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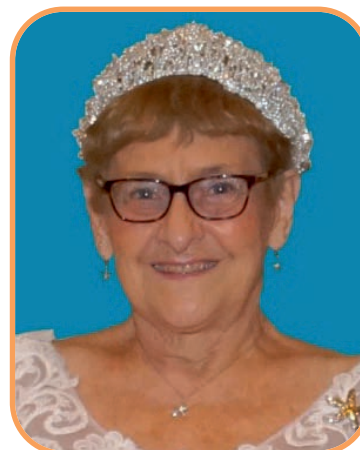
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Left to Right: Lynn C. Billingham, MWGM and Kenneth H. Billingham, MWGP.



Most Worthy Grand Matron's Message



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

“Believe in Dreams” if it wasn't for my dream to serve our Order, I would not be writing this article.

In 1968, when joining Morning Star Chapter, I never would have thought that in 2018 I would be installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron. I took to Star like a “duck takes to water”. The lessons I heard had such meaning that I knew I wanted to serve. Thus, my journey began.

It has been both an honor and privilege to serve our Order. The support and friendliness we have been shown throughout the State is truly appreciated. Being able to do the initiatory work on Grand Officer nights brings a renewed commitment to what we are all about. Our Grand Floral has further emphasized our lessons, as well as my watchwords, aim and motto. I thank all the Chapters for setting aside these special nights.

This Order would not be successful if it wasn't for our membership. This year we have tried to instill in our members those traditions and love that are needed as we move forward. Always remember “let the voice of the sea speak to our souls, bringing unity to our order”. Over these many years I have so many memories....new friends I have made....the many places I have found in New Jersey....the cruises I have been on....going to the Triennial in Orlando and representing New Jersey in the cavalcade of flags....being in Virginia for Rainbow Supreme Assembly and speaking for New Jersey as an Eastern Star member and Majority Rainbow. The changes that have been made over the past few years have been very important in our growth.

My special project, Breast Cancer Awareness, has been most successful and I am sure will continue, as we still have a few more months. I am sure that our Rainbow/DeMolay Beach Party in February will be a huge success. Remember, these two groups become our future and we, as Eastern Star, need to give them as much support as possible.

We are most appreciative of our State, District and Chapter Chairpersons for all your hard work on raising money for our Charities and our membership who support our Charities and fundraising events.

Our Southern Caribbean Cruise will be over by the time you read this article, but you can still join us in March as we spend a few days at Woodloch Pines in the Poconos. If you would like to get away for a few days, please contact Sis. Carole Moore, PGM. It will be a great time of fun and fellowship along with great food and entertainment. There are still other events to attend—Chauffeurs Party, Grand Officer

Nights, Grand Florals, District Meetings, Reunions and Home Day on May 4th.

To my Fraternal Parents and all the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, thank you for your help, support and encouragement this year, as well as in the past.

To Sis. Norma, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, it has been great having you as part of A special thanks for “having my back”. May next year bring all your dreams to life and never stop dreaming.

To the Elected Line, current and those I served with during my travel to the Grand East, you are truly a wonderful group of people. I hope our friendship continues in the years to come. Those of you still on that journey, I am here to help in any way I can.

To our Grand Staff, the Worthy Grand Officers, we are so proud to have you as our official family. Your ritual work has been great, and we are sure all who have heard it feel the same way.

To the Worthy District Deputies, you have served your Districts well. I knew when I selected you that I would not have to worry. We hope you have enjoyed your Official Family and we are super glad you are part of our family.

To the Grand Representatives, the Ambassadors of many jurisdictions, thank you so much for representing New Jersey. Your love for our Order has been spread throughout the world.

To our Prompter, “our security blanket”, knowing you were always there when needed just made everything easier. We all thank you so very much.

To all my Sisters and Brothers, our membership, without your support this position has no meaning. It is because of you, your love and support that this journey of mine has been successful.

The 149th “Believe in Dreams Grand Session” will be held at Bally's in Atlantic City, New Jersey, from May 21st to May 23rd, 2019. All necessary information for Grand Session can be found in this edition of the Star Journal. We look forward to greeting you at the many events scheduled.

In closing, have faith to believe in yourself and always follow your dreams. ❖

Believe In Dreams

Lynn C. Billingham

Most Worthy Grand Matron, 2018-2019



Most Worthy Grand Patron's Message



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we live in a time where the fundamentality of our society is being eroded away, the tenets of the Family of Free Masons stands as a beacon of light. By working together, living the tenets of our order and each of us working to bring back those fundamental of Faith, Hope and Charity, promulgating the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, we can make that BEACON shine ever brighter.

There are many Masons that acquired the inspiration to join the Masons by the association of an Eastern Star member. We all can think of a relative, friend (or two) who would make a great Eastern Star Sister or Brother Mason a Woman, or a Man being a Mason who embodies our Eastern Star principles, or a man who lives the principles of a Mason but is not one, friend who is seeking more on their life journey. In short, a person you would be proud to present to Eastern Star Sisters or to become a Brother.

With Open Installations at hand, it is the perfect time to make that connection a reality. Invite them to see what we are about. And if that not a possibility, invite them to one of the fun and fellowship or fundraiser events the chapters and districts do.

Now, it couldn't be easier to help a Friend to join us. All you have to do is forward the link <http://www.njoes.com/> to your female friend or Masonic Brother and encourage her or him to learn more about the Eastern Star. Have them visit the resources on our website to learn more about us and what we do. And let them know we will guide them all the way through the process to become an Eastern Star Member. This applies to wherever you may live.

Past WDD #35 Sis. MaryLee Batesko was asked a question by a masonic Brother, "What does Eastern Star do?" She enumerated off the many charities we support and educational loans, scholarships, and

aid to those in need and the support we give to the Eastern Star Home.

Later on, reflecting on this question, Sis. MaryLee realized Eastern Star is more; it's an attitude captured in three words—"AND THEN SOME". And what does that mean? It merely means "more than expected" or "more than required" or "noticeably more". These three little words are the secret to success in Eastern Star.

- They are the difference between most people and members of Eastern Star.
- Eastern Star members usually do what is expected...AND THEN SOME
- They are thoughtful of others; they are considerate and kind...AND THEN SOME
- They meet their responsibilities fairly and squarely...AND THEN SOME
- They are good friends and helpful neighbors... AND THEN SOME
- They can be counted on in an emergency...AND THEN SOME

I am thankful for people like this, for they make the world a better place. Their spirit of service is summed up in these three little words..."AND THEN SOME."

If we carry the attitude of "AND THEN SOME" throughout our lives, there is a wonderful feeling of navigating life with ease and grace, knowing that in our hearts we have done our very best AND THEN SOME.

A warm fraternal thanks for helping us grow the fraternity that means so much to us all!

The future is in your hands. Your leaders can't do it alone and doing nothing is not the answer. ❖

*Fraternally,
Kenneth H. Billingham
Most Worthy Grand Patron, 2018-2019*



Greetings From the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron



Dear Sisters and Brothers.

This past year my family members and I decided to do DNA tests to trace our ancestry. Some of the results were surprising to us and others were confirmation of what we already knew. Surprising, was that we had a good deal of Swedish and Norwegian in our family background. Expected, were our strong roots in the Ireland, Wales, Scotland and Great Britain, as well as some French and Germany ancestry. It was fun to find extended family. New cousins were discovered. Documents showing, immigration records, births, marriages, deaths and service records were discovered. Being a history buff, I found this all very interesting and loved the detective work of building our family tree.

A lot of this information helped to explain some of our common family traits and behaviors. They seemed clearer to us. For example, we are a family of tea drinkers. This obviously comes from the fact that several of my Great Grand parents came from the British Isles and we have continued to follow the traditions they brought with them.

Pondering the upcoming year over a cup of tea this morning and what message I should send to you, remembered something I recently read. It was called "The Official Drink of Leadership". The principles of the article fit our Organization, chapters and membership. I'd like to share them with you.

Tea...

"Hot Water" denotes, difficulty, pain and suffering. When you are in hot water you have choices.

You can be like a carrot. When you place a carrot in hot water and let it boil for 10 minutes the carrot softens and goes limp. Like a carrot, weak leaders and weak chapters complain, whine and give up.

You can be a hard-boiled egg. When you place an egg in hot water and let it boil for 10 minutes the egg gets hard. Like a hard-boiled egg, weak leaders and chapters become upset, heated and abusive.

At all costs, we need to avoid these types of choices.

Make Tea! Place a tea bag in hot water and it becomes a refreshing drink. Good leaders and chapters turn negatives into positives by making "tea".

To quote our Eastern Star sister, Eleanor Roosevelt, "(People) are like tea bags, you never know how strong they are until they get into hot water." Many of us feel like our chapters are in hot water or getting close to it. I encourage you not to be a carrot or a hard-boiled egg, but rather share the warm refreshing revitalization of a good cup of tea with each other and plan how to be hospitable to our membership and prospective members. It is time to turn negative situations into positive ones for all of us.

I encourage you to support our Most Worthy Grand Matron and her upcoming 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
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron*



From the Desk of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary

Happy New Year!

As the New Year begins, we are so thankful for the love and support of our wonderful Eastern Star Family. We look forward to another season of hard work and fun with all of you. There are several Secretaries' and Treasurer's, who have been under the weather, please keep them in your prayers.

Every year we have continued to conduct two Secretary and Treasurer Meetings at the OES Home and a workshop that is held at the Trinity Church, Runnemede NJ. For those Secretaries who need the extra help with eTapestry, I feel it is important either as a refresher workshop, or new to those who have never been on eTapestry. With the new change this past year for logging into eTapestry, there are still a few Secretaries not on the program, so I have been putting their information in, to keep those Chapters up to date.

Even though the Star Journal will be out after our next meeting, there will be many handouts to bring back to your Chapters at this meeting. Annual reports will be due: Preliminary report with your per-capita must be received in the Grand Chapter Office within a week after your Chapter Election Night. The Annual and Financial reports are due by May 1st, 2019 are. Just a reminder when paying the per capita this year—it is now \$12.00 per member.



Our Annual Luncheon/Meeting will be at Bally's on Tuesday May 21, 2019 at 12:00 PM. All information for a reservation is in the Star Journal plus it will be sent out to the Chapters. I hope you will be able to attend. THE LUNCHEION IS OPENED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORDER, NOT JUST SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS. If you have any questions regarding the law, our Most Worthy Grand Matron will be happy to answer them. I am looking forward to greeting you all at this time.

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

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

Congratulations to Sister Lynn, and Brother Ken as you served during your "Believe in Dreams" year. ❖

*Love with Happiness,
Patti L. Rhinesmith, PG/M
RW Grand Secretary*

Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress

Greetings from the South, with My Eyes on the North!

"Imagine a new world, unseen and without form, and this our day, a new dawn. Some people are lonely, some people are so sad—reach out and give what you have." (Friends, by Renaissance) I step outside our door and find someone waiting to be invited in. I smile, and address to them kindly words of encouragement. I extend the hand of hospitality, and try to assist them with what experience I have. We knock, and are invited to enter, beginning yet another journey through the labyrinth of life. There are so many lessons to learn and, though I may have passed this way before, each time I try to listen with new ears, and hear with an open heart.

"Well, we have a whole new year ahead of us. And



wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all be a little more gentle with each other, and a little more loving, have a little more empathy, and maybe next year at this time we'd like each other a little more." (Judy Garland) It has been a honor to greet our candidates this year, and welcome them inside our Order. Let's all extend that hand of welcome to new members, reconnect with those who we may not have seen in a while, and show that we are following His Star in the East. ❖

*Fraternally,
Jeannette Wallace,
Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress*



*Grand Chapter OES of New Jersey
Invites you to their annual*

Magic Under the Sea

Membership Dinner

Join our

*Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Lynn C. Billingham
And*

*Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kenneth Billingham
At Bally's Atlantic City Hotel and Casino*

On Monday, May 20, 2019

Social Time 6:00 PM– Dinner 6:30 PM

For an enjoyable evening with

MICHAEL HEALY, MAGICIAN

Dinner and cash bar



*Make reservations check payable to:
Grand Chapter OES of NJ*

SEND CHECK TO:

RSVP BY MAY 1, 2019

**JANE ANN FARISSIER, PGM
29 SPRUCE HILLS CT.
HAMBURG, NJ 07419
973-464-0832**

COST: \$50.00 per person

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Chapter name _____

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

*Cordially invites you to attend the
One Hundred and Forty-ninth*

*“Believe in Dreams”
Annual Grand Session*

May 21, 22, 23, 2019

At

*Bally’s Hotel
Atlantic City, New Jersey*

*Formal Opening,
Tuesday, May 21, 2019
7:00 P.M*

*Lynn C. Billingham
Most Worthy Grand Matron
Kenneth H. Billingham
Most Worthy Grand Patron*

*Patti L. Rhinesmith, PGM
Right Worthy Grand Secretary
111 FINDERNE AVENUE
BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807*

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR MEMBERS

THE GRAND CHAPTER
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF NEW JERSEY
149th “BELIEVE IN DREAMS”
GRAND SESSION

MAY 21, 22, & 23, 2019

ONE FORM PER PERSON –
FORM MAY BE DUPLICATED

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT AND RETURN WITH
REMITTANCE BY
MAY 1, 2019 TO:

Grand Chapter OES of NJ
Patti L. Rhinesmith, PGM, RWGS
111 FINDERNE AVENUE
BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807
(908)725-0222

REGISTRATION FEE OF \$15.00 PAYABLE TO:
GRAND CHAPTER OES OF NJ

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Cell _____
Email _____
Jurisdiction _____
Chapter No. _____ District No. _____
Title as of May 1, 2018 _____
Signature _____
Emergency Contact _____
Phone _____
Relation _____

Note: Registration Desk hours will be posted

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR GUESTS

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

We look forward to greeting you at "Believe in Dreams" 149th Grand Session. Once again our Grand Session will be here at Bally's Hotel, Atlantic City, N.J.

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 Bally's at 1-888-516-2215 (8am-2am EST seven days a week) under the name of the Order of the Eastern Star group using code SB05EA9. Reservations can be made at: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/SB05EA9>

Please understand all reservations should be made by giving one 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 Camps may be applied to your room.

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

The Hospitality Committee will be pleased to greet you.

We welcome all of you and hope to see you at our Membership Banquet on Monday evening - May 20, 2019. Come join us for the "Believe in Dreams" Grand Session.

In Star Love,
Lynn C. Billingham,
Most Worthy Grand Matron
Kenneth H. Billingham,
Most Worthy Grand Patron

TENTATIVE PROGRAM TO BE HELD AT BALLY'S HOTEL

Monday - May 20, 2019
Membership Dinner 6:00 ~ 9:30 PM

Tuesday - May 21, 2019
Processional Rehearsal 9:30 AM
State Secretary/Treasurer Annual Meeting and Luncheon Noon
Memorial Rehearsal 2:00 PM
W.G. Fraternal Correspondent Rehearsal 3:00 PM

Evening Session
Opening Processional 7:00 PM
Informal Opening of Grand Session
Introduction of: Jr. Past Grand Master; Amaranth; Rainbow; DeMolay
Formal Opening of Grand Session
Receiving of: Visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons
Receiving of: Visiting Associate Grand Matrons and Associate Grand Patrons
Presentation of: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of New Jersey
Receiving of: Visiting Distinguished Guests

Wednesday - May 22, 2019
Business Session 9:00 AM
Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron
Address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron
Report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary
Report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer
Grand Representatives Luncheon Noon
Afternoon Session 2:00 PM
Report of Auditor
Charity Foundation Annual Meeting and Election of Directors
Election of Grand Officers of New Jersey
Necrology Report and Memorial

Evening Session

Presentation of: Right Worthy Grand Officers
Worthy Grand Officers
Worthy District Deputies
All Grand Representatives
Report of the Worthy Grand Fraternal Correspondent
Grand Representative Commissions

Thursday - May 23, 2019

Business Session
Greetings by Bally's Hotel 9:00 AM
Report of President of the N.J. Eastern Star Home, Inc
Voting on Recommendations
RWAGM Rehearsal Immediately following morning session

Evening Session 7:00 PM
Presentations of: Hostesses, Hosts, Hospitality Committee, Pages, Location Committee

Open Installation of Grand Officers, 2019-2020

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





**149th "BELIEVE IN DREAMS" GRAND SESSION
MEAL PLAN**

BALLY'S, ATLANTIC CITY, NJ

MAY 21st - 23rd, 2019

MEAL PLAN OPTIONS

OPTION ONE \$170.00



BREAKFAST- 3 Mornings- Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

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 – French Toast.....Wednesday – Pancakes.....Thursday – Waffles

Dinner – 2 Nights - BUFFET- ENTREES – Tuesday - Salad Bar, Roasted Turkey and Tenderloin Beef, vegetables, mashed potatoes, Dessert/Coffee/Tea

BUFFET – ENTREES – Wednesday – Marinated Pork Loin with Roasted Apples, and Seafood Catch of the Day, Vegetables and Potatoes Dessert/Coffee/Tea



OPTION TWO - \$95.00

Dinner – 2 Nights- BUFFET- ENTREES – Tuesday - Salad Bar, Roasted Turkey and Tenderloin Beef, vegetables, mashed potatoes, Dessert/Coffee/Tea

BUFFET – ENTREES – Wednesday – Marinated Pork Loin with Roasted Apples, and Seafood Catch of the Day, Vegetables and Potatoes Dessert/Coffee/Tea

OPTION THREE - \$85.00



BREAKFAST- 3 Mornings- Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

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 – French Toast.....Wednesday – Pancakes.....Thursday – Waffles

PLEASE INFORM US OF DIETARY RESTRICTION 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, 2019 – ONLY 1 FORM PER PERSON

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Meal Option _____

Phone _____ EMAIL _____



51st ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON OF THE STATE SECRETARIES/TREASURERS CLUB

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

DATE: Tuesday, May 21, 2019
LOCATION: Bally's Atlantic City | 1900 Pacific Avenue | Atlantic City, NJ
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PRICE: \$32.00/Person (Luncheon only) \$34.00 w/annual dues
MENU:

Chef's Soup Du Jour
Twin Croissant Sandwiches (Tuna & Chicken Salad)
Dessert: "Hello Dolly"
(Layers of Chocolate, Coconut, Graham Cracker & Chocolate Mousse)
Beverages: Coffee & Tea (hot and cold)

PLEASE NOTE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS ON YOUR RESERVATION

Please make sure your reservation(s) are in by the due date of May 1, 2019

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

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

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



Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Email: _____

Chapter/District: _____

Luncheon: \$ _____ Dues: \$ _____ Secy: _____ Treas: _____



Diane and Bob's Rainbow Doves Cordially invite you to attend their **Grand Representatives Luncheon**



Wednesday ~ May 22, 2019

Bally's Atlantic City @ 12:00 Noon

Subscription \$33.00

Menu: Soup de jour

**Twin Croissant Sandwiches (chicken salad & tuna)
potato salad and apple overstuffed pie**

Please send reservations to:

Elaine M. Dukin PGO

8 Oakwood Village Apt #3, Flanders, NJ 07836-9015

Phone: (973)219-7174 Email: DukinOES@gmail.com

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PAUL LOJEWSKI
IN MEMO PLEASE NOTE "GR. LUNCHEON"**

DEADLINE for Reservations: May 1, 2019



We want to ensure we spell your name correctly on your reservation, please PRINT and return the form below

RESERVATIONS - RAINBOW DOVES LUNCHEON May, 22, 2019

ONE NAME PER FORM

Reservation Deadline May 1, 2019

NAME: _____ CHAPTER/DISTRICT NO: _____ / _____

TITLE: _____

VISITING GRAND JURISDICTION: _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: YES - please specify _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

(Checks payable to "Paul Lojewski" in memo note "GR Luncheon")

Mail to: Elaine M. Dukin, P. G. O. ~ 8 Oakwood Village Apt # 3 ~ Flanders, NJ



March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10¢ if are retired. 25¢ if you still work.	2 5¢ for every closet in your kitchen	3 10¢ for every room in your home	4 10¢ if you have a computer in your home. 25¢ if you have more than one.	5 10¢ if you have the MWGM's pin of the year. 25¢ if you don't.	6 10¢ if you went to an Eastern Star meeting this week. 25¢ if you did not.
7 5¢ if you went to church. 25¢ if you didn't.	8 25¢ if you had off from work today. 10¢ if had to work.	9 5¢ for every cup of coffee you had today.	10 5¢ for every pet you have	11 25¢ if you have a cell phone and know how to use it	12 10¢ for every pair of shoes you own.	13 10¢ if you went to an Eastern Star meeting this week. 25¢ if you did not.
14 5¢ if you went to church. 25¢ if you didn't.	15 10¢ for every child and grandchild you have	16 10¢ for every window in your home.	17 25¢ if you have a wedding anniversary this month	18 10¢ if you visited a homebound sister or brother this month. 25¢ if you didn't.	19 50¢ if you ate out any day this week. 25¢ if you ate home every day.	20 10¢ to celebrate Spring 25¢ if it snowed
21 5¢ if you went to church. 25¢ if you didn't.	22 10¢ for every door in your home.	23 10¢ if your flowers are blooming 25¢ if they are not	24 10¢ if you substituted at a chapter not your own this month. 25¢ if you didn't.	25 25¢ if you have a birthday this month	26 10¢ if you decorated your home for spring 25¢ if you did not.	27 10¢ if you went to an Eastern Star meeting this week. 25¢ if you did not.
28 5¢ if you went to church. 25¢ if you didn't.	29 25¢ if you went to the doctor this month. 50¢ if you didn't	30 5¢ for each piece of jelly bean you ate before giving it out tomorrow!!	31 5¢ for every good word you said to a sister or brother			

Thank you for supporting our NJ Eastern Star Charity Foundation. Please make checks payable to the NJ Eastern Star Charity Foundation marking "Charity Foundation Calendar Game" in the memo and mail to: Elaine Dukin, Secretary 8 Oakwood Village Apt. 3, Flanders, NJ 07836



JOIN NORMA AND HER FIRST MATE
and THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER of the EASTERN STAR of NEW JERSEY ON A CRUISE
TO BERMUDA ON BOARD THE NORWEGIAN ESCAPE
 Sunday, September 1 – Sunday, September 8, 2019

YOUR CRUISE TO BERMUDA INCLUDES

- 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.)
- Baggage handling at the pier in Manhattan
- Seven (7) Nights' accommodations on board the **NORWEGIAN ESCAPE** (including cruise taxes, government fees & port expenses— subject to change at the discretion of the cruise line)
- All included meals and entertainment while on board the **NORWEGIAN ESCAPE**
- 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.

General Terms and Conditions

RESERVATIONS: A deposit of \$250 per person will be necessary in order to secure your cabin (\$500 per person will be required for **SINGLE OCCUPANCY** accommodations). Any cabins requiring triple and/or quad occupancy will require the full deposit of \$250 per person, along with **FULL LEGAL NAMES & DATES OF BIRTH**. Triple and Quad occupancy cabins are based on availability at time of booking as these cabins are very limited in number. The balance will be due to us by **MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019**.

PAYMENTS: You may charge any portion or the entire amount to your Boscov's Charge, MasterCard or Visa. If paying by check, make it payable to **Boscov's Travel**.

GUARANTEE OF RATES: All rates and space are subject to availability at time of booking. Cruise taxes, port expenses and government fees are subject to change at any time without notice at the discretion of the cruise line. All increases would be the responsibility of the tour participant and must be paid in full prior to departure. Reservations paid in full at time of increase/change would not be exempt. Failure to pay these charges would result in denied boarding/travel.

ULTIMATE BEVERAGE PACKAGE/FOUR (4) MEAL SPECIALTY DINING PACKAGE: The Ultimate Beverage Package & Four (4) Meal Specialty Dining Package is inclusive of service charges and is only available to the 1st & 2nd guest sharing the same cabin. Additional guests in the same cabin do **NOT** qualify. Terms & Conditions apply per Norwegian Cruise Line and these packages can be removed or withdrawn at any time at the cruise line's discretion.

CANCELLATION: Cancellations result in a costly process involving telephone calls, correspondence, record adjustments, refund checks, etc.; therefore, an administrative fee of **\$25.00 per person** will be assessed, in addition to any non-refundable costs. **IN ADDITION**, for cancellations made between 119 days and 91 days prior to sailing, **25% of the tour cost** will be assessed, in addition to any non-recoverable costs. For cancellations made between 90 days and 61 days prior to sailing, **50% of the tour cost** will be assessed, in addition to any non-recoverable costs. For cancellations made between 60 days and 31 days prior to sailing, **75% of the tour cost** will be assessed, in addition to any non-recoverable costs. Cancellations made 30 days or less prior to sailing will receive **NO REFUND**.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: Group Deluxe Travel Protection is **OPTIONAL** and **NOT** included in the price quote above. If you decide to purchase a Travel Protection Plan, it is encouraged at the time of initial trip deposit. Plans help provide coverage for Trip Cancellation/Interruption, Baggage Delay/Loss, Missed Connection, Emergency Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation of Remains, and more! These are only the highlights of the plan so please refer to your Plan Document for benefit limits and specifications. Travel Protection Plan becomes **NON-REFUNDABLE** 14 days from date of purchase.

VERY IMPORTANT: Optional Travel Protection Plan rates are based on double occupancy and on the rates as listed on this flyer.

Should anything additional be added to your booking to increase your per person cost, your travel protection plan rates may increase in order to provide complete coverage of your package.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All United States citizens must carry a **VALID U.S. PASSPORT** with expiration date **AT LEAST SIX (6) MONTHS** beyond the last day of travel. If you don't have a passport, contact **Joey Bell-Dumoff** at 609.383.1880 for information on how to apply for one. **NOTE:** Due to cruise line security measures, your passport name **MUST** match your cruise line ticket name or you may be denied boarding. **IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport. It should be packed separately from your actual passport. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

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GENERAL LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

Insurance benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: 1. suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane; 2. an act of declared or undeclared war; 3. participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; 4. riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; 5. mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); 6. participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition; 7. participating in bodily contact sports, skydiving or parachuting, hang gliding or bungee cord jumping; 8. piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of an aircraft; 9. being intoxicated, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; 10. the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; 11. normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; 12. dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided); 13. amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; 14. due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Policy. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or return of remains coverage; 15. medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment; 16. a mental or nervous condition, unless hospitalized for that condition while the Policy is in effect for You; 17. due to loss or damage (including death or injury) and any associated cost or expense resulting directly from the discharge, explosion or use of any device, weapon or material employing or involving chemical, biological, radiological or similar agents, whether in time of peace or war, and regardless of who commits the act and regardless of any other sequence thereto.

The following limitation applies to Trip Cancellation: All cancellations must be reported to the Travel Supplier within 72 hours of the event causing the need to cancel. If the event delays the reporting of the cancellation beyond the 72 hours, the event should be reported as soon as possible. All other delays of reporting beyond 72 hours will result in reduced benefit payments.

Additional Limitations and Exclusions Specific to Baggage and Personal Effects: Benefits are not payable for any loss caused by or resulting from: breakage of brittle or fragile articles; wear and tear or gradual deterioration; confiscation or appropriation by order of any government or customs rule; theft or pilferage while left in any unlocked or unattended vehicle; property illegally acquired, kept, stored or transported; your negligent acts or omissions; or property shipped as freight or shipped prior to the Scheduled Departure Date; or electrical current, including electric arcing that damages or destroys electrical devices or appliances.

Pre-Existing Conditions Exclusion

Your plan contains a Pre-Existing Conditions provision which may have an impact on your insurance coverage. Pre-existing Condition means an injury, sickness or condition of you or your traveling companion, family member or your business partner scheduled or booked to travel with you within the 180 day period prior to the Effective Date of Your Trip Cancellation coverage under the plan. Please refer to the Plan Document for the complete definition of a pre-existing condition.

Purchase Up to Final Trip Payment for Pre-Existing Condition Waiver!

The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion will be waived if the protection plan is purchased at or before final trip payment for the trip, for the full non-refundable cost of the trip and you are not disabled from travel at the time you pay the premium.

PLEASE REFER TO THE PLAN DOCUMENTS FOR A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE.

This document contains highlights of the plan. The plan contains insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company under form series T210. C&F and Crum & Forster are registered trademarks of United States Fire Insurance Company. The Crum & Forster group of companies is rated A (Excellent) by AM Best Company 2018. The plan also contains non-insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by On Call International, and not by United States Fire Insurance Company or Travel Insured International. Coverages may vary and not all coverage is available in all jurisdictions. Individuals looking to obtain additional information regarding the features and pricing of each travel plan component, please contact Travel Insured.



Reservation Coupon

Send to: Boscov's Travel, Atlantic City, Harbor Square Mall, 6725 Black Horse Pike, Egg Harbor Twp., NJ 08234. For more information, call Joey Bell-Dumoff at 609.383.1880 or email at jbelle-dumoff@boscovs.com.

____ I would like to join **NORMA AND HER FIRST MATE & THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER of the EASTERN STAR of NEW JERSEY** on board Norwegian Cruise Line's **NORWEGIAN ESCAPE** sailing to **BERMUDA, SEPTEMBER 1-8, 2019**.

____ My **FULL** deposit of **\$250 per person** is enclosed for ____ # of person(s); [**\$500 per person** will be required for Single Occupancy]

____ I am interested in transportation to the Manhattan Cruise Terminal from:

____ Harbor Square Mall (Formerly Shore Mall) ____ Toms River ____ Clifton

____ I wish to add **OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN** (Based on Double Occupancy)

____ **\$93 per person – Category IA**

____ **\$115 per person – Categories BD, BC, BB, BA**

******Should anything additional be added to your booking to increase your per person cost, your travel protection plan rates may increase in order to provide complete coverage of your package. Travel Protection Plan becomes non-refundable 14 days after purchase.**

____ I decline Travel Protection Plan ____ Initials ____ Date

Due to security requirements any name changes after documents are issued will incur a change fee.
FULL LEGAL NAME (S) MUST BE LISTED EXACTLY AS THEY APPEAR ON YOUR PASSPORT INCLUDING MIDDLE NAMES AND/OR INITIALS.
A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT WILL BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO CONFIRM YOUR BOOKING.

#1 First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Gender: __Male __Female Date of Birth _____ Passport Number _____ Date of Expiration _____

#2 First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Gender: __Male __Female Date of Birth _____ Passport Number _____ Date of Expiration _____

#3 First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Gender: __Male __Female Date of Birth _____ Passport Number _____ Date of Expiration _____

#4 First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Gender: __Male __Female Date of Birth _____ Passport Number _____ Date of Expiration _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime phone () _____ Cell phone () _____ Email Address _____

Category Selected _____ Rate per Person _____ Latitudes Number(s) _____ / _____

Cruise Dining: **DINING IS FREESTYLE ON BOARD NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINES – DINING ROOM IS NON-SMOKING**

Special requests: (Wheelchairs, special services, diet, etc...) _____

Are all passengers U.S. Citizens? ____ Yes ____ No. If No, What Nationality _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone () _____ Relationship _____

IMPORTANT: I have read and agree to the attached terms and conditions of the operator participant agreement and I authorize the use of my credit card if indicated as form of payment.

Signature

Date

____ I wish to use my BOSCOV'S CHARGE** # _____

____ I would like the 12 month No Interest
(**on purchases of \$299 or more)

****Please see your Boscov's Travel Specialist for details.**

____ I wish to use my MASTERCARD/VISA # _____ EXP: _____ Security Code: _____

____ I wish to pay by CHECK – please make check payable to **BOSCOV'S TRAVEL** CHECK # _____





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.

Donation for the last six (6) years have totaled less than	\$131,000
Assistance Distributed to the needy totaled over	\$180,000

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 **AMAZON.SMILE.COM** and designate **Eastern Star Charity Foundation of New Jersey** as your charity of choice.



Eastern Star Charity Foundation Inc.

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

Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers .

It is an honor to address each of you, as members of the Charity Foundation, and to report our current status to you as your President.

Though the Board has been diligent in its efforts to fulfill our mission, we find we need to adjust our budget in order to continue to support the needs of our members. Declining membership and chapters has severely impacted support for our Operational Account -the monies used for emergent and monthly assistance to our members, money given to support our Home, scholarships and life skills grants, insurance, accountants, and necessary expenditures.

All Directors of the Board are Volunteers - we enjoy working on the Board, as it gives us an opportunity to live our Obligation by working for the benefit of all members of the Order, and especially those in need.

Our Educational Loan Fund is a self-supporting fund. Students begin to pay back their interest-free loans at a rate of \$40/month per loan received. For example, if a student requests and receives the limit of four (4) loans, they would repay them at a rate of \$160/month until the total amount is satisfied.

Our Scholarship Fund is running at a deficit of \$20,000 per year. Each year we give 3 scholarships, but as these are 4-year scholarships we are paying for 12 scholarships each year.

The Charity Foundation does not hold fund raising

events, so as not to be in conflict with the charitable efforts of the Most Worthy Grand Matron. Her busy calendar leaves very little time to schedule a state-wide event. Should her efforts be successful, she will be generous with the Charity Foundation, which does not receive any portion of the per capita paid by members to support the Grand Chapter and the OES Home. As our membership knows on a chapter basis, it is becoming very difficult to raise money.

The majority of our budget, 72%, goes to giving aid to our Sisters and Brothers. The remaining monies pay the required administrative costs insurance, fees to maintain our 501C3 IRS tax-exempt status, as well as cover 1/3 the cost of distribution of the Star Journal and Grand Session expenses.

While visiting a chapter fund raising event in the 37th District last month, and speaking of the Charity Foundation to its members, they graciously voted to donate the proceeds of their effort to the Charity Foundation. We appreciate all donations, regardless of the amount. We are looking for ways not to have to reduce our aid to our members. We are open to any ideas you may have. Please speak to anyone on our Board - we are there with open minds and hearts. We are all members of the Charity Foundation, and we want to be able to continue be there for you.

Fraternally,
JoAnn Bingenheimer, PGM

About Amazon Smile

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on Amazon Smile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.



Life Skills Grants Eastern Star Charity Foundation of NJ

The Charity Foundation's Life Skills Grant is still available! **FREE MONEY!!**

This one's for you! If you are a transitioning person building better job skills, an employee seeking certifications to maintain status, or someone seeking a new career who needs to update computer or other skills, or obtain a certification, please take advantage of this grant.

A Life Skills Grant applicant must be a member in good standing, in some financial need, who is taking classes to better their employment opportunities. It is not meant for one pursuing a college degree at any level.

YOU can get up to \$1,500.00, and a qualified applicant may even request a second Grant after the successful completion of



the first course taken! These are paid directly to YOU.

To request this Grant, one must complete the application which is available online (www.NJOES.com, click on the "ES Charity Foundation" banner). Any required paperwork and information must be provided with the application

when submitted to the committee chairman.

Kathleen Zielinski,
Life Skills Grant Chairman
15 Saddle Drive
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054
zielinski@writeme.com

Gloria Chapter No. 159 Pin Presentations

On December 13, 2018 Gloria Chapter #159 in Toms River was honored to have our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Lynn C. Billingham, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Kenneth H. Billingham, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Norma J. Hines, and their Grand Officers join us for a Grand Floral Night. The night included a special treat with one 60 Year Bar recipient and three 50 Year Bar recipients to be presented with their Bars.

First up of Gloria Chapter's Sisters was Sr. Mary Lee Batesko. Sr. Mary Lee was escorted to the Altar and presented as our 60 Year Bar recipient. She was escorted to the East where she received the Grand Honors. She was presented with her bar by the MWGM and Sr. Alice Roach had the honor of pinning her. Sr. Mary Lee spoke of her Eastern Star Family and the connection of Alice to her at home family.



Pictured: Back Row (L-R) Sr. Norma J. Hines, RWAGM, Sr. Marie Clonan, AM; Sr. Emma Snook, WM; Br. Kenneth H. Billingham, MWGP; Br. Michael C. VanHouten, WP – Front Row (L-R): Sr. Erma Hoover, Sr. Lynn C. Billingham, MWGM; Sr. Mary Lee Batesko, PGO; Sr. Phyllis Rosseter, PM.

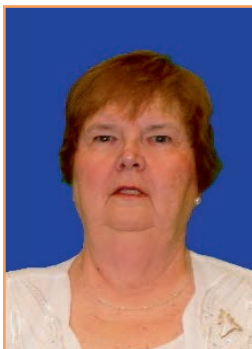
Srs. Erma Hoover & Phyllis Rosseter were next escorted to the Altar and presented as our 50 Year Pin recipients; escorted to the East, given the Grand Honors and presented with their pins by the MWGM. Sr. Erma Hoover has the privilege of using her Mother, Ethel Gaffin's pin and Sr. Gail Naia had the honor of pinning her. Sr. Phyllis Rosseter, originally from Carasaljo Chapter, traveled from her home in Wisconsin to be here. Sr. JoAnn Bingenheimer, PGM, and also from Carasaljo, had the honor of pinning Sr. Phyllis. Both ladies had wonderful words to say about their time in Star and the importance of it in their lives.

Unfortunately, Sr. Marion Canary could not be there due to illness but will receive her 50 Year Bar later. A Chapter full of good thoughts were sent her way on this lovely evening.

It was a beautiful evening and truly a delight to attend. Gloria Chapter wishes to thank our Top 3 and all the Grand Officers for coming out to support our Chapter.



Right Worthy Grand Conductress



Greetings to my sisters and brothers:

Happy New Year to our membership and continued blessings on all of us as we continue our Believe in dreams Year. I have enjoyed my year working with sister Jeanette conducting candidates through the ceremony of initiation as they become members of our beautiful

Eastern Star. we hope that our guidance has made an impression on them and they enter their chapters with much enthusiasm. Sisters and Brothers keep the love of our order in your hearts as we take the values from the past and try to fit them into our future. Remember to keep charity, truth, and loving kindness in your heart. ❖

*Always Believe in Your Dreams
Daria Hamm,
Right Worthy Grand Conductress*

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



On November 11, 2018, members, family and friends of Districts 37 and 38 came together in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. The District Chairs, Susanne Wells, PGM, and Judy Brown, PGO, and their 11 Chapter chair people provided a luncheon that was held on the wooded grounds of Camp Inawendiwin. Vandy Hall, with an autumn view of the beautiful lake, was decorated with the glow of twinkling lights and traditional pink décor. Two fireplaces added to the warmth and friendship throughout the room.

Each member of the committee worked on promoting the event, making centerpieces, baskets and obtaining donations of

baskets from Chapters, family and friends, from which a beautiful variety was displayed.

The menu was planned and prepared by all the chair people. Family volunteers manned the buffet table so that the committee could enjoy and visit with everyone in attendance.

We had the privilege of having Dr. Diane Gillum, MD, a Breast Cancer Surgeon, along with Anita Cole, a breast cancer survivor, as guest speakers. The wonderful support and attendance by so many created a very generous donation, which was presented to our MWGM and MWGP for their special charity this year.



Eastern Star Home Board

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our Annual Meeting of the Delegates is scheduled for June 1, 2019, 10 am, at our Eastern Star Home. We hope that you will seriously think about becoming a Director on our Home Board. If you are interested, you can find the application on our OES Website. Please fill out the application and send it to the secretary of the Home Board, Rosalinda Frascati, PGO, 16 Oaklyn Lane, Aberdeen, NJ 07747. All applications must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Directors on or before April 1, 2019. Last year out of 44 Chapters we only had 35 represented. I hope that this year we might have 100% participation. As your Chapter goes through the process of election of officers please think about becoming a Delegate, 1st Alternate or 2nd Alternate. 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 at the Delegates Meeting, so they can in turn take information about our Home back to their Chapters. I want to thank everyone that attended the Delegates Annual Meeting last year, the Board of Directors and our Home appreciate it.

Home Day is May 4, 2019. Please come out and support our Home. Sister Lynn and Brother Ken would love to greet each of you there. You can start off the day at the Pancake Breakfast and at lunch time out in our garden purchase a barbecue treat. There are many vendors and each District will be there selling many different items. Also remember that the Trustees will once again have gowns, tuxedos, and accessories on sale, where could you purchase a gown for \$5.00. Please come out and support the Grand Matrons project and our Home.

On September 21, 2019 we will be holding a Tricky Tray at Manville VFW, 600 Washington Ave., Manville, NJ 08835 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm, just a 5-minute ride from the Home. We are looking for donation of baskets. If you would like to help but don't have time to put a basket together, you can make a monetary donation, and we will purchase the items and put the basket together for you. There will be more information coming out soon. Hope to see you all there.

We are presently requesting donations to purchase recliners for each room and replacement Televisions. We also need to replace the dressers and night stands in Nursing Unit A and B. The furniture they have now is over 18 years old. When making a donation please make your check payable to the "New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc.", 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 that volunteers their time to visit, play games, do crafts, hold a meeting, sponsor a summer picnic or host other activities. The Board of Directors and the Home thank you for your dedication to 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 and is breathtaking. 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.

Did you know that the NJ ES Home has a Facebook page? Please go on their page and follow them.

To all our members we 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

The Tree of Life is up and if you haven't seen it, make sure you check it out the next time you visit at our Eastern Star Home. It is on display by the main dining room and is breathtaking.

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 _____ Date _____

\$1,000.00
Please make check payable to: NJ Eastern Star Home, 111 Finderne Avenue
Bridgewater NJ 08807 (909) 722-4140

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



New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc.

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: _____

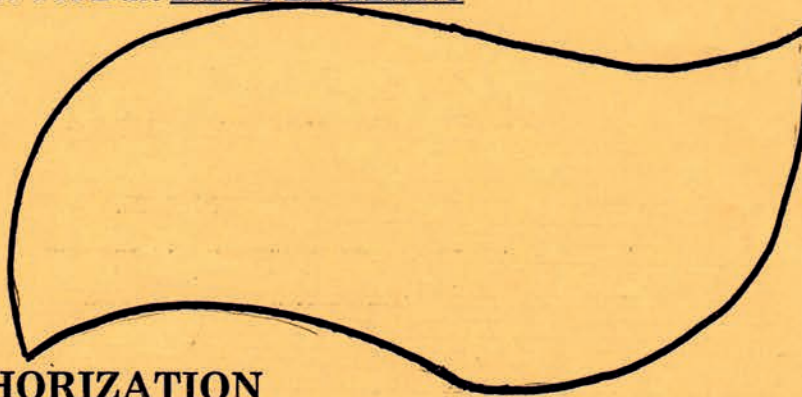
ADDRESS: _____

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3. ENGRAVING INFORMATION

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TRICKY TRAY

Fund Raiser for the Benefit of Our Eastern Star Home

**Submitted by Diane Schmolze, PGM
Director, NJ Eastern Star Home Board**

Our Eastern Star Home will be holding a Tricky Tray to provide additional advertising for our beautiful facility and again provide the opportunity to raise additional funds to update our furnishings and improve the experience of our residents.

This event will take place on Saturday, September 21, 2019 and will be held at the Veterans of Manville Hall 600 Washington Ave, Manville, NJ 08835 from 1:00 pm until 4:30. It will be advertised on TrickyTray.com which will increase our scope of attendance.

This can only be accomplished with your help and support. We will be seeking donations of pre-made baskets, or if you don't have the time, monetary donations in which case, we will make the baskets for you. We will be soliciting donations from major companies and local businesses to increase our inventory.

Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. Please make every effort to attend and to spread the word. Bring your family, friends and neighbors.

Additional information will be forthcoming in the way of flyers, information, and appeals. The groundwork for this project is underway. There is much to do to prepare including acquiring licensing, programs, letters and much more.

If you would like to volunteer your services, please contact Diane Schmolze, PGM and I will assign you to a sub-committee. This is a major undertaking that can only succeed with your assistance.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Star Home, I thank you in advance.

Claire-Marie Scheffbuch, PGO Celebrates Her 60th Year in Eastern Star



On November 18, 2018 the Eastern Star Home celebrated its 60th Birthday. It was a double celebration since Sister Claire-Marie Scheffbuch, PGO also celebrated her 60th year in Eastern Star at the same time.

Sister Claire-Marie has always been a great supporter of our Eastern Star Home and she continues that support on a regular basis. It was a pleasure to have Sister Lynn Billingham, MWGM and Brother Ken Billingham, MWGP present her with her letter, certificate and pin.

Sister Joan Davis, WDD #32 and also a member of Sister Claire-Marie's Tilden Chapter, had the privilege of actually pinning her 60-year pin on her.

Sister Claire-Marie spoke about her years in Eastern star and was happy to be surrounded by her many friends.



HOME DAY 2019



A Day at the Beach will be Saturday May 4th. Please join us at your New Jersey Eastern Star Home. We look forward to seeing you and hope you can join us. Please return your pre-registration slips (even if you are unable to attend). If you or you know someone who would like to be a vendor please let us know so we can provide information. Home day is the perfect opportunity to visit our home and the residents, we hope to see you for a Day at the Beach on May 4th.

Susan Foster,
Andrea McaCollum
Home day Co-Chairs

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NATIONAL VETERANS DAY



I was elected National Vice Commander of the Army and Navy Union this year (America's oldest veterans' organization, formed by Civil War veterans). On Veterans Day I carried one of the American flags in the National Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. After that I presented one of the wreaths to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Thank You,
Arlene Baker, Haddonfield Chapter



District #39 Volunteers to the Eastern Star Home Presents Christmas Program to the Residents'

Submitted by Sister Ruth Ann Hoyt, PGO
and Betty Lanka, PGO, Co-Chairman



The Eastern Star Home Volunteers of the 39th District presented a Christmas Program to the residents on December 20th. The Volunteers wore Christmas hats and winter scarves around their neck. Music was provided by Bro. Henry Repp, of Star Light Chapter #107, and the Volunteers were the carolers.

Sisters Linda Dickson, PGO and Sister Barbara Repp, PM sang "Oh Holy Night", after which Sister Betty Lanka, PGO read the Christmas Story from the Book of Luke. Everyone sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem.

Sister Marlene Hoffman, PGM, sitting in her rocking chair with her two little girls, Sister Olga Vander Vliet and Sister Beth Eppinger seated on the floor in front of her dressed in their PJ's, holding their stuff animals, read "The Night before Christmas."



Unfortunately, Sister Ruth Ann Hoyt, PGO had a call from Santa Clause (David Wack, PGP) very early in the morning from the North Pole telling her he had to go to the North Pole doctor for a very bad cold, and was told if he wanted to be in shape to make the rounds on Christmas Eve, he would have to take his medication and stay quiet. But, he said he was going to send one of his Elves, (Sister Olive Tucker, PGO) to the Home with his bag of gifts. The Residents sang "Santa Clause is Coming to Town" as the sled drew up and the Elf arrived. Each resident was given a box of tissues and a Christmas ornament made by Sister Betty Lanka.

The Volunteers helped the Elf deliver the gifts and everyone enjoyed a little Christmas punch and cookies.

Louise Brill Celebrates Her 100th Birthday!

Haddonfield Chapters, Louise Brill Celebrates her 100th Birthday and 70 years as a member of the Eastern Star. Louise joined Audubon Chapter, and after a merger of her beloved Chapter moved her membership to Haddonfield. She was always an active member, a soloist with a lovely voice when she was in Audubon Chapter. The following poem was written for her by a friend and given out at her Birthday Party.

Today she lives in Collingswood Manor, a Methodist Assisted Living Community and is as active as ever.

Louise Brill at 100

A wonderful lady named Brill
Gave all her family and friends a big thrill
as on the 9th of September.....

A day to remember!....

She became known as Centenarian Brill

Born in calendar year nineteen eighteen,
Louise lived through the Great Depression as a teen.

Her singing still is great,
Her artwork first-rate,
and at one hundred, her mind is still keen.

Let's celebrate Louise's birthday in style
As we gather to socialize for a while.

Let's bring her some candy
And perhaps even some brandy:
These sweet treats are sure to bring a smile!

Happy one hundredth birthday, Louise!
You've reached a milestone, everyone agrees
and the Order of the Eastern Star.....
Members both near and far....
With your years of dedication and are well-pleased

Craig E. Burgess (a friend)



New Jersey Grand Representative Association



Happy New Year to everyone!

It is my pleasure to bring you greetings from the Grand Representative Association of New Jersey. It has been my honor to serve as President of this Association for the 2018 – 2019 year. I thank everyone for the help and support this year. A special thank you to Sister Carolyn Howard for continuing to do a

fabulous job with our newsletter. This is a big job and we thank her and her committee for their hard work.

I extend congratulations to all the newly appointed Grand Representatives and hope you will join our organization and participate in its functions. We invite to all Grand Representatives, new or former to join us. Our dues are \$5.00 per year, and we have two meetings a year, October and February. Our February meeting will be held on February 23, 2019 at Burlington Lodge, Route 541, Burlington, NJ. Please make your reservations with Sister Susan Whitty, PGO by February 16th. The cost is \$15.00, checks made payable to GRANJ.

Each year at our October meeting we invite the Rainbow Girls to join us for lunch and activities. This year the theme was

a County Hoedown. The girls painted pumpkins and played “Mr. Potato Head”, only we used apples instead of potatoes. Everyone had a great time. A special thank you to Sister Susanne Wells and her committee for preparing and serving the luncheon. The food was delicious.



Thank you to all the Ambassadors for collecting dues this year. Thank you to my Officers and Committee Chairmen for all the help and support you have given me this past year. As we approach a new year for our Association, I would extend my best wishes to Sister Ella Kovash and her staff of Officers for a most successful year.

Being a Grand Representative is a great experience, and one you will never forget. If you are asked to serve, please consider saying “yes”, you will never be sorry.

I look forward to greeting all of you at our February meeting.

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

Tuckerton Chapter Holds Its 2nd Annual Doo-Wop 50's Dance



In November Tuckerton Chapter held its 2nd annual Doo-Wop 50's Dance.

Sr. Linda Aho, from Tuckerton Chapter and her committee held it at the Eagleswood Firehouse, the room was decorated with homemade 45 records and other decorations around the room. Table centerpieces were coke-a-cola glasses with goodies inside, 2 straws, white tissue paper topped with a cherry. Making it look like a root beer float. The guests enjoyed the 50's music by Pat and Jan. We had prizes for the best 50's outfits worn, had several dance contests. The best jitterbug, cha-cha and others. Pat and Jan had some of the guest to the Mic as back-up singers. We also had guest from the community come in and enjoy the evening. A fun time was had by all.

We are all looking forward to the 3rd Annual Dance



GRAND SESSION OF ITALY

Submitted by Rose Tesoroni, GR of Italy



On September 29 and 30 Rose Tesoroni, Grand Representative of Italy, and JoAnn Bingenheimer, Past Grand Matron traveled to Sicily to attend Italy's Grand Session. And what a great session! They were treated as royalty with fantastic accommodations, delicious cuisine of Italian favorites, and the freshest seafood. Everyone was welcoming and friendly, and many friendships were made. Some members still keep in touch. Even though Italy's Order of the Eastern Star is very similar to New Jersey, there are a few differences. There are six districts in Italy. Each district has a designated color (dark blue, yellow, white, green, and red). Sicily has the colors of blue with a white panel down the center. There is no need for the members to get dressed in a gown. They purchase a robe in their district's color that they wear over ordinary street clothes. The Grand Officers wear a light blue robe which is passed to their successors. The Marshal's station is an elected position. From the Marshal's station the person runs for the station of Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress. Italy's Order of the Eastern Star works on a biennial basis with all positions filled for two years, even on the subordinate chapter level. They do not have District Deputies or Grand Representative since they are new and still growing. Following Grand Session Rose and JoAnn spent a week exploring Sicily and learning its history. It was a great trip and many memories were created.



The Worthy Grand Matron and our Interpreter, who is from New Jersey and Italy. As you can see, many Grand Representatives from the United States were present.

Colors of Fall Ball



November 10, 2018 found 95 Sisters and Brothers gathered at the Stone Terrace in Hamilton, NJ. After a delicious meal, everyone danced the night away to the sounds of "All Tuned UP". What a wonderful sight to see the dance floor full of happy, fun loving Stars.

The "Giving Tree", 50/50, photos and sale of the leaf jewelry helped to make the night a success.

The committee thanks all who attended and the many members and chapters who placed ads and boosters.



The New Jersey Eastern Star Home



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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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