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. Many talented Sisters and Brothers deserve our thanks and recognition for making the Grand Floral come to fruition. Sr. Marlene Hoffman, PGM for writing the Floral.

Brother Charlie Murschell, PGP for contacting me to advise that Brother Schaefer, PM of Collingswood Lodge, had porcelain carousel horses available if I wanted them. Brother Dan and Sister Judy Brown for taking my vision and making it a reality. Sister Linda Burlew Gold, PGO for writing the prayer of the Year. Brother Joe Herx, MWGP who wrote our flag tributes. The list goes on and on. When they say it takes a village to raise a child that statement encompssess all of the many loving and willing members of our beautiful Masonic family. Brother Joe and I can't thank each and everyone of you enough for everything you do, or have done for us this year. Thank you for making your MWGP and this MWGM so proud.

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Most Worthy Grand Matron's Message



all has come and gone, and Thanksgiving and Christmas have come and gone as well...Yikes, time is just flying by, but the calendar has been jammed packed. The Grand Officers and I have been busy traveling up and down the State for Grand Officer Nights, Receptions, Honor Nights, many Celebration Nights, and District Meetings. Thank you, Gloria and Starlight Chapters, for the wonderful reception for Bro. Joe and I at Jumping Brook Country Club. The food was delish, and the scenery was beautiful. On September 15th Bro. Joe and I had the opportunity to visit Gothic Lodge for Rainbow Installation and Trenton Pledge Assembly Installation on September 23rd. We are trying to attend as many Rainbow Installations to support the girls as the calendar permits.

We had the pleasure of presenting the Grand Floral at Signet Chapter in Warminster, PA in September, and a special event on October 13th the Wine Tasting held at Crescent Shrine. I was not able to attend this event due to illness, but I want to say thank you to Sr. Barbara Helfrey and Sr. Millie Cox for co-chairing this fundraiser. On September 30th to October 4th, 43 avid travelers boarded the bus for our trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada. We got drenched on the Horatio Hornblower boat ride near the falls (Canada's version of the Maid of the Mist), and on another night we dined under the covered portico with a breathtaking vista of the falls in the background. We visited the Salem Chapel, a Black Methodist Episcopal Church, in St. Catherines, Ontario. It is a National Historic Site where Harriet Tubman brought freedom seekers. I was not aware of the Masonic and Eastern Star connection to assist in the success of the underground railroad.

A visit to the Lavender fields proved to be very aromatic and the bus was filled with overflowing aroma. The taste of the Ice Wines was especially enjoyable too. All in all, we had a very fun-filled trip. The Halloween Hoot was a fun filled night. Thank you, Karyn Visscher and your committee. The pasta bar was a hit, and it was yummy. In November I was honored to attend Grand Lodge and speak at the Tuesday night banquet. The Grand Officers and I had the honor of initiating my granddaughter Mackenzie Rosequist at the Grand Officers Night at Starlight Chapter on November 18th. It was a very memorable night. The Wine and Roses Charity Ball was a fun night and over 100 attendees had fun dancing and enjoying a great meal and fellowship. Thank you, Sr. Cathy Fusaro and Sr. Bette Young and your committee.

On November 17th, we celebrated the OES Home Birthday. December 2nd was also a very memorable night. On my way to Ocean Chapter in Spring Lake, I made a little detour to present Sr. Elizabeth Lewis, a member of Starlight Chapter, her 70-year token. On December 8th we attended the Dashing Through the Snow State Christmas Party. Thank you, Sr. Debbie LeDoux, for chairing this event. We also had the State Church Service at the Stanhope United Methodist Church in the Glen, Netcong, NJ on December 15th. The service was magical as we celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior. The music was extra special as Sr. Pam DeLisa, Worthy Grand Organist and Sr. Helen Beth Vilchek, PGM, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania tickled the ivories of the pipe organ and the piano respectively with their duets. The Deputies handled the Scripture Readings, and Kudos to Bro. Matt Aaron who delivered the message. Sr. Gina Aaron's prayer was perfect as always. We all enjoyed yummy refreshments and fellowship following the service. The Eggnog was delish too!!!! What a special event to get us all into the Christmas spirit. January is also a busy month but the 16th to the 27th brings the Cruise to the Southern Caribbean and a little relaxation for 12 days.

February 1 st is the Grand Visitation at Penns Grove Chapter with the States of Delaware and Maryland attending. Penns Grove Chapter will be hosting a luncheon, and our Grand Officers will be presenting our Grand Floral. I am looking forward to sharing fellowship with two Sister Grand Jurisdictions. January and February will reveal many new Grand Representatives.... February is also a exciting month because the Valentines will be sent out and next year's Grand Officers will start to be revealed. What a fun and exciting time for Sr. MaryElaine.

There are many special events during the Months of February, and March with the Rose pinning front and center Who will it be?? April will lead us to Installations and Grand Session. I look forward to greeting you when you can attend any of the planned Grand Chapter events.

Remember to Be Kind, Be Fair, Be Honest and Be True, and all these things will come back to you, as we Live by Faith, Grow in Grace and Walk in Love.

Fraternally, Sr. Sharon E. Rosequist Most Worthy Grand Matron 2024 - 2025





Most Worthy Grand Patron's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

appy New Year Sisters and Brothers!! In the days of the Roman Republic, March was the start of the New Year. We can see that there are new opportunities to look forward to. New vistas open to our sight. What bold choices will we make? What new directions will we take?

Perhaps we will make some new friends? Perhaps visit a different Chapter? When we expand our social horizons and interact, in person, with others more often, we strengthen our ties to our Sisters and Brothers, but we also keep closer to our own humanity. We are social beings and we all need that outreach and contact with others. What better place to do that than our Chapters? Come out and touch someone's life!!

Perhaps we will decide to be more active in raising monies for Voluntary Donations or one of the Charities that Grand Chapter is supporting? We all know how hard it is for those afflicted with serious illnesses or those who need daily care. Our support for the Eastern Star Home, The Shriners Hospital or The Lupus Foundation of America, means that those in need will have hope for compassion, treatment and perhaps, in time, a cure for their illness. Every effort we make to support these charities is a ray of hope to those afflicted or in need. Can we turn our backs on the least of us?

Perhaps we will take the plunge and serve our Chapter or Grand Chapter as an officer? Our Order is an organization and therefore needs willing members to serve. I can truly say that I look at my service to my Chapters and to Grand Chapter with a sense of accomplishment, pride and the joys of serving with such wonderful Sisters and Brothers. I have truly enjoyed my time serving our beautiful Order and hope that you will share in this wonderful and fulfilling aspect of our Order.

Perhaps you will try some new experience, read a new book, start a garden, try rock climbing? Do not let your life stagnate. Carpe Diem!! Share these experiences with your Sisters and Brothers. Start a Book Club or a Gardening Club. I think the rock climbing experience can best be shared by showing the breath taking pictures you will take!! Expand your horizons and you may be surprised by the new vistas that greet your sight.

Sisters and Brothers, as this Grand Chapter year winds down, I hope to see you on my journeys. It is always my pleasure to be able to share time with all of you. Do not forget, you, the members ARE the Order. YOU are what make this Order so beautiful and wonderful. Once this year does conclude, I will continue my journeys in Eastern Star. I hope that you will come out to share these times with me. Let us continue to make wonderful memories together in Eastern Star. And always remember, the greatest gift is to be of service to another.



Greetings from the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron



y goodness it's time for the March edition of the Star Journal. Can it really be Spring? As I'm writing this, the New Year has just begun. I hope all our members had a Blessed and Joyous holiday season. Did you make your resolutions? I did. Well, forced by nature as this coming year marks a big birthday for me and I am thinking about all my aches and pains. So, my resolution is to make healthier choices. And the one helpful part of my plan includes you...the membership. I am looking forward to the New Year and the many travels and memories to make along the way. What better way to be active, less stressful and mentally happy? Enjoying time with this beautiful membership of ours.

If you are reading this journal article, then you already know the benefits of being a member of our Star. The fraternal relationships we make, the adventures and the charitable work. Let our resolutions this year include helping to bring Star into the lives of the people we know. Introduce them to our beloved order by inviting them to Installations or Fundraisers. Help bring Star back to the members we haven't seen for a while by calling on them or including them. The best gift we can receive from this is helping our Chapters and our Order grow.

By the time you are reading this, Valentines will be arriving in the mail, being read in the chapters and the Rose Pinning will be behind us. Plans for the next year will be unveiled as we move forward with renewed possibilities. Spring is the time for growth. This year we introduced the motivational committee with hopes to find ways to help grow our chapters. We will continue to focus on membership through motivation and invitation.

I look forward to seeing you all at Grand Session and remember:

No matter what path you may choose

or which road you may travel

Whatever Star Trek you may explore Be Patient and Trust your journey





From the Desk of the of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary

Greetings Sisters and Brothers!

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!! Wishing a good year to all our members.

Thank you to our Secretaries who continue to work for their chapters. As we approach the end of another calendar year, reports will be due, along with other necessary work that needs to be done for our Chapters. If you need any help, I'm just a phone call away.

Our Secretary and Treasurers meeting will be held again in conjunction with the Gown Sale and PM & PP's Association meeting on February 15th at Atlas Pythagoras Lodge, Westfield, NJ at 10 a.m.

Plans are underway for our 154th Grand Session on May 19, 20, and 21, 2025 at Tropicana Hotel, Atlantic City. Information is in the Star Journal, and posted on the NJOES website.

I continue to look forward to working with each of our Secretaries and Treasurers. I want to thank those who have dedicated years of Service to our Order and continue to do so.

If you need to have something, put on our NJOES website, please email me with this information at newjersey.oesgc@gmail.com.

To Sister Sharon and Brother Joe, congratulations as you served in your star year "Let Love Make the Year Go Round".

Let's us continue to "Sparkle from within" and "Remember to let the Peacefulness of Snow and the Spirit of Christmas be with you always".

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



From the Desk of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer



Sisters and Brothers,

I am sitting at my desk contemplating what to write about today. This is a very stressful time in many lives. I have personally experienced, through friends and family, the sadness and loneliness that seems to be prevalent at this time of year. So many people are taxed with missing partners, overspending and not enough income, dark days, and just a feeling of despair. Please remember these Sisters and Brothers, whether they are at home or in a Home, at this time of year. They need to have that spark of joy that your smile can bring to them.

This is a time that we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior. I have always strived to remember that Christ is the reason for this season. I look forward to the upcoming year as we continue on this Carousel of Eastern Star hoping that we can have the trust and faith of Martha in our walks. I look forward to seeing all of you as I do some travelling this year.

If you are a Treasurer, please come up to me, introduce yourself (I may already know you, but not that you are Treasurer) and let's chat. If you need anything from me, please let me know. I am here to help you out. I am looking forward to the remainder of this year and to the wonderful Grand Session coming our way in May. I know that Sharon and Joe have great plans and I can't wait to be part of them.

I wish you all a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

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, PGM Right Worthy Grand Treasurer





From the Desk of the of the Right Worthy Grand Conductress

Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings from the South! As this edition of the Journal is arriving, 2025 will be in full swing and my journey will be taking its next and final turn to the Grand West. How quickly the time has gone by and along with it there have been so many fun times and memories made. I'm so proud of all we've accomplished together and to be a part of the strong bond our Elected Line has formed. We couldn't do any of this without the continuous support and encouragement of our members. Your dedication and commitment to our Order is so important and greatly appreciated. As we move forward into this new year there is still much work to be done. There are Chapters who are challenged for various reasons who need our help. For some it may be a matter of rebuilding the bond of friendships and social engagement that inspires members to come out more often to Chapter, for others finding creative ways to engage the local community and friends come support by participating in annual fundraisers that everyone looks forward to each year, and then there may be those who despite their best efforts may be facing difficult decisions for their future. Regardless of the circumstance, together we can overcome the challenges and remain strong even as we are fewer in number.

I congratulate and thank those Chapters and Districts who have been thinking "out of the box" to find new and different ways to bring excitement to your Chapter gatherings, fun events, special nights and District Gatherings. Whether it's the "color" of the night, "theme" of the event or a group participation activity, seeing smiles and hearing laughter from those in attendance as they enjoy their time together is enlightening. You always know the event is a success when upon leaving you hear people say how happy they were when they came and for days afterward, they're still talking about how much they enjoyed their time and are looking forward to the next event.

To Sister Sharon and Brother Joe, congratulations on a beautiful year. It's been a privilege and pleasure to be a part of your journey and to serve with the Elected Line. To Sister Mary Elaine, you are an inspiration to us all and I wish you all the best as you and your Special Man prepare for your year in the Grand East.

Our mission is to serve and help provide for those in need. The dedication and commitment of our members is unparalleled to that of so many other organizations. Despite our smaller size, in working together to support each other we can accomplish so much and the impact we can make on the community will be tremendous. I look forward to all that's still to come in this year and to seeing everyone in our travels. I wish you all a healthy, safe and happy 2025!

In Star Love and Friendship, Dawn Smith Right Worthy Grand Conductress



From the Desk of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress



Dear Sisters and Brothers.

As we are nearing the end of another Star year, I would like to congratulate Sister Sharon Rosequist and Brother Joe Herx on a wonderful carousel ride. I wish you both continued success as you ride toward Grand Session 2025.

I wish to extend my congratulations to Sister MaryElaine Guynn. I look forward to serving you and your Most Worthy Grand Patron Select, and seeing your hard work and planning come to fruition.

Sister Dawn Smith, it has been an honor to work with you this year. I am excited to see your secrets revealed as well as serving as one of the Top 3 with you.

Sister Lisa Helge, I have enjoyed getting to know you better. Congratulations and good luck on your journey.

When I became Grand Trustee last year, I wasn't quite sure what the future would hold, but it has been an amazing experience. Serving Grand chapter as the Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress has been a truly inspiring position. Being the person who is the first point of contact with whom our candidates interact is an awesome responsibility. It is very rewarding. Being able to calm their nerves helps to calm mine.

Sisters and Brothers go out into your communities and show your part of OES. Wear your Star gear proudly and let people know who and what we are. Share your stories in articles for the Star Journal, as well as the local paper. The growth and wellbeing of our Order depends on the initiation of new members as well as retaining our current members in our local chapters. Do you part - invite a friend!!!

In Star Love and Friendship, Andrea McCollum, RW Associate Grand Conductress

Grand Representatives on the Move

I met this WWll vet on my way back from Pennsylvania's Grand Session in Erie, PA. As we cross the street to go into Maple Shady Smorgasbord and old gentleman was in his car yelling and handed us American flags and wishing us a good day. He said you see that fella up there in the wheelchair, he pointed. I can't get out, but would you present him with this flag? I think he's celebrating something special day today. I took the flag, and Carolyn Boud, Grand Representative of Pennsylvania in Vermont, was a little uneasy about it. I said it's OK. I need to do this. I went up to him and pointed out to

the fella in the car as I held my American flag and told him why I was giving it to him, and he said yes it is a very special day. I am celebrating my 103rd birthday and this is where I told my family, wanted to go for my birthday. I was practically moved to tears and had a great conversation with him and his family as we stood in line.

Elsie VanDusen GR of Pennsylvania in New Jersey









From the Desk of the Right Worthy Grand Trustee

Happy New Year. I cannot believe that my year as Right Worthy Grand Trustee is almost over. It was a great and wild ride. It has been a great honor to serve with the Grand Line and to be involved with some of the plans for our Star Future.

I would like to congratulate Sister Sharon and Brother Joe for taking us on a Carousel ride around the State. It was a pleasure to visit the Chapters in the State and greet the membership. I want to wish Sister Mary Elaine the best in her year. I know it came around quickly and with every turn is a new surprise for us. Sister Dawn and Sister Andrea, you are moving closer to your plans and dreams, and I am looking forward to see what you both have in store for the membership. I enjoyed our time together and becoming closer while we are working for Our Star. To the newly elected Right Worthy Grand Trustee, you will find that the work is a labor of love, as I did. You will never walk alone because this Grand Line has your back. We will help you along the way to make your plans and dreams come to fruition.

I would like to Thank all the Sisters and Brothers that helped me throughout the year with the multiple events I had the privilege to put together for our Order. These talented and generous Sisters and Brothers truly exemplify what this Order is all about. They are the Shining Stars of our Order. That isn't to say that the other Sisters and Brothers have not Shined their Light. The individual Chapters that have put on Beautiful Grand Officer Nights and Grand Florals with creative decorations and delicious food for the Grand Officers, which was greatly appreciated, truly proved that their Light Shines Bright.

In closing, Sisters and Brothers, true navigation begins in the human heart. It's the most important map of all. (Elizabeth Kapu'uwailani Lindsey). Find your True East.

In Star Love and Friendship, Lisa Helge Right Worthy Grand Trustee



President's Message

Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association

Greetings from the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of NJ. My term as president is coming to an end and our annual scheduled for Saturday May 3, 2025, I am feeling grateful for the support I have been given. I'm thankful for the officers I have served with, the governors and committee chairs who have done their part to help this organization. The annual meeting will be held on May 3, 2025, at Musconetcong Lodge (Starlight Chapter) in Budd Lake, NJ where a new slate of officers will be elected.

The organization is made up of Past Matrons and Patrons striving to help those in need, not only our OES members but the public.

You may not know but our funds are generated by Dues, State and District Fundraisers, and donations. Each District is assigned a governor that oversees a District Fundraising Project and collecting dues from the past matrons and past patrons of the chapters in the district. The 2nd Vice President is tasked to do a State Fundraising project. Thank you, Brother Bruce, for taking on this task. (A virtual holiday dinner) still accepting donations. Contact Bruce Zielinski for more information.

If you are a Past Matron or a Past Patron and are not a member, please consider joining. Dues are \$4.00 a year. For more information, contact your Governor or the President.

Support your district project whether you are a member of the organization or not. This organization is committed to helping those in need and we require the funds to do that.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors, Governors & Committee members for the dedication and support of our organization.

Sister Stephanie Bowen, PGO, President; Sister Judy Wood, GO, 1st Vice President; Brother Bruce Zielinski, PGP, 2nd Vice President.

District #31 - Cheryl Butler, GO, #59

District #33 – Roberta Russell, PGO, #99

District #34 - Jeanne Gionfriddo, PGO, #214

District #35 - Anna Tews, PGO, #54

District #36 – Jeannette Wallace, PGM, #82

District #37 - Dawn Shellock, GO, #140

District #38 - Heather Shoppas, PGO, #276

District #39 - Lisa Couch, PGO, #107

In Fraternal Love and Friendship,

Stephanie Bowen, PGO, President





Evelyn A. MacKenzie, PGM Initiated January 23, 1947 Passed to the Grand Chapter on High May 19, 2024

Sister Evelyn A. MacKenzie was initiated into Bloomfield Chapter No. 76 in the 5th District on January 23, 1947. She was a Past Matron of Bloomfield Chapter and Nutley Chapter and has served in several stations. She served as secretary of Nutley Chapter for 10 years. At the time of her passing Sister Evie was a 77-year member of Eastern Star. She was Fraternal Mother of Bloomfield Chapter No. 76 and Nutley Chapter No. 121. She served Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Marshal in 1969 – 1970, and as Most Worthy Grand Matron in 1976-1977 with Brother William J. Bain as her Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister Evie served as Most Worthy Grand Matron at the 107th Camelot Grand Session at the Convention Hall in Atlantic City. During their Processional Sister Evie and Brother Bill entered through a castle in the Grand East as the draw bridge lowered over a moat. Sister Evie entered wearing a pink cape with a hood. When Brother Bill gave his address, he ended it by Singing "I Did It My Way" to Sister Evie, there wasn't a dry eye in the room.

Her Motto: if you have the spirit – you hold the Key to the Kingdom of Brotherhood and are crowned with the glory of Christianity.

Watchwords and Aims:
Live – with trust and belief,
Labor – should be your sheaf,
Learn – for days ahead,
Listen – that His truth be spread, and
Love – your Brother as you love yourself.

Theme - Brotherhood.

Emblems - the Key, Castle and Crown.

Flowers - Happiness Orchid and Pink and Red Roses.

Colors - Red, all shades of Pink with Green, Silver and Gold

Scripture, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" Psalm 133:1

Her Theme Song was to the tune of "As Time Goes By"

Sister Evie eventually left New Jersey and moved to Florida to be with her daughters.



Eastern Star Charity Foundation Inc.

On behalf of the entire Board, we wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. Your Board is working to help our member as we incorporate our mission statement: """aid to our members in their misfortunes" and educational support for the future. Our District Advocates have been re-instated this year and have been actively planning some upcoming events. Please allow them to speak about the Charity Foundation when they visit your chapter.

Once again, I will remind you that we are a 501C3 IRS tax exempt organization. All revenue received goes for the following: 1) our scholarships; 2) our education loans; 3) our general assistance and 4) our Rays of Caring. We are extremely grateful for these donations during the year and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Those who need financial assistance; wish to apply for a scholarship, educational loan or life skill scholarship should contact the following people: 1) Assistance – Lynn Billingham, President; 2) Scholarships – Dale Van Houte; 3) Educational Loans – Tammy McQuaid; 4) Life Skills – Linda Penin. All donations should be made payable to "Eastern Star Charity Foundation of NJ, Inc., please designate on the memo line where it should go and send to the Secretary – Deirdre "Buni" Williams.

The Charity Foundation meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at the OES Home at 6:30 PM in person. There is also the opportunity to meet by zoom by contacting our secretary for the correct link for those unable to come in person. Attending a meeting is an excellent way to learn how the mission statement is put into action. Don't forget, as a member of our Order you are also a member of the Charity Foundation.

I have been honored this Star Year to serve as your President. I may be prejudiced but being part of the Charity Foundation and seeing what we do for our membership is one of my greatest satisfactions as a member of the Order of Eastern Star of NJ. Perhaps you too would like to experience a new aspect of service to our Order by becoming a Director?

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Submitted by Lynn C. Billingham, PGM, President





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December 19, 2024

Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey
Ms. Roberta Russell
111 Finderne Ave
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Dear Ms. Russell,

On behalf of Inspira Health Foundation, thank you for your recent gift-in-kind donation of 7 baby blankets for the Inspira Vineland Labor and Delivery Unit made on 12/18/24.

Your support is critically important to the mission of Inspira Health – to providing a safe and compassionate experience that improves the health and well-being of our community... And your gift demonstrates just how committed you are to supporting us in this vision!

We are grateful for your generosity and hope you take great pride in the impact your gift makes. Thank you, again, for your generous gift.

Sincerely,

Ashley L. Colone

Director of Philanthropy Annual Giving and Events

P.S. To learn more about the impact your gift makes, visit us online at InspiraFoundation.org/Impact

Hi Roberta!

Thanks so much to you and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star for the incredible baby hats for our NICU families! Attached is a receipt for your records.

Happy New Year and thanks again for your continued support! Jen

Jennifer M. Driscoll, MBA Founder/Executive Director Lily's Hope Foundation 267-374-8512 (cell) 267-776-HOPE (office)



Hi Roberta.

Hope you had a great holiday and a Happy New Year! Thank you we did receive the hats. Thank you for always thinking of us, we love giving them out to our patients.

Have a wonderful day,

Ashley Zapolski BSN, RNC-MNN

Nurse Manager – Mother Baby Units Saint Peter's University Hospital 254 Easton Avenue New Brunswick, NJ 08901



New Jersey Eastern Star Home's Director of Nursing, Agustin (Gus) T. Guido III, has been unanimously chosen as a distinguished recipient of Asia's Golden Icon Award 2024. The Asia's Golden Icon Award 2024 recognizes individual achievers that have significant impact in the community or have shown excellence in their area of expertise.

Gus is deserving of this award; he has been an avenue of change for the healthcare community. Gus has managed facilities with Traumatic Brain Injury, Ventilators, Sub-Acute Rehabilitation, and Long-Term Care. Since taking the role as Director of Nursing at New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Gus has led our team with no facility acquired COVID deaths for the past 4 years, his passion for education led to the facility's 2 day staff education fair, that was highlighted and became an example on a national level, where he implemented fun and interactive ways for staff to learn about state required topics, such as Dementia, Fall Risk, Infection Control, and many other topics. Gus is a published author, and has been elected as the Vice President of the New Jersey Association of Directors of Nursing Administration in Long Term Care.

New Jersey Eastern Star Nursing and Rehabilitation Administration, staff, and colleges are proud to celebrate Gus' achievement, as it is a positive reflection of the knowledge, and excellence in the healthcare field.



New Jersey Eastern Star Home Board Deborah Lynn LeDoux, President

I hope everyone enjoyed a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am very honored that the Board of Directors has placed its trust in me to lead them and look forward to serving our Home for the upcoming year. No one person can do it alone and I am honored to have the members of the Board of Directors that are serving this year to keep our Home running smoothly and I thank them for their service to our residents and Home.

Emergency Meeting of the NJ Eastern Star Home

On November 2, 2024, we held an emergency meeting to inform everyone where we stand with renewing our loan. Our loan comes due in October 2025 and at that time we will owe about 5.9 million. There are several rumors going around; if you have any questions please contact a Board member. At the present time we have 11 Eastern Star members in the Home. We are not broke, and in the current market we are doing better than projected. We are paying our bills on time, and we have never been late. The only debt that we have is the loan that we took out for the building of the new wing. We will most likely have to pay off some of the loan when we refinance it. This is *your* Eastern Star Home. If you would like to hear what is going on, we encourage you to attend a Home Board meeting where your questions can be answered. If you would like to attend a Home Board meeting, please contact Debbie LeDoux.

Home Day

Sister Sharon Rosequist, MWGM will be doing a Home Day this year. It will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Crescent Shrine in Westampton. More information will be announced at a later date. I hope to see you there.

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. All inquiries should be made to Shelretha LaSure at the ES Home.

Volunteers

We are now open to volunteers. The residents miss the BINGO games, arts and crafts, sing-alongs, the plays and Chapter meetings that some of the districts used to do. If you would like to volunteer to run any of the above, please call Simone Rudich at the Eastern Star Home. The Board of Directors and the Home thank you for your dedication to the residents and our Home. Simone is always looking for help with getting the wheelchair residents to the Boutique and to the salon. If you are interested in helping, please contact her at the Eastern Star Home.

Bequests

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 the form by calling the Eastern Star Home at 908-722-4140. The forms for Leaves and Rocks are also printed in the Star Journal. Leaves are \$500 and rocks are \$1000. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Home, I thank you for supporting this project.



Gown Boutiques

We are planning for a gown Boutique on February 15, 2025, at Atlas Chapter from 9am to 3pm. I want to thank the Home Board, the Elected Line and the many volunteers that are always there to help us. Where can you purchase a gown for \$5, it's a bargain, come to Atlas Chapter and check out the gowns, skirts, tops, tuxedos, and shoes. If you have any donations for the Boutique, please bring them with you on the day of the Boutique and remember that we are only collecting formal attire. We cannot accept business attire and it only adds extra work if you bring any. We also expect your donations to be gently used, no stains please.

Donations

There are other opportunities for giving that will benefit our Home, besides those previously mentioned. You can contribute towards the Commemorative Gardens, which provides a beautifully landscaped outdoor space for our residents to enjoy. At this time our Building Fund, which helps maintain our facility, is in need of donations. In the past couple of years, we have had to replace both furnaces, both chillers and the roof on the old and new section of the Home along with other major repairs. No matter where you choose to direct your donation, remember that the NJ Eastern Star Home is a 501c(3) Organization, and your donation is tax deductible. Please designate your choice on the memo line of your check, and mail it to Carole Moore, PGM, our treasurer.

Claire-Marie Scheffbuch Wing

Due to the generous donations received in the past from the Estate of Sister Claire-Marie, a wing of our facility will be dedicated in her name. The date of the dedication will be announced in the future. As soon as we have a date, it will be posted on the District Facebook pages and on our website. We are truly grateful to Sister Claire-Marie for everything that she has done for our Home.

Awards

We have had several employees receive awards this year. Dr. Dawn Giakas our Administrator was honored with the prestigious Excellence in Leadership award, bestowed by Leading Age New Jersey & Delaware during the 2024 Awards Program which has illuminated the facility by her remarkable accomplishments. This accolade symbolizes not only Dr. Giakas' personal triumph but also the collective celebration of NJESH's transformative journey under her stewardship. Gus Guido has been unanimously chosen as a distinguished recipient of the Asian's Golden Icon Award 2024. The Asian's Golden Icon Award recognizes individual achievers that have significant impact in the community or have shown excellence in their area of expertise. Nicholas Patullo jumped into a freezing river to rescue the occupants who were trapped in a car underwater. Nick received the Valor Award from the 200 Club of Somerset County for Bravery. I congratulate them on their awards and thank them for their dedication. There are articles in the Journal on the three of them.

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 on behalf of our residents and our home. The residents look forward to your visits with them. Please think about running a BINGO or any other activity for our residents. If you are interested, please contact Simone Rudich.

In Star Love, Deborah Lynn LeDoux, GO President, Home Board of Directors





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Choosing New Jersey Eastern Star Rehabilitation and Nursing for long-term care ensures a nurturing and supportive environment for residents. Our compassionate staff provides round-the-clock assistance and personalized care plans to meet the unique needs of each resident. With comfortable accommodations, engaging activities, and a warm community atmosphere, residents feel at home and valued as part of our extended family.

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For further inquiries or to schedule a tour, please contact Director of Admission at 908.722.4140 Ext. 3581















Dr. Dawn Giakas Celebrating Excellence in Aging Services Leadership Award

Amidst the grandeur of The Boathouse at Mercer Lake in West Windsor, New Jersey, Dr. Dawn Giakas, the current Administrator of the New Jersey Eastern Star Home (NJESH), honored with the prestigious Excellence in Leadership award, illuminates the facility with her remarkable accomplishments. Bestowed by LeadingAge New Jersey & Delaware during the 2024 Awards Program on Wednesday, February 12th, this accolade symbolizes not only Dr. Giakas' personal triumph but also the collective celebration of NJESH's transformative journey under her stewardship.

Guided by Dr. Giakas' visionary leadership, NJESH underwent a remarkable metamorphosis, catapulting from a commendable 3-star to an extraordinary 5-star rating by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) within a single year. This unprecedented ascent earned NJESH recognition as the Best Nursing Home by esteemed publications like US News and World Report, while consecutive deficiency-free inspections from the New Jersey Department of Health (DOH) underscored the facility's commitment to excellence.

Beyond her administrative duties, Dr. Giakas strategically secured a substantial \$100,000 grant from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness in 2023, fortifying NJESH's security infrastructure and safeguarding the well-being of its residents and staff. Her influence extends far beyond the confines of NJESH, as evidenced by her influential role on the Board of the Society of Licensed Nursing Home Administrators of NJ and her designation as a Fellow of the Advisory Board Company, shaping industry standards and best practices.

"At NJESH, we've been incredibly fortunate to witness Dawn's exceptional leadership firsthand," remarks Gus Guido, Director of Nursing at NJESH. "Her unwavering dedication to our residents, staff, and the community at large is unparalleled. Dawn's visionary approach has not only elevated our facility to new heights but has also set a benchmark for excellence in aging services leadership. She is truly deserving of this prestigious award."

At the heart of Dr. Giakas' leadership lies an unwavering commitment to ethical principles, exemplified by her membership in the Somerset/Middlesex Regional Ethics Alliance. Her advocacy extends beyond healthcare, encompassing community welfare through initiatives like elevating standards across multiple senior centers in Bridgewater, NJ, and advocating for animal welfare in partnership with the Plainfield Humane Society.

Dr. Giakas' dedication to nurturing the next generation of healthcare leaders is palpable through her mentorship of Rutgers Master of Public Health (MPH) students and undergraduate Public Health students, ensuring a legacy of excellence in healthcare leadership.

As a published author and sought-after consultant, Dr. Giakas remains at the forefront of industry developments, actively participating in professional networks such as the NJ Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Administrators. Her dynamic contributions to the healthcare discourse, coupled with her active involvement in professional alliances, solidify her status as a thought leader and catalyst for positive change.

In Dr. Giakas, we witness not just a leader, but a visionary whose indomitable spirit and unwavering commitment to excellence have redefined aging services in New Jersey. As we celebrate her well-deserved recognition, we also look forward to the continued impact of her leadership on the healthcare landscape, ensuring that the journey towards quality aging services remains guided by compassion, integrity, and innovation.



TRIENNIAL, SOUTH CAROLINA

On Friday, October 27, 2024, many of us left for Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for General Grand's 51st Triennial Celebration, "Worldwide the Family of God Marches Together!"

Some arrived by car and some by plane, but we all got there. Most of us stayed at the Dayton House Resort in beach front suites. The Resort is owned by a Mason who personally attended the Triennial and thanked us for our patronage. We were privileged to share the Resort with Sisters and Brothers from Nova Scotia and the Philippines. We had breakfast with them daily. We had the opportunity to chat with some of our foreign members. There were 14 of us all together from New Jersey.

We all chose to attend different events that were offered during the week of activities. Millie and I met with a fellow Bordentown Chapter sister, Carol Jelic. Carol now lives in Murrell's Inlet, SC. We had a lovely dinner on Sunday, while everyone else went to the Grand Representative luncheon.

On Monday night during the Cavalcade of Flags the New Jersey flag was carried in by Sister Sharon Rosequist, our Most Worthy Grand Matron. She was followed by Brother Joe Herx, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Joanne Byrne, Junior Past Grand Matron and Jeannette Wallace, Past Grand Matron. These three Sisters all served simultaneously with Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Glenda Winchester and Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother F. Lon Lowry, of General Grand Chapter.

Everyone was in attendance for Monday night's opening ceremonies when our MWGM and MWGP were presented and 5 of New Jersey's Past MWGM's were presented. They were Alice Good, JoAnn Bingenheimer, Lynn Billingham, Jeannette Wallace and Joanne Byrne.

On Tuesday night several members joined Sister Nancy Myers, Past Grand Representative of Oklahoma and her counterpart at Oklahoma's luau.

Triennial is a wonderful experience to see how the Grand Chapter is similar and different from our own New Jersey Grand Chapter. In 2027 it is scheduled to be held in Arizona.

Barbara Helfrey













Deborah Denslow Partenheimer Named a Lifetime Achiever by Marquis Who's Who

Ms. Partenheimer has been endorsed by Marquis Who's Who as a leader in the education industry HADDONFIELD, NJ, September 01, 2017 /24-7PressRelease/
-- Marquis Who, the world's premier publisher of biographical profiles, is proud to name Deborah Denslow Partenheimer a Lifetime Achiever. An accomplished listee, Ms. Partenheimer celebrates many years' experiences in her professional network and has been noted for achievements, leadership qualities and the



successes she has achieved in her field. As in all Marquis Who's Who biographical volumes, individuals profiled are selected on the basis of current reference value. Factors such as position, noteworthy accomplishments, visibility and prominence in a field are all considered during the selection process. Ms. Partenheimer is a retired primary school teacher who contributed 41 years of service to students and fellow teachers in Willingboro, New Jersey from 1971 to 2012. In school she served as a union representative and away from school as an elected official, community volunteer and master gardener. Ms. Partenheimer was born in Philadelphia in 1947 to Merrill Tracy, Jr. and Margaret Denslow. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Gwynedd Mercy College (now Gwynedd Mercy University) in 1971 and began her teaching career in Willingboro the same year. She served as a teacher's union representative in 1981 and 1982.

Ms. Partenheimer became active in civic and political affairs in 1986 when she became a committeewoman for the Morrisville, Pennsylvania Republican Committee. The same year she served as president of Morrisville's borough council. From 1988 to 1990 she was borough chair for the American Cancer Society and beginning in 1988 was on the board of the Morrisville Free Library. Ms. Partenheimer participated in the task force for reorganization of the Morrisville School District and was chair of the Morrisville Municipal Authority in 1994 and from 1996 to 2000. She was a member of Parents Without Partners, the Bucks County Boroughs Association and the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association.

In 2000 Ms. Partenheimer completed a Master of Arts degree from Marygrove College in Detroit and in 2005 earned a Master of Educational Administration from Gwynedd Mercy.

Ms. Partenheimer has served as an educational advisor for the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. In 2013 she earned the Master Gardener designation in Camden County, New Jersey and serves on the board of the Camden County Master Gardeners. She has participated in the Barnes Foundation Horticulture Program and has been on the board of trustees of the Penn State South Jersey Alumni since 2014. She is a member of the National Education Association, the New Jersey Education Association and is on the board of the Willingboro Retired Education Association. For her community involvement and dedication to teaching, Ms. Partenheimer was selected for inclusion in numerous volumes of Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Education, Who's Who in the East, Who's Who in The World, Who's Who of American Women and two volumes of Who's Who of Emerging Leaders in America.

Deborh Partenheimer is Associate Matron of Bordentown Chapter #257. She joined Victory Chapter that merged with Bordentown, she is a dual member of Haddonfield Chapter #40. She is a past Grand Representative, a Past Worthy District Depute of District 37. She has served as Worthy Matron of Victory and Haddonfield Chapters.



TRIENNIAL, MYRTLE BEACH, SC

14 members of NJ OES traveled to Myrtle Beach, SC to attend the Triennial meeting of General Grand Chapter. Our MWGM, Sharon Rosequist, was given the honor of carrying the New Jersey flag in their cavalcade of flags, escorted by Joe Herx, MWGP, as well as Joanne Byrne, Jr. PGM, and Jeannette Wallace, PGM - the "Tri-Line" who served during this past Triennial. Many thanks to Barbara Helfrey, PGO, and Millie Cox, PGO, who organized goody bags for all attending. Nancy Myers-Rudolph, GR of Oklahoma, along with some other NJ members, attended Oklahoma's Aloha Luau during the session. It was quite interesting to see international flags of faith honored during the sessions, recognizing most, if not all the faiths practiced by members of OES worldwide. It was also wonderful to see the Masonic youth organizations give presentations - International Miss Job's Daughters performed a ceremony from their Supreme Book of Ceremonies honoring OES; the Congress Secretary of DeMolay International performed the Flower Talk; and SC Rainbow performed an original ceremony outlining the similarities between Rainbow and OES. Triennial concluded with the installation of Billie Bradfield, MWGM, PGM of Arizona, and Michael E. Berrie, MWGP, PGP of Kentucky. The next Triennial will be in August 2027 in Phoenix, AZ.



Submitted by Jeannet Wallace, PGM







Statewide Christmas Church Service

On December 5, 2024, New Jersey Eastern Star gathered at the Stanhope United Methodist Church in Netcong for the Statewide Christmas Church Service. The church was beautifully decorated for Christmas with Christmas trees, garland, lights and a nativity scene. The service was created by Sister Helen Beth Vilcek, PGM of Pennsylvania and member of Starlight Chapter #107. The Worthy District Deputies really shined today as they gave the opening prayer, read passages from the Bible about the Christmas story and led the offering. Many carols were sung, accompanied masterly by Sister Helen Beth on organ and Sister Pam DeLisa, Worthy Grand Organist on the piano. Sister Pam showcased her classical talents on the piano during the offering. The sermon was given by Brother Matthew Aaron, Worthy Grand Sentinel who spoke about the similarities of being a member of the Masonic Fraternities and Christmas. Sister Gina Aaron, Worthy Grand Chaplain lead us in the Offertory and closing prayer. The Worthy Grand Officers also assisted by serving as Ushers. Our offering gifts were split between the Stanhope United Methodist Church and Voluntary Donations. After the service everyone gathered downstairs for delicious snacks, holiday drinks and sociability.













CAPS (CHAPTERS ASSISTING PREEMIES AND PEOPLE) 2024-2025

The members of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star in New Jersey have been extremely busy this past year knitting and crocheting hundreds of caps and blankets for hospitals, shelters, cancer patients, etc., throughout the state.

Each District contributed to this charitable project. We received many compliments from the various hospitals that received our donations. In fact, one hospital states that the Eastern Star caps are the "best made caps" and are asked for all the time. If you know an organization that could use our donations, please let your District Chairperson know. We try to donate the items within each District.

I would like to thank each of the District Chairpersons for their support throughout the year:

District 31 - Janet Wells

District 33 – Denise McCarthy

District 34 – Jeanne Gionfriddo

District 35 - Cecelia Ellis

District 36 – Donna Leavitt

District 37 - Joan Smith

District 38 - Tammy Wilkie

District 39 - Adonis "Cookie" Dean

Without their support these projects would not be successful.

To date over 1,000 baby caps have been delivered to various hospitals throughout New Jersey since June 1st. Donations of blankets, scarves, etc., have been donated to nursing homes, hospice care and even animal shelters. Several blankets and hats have been delivered to the Shriner's Hospital in Philadelphia. We recently saw an article on Facebook for a group called Lily's Hope Foundation who was looking for hats, blankets, etc. to distribute throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania. We delivered a couple of hundred hats to them, for which we received a beautiful thank you note.

Many people have stated that they cannot knit or crotchet – but would like to do something to help the CAPS program. Many of the individuals who knit or crotchet could use a donation of yarn to work on their projects. If you are willing to donate yarn, please contact one of the District Chairpersons, they will be happy to share your donation with their members.

We appreciate the support that we have received from all the Chapters in New Jersey.

It is our pleasure to provide these needed items to the various charitable organizations.

Fraternally, Roberta Russell

Roberta Russell CAPS Chairperson





Motivational and Membership Committee

Greetings to our Membership. We have a special announcement to make. The Motivational and Membership Committee, along with the Social Media Committee, have created a new Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey Facebook page. We began with beta testing and rolled it out with invitations on January 5, 2025.

You can reach our page by using the following link: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61571415748172

We encourage you to join the group, like /or follow this page. The new page has been created for the sole purpose of bringing awareness to the public about the Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey. All new requests to post will go through the Motivational and Membership Committee and Social Media Committee before being approved for posting. Posts to this page will be of motivational and uplifting messages, facts about Eastern Star and post of both Grand Chapter and Subordinate Chapter community service projects. We ask you to consider sharing the page link with your Facebook family and friends, as well, to spread awareness. Looking forward to the future, next up . . . Instagram page. Keep your eye out.



Nicholas Patullo, Received the Valor Award

Nicholas Patullo, Director of EVE and Safety & Security, NJESH

On the afternoon of January 22, 2022, the Hillsboro Fire companies were dispatched to an area on South Branch River Road. for a vehicle in the river with occupants trapped inside.

Arriving before the fire apparatus, Nick and two other firefighters were first on the scene and Nick jumped into the 30°, freezing cold river, along with another firefighter and a police officer and accessed the situation and immediately began rescue operations. They forced open the driver side door and were able to get the lone passenger, an elderly female who was hanging upside down, still

with her seat belt on, removed from the vehicle she was unconscious and immediately turned over to the EMT's who were able to revive her. As a result of these quick and selfless actions of these men, the victim survived the accident. She just passed away in 2024, due to unrelated health issues.

Their actions, specifically placing the well-being of the victim above their own personal safety and operating in extreme conditions with no protective gear, underscore the duty and commitment of Nick and his fellow firefighters. This selfless act of Nick's shows the integrity and empathy that NJESH benefits from having this heroic employee working for us. He brings this spirit with him to work each and every day for the benefit of our residents, staff and visitors. On May 15th, 2024, Nick and the other emergency responders received a Valor Award from the 200th Club of Somerset County for their bravery. The Board commends Nick for his heroism.



Smithville

by Jessica Walton, State Chairperson

On Saturday, June 29, 2024, we held our 3rd Annual Smithville Summer Event. It was a absolutely beautiful day, the weather finally cooperated. We had a terrific turn out of our Sisters and Brothers; as well as family and friends.

All who came enjoyed a delicious breakfast buffet that included the famous Smithville Inn bread pudding and chances to win beautiful baskets put together by our 2024-2025 Worthy District Deputies. Thank you also to the Wild Things in attendance who sold 50/50 and Grand Prize tickets to all in attendance. Congratulations to all our basket winners, Sis. Elaine Parsons, PGO the winner of the 50/50 and Sis Jeannette Wallace, PGM, the winner of the Grand Prize!

We then all strolled over to the landmark carousel for a simply fantastic group picture (shown) of our group. It was right after the picture that the shopping ensued and what a place to go shopping in.

Thank you to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sharon Rosequist and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Joe Herx for setting aside this day. Thank you to those who assisted in decorations and setting up. Finally, a sincere thank you to all who came out to participate in our Smithville Summer Event. Looking forward to returning to Smithville in the future.





STATE MASTER MASONS' NIGHT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

It was a great pleasure to be the Chairperson for the State Master Masons' Night this year. There was a great deal of work, however the feedback that I received proved that all the work was worth it. It was hard work of many to create this wonderful night.

The event took place at the Masonic Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington. The room was decorated with white table clothes and red and blue napkins. Centerpieces were created by Sister V. Kaye Jenking, WM and Brother Thomas Snorf, WP. They were 10-inch green toy soldiers on a base with smaller soldiers and poppies decorating the bases. Red, White and Blue boxes of Bigelow Tea were at each place setting. The Bigelow Tea Company will donate boxes of tea to any event that is celebrating or sponsoring Veterans. This was a project that Sister Diedre Williams had brought to our attention.

As attendees entered the Fellowship Center, they were greeted by the music of RW Brother Donald Tuttle, Grand Musician. Attendees were able to buy tickets for the Basket Auction. The baskets were generously donated by all eight Worthy District Deputies. Sister Dale Van Houten, WG Esther and Sister Elsie Van Dusen, GR of Pennsylvania were selling 50/50's.

Attendees enjoyed a meal of either Lemon Chicken or Top Sirloin prepared by 207 Main Caterers followed by dessert of assorted pastries and coffee. The theme of the evening was Celebrating Sisters in the Service, highlighting Sisters that not only serve our Star but serve Our Country. The presenters were Sister Diana Brown, Colonel, Chief of Staff, Air National Guard and Sister Margaret Brescio, Colonel, Chief of Staff, Army National Guard. Both were in their dress uniforms. These Sisters held a captive audience. Not a sound could be heard while they spoke. Attendees were informed that both these presenters are not only Star members but were Rainbow Girls. Which the Rainbow Girls (past and present) in the room were very excited about. Both presenters spoke about how their experiences in Rainbow and later Star prepared them for their service to Our Country. I have to admit, I was quite awe struck by both these Sisters. They left an impression on me that I will never forget. Unfortunately, our third presenter, Sister Shannon Neville, Company Commander, USCG was in an accident and was unable to attend.

After the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron and Most Worshipful Grand Master spoke, tickets were pulled for the baskets. Many went home with prizes. The 50/50 was won by Sister Cecelia Ellis, Assoc. Matron and Sister Dale Van Houten, WG Esther.

It was truly a beautiful night with 151 in attendance with 8 no shows.

Fraternally, Lisa Helge, RWGT State Master Masons' Night 2024, Chair

















PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR GUESTS
THE GRAND CHAPTER
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF NEW JERSEY
154th "Love Makes the World Go Round"
GRAND SESSION
MAY 19, 20, 21, 2025

ONE FORM PER PERSON – FORM MAY BE DUPLICATED

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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-fourth

"Love Makes the World Go Round" Annual Grand Session

May 19, 20, 21, 2025 at Iropicana Hotel Utlantic City, New Jersey Formal Opening, Monday, May 19, 2025 7:30 FM Sharon E. Rosequist Most Worthy Grand Matron Joseph F. Herx Most Worthy Grand Patron

Fatti L. Rhinesmith, FGM 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 "Love Makes the World Go Round" 154th Grand Session. This year Grand Session will be held at Tropicana 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 Tropicana at 1-888-516-2215 (8am-2am EST seven days a week) under the name of the <u>Order of Eastern Star 2025</u> group using code: ST05ES5. Reservations can be made at: https://book.passkey.com/go/ST05ES5

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 all visitors and guests.

Hospitality will tentatively be open on the

following dates and times.

Monday 9 to 12 noon and 2 to 4pm
Tuesday 9 to 11 and 2 to 4pm
Wednesday 9 to 1 pm

In Star Love,

Sharon E. Rosequist, Most Worthy Grand Matron Joseph F. Herx, Most Worthy Grand Patron

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Monday Evening - May 19, 2025

Meal Plan Dinner 5:00 ∼ 7:00 PM

Opening Processional 7:30 PM Informal Opening of Grand Session Introduction of: Past Grand Master; Amaranth;

Rainbow; DeMolay, Daughters of the

Nile and Shrine
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 20, 2025 Business Session

Business Session
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

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 7:00 PM Presentation of: Right Worthy Grand Officers

Worthy Grand Officers Worthy District Deputies All Grand Representatives

Report of the Worthy Grand Fraternal Correspondent

Grand Representative Commissions

Wednesday – May 21, 2025

Business Session

Greetings by Tropicana Hotel 9:00 AM Election of RW Grand Trustee Report of President of the N.J. Eastern Star Home Inc Voting on Recommendations

Presentations of: Hostesses, Hosts, Hospitality Committee, Pages, Location Committee RWAGM Rehearsal Immediately following morning session

Evening Session 7:30PN Membership dinner 4:30 – 6:30 PM

"Brass Ring Winners Circle" Dinner

Open Installation of Grand Officers, 2025-2026

** Committee Reports will be given during business sessions at the discretion of the Most Worthy Grand Matron. All committee reports must be submitted in triplicate by May 1, 2025, to the RW Private Secretary. Reports not turned in will not be read in the Grand East.

. * * Membership "Brass Ring Winners Circle" Dinner – Congratulatory Outgoing and Incoming Grand Officers. Information through Linda Pettenger, PGO, Dinner Chairman



"A MEMBERSHIP MILESTONE"

Congratulations to Sis. B. Ruth Dietrick, PM, of Hobart Chapter # 63, District # 39, on reaching her 75th year of membership in the OES of NJ! Sis. Ruth is 101+ years old, residing in a care center, in relatively good health and good spirits.

Sis. Ruth was Worthy Matron of Hobart Chapter 1970–71, and a faithful officer for many years thereafter, in the station of Ruth! Her favorite OES charity was crocheting "Caps" for preemies. She eventually moved from High Bridge, NJ. to St. Albens, VT, to be near her daughter and family.

The 75-year bar was presented to Sis. Ruth in November 2024 at a visit coordinated by Hobart Chapter, her daughter Sandra, and Sandra's friend, Sue Collins, a member of OES in Vermont. Sandra created a collage of the membership pins for Sis. Ruth to see and enjoy every day.

To send a card or note to Sis. Ruth, please contact Betty Lanka, PGO, Sec'y. of Hobart Chapter, or Marlene Hoffman, PGM, for her address.









A Night out, beyond our doors. Picture of several members who were joined by a sister now living in South Carolina. Surely you all know her. Food to fill our Spirit at Olive Garden.

Your quiz of the day, Who is it?



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Day 6: Today after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you depart for home... a time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen and where your next group trip will take you!



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(All proceeds to benefit the NJ Eastern Star Rehab and Nursing Home)

Saturday, May 10, 2025 9am – 4pm

(The Fair is Rain or Shine)

Crescent Shrine 700 Highland Dr. Westhampton, NJ 08060

Bring your Family and Friends!

For more information or to be a vendor Contact Stephanie Bowen (908) 418-2727 Cheryl Butler (201) 248 2223 or Lisa Couch (732) 770-5976 Committee Chairwomen



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To inquire about admission opportunities, please contact: Shelretha LaSure, Director of Admissions at slasure@njeasternstarhome.com or by phone at (908)-722-4140 extension 3581





Penns Grove Chapter #86 of the 37th district recently purchased a running chair for a member's special needs grandson. Brett participates in Ainsley's Angels runs that are fund raisers for various organizations. Ainsley's Angels of America aims to build awareness about America's special needs community through inclusion in all aspects of life. They pair endurance runners with individuals who have disabilities that prevent them from participating in racing. No matter the disability, Ainsley's Angels invite them to join in the runs and experience the thrill of being included in a team of runners. Ainsley's

Angels will provide running chairs and volunteer pushers. There is no cost to families. Brett, who attends Larc School will be participating in the Cooper- Norcross Run the Bridge that is the main fundraiser for Larc School in Bellmawr, NJ in a 10K race. Ainsley's Angels were there with a large team on November 3rd. Penns Grove chapter also donated to this run to support Brett's team, "Miles of Smiles with Brett" with all monies going to Larc. The school, Brett's team and family are most grateful for Penns Grove's donation and support.



Congratulations
Eastern Star
Celebrating
20 Years of
The Star Journal

70 Year Token and Certificate



On December 2nd, on my way to the Honor Night at Ocean
Chapter, Bill and I made a side trip to the Arbors in Spring Lake to
deliver a 70 Year Token and certificate to Elizabeth Lewis.
Elizabeth is a member of Starlight Chapter #107. What a fun side
trip. Her son John and daughter-in-law Lisa were there to greet
us at the door and escort us to Elizabeth's room. Thank you,

John, for reaching out to me to arrange this. It was absolutely my pleasure to be able to deliver this special Token to "Betty" in person

and make her day extra special. John Lewis is a member of Acacia Lodge, formerly Jephthah Lodge.

Sharon E. Rosequist, MWGM

2024-2025





The Grand Chapter OES of NJ Cordially Invites you to

'The Brass Ring Winners Circle" Membership Dinner

In celebration of

The "Love Makes the World Go Round" year 2024 - 2025

And

The upcoming Eastern Star year 2025 - 2026



Wednesday, May 21, 2025 4:30pm to 6:30pm



Tropicana Atlantic City, 2831 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Garden Salad, Chicken Francaise, Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Chocolate Cake

Cost: \$55.00 pp

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MEAL PLAN OPTIONS

OPTION ONE \$195.00



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 – PancakesWednesday – French Toast

Dinner – 2 Nights - BUFFET- ENTREES – BUFFET- ENTREES – Monday – Salad bar, chicken parmesan, filet mignon topped with blue cheese and peppercorn sauce, roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetable, Dessert/coffee/Tea

Tuesday –Salad Bar, Apple cider marinated Pork loin, roasted Turkey with gravy,

seasonal vegetables, mashed potatoes, Dessert/Coffee/Tea

OPTION TWO - \$130.00

Dinner – 2 Nights- BUFFET- ENTREES – Monday – Salad bar, chicken parmesan, filet mignon topped with blue cheese and peppercorn sauce, roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetable, Dessert/coffee/Tea Tuesday –Salad Bar, Apple cider marinated Pork loin, roasted Turkey with gravy, seasonal vegetables, mashed potatoes, Dessert/Coffee/Tea

OPTION THREE - \$75.00

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

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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

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS: MAY 1, 2025 – ONLY 1 FORM PER PERSON Name______ Address______ City, State, Zip______Meal Option_____ Phone EMAIL



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DE MD NJ GRAND FLORAL

on February 1, 2025

Our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron had invited the Grand Staff of Delaware and Maryland to join NJ for this special day. We were honored with the presence of 145 members from the three states for the event.

Phyllis Bowan, PGM of DE, and a member of Penns Grove Chapter #82 received her 70-year bar, along with Fran Miller GR of Delaware a member in Delaware and a member of Penns Grove Chapter received her 50-year pin.

Gerry Showack-Pino, WM of Williamstown received a commission to British Columbia & the Yukon

















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