Star, **BE KIND!** ❖

*In Star Love and Friendship*

*Jeannette Wallace*

*Most Worthy Grand Matron, 2022-2023*





# Most Worthy Grand Patron's Message



*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

**W**hat a beautiful start to our new Eastern Star year. I really must thank Sr. Carole Moore PGM and Sr Betty Robinson for the beautiful installation ceremony. I found it very moving. I also wish to thank all of those who had a hand in putting together our Grand Session. It was especially nice to have so many in attendance as the first major function where we could all meet. I want to thank Sister Jeannette for asking me to serve the membership for the 2022-2023. All I can tell you is this has been a very humbling experience. I also want to thank the membership for having the confidence in me to serve this year.

The reception for our Jr Past Grand Matron, Sister Daria and Jr Past Grand Patron, Brother Bruce was exciting. I know they both appreciated the sellout crowd. I want to thank both for the hard work and leadership they both demonstrated this past year. They both triumphed through all the adversity last year and made all of our membership very proud.

The bible verse I have chosen is Judges 19:30. "Every-one who saw it was saying to one another "Such a thing has never been seen or done, not since the day the Israelites came up out of Egypt. Just imagine! We must do something! So, speak up!" It was chosen because I believe we must try new things to revitalize our order. Just because

something has never been done, doesn't mean we should not try. We cannot be afraid of new ideas. I know there are several new ideas being tried. Some will work, others may not. If you have any other ideas, please feel free to bring them up. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

My fun symbol and pin are Sorcerer Mickey. As you know I am a Disney Fan. Mickey Mouse is a creation of Brother Walt Disney. I am not sure you know it, but Walt was a Senior DeMolay from Mother Chapter, Kansas City MO. I am also a Senior DeMolay, and this particular Mickey Mouse seems to try new things to lessen the load and the results were extremely promising. Wouldn't it be nice if the work we are engaged in had the same overly successful results? I am kidding but always look at the bright side of everything we encounter in life.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the events that have taken place since installation. Many have been fun. We must continue to have fun activities as well as find the fun during our regular meetings. For this is how we will continue to engage the membership. Why not bring a friend and promote our order! ❖

*In Star Love and Friendship,*

*Bernie Byrne*

*Most Worthy Grand Patron, 2022-2023*



# Greetings From the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron



## *Greetings from the Grand West*

It is hard to believe that the time has come, and I have been installed as Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron. What an honor to serve our Order as part of the Top 3 with Sister Jeannette, our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Bernie, our Most Worthy Grand Patron. This is the first time in our history that spouses have served with the husband in the East and the wife in the West. It should prove to be an interesting dynamic this year.

As we travel this year through the Wonderful Worlds of Star, we hope to see more and more of our Sisters and Brothers being comfortable to start coming out and joining all the wonderful activities that have been planned. There are many opportunities for fun and fellowship that you can take advantage of. I am looking forward to being able to greet you many times throughout this year.

During many of the receivings, I have shared a poem that I found on Facebook; written by a Past Grand Matron of Washington State. I would like to share it with all of you.

### **HOW DO I KNOW...?**

Written by Kit Wells, PGM 1991-92 from Washington State

How do I know we love Eastern Star?  
Because of the hours we spend in our cars.  
We go to receptions, honor nights, and schools.  
There's some who might say "We're Eastern Star fools!"

We spruce ourselves up and go to our meeting  
Let's see who is here, who's arranged the seating?  
Officers march 'round and 'round in circles and squares  
Eventually they get to their places and chairs.

It's run by a woman, the meeting and all  
Sits up in the East, she's having a ball  
She bangs with the gavel like her life is at stake  
While the guy at her side seems to be barely awake.

I thought for a while we were having confession  
Then the Matron declares. "This Chapter is in session"  
And that's when it happened, you never would guess  
It's called introductions, and boy, what a mess!

First this one, then that one, they acknowledge applause  
First this one, then that one, there's hardly a pause!  
They get up, they sit down, like some sort of dance  
You think for sure they have ants in their pants.

I want to sneak out—on panic I border  
Then all of a sudden, it's "Good pf the Order!"  
Most of you have seen it, now this takes the cake  
Those seated in the East—a little speech they must make!

But when they are through, whew, the meeting is done  
And I have to admit, it has really been fun!  
We put away stuff and paraphernalia  
We take off our jewels and other regalia

If you think for a minute that I don't like Eastern Star  
Sisters and Brothers, how very wrong you are!  
I poke fun, because I believe in laughter  
But I've found in the STAR what I've sought after

Fun and fellowship with others, that's right  
And I can hardly wait till the next meeting night.

Sisters and Brothers, they say laughter is the best medicine. Let's cure the world with our laughter, smiles, and mostly, our kindness. I wish you good health and lots of happiness and laughter as we travel through the Wonderful Worlds of Star this year. ❖

*In Star Love and Friendship,  
Joanne Byrne  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron  
2022-2023*



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

*Greetings Sisters and Brothers.*

As another year begins in our Beautiful Order let us look upon the “Wonderful World of Star” with new beginnings and recovery.

As many of our Sisters and Brothers continue to serve our Order, as we welcome new members let us continue to look at the many blessings and opportunities our Order has to offer one another and to our communities throughout New Jersey.

When I first joined at the age of 18, I didn’t think about the many things our Star had to offer. It was a family thing. We watched our parents leaving for meetings all dressed up in white gowns or tuxedo’s. It wasn’t until I was out of rain-bow for a several years before I became active, and as I look back over the last 48 years of being a member and all that was offered, it is indeed a “Wonderful World of Star”.

As Sister Jeanette and Brother Bernie start this new Star year, let us all continue to be a “Fan of Star”.

To our current Secretary’s and to those Chapter Secretaries who are just starting out in your new position, I wish you all the best and look forward to working with each of you. To those who have retired from their positions, congratulations on a job well done. Some of you have had this position for more than 25-35 years, thank you also for your dedication.

There will be two Secretary and Treasurers meeting/workshops this year, one in the fall in October and the other in February. I



look forward to greeting each of you and know that I am here if there is anything I can help you with.

This past May, the Secretary and Treasurers Annual meeting was held at Musconetcong Lodge in Budd Lake. There were 24 in attendance and a big thank you for all those who were there along with the help of the kitchen crew. Officers for the new year are: Patti Rhinesmith, RWGS President; Michele Hess, RWGT Vice President; Janet Wells, PGO Secretary; and Sister Lisa Helge, GO Treasurer. Sister Linda Thibault, PGO will continue with Sunshine to

our members and Sister Carolyn Howard, PGO will be our Chaplain for the year.

As always, if any Chapter Secretary needs supplies or help during the year, please contact me. I am just a phone call away. Our website, [www.njoes.com](http://www.njoes.com) continues to be information of the happenings around the state. If there is any news or information that you would like to see on the website, please let me know, so that it can be done. Grand Chapter has a new email, if anyone needs to reach me it is [NewJersey.OESGC@gmail.com](mailto:NewJersey.OESGC@gmail.com).

Let us continue to “Sparkle from Within” and “Let the peacefulness of snow and the Spirit of Christmas be with us always” ❖

*Fraternally,*

*Patti L. Rhinesmith, PG M*

*Right Worthy Grand Secretary*

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



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Many thanks for the Faith bestowed upon me as we venture into another Eastern Star year with me as your RWG Treasurer. I am finding my way much easier with the job now, however, there is still so much that I am discovering. This has truly been an adventure and a learning experience.

I am sorry to have missed you all at Grand Session, however, I had an exposure to COVID at work and felt it best to be safe and stay home. Fortunately, I tested negative on both of my tests and have had to take one more since and I am still negative. I am so pleased to see that we are beginning to get back to some normalcy in our Eastern Star. However, now we have the gas mess holding people back (myself included). I intend to get out whenever possible and hope to see many of you in our travels.

My friends, we are all in this together and need to remember

our obligation; when we need a helping hand, remember your Sisters and Brothers are here to help; when you are down, we are a phone call away; when you have joy, please share it. We are a family and although we can disagree, remember the words in Frozen—“LET IT GO!” A festering disagreement leads to decomposition. Let’s avoid this, fertilize our gardens, and watch our friendships grow.

Have a wonderful Summer and a beautiful Fall. Enjoy life to its fullest and be most thankful for all the blessings God has given to you. We may look at the negative stuff happening, but find the blessing in all of it.

Always remember that **“Together with Faith, we can Walk, Side by Side, Hand in Hand and help our Order to Grow!”** ❖

*In Star Friendship,*

*Michele Hess, PG M*

*Right Worthy Grand Treasurer*





## Right Worthy Grand Conductress

*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

Wow, I am writing this article with an attitude of gratitude to have been elected to serve Grand Chapter as your Right Worthy Grand Conductress. After attending all the receiving's for the Elected Line officers and many receiving's in my District, I have a sense of normalcy as we have turned the corner on this horrible pandemic. I hope that as we continue to move forward, that more sisters will be joining us by attending chapter meetings and State events. It certainly was heart warming to see our chapter rooms full of members who ventured out to honor our sisters.

Grand Session was bittersweet since Sr. Daria was not able to attend in person, but modern technology came to the rescue. Hats off to Sr. Diane Schmolzie, PGM who stepped in to preside in the Grand East. To all those members who were able to attend our Grand Session, thank you for supporting our beautiful order.

I look forward to serving our beautiful order to the best of my ability, and I am excited to roll up my sleeves and take on any task that comes my way.

Last Sunday, our lay minister relayed an analogy in her sermon. A child sat watching her father while he was preparing some food in their kitchen. He took 3 pots out of the cabinet and filled them with water. In the first pot, he placed carrots in it. In the second pot, he put in eggs, and in the last he put in ground



coffee. He turned on the pots and boiled the contents. When the food was cooked, he asked his daughter what she saw. She looked in the first pot and replied to cooked carrots. She looked in the second pot and said hard boiled eggs. She looked in the last pot and said coffee. Her father said, yes you are correct. However, the carrots in the first pot were hard when they were placed in the pot and now, they are soft. He continued saying the eggs in the second pot were raw/soft inside when I placed them in the pot and now, they are hard.

The liquid in the third pot was changed by the coffee. In life, we all experience many challenges. We all handle situations differently, but during these difficult times do they make you hard? Do they weaken you and make you soft? Or do they help you to see the bigger picture and change your outlook? Remember sisters and brothers, as members of the Eastern Star we never walk alone.

Enjoy your summer and I hope to see many of you at our many summer fundraisers and events. ❖

*In Star Love,  
Sharon E. Rosequist  
Right Worthy Grand Conductress*

## Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress



*Sisters and Brothers:*

Greetings from our North, and I cannot begin to tell you how thrilled I am to greet you as your newly elected Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress. Well, maybe I don't have to, especially if you were at Grand Session. Yes, my enthusiasm overtook me, and

I completely lost all control. I raced back to the West as if they called my name on The Price is Right.

Later that evening, I wondered if I came across not humble enough, not grateful enough, not worthy enough. But then, I read Psalms 131:1 "My heart is not proud O LORD, my eyes are not haughty, but I have calmed and quieted my soul." The enthusiasm that sprang from me was not about ME, it was about my love of our Order and my excitement to serve at the next level. It began when I was sitting on the sideline and realized that all my living Fraternal Parents were in attendance and would be escorting me to the Grand East. I was overwhelmed with the love, and memories of those years shared with them. And now, here they were to support me on my journey. Who wouldn't be excited? I was excited because we were all to-

gether again after a long journey through a dark period in our lives. We were able to gather again and show that our Order survived the trials of the pandemic. We were able to sit together and break bread with each other. Again, I ask, who wouldn't be excited.

Enthusiasm for our Order should be the norm of the day. Let's get back to excitement and enjoyment at the thought of meeting nights, reunions, receptions and all the fun projects that bring us together. But most important, and I challenge each of you to look for the excitement in your heart, the enthusiasm you have for this great Order and ask yourself, is it my turn?

I leave you with this verse from a song that was playing back in 2020 when I was deciding whether to sign my petition to run for RW Grand Trustee:

My face to the sky, dreaming about just how high I could go and if I know when I finally get there.

Taking off my glasses, sun pokes through my lashes and somehow I know there's a time for every star to shine. ❖

*Yours in Love, Peace and Soul....  
Mary Elaine Guynn  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress*



## Right Worthy Grand Trustee



**“The Future’s So Bright.....  
We’ve Gotta Wear Shades!”**

As this 2022 year began, I would not have imagined at this time I would be writing to you as RW Grand Trustee. And now, I’m so excited.....I can’t stop smiling! The past two+ years of the pandemic has been a most difficult time

filled with many challenges for our Chapters and members. It’s required us to adjust traditions and processes that have been second nature to us from the time each of us joined Eastern Star. Change is not easy especially when forced by such circumstances and during a time of uncertainty for what the future will bring. Despite the challenges our NJ OES family has held strong. It’s been this display of strength and commitment from our members that has given me renewed purpose and the inspiration to serve as RW Grand Trustee to work for the future of our Star.

It’s been heartwarming to see so many familiar faces as we’ve re-emerged over these past months. Much like the end of a storm when the sun begins to shine, seeing the smiles, hearing

the laughter and feeling the love of our Sisters and Brothers as they came together again has brought a fresh ray of sunshine and renewed hope.

Our Star future is looking bright and with that we need to keep this spirit and positive momentum going. Please continue to support your Chapters and the many fun events Sister Jeannette has planned this year. The Grand Trustee “Pop-up Gown & Tux Boutique” supporting the NJ OES Home will be back on the road again this year starting on Saturday, October 22 at Starlight Chapter with some exciting new additions to the event. Additional Pop-up dates and locations to follow.....stay tuned to NJOES.com for more details.

I look forward to working with the Corporate Board and membership as we navigate these new times. We still have work to do and there will be challenges ahead but together we can accomplish anything!!

“Remember you’re the one who can fill the world with sunshine.” – Snow White



*Dawn Smith, Right Worthy Grand Trustee*

## Athene Chapter #201 Special Evening Submitted By Sr. Linda Gentert, AM



On Friday, June 3rd, Athene Chapter #201 in the 37th District celebrated an important evening in our Chapter’s life: The adoption of a new Fraternal Dad! Athene had been without any Fraternal Parents for several years, and the members were pleased to ask Brother Danny Cooper, PGP to serve in this important role. To our great satisfaction, Brother Danny agreed. The Worthy Matron, Sister Bobbie Bechtel and her Worthy Patron, Brother James Boulger, selected a celebration of the beauty and dignity of Native American culture as their unique theme for the year. For the ceremony of adoption, Brother Danny was named as Fraternal Dad, but also Athene’s “Medicine Man,” and presented with a staff of leadership, certificate of adoption, and a lovely glass eagle statue. Many of us did not know that Brother Danny also has Native American ancestry, so this seemed like it was meant to be. After the close of the meeting, members and guests were invited to enjoy entertainment by Mr. Delwin Fiddler, a renowned Native American musician and dancer. Near the end of his performance, Mr. Fiddler performed a Circle Dance and invited guests to participate. The Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, and our new Fraternal Dad joined others in this celebratory dance. Athene looks forward to many nights with our new Fraternal Dad and anticipates a long and happy relationship!





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and  
*Mountain View No 205*  
Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey

Invite you to the  
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Most Worthy Grand Patron

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Hor d`oeuvres, Chicken Francese, dessert, coffee and tea • Cash Bar  
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### ***Calendar Dates for the Wonderful Worlds of Star Year: (Check with WDDs for info/changes)***

- Sept. 7, 2022 - *Charity Foundation Meeting*  
 Sept. 10, 2022 - *State master masons Night, Fellowship Hall*  
 Sept. 11, 2022 - *Floral at the OES Home*  
 Sept. 12, 2022 - *Top Three, Tuckerton #54*  
 Sept. 13, 2022 - *Top Three, Dewey #155*  
 Sept. 14, 2022 - *GO Night - Shekinah #82*  
 Sept. 16, 2022 - *Honor Night, Lydia #41*  
 Sept. 17, 2022 - *Reception - MWGM & MWGP - Shore Casinos*  
 Sept. 19, 2022 - *Reception - Starlight #107*  
 Sept. 22, 2022 - *Home Board Meeting*  
 Sept. 24, 2022 - *35th District Meeting*  
 Sept. 25, 2022 - *An Afternoon at the Masonic Museum*  
 Sept. 29, 2022 - *Reception - Emmaus # 183*  
 Oct. 1, 2022 - *Grand Representatives Association Meeting*  
 Oct. 2, 2022 - *Key To Success Reunion*  
 Oct. 3, 2022 - *GO Night, Starlight #107*  
 Oct. 5, 2022 - *Charity Foundation Meeting*  
 Oct. 7, 2022 - *Grand Floral - Athene #201*  
 Oct. 8, 2022 - *31st District Meeting - RWAGM names the AMS*  
 Oct. 11, 2022 - *Honor Night, Hobart #63*  
 Oct. 13, 2022 - *Honor Night, Gloria #159*  
 Oct. 14 - 16, 2022 - *OES Camp Out, Seashore Campsites,*  
 Oct. 16, 2022 - *Believe in Dreams Reunion*  
 Oct. 17, 2022 - *Top 3, Monmouth #251*  
 Oct. 18, 2022 - *Top 3, Mt. Holly #147*  
 Oct. 19, 2022 - *Reception Shekinah #82 & Dewey #155*  
 Oct. 20, 2022 - *Virtual Bingo to benefit the Charity Foundation*  
 Oct. 21, 2022 - *Reception, Beverly Maqueda #276*  
 Oct. 22, 2022 - *Sec/Treas Mtg (am); PM-PP Mtg (pm);  
 Gown Boutique - Starlight #107*  
 Oct. 24, 2022 - *GO Night - Northern #38*  
 Oct. 26, 2022 - *Reception, Fairview #219*  
 Oct. 27, 2022 - *Home Board Meeting*  
 Oct. 29, 2022 - *Halloween Hoot, Valley of Central Jersey AASR*  
 Oct. 30, 2022 - *Quinn's Quest, Tomasello Winery, Hammonton, NJ*  
 Nov. 1, 2022 - *Honor Night, Morning Star #22*  
 Nov. 2, 2022 - *Union Chapter DeMolay Honors OES/Veterans*  
 Nov. 3, 2022 - *Reception, Penns Grove #86*  
 Nov. 5, 2022 - *32nd District Meeting*  
 Nov. 6, 2022 - *PGM/PGP Association Meeting*  
 Nov. 8, 2022 - *Top 3, Hobart #63*  
 Nov. 10, 2022 - *Top 3, Emmaus #183*  
 Nov. 11, 2022 - *GO Night, Atlas #99*  
 Nov. 12, 2022 - *DE/NJ at Penns Grove #86*  
 Nov. 13, 2022 - *An Evening Under the Stars at the Delsea Drive-In*  
 Nov. 16, 2022 - *Honor Night, Bordentown #257*  
 Nov. 17, 2022 - *Home Board Meeting*  
 Nov. 18, 2022 - *Top 3, Mt. Holly #147*  
 Nov. 19, 2022 - *Evening of Enchantment Charity Ball*  
 Nov. 30, 2022 - *Honor Night, 32nd District*  
 Dec. 1, 2022 - *Honor Night, Haddonfield #140*  
 Dec. 4, 2022 - *Spirit of Christmas Reunion*  
 Dec. 5, 2022 - *Star Points Night, Ocean #214*  
 Dec. 7, 2022 - *Charity Foundation Meeting*  
 Dec. 8, 2022 - *GO Night, Gloria #159*  
 Dec. 10, 2022 - *39th District Meeting*  
 Dec. 11, 2022 - *"Home for the Holidays"*  
 Dec. 22, 2022 - *Home Board Meeting*  
 Jan. 4, 2023 - *Charity Foundation Meeting*  
 Jan. 6, 2023 - *Honor Night, Athene #201*  
 Jan. 7, 2023 - *38th District Meeting*  
 Jan. 8, 2023 - *Wonderful Worlds of Star Holiday Party*  
 Jan. 9, 2023 - *Reception. Molly Pitcher #198*  
 Jan. 10, 2023 - *Grand Floral, Dewey #155*  
 Jan. 12, 2023 - *Home Board Meeting*  
 Jan. 13, 2023 - *Honor Night, Little Falls #224*  
 Jan. 16 - 27, 2023 - *Southern Caribbean Cruise*  
 Feb. 1, 2023 - *Charity Foundation Meeting*  
 Feb. 3, 2023 - *Honor Night, Delaware #50*  
 Feb. 4, 2023 - *Sec/Treas. Meeting*  
 Feb. 6, 2023 - *Reception, Ocean #214*  
 Feb. 7, 2023 - *Grand Visitation, Signet Chapter, PA*  
 Feb. 9, 2023 - *GO Night, Beverly Mawueda #276*  
 Feb. 10, 2023 - *Top 3, Stewart #166*  
 Feb. 11, 2023 - *34th District Meeting*  
 Feb. 15, 2023 - *Grand Floral, Nutley #121*  
 Feb. 18, 2023 - *PM/PP Meeting*  
 Feb. 20, 2023 - *Top 3, Ocean City #83*  
 Feb. 23, 2023 - *Home Board Meeting*  
 Feb. 25, 2023 - *33rd District Meeting*  
 March 1, 2023 - *Charity Foundation Meeting*  
 March 4, 2023 - *37th District Meeting*  
 March 5, 2023 - *Circle of Friends Reunion*  
 March 6, 2023 - *Conductresses Night, Starlight #107*  
 March 9, 2023 - *Honor Night, Gloria #159*  
 March 11, 2023 - *Rose Pinning!!*  
 March 12, 2023 - *Loyal Royals Reunion*  
 March 14, 2023 - *GO Night, Fairview #14*  
 March 18, 2023 - *Last GO/MWGP Homecoming-Mt. View#205*  
 March 23, 2023 - *Home Board Meeting*  
 March 25, 2023 - *36th District Meeting/MWGM Homecoming*  
 March 26, 2023 - *Faith, Family & Friends Reunion*  
 March 30, 2023 - *Virtual Bingo to benefit the OES Home*  
 April 1, 2023 - *Spring Fling Basket Auction*



**Grand Chapter**  
**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF NEW JERSEY**

**IN MEMORIAM**

It is with deep sorrow that we record the serving of a Fraternal Link in the Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey with the passing of:

**Ella R. Kovash, Past Grand Matron**  
**Most Worthy Grand Matron 1998-1999**  
**Past Matron of Raritan Chapter No. 58 and Fairview Chapter No. 219**  
**Fraternal Mother of Fairview Chapter No. 219**  
**Called to Grand Chapter on High on June 16, 2022**

*Night falls, and the sky is ablaze with starry lamps.*  
*They are the lamps of Heaven turned upon us by our loved ones above.*  
*Our "Stars" illuminating the way that they have gone.*

Eastern Star services and a Celebration of life will be held at a later time.

We extend loving sympathy to her family and her Chapter. Sister Ella is survived by her husband Bert Kovash, daughter Darlene Kinsey, stepson Steven Kovash and step grandson Cody Kovash.

*I'll never know why stars at night shine in the heaven blue,*  
*and twinkle with a silver light, I only know they do.*  
*I like to think a loving friend has lighted candles there,*  
*assuring us that he will send an answer to each prayer.*

As a tribute to her memory and as a mark of respect and esteem, this Memorial is to be read in every Chapter in New Jersey at the first regular meeting after its receipt, and the altar be in mourning for 60 days.

By Order of:

Jeannette Wallace  
Most Worthy Grand Matron

Bernard M. Byrne  
Most Worthy Grand Patron

Attest:  
Patti L. Rhinesmith, PGM  
Right Worthy Grand Secretary





## NJ Grand Representative Association President

*Dear Sisters and Brothers*

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your President this year. I am sending you My Special Greetings!

As I write this little note it is hot and humid and the day after the Fourth of July. I hope everyone had an Amazing and safe Independence Day! Happy Birthday America! Enjoy the rest of your summer. Be well and stay safe!

Now October 1st is not far away. We will be having our meeting, luncheon and entertaining the Rainbow girls! This will be a very exciting day. Please try to attend. There will be some fun times planned and a tasty lunch too! It will be held at the Burlington Masonic Lodge.

It is an Honor and a Privilege to serve as your President this year. I encourage all Grand Representatives past and present to join our Association. Being a Grand Representative is an honor and a wonderful experience. I have served twice! It is an opportunity to make new friends all over our state and as we travel to meet our counterparts, we will make more new friends. Also, as you travel you will rekindle old friendships. Yes, it is the Best seat in the house! Just dress in your best, look nice and Enjoy ! If you are asked to be a Grand Representative . . . please say— Yes!! Believe me you will never regret this decision. We only

hold two meetings a year! October and this year our second meeting is April 25th, 2023. Tax Day! Please save the date.

See your Ambassador for your District to join. Our dues are only \$5.00 a year! Either send them to your Ambassador or Sister Judy Brown, our Secretary!!

Indeed, I look forward to attending and presenting the awards at the Rainbow Grand Assembly in August and greeting everyone as I travel around the state! I look forward to seeing everyone on October 1st. meeting!

I have decided to dedicate this year to our past Right Worthy Grand Treasurer Sister Gail Naia. We all certainly miss our lovely Sister Gail. So . . . Purple is the color . . . and tons of purple butterflies will be flying all around! I know Sister Gail will be smiling and saying . . . Blessings!! With an Attitude of Gratitude.

To our Sisters and Brothers struggling with illness . . . Please Get Well soon. To those Sisters and Brothers that have lost loved ones and family. I am sending my Love, Prayers and my Deepest Sympathy.

*In Star Love and Friendship,  
Always Blessings!!!*

*Sister Elsie Van Dusen PGO, President GRANJ 2022-2023*

## Eastern Star Home Activities

*Dear Family and Friends,*

I hope you are all doing well and keeping safe during these trying times. My name is Simone Rudich, I am the Director of Activities, here at New Jersey Eastern Star Home.

I wanted to thank everyone for bringing in donations to contribute to our monthly Boutique. It is a monthly social event our residents are always looking forward to attending. You are all truly making a difference for the residents and community here at New Jersey Eastern Star.

Working in the field for many years I have gotten the opportunity to organize, observe, and learn about how important daily activities in helping to improve ones physical well-being and emotional health. I strongly believe that even as we get older we should continue to encourage others and ourselves to strive in growth and personal capabilities. Here at New Jersey Eastern Star Home we aim to develop a variety of different programs some of which include music, horticulture, and helping out community organizations.

I am reaching out to see if you would be willing to help me spread the word around the community to see if anyone would be interested and willing to donate supplies to help enrichment our seniors through programming and more. as well as, to our monthly boutique.

Below I am going to include a list of items our residents have expressed interest in seeing at our next monthly boutique. As always, any donations are greatly appreciated.

Thanks for your time.

Kindly,

*Simone Rudich*

Director of Activities  
New Jersey Eastern Star Home  
111 FINDERNE AVE BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807  
908-722-4140 ext. 3527  
[srudich@njeasternstarhome.com](mailto:srudich@njeasternstarhome.com)



## **Eastern Star Sportsware Fundraiser To Benefit The New Jersey Eastern Star Home**

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Ladies Fleece Jacket:

Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Mens Fleece Jacket:

Size: \_\_\_\_\_

This is a fundraiser for the New Jersey Eastern Star Home and the cost is \$40. Please make checks payable to the New Jersey Eastern Star Home and mail them to Barbara Helfrey at 97 Sherwood Avenue, Hamilton, NJ 08619.





## Eastern Star Home Board

I hope everyone gets a little time to rest and relax this summer. It has certainly been a very busy year for the New Jersey Eastern Star Home.

### **Delegates Meeting**

The Annual Delegates' Meeting was held on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at Burlington Masonic Lodge concurrently with a virtual Webex meeting. A special thank you goes to Brother Bruce Zielinski, Jr. PGP for continuing to support the Home with his expertise in setting up these Webex meetings. Out of 39 Chapters we had four Chapters missing. I sincerely hope that our future meetings will yield 100% participation. 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; with six members eligible from each chapter, I am hopeful that we can reach 100% attendance.

This group is our link to keeping each Chapter informed as to what is going on at our Home, so it is important that one representative from each chapter be in attendance. I want to thank everyone who attended the Delegates Annual Meeting via Webex; the Board of Directors, staff of our Home, and residents appreciate it. The Proceedings from our Delegates Meeting on June 5, 2021 were given to the Delegates for distribution.

Congratulations to the four three-year term Directors that were elected at our Delegates meeting: Sister Marjory Helfrey-Albright, Sister Diane Schmolze, PGM, Sister Jessica Walton, PGO, and Brother Bryan Wallace, PP. Sister Jeannette Wallace, MWGM, Brother Bernie Byrne, MWGP, and Sister Joanne Byrne, RWAGM are serving our Board as Ex-Officio members. To all members of the Board of Directors of our Eastern Star Home, thank you for the hard work and hours that you put into your committees and our Home, it is greatly appreciated. For those of you who are no longer Board members and those who are about to join this incredibly hard-working team, we thank you.

After the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors held their reorganization meeting at which time the following were elected: Sister Diane Schmolze, PGM President; Sister Alice Carter-Mead, GO, Vice President; Sister Rosalinda Frascati, PGO, Secretary; Sister Jessica Walton, PGO, Asst. Secretary; Sister Barbara Helfrey, PGO Treasurer; and Sister Marjory Helfrey-Albright, Asst. Treasurer. We look forward to serving on this Board as we all work for the good of our Eastern Star Home.

With the approval of the Board Members, I have appointed Sister Deborah Lynn LeDoux, GO and Sister Carole R. Moore, PGM as consultants to the Board. Their expertise in dealing with the challenges of Covid and turnover of staff members, brings with it, invaluable information to benefit our Home.

### **Home Day**

We were unable to have Home Day the past two years because of Covid, but thinking outside the box, we were able to come up with some solutions to help with proceeds. The gown boutique is still a feature and has become a road show held at different chapters throughout the state. Grand Chapter has taken over the details of this project and it has been a tremendous success. Also, Sister Barbara Helfrey-Hayes, PGO made a suggestion; she and other members are handling the basket auctions associated with the gown boutique. We thank our Past President, Sister Debbie LeDoux, GO, all members, and NJ Rainbow for their donations and assistance.

### **Home 65th Birthday**

We are still uncertain as to how the Birthday celebration will be held, but most likely it will be a repeat of last year, a special luncheon and dinner for the residents.

### **Refresh and Renew Project**

We are now focusing on Nursing Unit B 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 donate, 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 Barbara Helfrey, PGO, Treasurer of our Home Board. All donations made to our Home are tax deductible. We also had the roof on the Home done and a Wander Guard system installed for the protection of the residents.

### **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 Simone Rudich, Director of Activities at 908-722-





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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. We are still looking for volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays to help transport the wheelchair residents. The Board of Directors and the Home thank you for your dedication to the residents and our Home. You must contact Simone before you come to the Home, and she will advise you of the regulations that the Home has in place.

### **Bequest**

When planning, 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 [www.njeasternstarhome.com](http://www.njeasternstarhome.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**

Are you aware 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.njeasternstarhome.com](http://www.njeasternstarhome.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 when they need to be 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.

### **Capital Projects in the Works**

The Delegates have approved the expenditures for the chillers and the Board of Directors has approved the replacement of the Boilers and the smoke alarms.

### **Fundraiser**

COVID has put a stress on the Home financially. I want to thank our members that have donated to the Home to help during these trying times. There is a bus trip to Mackinac Island, Michigan scheduled for the week of June 10 – 17, 2023. We are hoping this will be a huge success, and we need your help to do this. There are 2 buses reserved, one will service the passengers from the southern part of the state and the other will cover the central and northern passengers. We are still in the process of pickup points for the central and northern bus. There is already a sign-up sheet, but for record keeping purposes, I am not taking any deposits until Sister Jeannette and Brother Bernie's trip in August is complete, but I will add your name to the waiting list.

Anyone on this list is guaranteed a seat on the bus with your deposit. To find out all information such as flyers, itineraries, and other details, you should visit [www.grouptrips.com](http://www.grouptrips.com) then enter Diane's trips in the box to the right and click on Go, then on the 2023 trip. This will bring you to a page which will furnish all the information you will need to help you make your decision. The Home will also be selling jackets and we thank Sister Karyn Visscher, PGO for doing all the embroidery. Forms will be available in the future

In closing I want to commend our staff at our Eastern Star Home for their dedication and support of our residents. With gratitude, we sincerely thank you. To all our members, thank you for your continued support; the residents are grateful for all you do.

Most importantly, I have no words to fully convey how much Sister Debbie has done serving as President of the Home Board these past years. ABOVE AND BEYOND come to mind, but there is so much more. Her dedication knows no limits. She has been an incredible asset and when she is eligible to run for election next year, I will run to sign her petition. I have some big shoes to fill but will do my best. Stay Safe.

In Star Love,  
Diane Schmolze PGM  
President



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

Good afternoon. My name is Dr. Dawn Giakas and I am the Administrator at the New Jersey Eastern Star Home. It is my privilege to address this distinguished group today here at Grand Session.

July 1, 2020, was my first day as Administrator at the Eastern Star Home. I came to the NJESH with 30 years of experience in long term care. Even with all this experience, the past two years navigating a pandemic, the likes of which we have never seen was a bigger challenge than I had envisioned. It has been extremely busy without any down time. I am not here to talk about our beautiful gardens or the décor of the Home. Rather, I will focus on operations, infrastructure, and the challenges faced by the long-term care industry, in general. This may not be a glamorous topic, but it is the true business of running a facility.

We have created a high-performing team of seasoned industry experts. From the DON to the Admissions Director, infection Control Coordinator and HR Manager, Business office Manager, the majority of the administrative team of Directors has been replaced and restructured, resulting in a cohesive group of individuals that work very well together as a team. This teamwork and cooperative spirit has been the foundation of our successes, both individual and collective. A systematic review of each area was conducted...I also examined the quality being provided by our rehab therapy provider and decided to hire another company. We have benefited with lower expenses and higher quality, resulting in better patient outcomes. For our subacute patients, which means successful and safe discharges back to the community and their own homes. I am continuing to review every contract for quality, service, and cost so that we can run as efficiently and safely as possible.

The Home is now a 5-star Facility due to 2 deficiency free inspections, one focusing on infection control and the other being the first ever, deficiency free annual survey enjoyed by the Home. For those of you not familiar with the 5-star rating, it is a designation awarded by CMS, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services that rates facilities across the country. It helps consumers choose a quality facility for their loved ones. Closely related is the 5-star designation that we also received from US News and World Report, a trusted publication that I am sure most of you are familiar with. Our 5-star rating, low readmission rate, great therapy outcomes and los have landed us a spot as a Tier 1 preferred provider with the RWJ-Somerset hospital.



Our focus is driven by several core ideas/intentions: to provide the best quality of care to residents and to foster an environment of teamwork and professional growth and satisfaction. Both core goals have been achieved even during a pandemic.

July 2020, upon my arrival, the previous administration had voluntarily closed the facility to admissions. So, I was dealing with not only a clinical disaster, but a financial disaster. NO patients= no reimbursement or cash flow. There were only 39 patients in the building as many long-term residents had succumbed to COVID. I brought in a DON with the clinical expertise to manage the situation and keep our residents safe. In addition, I recruited a long-time infection control nurse with decades of experience, to administer our entire infection control program. I also hired a well-respected infectious disease specialist, which is now required by the NJ State DOH. We implemented strict covid testing procedures for both residents and staff. We adjusted our visitation protocols to comply with the DOH and Governor Murphy's guidance and closely communicated with families and residents to keep them informed of changing rules and requirements.

We learned to manage the pandemic, rather than be victimized by it. Our newly established team grew through the experience. We are still growing through it and adapting as the virus changes. However, what we did was re-established our community by re-opening and re-filling our beds. Our new Admissions Director hit the ground running and establishing ties in the local community. She has done an incredible job connecting with families and the hospital. It has been a steady process, first with consumers coming back to short term care after putting off surgeries as long as they could. Now, we are finding that consumers again are becoming more trusting of LTC again. We have helped this along by having a perfect annual survey and a spotless infection control survey and advertising that in the local papers, so that when Short or Long-Term-Care is needed, we want to be the first choice.

During the pandemic, the Home faced other challenges. On Jan 30, 2020, during the height of the pandemic, we had a pipe burst and extensive water damage that closed our subacute unit. We had to completely rebuild the unit. This was done in a record two-months, time under the direction of our Maintenance Director Peter Zoesch. We had to rehouse patients in other areas of the facility, a logistical nightmare during the pandemic. We united as a cohesive team and collectively managed the situation and built our unit back better than it originally was. Then came

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2021 and our priorities once again shifted to another infrastructure issue....the 30-year-old boiler failed and we quickly had to put emergency equipment in place while the boiler was being replaced.

We are continuing to focus on short- and long-range plans to update our infrastructure. My predecessor did not focus on the need for a long-range capital plan, thus many large projects had to be completed in a brief period. And there are several more, large, capital projects that cannot be delayed, namely the replacement of the smoke detection system in the old portion of the facility, the chiller replacement, and the replacement of the original 67-year-old boiler (which will be used as a backup) in the event of failures of the newly replaced boiler system.

This has been two years of rebuilding, reopening, and adapting to new challenges along the way. We have had to contend with running a LTC facility during a pandemic, staffing the building, admitting patients, and keeping our current patient safe and healthy from the virus. We also implemented an EMR this year which was a huge undertaking. This required doing business in a whole different way and training staff that were not computer literate. There was a huge learning curve, but we did it!

I can tell you that the year ahead will not be easy. Nursing Facilities are facing more cuts to reimbursement totaling \$320 million dollars for fiscal year 2023. This added to the fact we already lose about 40 dollars per patient per day on Medicaid residents. Washington DC has also taken a punitive approach on nursing homes, punishing all facilities, even those with excel-

lent quality of care, with more regulation and expense that will hurt our bottom line.

I felt it important to provide you with not only a picture of where we have been in the past two years, and all the obstacles we have overcome, but also a clear, vision of the industry and additional requirements that are being placed on Facilities that have been beaten down by the pandemic, rising expense costs and the cost of implementing new regulatory requirements.

Despite all of these factors, we will continue to work tirelessly for our long-term residents and short- term patients because it is our mission and our life's work. I appreciate the commitment of the Eastern Star members in supporting our Home in the many, ways you do, whether it is your time, your talents, your volunteer efforts or your donations, and hope that we can continue to count on your support in the year ahead.

I want to take a minute to pay special thanks to our Home Board. Debbie LeDoux, our outgoing board president, has been a steady beacon through the storm. She has been there for me since day one, always willing to listen to my concerns and make the best decisions for our Home and the residents. I have never seen such a dedicated Board President in all my years in health-care. The Home Board members serve selflessly and give generously of their time and talents.

Thank you to the Home Board and thank you for the opportunity to address this group today.

*Respectfully,  
Dr. Dawn A. Giakas*

## 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.**



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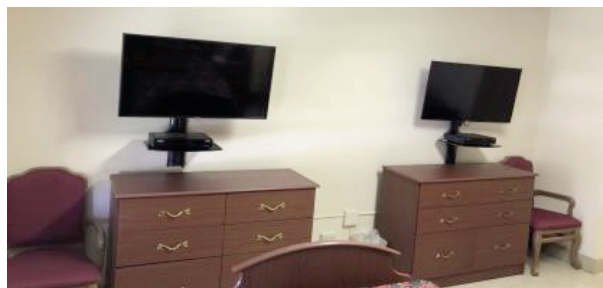
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## New Jersey Eastern Star Home



### Renew & Refresh Project

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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





**NEW JERSEY EASTERN STAR HOME, INC.**

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## 1. DONOR INFORMATION

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CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_ NO# \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT # \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT INFORMATION

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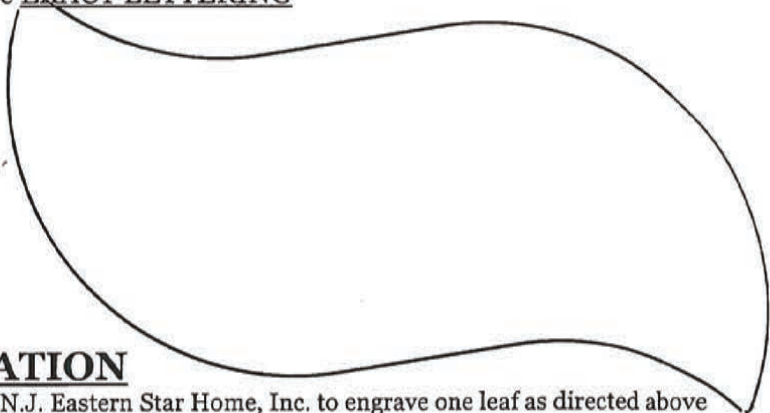
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PRINT or TYPE the EXACT LETTERING



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I hereby authorize the N.J. Eastern Star Home, Inc. to engrave one leaf as directed above  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please make your \$500 check payable

New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc.

111 Finderne Ave.

Bridgewater, NJ 08807



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HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT INFORMATION**

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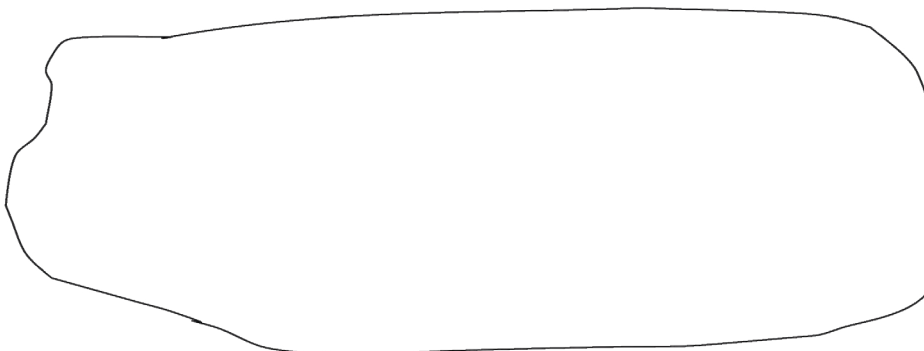
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Bridgewater, NJ 08807 (908-722-4140)

Documents/Tree of Life Rock Order Form 5-2019

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Joan Lazorchak  
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Erna Phillips, PGO

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none

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Andrea Linder

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Mildred Foster, PGO  
H. Reed Myers, PP  
Steven Zatko, PP  
SIRIUS NO. 123  
Bernice Clayton  
Paula Giorgiabtonio  
Augusta Torpey  
Florence Drake  
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Lillie Clark, PGO (dual)  
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Audrey Braver  
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Virginia S. Clarke, PGO  
Margaret Greene  
Alfred Smith, PP  
Darlene Amoroso

#### GLORIA NO. 159

June Sallsgiver  
Marianne Harrison, PGO  
Theresa Braun  
Edith Healey  
Elaine Witt  
Doris Artz  
Joan Kaplain  
Barbara Hamilton

### DISTRICT 36

#### KEYSTONE NO. 69

Gretchen Bingham  
M. Frances Hagins, PGO  
Gail Jones  
Lydia Keck  
Hannah Matthews  
Marjorie Showell  
Dorothy Webster

### SHEKINAH NO. 82

Sara Dodson  
Shirley Taylor, PM  
Jeannette Rea Keywood  
Elizabeth Harris  
Katherine Shea  
Bessie Knarr  
Mary Ann Loper  
Elise Wizst, PGO  
Robert Karrer, PGO  
Darlene Davis  
Frances Ehrenberg

### OCEAN CITY NO. 83

Millicent D. Hosten, PGO  
Margaret C. Graver  
Catherine D. Piper  
Margaret Sharp  
James H. Harvey, III, PP  
Nan Brown  
Lorraine Swift  
Jean Tucker  
Julianna Kuemmerle

### DEWEY NO. 155

Floyd Endicott  
Helen Freney, PGO  
Marjorie Garwood  
Marie Quick, PGO  
Mabel Winkler  
Olga Warriner

### DISTRICT NO. 37

#### PENNS GROVE NO. 86

Evelyn Linde  
Donna Foster, PGO  
Shirley Clark  
Jean Dent  
Joanne E. Taylor  
Winifred Johnston, PM  
Barbara Remy, PGO  
Brenda Hall  
Nettia Layman  
Jean Ivins

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Ethel Beck  
Ron Brining, WP  
Sandra Brittain  
Katherine Carpenter, PM  
Carol DeCuzzi  
Edith Diller  
Constance Gilmore  
Anna R. Hamilton, PGO  
Estelle H. Klohocker, PM  
Alfred Lynch  
Sandra McWilliams, PGO  
Dorothy Pangborne, PGO  
Marie F. Vogt  
Jean B. Warren



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 Dorothy Black, PGO  
 Lorraine Scott  
 Elizabeth Cary  
 Lois Wigglesworth  
 Amelia Hughes, PM  
 Doral Kay Link  
 Sandra McWilliams, PGO (Dual)  
 Jane McIlvaine, AM  
 Katherine Morris, PGO  
 Charlotta Miller

**ATHENE NO. 201**

Donald H. Hutchinson, GO  
 Frederick H. Martin Jr., PGO  
 Sandra McWilliams, PGO  
 Doris Meadowcroft

**FAIRVIEW NO. 219**

Anna Hamilton, PGO  
 Frederick Martin, Jr., PGO  
 Glenda Roesberg, PGO  
 Barbara Wakemen, PM  
 Robert St. Marie  
 Lynne D. Medeiros

**LAUREL SPRINGS NO. 227**

Fred Martin, Jr., PGO  
 Virginia Ziatkus  
 Marie Quick, PGO  
 Shirley Stack

**DISTRICT NO. 38**

**MORNING STAR NO. 22**

Diane Marks  
 Patricia Matheson  
 Marlene Otter  
 Joan Guy  
 Doris Rosten, PM  
 Jean Hay, PM

**MOUNT HOLLY NO 147**

Donna Barger  
 Richard "Ian" Bruce, PP  
 Harriett DiLeonardo  
 Heather Earle, PGO  
 Sandra Jones  
 MaryJo Lounsberry  
 Anna Ranken  
 Donna Reese  
 Cynthia Regn  
 Shirley Stevenson  
 Hannelore Stutsman

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Anne Guest, PGO  
 Agnes Wooden  
 Richard A. Glass, PGO  
 Marion Stonebeck

**BEVERLY MAQUEDA NO. 276**

Joan LeFevre

Doris Worob  
 Dorothy Pangborne  
 Jean Zensen

**MEDFORD NO. 287**

Barbara Dunlap

**DISTRICT NO. 39**

**NORTHERN NO. 38**

Janet G. Mitchel, PM  
 Alberta Hendershot  
 Emma Wilton Prout

**DELAWARE NO. 50**

Carole L. Hansen  
 Mary J. Winters  
 Helen C. Stout  
 Dorothy L. Kohl

**HOBART NO. 63**

Janet Beavers  
 Sandra Heiselman  
 Chattles K. Hoffman, Jr., PGO

**STARLIGHT NO. 107**

Dorothy Albinson  
 Marion Barrett  
 Caroline Baxter  
 Matilda Beavers, PGO  
 Sara Budd, PGO  
 Carol Dailey, PGO

Dolores Frazer, PM  
 Susan Gannett  
 Norma Keating  
 Mildred Law, PM  
 Shirley Lewis  
 Alice Milone  
 Berta Osterbloom  
 Eugenie Scholtz  
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 Jessie Strowbridge  
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 Patricia VanAlthius, PGO

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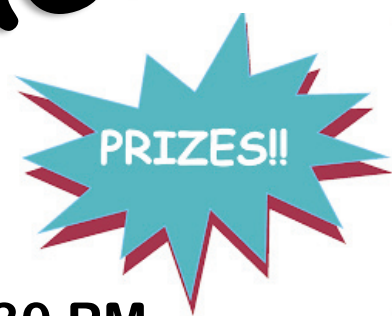
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 Leatrice Vroom, PGO  
 Anthony Kane, PP  
 Mary Ellen Hackett  
 Doris Henderson  
 Jacqueline Harney  
 Mary Lou Ames  
 Ruth Hoser

## Boutique Items List

- Womens Clothing sizes Large, Extra Large, and up
- Men's Clothing sizes Large, Extra Large, and up
- Hand wipes
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Dove Soap preferably in bars
- Cubed Tissue Boxes
- Batteries
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Perfume
- Cologne
- Watches
- Pencils
- Pens
- Wallets
- Jewelry for men and women
- Shoes
- Toothpaste
- Nail polish
- Hats with a rim
- Word puzzle books
- Colored pencils
- Pencil sharpeners
- Granola Bars
- Graham Crackers
- Chips
- Doritos
- Mini Hershey bars
- Fruit Snacks
- Diet Sodas
- Vegetable Juice
- Pencils
- Pens
- Cookies
- Milanos
- 100 calorie packs
- Chips
- Dark Chocolate
- Pringles (Small canister w. closeable lids)
- Any donations are appreciated.



# Virtual **BINGO** is Back!



Join us on  
**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM**

Donations will benefit the

**Eastern Star Charity Foundation of NJ, Inc.**

Contact Sis. Norma Hines, PGM

at

[njhines2020@gmail.com](mailto:njhines2020@gmail.com)



for your Bingo Card, instructions and  
Zoom invite

**LAUGHTER**

Donations to the  
**Eastern Star Charity Foundation of NJ, Inc.**

Checks can be sent directly to:

Sis. Joann Bingenheimer, PGM, Secretary of the Charity Foundation  
211 Virginia Avenue, Egg Harbor Twp., NJ 08234

There will also be available a donation site on Facebook starting in  
October, where you will be able to donate using PayPal or credit cards





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

# *Rays of Caring Capital Campaign*

*"Be a Ray of Light to our Sisters and Brothers in Need"*



*Sisters and Brothers of Star -*

*Our Eastern Star Charity Foundation of NJ is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization who is devoted to providing "Aid in their misfortunes" to our members in need. Through our General Fund, we distribute contributions to the OES Home, make donations to the OES Home Resident's Fund, provide Emergent financial assistance to members in distress and monthly support to members who have proven need. We also contribute towards the mailing of the Star Journal, as well as facilitate the MWGM's annual distributions to charity.*

*We ask that you consider supporting this worthy cause by becoming a Ray of Caring. Beginning November 1st, your donations to this campaign will be acknowledged in several ways. When a level of donation is reached, you will receive a lapel pin in recognition of your giving. Your continued giving will earn you continued recognition, allowing you to achieve all 5 Rays of Caring! We will also list you in the Summer edition of the Star Journal. The levels of giving are as follows:*

- \$50 - \$200 Blue Ray*
- \$201 - \$400 Yellow Ray*
- \$401 - \$600 White Ray*
- \$601 - \$800 Green Ray*
- \$801 - \$1000 Red Ray*

*The Charity Foundation relies on support of generous donors such as you. Your donation will help ensure our continued ability to be there for our members in need. Thank you!*

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*Yes! I want to be a Ray of Caring! Enclosed please find my tax-deductible donation to the Eastern Star Charity Foundation of New Jersey's General Fund:*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make your check payable to OES Charity Foundation of NJ, with "Rays of Caring" in the memo line and mail to Lynn Billingham, PGM, 137 Westbrook Rd, Feasterville, PA 19053**



## Charity Foundation President's Message

*Welcome to a new OES year !! We are all excited with the events that Sister Jeannette and Brother Bernie have planned. We are also excited to welcome the new Directors to the Charity Foundation Board. These new members will give us new perspectives and ideas on what we can do to better serve our Order.*

*Our officers for this year are President: Bro. Joseph Herx; ice-President: Sister Lynn Billingham, PGM; Secretary: Sister JoAnn Bingenheimer, PGM; Treasurer: Sister Dana Ivan; Educational Loan Coordinator: Sister Andrea McCollum. All of the Directors look forward to a year of service to you and the Order.*

*Do not forget that YOU are a member of the Charity Foundation and we extend an open invitation to you to attend out meetings. We will continue the remote access option for this year. ou can get the invite from the njoes.com website. There is no travel needed, just turn on the computer and join us from the comfort of your home. The meetings are the FIRST Wednesday of every month, except August.*

*The Charity Foundation offers many programs for the members of the Order. We have the Scholarships: two regular scholarships, one for Nursing and Allied Health and a scholarship for a Rainbow Girl. If you have any family member that will graduate next June, ask for information on these opportunities. The Scholarships are a one-time award of \$5,000.00.*

*We also have Life Skills grants to aid a member in getting some training to start a new career path or improve their skills for the current path. These are \$1,500.00 grants. We also offer no interest Educational Loans of \$2,000.00 per academic year for those family members that need assistance. Please reach out to any of the Directors if you have questions about any of these programs or the Charity Foundation.*

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

## HADDONFIELD CHAPTER #140 Submitted By Susan M. Clark

In 1920 the 19th Amendment to US Constitution was ratified, giving women the right to vote; mass media was born when KDKA in Pittsburgh became the first radio station to offer regular broadcasts; the League of Nations was established; and Haddonfield Chapter U.D., Order of the Eastern Star, was duly instituted in Haddon Hall at 5 Haddon Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ.

What began as a meeting of interested and eligible like-minded women in the home of Sister Rhue J. Makin has flourished in the pursuant 100 years. In the past century the Sisters and Brothers of Haddonfield Chapter #140 Order of the Eastern Star of NJ have been a vital part of the Haddonfield community. From the planting of a Japanese cherry tree on the library lawn in the 1930's, to WWII relief efforts (coupon rationing, air raid drills, and serving baked goods to servicemen at Fort Dix), to donations made to the rebuilding effort for Haddonfield Methodist Church after the great fire in the 1950's, to sending letters of support to those fighting in Vietnam, to support for Shriner's Children's Hospital, to serving meals at the Ronald McDonald House, to holding Alex's Lemonade Stands at the Haddonfield 4th of July Parade, the Chapter has focused on service to its members, others, and the community.

On April 9, 2022, Haddonfield Chapter #140 Order of the Eastern Star of NJ celebrated its 100th anniversary with a

Centennial Gala. This celebration, held at noon on April 9, 2022, honored the past, present, and future of the Chapter's dedication to service, fidelity, and love. Attended by members of the past and present from across New Jersey and the country, we were also honored to host many Past and Present Grand Officers. A program discussing the history of the Chapter and its impact on the local community was distributed. Although the COVID-19 pandemic caused pivots on aspects such as date, entertainment, and favors distributed, I'm sure everyone in attendance would agree they had an "alarmingly" good time!

As Haddonfield Chapter #140 Order of the Eastern Star of NJ celebrates its past we also look to the future with optimism. With three new members initiated in 2022 already, an additional 3 petitions pending, and a first-time Worthy Patron in the East, our membership is growing and is blessed with the mentorship we receive from the many long-time Haddonfield Chapter #140 members who have served as officers both in our Chapter and in Grand Chapter. We continue to build and renew bonds with the brothers of Rising Sun Lodge and are hopeful that this partnership will lead to increased membership and increased fellowship. Our 125th anniversary will be here before we know it and I, for one, cannot wait to see all that the next century will bring for our beloved Chapter.





## Eastern Star Charity Foundation of New Jersey 2022 Scholarship Recipients

Daniel is the son of Annemarie and Daniel Brooksbank. He is sponsored by his grandmother, Sister Marilyn Brooksbank. Sister Marilyn is a member of Gloria Chapter #159, District 35. Daniel has a younger brother and sister and lives in Toms River, NJ.

Daniel is a graduate of Toms River High School North. He has been accepted to Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham Campus and his goal is to obtain a BS/MS degree in Computer science with a concentration in Cybersecurity and Information Assurance.

While completing his school studies, he was also involved in many extra-curricular activities which included Fundraising volunteer/Assistant with the Island Heights Volunteer Fire Company, Scout Troop 50, Eagle Scout, Digital Arts club, Varsity Football Team Manager/Tech Advisor and a High Honor Roll student. Daniel was also employed 10-30 hours a week.

Daniel enjoys outdoor watersports/camping, game editing, design & production. He has displayed excellent skills in Time Management, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving.

Attributes listed in letters of recommendation describe Daniel as polite, personable, distinguished and hardworking. He excelled in the honors and college preparatory program. His extensive involvement in many areas is spread across a great number of responsibilities and he has shown success at each and every undertaking. Daniel is a very dependable, trustworthy and kind individual.

### REGULAR SCHOLARSHIP DANIEL R. BROOKSBANK



Isabella Nicole is the daughter of Dawn and Wayne Leonard and has a younger brother. She is sponsored by her grandmother, Sister Athena Leonard of Starlight Chapter No. 107, District 39. Nicole is a graduate of Morris Knolls High School, Rockaway, NJ.

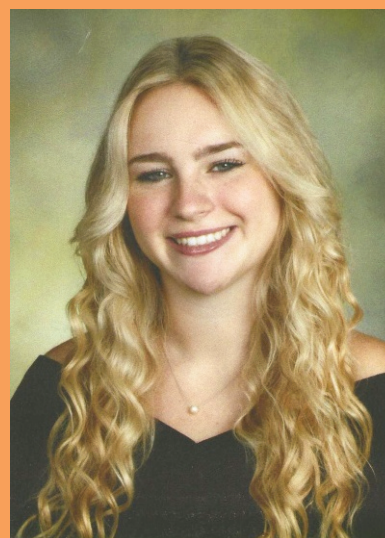
She has been accepted and will attend Centenary University of New Jersey. Nicole plans to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing, continuing with a Master's in Business Administration.

Nicole has been very involved during High School, serving for all four years on the Key Club and as the Secretary. She served on the Yearbook Staff her Junior and Senior years along with the National Honor Society, Business Honor Society and Social Studies Honor Society.

Nicole expresses in her essay the importance of a good education, which provides an opportunity for freedom of choice. Her mindset is that the more she learns, the better equipped she will be to manage challenges in life. She will be the first in her family to earn a college degree.

Nicole has been described as a hardworking, humble kid. She learned the value of hard work, making and saving her own money and to be financially responsible. She cares deeply about what she is learning and thrives on producing work that is as near perfect as possible. Nicole is helpful, tenacious, vibrant and dedicated. She shows a genuine interest in others and possesses a positive attitude towards life's challenges.

### REGULAR SCHOLARSHIP NICOLE LEONARD







## Eastern Star Charity Foundation of New Jersey 2022 Scholarship Recipients

### ALLIED HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP SARAH J. GLEASON



Sarah is the daughter of Lauren Plasket, PGO, who is also her sponsor. Sister Lauren is a member of Ocean City Chapter #83, District 36. Sarah also has a younger sister.

Sarah is a graduate of Ocean City High School, Ocean City, NJ. She was active in Cheerleading, Fall and Winter all four years of high school. She also excelled at Track and Field, Winter and Spring all through high school and qualified for sectionals—triple jump. She was also a Student Leader for St. Peter's Youth Group. During the summer, Sarah was employed as a sales associate and then as a busser/host to help earn money for school.

Letters of recommendation describe Sarah as very committed, mature, and responsible and a caring young woman. She is goal oriented and conscientious and works diligently toward those goals. Sarah has been on the honor roll or distinguished honor multiple times during her years of high school. She has compiled strong extracurricular and employment history in the past few years and has earned high respect from her coaches, advisors and employers.

She discovered an interest in the medical profession at a very young age. She expresses how nursing provides many different job opportunities and she knows she has the attention to detail and ability to work well under pressure in caring for others. She is interested in all areas of the medical field.

Sarah will be attending Ramapo College of New Jersey where she will pursue her goal to become a Registered Nurse.

## RAINBOW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT AMAYA NIEVES

Amaya is the daughter of Jessica Oquendo and Francisco Nieves. She also has a younger brother. She is a member of Mistletoe Assembly No. 20. Her Mother Advisor is Carolyn Hiller.

Amaya has been very active in Rainbow. She was initiated in November of 2015. She has served as Love, Nature, Fidelity, Chaplain, Drill Leader, Faith, Hope, Charity, Worthy Associate Advisor and Worthy Advisor. Amaya has been in charge of Fund Raisers and Charity Projects.

Amaya attended Infinity Institute in Jersey City, NJ. Some of her activities have included Model UN, committee member, 11th grade. National Honor Society, officer, 11th & 12th grade. Y-arheurers, member, 11th grade and Phoenix Fellows, mentor, 12th grade and GSA, member 12th grade.

Amaya has been accepted to Rutgers University where she plans to earn a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice,

social work or psychology. She would also like to pursue a law degree. Amaya has always shown a strong desire to help others.

Letters of recommendation describe Amaya as a young lady with perseverance and dedication to mentoring. She helped new students by providing insight into school policy updates, career and life planning and academic tutoring. Amaya is a trustworthy, reliable, student and friend who supports others. She demonstrates openness to and empathy for the opinions, feelings and perspectives of others. She displays a cheerful nature.

The Eastern Star Charity Foundation Board, members and Scholarship Committee congratulate all graduating students and wish them much success in their future endeavors. We also commend our continuing recipients, as they continue to strive toward their academic goals. Best wishes to everyone in the future.



## Rays of Caring

**Submitted By Andrea McCollum, GO, Chairperson**

The Rays of Caring is a capital campaign designed to raise funds for the general fund of the Charity Foundation. This account is dependent on donations from generous individuals, chapters and clubs in order to continue aiding our Sisters and Brothers in need. This is also where the donations to the Eastern Star Home Residents Fund are made.

I would like to personally thank each member, chapter and



club that has supported this effort. Each donation made to the general fund is recorded so that each member has the opportunity to earn the pins and patch to wear with pride. In the picture is Brother Bernie Byrne, MWGP, Sister Joanne Byrne, RWAGM, Sister Jennifer Schiffn, WGFC, and Brother Joseph Herx, GR of Maryland. Each of them is wearing the pins they have achieved.

## Two 70-Year Members of Little Falls Chapter #224

**Submitted By Kathy Flannagan, WM**



It was with great joy and pride that Little Falls Chapter #224 was able to give not one but two with their 70 year Bars. Not only are they Eastern Star sisters but they are also blood and flesh sisters.

On March 8, 1950, a mother and her 3 daughters joined Little Falls Chapter. Rosemarie Johanna Ziskin (holding the flowers), Emily Johanna Van Biert (on the right), Adeline Johanna DeWinnie (center), and the mother, Emily Johanna (left). Adeline and Rosemarie are twins.

On March 25, 2022, during our social meeting and Master Mason's night, Emily Van Biert was given her 70 bar by our two Past Matrons, Jane Ann Farrisier, PGM and Patti Rhinesmith, PGM seen in the picture. Emily attends most meeting and Rose did too until recently. The next day Emily and the Worthy Matron of the Chapter went to Rose's house to give her, her 70-year bar. And a wonderful visit was had.

Sisters, always celebrate both our small milestones and the wonderful great milestones like this one. God bless Emily and Rose.



# TAPS

Submitted By Fran Miller, PGO

*If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which the taps were played; this brings out a new meaning of it. Here is something Every American should know.*

*We in the United States have heard the haunting song, Taps... It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually a tear in our eyes.*

*But do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.*

*Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when the Union Army Captain Robert was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.*

*During the night, Captain Elli heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded in the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment...*

*When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was a actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.*

*The Captain lite a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.*

*The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a final a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.*

*The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.*

*The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate.*

*But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.*

*The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a*



*series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.*

*The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps' used at military funerals was born.*

*The words are:*

*Day is done.  
Gone the sun.  
From the lakes  
From the hills.  
From the sky,  
All is well.  
Safely rest.  
God is nigh.*

*Fading light.  
Dims the sight.  
And a star.  
Gems the sky.  
Gleaming bright.  
From afar.  
Drawing nigh.  
Falls the night.*

*Thanks, and praise.  
For our days.  
Neath the sun  
Neath the stars.  
Neath the sky  
As we go.  
This we know.  
God is nigh.*

*I too have felt the chills while listening to 'Taps' but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song, and I don't know if you had either, so I thought I'd pass it along.*

*Remember Those Who Have Served And Returned; and for those presently serving in the Armed Forces.*





## **Gloria Chapter #159 Celebrates 100 Years of Service**

**Submitted By Jessica Walton, PGO, PM**



When we celebrate the birthday of friends, we extend to them our very best wishes for all the years which are to come as well as that of the present time. Since we have reached another milestone in the history of our beloved Gloria Chapter #159, it is right and proper that we pause and wish for it our very best for it's future success and prosperity, and to extend to it our thanks for the good it has done during the years that have passed and gone.

It has been 100 years since this Chapter was first instituted, and during this time we have all united our efforts to make it one of the very best.

On Thursday, September 23, 2021 we gathered together with Sister Daria Hamm, Jr. PGM and her Staff of Grand Officers, our Chapter Members and District visitors to bring our very best to the Chapter we love. A

Celebration Dinner was held with fantastic attendance and many festivities to follow in the Chapter room.

On this happy occasion we renewed our Obligation and celebrated the fellowship which this Chapter has provided to us through the years. The success of any Chapter depends upon the faithful work of it's members, and as no chain is stronger than it's weakest link, so we find that the strength of Gloria Chapter #159 is governed by those who have taken our Obligation, and have their names on our membership roll. Let us strive therefore, to keep in touch with every member, that our chain of friendship may never be weakened by an unfaithful link.

May we continue to give it the very best there is in us, that we may promote to the fullest it's success and prosperity. Happy Birthday Gloria Chapter #159!

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

On April 28, 2022 I was able to meet Sister Susanne Wells, PGM and her husband Budd at our New Jersey Eastern Star Home. They were making a special delivery. Prior to her death Sister Lois Bertel, Susanne's mother, had made close to 30 lap robes for the residents at our Eastern Star Home. It was Susanne and Lois's plan to deliver the lap robes to the home. Unfortunately, Covid came and Susanne lost her mother. That day in April the lap robes were finally delivered and accepted by Simone and Sandy from the Activities Department of our OES home. This is a photo of Sandy and Simone accepting some of the beautiful donations from Susanne and Budd.





## Sister Evelyn McKenzie, PGM 75 Year Pin Presentation

Last summer, in a break from Covid, two old friends got together in Florida, Sister Carolyn Howard and I had the honor to present Sister Evelyn McKenzie, Past Grand Matron with her 75-year pin. It was a lovely afternoon for the two to reunite and reminisce. Sister Evelyn lives with her daughter. Along with the pin Sister Caroline had a surprise gift of a Taylor ham, and I bought some Jersey tomatoes from my garden. She was so pleased, two things not found in sunny Florida.

Both women are members of Nutley Chapter #121. Sister Evelyn was Most Worthy Grand Matron in 1976 -19 77, she is on the top of our list of PGM's.



## NJ PA GRAND FLORAL

Grand Officers at our visit to Signet Chapter of PA, where we brought fraternal greetings from NJ and performed the Grand Floral.



*Front row includes Jeannette Wallace, RWAGM, Bernard M. Byrne, MWGP select; Joyce Strube, WM with her son, Barry Strube, Jr, Bruce Zielinski, MWGP. Mixed in behind them are Deneen Ellis, AM; Joseph Ellis AP; Linda Herbert, Secretary; Linda Matthews, Treas; Virginia Millsap, Cond; Bonnie Shalala, AC; Barbara Brown, Marshal; Lisa Leidy, Ruth; Judith Goebig, Esther; Karen Laarkamp, Martha; Alicia Kiefer, Electa; Holly Kane, Warder; Katherine Greenlaw, PM and Donna Clipner, PM substitutes.*



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





## Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

The Annual Meeting of the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association was held in May 2022 where the new slate of officers were elected. Sister Andrea McCollum, GO, President; Sister Dale Van Houten, PGO; 1st Vice President, Bro. Michael (Mike) Van Houten, PGO 2nd Vice President.

We will be holding meetings as usual prior to Covid. The next meeting will be on July 23rd, 2022 at Burlington Masonic

Lodge, 2308 Mt. Holly Rd., Burlington, NJ. I pray that with God's help we will be able to continue the great work that has preceded us!

Please always remember: Let the world see the song in your heart, by the smile on your face.

In Star Love and Friendship,  
Andrea McCollum, GO, President

## Music Man Singing Ice Cream Shoppe Submitted By Dottie Westdyke, PGO

Our Jr Past Worthy Grand Organist is one very proud grandfather. Last summer and this summer his Granddaughter Lexis worked at the Music Man ice cream shoppe in Lavallette. This is a unique ice cream store, when each new group of customers are allowed to enter, they are given bowls of popcorn and their ice cream orders are taken. As you enjoy your Sundae, the waiters and waitresses put on a musical, for only \$10 you get a great night out. Alexis was the recipient of a one of the Eastern Star Charity Foundation scholarship, and is attending Lancaster Bible College in Lancaster, PA. She has a fantastic voice and should go for that as her chosen professions.

David has been a God send to both the Eastern Star and the Amaranth of NJ. Serving as Worthy Patrons or Pro-tem Patron in Wall and Monmouth Chapters of the 34th District, As Royal Patron of Arbor Vitare Court in Union.

He is always willing to help where needed, besides being organist of his church.



## A LUCKY SISTER

In lieu of the Charity Ball, a 50/50 drawing was held. The drawing was held at the conclusion of the reception for Sister Daria Hamm, MWGM and Brother Bruce Zielinski, MWGP on Monday May 23rd.

With a jackpot that totaled \$3055.00, the excitement was high in the room. Winning tickets were drawn by MW Robert V. Monacelli, Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Jersey



The lucky 1st prize winner was Sister Bonnie Horan of Ocean City Chapter #83.

The second prize, a 1 night stay at our Grand Session was won by Sister Debbie LeDoux.

Sister Lauren Plaskett, also of Ocean City Chapter was the winner of the third prize, a beautiful handmade quilt.

*Sister Bonnie Horan receives a check for her prize money.*

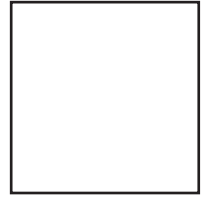






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# The New Jersey Eastern Star Home

