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Front Row, Left to Right: Daria Hamm, RWAGM, Danny L. Cooper, MWGP and Norma J. Hines, MWGM.
Back Row, Left to Right: Amanda Betts, Dolores Reed, Shauna Igo, Leslie Baker, Debbie Sacco and Amanda R. Zimmerman.



Most Worthy Grand Matron's Message



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Grand Session and installation of the Grand Staff of Officers for 2019-2020, came and went in a blink of an eye, and here I sit writing to you as your Most Worthy Grand Matron. I feel like it was only a few short months ago that I was writing to you for the first time as a newly elected Right Worthy Grand Trustee. What an honor you, our membership, have bestowed upon me.

What should I write to you about? Should I detail all the exciting events planned for this year? Our Trips; the cruise to Bermuda, the bus trip to Georgia and South Carolina or the trip to Ireland? Our first ever Grand Chapter-Grand Lodge Master Mason Night? The Halloween Hoot? How about our projects, like our beautiful Jewelry, our OES Museum, Semper Fido, Caring and Sharing, Food 4 Thought, C.A.P.S. and all the good works we will do by participating and supporting them? But then I realized that many of them are already listed in the Star Journal for you to read about.

I began to think about how I got to this place of great honor and it all began with involvement with Rainbow. The beautiful lessons of the colors of our Star and Rainbow mirror each other and how we need to put those lessons in place in our everyday lives. These thoughts reminded me of a quote I had recently read by Albert Schweitzer, "The true worth of a man is not to be found in man himself, but in the colors and textures that come alive in others." Albert

Schweitzer was a great theologian, writer, humanitarian, philosopher, and physician.

What "colors and textures" does your chapter bring out in others? Inspired officers? Harmonious chapter meetings? Efficient fundraisers? Happy members? A growing organization? What are the "colors and textures" of your chapter? What "colors and textures" do you bring out in others?

Sisters and Brothers, I charge each of you to be the light of your chapter and shine your colors brightly! Make your textures inviting, encouraging and comfortable for others to be with.

I encourage you to support our projects. I ask when you return to your chapter this month, return with a heart full of love and excitement. I urge you to try new things, visit other chapters, encourage and support each other, share and invite your friends to open functions, talk it up, but most importantly. . . "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another . . . and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25.

I know that I'm looking forward to the future and have a vision for 2020. Do you have 20/20 vision? ❖

With Love from Your Sister

Norma J. Hines

Most Worthy Grand Matron, 2019-2020



Most Worthy Grand Patron's Message



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I thank our membership for bestowing upon me the distinguished privilege and honor of serving as your M.W.G. P. With the trust and confidence that you have placed in me, I hope to bring dignity to this high position and to perform my duties and service for our Order to the best of my ability.

Our Installation at Grand Session was amazing, and I was so proud to be part of it. Thank you to Sister Marlene Hoffman, P.G.M., who wrote the processional, to Sister Norma Hines, M.W.G.M., who executed the planning of the processional, and to the many Sisters and Brothers who helped in any way to make this a wonderful evening.

Things have gotten off to a fast-paced start and how exciting it has been traveling all over our State these past few months, visiting our Chapters and sharing in special events with our fellow appellate bodies.

Especially enjoyable was participating in the Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade followed by a fantastic picnic at the Visschers. On June 9th we were guests at Starlight Chapter's dinner party, a celebration of their 100th Birthday. Thank you to all who attended our Golf Outing and delicious picnic dinner at Mays Landing Golf Club. The afternoon's stormy weather was quite a challenge, but we all had a great time. I especially liked being Sister Jennifer Schiffrin's caddy.

We are very proud of our Masonic youth organizations and Sister Isabella and I, together with Sister Norma, were privileged to be guests at both the DeMolay's Conclave in Wildwood and the Order of the Rainbow Convention in Parsippany. It was an honor representing our Order at each of these events, to interact with the young men and women, to hear the successes of their service projects and to witness their impressive ritualistic work.

On June 23 and 24, Sister Isabella and I attended Pennsylvania's Grand Session in York, PA. Visiting a state in General Grand was once again a pleasure-enjoying fellowship with friendly Sisters and Brothers from Pennsylvania and other Sister jurisdictions.

Now, September is upon us and we begin our next round of our Star's fall events. As you are reading this, many of us may be enjoying or just returning home from our Bermuda cruise aboard the Norwegian Escape. As a Master Mason and your M.W.G.P., I hope you share my excitement to be in attendance at our first ever NJ OES Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of NJ Master Masons Night. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master Gregory J. Scott, Sister Norma, and I are committed to working for Unity this year among our Masonic bodies. An exciting night is on tap for all of us, OES members, Lodge Brothers, family and friends, at the Masonic Fellowship Hall in Burlington on September 14, as we enjoy fun, fellowship, and former Brigadier General and Homelands Security Stephen J. Hines's presentation.

I thank Sister Norma for giving me the honor to serve with her as her M.W.G.P. I anticipate a fulfilling and fantastic year for our Eastern Star as we celebrate our 150th Birthday. We anticipate greeting you at your Chapters and at our upcoming special events. We look forward to our Initiations of new members. We look forward to working and serving together to raise money for our charitable purposes. And, we look forward to having fun, supporting each other for our Eastern Star's growth and prosperity.

Remember: Alone we achieve so little; together we accomplish so much. ❖

*In This Star Year of Ask, Believe,
Receive, Fraternally,
Danny L. Cooper
Most Worthy Grand Patron, 2019-2020*



Greetings From the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron



Greetings to Our Membership.

I am so happy to be representing our membership and the State of New Jersey this year as Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron. I look forward to working this year with our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. We had a wonderful installation in Atlantic City and they have worked very hard in putting together a fun filled year for all of us.

Sisters and Brothers, the opportunity has now presented itself to us. Are you prepared to make the commitment to Eastern Star? Help us to begin to thrive - start by talking to people, invite them to our Social Functions and Charity Projects, and let them see what we are about. Put articles in your local paper about what your chapters have done for the Community. We just might spark an individual into joining our Fraternal Organization. I can't emphasize enough the strength that I have received from this organization in my own personal tests of life. I will be forever grateful to the friends I've made along the way and they will forever be in my heart. To the chapters of our state, I look forward to being a guest in your chapter, hoping that your members enjoy planning for our visits and

have lots of fun and laughter in doing the project. We must look to our past and bring forward those ideas and values that are important to us, adapting them to meet today's society.

To my Associate Matrons and our membership, know that I'm always there for you. I am looking forward to October 19th, 2019 at the 39th district meeting where I will be naming the Associate Matrons. Hoping that they would like to have a special date in their year please send me a request so that my Most Worthy Grand Patron and I can get it on our calendar.

Looking forward to seeing you all this year in our travels. To the elected line you each have moved one step closer to your dreams. Plan well, be secure in who you are and the membership will help you achieve your goals. Remember love is the thread that holds us together in New Jersey Eastern Star. ❖

*In Star Love,
Daria Hamm
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron*

Eastern Star Charity Foundation of NJ, Inc. Scholarships

The Eastern Star Charity Foundation of New Jersey is pleased to announce the awarding of three (3) scholarships for Spring of 2019. Each scholarship is a four (4) year scholarship. Our recipients were:

Alexis Wack, Nursing/Allied Scholarship
University of South Carolina, College of Nursing
Sponsor, Susan Wack, Grandmother, Tuckerton Chapter No. 54

Jennifer Foster, Criminology
Roanoke College
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Alexis Bellhorn, Music Education
Lancaster Bible College
Sponsor, David Bellhorn, Grandfather, Wall Chapter No. 143

Our sincere best wishes for success to this year's recipients.

The Eastern Star Charity Foundation of New Jersey awards two (2) scholarships to a member, daughter/son, granddaughter/grandson, or niece/nephew of a member in good standing with the Order of the Eastern Star of NJ, who will be a graduating high school senior or related equivalent as of June 2020, entering an accredited college or university in the Fall of 2020.

We will also award a Nursing/Allied Health Scholarship for up to four years for a member, daughter/son, granddaughter/grandson, or niece/nephew of a member in good standing of the Order of the Eastern Star of NJ who desires to pursue or complete a degree program in nursing or any allied health field.

Please contact Sister Judy Brown, PGO, 35 Sheffield Place, Southampton, NJ 08088, (phone 856-495-1255) before the deadline of February 1, 2020, for an application.



From the Desk of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is my pleasure to serve Grand Chapter for another year and be able to reach out to all our members, especially the Secretaries and Treasurers, past and present.

I have enjoyed working with all the Chapter Secretaries this past year and have come to know each of you. And for our newly installed Secretaries first I would like to thank you for taking on this position in your chapters and to let you know that I am only a phone call or email away if you have any questions. It will be my pleasure to welcome you at our meeting in September.

As I have mentioned in the past, each year back in the office, I have tried to work on something different. The one ongoing project that I have been working on with our Secretaries, is the membership card file. Each card is entered into an excel spread sheet with our member, date of initiation, masonic affiliation and other important data. There are many calls and emails over the year, where family members are trying to find out the connection that they have with their family and Eastern Star. I want to thank each of our Secretaries, past and present that have continued to help with this project, and look forward to another year working together.

There is still a workshop for Secretaries that are working on the Etapestry membership program. This workshop is held in Runnymede, NJ with the help of Sister Cheryl Morris.



The Secretary/Treasurer meeting that is scheduled for September will be held in the morning so that those who will be attending can also plan to attend the Tricky Tray that is being planned by the OES Home. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. with light refreshments. We hope to see many of you at this meeting. The second meeting schedule will be February 29, 2020, please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

As in the past, if any Chapter Secretary is in need of supplies during the year, please continue to request them with an order form if possible or through emails. I have continued to help the Chapters with the cost of postage by delivering them while traveling the state.

Our website, www.njoes.com is very informative. You can see what Grand Chapter is actively doing along with the chapter plans and the health and sorrow news of our members.

The email address to reach me is njoesgc@optonline.net

Always "Sparklie from within" and Remember to let the Peacefulness of Snow and the Spirit of Christmas be with you always. " And remember, In the words of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, "It takes no magic to Enter the Kingdom of God, Just Ask, Believe and Receive." ❖

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

Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress



*Greetings from the North,
Dear Sisters and Brothers*

I am honored to take this giant step into the North this year. Thank you all for your encouragement and support.

As you probably already know, I am a HUGE Disney fan and visit Walt Disney World in Florida quite often. With the awesome responsibility I have this year of preparing our candidates for initiation, I am reminded of a spot that, unfortunately, no longer exists at Walt Disney World, but that we used to frequent quite often on your trips. The Adventurers' Club was an after-hours spot where you were transported to

the 1940's and were told tales of daring do. Everyone visiting the club was then "initiated" and taught the sign and password as well as the theme song and creed. Our initiation ceremony is an adventure, and my job is to make the candidate excited about what is about to happen and make them comfortable so they can enjoy their adventure. The last lines of the Adventurers' Club Creed are: "**If you come in here a stranger, you will exit as a friend.**" It will be my JOY this year to get them ready for this adventure. It will be YOUR job to be sure that the strangers who enter, exit as friends. Kungaloosh! ❖

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



Right Worthy Grand Treasurer



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Sometimes the words just don't come. I guess that's why it's called writer's block. Being under the gun to meet the deadline for submission of my article for the Star Journal, the words were just a jumble. I've decided to share with you a jumbled word game. See if you can decipher

these 54 words. They are relative to the duties of a Chapter Treasurer. I will have the answer key with me when we meet again in September. Don't let me go by without saying "Hello".

Continue to Count Your Blessings, while you are Loyal to the Royal Within You. And as always, I owe you an Attitude of Gratitude. ❖

**love,*

Gail Naia, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer

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Right Worthy Grand Conductress

Greetings from the Grand South!

I cannot begin to thank the membership, especially in my own District and Chapter, for the continued support I receive as a take another step in my journey to the Grand East! Installation at Grand Session was spectacular and worthy of Sister Norma's Royal theme. The pictures on Facebook don't do it justice.

I am very blessed in my position on the Elected Line, placed in such a way that I was partnered last year with Sister Daria, our newly installed Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, and will work this year with Sister Joanne, who steps onto to floor, as is were, to serve as Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress. Now the girl from the South is serving there as well, and the girl from the North is, well, in the North! As I enter my second year conducting candidates through the labyrinth of our Star, such talented and gifted help mates will assure that "not all who wander are lost".

To quote Frank Herbert in *Dune*, "A beginning is the time for taking the most delicate care that the balances are correct." As we enter this year of "Ask, Believe, Receive", all chapters in the state are working to find that perfect balance, Balancing serving our



membership, becoming more visible in our communities, promoting our charitable endeavors, strength-ening the bonds between Star and the Masonic Fraternity, fostering the future with Rainbow and DeMolay . . .and making Star FUN!

As Conductress my wanderings will also have me looking for creative ideas, dedicated people, and paths to move Star forward throughout the year. We need to remember why we were excited to be-

come members of Star why we took our obligation and just how powerful our fraternity is on our lives. I see good things on the horizon, if we continue to support each other and focus our energies in a positive way. To quote "The Doctor" "(yes, I am a Doctor Who fan as well), *I am and always will be the optimist. The hoper of far-flung hopes and the dreamer of improbable dreams.*"

Keep those Stars in your Eyes! Have 2020 Vision!! ❖

*Sincerely and Fraternally,
Jeannette Wallace,
Right Worthy Grand Conductress
2019-2020*



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Saturday, September 14, 2019

Social Hour 5 pm – Dinner 6 pm

Masonic Fellowship Hall - 1114 Oxmead Rd., Burlington, NJ 08016

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Please list additional Guest(s) and their info on back of this form

Name # of people attending

Title Lodge/Chapter & District

Phone Email

*Any special dietary restrictions must be submitted with this reservation
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Tables of Eight to Ten can be reserved by sending reservations in together*



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At The

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973-979-5976



September 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10¢ if you went on the OES Bermuda Cruise 25¢ if you didn't	2 25¢ if you had or went to a BBQ today	3 25¢ for every TV in your house.	4 25¢ if you have a cell phone and know how to use it.	5 10¢ if you have the MWGM's Pin of the Year. 25¢ if you don't.	6 5¢ for every door in your home	7 50¢ if you ate out any night this week 25¢ if you didn't
8 5¢ if you went to church today. 25¢ if you didn't	9 25¢ if you have a Wedding Anniversary this month	10 10¢ if you have a computer in your home. 25¢ if you have more than one.	11 5¢ for every cabinet door in your kitchen	12 10¢ for every pair of shoes you own	13 10¢ if you went to an Eastern Star Meeting this week. 25¢ if you didn't	14 50¢ if you ate out any night this week 25¢ if you didn't
15 5¢ if you went to church today. 25¢ if you didn't	16 5¢ for every room in your house	17 10¢ for every pet you own.	18 5¢ for every window in your house	19 10¢ for every closet in your home	20 10¢ if you went to an Eastern Star Meeting this week. 25¢ if you didn't	21 5¢ if you attend the Eastern Star Home's Tricky Tray Today! 50¢ if you didn't
22 5¢ if you went to church today. 25¢ if you didn't	23 25¢ if you have a birthday this month	24 10¢ for every grandchild you have	25 25¢ if you've already started Christmas shopping!	26 10¢ if you substituted in a chapter other than your own this month. 25¢ if you didn't	27 10¢ if you went to an Eastern Star Meeting this week. 25¢ if you didn't	28 25¢ if you didn't attend the MWGM's & MWGP's Reception
29 10¢ if you attended the Statewide OES Home Church Service at 3 pm today. 50¢ if you didn't	30 25¢ if you went to see a doctor this month. 50¢ if you didn't.	<p>Thank you for supporting the Good Works of the NJ Eastern Star Charity Foundation!</p> <p>Please make checks payable to the Eastern Star Charity Foundation of NJ, Inc.</p> <p>Please mail checks to Kerry Malone-Clapp, PGO, CF Secretary, 8 Allen Terrace, Netcong, NJ 07857</p>				

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Thursday, March 26 – Thursday, April 2, 2020

YOUR TRIP HIGHLIGHTS AND TOUR INCLUSIONS

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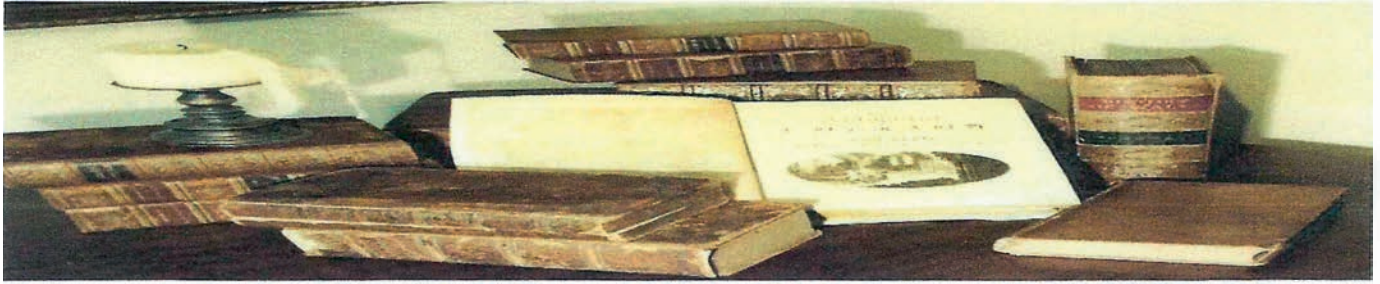
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Saturday, October 26, 2019

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Sunday, September 1 – Sunday, September 8, 2019

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- Roundtrip Motorcoach Transportation from Harbor Square (formerly The Shore Mall), Toms River, and Clifton, NJ to the Manhattan Cruise Terminal (*including driver gratuities, based on 50 passengers. Should the number be less, rate is subject to increase.)
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- One (1) hour Cocktail Party hosted by the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star
- **ULTIMATE BEVERAGE PACKAGE** * (*Valued at over \$700 per person ~ *Applies only to the 1st & 2nd Guest sharing the same cabin and includes service charges– additional guests do not qualify. Terms & Conditions apply as per Norwegian Cruise Line)
- **FOUR (4) MEAL SPECIALTY DINING PACKAGE*** Specialty Dining Restaurants include: Teppanyaki, Le Bistro, Cagney's Steakhouse, Moderno Churrascaria and La Cucina. (*Applies only to the 1st & 2nd Guest sharing the same cabin and includes service charges– additional guests do not qualify. Terms & Conditions apply as per Norwegian Cruise Line)
- **Prepaid Shipboard Gratuities** – for restaurant and stateroom services
- Services of a Professional Boscov's Travel Escort (based on a minimum of 50 full paying passengers)

YOUR CRUISE TO BERMUDA ITINERARY

Day	Port of Call	Arrive	Depart
SEPT 1	New York City, NY		4:00PM
SEPT 2	Day at Sea		
SEPT 3	Day at Sea		
SEPT 4	Royal Naval Dockyard	8:00AM	Overnight
SEPT 5	Royal Naval Dockyard		Overnight
SEPT 6	Royal Naval Dockyard		3:00PM
SEPT 7	Day at Sea		
SEPT 8	New York City, NY	7:00AM	

All itineraries are subject to change without notice.



RATE PER PERSON*

INSIDE Category
Category IA - \$1,498

BALCONY Categories
Category BD - \$1,868
Category BC - \$1,878
Category BB – \$1,888
Category BA – \$1,898

Oceanview Categories
available upon request

*Rates based on double occupancy. All rates and categories are subject to availability at time of booking.



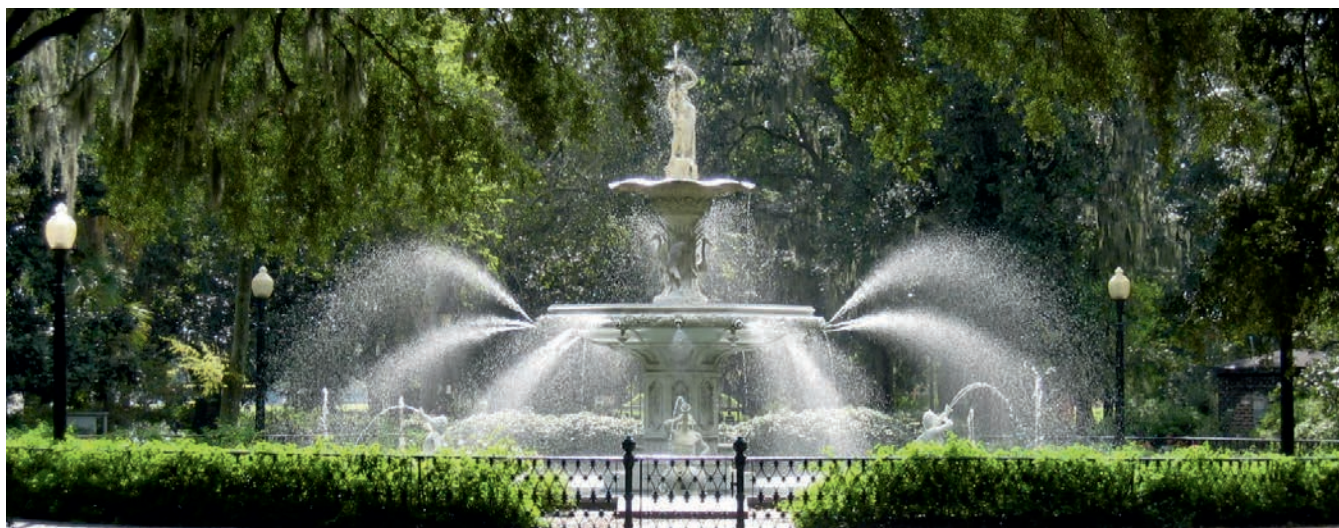
OPTIONAL: GROUP DELUXE TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

Extensive plans to help protect your trip. We encourage all travelers to purchase a plan at the time of initial trip deposit.

\$93 per person, Category IA

\$115 per person, Categories BD,BC,BB,BA

Travel Protection Plan becomes NON-REFUNDABLE 14 days from date of purchase.



**JOIN NORMA AND HER SPECIAL GUY &
THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF NEW JERSEY
CHARLESTON, SC & SAVANNAH, GA**

Wednesday, November 6 – Monday, November 11, 2019

Combine Charleston, SC, with Savannah, GA, for a grand and gracious tour filled with lots of Southern Hospitality. Locally guided tours will give you an insider's view of these historic cities filled with striking architecture, cobblestone streets, beautiful gardens and lots of Southern charm. **Activity Level – Moderate**

YOUR CHARLESTON & SAVANNAH TOUR INCLUDES

- Roundtrip transportation via private motorcoach equipped with reclining seats and restroom.
- Five (5) night's accommodations, One (1) night, Roanoke Rapids, NC; Two (2) nights, Charleston/Mt. Pleasant, SC; One (1) night Savannah, GA; One (1) night Roanoke Rapids, NC
- Eight (8) meals including five (5) breakfasts, three (3) dinners
- Narrated Carriage tour of Charleston's historic district
- Dinner Cruise in Charleston Harbor
- Visit to Magnolia Plantation including guided house tour and narrated tram tour of the grounds
- Guided tour of Savannah's historic district
- Ghost Trolley Tour in Savannah
- Guided tour of Beaufort, SC
- Baggage handling for one bag per person
- Services of a Boscov's Travel Tour Escort
- All taxes and gratuities for included features.
- Gratuities for your Tour Escort, Motorcoach Driver & Local Guides

Depart Clifton, NJ at 6:30 am, approximate return by 9:30 pm

Depart Toms River, NJ at 8:00 am, approximate return by 8:00 pm

Depart Harbor Square Mall (formerly Shore Mall) at 9:30 am, approximate return by 6:00 pm

RATE PER PERSON*

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	TRIPLE OCCUPANCY	SINGLE OCCUPANCY
\$1,259	\$1,155	\$1,597

All rates are subject to availability at time of booking.




TRAVEL INSURED INTERNATIONAL
A CRUM & FORSTER COMPANY

OPTIONAL: GROUP DELUXE TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

Extensive plans to help protect your trip. We encourage all travelers to purchase a plan at the time of initial trip deposit.

\$93 per person, double, triple; \$115 single occupancy

Travel Protection Plan becomes NON-REFUNDABLE 14 days from date of purchase.



Eastern Star Charity Foundation Inc.

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

Fellow members of the Eastern Star Charity Foundation of New Jersey (yes if you are a member of a New Jersey Order of the Eastern Star Chapter, YOU are a member!)

I am writing as the President of the Board of Directors of your Charity Foundation. I have agreed to serve one year as Board member as a result of Sister Candy Moore’s withdrawal for health reasons. The Board elected me to serve as president of the Board this year.

It is a common “message line” in political campaigns—some people see things the way they are and ask ‘why?’, others see things how they could be and ask ‘why not?’ (Neil Kinnock, Bobby Kennedy and others).

It is a challenge we face for this year as a Charity Foundation as we, your Board, strive to implement the Mission Statement that precedes this article.

The Charity Foundation receives no direct funds from your dues (unlike the OES Home). We rely on the generosity of our members to fund the realization of our mission statement.

This year we will be working to increase our presence at the district and Chapter level with an advocate in each district. We will be inviting these advocates to attend a special meeting in August so that they can become more effective in the Districts.

Your Board of Directors will be organizing “fun(d) raisers” in the Districts to help generate the resources to fulfill our mission.

Your Board of Directors will be redesigning our presence on the OES website as we work with Sister Norma’s efforts to improve the effectiveness of electronic communications throughout the Grand Chapter.

It will take all our efforts to improve the fiscal stability of Our Charity Foundation as we look to “how things can be”

And act to make them so.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fred Martin, President
Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey

District 31 Works Together for Home Day Project Submitted By Sister Jennifer Schiffrin



Members of most of the Chapters in District 31 gathered at a local church on April 29, 2019, to help make chocolate. Ladies stirred, poured, counted, weighed, bagged, labeled, and tied. With so many folks, we were done in just a few hours! Sister Susan Whitty, PGO, District Chairperson for Home Day 2019, arranged this project. She had a great idea to sell bags in the District at all the Installations, this way even if members were not able to attend Home Day, they were able to contribute to the District Project. We raised over \$600 for our OES Home and had great fellowship and support of many members. Super job, Sister Susan!



Eastern Star Charity Foundation of NJ

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

THE FOUNDATION SERVES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO MEMBERS AND THEIR CHILDREN. THE FOUNDATION ALSO DISTRIBUTES FUNDS [collected through Grand Chapter Voluntary Donations] TO NUMEROUS CHARITIES.

Including monies from our Most Worthy Grand Matrons' Distribution:

Donation for the last six years have totaled less than	\$193,000
Distribution assistance to the needy totaled over	\$250,000

It's obvious that this trend can't continue if we want to preserve our ability to help.

We can't do what we do without your continued support.

Our future depends on **you!**

Yes, I want to help the OES Charity Foundation with a gift of \$_____

Please make Check Payable to:

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

Grand Chapter Voluntary Donations (with Charity Foundation in the memo)

Mail to:

OES Grand Chapter Office, 111 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807-3101

Thank you!

***If you shop online, please consider using **SMILE.AMAZON.COM** and designate **Eastern Star Charity Foundation of New Jersey** as your charity of choice. (see additional information re: Amazon Smile)

Believe In Dreams



*It Takes no Magic to Enter
the Kingdom of God.
Just Ask, Believe, Receive.*





To Benefit the New Jersey Eastern Star Home



Date: September 21, 2019
Time: 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Place: Manville VFW
600 Washington Ave. Manville, NJ 08835
908-722-4140

Entry Ticket: \$25.00

- Low Tier (prizes worth up to \$100): \$10 per sheet;
- Medium Tier (prizes worth \$101-\$199): \$15 per sheet;
- High Tier (prizes worth \$200 - \$499): \$20 per sheet;
- Grand Prize (prizes worth \$500 - \$999): \$5 per ticket;
- Super Grand Prize (prizes worth \$1,000 +): \$10 per ticket
- ◆ Combination Ticket Package: \$45
(if purchased before 9/14 the Combo Package price is \$40)

50 – 50
Snacks available

For more information please contact
Diane D. Schmolze, PGM
schmolzekermie@aol.com





Eastern Star Home Board

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer vacation.

At our Annual Meeting of the Delegates, which was held on Saturday, June 1, 2019, I was hoping for 100% participation, but was very happy that we did have every Chapter represented except for three. My hope for next year is that we might have 100% participation. Remember that if your Delegate or Alternates can't make the meeting the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron or Associate Matron can come in their place to represent your Chapter. The Districts having 100% representation were District 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39. In order to keep each Chapter informed as to what is going on at our Home it is important that either the Delegate, Alternates, Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron or the Associate Matron is in attendance, so they can in turn take information about our Home back to their Chapters. I want to thank everyone who attended the Delegates Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors and our Home appreciate it.

Congratulations to the Directors that were elected at our Delegates meeting to a three-year term, Brother Kenneth Billingham, Jr. PGP, Brother Gilbert Mundy, WP, Brother David Wack, PGP, Sister Susan Whitty, PGO, Brother John Zioance, PGO, and to the one-year unexpired term, Brother Stephen Daniels, WP. To all the Board of Directors, of our Eastern Star Home, thank you for all your hard work and hours that you put into your committees and our Home, it is greatly appreciated.

After the Annual Meeting the Board of Directors held their reorganization meeting at which time the following were elected, Sister Deborah Lynn LeDoux, PGO, President; Sister Susan Foster, GO, Vice President; Sister Rosalinda Frascati, AM, Secretary; Sister Alice Carter-Mead, GO, Assistant Secretary; Sister Carole R. Moore, PGM, Treasurer and Brother Stephen Daniels, WP, Assistant Treasurer. We look forward to serving on this Board as we all work for the good of our Eastern Star Home.

We are presently requesting donations to purchase

recliners for each room, replacement televisions and in Nursing Unit 1 and 2 we need replacement dressers and nightstands. When making a donation please make your check payable to the "New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc.", and in the memo portion designate where you would like the donation to go and forward to Sister Carole Moore, PGM, Treasurer of our Home Board. All donations made to our Home are tax deductible.

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 therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.

We want to thank everyone who volunteers their time to visit, play games, do crafts, hold a meeting, sponsor a summer picnic or host other activities. The Board of Directors and the Home thanks you for your dedication to our residents and our Home. I would also like to thank our Administrator, Diane Baldwin and her staff for their dedication and service to our residents. We have received many letters from family members of residents, thanking the Home for the dedication and the care given to their loved ones.

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 Eastern Star Home.

The Tree of Life is back up. If you haven't seen it, make sure you check it out the next time you are at the Eastern Star Home. Forms can be obtained by contacting our Home at 908-722-4140. Leaves are \$500.00, and a rock is \$1000.00.

To all our members I want to thank you for your continued support to our residents and our Home.

In Star Love,
Deborah Lynn LeDoux, PGO
President



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.

In Star Love,
Deborah Lynn LeDoux, PGO, President
NJ Eastern Star Board of Directors

New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc.

TREE OF LIFE ROCKS

1. DONOR INFORMATION

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

CHAPTER _____ No# _____ DIST. _____

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT INFORMATION
Complete only if you wish the Home to send an acknowledgement of your donation.

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

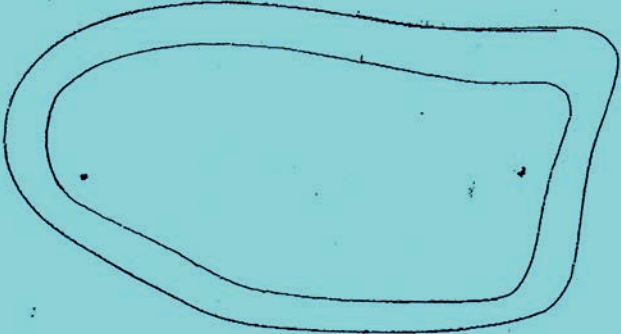
3. ENGRAVING INFORMATION (See reverse side)
ROCK IS A BRASS PLATE MOUNTED ON A BRONZE BACKGROUND. SHAPES OF ROCKS WILL VARY SLIGHTLY.

4. AUTHORIZATION
I hereby authorize the NJ Eastern Star Home, Inc. to engrave one rock as indicated above and to attach it to their TREE OF LIFE.

Signature 8/10/00.02 Date _____

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

PRINT or TYPE THE EXACT LETTERING (Maximum of 3 lines)





TREE OF LIFE LEAVES

1. DONOR INFORMATION

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CHAPTER: _____ NO# _____ DISTRICT # _____

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT INFORMATION

Complete only if you wish the Home to send an acknowledgement of your donation.

NAME: _____

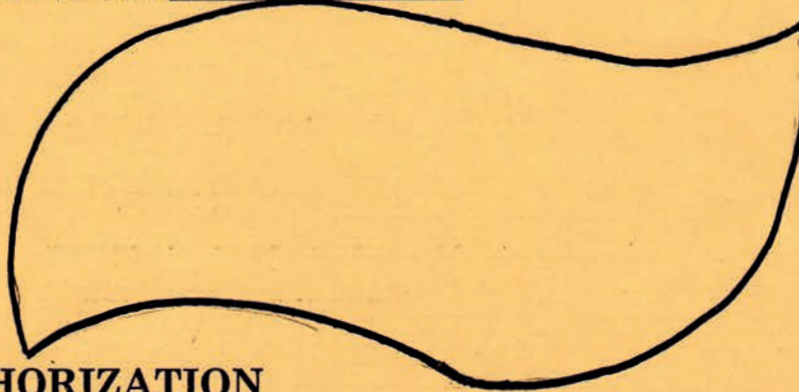
ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

3. ENGRAVING INFORMATION

In the space below is an exact size outline of the leaf.

PRINT or TYPE the EXACT LETTERING



4. AUTHORIZATION

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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



New Jersey Eastern Star Home

Making a Difference in the Lives of Seniors

Diane Baldwin, C.S.W., L.N.H.A.
May 28, 2019

Dear Sir or Madam:

For more than five decades, the New Jersey Eastern Star Home, a non-profit nursing home located in Bridgewater, New Jersey, has provided skilled nursing care to patients from Somerset County and the surrounding local community. We have completed construction of a new wing to supply additional skilled nursing and sub-acute beds to serve our community as well as a therapeutic rehabilitation department.

The entire facility requires television replacement, our new wing is in need of recliner chairs, and nursing units one and two need dresser and nightstand replacements. We are located on an eleven acre property with beautiful gardens and courtyards which need both plantings and planters.

To that end, the Board of Directors of the Home will be holding a Tricky Tray fundraiser at the Manville, VFW Post 600 Washington Ave Manville, NJ 08835 on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 1:00 pm in order to benefit the residents of our new wing. This is the third annual event of its kind for our Home. Would you be willing to help by giving a donation? Every penny will help. In exchange for your generosity, we will graciously acknowledge and promote your business in our Tricky Tray program that is handed out to all attendees. Your contributions will be categorized according to the value of your donation.

Category	Donation Amount
Diamond	over \$1000.00
Platinum	over \$500.00
Gold	\$200.00 to \$499.00
Silver	\$101.00 to 199.00
Bronze	up to \$100.00

In addition, your contribution is tax deductible. Upon receipt of your donation, we will be happy to provide proper tax documentation for this purpose.

This event, which will be advertised in and open to the local community, as well as other areas in and around the state, is a wonderful way to promote your business. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 973-979-5976 or by e-mail at schmolzekermie@aol.com. (see reverse for mailing address) Thank you in advance for your consideration and contribution to the New Jersey Eastern Star Home.

Our Board of Directors is comprised of members from Sussex County to Cumberland County, NJ and both Bucks County and Northampton County, PA; we expect attendees from those areas to be present. Our pre-registration form is on the reverse side of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Diane Schmolze
Director, Chairperson of Fundraising Subcommittee
NJ Charitable Registration Number: CH0400000
Federal Tax-exemption Number: 22-1630362

111 FINDERNE AVENUE, BRIDGEWATER, N.J. 08807 • PHONE NO. (908) 722-4140 • FAX NO. (908) 722-9566
www.njeasternstarhome.com



The Grand Chapter ~ Order of the Eastern Star of NJ

presents



Entertainer & Piano Man Tommy Zito

Proceeds to benefit



SHRINERS HOSPITAL / Philadelphia

Friday ~ February 28, 2020

Cocktails/Social: 6:00-6:30pm Cash Bar
Refreshments (Deli sandwiches and salads): 7:30pm

to be held at

Crescent Shrine / 700 Highland Drive / Westampton NJ 08060

\$25 per person

(Open seating, Tables of 8-10 may be reserved. Full payment MUST accompany reservation.)

Stage Front V. I. P. seating:

\$35 per person

(Open seating. Tables of 4-6 may be reserved. Full payment MUST accompany reservation.)

Make check payable to: "Grand Chapter Voluntary Donations"

Mail before February 12, 2020 to:

Paul Lojewski, PGO
254 Bloomsbury Ct Somerset NJ 08873-4800
(eMail: PRL254@aol.com)

***** *Tear off and return with your check* *****

Name: _____

Phone Number _____

eMail Address _____

A portion of the ticket price may be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor.



New Jersey Grand Representative Association

Dear Sisters and Brothers

Greetings from the Grand Representatives Association of New Jersey as I write this on one of those many three H summer days—hazy, hot, and humid. But, the beautiful days of Fall will be here soon, so writing as if they are here, nice and cool and colorful, I hope you have enjoyed your summer, relaxed, and are ready to get back to our activities this September.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you as President this year. I encourage all Grand Representatives, past and present to join our Association. To those who have just received your commission and all future recipients this year, you will find an application in your packet. To all past Grand Representatives, please reach out to your District Ambassador to join or catch up on your dues. I also encourage all Ambassadors to follow up with newly appointed and past Grand Representatives regarding joining or paying dues. A great way to check is on the njoes.com website, under Daily News. We hold two meetings each year, in October and February. Our meeting last February was very well attended, as we elected new officers and Sister Candace Walling completed her year. Great job, Sister Candy! Your dedication and hard work was greatly appreciated. Good luck and may thanks to those who were elected and those who accepted appointed and Ambassador positions for 2019-2020.

Our first meeting this year will be held on Saturday, October 5th, at Harmony Lodge in Toms River. The meeting will begin at 11:00 AM, followed by lunch. We will be hosting the Rainbow Girls for lunch and activities, the theme will be “Be Your Own Superhero”, with the thought that every girl has a special “power”, something that makes them a superhero in their own right. Save the date and please join us. Further details of the meeting will be in the Newsletter.

Being a Grand Representative is a wonderful experience. It gives you the opportunity to make many new friends and rekindle old friendships as you travel around the state and to your jurisdiction. Say YES if asked, you will never regret it. I look forward to greeting you in October.

- Susan Whitty, PGO, President
- Dorothy Westdyke, PGO, 1st Vice-President
- Elsie VanDusen, PGO, 2nd Vice-President
- Judith Brown, PGO, Secretary
- Glenda Westenberger, Treasurer
- Debbie Mundy, PGO, Chaplain
- Robert Tesoroni, GO, Parliamentarian
- Candy Moore, GO, Jewelry
- Carolyn Howard, GO, Newsletter
- Carolyn Howard, GO, Audit
- Gail Naia, RWGT
- Kay Zadorian, PGO

- District Ambassadors
- 31 Kim Wendowski, GO
 - 32 Joan Davis, PGO
 - 33 Lizette Prilisz, PGO
 - 34 Carolyn Howard, GO
 - 35 Martha Hudson, PGO
 - 36 Rose Tesoroni, PGO
 - 37 Beth Barnisch, PGO
 - 38 Barbara Hayes, GO
 - 39 Elaine Dukin, PGO

In Star Love and Friendship,
Candace Walling, PGO
President—Grand Representative Association
2018-2019

Shekinah Chapter Honors Membership Milestone



At the regular meeting of Shekinah Chapter #82 a membership milestone was acknowledged and celebrated! Sr. Doris Tomlinson, PM was present to receive her 70 year bar, much to the delight of those assembled. Sr. Doris was presented her pin by Sr. JoAnn Bingenheimer, PGM and Fraternal Mother of Shekinah Chapter. Doris was pinned by Br. Bob Karrer, PGO, who served with Sr. Doris in the East of Shekinah Chapter in 1987-1988. Sr. Doris joined Star when she was 18 - her aunt presented her a petition, and told Doris that her father, a Mason and Shriner who passed when Doris was only 11, would want her to join Star. Being initiated in March, Doris was serving as an officer in April! A very special member, and a very special night!



IN MEMORIAM

We extend loving sympathy to our Chapters who have lost Loved Ones during this 2018-2019 "Believe in Dreams" Year.

**Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow but remember me in every tomorrow.
Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles, I've only gone to rest a little while.
Although my leaving causes pain and grief, my going has eased my hurt and given me relief.
So dry your eyes and remember me, not as I am now, but as I used to be.
Because I will remember you all and look on with a smile.
Understand, in your hearts, I've only gone to rest a little while.
As long as I have the love of each of you,
I can live my life in the hearts of all of you.**



**DISTRICT #31
STELLA NO. 20**
Jeanne Beresford
Louis Cozic, PP
Dona Jean Martin, PM
Audrey Grace Lawton, PM

LINCOLN NO. 95
Margaret Laing
Helen LeDoux (dual)
Ruth Leistensnide
Thelma Mathews
Roberta Nice, Lorraine O'Neil
Carol Traill

PEACE NO. 98
Joseph Pelczar, PP
Linda Nordstedt, Irene Stuart

JEPHTHA NO. 134
Barbara Loucks Vanderhoff
Jean Karpovich, Audrey Talarico
Sigrid Schneider

MOUNTAIN VIEW NO. 205
Harriet Upritchard
Mabel Monks, PM, Gloria Boyle

LITTLE FALLS NO. 224
Jane Stanabach, PGO
Ruth Ann Decker
Wayne Wentworth, PP, Gladys Cato
Lillian Beskid, Mary Anne Paterson
Pamela Organ, PM, Dorothy Meador

ALPHA NO. 288
None

**DISTRICT #32
TILDEN NO. 59**
Emily Schmidt, Joan H. Lindemann
Shirley Bullen, Elizabeth Armstrong
Jean Osusky, Winifred Lynn, PGO
Yvonne Melin

NUTLEY NO. 121
Ruth Mohr, Louise Zintel
Elizabeth Goddard
Lorraine F. Buss, PM
Judrey June Vivers Pipo
Nancy Margaret Cant, PGO
Evelyn Vatasin, PM
Carol Traill, PGO, Mary Millar
Dorothy Jean Jamieson, PGO

**DISTRICT NO 33
LYDIA NO. 41**
Esther Hillegass, Beverly Hofer
Gorden Hoover, Virginia Jackson
Gloria Scott, Abigail Stearns, PM

Romaine Roth, Georgine Rivers-Lew
Helen Welsh

RARITAN NO. 58
Marguerite Thompson, PGO
Kathryn Bionsky

ATLAS NO. 99
Ruth Keuler. Beverly Richards, PGO
Caroline Siess, Mildred Enz
Eleanor Ballard, Helen Marie Henkel

MOUNT ZION NO. 116
Elaine Miller, PM, Eleanor B. Smith
PM, Jean Macfie, Margaret Clausen
Helen K. Lauritzen
Alice G. Purgavie, PGO

SIRIUS NO. 123,
Dolores Widmann, Joan Walling
Lynn Madison, PGO, Mildred Dix
Vera Wertwein, Dorothy Miller

EMMAUS NO. 183
Doris W. Stamer, PM,
James L. Harper, PP,
Florence Bernhardt, Janet Tegel
Lynn Madison, PGO
Nancy Lutes, PGO

**DISTRICT NO 34
WALL NO. 143**
Margaret Bishop-Simon
Audrey Brugger, G. Dane Ewen, GO
Mary Lockwood, PGO
Edith Lokerson,
Stanley Matejkowski, PGP (dual),
Caroline Wood

MOLLY PITCHER NO. 198
Marie Otten
Marjorie Bergstresser, PGO (dual)
Sara (Sally) Kitzman, PGO
Marian Stuart

OCEAN NO. 214
Marilyn McCain, Noram Westervelt
Miriam Newman, PM, Doris Schaub
Frank Donovan, PP, Ruth Myers
Tammi Lynn Earley

MONMOUTH NO. 251
Marjorie Bergstresser, PGO
Shirley Jackson
G. Dane Ewen, GO (dual)
Catherine M. Skillman

**DISTRICT 35
BETHLEHEM NO. 40**
Doris Hall, PM, Eleanor Moore

TUCKERTON NO. 54
Carol Lofton, Dorothy Fisher, PM
Adeline Tucker

GLORIA NO. 159
Joan Hamm, Deborah Morrison, PGO
Stanley Matejkowski, PGP
Patricia Stephens, Gladys Duva
Robert Fuhrmann, PP
Gloria A. Lehr, Vera B. Hoffmann

**DISTRICT 36
KEYSTONE NO. 69**
Mann Mae Manning

SEKINAH NO. 82
Dolores Adams, Mabel Jackson
Marion Westcott, Lillian Lutes
Gertrude Wallace, Joan Taylor
Mary Jane Estell, Egery Nelson

OCEAN CITY NO. 83
Jean DeOlden Bosisio
Doris Wolstenhome

DEWEY NO. 155
Marie Diskan, Naomi Davidson
Rose Marie Dunning
Dominic Messina, PGO
Bernice Howling

**DISTRICT NO. 37
PENNS GROVE NO. 86**
Ella Seher, Trudy Orefice, PM
Louise Kacewich, PGO
Miriam Gibison, PM
John Foster, PP
Mildred Patterson, Amelia Crowley
Jean Kane, GO, AM

HADDONFIELD #140
Betty T. Eisenhardt
Joan L. Policy, PM
Catherine Ryan, PM
Carol A. Grant, PGO
Franklin Jackson
Mary C. Entekin, PGO
Letta C. Fowler, Eleanor Navolis, PM
Joseph W. Kite, Sr.

WILLIAMSTOWN NO. 149
Jean DuBois, Isable Baker
Estelle Quidley, PM
Shirley M. Taylor, Donna Stewart
Vivian Kitchenman
Roberta Leonard

ATHENE NO. 201
Ruth Brennan, PGO
Marie C. Cioffi, PGO
Ruth M. Creaney

Ethelend M. Holtzapfel
Marilyn B. Hutchinsom
Nancy Kennedy, Grace B. Lord, PM
Helen Mislick, Dorcas Reilly
Jane B. Spencer, Charlotte Stetz

FAIRVIEW NO. 219
Ruth Povrzenich, Lynda Brown
Ruth DeLancy, Sharon Fetters
Lois Craig, PGO

LAUREL SPRINGS NO. 227
Deborah E. Stimm

**DISTRICT NO. 38
MORNING STAR NO. 22**
Marie Buckland, Rose Grant
Claire L. Ecker

MOUNT HOLLY NO 147
Edna Bisset, Gertrude Carslake
Doris Cook
Paul Gutekunst, PGO (dual)
James Hayes, PP
Harold Johnson, PGO
Joan Makin, PGO (dual)
Millie Robbins, Marion Seybert

BORDENTOWN NO. 257
Evelyn Peters, Jeann Heinemann
Jane P. Fuhmann, PM
Charles H. Greeno, PGO
Joan M. Ive, Arnold L. Hutchinson, Sr.
Theresa Zahorchak, PGO
Wayne R. Wentworth, PP (dual)
Jacquelyn Pelzer
Rev. Horace M. Frantz
H. Jeanne Fuggiti
Andrew Crocken, PP
Doris C. Brady, PM, Yolanda Nagy
Betty Proveaux, PGO

BEVERLY MAQUEDA NO. 276
Joan Cornell, Paul Gutekunst, PGO
Mary Severi, PGO, Joan Makin, PGO
Margaret Morgan
Sarah Van Emburgh
Louise Mellows, Almeida Swalm

MEDFORD NO. 287
Dorothy Carty, Leonore Welsler
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Dawn Gilmore, Mary Jane Stokes
Sondra Drysdale, Arloween Wilmarth
Harold Giatto

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Louise Lambert

Joanne McKenna-Rosenbaum
Nancy White, Carol Lynn Walker
Edna Carden, Erna Jones
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John Stevens, Amelia Johanson, PM
David Wright, PP

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Dorothy Kleiner
Carole Ann Fishburn, PM
Terry Rae Nelson, Patricia McGinley

District 39 Gathers at Grand Session For Tradition Submitted By Sister Lisa Couch, AM



Members of District 39 gather for tradition at Phillip's Seafood in Atlantic City.

Some years it's a big group, other years it's not. But there's one thing that rings true . . . tradition is important. This year the members of District 39 who were attending Grand Session in Atlantic City held true to the tradition of gathering together for dinner. It's a tradition dating back to . . . well, no one seems to know but in recent years, the members of Melchior Chapter would informally invite other members as they saw them during Grand Session and the tradition kept going. With all the rush that happens during Grand Session, it's nice to take a momentary break to just sit with Sisters and Brothers, spend a little unrushed time and enjoy a meal together. This is where memories are made.

Presentation of 75-Year Bar to Sister Ruth De Bruin Submitted By Sister Alice Good, PGM

On a brisk fall Sunday afternoon Sister Carolyn Howard, GO, Secretary of Wall Chapter, Sister Ruth Ann Hoyt, PGO and myself drove to Long Branch to visit and present Sister Ruth with her 75 year bar. Although Sister Ruth knew we were coming, she did not know that Sister Ruth Ann would be coming with us. Sister Ruth and Sister Ruth Ann were District Deputies together for Sister Evelyn MacKenzie, in 1976-1977 and had not seen one another for quite some time. Needless to say, Sister Ruth was completely surprised.

Sister Ruth served as Worthy Matron of Wall Chapter and has held numerous Grand Offices during her Eastern Star life. Sister Ruth is now 101 years old, still lives alone although she does have a caregiver that comes late afternoon and spends the night with her. Sister Ruth enjoyed telling stories of her experiences when she and her husband, John, PGP traveled around the State and on various trips. She enjoys having phone calls from her friends and receiving cards and letters and enjoys reading the Star Journal to see what's going on.

Knowing we were coming and going to bring lunch with us, she had her dining room table all set up with a Christmas tablecloth and Christmas dishes, etc. We sat around the table and talked and laughed for a few hours before leaving to return home. It was a very enjoyable day and a memorable one for all of us.



Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association Order of the Eastern Star of NJ, Inc., 2019-2020

I extend best wishes to Sister Norma J. Hines, MWGM and Brother Danny Cooper, MWGP as they serve our Order in their “It takes no Magic to Enter the Kingdom of God. Just Ask, Believe, Receive” year.

Thank you to the membership of the PM/PP Association, OES of NJ for electing me to serve as their President. I served as Governor for the then 13th District many years ago and know of the charitable work it has done and continues to do. My theme this year is “Live, Laugh, Love” and “Keep that twinkle in your eye and help the world to learn to laugh” My symbol is, of course, the “The Teapot and Tea Cup.”

“Spread a little friendship, it only takes a second to show you care.”

“The objective of the PM/PP Association is to aid in the philanthropic work of the Order throughout the State of New Jersey; receive, hold and administer endowments and funds exclusively for charitable, benevolent and hospital purposes not for profit; and provide for the care, assistance and relief of the poor, distressed and indigent members of the Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey and such other persons as the Board of Directors of this corporation may from time to time authorize; all within the meaning of Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Service.”

Membership is open to all Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons and Past Patrons of the Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey, so long as they remain in good standing of a Subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey. We encourage all Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons and Past Patrons to join us. Our annual dues are \$4.00.

We meet in June, October, February & May. Our first meeting was held on June 8 at our Eastern Star Home. Our October 26, 2019 meeting will be held at Musconetcong Lodge (Starlight Chapter), Budd Lake, NJ; the February 29, 2020 meeting will be held at the New Jersey Eastern Star Home, and our annual meeting and banquet will be held at Musconetcong Lodge, Budd Lake. Lunch is served at 12 noon with the Governor’s and Directors meeting following the luncheon at 1:00 p.m. The Annual Meeting and Banquet begins with the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the banquet dinner. Everyone is invited to attend any or all of these meetings.

I want to thank and congratulate Sister Cheryl Butler, PGO, 1st Vice-President and Brother Emil Affsa, PGP our 2nd Vice President, along with Sister Michele Hess, PGM, Secretary and Sister Patricia Jo Hoagland, PGO, Treasurer on being elected to these positions. Also a big thank you to the Governors and Committee Chairpersons and members for accepting my request to be a part of this year.

The State Project this year has been assigned to our 2nd VP, Bro. Emil. He hopes to put a little fun and smile on your face with his project. It is my hope you will support the fundraiser and Bro. Emil.

Again, I thank you for giving me the honor and privilege of serving as your President of the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of New Jersey. Remember to “Keep a twinkle in your eye and help the world to learn to laugh, and Spread a little friendship, it only takes a second to show you care.”

With Fraternal Love & Friendship
Ruth Ann Hoyt, PGO, President

CARING AND SHARING

The Caring & Sharing Committee is a new committee formed by Sister Norma Hines, MWGM with the task of raising funds for Our NJ Eastern Star Home, Our NJ Eastern Star Charity Foundation and the Past Matrons and Past Patron’s Association of NJ. Charity begins at home and all monies realized from this committee’s efforts will go towards one of these Charities.

Our State Project will be the raffle of a large screen TV, donation is \$5.00. Please see your District Chairman for tickets.

Our committee has also been asked to handle the 150th Anniversary promotional items. Please visit our table at the District



Meetings to view and hopefully purchase these specially chosen items. Again, all proceeds will go to one of our own charities.

We hope that you will consider the Sharing and Caring project throughout the year when making your memorial and yearly donations. Please make all checks payable to Voluntary Donations and write in the memo line “Caring & Sharing”.

Remember, We Share because we Care,

Sister Jacki Mabey, PGO
Sister Lizette Priliszh, PGO
Co-chairmen—Caring and Sharing Committee



GRAND CHAPTER VOLUNTARY DONATIONS (GCVD)

Submitted By Judy Brown, PGO & Dan Brown, PGO, State Co-Chairs

We are off to a grand year of “Ask, Believe, Receive” with our MWGM, Sister Norma J. Hines, and our MWGP, Brother Danny Cooper. Brother Dan and I are honored to serve as State Co-Chairs for GCVD this year. We are looking forward to travelling our beautiful New Jersey and seeing all of you at the many events planned to support the charities we hold so near and dear to our hearts.



“A hundred fifty years we’ve been together”
What a fabulous milestone for the Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey!! Sisters and Brothers, your GCVD envelope will arrive soon. Please make an annual donation towards the charitable distributions at the end of the year that our MWGM and MWGP have chosen. Please also join in supporting their projects whenever you are able too.

Every chairperson, whether State, District, Chapter or Project Chair, has lovingly embraced their cause. Please, support these hard working dedicated members of our Order as often as you are able. The giving of your time and talents is appreciated more than you know.

Please make checks payable to:
Grand Chapter Voluntary Donations
Send to: Judy Brown, PGO, 35 Sheffield Place,
Southampton, NJ 08088

Jersey Girl Transplanted to the South Carolina Upstate



I am proud to share this picture of my daughter Gail Cooley, AM of Pelzer Chapter #84 in SC, taken at their Grand Session in June 2019. She is with Glenda G. Winchester, RWAGM, RW Grand Treasurer Emeritus, and a PGM of SC.

Gail was initiated into Gloria #159 in June 1985. She has lived in SC since 1990 and maintains her NJ membership. She will be installed as WM of Pelzer Chapter on April 13, 2020.

Proud Mom
Gail Naia, RWG Treasurer

Starlight Chapter No. 107, 39th District



On June 17, 2019 at Starlight Chapter No. 107 in Budd Lake, NJ two 50-year members received their 50 year pins. Pictured left to right is Sister Betty Robinson, PGO who pinned her husband Brother Donald W. Robinson, PGP 2015-2016, and Sister Gail Niemiec, who was pinned by Sister Ann Wright, PGO they were accompanied by Sister Gail’s husband Gary. Our MWGM Sister Norma Hines and MWGP Brother Dan Cooper and RWAGM Sister Daria Hamm and several Staff Officers were present.



Atlantic Health System, Morristown Medical Center



Dear Miss Rose!! - The wonderful members of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star 33rd District.



Words can say so little when someone has done so much, but I thank you with all my heart.

We cannot thank you all enough for the donation of beautiful caps for our newborns at Saint Piles Hospital.

We deliver close to 500 babies a month and all receive a beautiful handmade cap! Thank-you. I've enclosed a few pictures. Thank-you again.

Rebaah Ford-Tromson

Please let this note serve as the humblest of gratitudes. We are sincerely thankful for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Much love and gratitude,

The Nursing Staff at Virtua Voorhees NICU

Amie Cantas, Caitly Gibson, Denise Prada, Janice Hartgomery, Ellen McLean, Madeline Bimbaum, Melissa Carduy, Thank You! Elizabeth Spines, Maria Ruff, Angela, Sarah Garcia, Karen, Jennifer, Serena Joseph, Coree McLaine, Heather Hutchinson, Chris Dagost

On behalf of the patients, volunteers, and staff of Morristown Medical Center, we extend out sincere thanks for your generous donation of woolen infant caps. They are beautiful, vibrant, and unique. But most of all, they reflect your talents and caring touch. Thank you so very much for your kind, caring, and beautiful donation. We are indeed very grateful.

Golf Outing June 20, 2019 Mays Landing Country Club



With a Royal Dictum from the MWGM to sing and pray for sunshine, we converged for the Golf Outing. We had 10 brave souls to play golf and 28 others to come and just have fun. While the Golfers played on the beautifully green links, the non-golfers chose a couple of the many possibilities and went shopping at Lennox and/or wine tasting at Balic Winery. The shoppers did get drenched, but the golfers made it in before the downpour. The sun did return and we enjoyed much sociability. Even non-golfers enjoyed the Putting Contest. We realized proceeds of \$1,100 with thanks to the Golfers, Non-Golfers, 43 sponsors made up of Chapters, Lodges, and individuals. Chairmen Wil & Joanne Parsels worked hard to make this a great FUN(D)-raiser. A BIG thank you to the Participants and Sponsors.



CAPS (CHAPTERS ASSISTING PREEMIES AND PEOPLE)

Respectfully Submitted By Roberta Russell, CAPS Chairperson

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. Attached are copies of a few of the "thank you notes and photos" that we have received from the recipients of the hats, etc.

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

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| District 31—Sandy Lind | District 32—Joan Davis |
| District 33—Denise McCarthy | District 34—Jeanne Gionfriddo |
| District 35—Dana Ivan | District 36—Rose Tesoroni |
| District 37—Joan Smith | District 38—Margaret Abdill |
| District 39—Larry Dukin | |

Without their support this project would not have been successful.

I am happy to report that the following caps/blankets, etc. were donated throughout the state (and some International).

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Total</u>
Baby Hats	5,697
Cancer Hats	334
Large Hats	199
Miliary Hats	14

Blankets	356
Booties	35
Sweaters	28
Lap Robes	3
Scarves	2
Miscellaneous	13

The items were donated to the following organizations:

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| <i>Geisinger Medical Center</i> | <i>Homeless Shelter in Clifton</i> |
| <i>St. Mary's Hospital</i> | <i>St. Joseph's Hospital</i> |
| <i>St. Peter's University Hospital</i> | <i>Mountainside Hospital</i> |
| <i>Trinitas Hospital</i> | <i>Jersey Shore Medical Center</i> |
| <i>Atlanticare NIC Unit</i> | <i>Inspira Health Network</i> |
| <i>Mainland Medical</i> | <i>Shore Memorial Hospital</i> |
| <i>Virtua Hospital—3 locations</i> | <i>Camden County Cancer</i> |
| <i>Newton Memorial Hospital</i> | <i>Morristown Medical Centers</i> |
| <i>Interfaith Food Pantry</i> | <i>Redeemer Church</i> |
| <i>Church groups sending to third world countries</i> | |
| <i>Military Hats sent overseas with Red Hats of Clifton</i> | |
| <i>Children's Hospital of Philadelphia</i> | |
| <i>Animal Welfare Association (dog/cat blankets)</i> | |

The Committee members would like to thank the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Lynn C. Billingham and the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Kenneth H. Billingham for allowing us to serve on this Committee.

We appreciate the support that we have received from all the Chapters in New Jersey. It was our pleasure to provide these needed items to the various charitable organizations.

Sister Lynn & Brother Ken's Special Project "BREAST CANCER AWARENESS"

Submitted By Ruth Ann Hoyt, PGO, State Chairman

WOW! When this project began, my goal was \$5,000.00, which was met after only two District's Projects. From there the fund was growing and growing. As of June 1, the net proceeds for this project was \$11,557.00.

Many thanks have to go to the District Chairpersons for the special fundraising events which totaled \$6,589.00. We also had a quilt made by Sister Lynn which had net proceeds of \$820.00. The balance of the funds were generated from donations from Chapters, Clubs, Memorials, and in lieu of gifts.

I must acknowledge the District Chairpersons, Sister Gloria Saleroli, District 31; Sister Cheryl Butler, District 32; Sister Susan Fries, District 33; Sister Judy Horrocks, PGO, District 34; Sister Dale VanHouten, PGO, District 35; Sister Carole Enter-

kine, PGO, District 36; Sister Judy Brown, PGO, District 37, Sister Sue Wells, PGM, District 38; and Sister Amy James, AM, District 39. I cannot thank the District Chairpersons and the Districts enough for the support given to this project.

This project was done as a Memorial to Sister Debbie (Fusco) Paparalla, a very dear friend of Sister Lynn and Brother Ken. These funds will go to "The Healing Consciousness Foundation", who promote healing and empowering breast cancer patients, and to the "Susan G. Komen for the Cure."

It was my honor to serve as State Project Chairman for this project, and needless to say, I am overwhelmed by the out pouring of support given to this project.



Starlight Chapter #107 Celebrates 100 Years!

Submitted By Sister Lisa Couch, AM



Starlight Chapter's Fraternal Parents
Brother Donald W. Robinson, PGP and
Sister Alice Good, PGM.



Members and
Friends celebrate
and silliness
abounds!



Over one hundred members and friends gathered Sunday, June 9th at Cannon Gate Catering and Conference Center at Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, New Jersey to celebrate the one hundredth birthday of Starlight Chapter.

With the usual Eastern Star pomp and circumstance set aside, the afternoon was a casual affair centered on the celebration at hand. After a brief welcome, party goers enjoyed a delicious buffet and musical entertainment by the Foggy Minded Boys and Foggetts. Throughout the afternoon, a beautiful power point slide show played on a continuous loop showing pictures from moments and

events in the life of the Chapter. What a joyful and at times, emotional way to reflect and recall old friends. We also celebrated Brother Henry Pearce as he was presented with his 60-year membership bar by our Most Worthy Grand Matron. The afternoon culminated with everyone singing a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday followed by cake and coffee for all.

The celebration continues all year long. Starlight Chapter extends an invitation to all Sisters and Brothers of the Order to visit any time this year and help keep the celebration going. One hundred years strong. . . . and going on!

SCHOLARSHIPS!

Respectfully Submitted By Linda M. Penin, GO, Scholarship Chairperson

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and found it to be quite rewarding. A very special thanks to Brother Fred Martin, GO and Sister JoAnn Bingenheimer, PGM, President of the Charity Foundation for giving me the privilege to assume this office.

On Tuesday evening, May 21st, 2019 at Bally's Atlantic City, we were privileged to award three scholarships of \$2,000.00 a year for four years. The Nursing/Allied Scholarship went to Alexis Wack, who will attend The University of South Carolina to become a pediatric nurse. She is sponsored by her grandmother, Susan Wack, a member of Tuckerton Chapter No. 54. The award was sent to Alexis as she was unable to be with us due school obligations and the trav-

eling distance from South Carolina. The first regular scholarship went to - Alexis Bellhorn, who will attend Lancaster Bible College to pursue a degree in music education. She is sponsored by her grandfather Brother David Bellhorn, GO of Wall Chapter No. 143. The second scholarship went to Sister Jennifer Foster of Emmaus Chapter No. 183. Sister Jennifer will attend Roanoke College to pursue a career in criminology. Sister Jennifer just became a member of the Eastern Star last year and was initiated by her mother, Sister Susan Foster, GO who sponsored her.

Many thanks go to my screening committee for selecting these fine young adults. They felt that all applicants were worthy of our scholarship.



QUEEN ESTHER



Thursday, May 23rd of the 2019 Grand Sessions in Atlantic City was a very monumental day for our Order. Not only did we celebrate the installation of the upcoming 150th year of NJ OES but another royal celebration made its debut. Incoming WG Esther, Sister Jessica Franklin of Molly Pitcher Chapter #198, hosted a Swan Queen themed soiree featuring all past Grand Esther's in their respective crowns. The idea was inspired by the passing of the collar during NJ DeMolay's installation banquet where all past State Master Councilors unite to place the passed down collar on the new State Master Councilor. It was a beautiful way to bring people together, honor the past, commemorate the present, and possibly pave the way for future traditions in the years to come. The swan will be an associated symbol this year for our WG Esther who explains the power in transformation with the preservation of our traditions, believing that a balance of both is how we can flourish membership of our beloved Order. Each Past Grand Esther introduced themselves, what year they served, and shared memories from their

year and the special "story" behind their crown. The crowns varied in size and material, but each crown uniquely exquisite, stunning and fitting for their Queen. This year's crown worn by WG Esther is a custom fit crown made and shipped from Germany. It is deceptively lightweight and pliable with the ability to slightly bend, a full figured crown that extends to the side of the head, a vintage inspired look in honor of our Royal Kingdom Grand theme. The past Grand Esther's gathered around to "crown" their new Queen and welcome her to a very special circle of distinguished women within our Order. In honor of the 150th sesquicentennial anniversary year, WG Esther, Jessica, wants to share this crown with 150 extraordinary women (young, aged, members and non) who are everyday Queens – 150 women, 150 stories, 150 years of cherished memories of the OES. Please see Sister Jessica in her travels and be sure to check in on "Queens Travels" on Facebook. May you each be inspired to be the best version of yourself as the regal Queen in all of us and "Be Loyal to the Royal within you."

Thank You!!

I am writing to update you since I have had a very successful junior year at Johns Hopkins University and I am looking forward to returning in August. I am continuing to play football for the Johns Hopkins Football Team; we continued our success on the field with a regular season record of 9-2. We lost in the first round of the NCAA Playoffs to a very strong Washington and Jefferson team. We were ranked 20th in the nation for Division III football, so it was a very rewarding and successful season athletically as well as academically! I am also happy to report that my grandmother, Pauline Hand has attended several football games this past season as she continues to enjoy good health while living at Medford Leas.

I am continuing as a Chemical and Biological Engineering major. Enclosed please find several papers. I am happy to report that I made the Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester with a 3.54 GPA! I am thankful that the Eastern Star has supported me during the past years at Johns Hopkins and I hope that I have made you proud of your investment.

I had a very exciting junior year at UConn. In addition to starting clinical, I was fortunate enough to do a health science program in Nepal, in which I was able to do a full community needs assessment and tailored interventions related to their health status. This has really confirmed my commitment to and love for nursing in all different aspects.



Eastern Star Charity Foundation of NJ, Inc.



Dear Eastern Star Chapter,

I would like to start by thanking you for assisting me the past four years that I have been attending Monmouth University. It has been such a blessing! I am currently entering my senior year and will be receiving a bachelor's degree in social work. I am blessed to be involved in a program that only requires one additional year for a Master's degree in 2020. That being said, I have made it very far.

Since my last communication with the Eastern Stars Charity Foundation I have been inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and have gotten involved with the International Accounting Honor Society to build professional relationships as I prepare for my career in accounting. I also went on a trip to Tacoma, Washington with Habitat for Humanity to help build houses for the less fortunate and was then elected to their E-Board as Treasurer. This past spring semester I also joined a sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi, whose philanthropy works with the Arthritis Foundation.

Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.

Another year has passed and I will soon be starting my senior year of college. I cannot believe how quickly the time at school is passing! It is hard to imagine that this time next year I will be a college graduate and (hopefully) starting my adult career. This past winter break I worked as an intern for K9 Kop, which is a web-based company that assists local police departments with procuring and training dogs for police purposes. I updated their Facebook page and web-sites, met with various police departments to discuss their needs and assisted with procuring the dogs based on those needs. It was a very rewarding and eye-opening internship. I also worked on campus at the welcome desk part time throughout the school year. This summer I continue to work as a CNA for an at-home elderly care company.

I am still a very active member of my sorority, Chi Sigma Rho. This year I was Community Service Chairperson and also Spring Recruitment Chairperson. We did Relay for Life and a local event entitled "The Big Event" where we go to local homes and assist them with yard work, clean out and general maintenance that they might not be able to do on their own.

Last (but not least), I am proud to say that I made Dean's List for the Fall semester. My classes are challenging but inspiring as well. This year's classes should be as well.

Once again, thank you for awarding this scholarship to me. I cannot tell you enough how much help it has been!

Dear Eastern Star Charity
Foundation of New Jersey,

Thank you so much for the
generous scholarship. It means so
much to me to have been awarded
this honor. I will put it to
good use furthering my education.

I really enjoyed my first year in college. I received straight A's my second semester and was placed on the Dean's List. I was also invited to join the Honors College at Rutgers University. This has been an exciting year for me! Thank you so much for the scholarship money, it has helped me out tremendously.



Robert T. Schultze, PGP Celebrating His Years on The New Jersey Eastern Star Home Board



Robert T. Schulze, PGP has served on and off the Eastern Star Home Board of Directors since 1973, when he served as Most Worthy Grand Patron. He has served the Board in many capacities, but in recent years he was essential in the building of our new wing as he served as chairman of the Strategic/Long Range Planning Committee. He spent many long hours seeing to the building of the new wing and held many meetings with the contractors, architects, electrician, lawyers, and members of his committee, to ensure that everything was handled in a timely manner.



On a personal note Bob has always been there for me to answer questions and give advice. I will forever be grateful to him; he is a true gentleman and friend.

May 16th was Bob's last Board meeting and we surprised him with a cake. It was a double celebration, because it was also Bob's birthday. We all sang Happy Birthday to him and several Board members talked about their time on the Board with him. I will miss him at our meetings; when items were brought up Bob always remembered when it happened and all the facts.

One of Bob's greatest abilities was how he was able to recall dates and figures. He was the "go to" person for many Presidents as well as the Administrators and staff.

There are innumerable people who owe him a debt of gratitude. Bob will be greatly missed on the Board of Directors. We wish for him and Ruth all the best in their further endeavors.

EDUCATION LOANS

**Respectfully Submitted By
Sr. Pamela Lindson, GO**

As Educational Loan Fund Coordinator, I have been given the responsibility of making sure all loans (that should be repaid are being repaid) on a monthly basis) and that all Borrowers' accounts are current with their address, telephone numbers, emails, etc.

All requests for new loans are to be made in writing and processed according to the Rules and Regulations of the Charity Foundation Educational Loan Fund requirements.

Loans are given in the amount of \$2,000.00 a year (calendar year/not school year). The Borrower may apply for up to 4 loans. If an applicant advises (at the time of the initial application) that he/she is enrolled in a 5-year program, then he/she can apply for a 5th year loan.

From May, 2018 to May, 2019, the Charity Foundation granted (13) interest-free loans to students for a total of \$26,000.00.



HAROLD B. JOHNSON, MY FATHER



My earliest, and latest, memories of my dad were of his wide-grinned laughter and his Norwegian temper. Dad was never one to cause a stir – and didn't appreciate those who did. But he could laugh as heartily as anyone I ever met when the mood was on him, and swear enthusiastically when the moment called for it (like when he tried to replace Aunt Pearl's ceiling light and it slipped & shattered on the floor into a thousand pieces).

Dad showed his love less in words and more in actions. Whether it was working so hard on the "Big Old House" that he would come inside at night with hands trembling, or mowing his in-laws' yard religiously every week (in dress shirt & slacks), or driving me over all of South Jersey looking for junkyards that had parts for my old car, Dad was a doer. Many people have stories of how he took time to give them help when they needed it .

But one way Dad showed his love was with his voice. Everyone I know has some memory of him singing somewhere. In his younger years, he once brought an Italian tour guide to tears singing an Italian song (he didn't speak Italian, only learning enough to reproduce the song faithfully). And at my high school graduation, in a packed auditorium of a couple thousand all singing the National Anthem, only his voice carried through the air.

Dad maintained a sharp moral clarity throughout his life - what was proper, what wasn't. Dungarees were for working, not fashion; my wife was Samantha, never Sam. Though in his later years he did mellow, and could even surprise you with what he was starting to accept about people. As he also did when reflecting on his life, coming to appreciate the same bits of his work & life story that had once aggravated and annoyed him.

He loved travel and adventure. From a boy who rode bikes with a friend from Haddonfield all the way to Atlantic City; to a 17-yr-old soldier sent to post-War Japan (where he learned the language and even fell in love with a local girl); to later years traveling to Hawaii, Europe, the Caribbean, and more, he enjoyed seeing the world.

The Dad I knew was seldom visibly moved by much, and he didn't share deep emotion willingly. But he loved the simple wonder & pleasure of discovery, walking through one of the Smithsonian buildings during his lunch hour. Driving somewhere he had never been. Taking a metal detector to a new field or yard. He kept his ever-growing collection of treasures (some more rare, some less) his whole life and showed it off with pride when asked.

Through much of his later life he worried about losing his memory. He studied and memorized parts of the Bible, poems, and various speeches & recitations over & over to "stay sharp." When his short-term memory finally did start to leave him, that took from him something he deeply valued.

Whenever I visited him, he was always whistling, and I still hear it when I think of him. Eerily, my daughter has started whistling lately too, on her own. As I write this, she is having trouble falling asleep and I hear her whistling a soft tune now to herself, in the next room. I miss my dad, and what we once had. Some day I will see him again, and we will wash the sadness and the loss away. And we will share stories, and make music, and laugh.

A 69-Year Member @ 106 and a Half!



She may not be able to hear you very well, but Sister Marge McLaine, 106, member of Bordentown Chapter # 40, will tell you her fond memories of being Worthy Matron and other social times with her Sisters and Brothers. In this picture, Sister Marge is 104 and Sister Jennifer Schiffrin, WDD#31, is half her age. Sister Jennifer is Sister Marge's granddaughter and in 2000, when Sister Jenn asked her grandmother about the colors of the Star-points and the meaning of the emblems, she was told, "You'll have to join to find out." And that's just what she did in January 2002. Sadly, Sister Marge passed away this May 28th, but the family legacy of membership continues. . . .

The New Jersey Eastern Star Home



Important Information for Submissions:

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

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