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## Cheryl Payne - Worthy Grand Matron



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## John Whitaker Worthy Grand Patron

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### Sisters and Brothers:

It has been a joy and a privilege to travel the State these past few months and Russell and I are looking forward to the coming months as we continue our visits and travels. John and Lorrie, Russell and I have thoroughly enjoyed our visits with you at the receptions for our Grand Officers and we have been so privileged to be present for the Schools of Instruction where we witnessed the awesome work done by the Pink Ladies, your District Instructors. These very special, dedicated and proficient ladies have done a remarkable job this School season, and we wish to extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation for all of their hard work. I was privileged to be present at all the official visits for Schools of Instruction and I wish to thank each of the Chapter officers for a job well done, and for every courtesy extended to me, and to all my Starlighters, we are deeply grateful.

With the end of the School Season, we will turn our attention to fun visitations as we head into (hopefully) warmer weather. We want to see as many of our Iowa members as we are able. We are looking forward to the Golf Outing and the All Iowa Happy Days events this summer with anxious anticipation. Please come and enjoy all of the events with us, and let's have some fun.

One of the ways we are raising money for the Parkinson's Project is the raffle for the Quilts. We have seven to raffle. I am so grateful and humbled to receive these quilts handmade and donated by three wonderfully talented and generous Sisters: Pat Burch, Sue McMain, and Julie Johnston. We will raffle them individually, so when you purchase your

### Sisters and Brothers:

- ♦ I have always looked forward to the future, yes, a few times with a little bit of dread but far more often with hope. When I speak to chapters about our youth project, I mention the beehive that I carry. Bees
- ♦ fill the hive with honey to survive the winter, or for their future. I ask members to contribute by filling our hive with money for our youth,
- ♦ our future. This is a great project, but it is not the only item we need to consider when we think about the future of Eastern Star.

- ♦ Through the years, I have attended many chapter schools and thankfully, the District Instructors who conducted those schools have been tolerant enough to put up with me. I have tried to think of all the District Instructors I have been instructed by and honestly, I am not sure I
- ♦ can remember them all, but they always seem to remember me. Our District Instructors are a huge part of our future.

- ♦ We have now completed our school season and I was able to see most of our D.I.s, except when Covid hit our house, and they DO A GREAT
- ♦ JOB! They try to make schools an enjoyable experience while gently offering correction and advice. They console and comfort when we get
- ♦ confused and frustrated. They guide us when we are lost. So, THANK YOU to all our Pink Ladies for your great work!

- ♦ Iowa OES can always be proud of the proficiency of our chapters, and that level of proficiency is because of all our sisters who have served as
- ♦ D.I.s. Sister Cheryl and I asked two sisters to join the D.I. ranks, Cindy Beatty, and Shelia Kiehne. Thank you for saying yes. Serving
- ♦ Grand Chapter as a D.I. is hard work, long hours on school days, official visits, and 'other duties as assigned' that most of our members don't see. The upside to all of this, you are a leader for Grand Chapter, you are our future.

tickets, you must put the number of the quilt you wish to win on the ticket. They are just beautiful and we Starlighters are so thankful to these three Sisters for their donations of time, talent and skill. Thank you so very much to each of you. Tickets are \$1.00 for one chance, \$5.00 for six chances, or \$10.00 for twelve chances. Please help us raise funds for the Parkinson's Project by purchasing tickets for the quilts.

The Parkinson's Project is exceptionally important to me. I wish to apologize right here for the inability to hold back the tears when I speak to the project. It is embarrassing not only for me but I am sure to you as well. I know why: it's the passion and urgency I feel to do something for those afflicted with the disease, but also for the caregivers; to raise funds for education, help and research. I sincerely hope that you all understand and that forgiveness be given. I will be forever grateful and deeply humbled by all the support for the project we have received so far and hopefully for that support yet to come. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart

There will be positions that will need to be filled as we move into the upcoming year. I would encourage each of you to consider offering your service as a member of the Board of Grand Trustees, Barthell Home Board and the Eastern Star Masonic Home Board. It is important that you submit your resumes as soon as possible for these positions. It takes a village to continue the operations of these entities, and your support is most valuable and needed. If you have questions on any of these, let me or the Grand Secretary know. We will be most happy to assist.

If anyone is considering an item for legislation, please remember there is a deadline for submitting those. I believe it is 180 days before Grand Chapter. I will also just say here that all items of legislation will be voted upon by paper ballot at Grand Chapter on Saturday afternoon.

To each member of Iowa Grand Chapter, please note that the advance Grand Chapter program is now on the website. It is subject to change however, unforeseen things may happen. But it's as close as I can foresee as of this writing. John and I wish to invite each and every one of you to attend. Come have some fun, enjoy the fellowship, and help us welcome all out of state visitors this year. Remember to mark your calendars for October 21 – 23 at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Take care everyone!

Cheryl Payne — Worthy Grand Matron

One other item for our future. If you are considering a donation to one of our funds, please don't designate the donation for a specific use, unless it is something such as ESTARL from which all funds received within a year are awarded that year. I know we are always asking for money for our projects and other worthy causes, but we ask because we are a benevolent organization.

I know that you care about the future of the Order of the Eastern Star. I believe we can build a great future for our Order, but we all need to do everything we can to do so.

Please take care and stay safe,

John Whitaker—Worthy Grand Patron



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April 18, 2022

Greetings to you all:

I hope this communication finds you well. I am concerned about each and every member of our Grand Jurisdiction as well as all members of all Jurisdictions. I am well aware that the COVID concerns are still with us, and I am certain that Iowa members are wondering what procedures Iowa Chapters and their members are to follow.

As of this writing, although I am well aware of the virus and its variants still present around us, I am not placing restrictions on meeting in person at this time. You are all well informed of the CDC guidelines and the science behind them. Please continue to follow those guidelines that are already in place - such as stay home if you aren't feeling well, wear a mask if you are concerned about either spreading the virus or have a compromised health condition, quarantine five days if you've been exposed, test if necessary and use hand sanitizer and wash your hands often.

Should your chapter have no alternative but to hold a zoom meeting, or should you be a position where you cannot meet to install your officers for the 2022 year, you must request a waiver of dispensation from me to do so. You may email me, call me, or send me a letter by mail, for my approval. You must include \$1.00 for the dispensation to be granted. If it is possible to change your "vacationing months", I would encourage you to explore this option. There is no provision in place at this time to waive less than ten meetings a calendar year. I will of course, monitor and advise should directives be necessary.

I am urging chapters to meet using social distancing, masking if necessary, and to follow the CDC protocols. I will, of course, rely on the rulings of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, who as of this writing is not placing restrictions on meeting in person, the guidelines of the CDC and other considerations as we maneuver through these continuing circumstances.

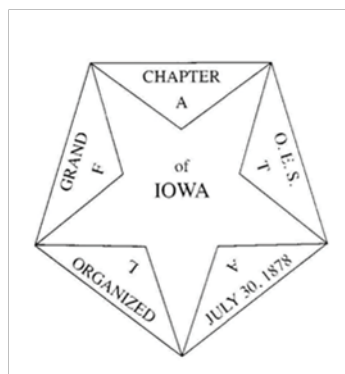
Thank you all for your patience as we navigate this ongoing situation together.

Sincerely and with Star Love,

**Cheryl Payne**

Cheryl Payne

Worthy Grand Matron





## MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

Dear Sisters and Brothers,



My wish is that this article finds you all doing well, and you enjoyed a Blessed Easter. The weather was a little unusual, but it didn't stop the little ones from having a great time. In the last packet I mailed to the Chapter Secretaries there was an invitation to attend the Secretary/Treasurer Conference schedule on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. I neglected to add that I will need an RSVP from you if you plan to attend.

If you have already talked to me about coming, you are on my list. Please email me at [iowa-oes@iowatelecom.net](mailto:iowa-oes@iowatelecom.net) or call 641-842-2720 to let me know you are coming.

Watch the OES website ([iowaeasternstar.org](http://iowaeasternstar.org)), the 2022 Grand Chapter pre-registration and meal forms will be arriving soon! Copies will also be sent to the Chapter Secretaries. If you plan to propose legislation to be considered at Grand Chapter this year, June 22, 2022, is the deadline to have it in the Grand Chapter Office. If you plan to submit a resume, those must be in the Grand Chapter Office no later than July 22, 2022.

If your Chapter has not submitted your Annual Report, please do so promptly. The due date for having the reports in to Grand Chapter is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

"Believe in yourself and you will be unstoppable"

In Star Love,  
Nancy



Don't just talk  
about it,  
Bee about it!



**Heartland Chapter, Des Moines** was honored with three new 50yr members this year. Pictured here are two of them, Debbie Bentzinger and Keith Rhodes. Keith's picture was actually taken at Altoona Chapter at our Easter Hat Contest. Worthy Matron, Gail Dyer presented Debbie's at her home as she was unable to make our meeting. The third was Elizabeth Lee but a road trip was not in the cards as she resides in San Diego, CA. Congrats to all three.



Carol Mullin, Dual Member of **New London Chapter #440 and EC Blackmar Chapter #306**, Burlington, received her OES 50 year Certificate at their Joint School of Instruction held at the Burlington Masonic Temple on April 23, 2022. Carol will be honoring her Great Aunt Mabel by wearing her Great Aunt's 50 year pin! Congratulations Carol! Judy Boden, Secretary EC Blackmar Chapter

Past Grand Electa, Sister Lorraine Ubben was presented with her 50 year certificate and pin on Saturday, April 30, in Mason City during **Unity Chapter's** School of Instruction.



Pictured with Sister Lorraine is Sister Caryl Lawyer, Past Grand Matron. A world of coincidence led to this event. Sister Caryl was a Grand Officer when Sister Lorraine was initiated, then Sister Lorraine served as Grand Electa and Sister Caryl was her Grand Matron Mom in 1983. They have since both served as officers of Unity Chapter for several years.

Lorraine was very pleased when Sister Caryl presented her the same 50 year pin that was presented to Lorraine's mother upon receiving her 50 year membership. Lorraine's mother was ultimately a 75 years member of Eastern Star.



## Ardith Brown Newest 50-year Member of Ankeny New Hope Chapter

At the Joint School of Instruction for Polk City Chapter and Ankeny New Hope Chapter on April 9, 2022, Sister Ardith Brown was presented with her 50-year membership pin.

In 1954 she became a Rainbow girl and later served as Mother Advisor.

Sister Ardith's petition was submitted to Ankeny Chapter on Sept 9, 1971. She was recommended by her sister-in-law, Laura Hoover along with Julie Bethel. The investigating committee was Brother Max Breubaker and Sisters Gwen Swart Jager and Linda Lyons. Ardith was initiated on March 18, 1972.

In 1983 she served in her first Chapter office in the station of Electa. In 1985 she served as Conductress and served as Worthy Matron for the first time in 1986.

Starting in 1993 she continually served as an Officer in Ankeny Chapter and in 1996 she once again served as Worthy Matron.

In 2000-2001 Sister Ardith was asked by Sister Mary Sue Van Ryswyk and Brother Ben Kain to serve as Grand Martha in their Sunbeam Grand Family. She was given a Grand Representative Commission to Missouri by Sister Danelle Essing and Brother Richard Wehde.

Sister Ardith has served on numerous Grand Chapter committees including 2006 where she served as State Project Chairman for Sister Diane Bargfrede.

Ardith served as Chapter secretary from 2008-2012. Ardith has also served in the stations of Associate Matron, Conductress, Marshal, Ruth, Martha, and Electa. She served as Worthy Matron for Ankeny Chapter and Ankeny New Hope Chapter a total of 4 times.



### General Grand Medallions

A new supply of the General Grand Chapter medallions for heart and cancer are available in Iowa. The cost for the medallion is \$5 and can be worn throughout the triennium. Contact Diane Bargfrede at [drbargfrede@gmail.com](mailto:drbargfrede@gmail.com) if you wish to purchase one.



Easter Hat Contest anyone? For our April meeting, **Altoona** members were asked by our Worthy Matron to decorate a hat for a contest. Most members participated but of course there are always a few party poopers. Cyndi Grosing was the judge assisted by a couple of the non-hat people. This picture is the three winners chosen. Peggy Cunningham, prettiest, Jean Mauch for most unique fabric used and Gail Dyer for best overall. All prizes were chocolate bunnies. The true story of Jean's hat is her daughter, Sue McMain had decorated a hat but forgot it at home when she went to pick her up so Jean graciously gave Sue hers.

The Twentieth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, Order of the Eastern Star, met in Turner's Opera House, Ottumwa, at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 27, 1897 with Mrs. Delia B. Meredith of Newton and Brother John Wesley Geiger of Marion presiding as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

The Grand Matron opened the Grand Chapter in ample form, after which Mrs. E. A. Simmonds, WM of Ottumwa Chapter No.112 welcomed the Grand Chapter on behalf of her chapter in the following eloquent speech. (Note: Mrs. Simmonds served as Grand Martha the following year in 1898.)

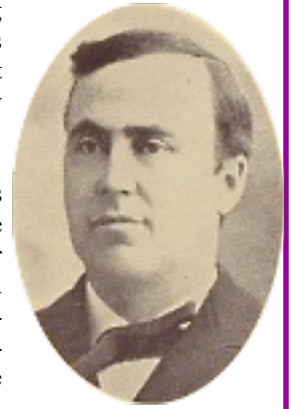
"...It is true most of us meet for the first time, yet we meet not as strangers, but as co-laborers in the service of humanity. A Grand body of honorable men and women can accomplish much and of such the Order of the Eastern Star is composed. The mystic tie that binds us together is not formed alone of obligations. We who rightly cultivate its precepts will find that what at first learn as duties, we afterwards treasure as privileges: what the Order teaches should be done, grows almost unconsciously into what we would wish to do. Duty is the great fraternal live the ripened fruit, affection the rose and the Eastern Star obligation the soil in which it has taken root... I can truthfully say this welcome comes sincere and warm from the cordial heart of every loyal Eastern Star in our city." (Note: Ottumwa Chapter was instituted in 1892 had a membership of 94 in 1897.)

In his address, the Worthy Grand Patron related the following: "I greet you with a 'fraternal love.' We are entering upon our twentieth year of the existence of this Grand body and it is no small thing that we witness today the results of the humble beginnings of 1878. To look back upon the convention of twelve representatives from six different chapters of the Order assembled in the city of Cedar Rapids, with only a few members and they not all within easy reach of each other, is to remember a humble beginning that has been greatly blessed by the Lord."



The address of the Worthy Grand Matron opened with the following: "To many of us this is the renewal of friendships of the long ago, the cementing of ties long formed. But while we are happy in greeting old friends, let us not forget the stranger that is in our midst. Many are here today for the first time. Let us give them the warm handclasp and make them feel that we are indeed brothers and sisters." The address closed with the following quote from Ephesians: "I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

The Grand Secretary reported that the total membership was 10,051, a net gain of 1,341 from the previous year. There were 171 chartered chapters with another 24 being instituted by Mrs. Meredith this year. Five District Deputies were appointed to assist the WGM "to secure greater uniformity in our ritualistic work."



The Wednesday afternoon session was called to order as a Grand Chapter of Sorrow, with the Grand Officers giving the Engle's Memorial Service. Past Grand Matron, Sarah Woods gave a Memorial Address which included the following: "The joyousness of heart, with which we are wont to assemble in our annual reunions, is tempered with a feeling of unusual sadness, and our hearts are filled with tender thoughts in this hour set apart to honor our fraternal dead."

"For the first time in the history of this Grand body, the circle of Grand Officers has been invaded, and one is gone who for fourteen years, zealously guards our portals..."

(Theodore Schreiner, Grand Sentinel, 1884-1897) "The life of Father Schreiner was an eventful one. Born in Bavaria near the historic city of Worms in 1811, he grew to manhood amid the stirring scenes and events of that revolutionary period: scenes that made a deep impression on his afterlife... He served for a time with the National Guards of Paris and later a soldier in the Polish war for freedom, returning to Germany when the revolutionary spirit was at its height, and enlisting against the government for which he, with others were arrested for treason, though afterward released through the influence of friends and his father."

"He came to this country in 1833 and settled in Marietta, Ohio. He was an ordained pastor of the Lutheran Evangelical church and served in that capacity of 20 years. In 1835 he was married to Anna Maria Tuttle and for 62 years they have shared life's joys and sorrows. A son Theodore died in Andersonville prison in 1862... In 1855 they came to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, which has since been their home, and here, on the morning of April 14th, in the beautiful Easter season, surrounded by sympathizing friend and ministered to by loving children, he quietly fell asleep." (Note: Schreiner Chapter No. 226, Monticello was instituted on June 24, 1897 and named in honor of Theodore Schreiner.)

Additional reports were given on Thursday morning with election and installation of officers that afternoon. Just prior to the installation of Grand Officers, the following resolution was presented and adopted by a rising unanimous vote: "Be it resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to Ottumwa Chapter No. 112 for the many courtesies and warm hearts' welcome shown to the members of this Grand Chapter on the occasion of this happy and notable meeting. Also, that a vote of thanks be given to the Railway Superintendents for granting the liberal discount from regular rates on account of this Grand Chapter."

“To live in the hearts we leave behind, is not to die.” Delia Meredith was born in 1858, passed away in Portland, Oregon on April 28, 1944 and is buried in Union Cemetery in Newton. John Wesley Geiger was born Nov 7, 1850 in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, passed away in Sioux City on Feb 16, 1916 and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Cedar Rapids.

Thanks for listenin’  
Janelle Hammarstedt

## Fraternal Correspondence

My travels have taken me to Canada, the Northeast and a few southern states. Most of the Grand Chapters have met for one day to take care of business and install new officers. One Grand Chapter met by zoom and installed by zoom. Most Worthy Grand Matrons said 2 years is enough to be in the Grand East! One Worthy Grand Matron said she started as a red head and ended with gray hair! I wonder why...looks like I've added a few too!

The biggest concern is retaining membership. We are taking in new members, but deaths are out numbering new members. It is a concern for all Grand Chapters. Projects are pretty much the same for all, Establ, Education, Cancer, Service Dogs. Even with Covid our membership gave generously to the projects.

With all the Covid restrictions, one Grand Chapter voted electronically, some mailed the ballots to the membership before Grand Chapter. One Grand Chapter there was no singing, so they hummed. No marching, Grand Officers came in and assumed their stations. Members were presented from their seats in the Grand Chapter room. Most were open to their members only. Out of State guests were missed.

I would like to Thank the Hawkeye Links for the invitation to their Spring Luncheon. The monetary gift was very much appreciated. As a reminder, please let me know if you have traveled to your Grand Jurisdiction and send a picture of yourself to Sister Mary Reicks for the WGM's and WGP's scrapbooks.

This is from Sister Marianne Schenefelt, PMWGM

Faith of the Heart

It's impossible, said pride  
It's risky, said experience  
It's pointless, said reason  
Give it a try, said the heart

Safe travels everyone!

Sandy Meredith  
Associate Grand Conductress & DI

## Iowans Enjoy Florida Grand Chapter

Sisters Diane Bargfrede and Ginny Corwin along with Brothers Phil Corwin and Grant Bargfrede attended the ‘Friendship are Golden Session’ of Florida Grand Chapter April 2-6, 2022. Pictured with our sisters and brothers is the Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Glenda Winchester of South Carolina. Everyone enjoyed attending the social events, as well as, the scheduled sessions.







School of Instruction and Official Visit of the Grand Officers was held February 26, 2022 at **Altoona Chapter**. Worthy Matron, Janice Wauson and Worthy Patron, Gus Hinnenkamp with their officers had prepared the building, food and of course Ritual Work. Mary Reicks, District Instructor was a gem to work with. She happily led our School for Sister Kelly Walker and has made us a part of her own District newsletter and updates. We started the day with all 18 officers present but due to illness Barb Rhodes went home and Sister Gail Dyer, Grand Electa protomed as Electa for the day. We were so lucky to have her available to help. We had a beautiful day.



Sister Gail Dyer, Grand Electa was honored at a reception at Heartland Chapter on February 27, 2022. She led the entry of the Grand Officers into the Chapter room and you can tell by her smile she was having a wonderful time. Following presenting those in attendance learned about many moments of her life. The skit was led by 50s songs played by Antonio Collins, protom Organist. She was given a bike horn, Starbucks cup, gift card and apron, ruby earrings and gas cards throughout from the Chapter. She was then presented her Quilt of Valor made by Sister Janice Wauson. During her remarks her granddaughters presented her an Electa cup procured from General Grand Chapter in Washington DC. A lovely day!



Dear Eastern Star Members, It is getting close to the time to “tee it up” for the 21st Annual OES Charity Golf Tournament. It will be held on Friday, July 15th, at A.H. Golf Course, Des Moines Iowa. Sign-in begins at 11:00 am with a shotgun start at 12:00 pm.

All proceeds go to the Worthy Grand Matron’s special project: Parkinson’s Awareness “On With Life” The Golf Committee is very excited about this event and is asking you to help make it a big success.

How can you help?

1. We need golfers!!!! The cost is \$90.00 per person (which includes 18 fun holes of golf, cart, dinner, and prizes). You do not need to be a great golfer to sign up for this fun afternoon. We have some golf aids (such as Mulligans and Mulligan String that may be purchased) that can give your score a little boost and can be used anywhere on the golf course to improve your shot. You may sign up as a team or as an individual golfer and be placed on a team with others. It is a great way to meet new friends. Remember, this is not limited to Eastern Star members, so get your friends and family involved.

2. Not a golfer, then join us for an afternoon of fun and stay for a wonderful dinner for \$24.00.

3. There will even be a Putting Contest before getting out on the course.

4. As a Chapter you can help by sponsoring a hole or share in sponsoring a hole individually or with another Chapter. Sponsor a golfer or a team. If you know of someone or a business that would like to help by sponsoring a hole, let me know and I will get the forms to them. Another way to help is by donating an item for the Silent Auction.

5. **There will be a Silent Auction and we hope to have many items for your bidding pleasure. You must preregister for this event.** Check with your Chapter Secretary or the Golf Committee for forms or you may go online to the Eastern Star website [www.iowaeasternstar.org](http://www.iowaeasternstar.org) Grab your clubs and we will see you on July 15th, and let’s help support the Worthy Grand Matron’s special project.



**Please help the Parkinson’s Project by bringing an item or items for the auction. The Starlighters greatly appreciate your help with the Parkinson’s Project, and I will be eternally grateful to each one of you.**

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## General Grand Chapter Officer Installation

Ankeny New Hope Chapter along with Iowa Grand Chapter is honored to have a General Grand Chapter Appointed Officer for the 2021-2024 triennium. Sister Diane R. Bargfrede was appointed Worthy Grand Adah by Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Glenda Winchester, of South Carolina and Brother F. Lon Lowry of Ohio.

The installation of the new General Grand Chapter Officers was conducted at the International Headquarters in Washington D.C. on November 4, 2021. A reception will be held for the honoree, along with all the Iowa General Grand Chapter Committee Members at the 2023 Iowa Grand Chapter Session in Cedar Rapids.

The last time Iowa had a General Grand Chapter appointed officer was Sister Beth Friday of Atlantic during the 1988-1991 triennium for the Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Lois J. Newman, of Missouri.





Sisters and Brothers,

If you or your Chapter are in need of a working Organ, please contact Tom and Cathy Francis from Rose Chapter #552.

They have 2 that came from the Ottumwa #112 Chapter and would love to see them go to a good home.

If you are interested you may reach Tom or Cathy at:  
tfrancis5563@gmail.com or call 641-777-5563.

The Country Kids spent May 14<sup>th</sup> with their annual cleaning of the Eastern Star portion of the Boone Cemetery. The full grass is so beautiful. Our first cleaning in 2018 had all dirt and no grass in this area. The large Monument was green. We put out new grass seed each year to keep filling in. The stone pictured is the oldest. If there are no preplans and no family, residents of the OES Home in Boone may be buried here. It is a beautiful place and we are proud to work on it's upkeep.



March 19, 2022

Malta was so very pleased to initiate Wendy and Kerry Staggs today! Thank you so much to all of our proteems, Malta officers, and sideliners. ☺ The care and preparation taken by each of you made it a beautiful day.

I was just thrilled that 19 of you joined us for lunch afterward at Carlos O'Kelly's. It was wonderful to visit with old and new friends. Welcome Wendy and Kerry!

Prayers today for Kathleen Jacobs and family as they are saying their final goodbyes to Todd's father.



Kris Stolba not pictured as she was behind the camera.







Reception for Sister Lark Randall, Grand Ruth



Reception for Sister Marilyn Culver, Grand Esther



2009 Lucky Stars celebrating the selection of Brother Joe Reed as the pick of Sister Mary Reicks for Associate Grand Patron



Grand Martha, Pam Spratte with a few Past Grands



Reception for Brother Charles Sloniger, Grand Chaplain



Reception for Sister Sandy Meredith, Associate Grand Conductress



Reception for Sister Gail Dyer, Grand Electa



Reception for Sister Pam Spratte, Grand Martha

Reception for Brother Tim Anderson, Grand Warder



Smiles after State School Completion! District Instructors sharing a Sister moment for the cameral

Rock and Roll Reception for Sister Kaylene Kiewiet, Grand Marshal





Mom Cheryl and Mom 2 Lorrie  
 "Groovin' to the music!"



State School Duties....



Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl Payne has been busy – all donated to hospitals for those new little darlings thru the TLC Committee.



Momma Cheryl and Sister Gail



Reception for Sister Sue Jensen, Grand Adah



Grand Marshal Kaylene Kiewiet and a bunch of Past Grand Marshals



Reception for Sister Gail Dyer, Grand





Starlighters taking a quick rest after a rush of breakfast eaters at Camp Courageous



Reception fun for Sister Marilyn Culver's Reception



Sister Kaylene and buddy making breakfast for Camp Courageous fundraiser



WGP John flipping omelets with supervision at Camp Courageous fundraiser



Cute Pink Lady aka Sister Anna Boecker



WGP John Whitaker, WGM Cheryl Payne, Worshipful Grand Master Bill Post volunteering at Camp



Reception for Brother Larry Niday, Associate Grand Patron



Barnyard fun at Sister Sandy Meredith's Reception

We apologize if pictures from any receptions are missing—some cannot be retrieved from the flash drive.

The members of Knoxville Chapter #85 are supporting our Youth by showing their support to these two young people. Madison Bahr, granddaughter of Nancy and Tim Ramthun and Talyn Spaur, grandson of Sharon Spaur, members of Knoxville Chapter. Madison a 5th grader at Eddyville-Blakesburg-Freemont School, has earned her way to compete in the 2022 NASP Eastern National's IBO 3D Challenge in Louisville, KY May 12-13, 2022. Talyn a Freshman in the Pleasantville School district, he will be participating in the 2022 Junior Gold Bowling Championship July 15-23 in Grand Rapids MI, and will be bowling in the U18 Boys doubles, singles, and team events. A big thank you to Knoxville Chapter for their support of Madison and Talyn, and we wish them both the very best. Written by, Nancy Ramthun, PGM

#### 14<sup>th</sup> Time

Sister Barb Wood and Brother Marvin Hanon, current Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Loess Hills Chapter #502 of Sioux City are serving their fourteenth time together as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

Marvin began serving as a Worthy Patron in 1953 at Thonna Chapter #423 of Anthon, Iowa. Barb Day Wood, his daughter began her first year as Worthy Matron in 1978 also at Thonna Chapter #423. Thonna Chapter consolidated with Morningside Rose Croix Chapter # 502, later becoming Loess Hills Chapter #502 in Sioux City.

It was in 1978 that Sister Barb and Brother Marvin first served together as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron and at various other years continued through today. Actually, Sister Barb has served as Worthy Matron twenty times and Brother Marvin has served as Worthy Patron thirty-one different years, for a total of fifty-one years.

Sister Barb also served as District Instructor three different times; 2001 – 2005 again 2007 -2011 and lastly, 2014 – 2017. She decided not to continue up the line each time, although has served on several other committees at the State level. Barb also was appointed Grand Martha in 2006. Barb's travel companion was Brother Mike Wood, Barb's late husband, who also served as Grand Warder in 2017. Barb's second travel companion was her Dad, Brother Marvin Hanson.

Brother Marvin continues to plant a large garden at his home in Anthon and each Fall shares much of his produce with his Sisters and Brothers at a September meeting where he and Barb decorate the tables with their produce and ask the membership to take home the produce – and they most certainly do – not a vegetable is left on the tables!



Loess Hills Chapter is most proud of Sister Barb and Brother Marvin for their service and dedication to Eastern Star. They have traveled many miles with their Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers. Thank you Barb and Marvin.

Thank you to all of you who have submitted pictures and articles for this issue of the 2022 Galaxy. Please remember that the future of the Galaxy depends on the membership continuing to submit articles about your Chapter's activities and achievements. This year's Galaxy committee looks forward to working with all of you for the next twelve months. The next issue will post to the website on June 10, 2022. **Articles are due by August 15, 2022. Please submit articles to [janicewauson@yahoo.com](mailto:janicewauson@yahoo.com)**

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