

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO THE SECRETARIES**

**Please acknowledge receipt of Grand Chapter Proceedings.**

**Notify the Grand Secretary of any new Change of Address.**

**Annual Returns should be in the Office of the Grand Secretary on or before the last day of April. In giving the list of membership, prefix the name of a Sister by "Mrs.", or "Miss", as the case may be. Place PM or PP after such Officers' names in the Annual Report.**

**Grand Secretary should be notified immediately of the death of a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron.**

**Requests for Special Dispensations should be sent to the Worthy Grand Matron under the Seal of the Chapter.**

**All Cheques for supplies should be made out to the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, OES.**

**The Books of the Grand Secretary close on May 31<sup>st</sup>. All monies received after that date would be carried over to the next year.**

**PROCEEDINGS**

**THE GRAND CHAPTER OF  
NEW BRUNSWICK**

**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**“LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING”**

**July 5, 6 & 7, 2007**

**Fredericton Inn  
Fredericton, New Brunswick**

**DONNA MCEWEN  
WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

**GRAHAM VINCENT  
WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

**BRENDA J. SAUNDERS, PGM  
GRAND SECRETARY**

2006 – 2007

**“LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING” SESSION**

**OF**

**THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW BRUNSWICK**

**DEDICATION**

**TOGETHER**

**This year of service is lovingly dedicated to the memory of our parents: Sister Thelma and Brother John Vincent, PP.**

**And**

**To the Members of Lady Alexander Chapter #24, Campbellton.**

**And**

**Sister Donna gently remembers John.**

**You can shed tears that they are gone  
Or you can smile because they lived.**

**You can close your eyes and pray they'll come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all they have left.**

**Your heart can be empty because you can't see them  
Or you can be full of the love you shared.**

**You can turn your back on tomorrow and love yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.**

**You can remember them and only that they have gone  
Or you can cherish their memory and let it live on.**

**You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what they would want; smile, open your eyes, love and  
go on.**

**You can smile because they lived.  
You can cherish their memory and let it live.**

**Anonymous**

**Scripture:** WGM & WGP: 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8, 13

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast. It is not proud, it is not rude. It is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails and now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love, but the greatest of these is Love.

**Watchwords:** Peace, Hope and Love

**Theme:** We need each other.

**Motto:** Give Cheerful Companionship and Social Enjoyment.

**Emblem:** The Cup – symbol of charity and hospitality

**Honour Station:** Electa

**Fun Symbols:** WGM: Elephants, Tea Cups  
WGP: Blue Herons, Hockey Sticks, Skates

**Hymns:** WGM: Make a Joyful Noise (Psalm 100)  
He Touched Me  
His Name is Wonderful  
Peace in the Valley

WGP: Amazing Grace  
Be Thou My Vision  
Precious Lord, Take my hand  
All the Way My Saviour Leads me

**Songs:** WGM: I Have a Dream  
You Raise Me Up  
Blue Moon  
Love Changes Everything

WGP: From a Distance  
Wind Beneath My Wings  
Why Me, Lord

**Projects:**

**ESTARL**

**Luxor Shriners' Transportation Fund in memory  
Of our parents**

**All General Grand Chapter Projects**

**Electa Cup in Chapters**

## GRAND OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2006 – 2007

Worthy Grand Matron.....	Donna McEwen (24)
Worthy Grand Patron.....	Graham Vincent (24)
Associate Grand Matron.....	Lynne Hatt (15)
Associate Grand Patron.....	Burton Hall (15)
Grand Secretary.....	Brenda J. Saunders, PGM (36)
Grand Treasurer.....	Charles Rafuse, PGP (15)
Grand Conductress.....	Linda Cogswell, (37)
Associate Grand Conductress.....	Lynn Hutchin (35)
Grand Chaplain.....	Shirley Kraglund (24)
Grand Marshal.....	Judy Donnelly (27)
Grand Organist.....	Kathleen (Kay) Firlotte (22)
Grand Adah.....	Faye Oakley (26)
Grand Ruth.....	Jean Dutcher (36)
Grand Esther.....	Susan MacDougall (19)
Grand Martha.....	Norma Caswell (4)
Grand Electa.....	Agnes Weaver (5)
Grand Warder.....	Edward Gilks (42)
Grand Sentinel.....	Robert “Bob” King (26)

## ASSISTANT GRAND OFFICERS

Assistant to the Grand Marshal	Brenda McGibbon (8)
Assistant to the Grand Organist	Mary Pelletier (5)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant to the Grand Organist	Jean Flewelling (14)
Assistant to the Grand Secretary	Patricia Lister (35)

## GRAND PAGES

Sister Betty Powell (3)	Sister Janet Mallory (26)
Sister Lorna Maxwell (4)	Sister Mickie King (26)
Sister Linda Ames (8)	Sister Margaret Adams (27)
Sister Elaine Smith (11)	Sister Audrey Trask (36)
Sister Betty Boyer (14)	Sister Fannie Kuhn (37)
Sister Alice Clarke (15)	Sister Judy Ross (40)
Sister Mildred Homer (19)	Sister Jean Kelly (42)
Sister Edith Clouston (22)	Sister Olive Trevors (42)
Sister Dorothy Stewart (24)	

## **GRAND GUARDS**

<b>Brother Philip Belyea (3)</b>	<b>Brother Ralph Bain (24)</b>
<b>Brother Jim Maxwell (4)</b>	<b>Brother Ron Oakley (26)</b>
<b>Brother Colin Allen (11)</b>	<b>Brother Keith Trenholm (36)</b>
<b>Brother Ronald Hutchinson (14)</b>	<b>Brother Allan Gillis (37)</b>
<b>Brother Terrance Spence (22)</b>	<b>Brother Michael Ross (40)</b>

## **GRAND NURSES**

<b>Sister Sherry Mitton (22)</b>	<b>Sister Margie Walsh (27)</b>
<b>Sister Marion Logan (33)</b>	

## **GRAND CHOIR DIRECTOR**

**Sister Donna Love, PM (5)**

## **SESSION TYPIST**

**Sister Candace Fanjoy (3)**

## **DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

**General Grand Chapter Officers**

**General Grand Chapter Committee Members, including our own:**

- **Sister Shirley MacDonald, Eastern Star Journal**
- **Sister Ann Morton, Chairman, Public Relations**
- **Brother Doug Swan, Northeast Regional Co-ordinator Visionquest**
- **Brother Elderic Thorne, Visionquest**

**Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions**

**Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of New Brunswick**

**Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions**

**General Grand Chapter Special Appointments, including our own:**

- **Sister Marilyn Hutchinson, Friend of a Feather**

**Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions**

**Grand Representatives**

## **DISTINGUISHED GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

### **GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS**

**Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**

### **GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS, SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND AMBASSADORS**

**Brother Donald F. Pierce on Appeals & Grievances and Past Grand Patron of Maine**

**Brother William A. Thompson, Chairman on Eastern Star Journal and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**

**Sister Shirley MacDonald on Eastern Star Journal and Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick**

**Sister Jerri Holt on ESTARL and Past Grand Matron of Maine**

**Brother Loren J. Sandler on Heart and Past Grand Patron of Massachusetts**

**Sister Ann Morton, Chairman, Public Relations and Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick**

**Brother Robert M.L. Cone on Public Relations and Past Grand Patron of Maine**

**Sister Joyce Dryden on Registration and Past Grand Matron of Quebec**

**Sister "Kit" Wells on Registration and Past Grand Matron of Washington**

**Brother Allen Denton on Shriners' Hospital and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**

**Brother Doug Swan, Northeast Region Co-ordinator, Visionquest, and Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick**

**Sister Gretchen M. Brissette, Visionquest, and Past Grand Matron of Maine**

**Sister Belle M. Pearson, Visionquest and Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**



**Brother Enderic Thorne, Visionquest and Past Grand Patron of  
New Brunswick  
Sister Constance Vick, Visionquest and Past Grand Matron of  
Massachusetts  
Sister Anita R. Young, Visionquest and Past Grand Matron of  
Quebec**

**WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND WORTHY GRAND PATRONS OF  
OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

**Sister Janet Workman Clark of Massachusetts  
Sister Rebecca S. Bibber of Maine  
Brother Frank H. Fenner, Jr. of Massachusetts  
Brother Brent H. Jones of Maine  
Brother William Winter of Quebec**

**PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF NEW  
BRUNSWICK**

<b>Sister Anne Steeves</b>	<b>Brother Everett McKinnon</b>
<b>Sister Glenna Taylor</b>	<b>Brother DeWitt Lister</b>
<b>Sister F. Pauline Allan</b>	<b>Brother Stuart Norton</b>
<b>Sister Norma Jean Belyea</b>	<b>Brother Clinton Shaffer</b>
<b>Sister Jacquie Boutilier</b>	<b>Brother Rupert Sypher</b>
<b>Sister Margaret McCully</b>	<b>Brother Joseph Holmes</b>
<b>Sister E. Jeanne Wheelock</b>	<b>Brother Dale Nicklin</b>
<b>Sister Betty Danks</b>	<b>Brother Murray Clouston</b>
<b>Sister Jean Belding</b>	<b>Brother Gordon Steeves</b>
<b>Sister Ann Lister</b>	<b>Brother Charles Rafuse,</b>
<b>Sister Hilda Shaffer</b>	<b>Grand Treasurer</b>
<b>Sister Hazel Harris</b>	<b>Brother Ronald Jagoe</b>
<b>Sister Brenda I. Taylor</b>	<b>Brother Evan Thomas</b>
<b>Sister Brenda J. Saunders,</b>	<b>Brother John Murray</b>
<b>Grand Secretary</b>	<b>Brother Ambury Newman</b>
<b>Sister Rose Scott</b>	
<b>Sister Audrey Sypher</b>	
<b>Sister Carol Sutherland</b>	
<b>Sister Debbie Hill</b>	
<b>Sister Leitha Holmes</b>	
<b>Sister Marjorie Colton</b>	
<b>Sister Donna Allen</b>	
<b>Sister Elaine MacLean</b>	

**PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER  
GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

**Sister B. Judith Fenner of Massachusetts  
Sister Judith Rozzie of New Hampshire  
Sister Mildred MacIntosh of Maine  
Sister Bertha M. Cadigan of Maine  
Sister Margaret Dyer of Maine  
Sister Virginia Charles of Maine  
Sister Norma Crabtree of Maine  
Sister Susan A. Gaines of Maine  
Sister Judith E. Brightman of Rhode Island  
Sister Audrey L. Barker of Louisiana  
Sister Joye Denny of Louisiana  
Sister Marjorie Morgan of Ontario  
Sister Margaret Hourston of Quebec – Grand Treasurer & Grand  
Representative of Sao Paulo in Quebec  
Sister Audrey Williamson of Quebec  
Sister Brenda Shaw-Radford of Qubec  
Sister Helen Connors of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Sister Diane Hayman of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Sister Margaret A. Clarke of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Sister Gail Cook of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Sister Inez Daye of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Brother H. Ross Kinney of Vermont  
Brother Robert W. McBournie of Massachusetts  
Brother Clifford A. Brightman of Massachusetts  
Brother Joseph Russo, Jr. of Massachusetts  
Brother James E. Pattangall of Massachusetts  
Brother Levi M. Johnston of New Hampshire  
Brother Walter G. Chapman of New Hampshire  
Brother Vernal Blakely of Maine  
Brother Claude Brissette of Maine  
Brother John H. Coombs of Maine  
Brother Newell Farrington of Maine  
Brother Terence Radford of Quebec  
Brother Ron Boudreau of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Brother Bill Clark of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Brother Ward Cunningham of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Brother Ken Smith of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Brother Adrian Pearson of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**

## **ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

**Sister Natalie R. Jenkins, Associate Grand Matron of Massachusetts**  
**Brother Paul Conley, Associate Grand Patron of Maine**  
**Sister Phyllis Blakely, Grand Conductress of Maine**  
**Brother John E. Wardwell, Grand Sentinel of Maine**  
**Sister Brenda Stone, Associate Grand Matron of Quebec**  
**Brother Art Shore, Associate Grand Patron of Quebec**  
**Sister Edith Conrod, Associate Grand Matron of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**  
**Brother Ted B. Caulier, Associate Grand Patron of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**  
**Sister Stella Trask, Grand Conductress of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**  
**Sister Marion Buchan, Associate Grand Conductress of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**

## **APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

**Sister Phyllis J. Sukach, Grand Chaplain of Massachusetts**  
**Sister Sarah Morrell, Grand Ruth of Massachusetts**  
**Sister Julieanne B. Irving, Grand Chaplain of Maine**  
**Sister Fabienne Winter, Grand Marshal of Quebec**  
**Sister Arlene Jones, Grand Adah of Maine**  
**Sister Ruth Holden, Grand Esther of Maine**  
**Sister Delora Farrington, Grand Electa of Maine**  
**Brother Ray P. Zinck, Grand Chaplain of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**  
**Sister Eleanor Decker, Grand Organist of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**  
**Sister Phyllis Jarvis, Grand Ruth of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**

## **GRAND OFFICERS' EMERITUS**

**Sister Florence Armstrong, Grand Treasurer Emeritus of New Brunswick**  
**Brother Cecil Decker, Grand Treasurer Emeritus of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**

## **GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN NEW BRUNSWICK**

**Brother Philip Belyea of Alberta  
Brother Roy Carson of California  
Sister Audrey Fox of Connecticut  
Sister Lynda Swan of District of Columbia  
Sister Sheila Thorne of Florida  
Sister Kathleen DeWitt of Illinois  
Sister Gail Caldwell of Indiana  
Sister Joyce Spence of Kansas  
Sister Norma Smith of Kentucky  
Sister Patricia Lister of Maine  
Sister Betty Steeves of Manitoba  
Sister Gloria Cheney of Maryland  
Brother James Hanley of Massachusetts  
Sister Pam Pappas of Minnesota  
Sister Elaine Smith of Missouri  
Sister Helen Bryenton of Idaho  
Sister Audrey Trask of Nevada  
Sister Eleanor Linton of New Hampshire  
Sister Theresa McKinnon of New Jersey  
Sister Margaret Adams of North Carolina  
Sister Christine Trenholm of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Sister Bernice Peacock of Oregon  
Brother David Fairweather of Quebec  
Sister Joyce Parke-Taylor of Scotland  
Brother Gerald Mitton of South Dakota  
Brother Michael Ross of Texas  
Sister Eleanor Butland of Vermont  
Sister Mary E. Kellier of Washington  
Sister Rosemary Day of West Virginia**

## **GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF NEW BRUNSWICK IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

**Sister Betty Brewster in Alberta  
Brother John Howard in Arizona  
Sister Rachael Arrington in Arkansas  
Sister Joan Riddle in Australia  
Brother Willard Strong in California  
Sister Judith D. Wurz in Indiana  
Sister Patricia Smith in Iowa  
Sister Judith Callahan in Maine**

**Sister Mae Lyle in Manitoba  
Brother Robert Shaw in Michigan  
Sister Adelaide Bakke in Minnesota  
Sister Lois Patten in Missouri  
Sister Minnie Haggerty in North Carolina  
Sister Anna Carr in Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Sister Donya Wright in Ohio  
Brother Donald Smith in Oklahoma  
Brother Ziggy Loos in Quebec  
Sister Nancy Boivin in Washington**

#### **GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

**Sister Donna M. Russo of District of Columbia in Massachusetts  
Sister Lynn Thurber of Maryland in Nova Scotia & Prince Edward  
Island  
Sister Mary P. Zinck of Massachusetts in Nova Scotia & Prince  
Edward Island  
Sister Marsha Young of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island in  
Arizona  
Sister Betty Shore of Texas in Quebec**

#### **GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS**

**Sister Sallee M. Cone of Maine, Friend of a Feather  
Sister Marilyn Hutchinson of New Brunswick, Friend of a Feather  
Sister Sandra Knoke of Minnesota, Friend of a Feather  
Sister Betty Smith of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island, Friend  
of a Feather**

#### **DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

**Sister Judith A. Goss, Deputy Grand Matron of Massachusetts  
Sister Louise Connelly, District Deputy Grand Matron, District #12,  
of Maine  
Sister Grace Boudreau, District Deputy Grand Matron of Nova Scotia  
& Prince Edward Island  
Sister Barbara Jenkins, District Grand Deputy of Georgia  
Brother Bobby Jenkins, District Grand Deputy of Georgia  
Sister Sharon Earl, Deputy Grand Lecturer of West Virginia  
Sister Juanita Leese, Deputy Grand Lecturer of West Virginia**

**Sister Beverly Smeaton, Deputy Grand Marshal of Massachusetts**

**WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS  
2007 – 2008**

<b>Connie MacPherson</b>	<b>Victoria #1 Celestial #3 Queen Mary #4</b>	<b>Leonard Mosher Paul Fullarton James Maxwell</b>
<b>Marcie Munroe Linda Boone Linda Ames Carol Ferris June Rafuse Mildred Homer</b>	<b>Frank H. Tingley #5 Carleton #7 St. Stephen #8 Saint John #14 Granite #15 Winston Churchill #19 Bathurst #22 Tobique #23 Lady Alexander #24 Zetland #26</b>	<b>Murray McInnis William Boone  Ian Black Allan McKinley Terrance Spence Glen Steeves Raymond Kraglund</b>
<b>Mickie King Phyllis Mossman</b>	<b>Prince Charles #27 Remembrance #30</b>	<b>Allan Bishop Don Williams Laurie Bishop</b>
<b>Lynda Williams</b>	<b>Fidelity #36 Devon #37</b>	

**WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS  
2006 – 2007**

<b>Betty Powell Lorna Maxwell</b>	<b>Celestial #3 Queen Mary #4 Fort Monckton #11 Saint John #14 Granite #15 Bathurst #22 Lady Alexander #24 Hillcrest #40 Prince Andrew #42</b>	<b>Colin Allen Ron Hutchinson Donald Clark Ralph Bain</b>
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**SESSION ASSISTANTS AND GRAND NURSES**

<b>Sister Brenda McGibbon Sister Mary Pelletier Sister Marion Logan Sister Sherry Mitton</b>	<b>Assistant to the Grand Marshal Assistant to the Grand Organist Grand Nurse Grand Nurse</b>
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## **INFORMAL OPENING**

### **“LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING”**

#### **SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**July 5, 6 & 7, 2007**

**The Seventy-Seventh Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, Order of the Eastern Star, was held on July 5, 6 and 7, 2007, at the Fredericton Inn, Fredericton, New Brunswick.**

**The Informal Opening of the “Love Changes Everything” Session was preceded by a Vesper Service in the Ballroom, conducted by The Rev. Arnold Godsoe of the Anglican Church of Canada, and Rev. Raymond Kraglund of the United Church of Canada.**

**Those in attendance were lead in the singing of “Make a Joyful Noise” and “Be Thou My Vision” by the Grand Organist, Sister Kay Firlotte, and Assistant Grand Organist, Sister Mary Pelletier. The Layreaders for the evening were Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron, who read the Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8, 13 and John 15: 9-12. Rev. Arnold Godsoe and Rev. Raymond Kraguland spoke on the theme of “Love”, which was followed by a beautiful duet entitled “He Touched Me” by Sister Isabel Morton, PM (7) and Sister Barbara Brooks, PM (9).**

**The Offering from the Vester Service was designed for ESTARL and amounted to \$515.10.**

**The Grand Chapter convened for the Informal Opening at 7:15 PM in the Ballroom. In the East as the Backdrop was a beautiful heart and “Love Changes Everything” 2006 – 2007.**

**The Labyrinth was outlined with white pedestals with white lights strung between. Behind each Star Point chair was a beautiful tea cup and/or mug in the appropriate Star Point colours placed on miniature copper tables.**

**In the Northeast Corner of the Room, the Charter was prominently displayed together with the Book of Remembrance.**

**A Musical Prelude was performed by the Grand Organist, Sister Kay Firlotte and Assistant Grand Organist, Sister Mary Pelletier. The**

**Honoured Guests were escorted into the Chapter room by the Grand Marshal and her assistant.**

**The Grand Choir, under the direction of the Grand Choir Director, Sister Donna Love, PM (5) entered the Chapter Room, singing "Come In, Come In and Sit Down". The Informal Opening of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was Called to Order by Sister Audrey Sypher, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Ronald Jagoe, Past Grand Patron.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Sister Audrey Sypher, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Ronald Jagoe,  
Past Grand Patron**

**Distinguished and Honoured Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:**

**Good evening! It is my pleasure to share the East with Brother Ronald Jagoe, PGP, as together we open the Informal Opening of the 77<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter "Love Changes Everything" Session and to extend a warm welcome to all who are in attendance this evening.**

**A sincere welcome to our Distinguished Guests and visiting members from other Grand Jurisdictions. We are indeed honoured to have with us those Committee members especially our own Sister Shirley MacDonald, Eastern Star Journal; Sister Ann Morton, Chairman, Public Relations; Brother Doug Swan, Visionquest, Northeast Regional Co-ordinator; and Brother Elderic Thorne, Visionquest, and Special Appointment, Sister Marilyn Hutchinson, Friend of a Feather. May these three years be a very special time, leaving you with many happy memories. May each of you enjoy good health and safe travels.**

**It gives me great pleasure this evening to welcome, His Honour, Hermenegilde Chiasson, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, and those representatives of Fraternal groups and Civic Officials. We appreciate you taking time from your busy schedules to be with us and look forward to hearing your remarks later this evening.**

**To our own members, that very special group of Sisters and Brothers, without whom there would not be a Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, your participation and input the next two days is essential to our continued success. Let us remember the theme of our Worthy Grand Matron, "We need each other." How fitting those four small words are today in this unsettled world. Let us make good**



decisions and deliberate wisely with the future growth of the Order foremost in our minds.

Brother Ron, one year ago we had the honour of installing this Grand Family with the assistance of Sister Hazel Harris, PGM, and what a wonderful Grand Family they have been. Would you like to add your words of welcome?

Good evening Sisters and Brothers. What an honour and privilege it is to welcome each of you here to the Informal Opening of our 77<sup>th</sup> Session of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, Order of the Eastern Star, “Love Changes Everything”, and to share the East this evening with Sister Audrey Sypher, PGM.

To all who have traveled from far and near I extend a sincere, warm welcome and hope you enjoy our sessions and our social times and that you renew many friendships and open up new ones. We are honoured to have you attend our sessions.

I sincerely welcome all the Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, GGCCM’s, Elected and Appointed Grand Officers, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and their officers as you are leaders within your respective Jurisdictions and without you spending the time to do your duties our Order would not continue and with extra efforts hopefully we may get it to grow for the future.

A special welcome to our own Grand Family and General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Shirley MacDonald on Eastern Star Journal; Elderic Thorne, Visionquest, Ann Morton, Chairman of Public Relations and Brother Doug Swan, Northeast Regional Co-ordinator, Visionquest, we are proud of you and the work you are doing.

Members of our Grand Jurisdiction, you are most welcome and it is with your efforts we are here to continue the wonderful work of our beautiful order. We appreciate all the work you do and your support. Enjoy the sessions, take time to socialize, relax and maybe all of you will find a few minutes to even shop. I wish to see the bonds of friendship strengthen as we continue and enter into our Grand “LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING” Sessions.

Welcome and thank you for being here.

## INTRODUCTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

Sister Shirley MacDonald  
General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Eastern Star Journal

Good evening, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends – one year ago our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and their Grand Family began their journey to reflect “Love Changes Everything” to the members of this and other Jurisdictions. The visits to New Brunswick Chapters, other Jurisdictions, the fun of enjoying all those Pot-Luck suppers, the pleasure in presenting 50-year pins, and Grand Representative commissions along with the necessary work of consulting with Committees and planning for this Grand Chapter sessions have indeed left a reflection of their efforts to show that “Love Changes Everything”. Before beginning the introductions, I would like to read the following poem, “The Man in the Glass”.

“When you get what you want in your struggle for self  
And the world makes you king for a day,  
Just go to a mirror and look at yourself  
And see what THAT man has to say.  
For it isn't your father or mother or wife  
Whose judgement upon you must pass,  
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life  
Is the one staring back from the glass.  
Some people might think you're a straight-shootin' chum  
And call you a wonderful guy.  
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum  
If you can't look him straight in the eye.  
He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest,  
For he's with you clear to the end,  
And you've passed your most dangerous test.

If the guy in the glass is your friend  
You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years  
And get pats on the back as you pass,  
But your final reward will be heartache and tears  
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

Author Unknown

It is now my pleasure to present the 2006-2007 Grand Officers.

The Assistant Grand Officers have reflected well the duties given to them one year ago. Sister Brenda McGibbon of St. Stephen Chapter #8, Assistant to the Grand Marshal, and escorted by Brother Ronald Sutherland, PP, St. Stephen #8. Sister Mary Pelletier of Frank H. Tingley #5, Assistant to the Grand Organist, escorted by Brother Bob Carson, PP of Frank H. Tingley #5, Moncton.

Brother Bob King of Zetland Chapter #26, Shediac, our Grand Sentinel, reflected well his duties of having a watchful care over our Ceremonies and then increased his reflection to lead our Drill Team and organize a bus trip to Charlottetown, PEI – A great reflection in the “Water of Life”, Brother Bob. He is escorted by his wife, Sister Mickie King, PM, Zetland #26, Shediac.

Brother Edward Gilks of Prince Andrew Chapter #42, Newcastle, our Grand Warder, entertained us on many occasions with his wonderful Solos and he reflected well the duties of working with the Grand Sentinel and getting those raps just right. Brother Edward is escorted by his wife, Sister Faye Gilks, PM of Prince Andrew Chapter #42.

Sister Agnes Weaver, our Grand Electa, of Frank H. Tingley Chapter #5, Moncton, reflected for us the Charity and Love of Electa and with her cheerful smile and kindness, she also reflected the values of Eastern Star. Sister Agnes is escorted by Brother Murray McInnes, WP of Frank H. Tingley Chapter #5, Moncton.

Sister Norma Caswell, our Grand Martha, of Queen Mary Chapter #4, St. Stephen, with her easy-going manner, reflected the Faith of Martha many times this year as she provided accompaniment for Soloists and performed the duty of Installing Grand Marshal at an April installation, and although somewhat hesitant, she reflected to us that we can all do what we are required to do. Sister Norma is escorted by Brother Philip Belyea, PP and Grand Representative of Alberta in New Brunswick.

Sister Susan MacDougall, our Grand Esther, of Winston Churchill Chapter #19, Riverside-Albert, is one of the quiet ones who can be seen going about the duties of helping out wherever she’s needed and can always be depended upon to check out the fresh air!! Sister Susan always reflected the virtues of Queen Esther – She is escorted by Brother John Murray, PGP.

Sister Jean Dutcher, our Grand Ruth of Fidelity Chapter #36, Riverview, in her serene and dignified manner reflected the virtue of Constancy and showed us all that with a quiet smile and hug we can

go forward to meet the challenges of life. Sister Jean is escorted by Brother Keith Trenholm, PP of Fidelity Chapter #36.

Sister Faye Oakley, our Grand Adah, of Zetland Chapter #26 of Shediak, reflected the virtue of Fidelity by fulfilling her obligations this year. It was a pleasure to enjoy her ready wit and ability to see the humour in any situation. Sister Faye is escorted by her husband, Brother Ron Oakley, PP of Zetland Chapter #26.

Sister Kay Firlotte, our Grand Organist, of Bathurst Chapter #22 – much to her surprise was able to reflect during the year, the wonderful music that we all enjoy and will make our ceremonies at Grand Chapter as impressive and effective as we wish them to be. Sister Kay is escorted by her good friend, Brother Ron Jago, PGP.

Sister Judy Donnelly, our Grand Marshal of Prince Charles Chapter #27, Chatham, reflected the ability to superintend and marshal all processions, to be part of several installing Suites this April as Installing Grand Marshal, which she performed with honour and dignity. This reflection of obligation was also apparent as she traveled to all Chapter visitations with her WGM, Sister Donna, and WGP, Brother Graham, something she can look back on with pride when this Session is completed. Sister Judy is escorted by her friend, Brother Rupert Sypher, PGP.

Sister Shirley Kraglund, our Grand Chaplain of Lady Alexander Chapter #24, Campbellton, was able to reflect in her life the virtues of our Heavenly Father and many of us were privileged to hear her special prayers as she asked for blessing on our food, good health and safe travels. Sister Shirley is escorted by her husband, Brother Raymond Kraglund, WP of Lady Alexander Chapter #24.

Sister Lynn Hutchin, our Associate Grand Conductress, of Unity Chapter #35, Harvey Station, made a promise in her Community that if a specific amount of money was raised for Cancer she would shave her head and she did just that! What a wonderful reflection she presented of leadership and discipline to a promised vow. Sister Lynn is escorted by her son, Geoffrey Hutchin.

Sister Linda Cogswell, our Grand Conductress, of Devon Chapter #37, Fredericton carried out her duties with courtesy and dignity; thus, leaving a wonderful reflection of favourable impressions as she performed her duties. Sister Linda is escorted by her son, Kevin Gratton.

**Brother Charles Rafuse, PGP, our Grand Treasurer, of Granite Chapter #15, St. George, with his ready smile and quiet manner, again this year his efforts in preserving and carefully watching our funds as well as always being there to assist the Finance Committee when necessary, reflected the strictest fidelity in the performance of his important duties. Brother Charlie is escorted by his wife, Sister June Rafuse, WM of Granite Chapter #15, St. George.**

**Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM, our Grand Secretary, of Fidelity Chapter #36, Riverview, has a difficult and responsible charge but with her ready wit and infectious laugh can make you feel that her duties are not all that time consuming, but we all know better. Her reflection of the values of Eastern Star are a tribute to her faithfulness to her trust and her kindness to all members. Sister Brenda is escorted by Brother Don Williams, WP of Fidelity Chapter #36, Riverview.**

**Brother Burton Hall, our Associate Grand Patron, of Granite #15, St. George, carried out his duties this year with attention to every detail and his preparation to assume the higher position is a reflection of his dedication to his office and Eastern Star principles. Brother Burton is escorted by his wife, Sister Lillian Hall, PM of Granite Chapter #15, St. George.**

**Sister Lynne Hatt, our Associate Grand Matron, of Granite Chapter #15, St. George, in her quiet and easy manner, reflected well the Principles of our Order and is prepared for her election to the highest office in our Grand Chapter. Sister Lynne is escorted by her husband, Brother Allen Hatt, PP, of Granite Chapter #15, St. George.**

**Brother Graham Vincent, our Worthy Grand Patron, of Lady Alexander Chapter #24, Campbellton, reflected well the ability to always be prepared to render the duties of the office of WGP and travelled many miles as an ambassador of our Grand Jurisdiction. He will now be looking forward to returning home and seeing the reflection of his beloved Blue Heron when this Session of Grand Chapter is completed. Brother Graham is escorted by his sister, Peggy Arnold.**

**Sister Donna McEwen, our Worthy Grand Matron, of Lady Alexander Chapter #24, Campbellton, is our “Northern Reflection”. With her warm friendly manner, she was welcomed into our Chapter rooms and into each Grand Jurisdiction that she visited representing our Grand Jurisdiction and has reflected the confidence placed in her in**

presiding over this Grand Chapter during this year. Sister Donna is escorted by her brother-in-law, Piper Brian Arnold.

Our Grand Officers of New Brunswick are now ready to assume their duties and are looking forward to welcoming the members of this Grand Jurisdiction as well as those from other Grand Jurisdictions to which they have traveled many miles over the past months.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, please join me in extending a warm and sincere welcome to our 2006-2007 Grand Officers.

*The Ribbon Ceremony was carried out by the Past Grand Matrons of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, under the leadership of Sister Shirley MacDonald, Past Grand Matron.*

<i>Adah</i>	<i>Sister Brenda Taylor, PGM</i>
<i>Ruth</i>	<i>Sister Elaine MacLean, PGM</i>
<i>Esther</i>	<i>Sister Hilda Shaffer, PGM</i>
<i>Martha</i>	<i>Sister Debbie Hill, PGM</i>
<i>Electa</i>	<i>Sister Donna Allen, PGM</i>

**FORMATIONS AND DRILLS**  
(Prepared and Narrated by Sister Edith Clouston)

The title of our Sessions, "Love Changes Everything"  
Makes a statement bold and clear,  
That Peace, Hope and Love are the embodiment  
Of God's promise to all He holds dear.

As our Grand Officers enter the Chapter Room  
Around the altar they form Electa's cup,  
An emblem of charity and hospitality  
Exemplifying Truth to which we live up.

Grand Guards form the base of the vessel  
Providing support and much love,  
Strengthening it with generosity  
As they rely on God's power from above.

Grand Pages, Grand Guards, Grand Nurses represent the blessings  
Which our Heavenly Father freely gives,  
They flow from the cup in the form of a heart  
For it is in each heart that God lives.

**The Grand Representatives form a circle  
Joining hands as to each other they bring,  
Glad tidings of friendship and fellowship  
Providing “Love Changes Everything.”**

**Now, as they leave this Chapter Room  
May God’s love and grace prevail,  
For we know that his mercy and goodness  
And His wonderful love will not fail.**

***The Grand Officers and Grand Guards formed a Cup, while the Grand Pages and Grand Nurses formed the Heart. The Grand Representatives, both those from New Brunswick and their Counterparts formed a circle around the outside of these formations to close in the World of Grand Representatives.***

**WELCOME FOR THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY  
GRAND PATRON**

**Sister Audrey Sypher, Past Grand Matron and Brother Ronald Jagoe,  
Past Grand Patron**

**Welcome Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron:**

**Sister Donna and Brother Graham, one year ago, Brother Ron and I had the honour of installing you as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and this evening, we are privileged of being among the first to welcome you to this, your “Love Changes Everything” Session.**

**My congratulations to both of you on this special year of service. We have been tremendously blessed in this Grand Jurisdiction by having two such capable people as our leaders. You have been faithful to your obligations and have served this Grand Chapter well. We, the members of Lady Alexander Chapter #24 are very proud of your accomplishments, and those of us who had the privilege of knowing your father, Brother John, know how proud he would be of you both.**

**Sister Donna, when you served as Grand Esther for Brother Murray and me in 1998, I knew you had leadership abilities and you certainly proved that as you journeyed to the East in this Grand Chapter. I am so proud of you. We have traveled many miles together and have shared many good times, which has made our friendship grow and I am sure will continue to do so.**

**Brother Graham, I would be remiss if I did not commend you on your ritualistic work, the support you have given to Sister Donna, and your readiness to extend the hand of friendship to all whom you have come in contact with throughout your travels.**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and your Grand Family, my wish is, that this Grand Chapter Session will be enriching and refreshing and lead us to greater achievements in the promotion of the teachings of our Order. That joy and peace may dwell in your hearts and the blessing of Him, whose Star we follow, remain with you always. Have a wonderful Grand Chapter Session. Brother Ron...**

**Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Graham, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the privilege of allowing me to welcome you, with Sister Audrey, to this, the informal opening of your Grand**



**Chapter Session “Love Changes Everything.” It sure doesn’t seem like a year has passed since we stood here and shared in your Installation.**

**Sister Donna, you have served for many years in our Grand Chapter always being gracious and firmly committed to seeing that the ritualistic work of our Order is properly rendered. Many have watched your progression in your local Chapters and many more have seen it in this Grand Jurisdiction and you have been faithful and diligent in your work and proven capable of the responsibilities you undertook. You have almost completed your four year journey through the line to serving as Worthy Grand Matron and I am sure you will enjoy some time away from your official duties at the end of this, your Grand Chapter Session. Congratulations!**

**Brother Graham, Worthy Grand Patron, I have known you for 15 years, as we met right after I became a Mason and I admire your work in Lodge and Eastern Star, just as all who knew your Father and admired his ritualistic work as well. You do great work and you have proved a faithful servant to our Grand Chapter with your dedication. I’m sure everyone who met you now knows what a Blue Heron is and has a good idea as to what it looks like as many have had fun trying to find or make one and have fun with the symbol. It is great to have something different. Your dedication to this Grand Jurisdiction will earn you a rest by the end of this Grand Chapter Session and our Grand Jurisdiction may now have the honour of having the first blood sister and brother as our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron together.**

**I wish for you both to be able to enjoy these next 2 days of your “Love Changes Everything” Session as you bring to an end your years of service. May your Session successfully complete your term to your satisfaction.**

**Sister Donna, thank you for according me this pleasure of assisting Sister Audrey in opening your Informal Opening of your Grand Chapter Session.**

***Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.***

***The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were extended the Grand Honours.***

***Sister Audrey Sypher, Past Grand Matron, presented Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, with her gavel.***

***The Grand Officers assumed their Stations.***

## **RESPONSE**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Sister Audrey and Brother Ron, thank you for calling to order this Informal Opening of our “Love Changes Everything” Session and for your words of welcome. It is hard to believe we last stood in the East together in this Grand Chapter one whole year ago. What a difference a year makes!! And how quickly a year goes!! Then I was just starting out on one of the most exciting journeys of my life. And now, that year has all but come to an end. Sister Audrey, you started me out on this journey when you asked me to be your Grand Esther, opening up a whole new world for me, and so it was fitting that you installed me last year and are here to open our Session this year. We have become good friends over the years and I am so thankful for that. You have a great love for our beautiful Order and have shown that love in your dedication and service over the years. Thank you.**

**Brother Ron, you never cease to amaze me. No matter what anyone asks of you, you say “sure, I can do that” and you do it. It makes no difference whether you’ve done it before or not. And you always put your heart and soul into it. Thank you for being my friend.**

**Sister Audrey and Brother Ron – Love is a wonderful thing. You never have to take it away from one person to give it to another. There’s always more than enough to go around!**

**Sister Audrey, please accept this gift as a token of our appreciation.**

**Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Sister Audrey and Brother Ron, thank you for opening our “Love changes Everything” Session. A year is but a blink of an eye and it seems like it was yesterday that I was installed in this office. Sister Audrey, you have been a true and faithful friend over the years and have been very helpful to me this past year. Thank you, Brother Ron, it only seems fitting that you open our Session since it was you who**

installed me as Worthy Grand Patron, an honour for which I am ever grateful. Thank you.

Please accept this gift as a token of our friendship.

*At this time a beautiful Solo was rendered by Sister Barbara Brooks, PM, entitled "Love Changes Everything".*

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

Thank you Sister Barbara. That was absolutely beautiful. And thank you, Sister Isabel, for that beautiful accompaniment. Thank you to you both for singing "He Touched Me" at the Vesper Service. It was very stirring. I know, Sister Barbara, you came down today especially to sing and have to return home soon. Thank you.

#### **INVOCATION**

**Brother Doug Swan, General Grand Chapter Committee Member  
Northeast Regional Co-ordinator, Visionquest**

Let us pray.

Our Heavenly Father, we bow before You on the evening of this great day as we thank you for all you have given us. Help us bolster our spirits through friendship with acquaintances both old and new, and constantly search for the chance to invite new friends to join with us. We thank you for those who have gone before us, whose work has enriched our Order and our lives today. Help us to build wisely on the foundation built by others. Keep us true to the principles of our Order, hold before us our Aim, enable us to love by our obligations and deepen our love for our Order.

As we prepare to open the "Love Changes Everything" Session of our Grand Chapter, we pray that we will be inspired to come together in peace and harmony as we work towards the good our Order.

In the Spirit of unity, we ask for Thy continued blessings on each of us at our Grand Chapter Sessions and we pray our meeting will serve to strengthen our Order in its purpose and us in Thy service. **AMEN.**

## **WELCOME**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Your Excellency, Distinguished and Honoured Guests:**

**What an honour and pleasure it is for me to welcome each of you this evening to the Informal Opening of “Love Changes Everything”, 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, Order of the Eastern Star.**

**To our own Members, I hope you enjoy these, your Sessions. We have had a wonderful year together. You have welcomed us into your Chapters and into your hearts, and I am so thankful for that.**

**To our guests, thank you for taking the time to be with us this evening. I know some of you have traveled quite a distance to be here. As the evening progresses, I hope you are able to understand, even the slightest bit, what we are about. To our invited guests who are not members, I hope you can get a sense of the wonderful fellowship we, as members of the Order of the Eastern Star, share.**

**Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Distinguished and Honoured Guests, members all:**

**It is indeed my pleasure to welcome each and everyone of you this evening. May you enjoy your evening and may you find comfort and fraternal love among those present here. Thank you for sharing this time with us this evening.**

## **PRESENTATION OF FLAGS**

### **CANADIAN FLAG**

**Presented by Brother Robert McInnes, PP  
Assembly sang “Oh Canada”**

**Tribute given by Brother John Murray, Past Grand Patron**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests,  
Sisters and Brothers:**

The NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA, popularly known as the MAPLE LEAF, and L'UNIFOLIE (French for "the one-leaved"), is a base red flag with a white square in its center featuring a stylized, 11-pointed, red maple leaf. Before this flag, Canada used variants of the British Red Ensign with the shield of Canada charged in the fly. The Red Ensign that took familiar shape in Canada was introduced by Prime Minister MacKenzie King after the First World War. From the 1940's until 1965, Canada made several attempts to create its own flag by holding national contests, but the Red Ensign still flew for Canada. A serious debate about a flag change did not occur until 1964, when a committee was picked by Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson. Out of three choices, the maple leaf design by George F.G. Stanley, our own Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, was chosen as the winner. The current flag was adopted in 1964. The flag made its first appearance on February 15, 1965, which is now celebrated annually as Flag Day.

Today the Canadian flag is known world wide as the flag of a peace-keeping nation. It is proudly worn on the uniforms of our troops. May we always give to this land of Canada the finest of courage, good will, loyalty, tolerance and unity; thus, engendering a spirit of joy and peace in our hearts wherever and whenever we see the flag of our country unfurled. Being but one small individual of this Great Nation it still makes me proud to say that I am a Canadian and to be given the honour of paying tribute to our flag. Long may it wave in this True North – Strong and Free.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for giving me the privilege of paying tribute to the Flag of our Country, the Canadian Flag.

### **UNION JACK**

**Presented by Brother Ralph Bains, PP  
Assembly sang "God Save the Queen"**

**Tribute given by Sister Hazel Harris, Past Grand Matron**

Our Union Jack, in the time of King Richard, was first formed as the cross of St. George. To this, in 1707, Scotland added the cross of St. Andrew. Then, in 1801, Ireland added the St. Patrick cross to form our Union Jack of three crosses and three colours of the Red, White and Blue, which we are proud to honour on this occasion. Who, among

us, can gaze upon this enobled banner without a tremendous feeling of pride?

This Union Jack should ever remind us of the rights and privileges that were made secure for us by the British Commonwealth. Our military men and women fought under it in two World Wars and other conflicts. It is our duty to cherish this flag, steeped in tradition, for the noble heritage it has imparted upon us.

As it takes its place, today, among the other flags and still flies over many areas, we should be justly proud.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the honour of paying tribute to such a beautiful emblem..

### **UNITED STATES FLAG**

**Presented by Brother Newell H. Farrington, Past Grand Patron of  
Maine**

**Assembly sang "The Star Spangled Banner"**

**Tribute given by Sister Bonnie J. Zumalt, Past Grand Matron of  
Massachusetts**

**I am the flag of the United States of America.**

**My name is Old Glory.**

**My red stripes stand for courage and hardiness.**

**My white stripes mean innocence and purity.**

**Blue for justice, perseverance and vigilance in its promise to keep us free. I stand for a bountiful land, its government, people and ideals.**

**The stripes from the 13 colonies; each state represented by a star of white.**

**I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.**

**I stand watch in America's halls of justice.**

**I fly majestically over institutions of learning.**

**I stand guard with power in the world.**

**Look up and see me.**

**I stand for peace, honour, truth and justice.**

**I stand for freedom.**

**I am confident.**

**I am arrogant.**

**I am proud.**

**When I am flown with my fellow banners,**

**My head is a little higher,**

**My colours a little truer.**

**I bow to no one!  
I am recognized all over the world.  
I am worshipped – I am saluted.  
I am loved – I am revered.  
I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years.  
I'm presently in the mountains of Afghanistan and the hot and dusty  
deserts of Iraq, and wherever freedom is needed.  
I led troops, I was dirty, battle worn and tired,  
But my soldiers cheered me and I was proud.  
I have been burned, torn and trampled on the streets of  
Countries I have helped set free.  
It does not hurt, for I am invincible.  
I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and trampled  
In the streets of my country.  
And when it's done by those whom I've served in battle – it hurts.  
But I shall overcome – for I am strong.  
I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stood watch  
Over the uncharted frontiers of space from my  
Vantage point on the moon.  
I have borne silent witness to all of America's finest hours.  
But my finest hours are yet to come.  
When I am torn into strips and used as bandages  
For my wounded comrades on the battlefield,  
When I am flown at half-mast to honour my soldier,  
Or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving  
Parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter, I am proud.  
I am Old Glory: for more than ten score years I have been the  
Banner of hope and freedom for generation after generation of  
Americans. Born amid the first flames of America's fight for freedom,  
I am the symbol of a country that has grown from a little group of  
thirteen colonies to a united nation of fifty sovereign states.  
Planted firmly on the high pinnacle of American faith, my gently  
fluttering folds have proved an inspiration to untold millions.  
Men and women have followed me into battle with unwavering  
courage. They have looked upon me as a symbol of national unity.  
They have prayed that they and their fellow citizens might continue to  
enjoy the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, which have been  
granted to every American as the heritage of free men.  
So long as men love liberty more than life itself; so long as they  
treasure the priceless privileges bought with the blood of our  
forefathers; so long as the principles of truth, justice and charity for  
all remain deeply rooted in human hearts, I shall continue to be the  
enduring banner of the United States of America.**

**Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the honour you have given me, and the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, by asking me to give the tribute to the flag of the United States of America.**

**PROVINCIAL FLAG**

**Presented by Brother Keith Trenholm, PP**

**CHRISTIAN FLAG**

**Presented by Brother Rev. Keith Lyons, PP**

**EASTERN STAR FLAG**

**Presented by Brother Philip Belyea, PP**

**Tribute given by Sister Marjorie Colton, Past Grand Matron**

**I am honoured to pay tribute to three important symbols, namely the Provincial Flag, Christian Flag and the Order of the Eastern Star flag.**

**In early years, the Province of New Brunswick was inhabited by the Mih-Mah and Maliseet Natives followed by settlers from France and British explorers – today we welcome persons from every corner of the world to share our hospitality in a Province of beauty, rich in culture and diversity. Shipbuilding was a major industry; farming, fishing and forestry still remain important sources of employment for many families. However, improved access to educational possibilities and modern technology have created new and exciting opportunities for future generations.**

**A Coat of Arms was assigned to the Province by Queen Victoria on May 26, 1868. Our Provincial Flag, based on the Coat of Arms, was adopted on February 24, 1965. The Ship represents the Ship building industry. The Lion is a symbol of the House of Brunswick – Thus the name of New Brunswick.**

**May we be granted spiritual strength and wisdom to honour our Provincial Flag of New Brunswick with justice, tolerance and equality for all mankind. The Christian Flag is an emblem of the love that Jesus Christ had for mankind and the sacrifice He made for them.**

**The white position of the Flag is symbolic of purity. The blue speaks for the faithfulness and sincerity of our Saviour. The red cross symbolizes the Christian religion – God’s love for man and the promise of Eternal Life.**



**The Eastern Star Flag – a symbol of the teachings of our Order. It represents the bonds of fraternalism for all countries of the world, whose people believe in a Supreme Being. As we look upon it, may we be reminded of our sacred obligations we took at the altar and practice the teachings of the Order with a willingness to serve, a determination to keep the faith and be true to the ideals for which this Order was established.**

***At this time, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, thanked all who participated in the Drills, and thanked the Rev. Arnold Godsoe and Rev. Raymond Kraglund for their participation in the Vesper Service.***

### **INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Ambassadors west of the Altar for proper introduction.**

***The General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Ambassadors were presented west of the Altar.***

**What a beautiful sight you are and what a pleasure it is for me to welcome each of you to our “Love Changes Everything” Session. Your appointments are confirmation of your dedication to our Order and your interest in your particular Jurisdiction. A special welcome to our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sister Shirley, Sister Ann, Brother Doug and Brother Elderic. We know how much you do here in New Brunswick and we are very proud of you. Be good to yourself, be excellent to others and do everything with love.**

**Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. You will escort the General Grand Chapter Committee Members to the East.**

***The General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Ambassadors were escorted to the East and extended the Grand Honours.***

## **WELCOME TO THE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

**Sister Brenda Taylor, Past Grand Matron**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Your Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:**

**Welcome to the friendly Province of New Brunswick, with our wide-open doors, sincere and honest hard-working members and wherever you go, hands reaching out to welcome you.**

**It's a pleasure to welcome all the General Grand Chapter Committee Members, who have taken the time from their busy schedules to be with us this evening, especially our own Committee Members – Sister Ann Morton, Sister Shirley MacDonald, Brother Elderic Thorne, and Brother Doug Swan. Congratulations to all on your recent appointments and much happiness to you as you carry out your duties, sprinkled with lots of good health and safe journeys.**

**As you go on your way, May God go with you.  
May He go before you to show you the way  
May He go behind you to encourage you  
Beside you to befriend you,  
And within you to give you peace.**

**Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this honour.**

## **RESPONSE**

**Brother Elderic Thorne, General Grand Chapter Committee Member  
on VisionQuest**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests,  
Sisters and Brothers:**

**May I express my gratitude for the honour and privilege of having a part in your "Love Changes Everything" Grand Chapter Session. It is a joy to be with you and share in this informal opening.**

**Thank you, Sister Brenda, PGM, for the very kind and thoughtful words of welcome to all Distinguished Guests, including our own, Sister Shirley MacDonald, Sister Ann Morton and Brother Doug**

**Swan. The sincerity of your remarks add a new dimension to the words, “Love Changes Everything”.**

**Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Graham, Worthy Grand Patron, it is my wish and prayer that you have a rewarding and successful Grand Chapter Session; that it will be everything that you dreamed for and that it will be enriched by God’s grace and sanctified by His leadership.**

**Thank you, Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, for the honour to myself and to my Chapter, Remembrance #30, for allowing me to respond to these warm words of welcome.**

### **GREETINGS FROM THE HONOURED GUESTS**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**What a pleasure it is to welcome our Honoured Guests here this evening. Thank you for taking time to bring greetings and share in our Informal Opening.**

**In our Order, we have a tremendous amount of respect for our heritage, our Country, our Province and the flags that fly over them. What a pleasure it is at this time to introduce the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, the Honourable Hermenegilde Chiasson. May we hear from you at this time.**

**Mr. Chiasson is accompanied tonight by his wife, Madame Chiasson and his Aide de Campe. Welcome.**

### **LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF NEW BRUNSWICK**

**The Honourable Hermenegilde Chiasson**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Donna; Worthy Grand Patron, Graham; Your Worships, Mayors Brad Woodside and Sonia Roy of Charlo; members of the Order of the Eastern Star, who have come from as far away as the United States and Australia, and as close as Nova Scotia and Quebec, friends, and Representatives from other Masonic Orders:**

**It is, for me, a real pleasure and I am very honoured to be with you and be at the opening of your “Love Changes Everything” Grand**

**Chapter Session.** Your organization, which has been in existence for more than 150 years has devoted much time to the promotion of women's issues and has rallied women on issues of the utmost importance. Many famous women and many outspoken women have been a part of the Order of the Eastern Star. Eleanor Roosevelt who was a great promoter of women's rights, and who at times stepped aside from her husband's views was surely a most important figure of the last century. Rosa Parks, who passed away in 2005 and started the bus boycott in the United States is another of those women who made sure that their voice would be heard and that their message would be well-noticed.

I also admire the great modesty with which you carry your humanitarian work, to the point where some people would label you as a secret society, but I do believe that if this were the case, I would certainly not be here tonight, and there would be no way to reach you except through an Initiation or some sorceretic pathway.

Among your many humanitarian concerns, I know you devote a great deal of your time to improving health conditions, mainly by your contributions to Alzheimer's research, Juvenile Diabetes and Juvenile Asthma. We seem to forget that the well-being of our fellow citizens is everyone's concern.

Low key seems also to be a part of your attitude, and this is also a way of going about concentrating on the work to do and not on the work that has done. But most of all, and I believe those present here tonight will agree, the Order of the Eastern Star is mostly about being a part of a large family that stretches way beyond this City and New Brunswick, and beyond time. For this is the largest Fraternal Organization in the world, open to both men and women, with approximately 10,000 Chapters – 25 of which are in this Province – in 20 Countries – approximately 1,000,000 members. The feeling of comraderie, of kinship and of belonging must be quite staggering- the idea that humanity does not start and end in our vicinity but stretches all over our planet.

I commend you for the work that you do and your sense of charity and the length that establish and maintain among yourselves and with the community at large and the rest of the world. Thank you.

*The Lieutenant-Governor was accorded a standing ovation by those in attendance.*

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**We are very pleased to have with us this evening, the Mayor of Fredericton, His Worship, Brad Woodside. May we hear from you at this time.**

**Mayor Brad Woodside  
Mayor of the City of Fredericton**

**Your Honour, Your Worship, Distinguished Platform Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my pleasure, on behalf of my colleagues on Council to bring greetings and to welcome you to this very beautiful Provincial Capital of Fredericton.**

**A special welcome to those visiting from the United States of America, our friends and neighbours to the South and from the other Provinces.**

**You know, love does change everything! And we can use a lot more love in this world in which we live. Sitting back there I'm thinking as an individual that we have to change the road – but it sounds so big – but it begins in our communities. When I think of love, I think of fresh air and clean waters – we come from great communities, wonderful communities where there is an abundance of clean air and fresh water, and love – I proclaimed only two weeks ago here in the City of Fredericton – Love Day. A number of the Churches got together – they washed cars, they did up hamburgers, and hot dogs – no charge – and that is what the Churches referred to as Love. So we are accustomed to love – we are accustomed to fresh air and clean water. We have no idea how lucky we are to live where we live. But you see, we have to look further than our own Communities – we have to start thinking of changing the world that we live in. Because there isn't a lot of love out there – there isn't a lot of fresh air and clean water out there – and this planet doesn't belong to us – it's only on loan to us from our children. To change the world seems to be a big task, but love can and will change everything.**

**Thank you very much.**

**Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Many of you know that my symbol this past year has been the Great Blue Heron, which is in recognition of my home town, the village of Charlo. It gives me great pleasure this evening to introduce to you**

**Her Worship, the Mayor of Charlo, Madam Sonia Roy. May we hear from you at this time.**

**Mayor Sonia Roy  
Mayor of the Village of Charlo**

**Your Honour, Hermenegilde Chiasson, Your Worship, Mayor Woodside, Members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Ladies and Gentlemen:**

**Bonsoir, Good Evening:**

**As Mayor of the Municipality of Charlo, it is with great pride that I accepted to be here tonight in order to honour one of our residents during this 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Grand chapter of New Brunswick, Order of the Eastern Star.**

**I must admit that I did not know this organization but through information sent by Donna McEwen, I was quickly impressed with its spiritual values. I too, believe in love, trust, team work, charity and loving kindness all in order to build a better world. I was also impressed with your membership in excess of 2.5 million and your many worthwhile projects to great causes such as Cancer, Heart Fund, Orphanage, Shriners, leadership training, etc.**

**It is quite a privilege for our Municipality to honour a Brother-sister Team, Graham Vincent as Worthy Grand Patron, who has resided all his life in Charlo, and Donna Vincent McEwen, as Worthy Grand Matron, who grew up in Charlo and who now resides just on the border of our Municipality. This prestigious award recognizes excellence and outstanding contribution for your unselfish service for the good of the world.**

**Thank you Graham and Donna for your spiritual values, your trust, your teamwork, your heroic conduct in order to eradicate problems from our planet.**

**This prestigious award goes to the man or woman who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust, sweat and blood; to the person who strives valiantly, who even errs, who knows enthusiasm, great devotion and spend himself or herself in a worthy cause, who knows the triumph of high achievement, someone who knows victory and learns from defeat. To you both, congratulations for these impressive accomplishments!**

**I have read that to achieve, one must be obsessed by your cause and as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, your obsession is to benefit others. You have both excelled because of your strengths, your thoroughness, your tenacity and your insight.**

**On behalf of the Village Council of Charlo and all its residents, I salute you for these traits and these distinctions. Congratulations to both of you (Your Dad would be proud of you) for your achievements and I encourage you and all of you to pursue excellence in whatever you undertake. We look to people such as yourselves for a brighter future.**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Brother Graham, Worthy Grand Patron, would you introduce our guests from the Masonic Fraternity at this time.**

**Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Sisters, Brothers and Guests, I am honoured this evening to introduce to you, Most Worshipful Brother Bill Boone, The Most Worshipful The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, Free and Accepted Masons. Congratulations on your election to this high office. May we hear from you at this time.**

**THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND MASTER  
GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, F & AM**

**Brother William Boone  
Grand Master**

**Good evening! Are we having fun yet? I think I just gave the Mayor of Fredericton a heart attack because I told him this was the Informal Opening – just wait until we get to the formal part of it!**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Your Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, Honoured Guests, Sisters and Brothers:**

**I must confess that tonight I appear before you with two faces. In the first face, I appear as the Grand Master of Masons in the Province of New Brunswick, where I get to do all sorts of important things, such as sit at Head Tables – I even get to have my picture taken with 50-year members and sometimes I even get to walk at the back of the**

parade. My second face is that of Worthy Patron of Carleton Chapter #7 in Florenceville where I get to do equally important things. I hand the Worthy Matron the minutes from the Secretary, I stand up when she says to, I sit down when she glares at me. This is pretty heady stuff for a young fellow like me, and I don't know if I can bear up for another year or two, but I'm going to try.

But the greatest pleasure I get from being Grand Master is to attend functions like this to bring you Fraternal Greetings from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, from all the Masons of New Brunswick from the 43 Lodges that we have. If I had any advice to give, I don't know what it would be – if we look at dwindling memberships in this Organization and all the Concordant bodies and other organizations not connected to Masonry – and if I had the answers to those questions, the world would beat a path to my door, I'm sure.

But I do have one little bit of observation to offer – if you think of the Masonic family as a giant elm tree like they used to have here in Fredericton – if you think of the branches as all the Concordant bodies of the family of Masonry and the leaves as the members, it is the roots of Free Masonry itself that keeps the tree strong, and if you want to keep the branches growing strong and those members (the leaves) green and healthy, then nurture the roots of Free Masonry, because there is where the lifeblood of all these Concordant bodies lies. And with that thought , I will put on my second face, that of Worthy Patron, and I just saw my Worthy Matron, Sister Linda, give me a nod, and that means it is time to sit down.

Thank you very much.

**Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

At this time, I take pleasure in introducing the Illustrious Sir Blaine Calhoun, Past Potentate, who is representing The Ancient Order of The Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Brother Blaine, may we hear from you now.

**Brother Blaine Calhoun, Past Potentate  
Ancient Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East,  
Sisters and Brothers:**



**Thank you for the invitation to join you this evening at your 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Sessions “LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING”.**

**I bring you fraternal greetings from Luxor Temple and our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Darrell Munn who is suffering the heat wave at the Imperial Sessions in Anaheim, California.**

**As you are probably aware the closing of our Montreal Hospital for Children and opening a new one in London, Ontario, was on the call again this year. I am pleased to be able to inform you that it was soundly defeated again this year at 830 to 264. We remain and will get our new hospital in Montreal.**

**Sister Donna, Brother Graham, I wish you a harmonious and productive session.**

**Thank you.**

**Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

**I am also pleased to have with us this evening representatives from DeMolay – Worshipful Brother Bill Millett, Executive Officer, DeMolay Atlantic Canada, and his son, Alex Millett, Deputy Master Councillor for DeMolay Atlantic Canada. Alex, may we hear from you at this time.**

**Alex Millett  
Deputy Master Councillor  
DeMolay Atlantic Canada**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Members and Guests:**

**My name is Alex Millett and I am the Jurisdictional Officer for Atlantic Provinces DeMolay.**

**I am here today to bring you greetings on behalf of all the members of Atlantic Provinces DeMolay and tell you a bit about what we have done and what we are going to do.**

**The support we receive from the many Masonic bodies is greatly appreciated by all of our members.**

**DeMolay is important to the young men that are involved. It teaches leadership skills, how to be good public speakers, and how to manage money – to name just a couple of things.**

**We have been involved in several fundraisers, many of them are serving at banquets for the Masons and others are pancake breakfasts, parking cars at the Atlantic National Car show, as well as manning the Barbeque pit.**

**We have, and continue to help with the Scottish Rite fundraisers for their new learning center for children with dyslexia.**

**In the past year, we have initiated 6 new members into the order, and are working on getting a Chapter up and going in the Halifax area. We have also attended New Hampshire conclave, Maine Conclave, and International Supreme Council Sessions in St. Louis, Missouri.**

**We are holding our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention this year at UNB in Fredericton. There will be special presentations after the Banquet that I am confident you won't want to miss.**

**On behalf of the Atlantic Provinces DeMolay, I would again like to thank you for your support and for inviting me to bring greetings and speak at your Grand Chapter Sessions.**

**Thank you.**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**At this time, I would like to introduce Glenna Geer, Queen of Nereides Temple #78, Daughters of the Nile. I was so pleased, Sister Glenna, to be able to attend your Installation earlier this Spring. Thank you for being with us this evening. May we hear from you at this time.**

**Sister Glenna Geer, Queen  
Nereides Temple #78  
Daughters of the Nile**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Members and Guests:**

**It is an honour and a privilege for me to bring greetings on behalf of the officers and members of Nereides Temple #78, Daughters of the**

**Nile to this “Love Changes Everything” Session, of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, Order of the Eastern Star.**

**The Daughters of the Nile assist the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine by monetary donations and orthopedic supplies for the Shriners’ Hospital for the Crippled and Burned Children.**

**I wish for you, Sister Donna and Brother Graham, and all your officers, a harmonious and rewarding Grand Chapter Session. May God bless each of you.**

**I want to thank you for your kind invitation to attend the Opening Ceremonies of the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Chapter Sessions.**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**The Youth of today are our future of tomorrow. I would like to now introduce the representative of the Order of Rainbow for Girls.**

**Jessica Mitchell, Worthy Advisor  
Codiac Assembly #25, Moncton**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Members and Guests:**

**My name is Jessica Mitchell, and I am the Worthy Advisor of Codiac Assembly #25.**

**Our Assembly has been pleased to do numerous service work within our Community. We started out a cold morning attending the water stands and cheering on runners in the YMCA Hypothermic half mile. We walked 11 kilometers for the Scottish Rite Walk-a-thon. We had a team in the Relay 4 life and were once again water girls and cheerleaders – only this time for the MS walk.**

**We enjoy our service events almost as much as our fundraisers which included serving for local lodges and the Fidelity Chapter. We are very excited to be involved in the highly anticipated Medieval Feast with Mum and Dad King.**

**Since last we were invited to speak we have been to Nova Scotia and initiated 5 girls into an Assembly with the hope that they will soon**

have 15 and be constituted. At home in Codiac we have initiated 3 girls.

As always we greatly appreciate the support of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and thank you for your donation for the Jack and Jill Shoppe.

Road trips have always been a mainstay for Codiac and this year 8 girls traveled to Grandy Camp in May and 9 girls will attend our Grand Assembly being held in Toronto. And just in case, Dad Cooper doesn't get the invitations out, our next Installation will be January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

On behalf of Codiac Assembly #25, I would like to thank you for your continued support and for the courtesies extended to myself and my traveling companions.

### Response to Greetings

Sister Rose Scott, Past Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, All Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

It is an honour for me to have the privilege of responding on behalf of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, Order of the Eastern Star, to the welcomes and greetings extended by our Honoured Guests.

It is indeed a special honour to have present the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, the Honourable Hermenegilde Chiasson. We are so pleased that you found time from your duties to be here with us this evening. Thank you for your kind words of greeting.

Your Worship, Mayor Brad Woodside, it is once again our pleasure to meet in our Capital City and to enjoy the hospitality to which we have become accustomed. Thank you for your attendance here this evening and for your warm words of welcome.

It is always a pleasure to have an official representative of our Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's community. To Sonia Roy, Mayor of Charlo, thank you for traveling from the northern part of our province for this special occasion and for your words of greeting.

**To the Most Worshipful, The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, William Boone. We appreciate the good wishes you have expressed and offer our thanks for the greetings you have so kindly brought to this gathering. Eastern Star would not exist without our Masonic Brothers and we are most honoured by their presence this evening. We congratulate you, Brother William, on your recent installation and wish a most successful and fulfilling term of office.**

**To Illustrious Sir Blaine Calhoun, Past Potentate of Luxor Temple, we recognize and appreciate the Shriners' dedication in assisting many crippled and burned children through your hospitals. May your good works continue to progress and succeed. Thank you, Brother Blaine, for your words of greeting.**

**To Sister Glenna Geer, Queen of Nereides Temple #78, Daughters of the Nile, thank you for your greetings. May you enjoy another great year of service.**

**No work is more worthy of our time and effort than that of directing the lives of young people. The greetings from the representatives of both Rainbow and DeMolay are much appreciated. To Jessica Mitchell, Worthy Advisor of Codiac Assembly #25, International Order of Rainbow for Girls and to Alex Millett, Deputy Master Councillor, DeMolay of the Atlantic Provinces, we are so pleased to hear from you this evening. Your growth and prosperity is a vital interest to all Eastern Stars for it is from your membership that we receive great strength. We are told that we should live today so that we will not be ashamed of yesterday or afraid of tomorrow. I feel quite sure that all of you – Rainbow and DeMolay are doing just that. We are so proud of you and do sincerely thank you for being with us at this Informal Opening and for your words of greeting. May God richly bless you in all of your endeavours.**

**To each of our Honoured Guests, thank you for taking time to be with us. We hope you will enjoy the remainder of the evening.**

**Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this honour and privilege.**

***At this time, the following Presentations were made:***

## **Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Brother Blaine, would you join me. Throughout our year, Sister Donna and I had as one of our projects, the Transportation Fund for the Shriners' Hospital. We have had a tremendous amount of support from the Subordinate Chapters and from individual members. Our father, Brother John Vincent, was a tireless supporter and was instrumental in having many children sent to the Shriners' Hospital In Montreal. In fact, just a few days before he passed away, he had a visit from one of these children, a young lady who first went to the Hospital as a toddler and is now in her mid-teens. Thankful for what the Shriners did for her, she visited Dad and kept him up to date on her progress. It is in memory of our Mother and Father that we present this cheque, in the amount of \$1,746.28, to you for the Transportation Fund.**

## **Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**The Order of the Eastern Star is not a religious organization. However, each of us in our own way all acknowledge the existence of a Supreme Being, our God. But however differently we see that God, one thing is for certain, God plays an important role in each of our lives. In our Order, the Star Point Martha represents that belief. To that end, we support various aspects of faith. We have scholarships that are awarded yearly to deserving students of church work. Affiliation with the Order of the Eastern Star is not necessary, but the support of a Subordinate Chapter is. Those scholarships may be awarded for religious studies, such as Ministry, for studies to work with our young people in the churches or for studying church music. "Faith is an insurance policy we underwrite with our lives."**

**Sister Peggy, would you join me.**

**Brother Graham and I had as one of our projects this year, our Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership. I would like, at this time, to present this cheque, in the amount of \$1,366.34, to the Chairperson of the ESTARL Committee, Sister Peggy Jagoe. This money came to us from our Subordinate Chapters and from individual donors.**

## **WELCOMES**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**I will now call upon the Representative from the Fredericton Inn.**

**Mr. Jim Jones, Supervisor  
Fredericton Inn**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Ladies and Gentlemen:**

**Good Evening.**

**It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Fredericton Inn on behalf of the General Manager, John Waite and the Owner, Mary Waite.**

**We are pleased to be hosting your 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Session, and wish you every success over the next few days. If there is anything we can do to make your stay more pleasant, do not hesitate to ask for assistance from any of the Fredericton Inn staff.**

**I know that many of you have traveled great distances to attend this Session. I hope you enjoy your stay with us, and that you have the opportunity to visit our beautiful Capital city and our Province.**

**In closing, I hope that you return home safely, with many fond memories of this 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Session.**

**Thank you.**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**We will now hear from Sister Shirley Kraglund, our Grand Chaplain and Worthy Matron of Lady Alexander Chapter #24, Campbellton, this year's Host Chapter. Sister Shirley.**

**Sister Shirley Kraglund, Grand Chaplain  
Worthy Matron of Lady Alexander Chapter #24, Campbellton**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Your Honour, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:**

**On behalf of Lady Alexander Chapter #24 in Campbellton, the Home Chapter of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and Bathurst Chapter #22 who have assisted us in so many ways, it is a pleasure and a privilege to extend to you a warm and fraternal welcome to the 77<sup>th</sup> “Love Changes Everything” Session of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, Order of the Eastern Star.**

**This is a unique Session as for the first time in our history, a natural-born Sister and Brother will share the East in Grand Chapter.**

**We sincerely hope that your stay with us here in Fredericton will be pleasant and leave you with fond and lasting memories of this 77<sup>th</sup> Session.**

**We especially welcome those who have traveled from other Jurisdictions and hope that you will enjoy renewing old friendships and making new friends. We hope that you will return many times. I will leave you now with a poem.**

**We welcome you to our Grand Chapter  
Our friends from far and near.  
We are so pleased to greet you  
And to see so many here.  
We'll show you hospitality  
In the good old-fashioned way.  
Just feel at home and make new friends  
And thoroughly enjoy your stay.**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**At this time, I would ask the Co-Chairs of this year's Committee on General Arrangements, Sister Audrey Sypher, Past Grand Matron, and Sister Betty Danks, Past Grand Matron, to come forward. I am very fortunate in that they are good friends, both members of our Chapter, close at hand to offer advice and guidance. I always felt confident going to them with any concern or question I may have had. When they told me not to worry about one thing or another, I knew it was taken care of. May we hear from you now.**



**Sister Betty Danks, Past Grand Matron  
Co-Chair on General Arrangements**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests,  
Sisters, Brothers and Friends:**

**A warm welcome to the 2007 “Love Changes Everything” Grand Chapter Session. We trust you will have a pleasurable stay enjoying fellowship and friendship and acquire many fond memories to reflect upon, on your return home.**

**To the Committee Members who have spent many hours of preparation for these Sessions, our thanks and appreciation for your efforts.**

**Our appreciation also to the Management and Staff of the Fredericton Inn, for your co-operation and assistance.**

**Worthy Grand Matron, it has been an honour and privilege for Sister Audrey and me to convene your Grand Chapter Sessions and for this privilege we thank you.**

**May these “Love Changes Everything” Sessions fulfill your wishes, hopes, and the realization of your fondest dreams.**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**The response to these greetings will be given by Sister Carol Sutherland, Past Grand Matron.**

**Sister Carol Sutherland, Past Grand Matron**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests,  
Sisters and Brothers all:**

**I am pleased to have the pleasant task of extending thanks to the Staff of the Fredericton Inn, Lady Alexander Chapter and to our Convenors.**

**To Mr. Waite and Staff – our needs have been met in the last several years and we expect this will be no exception. The Inn has made us feel welcome and we hope you will excuse us for making presumptions and taking privileges as if we were family. We also**

hope (like family) you don't say we're glad they came but it is nice when they leave. Our thanks is extended to all staff who help make our stay easier.

To Sister Shirley Kraglund, WM. Please convey our thanks to the members of Lady Alexander Chapter for hosting these Sessions. Also, a special thanks for supporting our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron so faithfully in their journey of service to this Grand Chapter. Thank you all.

Sister Audrey Sypher and Sister Betty Danks – No words I can say would sufficiently express to you both our thanks for all you have done and will do to make these Sessions successful. Having walked the walk, I know your footsteps will be many and your days long. At the end of the next three days your reward will be that of a job well done. I have just these few words of advice that I received from a wise friend and has stood me well over these years “One Day at a Time”. Thanks to you both from all assembled here.

Thank you Sister Donna and Brother Graham for the honour of responding to these welcomes.

## INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS (CONTINUED)

Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron

It is time for us to continue with the introductions of our own Distinguished guests. Our Honoured Guests are invited to remain and share the rest of the evening with us and take this opportunity to see how we recognize the work and efforts of the members of our Order. However, if you have to leave at this time, please go with our very best wishes. Thank you for taking the time to be here with us. Your presence is greatly appreciated. Our Grand Marshals will escort you out.

*The Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted west of the Altar for introduction.*

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Good evening and welcome to our “Love Changes Everything” Session. As I look down, I see new Worthy Grand Matrons alongside Worthy Grand Matrons who have almost completed their journey. I do hope the final year of your journey has been as rewarding as mine has been. We have enjoyed traveling to your Jurisdictions, getting to know you and becoming friends. When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.**

**Brother William Winter, Worthy Grand Patron  
Grand Chapter of Quebec**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests,  
Sisters and Brothers:**

**Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for your wonderful welcome.**

**May your “Love Changes Everything” Session compliment your year  
and be an inspiration to all in attendance.**

**“It is fine to say ‘Good Morning’,  
It is great to say ‘Hello’,  
But it is better still to grasp the hands  
Of loyal friends you know  
For the look may be forgotten  
The words misunderstood,  
But just the touch of a friendly hand  
Is a pledge of “Brotherhood”.**

**Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the hospitality extended to all  
your guests and the honour given to me to respond to this welcome.**

***The Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other  
Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East and extended the  
Grand Honours.***

***The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of New Brunswick  
were escorted west of the Altar for introduction.***

**Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

It is indeed my pleasure to welcome you this evening to our Informal Opening. It is you upon whom we rely for guidance and wisdom concerning our Eastern Star business and for all of your help and assistance we are forever grateful. Sister Donna and I certainly appreciated your support at our Official Visits last fall. It was good to look around during the meetings and see many of you there, meeting after meeting.

Thank you.

“Feelings are everywhere. Be gentle.” Welcome.

**Sister Donna Allen, Past Grand Matron  
Grand Chapter of New Brunswick**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests,  
Sisters and Brothers:**

Sister Donna and Brother Graham, thank you for the privilege of responding to your welcome on behalf of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of New Brunswick. Our wish is that you have a harmonious and rewarding “Love Changes Everything” Session. We know the amount of planning and work you have done. Take time to enjoy the next few days. You both have shown a great love and devotion for our Order this year. We will be proud to welcome you as the newest members of our Past Grands’ on Saturday evening.

*The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of New Brunswick were escorted to the East and extended the Grand Honours.*

*The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted west of the Altar for introduction.*

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

Welcome to our “Love Changes Everything” Grand Chapter Sessions. To those of you who are our Counterparts and have just joined this distinguished group, I hope you are enjoying your new status. Brother Graham and I will soon be joining you. To those who are not new to the position, I know you are kept busy in your own Jurisdictions. To each of you, a thought to remember – “Experience

is that marvelous thing that enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.”

**Sister Susan Gaines, Past Grand Matron  
Grand Chapter of Maine**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham, we thank you for your kind words of welcome and are pleased to be with you as you begin your “Love Changes Everything” Grand Chapter Session.**

**In a few days, you will join the ranks of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and will be able to look back and enjoy the memories that your Session will bring. May these days be filled with harmony, peace and love and may you always walk in the light of our beautiful Eastern Star.**

**Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the honour of responding on behalf of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions.**

***The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East and extended the Grand Honours.***

***The Elected Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted behind Esther’s station for introduction.***

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Welcome to our “Love Changes Everything” Session. You have been chosen as the leaders in your respective Jurisdictions. Congratulations. It is an honour not to be taken lightly. Thank you for taking the time to travel and be with us. Words for you to remember – “Keep your head and your heart going in the right direction and you don’t have to worry about your feet.”**

**Sister Phyllis Blakely  
Associate Grand Conductress of Maine**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron:**

**Thank you for the honour of responding to your warm words of welcome on behalf of the Elected Grand Officers from Other Grand Jurisdictions.**

**Love is not measured by the years you live,  
Love is measured by the service you give.**

**You have given well of your service to this Grand Jurisdiction; your members must truly appreciate that.**

**“Love does change everything.”**

***The Elected Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East and extended a hearty applause.***

***The Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted behind Esther’s station for introduction.***

**Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Welcome to our “Love Changes Everything” Session. I congratulate you on your appointments and may your year be filled with joy and friendship as you go on your travels. Thank you for being here with us this evening.**

**Sister Ruth P. Holden  
Grand Esther of Maine**

**Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron:**

**On behalf of the Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions, I thank you for your warm welcome to your “Love Changes Everything” Session.**

**For each of us standing here, this is a year for making life-long memories. One of the brightest will be our visit to New Brunswick. No one is more hospitable than the members of the Grand Jurisdiction of New Brunswick and friends made here are friends for life.**

**We extend our best wishes to you both for a wonderful Session, and I thank you for the honour you have given the Grand Chapter of Maine in allowing me to give this response.**

*The Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East and extended a hearty applause.*

*The Grand Officer Emeritus was escorted behind Esther's station for introduction.*

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

Sister Florence Armstrong, Grand Treasurer Emeritus of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, what a pleasure to welcome you to our "Love Changes Everything" Session. An honour such as the one given you is bestowed only upon the most deserving of members. It attests to the high esteem in which you are held by your Sisters and Brothers. Words for you to think about "Everybody will accept your idea much more readily if you tell them that somebody famous said it first."

*The Grand Officer Emeritus was escorted to the East and received a hearty applause.*

*The Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in New Brunswick were escorted west of the Altar for introduction.*

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

What a pleasure it is to welcome you to our "Love changes Everything" Session. What an honour it was for Brother Graham and me to be able to appoint so many Grand Representative Commissions this year. Having such an appointment is one of the wonderful aspects of our Order. The traveling you do and the friends you make are so special. We wish you safe travels and many wonderful memories. A few words for you to remember – "A smile is the light in the window of your face that tells people that your heart is at home."

**Brother James Hanley**  
**Grand Representative of Massachusetts in New Brunswick**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, Sisters and Brothers:**

On behalf of all the Grand Representatives here tonight, I want to express our thanks for the honour of being granted the opportunity

to serve our Order in this capacity and for the warm reception we have been given on this occasion.

Worthy Grand Matron, you have not only honoured us by recommending us for this appointment, but, in so doing, have honoured our respective Chapters as well. It is a privilege to extend the hand of friendship between this Grand Jurisdiction and those whom we represent and we certainly hope that the friendships established will continue to grow on into the future.

I thank you for the privilege of responding to your fraternal greeting.

*The Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in New Brunswick were escorted to the East and extended the Grand Honours.*

*The Grand Representatives of New Brunswick in Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted west of the Altar for introduction.*

**Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

It is indeed my pleasure to welcome you here this evening, especially since you are a representative of our beautiful Province in your home Jurisdiction. You have traveled many miles and it is our hope you will make many new friends during your stay here. A coincidence may be God's way of acting anonymously in your life. Welcome.

**Sister Joan Riddle  
Grand Representative of New Brunswick in Australia**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham, Distinguished and Honoured Guests, and visitors to New Brunswick Sessions, it is with great pleasure I respond to that lovely warm welcome to Counterparts of the World in other Jurisdictions. I must say it was a wonderful surprise and great honour to receive the invitation to make this reply and I do thank you for this opportunity to address you.

The warm welcome I have received, not only from my Counterpart, Sister Mary Pelletier, and her family, but also from those I have met since my arrival in your lovely Province, have been so very warm and friendly and has made me feel very comfortable to be amongst Sisters and Brothers of the same Fraternal Family.



**Being a Grand Representative is an honour in itself, to be able to represent another Country within one's own and then have the privilege of visiting the Country you represent is just wonderful. I feel very humble in being able to do this and be here with you for your Sessions.**

**When I applied for a Counterpart, I hoped I might get a Sister or Brother that loved writing and learning about another's Country and life in general. Little did I realize that I was to be allocated such a lovely person as Sister Mary. The day after I received my Commission I looked Mary's name up on the Internet and found her telephone number. I dialed it in hope I would be received warmly and BOY was I! I said who I was and it was just like a big bubble bursting – the sound of pleasure, surprise and realization that I'd made contact was overwhelming. From that moment on Mary and I have e-mailed and talked to one another with great regularity and my feelings that we would get along just fine were sealed when we met a week ago. Thank you Mary and all those who made this friendship a possibility.**

**Australia and my family are literally the other end of the world to where we are today; they are experiencing the depth of Winter, but not as cold as you get here, so my family should be envying your warm weather right now. The journey was long, but well worth the time spent to get here with you today.**

**Again, I would like to say thank you for the warm welcome given to we Counterparts. I bring fraternal greetings from Australia and in particular Box Hill Chapter #135, my Mother Chapter and Melbourne Chapter #19, my Chosen Chapter, both of which I am a Past Matron.**

**I would like to close by saying "G'Day" from Australia.**

***Grand Representatives of New Brunswick in Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East and extended the Grand Honours.***

***Grand Representatives in Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted west of the Altar for introduction.***

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

I am so pleased to be able to welcome you to our “Love Changes Everything” Session. By your presence here you are showing what being a Grand Representative is all about – being a goodwill ambassador. Thank you for being here and it is our wish that you continue to enjoy your Commission. Some words for you to think about – “Take care that the face that looks out from the mirror in the morning is a pleasant face. You may not see it again during the day, but others will!!!”

**Sister Donna Russo**

**Grand Representative of the District of Columbia in Massachusetts**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham, we thank you for the courtesies and kindnesses shown to each of us this evening. Although we do not represent your beautiful Jurisdiction of New Brunswick within our several Provinces and States, you have extended to us the same respect as you give to those members who do. For this, we are grateful. We are each happy to be with you and bring you the warm fraternal greetings of the various Jurisdictions for which we are Grand Representatives. I personally thank you for the honour bestowed upon me and my home Jurisdiction of Massachusetts in permitting me to bring you this response.

Sister Donna, I recognize that your own appointment as a Grand Representative of Massachusetts and the friendships that you still maintain have truly endeared you to our Jurisdiction. There are several members from Massachusetts here tonight to celebrate with you at this Informal Opening. May you and Brother Graham enjoy a most memorable Grand Chapter Session.

*The Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East and extended the Grand Honours.*

*The General Grand Chapter Special Appointments were escorted behind Esther’s station for introduction.*

**Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

Your appointments are special. You have been chosen by our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton because she saw

something special in you. We do hope you enjoy this special time and thank you for being with us this evening.

“Not everything that counts can be counted. Not everything that can be counted counts.” Welcome.

**Sister Marilyn Hutchinson  
Friend of a Feather (New Brunswick)**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:**

**On behalf of those present who have received General Grand Chapter Special Appointments, I am honoured to give this response.**

**Thank you for the cordial welcome extended to us here this evening. We are looking forward to the next few days as we celebrate New Brunswick’s Grand Chapter Sessions.**

**We congratulate Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham, on their dedication and tireless efforts to make the past year memorable and successful. We wish them and their Grand Family a wonderful “Love Changes Everything” Session.**

**Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honour of responding to your kind welcome.**

**As Friend of a Feather and in recognition of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, I will close with this Native American blessing:**

**“May the Great Spirit watch over you  
As long as the grass grows and the water flows.”**

**Thank you and God Bless.**

***The General Grand Chapter Special Appointments were escorted to the East and extended a hearty applause.***

***The District Deputy Grand Matrons of New Brunswick and Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted behind Esther’s station for introduction.***

**Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

I most sincerely welcome you to our “Love Changes Everything” Session. This is, indeed, a busy year for you also and we thank you for taking the time to be here with us. Time is a very precious gift – so precious that it is only given to us moment by moment. Enjoy your visit.

*The District Deputy Grand Matrons of New Brunswick and Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East and extended a hearty applause.*

*The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2007 – 2008 were escorted behind Esther’s station for introduction.*

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

It is a pleasure to welcome you to our “Love Changes Everything” Sessions. I was able to attend some of your Installations this year and watch as your Chapters began a new year. I wish all the best to you and to your Chapters as you face the challenges ahead of you. I would now ask you to turn and face the West for greetings from our Associate Grand Matron, Sister Lynne, and Associate Grand Patron, Brother Burton.

**Sister Lynne Hatt, Associate Grand Matron**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, thank you for the privilege of welcoming the Worthy Matrons of 2007-2008 to your “Love Changes Everything” Sessions.

It matters not if you are a first-time Worthy Matron or you have been there, done that before; your dedication to the Order is appreciated. The position of Worthy Matron is one of responsibility but with that comes many rewards.

“The more you put into it, the more you get out of it” is a phrase often heard in our Order, especially to new members.

I believe that this applies to all of us and as you are serving your Chapters in the “Top Spot”, you must believe that too.

**I look forward to visiting with each of you in your Chapters in the months ahead.**

**See you on the Star Trail!**

**Brother Burton Hall, Associate Grand Patron**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, thank you for affording me the honour of welcoming the Worthy Patrons of 2007-2008 to yours and Brother Graham's "Love Changes Everything" Grand Chapter Sessions.**

**My Brothers, it is indeed a great pleasure for me to welcome you to these Grand Chapter Sessions and to thank you for taking the time to support your Grand Chapter. Your attendance here tonight confirms your devotion to the Order of the Eastern Star and to your Chapters. It is very rewarding meeting members who are willing to serve their Chapters by being elected to the highest office that a Brother can hold. I know that you are working very hard for the good of the Order and your Chapters. I wish each of you the very best in the remainder of your year in Office and I hope that you are able to initiate several new members into your Chapter this year.**

**Sister Lynne and I have had the gratification of meeting some of you over the past few weeks as we traveled to your Chapters to announce members of our Grand Family. We are looking forward to visiting with each of you during the coming weeks and months. I hope that you enjoy the social aspect of the Sessions. My wish for you, your Worthy Matrons and Chapters, is harmony and prosperity during your year and I am looking forward to visiting with you during our Grand Family Official Visits.**

**Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, for allowing me to welcome the Worthy Patrons of 2007-2008 to these Grand Chapter Sessions.**

**Sister Helen Bryenton, Worthy Matron  
Prince Andrew Chapter #42**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East,  
Sisters and Brothers:**

**Sister Donna and Brother Graham:**

**I am honoured on behalf of the Worthy Matrons of 2007-2008 to respond to your gracious and sincere welcome. Thank you for the honour you have extended through me to Prince Andrew Chapter.**

**Our association with you has been a happy one and we have admired your dedication to our beautiful Order. We are delighted to share the “Love Changes Everything” Session with you. May your deliberations be happy and successful.**

**Sister Lynne and Brother Burton, we look forward to your visits and best wishes for your year in the East.**

**Sister Donna and Brother Graham:**

**Your year in the Grand chapter is almost over  
And as Grand Officers, you are loyal and true.  
We will long remember this year, for your service and you  
The high regard of each member  
By doing for others, you've won. As you added your bit  
To our Chapters, we thank you for all you have done.**

**Sister Donna and Brother Graham, I thank you for this privilege.**

**Brother Laurie Bishop, Worthy Patron  
Devon Chapter #37**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East and Visitors, Sisters and Brothers:**

**It is my distinct pleasure to give greetings in response to your lovely welcome on behalf of the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2007-2008.**

**Sister Lynne and Brother Burton – we are looking forward to your visit in our Chapter as well as the other Chapters in the Jurisdictions. Our wish for you as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron**

and your Grand Officers is a great year of health, happiness and visitations.

Sister Donna and Brother Graham, I thank you for this honour. Our wish for you is a very successful Grand Chapter Session. We know that you have accumulated many fond memories during your year.

*The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2007-2008 were escorted to the East and extended a hearty applause.*

*The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2006-2007 were escorted behind Esther's station for introduction.*

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

You welcomed us into your Chapters with open arms and open hearts on our Official Visits. Now it is our turn to welcome you to our "Love Changes Everything" Session. I thank you again for your wonderful hospitality and for all the courtesies extended to us and to the members of our Grand Family. You made us feel so welcome and truly made this year a very memorable one. Thank you.

**Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

I truly enjoyed visiting your Chapters this past year. The courtesies and warm welcomes that I received from you made me proud to represent you as Worthy Grand Patron and for this I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

**Sister Alice Clark, Past Matron  
Granite Chapter #15**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham, Grand Family Officers, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers all:**

Thank you for the kind words of welcome extended to us. I am very honoured to have been asked to respond on behalf of the Worthy Matrons serving during your year 2006-2007. It is a pleasure to be with you, to renew old acquaintances and to meet new ones at this "Love Changes Everything" Session.

**We sincerely hope that this Grand Session will provide a benefit to each one attending. It was an honour to have you and members of the Grand Family visit our various Chapters this past year.**

**We wish you good health and much happiness. Thank you for all your kindnesses. May God Bless each of you.**

**Brother Colin Allen, Past Patron  
Fort Monckton Chapter #11**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:**

**On behalf of all of us assembled here I want to thank you for your warm and sincere welcome you have extended to us this evening.**

**It is indeed an honour and a pleasure to respond to the welcome of the Worthy Patrons of 2006-2007. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we are very proud of your accomplishments and the distinguished manner in which you have carried out duties as you so eloquently represented the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick this year.**

**We especially enjoyed your Official Visits. Your visit to Fort Monckton Chapter's 76<sup>th</sup> birthday was particularly memorable. If I recall correctly, Brother Graham drew our attention to the similarities between Charlo and Port Elgin. Each with a river running through the center of the Community, each with blue herons, and each with similar economies. However, I believe there is one difference he failed to mention – no one plays hockey with broken ribs in Port Elgin!**

**Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on behalf of all the Worthy Patrons of 2006-2007, I want to wish you a harmonious, a rewarding and a very successful “Love Changes Everything” Session.**

***The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2006-2007 were escorted to the East and extended a hearty applause.***

***The Session Assistants and Grand Nurses were escorted behind Esther's station for introduction.***



**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

How pleased I am to welcome you to our “Love Changes Everything” Session. Each of you has a very important role to play over the next few days. I thank you for your dedication to our Order and your willingness to share your time and talents to make our Sessions go smoothly. I assure you that both are greatly appreciated by your Sisters and Brothers. My words for you to ponder “Confuse an approaching frown with a smile.”

**Sister Sherry Mitton  
Grand Nurse**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East,  
Sisters and Brothers:**

It is with pleasure that I, on behalf of the Grand Nurses and Session Assistants, thank you for your kind words of welcome this evening.

For you, Sister Donna and Brother Graham, we wish you a happy, healthy and rewarding Grand Chapter Session. It is our pleasure to assist you in every way we can.

Thank you for the honour of responding to this welcome.

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

Sisters and Brothers, the introductions have been completed. Grand Conductress, Sister Linda, and Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Lynn, thank you for your competent and gracious work. I must also thank the Committee responsible for lining up the Distinguished Guests. Well done. Again, I would like to thank each of you for being here. I do hope you enjoy our Sessions over the next couple of days. We have a lot of work to do, but there is always time for cheerful companionship and social enjoyment.

**Announcements**

**PAGO Breakfast at 7:30AM**

**Past Grands' Luncheon at 12:15 PM**

**Banquet on Friday evening – pick up your tickets**

***Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, thanked all the Sisters and Brothers who were still in attendance.***

***The Closing Ode “As You Go On Your Way” was sung, the Bible was closed informally.***

***The Grand Marshal proclaimed these Sessions called from Labour to Rest to reconvene on Friday Morning at 8:45 AM SHARP!***

### **FORMAL OPENING**

**Friday Morning, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
8:45 AM**

**The Formal Opening of the 77<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Sessions of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick convened on Friday Morning at 8:45 AM following a Musical Prelude given by our Grand Organist, Sister Kay Firlotte, and Assistant Grand Organist, Sister Mary Pelletier.**

**The Grand Choir entered the Chapter Room singing “Praise the Lord”. Following the Drills and Formations narrated by Sister Edith Clouston, PM, the Grand Pages and Grand Guards assumed their Stations.**

**The Formations and Drills consisted of the following:**

**The Cup was formed by the Grand Officers and Grand Guards.  
The Heart was formed by the Grand Nurses and Grand Pages.  
The Grand Representatives formed a circle around the outside.**

**The Ribbon Ceremony was conducted by the Past Grand Matrons of New Brunswick under the direction of Sister Shirley MacDonald, Past Grand Matron. She was assisted by the following:**

<b>Adah</b>	<b>Sister Donna Allen</b>
<b>Ruth</b>	<b>Sister Debbie Hill</b>
<b>Esther</b>	<b>Sister Hilda Shaffer</b>
<b>Martha</b>	<b>Sister Elaine MacLean</b>
<b>Electa</b>	<b>Sister Brenda Taylor</b>

## **CALL TO ORDER**

**Sister Debbie Hill, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Doug Swan,  
General Grand Chapter Committee Member**

**Good Morning Sisters and Brothers and welcome to the Formal Opening of the “Love Changes Everything” Grand Chapter Session.**

**A very special welcome to all of our Visitors here with us this morning and also a very special welcome to our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Shirley MacDonald, Sister Ann Morton, Brother Doug Swan, and Brother Elderic Thorne.**

**To the New Brunswick members, welcome to your Grand Chapter Session. Please remember this is your Grand Chapter and your opinions and guidance are very important.**

**This weekend will see someone’s journey come to an end, some will move closer to the start of their special year and two will start their journey. This is exciting times here in New Brunswick.**

**Again a warm welcome to each of you and we hope you enjoy the business of this Grand Chapter and also enjoy the social times. So each of you hug an old friend and find a new friend to hug.**

**Brother Doug, may we hear from you.....**

**General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:**

**Good Morning and what a great morning it is. Welcome to the opening day of deliberations of the “Love Changes Everything” – our 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Chapter Session. It is wonderful to look out in the audience and see so many familiar faces, old friends and then some friends I have not met yet. I know many of you have traveled far to be with us.**

**It is great to see so many Sisters and Brothers here this early in the morning. You know years ago, they thought nothing of getting up at 6:00 every morning, and quite frankly, I don’t think much of it either. We hope you had a restful night and are ready for the business of our meetings.**

**We sincerely hope you enjoy time with us.**

***Associate Grand Conductress, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Officers to enter the Chapter room.***

***The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were presented west of the Altar.***

### **WELCOME**

**Sister Debbie Hill, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Doug Swan,  
General Grand Chapter Committee Member**

**Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, congratulations on a job well done. You have had a successful year and I have enjoyed watching you enjoy your year. I knew that when you were elected Associate Grand Conductress that you would be successful at all the stations during your journey to the East of our Grand Chapter, and our year with you as Worthy Grand Matron has been just as successful.**

**Sister Donna, I look forward to you joining the ranks of the Past Grands.**

**Brother Graham, Worthy Grand Patron, congratulations to you on your successful year as our Worthy Grand Patron. The past year has been a challenge to you as you had to balance your personal commitments, your commitments to Sister Donna and to this Jurisdiction. You have been creative and have fulfilled all your obligations admirably. I have enjoyed your talks from the book with no words and again congratulations on a job well done.**

**Brother Doug, may we hear from you.....**

**Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Graham, Worthy Grand Patron – you have had a wonderful year and have served our Grand Jurisdiction with distinction.**

**Sister Donna, you served as a District Deputy Grand Matron for Sister Debbie and myself for our year. Your fraternal Mom and Dad have watched with pride as you journeyed to the East of our Grand Chapter. You have represented our Jurisdiction well this year in all your travels.**

**Brother Graham – you have served our Order with pride and dignity. Always a smile on your face and a good story. I have a quick one for**

**you. We all know that light travels faster than sound – so that explains why some people look bright until they speak!**

**Thank you both for extending me the honour of opening our 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Chapter Session with my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Debbie.**

**Sister Donna, thank you for the honour of asking me to open the Formal Opening of the “Love Changes Everything” Session, and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to work with Brother Doug again.**

***Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.***

***Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in extending the Grand Honours to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.***

***Sister Debbie Hill, Past Grand Matron, presented Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, with her gavel.***

***The Grand Officers assumed their Stations.***

## **WELCOME**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Thank you Sister Debbie and Brother Doug for calling to order the Formal Opening of our 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Session “Love Changes Everything”, and for your kind words of welcome. I was so fortunate to be a part of your “Rainbow of Friendship” Grand Family. Being a District Deputy for you helped tremendously in preparing me for this position today, and I do thank you so very much for that opportunity. The both of you have continued to be very involved in the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, and we thank you for that dedication. Here’s something for you to ponder “We don’t stop laughing because we grow old – we grow old because we stop laughing.”**

**Sister Debbie, please accept this gift as a token of our friendship.**

**Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

Thank you Sister Debbie and Brother Doug for opening our Session this morning. I haven't known you as long as Sister Donna has, but I have come to know and respect you for the dedication that you have shown to our Order and our Grand Jurisdiction. I thank you for your friendship towards me.

Brother Doug, please accept this token of my appreciation.

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

Good Morning, Sisters and Brothers. How wonderful it is to see all of you here this morning. Welcome to this our 77<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session "Love Changes Everything". Today we begin the business of our Grand Chapter and it is so important that you are here to take part in our discussions and decisions.

**Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

Good Morning Sisters and Brothers. You all look so refreshed after a good night's sleep. Nice to see you all. I guess the time has come to get down to work. I hope you enjoy your day.

**PLACING OF THE HOLY BIBLE AND EMBLEMS**

<b>Narrator</b>	<b>Sister Elaine MacLean, PGM</b>
<b>Bible Bearer</b>	<b>Sister Darla Firth, PM (24)</b>
<b>Adah</b>	<b>Sister Lorraine Fullarton, PM (3)</b>
<b>Ruth</b>	<b>Sister Gladys Bentley (37)</b>
<b>Esther</b>	<b>Sister Marie Scott, PM (40)</b>
<b>Martha</b>	<b>Sister Cheryl Coburn (35)</b>
<b>Electa</b>	<b>Sister Ann McLellan, PM (30)</b>

**Good Morning Sisters and Brothers:**

In our Order, the Bible and Emblems are basis for our teachings. Together they exemplify the noble characters of the Order of the Eastern Star.

"The Bible that will rest on our Altar during this Session was used by Chaleur Chapter #17, the Mother Chapter of the Worthy Grand Matron

and Worthy Grand Patron and their Father, Brother John Vincent. It was the Bible they knelt at to receive their obligation and the Bible Sister Donna and her Father signed after serving together as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

It has accompanied our Worthy Grand Matron to all her Official Visits this year and has been signed by the presiding Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons.

The Emblems, which bring us the lessons of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love, and serve as a guide in our daily living, are being carried and placed by Subordinate Chapter Electas, the Honour Station of our Worthy Grand Matron.

The Holy Bible is placed on the Altar at the beginning of our ceremonies indicating that the teachings of the heroines of our Order and the living of our daily lives revolve around it and its teachings.

It is our guidebook for living and from the pages of this Holy Bible may it become to each of us, the means of counsel, the guide of our travels, the inspiration of our thoughts, and our support and comfort in life and death.

*At this time, Sister Isabel Morton, PM (7) sang "Fill My Cup Lord".*

The Bible will now be lovingly placed by Sister Darla Firth, PM of Lady Alexander Chapter #24, Campbellton.

**Adah:**

Adah represents the first point of our Star. Our Biblical reference is found in Judges 11: 1-40 and tells of Jephthah, the ninth Judge of Israel, of his victories and his vow unto the Lord. Jephthah's only daughter, Adah, willingly surrendered her young and innocent life to fulfill her Father's vow and to preserve his honour.

The colour appropriate to Adah is Blue symbolizing Fidelity to a spoken word.

The Emblem is the Sword and Veil united, which teaches us to be faithful to all moral obligations and reminds us of the heroic courage and fidelity of Adah.

**As Sister Lorraine Fullarton of Celestial Chapter #3, Fredericton, lovingly places the Sword and Veil at the blue point of our Star, let us remember to let Truth shine through our lives.**

**Ruth:**

**The second point of our Star is Ruth. Our Biblical reference is found in the second Chapter of Ruth. Her love for her mother-in-law, Naomi and Naomi's God is often referred to as one of the most beautiful stories ever written.**

**The Colour appropriate to Ruth is Yellow symbolizing Constancy and sincere affection.**

**The Emblem is the Sheaf and represents plenty and reminds us of the constant toil and steadfast love of Ruth.**

**As Sister Gladys Bentley of Devon Chapter #37, Fredericton, lovingly places the Sheaf at the Yellow point of our Star, let us remember to face with steadfast devotion whatever responsibilities we meet in life.**

**Esther:**

**The third point of our Star is Esther. Our Biblical reference is found in the Fifth Chapter of the Book of Esther, and we learn of the love of a Queen for her captive race. Esther's love and compassion made her a light to the Jewish people as she risked death to save her people from extermination.**

**The Colour appropriate to Esther is White – symbolizing purity of thought and noble qualities of mind and heart.**

**The Emblem is the Crown and Scepter united, an emblem of royalty and power and a symbol of Light, Purity and Joy.**

**As Sister Marie Scott of Hillcrest Chapter #40, Boiestown, lovingly places the Crown and Sceptre at the White point of our Star, let us remember to be loyal to our convictions of right and duty.**



## **Martha:**

The fourth point of our Star is Martha. Our Biblical reference is found in the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Gospel of John and we learn of the death and resurrection of Lazurus, brother of Martha and Mary. Her trusting faith and hope of immortality has lightened the burden of all future sorrow and deepened our faith in God.

The Colour appropriate to Martha is Green, symbolizing Hope and Immortality.

The Emblem is the Broken Column and reminds us of the uncertainty of life and that sorrow is relieved by a trustful faith in God.

As Sister Cheryl Coburn of Unity Chapter #35, Harvey, lovingly places the Broken Column at the Green point of our Star, let us remember that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

## **Electa:**

The fifth point of our Star is Electa. Our Biblical reference is found in the Second Epistle of John. We read, "And now I beseech thee lady, not as I write a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another." Her Charity and Hospitality were an inspiration to all who knew her.

The Colour of Electa's Station is Red, symbolizing love and fervency.

The Emblem is the Cup, an emblem of Charity and Hospitality and a symbol of Love and Caring.

As Sister Ann McLellan of Remembrance Chapter #30, lovingly places the Cup at the Red point of our Star, let us be reminded of the daily opportunities for service to others all around us.

As we enjoy this Session, may the beauty and significance of these impressive Emblems fill our hearts with the gifts of Peace, Hope and Love.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of those participating, we thank you for this privilege. We appreciate the honour accorded to each of us and to our respective Chapters.

Thank you Sisters and Brothers for your attention.

*As the Sisters retired from the Labyrinth, Sister Isabel Morton sang “Wonderful Words of Life.”*

*Sister Margaret McCully, PGM sang “You Raise Me Up”. The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, thanked Sister Margaret for this beautiful rendition.*

## INVOCATION

Brother Evan Thomas, Past Grand Patron

Let us pray:

Our Heavenly Father, in Your name we have gathered for the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Order of the Eastern Star in New Brunswick. We ask Your special blessing on our leaders and delegates that the actions of this Session may be pleasing to You and help promote the strength and prosperity of our beloved Order.

We thank You for the bountiful gifts You have bestowed on us, particularly those of Love and Friendship. We also thank You for the safe arrival of our members and guests, and we ask that You grant them safe return home.

We ask Your special blessings for those who are unable to be with us at this time. Grant them Your Love and Comfort that their afflictions may soon be lifted.

We also ask that You give special blessing and comfort to those of our society who may find themselves in harm's way.

Most importantly we ask that You guide us all that we may truly learn and practice the lesson of our Star Point, Electa – THAT WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

All of which we ask in the name of the Father , and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. AMEN

*The Grand Secretary called the Roll of Officers with all in their Stations. The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick opened in Ritualistic form followed by the singing of the Opening Ode, “Be Thou My Vision”. Those assembled joined in the singing of “Oh, Canada”, “God Save The Queen”, and “The Star Spangled Banner”.*



**Business.**

- 3. Recommended by the Finance Committee that the incoming Worthy Grand Matron appoint a Special Fixed “Investment Council” with two members – following this Grand Chapter Session.**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna McEwen, has appointed Sister Norma Jean Belyea, PGM, and Brother DeWitt Lister, PGP, to be on the “Investment Council”.**

- 4. Article X of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, entitled “Revenue of Grand Chapter” presently reads “Registration Fee of Five Dollars per member shall be levied upon all those attending Grand Chapter Sessions”. A motion was passed to change the Registration Fee to Ten Dollars per member, effective July 2007.**

**This item was referred to the Constitution, Laws & Regulations Committee.**

- 5. A motion was passed that a donation of \$150.00 be made to the DeMolay Boys towards their Session booklet for their Annual Convention to be held in July.**

**A cheque in the amount of \$150.00 was sent to the DeMolay Boys.**

- 6. Sister Norma Jean Belyea, PGM, requested that the Grand Secretary send out a letter to CIBC and Wood Gundy on the appointment of the “Investment Council”.**

**A letter was sent out by the Grand Secretary to CIBC and Wood Gundy informing them of the Committee appointments.**

- 7. A letter was received from the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation requesting that our Chapters give consideration to assist in fund-raising activities towards a new Learning Centre for Dyslexia for the Province of New Brunswick.**

**Letters were sent out by the Grand Secretary to all Chapters asking for their support.**

- 8. A gift of \$1,000 was presented by Sister Phyllis Mossman, PM**

and Sister June Rafuse, PM, on behalf of the PAGO's Association to Grand Chapter to assist with the repairs and/or purchase of flags and accessories.

The \$1,000 was received by the Grand Secretary.

9. A Motion was passed that \$200 be given to the Scottish Rite Foundation for Dyslexia in memory of Brother Carr Graham, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Scottish Rite.

The monies were forwarded by the Grand Secretary to the Scottish Rite Foundation for Dyslexia.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother John Murray, PGP  
Sister Jean Belding, PGM  
Sister Ann Morton, GGCCM Chairperson

*It was moved by Sister Ann Morton, GGCCM, and seconded by Sister Jean Belding, PGM, that the Report be accepted as read. The Report was accepted.*

*There were no Appointment of Vacancies on Committees that needed to be handled by the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, during her year.*

*Appointment of New Committees as directed by Grand Chapter, 2006:*

*Fixed Investment Council      Sister Norma Jean Belyea, PGM  
Brother DeWitt Lister, PGP*

*Web Advisory Council      Sister Donna Allen, PGM (11)  
Brother John Murray, PGP (26)  
Sister Mildred Homer, PM (19)*

## INITIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, the Credential Committee submits its first Report as of July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 as follows:

Grand Officers of New Brunswick.....	18
(includes 1 PGM and 1 PGP)	
Most Worthy Grand Matron & Most Worthy Grand Patron.....	
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron & Past Most Worthy Grand Patron.....	
Elected General Grand Chapter Officers.....	
Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers.....	
General Grand Chapter Committee Members & Ambassadors.....	11
Worthy Grand Matrons & Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.....	5
Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons of NB.....	30
Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions.....	13
Elected Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions.....	4
Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions.....	6
Grand Officers' Emeritus.....	1
Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in New Brunswick.....	30
Grand Representatives of New Brunswick in Other Grand Jurisdictions.....	18
Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions.....	2
District Deputy Grand Matrons NB & Others.....	1
Voting Members of New Brunswick (Other than those listed above).....	121
Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions (Other than those listed above).....	32
New Brunswick Chapters represented.....	25/25
Grand Jurisdictions represented.....	25
<b>TOTAL OES MEMBERS REGISTERED.....</b>	<b>292</b>

Respectfully submitted:

Credential Committee:

- Sally Donald, Chairperson
- Gertrude Wilson, PM
- James Hanley, PP
- Catherine Evans, PM

Committee Assistants:

- Avis Dupere, PM
- Terri Kierstead-McGratton

*The Grand Secretary, Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM, read greetings from the following: Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, California and Nevada. Special*

*thanks was received from Don Roberts for all the monetary assistance received from the members of the Order to help with the Learning Centre for Dyslexia. Greetings were also received from the Governor of Indiana, and a thank-you note was received from Alice McKenzie.*

## NOMINATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

Under the leadership of our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham Vincent, the following Nominations were received:

<b>WORTHY GRAND MATRON</b>	Sister Lynne Hatt of Granite #15, St. George, by Sister June Rafuse, WM of Granite #15
<b>WORTHY GRAND PATRON</b>	Brother Burton Hall of Granite #15, St. George, by Sister Alice Clark, PM of Granite #15.
<b>ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON</b>	Sister Linda Cogswell, of Devon #37, Fredericton, by Sister Debbie Hill, PGM of Devon #37
<b>ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON</b>	Brother Bob King, of Zetland #26, Shediac, by Brother John Murray, PGP of Zetland #26
<b>GRAND SECRETARY</b>	Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM of Fidelity #36, Riverview by Sister Lynda Williams, WM of Fidelity #36
<b>GRAND TREASURER</b>	Brother Charles Rafuse, PGP of Granite #15, St. George by Sister Lillian Hall, PM of Granite #15
<b>GRAND CONDUCTRESS</b>	Sister Lynn Hutchin of Unity #35, Harvey, by Sister Patricia Lister, PM of Unity #35
<b>ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS</b>	Sister Sherry Mitton of Bathurst #22, Bathurst, by Sister Joyce

**Spence, WM of Bathurst #22**

**Sister Mildred Homer of  
Frank H. Tingley #5, Moncton  
by Sister Marcie Munroe, WM  
of Frank H. Tingley #5**

**GRAND SENTINEL**

**Brother Ebby Kuhn of Devon  
#37, Fredericton by Sister  
Debbie Hill, PGM of Devon #37**

***An alarm rang on the Homemaker's table and the following winners  
were Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM of New Brunswick and  
Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron.***

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Sister Norma Caswell, our Grand Martha this year, has written the  
most delightful March for Brother Graham and me, entitled "Safari of  
Love". There will be copies for sale with the proceeds going to  
ESTARL. Could I ask Sister Kay and Sister Mary to play it at this time.**

**Thank you, I just love it. Thank you Sister Norma for sharing your  
talent with us.**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**It is now time to begin the Annual Reports.**

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON  
Sister Donna McEwen**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:**

**It is hard to believe that in a very short time my four-year journey will  
come to an end. When I was elected as your Associate Grand  
Conductress, the East in this Grand Chapter seemed light years  
away. Even as I was installed as your Worthy Grand Matron last July,  
I had no inkling just how fast this year would pass by. And now, here  
I am reporting on my year as Worthy Grand Matron. And what a year  
it has been!!**



## **OFFICIAL ACTS:**

**Our first duty, of course, was to select the Appointed Grand Officers. Brother Graham and I are so pleased with, and proud of, each one of you. You have brought honour, not only to yourself, but also to your individual Chapters and to this Grand Chapter. Thank you for your dedication to our beautiful Order:**

<b>Grand Chaplain</b>	<b>Sister Shirley Kraglund (24)</b>
<b>Grand Marshal</b>	<b>Sister Judy Donnelly (27)</b>
<b>Grand Organist</b>	<b>Sister Kathleen Firlotte (22)</b>
<b>Grand Adah</b>	<b>Sister Faye Oakley (26)</b>
<b>Grand Ruth</b>	<b>Sister Jean Dutcher (36)</b>
<b>Grand Esther</b>	<b>Sister Susan MacDougall (19)</b>
<b>Grand Martha</b>	<b>Sister Norma Caswell (4)</b>
<b>Grand Electa</b>	<b>Sister Agnes Weaver (5)</b>
<b>Grand Warder</b>	<b>Brother Edward Gilks (42)</b>

**We also had the pleasure of appointing three Assistants: Sister Brenda McGibbon as Assistant to the Grand Marshal; Sister Mary Pelletier and Sister Jean Flewelling as Assistants to the Grand Organist. They, too, have been faithful members of our Grand Family and we thank them for their support.**

## **GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES:**

**The Committees of this Grand Chapter are there to ensure continuity and to ensure the business of this Grand Jurisdiction is properly conducted. We could not function without them and we certainly owe those who serve on them a great amount of thanks and appreciation for their dedication. I thank those of you who have so graciously accepted to serve on our Committees:**

<b>Credentials</b>	<b>Sister Sally Donald, PM (27)</b>
<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Brother Clinton Shaffer, PGP (19)</b>
<b>Jurisprudence</b>	<b>Sister Donna Allen, PGM (11)</b>
<b>Constitution &amp; Laws</b>	<b>Sister Hazel Harris, PGM (22)</b>
<b>Grievance &amp; Appeals</b>	<b>Sister Betty Danks, PGM (24)</b>
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	<b>Brother John Murray, PGP (26)</b>
<b>Necrology</b>	<b>Sister Verna Poley, PM (24)</b>
<b>Finance</b>	<b>Sister Audrey Sypher, PGM (24)</b>
<b>Commission of Trials</b>	<b>Sister Hilda Shaffer, PGM (19)</b>
<b>Audit</b>	<b>Brother Evan Thomas, PGP (26)</b>

<b>Lottie L. Kyle Scholarship &amp; Educational Fund</b>	<b>Sister Eleanor Butland, PM (19)</b>
<b>ESTARL International Temple Fund</b>	<b>Sister Susan Glazier, PM (1) Sister Dorothy Stewart, PM (24)</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Brother Doug Swan, GGCCM (1) Sister Mickie King, PM (26) Brother Robert McInnes, PP (33) Sister Lynn Hutchin, AGC (35)</b>
<b>Vision</b>	<b>Brother Elderic Thorne, GGCCM (30) Sister Donna Allen, PGM (11) Sister Carol Sutherland, PGM (8)</b>
<b>OES Journal</b>	<b>Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM (27) Sister Norma Caswell, PM (4) Sister Judy Donnelly, PM (27) Sister Lynda Swan, PM (1)</b>

**As a result of Motions passed at last year’s Grand Chapter Session, I also appointed two new Committees:**

**“FIXED INVESTMENT COUNCIL” – During the business segment of Grand Chapter, it was moved and passed that the incoming Worthy Grand Matron appoint a “Fixed Investment Council” with two members. This Council is to be responsible for the investments presently held by the Grand Chapter as well as any possible future investments. I will report directly to the Grand Council and have the approval of that body before making any major changes to the Investments held in its control.**

**Sister Norma Jean Belyea, PGM, and Brother DeWitt Lister, PGP, have both accepted appointments to this Investment Council. Thank you both.**

**“WEB ADVISORY COMMITTEE” – At the request of Sister Mickie King, PM (26), who has been handling the Web Site, the incoming Worthy Grand Matron was requested to establish a three-member Advisory Committee to which matters of content, etc., may be referred. Sister Donna Allen, PGM (11), Brother John Murray, PGP (26) and Sister Mildred Homer, PM (19) have so graciously accepted to serve on this Committee. Thank you.**

## **GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:**

I was so pleased to have 34 Grand Representative Commissions to present to members here in New Brunswick. Of the 34, we have not yet received received three: Sao Paulo, Brazil; and the States of Oklahoma and Louisiana.

**Effective January 1, 2007:**

<b>Alberta</b>	<b>Brother Philip Belyea (3)</b>
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>Sister Ann Mattatal (42)</b>
<b>BC/Yukon</b>	<b>Sister Althea Vye (27)</b>
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>Sister Dorothy Greene (7)</b>
<b>Delaware</b>	<b>Brother Ross MacLeod (8)</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>Brother Sheldon Scott (13)</b>
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>Sister Joyce Spence (22)</b>
<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>Sister Norma Smith (37)</b>
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>Sister Gloria Cheney (5)</b>
<b>Massachusetts</b>	<b>Brother James Hanley (15)</b>
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>Sister Pam Pappas (36)</b>
<b>New Hampshire</b>	<b>Sister Eleanor Linton (4)</b>
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>Sister Theresa McKinnon (24)</b>
<b>New Mexico</b>	<b>Sister Kathryn McAllister (18)</b>
<b>North Dakota</b>	<b>Brother Maxwell Head (36)</b>
<b>Nova Scotia &amp; Prince Edward Island</b>	<b>Sister Christine Trenholm (11)</b>
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>Sister Bernice Peacock (8)</b>
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Sister Gwen Kilpatrick (7)</b>
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<b>Sister Nancy Bubar (1)</b>
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>Sister Joyce Parke-Taylor (3)</b>
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>Brother Jerry Mitton (22)</b>
<b>Utah</b>	<b>Brother Austin Chase (30)</b>
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>Sister Eleanor Butland (19)</b>
<b>Virginia</b>	<b>Sister Helen Crawford (23)</b>
<b>Washington</b>	<b>Sister Mary Kellier (14)</b>
<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>Sister Rosemary Day (33)</b>
<b>Texas</b>	<b>Brother Michael Ross (40)</b>

**Effective April 2007:**

<b>Iowa</b>	<b>Sister Shirley Kraglund (24)</b>
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**Effective March 2007:**

<b>Maine</b>	<b>Sister Patricia Lister (35)</b>
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**Puerto Rico**

**Sister Virginia Lister (35)**

**Effective May 2007:**

**Louisiana**

**Brother John MacDonald (27)**

It was also a pleasure to sign the Commissions of those Sisters and Brothers appointed to represent New Brunswick in their respective Jurisdictions. They were recommended by their own Worthy Grand Matrons and from the notes I have received from some of them, they are delighted and honoured to be representing New Brunswick. Some of them will be coming to New Brunswick during their term, and it will be so nice to put a face to the names.

**Alabama**

**Sister Jeannette Jones**

**Alberta**

**Sister Betty Brewster**

**Arkansas**

**Sister Rachel Arrington**

**Colorado**

**Sister Nancy Vietel**

**Delaware**

**Brother Wlaler Myslewicz**

**District of Columbia**

**Sister Neome Berg**

**Georgia**

**Sister Kay Soutar**

**Illinois**

**Sister Imogene Bengé**

**Indiana**

**Sister Judith Wurtz**

**Kentucky**

**Sister Gay Miles**

**Maine**

**Sister Judith Callahan**

**Michigan**

**Brother Robert Shaw**

**Missouri**

**Sister Lois Patten**

**Nevada**

**Brother William Miller**

**New Jersey**

**Sister Barbara Krauss**

**New Mexico**

**Brother Richard Wilson**

**North Carolina**

**Sister Minnie Hagerty**

**North Dakota**

**Sister Ella Mae Rowe**

**Oklahoma**

**Brother Donald Smith**

**Pennsylvania**

**Sister Marlene Linz**

**Puerto Rico**

**Brother Rafael Rondos**

**Rhode Island**

**Brother Lohn Williams**

**Saskatchewan**

**Sister Jean Armstrong**

**Scotland**

**Sister Mary Tucker**

**Tennessee**

**Sister Fay Weaver**

**Texas**

**Sister Elisabeth Wise**

**Vermont**

**Sister Marilyn Chapin**

**Washington**

**Sister Nancy Boivin**

**West Virginia**

**Brother Eugene Billmeyer**

**Wisconsin**

**Brother Gerald Ball**

**Wyoming**

**Sister Rosemary Saul**

**SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION:**

**A School of Instruction for the Grand Officers was held on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006, in Campbellton, hosted by Lady Alexander Chapter #24. The Chapter Officers did the Opening, Flag presentation, balloting, draping the Charter and Altar, and the Closing Ceremonies. The Grand Officers did the Initiatory work. This was the first time in a few years the School was set up this way, and I found it very beneficial to both the Chapter members and the Grand Chapter Officers as the Grand Officers were mainly rehearsing the work they would be doing all year.**

**I met with the Line Officers and Star Points on Friday to review their work and, again, I found this very beneficial. Also this year, in preparation for a New Year in Grand Chapter, I had Past Grand Matrons work with the Star Points and the Marshal, ensuring that by the time they were installed they knew their work and were ready to assume their duties. I most sincerely thank those Past Grand Matrons who took the time to help my Grand Officers and me prepare for our year. Your help made our work so much easier. Thank you.**

**This year I chose not to have District Deputy Grand Matrons and instead opted to have the Line Officers conduct all the Schools of Instruction. The Associate Grand Matron and Conductress each held two Schools and the Associate Grand Conductress held one. These were held on Saturday, September 9 and Saturday, September 30.**

**I asked to have two sets of Officers perform at the Schools of Instruction, one to do the Initiatory Work, and one to do all other aspects of our Ritualistic Work. That, I am sure, ensured more people were out. The reports from the Schools indicated they were very worthwhile with many questions asked.**

**I know some of the members question why we have Schools of Instruction every year, but that is the only way to ensure the Chapters are doing their work uniformly, and our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, is stressing uniformity. Also, in the past few years, we have tried to work together in stressing the importance of doing our Ritualistic Work properly, and I have noticed a difference while visiting the Chapters this year.**

**Thank you Sister Lynne, Sister Linda and Sister Lynn for a job well done.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS:**

**We are most thankful for the opportunity afforded us to reach the Chapters and individual members by the OES Magazine. We have been able to send timely, seasonal greetings to those who are our Eastern Star in New Brunswick. Letters were also sent to individual Chapters and I do so appreciate receiving the Notices of Meetings and being able to see the activities and projects with which the Chapters were involved.**

**I received a verbal invitation to attend an ESTARL meeting during the Grand Chapter Sessions. I appreciate the consideration given to me as Worthy Grand Matron Elect and for being asked to sit in on their selection meeting.**

**I received an invitation to Daughters of the Nile meeting in Saint John on JULY 15, 2006, but was unable to attend because the School of Instruction for the Grand Officers was held on the same day. I sent my regrets.**

**On JULY 22, 2006, Brother Graham and I attended the Special Awards Ceremonies for the DeMolay Atlantic Canada held in Fredericton. This was impressive and wonderful to see the respect these young men have for their leaders.**

**On JULY 29, 2006, Brother Graham and I attended a meeting of all the Concordant Body Leaders at the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Brother Wayne McKay, at Alexandria Lodge rooms, Fredericton. There were good discussions and as a result of that meeting, I forwarded the contact information for myself, Brother Graham and our Grand Secretary, Sister Brenda, recommending her as the contact person. I also sent them a list of our scheduled events other than our Official Visits. Brother McKay suggested this be posted on the Masonic Web Page to hopefully avoid conflicting events.**

**JULY 23, 2006, I received from the Grand Secretary a list of the Unfinished Business from Grand chapter. She also forwarded to me copies of the letters sent to CIBC and Wood Gundy regarding the appointment of a Fixed Investment Council. At a later date, she sent me a copy of the letter that went out to the Chapters regarding the Scottish Rite Learning Centres.**

**On AUGUST 25, 2006, I received a letter via e-mail from our OES Magazine Editor, Brother Dale Nicklin regarding the financial state of**

**the Magazine. The letter was subsequently sent out to all the Chapters in the Province.**

**In SEPTEMBER, I received a letter from Brother Doug Swan, GGCCM, re Vision/Membership Committee meeting. Brother Graham and I attended this meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> at Oromocto Lake at the Swan cottage.**

**On OCTOBER 12 and 13, Brother Graham and I attended the Grand Chapter of Quebec in Granby.**

**On OCTOBER 24, I attended an Eastern Star Memorial Service for the late Past Grand Matron, Sister Joan Hicks, at the Ferguson-Knowles Funeral Home in Moncton.**

**What an honour and a privilege it was to attend the 45<sup>th</sup> Triennium of the General Grand Chapter in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from October 26<sup>th</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brother Graham and I were there to see the end of the appointments of the General Grand Chapter Committees of the 44<sup>th</sup> Triennium and the confirmation of our new appointments. We, in New Brunswick, are very proud of our hard-working GGCCM's and offer them our full support. Congratulations to Sister Shirley MacDonald, Eastern Star Journal; Sister Ann Morton, Chairperson, Public Relations; Brother Doug Swan, Northeast Region Co-ordinator, Visionquest, and Brother Elderic Thorne, Visionquest. We do not forget our special appointment, Sister Marilyn Hutchinson, Friend of a Feather.**

**In NOVEMBER, I received a copy of a letter sent by Brother Bud Gillrie re items left in the Masonic Lodge in Oromocto belonging to Margaret Chapter #41 which had closed. Brother Gillrie said he had taken it upon himself to retrieve these items and was storing them at his home and was awaiting word from the Grand Chapter as to what to do with them.**

**I received a letter of invitation to the Semi-public Installation and Banquet for the 2007 Potentate and Divan of Luxor Shriners being held in Saint John on JANUARY 20, 2007. Brother Graham and I planned to go but a snowstorm on the week-end prevented us from leaving the North Shore.**

**On JANUARY 14, Brother Graham and I attended the Masonic and Eastern Star services for the late Brother Wayne McKay, who at the time of his passing was Worthy Patron of Devon Chapter #37,**

**Fredericton and Most Worshipful the Grand Master of F & AM of New Brunswick.**

**On FEBRUARY 18, I attended the ESTARL Church Service at the United Church in Bathurst sponsored by Bathurst chapter #22. This Chapter is certainly to be commended for continuing this very important event.**

**On FEBRUARY 23 and 24, I attended the annual Funspiel on the Miramichi organized by Prince Charles Chapter #27. This social event, so important to our Star members, had the largest attendance in recent years and the Chapter is to be congratulated for a most successful week-end.**

**On MARCH 2, 2007, I received a letter from Dorothy T. Brophy, GGCCM, on International Headquarters re her commission and duties. This letter will be read at our Sessions and acted upon at that time.**

**In MARCH, I also received a letter from Brother Dale Nicklin on the status of the Eastern Star Magazine. This matter will be discussed at length during these Sessions. Brother Dale has done a wonderful job with the Magazine and he certainly is to be commended for his dedication.**

**On MARCH 24, I attended the Ceremonial Banquet and Installation of Officers of Nereides Temple #78, Daughters of the Nile at the Masonic Temple, Germain Street, Saint John. It was the first time I attended one of their functions and I was pleased to receive the invitation and to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.**

**In APRIL, I received a letter from Sister Betty St. Onge, PGM of Ontario and GGCCM on Education, seeking information on any education program we might have. I responded, sending information on our Grand Chapter Sessions.**

**Brother Graham and I presided over the Installation of Officers in three of our Subordinate Chapters – Winston Churchill #19 on APRIL 7; Prince Andrew #42 on APRIL 12, and Lady Alexander #24 on APRIL 16. It was an honour to be asked to do this and a pleasure to take part. Thank you to these Chapters. We attended several other Chapter Installations as well and were so happy to see first-time Officers being installed into office.**



**On FRIDAY, MAY 11, I was honoured, along with Brother Graham, to represent the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick at the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of New Brunswick F& AM in Saint John and bring them our best wishes.**

**I attended the Grand Chapter of Maine from MONDAY, MAY 14 to WEDNESDAY, May 16 where Brother Graham had the honour of presenting and I had the honour of giving tribute to the Canadian Flag.**

**From WEDNESDAY, May 16 to FRIDAY, May 18, we attended the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.**

### **EXCHANGES:**

**Over the past year there were three Exchanges held with Sister Jurisdictions. On AUGUST 12, the Grand Officers of New Brunswick traveled to Maine for the Maine in New Brunswick Exchange where we exemplified the Initiatory work with much satisfaction to us, and I know with a great deal of pleasure to the members of Maine. Our Officers did exemplary work. I am so proud of all of you!**

**On SEPTEMBER 23, New Brunswick hosted the Grand Chapter of Maine in Campbellton when the Grand Officers of Maine returned the favour and carried out the Initiatory Work beautifully. The Chapter Officers from Lady Alexander Chapter #24 in Campbellton are also to be congratulated for their Opening and Closing of the Session and for their organizational work for this Exchange.**

**We traveled to Westville, Nova Scotia for the Maritime Exchange on Saturday, April 28. There were nine Officers from each Jurisdiction scheduled to take part, but illness in the family of one of our Grand Officers resulted in eight from New Brunswick taking part. It was one of the largest Maritime Exchanges in recent years, and once again, our Grand Officers did beautiful work.**

**Thank you so very much to our Grand Officers for being so willing to travel and to take part and for being so capable.**

### **CHAPTER VISITATION SCHEDULE:**

**The visits to our Subordinate Chapters were the highlight of our year. I was accompanied by Brother Graham on all the visits and by so**

many of our Grand Officers. What a delight it was to sit in the East of the Chapters and watch the sea of blue dresses and tuxedos across the West for introductions. We were truly blessed by the support we received, not only from our Grand Family, but from so many of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, and from you, the members. Thank you dearly for the wonderful support.

<b>August 7</b>	<b>Winston Churchill #19</b>	<b>Riverside-Albert</b>
15	Zetland #26	Shediac
17	Celestial #3	Fredericton
21	Remembrance #30	Minto
22	Hillcrest #40	Boiestown
<b>September 1</b>	<b>Philip A. Jerguson #18</b>	<b>Saint John</b>
5	Fidelity #36	Riverview
7	York #13	McAdam
12	Victoria #1	Woodstock
13	Granite #15	St. George
18	Lady Alexander #24	Campbellton
21	Queen Mary #4	St. Stephen
25	Fort Monckton #11	Port Elgin
27	Unity #35	Harvey
<b>October 3</b>	<b>Tobique #23</b>	<b>Plaster Rock</b>
4	Electa #9	Perth-Andover
11	Devon #37	Fredericton
18	Prince Charles #27	Chatham
19	Lord Beaverbrook #33	Hampton
<b>November 8</b>	<b>Saint John #14</b>	<b>Saint John</b>
13	Frank H. Tingley #5	Moncton
14	Bathurst #22	Bathurst
16	Prince Andrew #42	Newcastle
20	St. Stephen #8	St. Stephen
21	Carleton #7	Florenceville

We had the privilege of carrying out the Initiatory Work at three of our Official visits: Tobique #23; Saint John #14; and Carleton #7. How wonderful it was to preside over the Initiation of new members into the Order of the Eastern Star. I also had the honour of presenting 50-year pins to deserving members. I thank the Chapters for this honour. And thank you for the many gifts, programs, donations to our Special Projects, pot luck suppers and hugs. You ARE our Eastern Star.

## **WARRANTS:**

**During the year I signed Warrants one (1) through forty-four (44) after they had been prepared by the Grand Secretary.**

## **DISPENSATIONS:**

**During the year a total of ten (10) dispensations were granted:**

### **Without Fee:**

**July 23, 2006 – to Lady Alexander Chapter #24 to move regalia to the Memorial Civic Centre for the purpose of hosting the Maine in New Brunswick Exchange on September 23.**

**February 19, 2007 – to Lady Alexander Chapter #24 for the purpose of moving the Star Point Emblems to the Fredericton Inn to be used during our Grand Chapter Sessions.**

### **With Fee:**

**October 17, 2006 – to Prince Charles Chapter #27 for the purpose of changing the regular-stated meeting from Wednesday, December 20, to Saturday, December 16, 2006.**

**December 4, 2006 – to Winston Churchill Chapter #19 for the purpose of postponing the stated meeting from December 4 to December 7 because of inclement weather.**

**February 14 – to Granite Chapter #15 for the purpose of postponing their stated meeting from February 14 to February 21 because of inclement weather.**

**February 14 – to Saint John Chapter #14 for the purpose of postponing their stated meeting from February 14 to February 20 because of inclement weather.**

**February 20 – to Prince Andrew #42 for the purpose of postponing their stated meeting from February 15 to February 17 because of inclement weather.**

**March 6 – to Philip A. Jerguson #18 for the purpose of postponing their stated meeting from March 2 to March 9 because of inclement weather.**

**April 17 – to Remembrance Chapter #30 to postpone their stated meeting from April 6 to April 30 because of inclement weather.**

#### **MEMORIALS:**

**The Grand Family was blessed this past year for the most part with good health and safe travels. However, we were still touched with sadness as we noted the passing of our Grand Conductress, Sister Linda Cogswell's father, Brother Earl Brewer, as well as Mrs. Merle MacDougall, the mother of Grand Adah, Sister Faye Oakley, and Grand Esther, Sister Susan MacDougall. Our prayers were with each of them and their families at this difficult time.**

**The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was also deeply saddened by the loss of Past Grand Matron, Sister Joan Hicks, and Past Grand Patron, Brother Fred Woodworth. Letters were sent out to the chapters and the altars were draped in their memory. They will be remembered again at our Memorial Service on Friday afternoon. Their passing is deeply felt by all of us.**

#### **CHAPTER CLOSING:**

**I was very saddened to receive, first by e-mail on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, and then by regular mail, a letter from the Secretary of York Chapter #13, relating the difficulties they were encountering. The letter stated that during their election of Officers, they were only able to elect two Officers, the Worthy Patron and the Associate Matron. The Chapter was seeking advice and guidance as they were unable to carry on in their present circumstances.**

**I called the Chapter Secretary and then I spoke with the Grand Secretary. I decided to go to their April meeting and asked Past Grand Matron, Sister Carol Sutherland, a member of the Jurisprudence Committee living closer to York Chapter, to accompany me and assist with information for the Chapter. Sister Carol did accompany me, along with Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Lynn Hutchin, and Sister Margaret and Brother Arnold MacLeod. We were able to conduct an election and install the following Officers: Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron,**

**Secretary, Conductress, Chaplain, Warder and Sentinel. Trustees had been elected earlier and are to serve until 2009. A total of eight members were present.**

**Sister Carol outlined the steps the Chapter would take for either surrendering their Charter or consolidating with another Chapter.**

**Sister Carol, Sister Lynn and I also attended their May meeting when a Treasurer was elected, the Star Point Martha was appointed and both were installed. A total of 10 members were present.**

**Sister Carol again outlined the procedures for surrendering the Charter or consolidating with another Chapter. The decision was made to start the process and letters were sent to all Chapter members. Appendix "A" Petition for Surrender of Charter was signed by the ten members present and given to me.**

**This is the situation at the time of writing this report. At this time I expect, along with Sister Carol, to attend their June meeting.**

**What transpires at the June meeting will be covered in a Supplementary Report.**

## **JURISPRUDENCE:**

**I have put the Jurisprudence Committee to good use this year and I am ever so grateful for their patience and understanding as well as their advice.**

**I would like to note in particular three times I called upon them. After receiving the request from Prince Charles #27 to change their December meeting to a Saturday afternoon to better accommodate older, less mobile members, I wrote the Committee seeking their input. I suggested the change was a good one and they agreed with me.**

**Following the Schools of Instruction, Associate Grand Matron, Sister Lynne Hatt, sought clarification on a matter dealing with balloting which she and those attending her Schools felt the CL&R and the Red Book were in contradiction. The Jurisprudence met to discuss the matter and issued their decision. They stated: "After much discussion we hope the following will clarify, by simplicity, the wording concerning the ballot – If two or less black cubes appear, the ballot is clear. If three or more black cubes appear, the ballot is**

unclear. If a collective ballot is taken on like petitions, and found unclear, then a separate ballot is taken on each individual petition. If a petition is found unclear on the first separate ballot, a second is ordered immediately. If found unclear on the second ballot of a particular Petition, the results are announced and are final.”

Sister Lynne also asked if she held Schools of Instruction and the District Deputies did not receive mileage, could they make official visits to the Chapters and receive mileage for that. The Jurisprudence Committee responded by citing the CL & R Article II, Duties of Officers – No. 5 which reads: “The Worthy Grand Matron may choose to direct the District Deputy Grand Matrons to hold Schools of Instructions RATHER THAN make individual Chapter visitation, (etc.)” It is the decision of the Committee that the wording RATHER THAN indicates that she may hold one or the other but not both.

I also sought the advice of the Jurisprudence Committee after attending a Subordinate Chapter’s Installation of Officers during which I noticed several inappropriate actions. I was advised by them to write the Chapter concerned on Grand Chapter Letterhead under the Seal of the Worthy Grand Matron outlining my concerns. I followed their advice.

I cannot thank enough the members of the Jurisprudence Committee for guidance and support on these and other matters. They are extremely well-versed on the procedures, laws and regulations of our Grand Jurisdiction. I want to especially thank Sister Carol Sutherland for all her help and support, not only to me, but to the members of York Chapter #13. She is always there ready to help. Thank you Sister Carol. And a big thank you to Brother Rupert Sypher and Sister Donna also. It was comforting to know you were only a phone call away.

And I would be remiss if I did not thank our Grand Secretary, Sister Brenda, who was always ready to answer my seemingly endless, silly questions. She always had the proper answer for me. Thank you, Sister Brenda. You run this organization like a well-oiled machine.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

There are a few recommendations I would like to make.

I have not been officially notified but I have heard that one of our Chapters did not hold a meeting because of a lack of a quorum and that there was no make-up meeting. I do not know if this is true or not, but I would like to see included in the Worthy Matron's Manual that if a meeting cannot be held the Worthy Grand Matron must be notified immediately and a dispensation granted to hold a replacement meeting before the end of the month as it is necessary to hold ten meetings per year. I know we are all supposed to be reading the CL & R, the fine print in the Rituals and the Red Book of Instruction, but that would be a perfect world, and we all know that is wishful thinking.

Another point we should be emphasizing is that the Ritual is not to be copied for any reason. If an Officer does not have the work memorized, it should be read from the Ritual and not a card.

The other recommendation is concerning the ceremony of Installation. I have never been to a School of Instruction where any aspect of this ceremony has been covered, and I never really gave it much thought until this past year when for the first time I have presided over and attended so many of them.

I know this ceremony is covered in its entirety in our Ritual and Red Book of Instructions, but I think it would be prudent to note at our Schools that the Ritual does not allow for an Assistant Installing Marshal and it would also be good to cover the ceremony at the Altar, such as where the hands should be and how the badges are to be invested especially where it concerns the Star Points.

**CONCLUSION:**

What a wonderful year this has been. Our Grand Family have enjoyed tremendous support in all our endeavours. We have been truly blessed. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Donna McEwen  
Worthy Grand Matron

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**  
**June 30, 2007**

In this Supplemental Report, I wish to deal with two matters only, both of which occurred after I forwarded my Annual Report to the Jurisprudence and Distribution Committees.

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, I attended the regular stated meeting of York Chapter #13 in McAdam. There were seven Chapter members in attendance and four visitors, including Past Grand Matron, Sister Carol Sutherland, who is also a member of the Jurisprudence Committee. Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Lynn Hutchin and Grand Martha, Sister Norma Caswell, were also in attendance.

Worthy Matron, Sister Carol Scott, called for a motion to accept the resolution presented on May 3, 2007 to surrender their Charter. The said motion was moved by Associate Matron, Sister Gail Caldwell, seconded by Conductress, Sister Kathleen DeWitt and carried by the members. Another vote will be taken by the Chapter at the September 6, 2007 meeting and all members will be properly notified.

The file I have compiled on York Chapter #13 will be turned over to our new Worthy Grand Matron.

On Thursday, June 21, 2007, I provided a Dispensation to Celestial Chapter #3 when they agreed to loan their Star Point Chairs to the Grand Chapter for these Sessions. This was done at my request.

Sisters and Brothers, this completes my Annual Report. It has been a wonderful experience and a pleasure to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron.

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Donna McEwen  
Worthy Grand Matron

*Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron, moved the acceptance of her Report. It was accepted as read. The members accorded Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron, a standing ovation.*



## **REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON Brother Graham Vincent**

**My year as your Worthy Grand Patron has been a pleasurable one, but a very short one. A year seems to go by so quickly. I am now pleased to be able to give you a report of my activities over the past 12 months.**

### **A Beginning**

**Together with the Worthy Grand Matron, I was pleased to be involved in the selection of the Appointed Grand Officers. I am very pleased with their dedication to our Grand Family and for the wonderful work they did in our Exchanges and the other initiations we, as a Grand Family, were invited to do.**

**I was also pleased to be consulted in the selection of Grand Representatives and to be able to present some and be present when others were presented to deserving members. As they are all listed in the Worthy Grand Matron's Report, I will not list them in mine.**

**I, along with the rest of the Grand Officers, attended a School of Instruction for the Grand Officers on Saturday, July 15, 2006, held in Campbellton and hosted by Lady Alexander Chapter #24, where I presided over the Initiatory work. I appreciated the response to our School of Instruction as many attended.**

### **Communications/Events**

**I also received a verbal invitation to attend the ESTARL meeting held during the Grand Chapter Sessions last year. I am thankful for this privilege accorded me.**

**On July 22, 2006, I, along with Sister Donna, attended the Special Awards Ceremonies for the DeMolay Atlantic Canada held in Fredericton. It was impressive to see our young people doing their work. They are our future.**

**On July 29, along with our Worthy Grand Matron, I attended a meeting of all the Concordant Body leaders of the Masonic Family. This meeting was held at the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Brother Wayne McKay, at the Alexandria Lodge room in Fredericton North. These discussions were intended to open the lines of communication among the Fraternities. Hopefully, they will prove to be fruitful and work to our benefit.**

**In September, I received a letter from Brother Doug Swan, GGCCM, re a Vision/Membership Committee Meeting. Sister Donna and I both attended this meeting on September 27 at Oromocto Lake at the Swan cottage.**

**On October 12 and 13, 2006, along with Sister Donna, I attended the Grand chapter of Quebec, in Granby.**

**Then from October 26 to November 2, 2006, I had the privilege of attending General Grand Chapter in Minneapolis, Minnesota. There was a very good representation of New Brunswick present to observe the installation of the new General Grand Chapter Officers and our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Special Appointments invested. This has been a very eye-opening experience for me since it was my first. I also extend my congratulations to those new appointees.**

**I also received an invitation to the Semi-Public Installation and Banquet for the 2007 Potentate and Divan of Luxor Shriners held in Saint John on January 20, 2007. For weather reasons, I regretfully was unable to attend.**

**On January 14, 2007, I attended the Masonic and Eastern Star services for the late Most Worshipful the Grand Master of New Brunswick, Brother Wayne McKay and Worthy Patron of Devon chapter #37, Fredericton, Order of the Eastern Star.**

**On February 18, 2007, as your Worthy Grand Patron, I attended the ESTARL Church Service at the United Church in Bathurst, sponsored by Bathurst Chapter #22.**

**On February 23 and 24, 2007, I had a very enjoyable weekend curling my way to fame on the new rinks of the Miramichi. This Funspiel was a tremendous success due to the dedication and hard work of Prince Charles #27. This was evident in the tremendous turnout of members and guests.**

**I had the privilege of assisting our Worthy Grand Matron in the installation of Officers of several Chapters: Winston Churchill #19 on April 7; Prince Andrew #42 on April 12, and Lady Alexander #24 on April 16. I really enjoyed this participation and appreciate the responsibilities that their Officers have undertaken. I also attended other Chapter installations.**

**I was honoured once again to attend the Grand Lodge opening on Friday, May 11 – this time by special invitation to be introduced as your Worthy Grand Patron and bring them greetings from the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.**

**I attended the Grand Chapter of Maine from Monday, May 14, to Wednesday, May 16, 2007 and had the honour of presenting the Canadian Flag.**

**From Wednesday, May 16 to Friday, May 18, 2007, I attended the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.**

### **Exchanges**

**During the past year I took part in three Exchanges with Sister jurisdictions. On August 12, I traveled to Bangor, Maine, with our Grand Officers where I presided over the initiation of new members as part of the New Brunswick in Maine Exchange. The work done by our members was very well executed of which I am very proud.**

**On September 23, 2007, my Chapter, Lady Alexander #24, in Campbellton, hosted the Grand Chapter of Maine. The Grand Officers of Maine did the Initiatory work beautifully. Lady Alexander Officers who opened and closed the Exchange did so with their usual proficiency.**

**On Saturday, April 18, 2007, I had the pleasure of traveling to Westville, Nova Scotia for the Maritime Exchange. Once again I presided over the Initiation of a Sister and a Brother, and was assisted by seven of our Grand Officers. The work done was very impressive and I thank the Worthy Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Westville Chapter Officers for the opportunity to take part for the courtesies extended to me.**

### **Chapter Visitation**

**I most sincerely enjoyed the visits to our Subordinate Chapters this past year. I was able to attend all the visits along with the Worthy Grand Matron and other Grand Chapter Officers. It was pleasing to see so many Grand Officers traveling along with us and also so many members from Chapters around the Province. Your support means so very much to me.**

**I have the privilege of presiding over the Initiatory Work at three of our Official Visits – Tobique #23, Saint John #14, and Carleton #7.**

**What a pleasure it is to see new members come into our Order and to be able to take part in their initiation.**

**I sincerely thank those Chapters for inviting me to be a part of these invitations in adding to their Chapters these new members.**

**I would also like to thank those Chapters which gave me the honour of presenting service pins to their deserving members during our visits.**

**The complete list of visits is included in the Worthy Grand Matron's Report and I will not list them again here.**

### **In Memory**

**Our Grand Family was touched by sadness this year by the loss of family members. Our Grand Conductress, Sister Cogswell, lost her father, Brother Earl Brewer, and our Star Points, Sister Faye Oakley, Grand Adah, and Sister Susan MacDougall, Grand Esther, lost their mother, Mrs. Merle MacDougall. My sympathy goes out to each of them.**

**The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was also saddened with the loss of Past Grand Matron, Sister Joan Hicks, Past Grand Patron, Brother Fred Woodworth.**

### **BY-LAW CHANGES**

**I received requests for By-Law changes from three of our Subordinate Chapters – Fort Monckton #11, Lady Alexander Chapter #24, and Hillcrest #40. I reviewed these changes and submitted them to the Jurisprudence Committee for their confirmation before final approval. These changes were accepted and forwarded to the Chapters. These changes in detail will be printed in the Book of Proceedings.**

- 1. Fort Monckton #11: A Motion was passed on June 26, 2006 to amend their By-Laws to bring them up to date and remove grammatical errors.**

**ARTICLE 2, Sections 2 and 3 eliminated as these are covered in the CL & R. Sec. 2 read:**

***Special meetings may be called by the Worthy Matron, to be held at any time, but the purpose for which such meetings are***

***called shall be stated in the call and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting. Sec. 3 read: The Fiscal year of this chapter shall commence on April 1<sup>st</sup> and end on March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.***

***ARTICLE 3: Sec. 2 read: The Worthy Matron shall, at the stated meeting in March, appoint a committee of three, none of whom shall be officers of the Chapter, to examine and audit the books and other records of the Secretary and Treasurer for the preceding year and, report thereon at the stated meeting in April. To be replaced with Sec. 4 and now reads: Sec. 2 On the evening of the election and after the regular business is transacted, except degree work, the Worthy Matron shall order the chapter to prepare for the election of officers. The Worthy Patron shall preside over the election of the officers.***

***Sec. 3 which read: The meeting for the annual reports, etc. shall be the stated meeting in April is replaced with Sec. 5 which now reads Sec. 3: An officer to be elected must receive a majority of the votes cast.***

***ARTICLE 4 Sec. 1 read: The order of business of this chapter shall be as follows: unless transposed or dispensed with at the discretion of the Worthy Matron or vote of the Chapter. Changed to read Sec. 1: The order of business of this Chapter, unless transposed or dispensed with at the discretion of the Worthy Matron or vote of the Chapter shall be as follows:***

***In the order of business No. 16 which read: Closing Ceremonies was changed to read 16. Draping of Charter and/or Altar. No 17 was added and reads: Closing Ceremonies.***

***ARTICLE 5 Sec 1. Which read The fee for initiation shall be \$4.00 + \$1.50 Temple Fund which amount shall accompany the application. The fee for affiliation is \$3.00. Is changed to read: The fee for initiation shall be \$4.00 +\$7.00 Temple fund. The fee for affiliation is \$3.00 + \$7.00 Temple fund. These amounts shall accompany the application.***

***Sec. 2 Which read: A petitioner who has been elected to receive the degrees in this Chapter and shall fail for the space of one year to present herself or himself for initiation, having***

***been notified by the Secretary, shall forfeit her or his initiation fee to the Chapter, unless voted by the Chapter at a stated meeting to have same returned. The above mentioned penalty also applies to an applicant for affiliation who fails to attend for affiliation and signing of the by-laws within a year. This section is eliminated.***

***Sec. 4 Which read: A rejected candidate may again petition the same Chapter after a period of three months, excepting that, after a second rejection, a period of one year shall elapse before another application is made. This section is eliminated.***

***ARTICLE 6 Sec. 1 Which read: The annual dues in this Chapter shall be \$8.00 payable in advance and, for new members shall be prorated for the remaining portion of the fiscal year at the same rate. When a member demits, the dues shall, if it is the wish of the Chapter, be prorated at the same rate per year up to the time the demit is granted. Changed to read: The annual dues in this Chapter shall be \$8.00, payable in advance; and for new members shall be prorated for the remaining portion of the fiscal year at the same rate. When a member demits, the dues shall, if it is the wish of the Chapter, be prorated at the same rate per year up to the time the demit is granted.***

***Sec 2 Which read: Any member whose dues shall be more than two years in arrears, shall be notified by the Secretary that the matter will be brought before the Chapter at the next stated meeting and, if such dues be not then paid, they shall then, upon a two-third vote of the Chapter, be suspended and notice of the same, sent to the Grand Secretary. The Chapter may remit dues or extend time for cause. Changed to read: Any member whose dues shall be more than two years in arrears shall be notified by the Secretary that the matter will be brought before the Chapter at the next stated meeting. If such dues be not then paid, she/he shall then upon a two-third vote of the Chapter be suspended and notice of the same sent to the Grand Secretary. The Chapter may remit dues or extend time for cause.***

***Sec 3 Which read: Any member suspended for non-payment may be reinstated by two-thirds vote of the Chapter and, by paying the sum due to the Chapter at the time of suspension plus a fee of \$1.00. Changed to read: Any member suspended***

***for non-payment may be reinstated by two-thirds vote of the Chapter and by paying the sum due to the Chapter at the time of suspension plus a fee of \$1.00.***

***Sec. 4 Which read: Any member whose dues are unpaid for the preceding year at the annual convocation (which is the stated meeting in March) shall not be eligible to vote or be elected to office. This section is eliminated.***

***ARTICLE 7 Sec 1: Which read: A member wishing to withdraw from membership of this Chapter, must give the Secretary written notice of her or his intention which shall be presented at a stated meeting of the Chapter when, if no charges are pending, and the applicant's dues have been paid, the Worthy Matron shall order a Demit issued at that or the next regular meeting. Changed to read: Should any candidate on ballot be rejected, it is required of every member and visitor that they shall not, on their honour, improperly disclose the fact. Any member violating this rule may, during the pleasure of the chapter, be forbidden to attend the meetings of the Chapter. Any visitor guilty of a like violation shall not, during the pleasure of the Chapter, be allowed to visit or become a member of this chapter. That no member present may plead ignorance, the presiding officer shall direct this law to be distinctly read in open Chapter, immediately after each rejection and previous to any communication being made to the applicant.***

***ARTICLE 8 Sec. 1 Which read: No person shall be admitted as a member of this Chapter by initiation or affiliation other than those referred to in General Regulations, Page 161 of the Ritual. An applicant of the degree for membership shall have been a resident of the Jurisdiction of the Chapter of six months. This has been changed entirely and now reads: Sec 1 The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings to each member, by the direction of the Worthy Matron. She shall submit at each annual meeting a report for the past year.***

***Sec 2 Which read: Petitions for initiation and affiliation when received by this Chapter, shall be referred to a committee of three members, one of whom shall be a Brother, which committee shall make due inquiry into the moral character and qualifications of the candidate and make due report thereon at the next stated meeting; nor shall the petition be acted upon by the Chapter until satisfactory evidence can be***

***obtained of the applicants worthiness or unworthiness. Completely changed and now reads Sec 2. The Secretary shall receive, for services rendered, such a sum per annum as agree upon by vote of the chapter.***

***Sec. 3 Which read: Should any candidate on ballot be rejected, it is required of every member and visitor that they shall not on their honour, improperly disclose the fact. Any member violating this rule may, during the pleasure of the Chapter, be forbidden to attend the meetings of the Chapter, and any visitor guilty of a like violation shall not, during the pleasure of the Chapter, be allowed again to visit or become a member of this Chapter. That no member may plead ignorance, the presiding officer shall direct this law to be distinctly read in open Chapter, immediately after each rejection and previous to any communication being made to the applicant. Completely replaced to read Sec 3: The Secretary shall notify members of their indebtedness to the Chapter at least one month before the annual meeting.***

***ARTICLE 9 Sec. 1: Which read: The ballot for election to receive the degrees must be unanimous. This section is eliminated.***

***Sec. 2 Which read: No Chapter shall ballot on the petition of any person residing in another city, town or village in which one or more Chapters are established, or in another province or state, without having first obtaining a release in writing from the Chapter or majority of chapters in such city, town or village, or from the Grand Chapter of such province or state. This section is eliminated.***

***Sec. 3 Which read: A separate ballot shall be taken on each petition or a collective ballot may be taken on five or less petitions, provided that if the collective ballot is not clear, a separate ballot shall then be taken on each petition. Also, not more than ten petitions shall be balloted upon at any one meeting. This section is eliminated.***

***Sec 4 Which read: The ballot on a petition shall be ordered immediately after the Committee on investigations has been reported to the Chapter, unless necessarily deferred by the provisions of the proceedings paragraph. The Worthy Matron shall allow no remarks, favourable or unfavourable to the***



***candidate, before or during the ballot. This section is eliminated.***

***Sec 5 Which read: The ballot box shall be examined by the Worthy Matron and the Worthy Patron before each ballot, and at least six black cubes and a sufficient number of balls shall be provided to allow each member to vote as desired. This section is eliminated.***

***Sec 6 Which read: The Sentinel, when balloting shall enter the Chapter room. Members may be admitted between ballots. This Section is eliminated.***

***Sec 7 Which read: If the ballot is not clear, but nearly so, that the results may have been made from a mistake, a second and final ballot shall be recorded. The ballot shall be strictly private and, only the first four officers shall be permitted to examine it. This section is eliminated.***

***Sec. 8 Which read: If the ballot is unfavourable, the Secretary of the Chapter shall forthwith notify the Grand Secretary, giving the name and address of the rejected applicant, with the date of rejection. This section is eliminated.***

**These sections have been replaced with the following:**

***Sec 1 (a) The Treasurer shall keep a proper record of all money received and expended. Payment shall be made only on order drawn on her by the Worthy Matron and countersigned by the Secretary.***

***(b) The Treasurer shall submit all records for examination when required by the Worthy Matron or Finance Committee and give a full report at each Annual Meeting.***

***ARTICLE 10 Sec 1 (a) Which read: The Secretary shall keep a proper record of all proceedings of the Chapter. She/he shall collect all money due the Chapter and pay the same to the Treasurer taking her receipt therefore and shall issue and have served notification of all meetings to each member at least seven days before the day appointed for the meeting. She shall keep a copy of correspondence sent to members in arrears and rejected candidates. She shall submit at each Annual Meeting a report for the past year. This Section is eliminated.***

**(b) Which read: *The Secretary shall notify members of their indebtedness to the Chapter at least one month before the Annual Meeting.* This section is eliminated.**

**© Which read: *Chapters issuing notices of their meetings shall send them to the members of the Grand Council. Notices bearing names of candidates shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes.* This section is eliminated.**

**Sec 2. Which read: *Following the installation of officers, the Secretary shall release to the press, the names of officers for the ensuing year and other interesting facts.* This section is eliminated.**

**Sec 3 Which read: *The Secretary shall receive for services rendered, such a sum per annum as agreed upon by vote of the Chapter.* This section is eliminated.**

**ARTICLE 10 now reads Sec 1 (a) *The Board of Trustees shall consist of three members, preferably two sisters and one brother. At each Annual Meeting one Trustee shall be elected for a term of three years and shall hold office until his or her successor is elected and has notified the Chapter of acceptance of the office.***

**(b) now reads: *The Senior member in point of service shall be the Chair of the Board.***

**ARTICLE 11 Sec 1 (a) Which read: *The Treasurer shall keep a proper record of all money received and expended. Payment shall be made only on order drawn on her by the Worthy Matron and countersigned by the Secretary.* This section moved to Article 9, Section 1(a).**

**(b) Which read: *The Treasurer shall submit all records for examination when required by the Worthy Matron or Finance Committee and, give a full report at each Annual Meeting.* This section moved to Article 9 Sec 1 (b).**

**ARTICLE 11 now reads Sec 1 (a) *The Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Associate Conductress and Marshal shall have charge of the Paraphernalia, and prepare the Chapter room under the direction of the Worthy Matron. They shall return the paraphernalia to the place of custody at the close of the meeting.***

**(b) now reads: *It shall be the duty of the Associate Conductress to see that all members and visitors have signed the attendance Register.***

**ARTICLE 12 Sec 1 (a) Which read: *The Board of Trustees shall consist of three members, preferably two sisters and one brother, who hold no other office in the Chapter. At each Annual Meeting one Trustee shall be elected for a term of three years and shall hold office until his or her successor is elected and has notified the Chapter of acceptance of the office.* This section is eliminated.**

**(b) Which read: *The Senior member in point of service shall be the Chairman of the Board. The Treasurer of the Chapter shall be the Treasurer of the Board without the right to vote.* This section is eliminated.**

**(c) Which read: *The Trustees shall have the supervision and charge of the property of the Chapter and invest the principal of the funds in their custody as directed by the Chapter and, at the Annual Meeting, render a detailed account of the funds and property in their charge. Deposits and investments shall be in the name of "Fort Monckton Chapter No. 11, O.E.S., Port Elgin, N.B."* This section has been eliminated.**

**(d) Which read: *That the Trustees be authorized to insure the Chapter property for a sum of Ten Thousand Dollars.* This section is eliminated.**

**ARTICLE 12 now reads Sec 1 (a): *At the stated meeting in April of each year, the Worthy Matron shall appoint a Sick and Relief Visiting Committee consisting of four or more members, one of whom shall be the Worthy Matron.***

**(b) Now reads: *It shall be the duty of this committee to investigate thoroughly all applications for relief, and report to the Chapter at a stated meeting where the matter will be dealt with accordingly.***

**© Now reads: *The Worthy Matron may, without the vote of the Chapter, draw on the General Fund for an amount of Fifty Dollars for Petty Cash.***

**(d)Now reads: *At the stated meeting in April a Ways and Means Committee shall be appointed by the Worthy Matron.***

**ARTICLE 13 Sec (a) Which read: *The Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Associate Conductress and Marshal shall have charge of the Paraphernalia, and prepare the Chapter room under the direction of the Worthy Matron. They will return the paraphernalia to the place of custody at the close of the meeting.*** This section moved to Article 11 Sec. 1 (a).

**(b) Which read: *It shall be duty of the Associate Conductress to see that all visitors have signed the attendance Register. This could very well apply to the chapter members.*** This becomes Sec. (b) of Article 11 and the last sentence is eliminated.

**ARTICLE 13 now becomes *Each Past Matron and Past Patron shall be presented a Jewel of proper design, workmanship and value. It shall be the duty of the Associate Matron and the Secretary to procure these Jewels. The proceeds from the Birthday Box are to be used for this purpose only.***

**ARTICLE 14 Sec 1 (a) Which read: *At the stated meeting in April of each year, the Worthy Matron shall appoint a Sick and Relief Visiting Committee, consisting of four or more members, one of whom shall be the Worthy Matron.*** This section is moved and becomes Article 12 Sec 1.

**(b) Which read: *It shall be the duty of this committee to investigate thoroughly all applications for relief, and report to the Chapter at a stated meeting where the matter will be dealt with accordingly.*** This section is moved and becomes Article 12 Sec (b).

**© Which read: *The Worthy Matron may, without the vote of the Chapter, draw on the General Fund, for an amount of Fifty Dollars for Petty Cash.*** This section is moved and becomes Article 12 Sec ©.

**(d)Which read: *At the stated meeting in April a Ways and Means Committee shall be appointed by the Worthy Matron.*** This section is moved and becomes Article 12 (d).

**Article 14 now becomes: *For the purpose of promoting harmony and union, it is particularly required by the Chapter***

***that all its members shall address each other during the session as Sister or Brother. At all times they shall treat each other with due consideration and respect, carefully avoiding all ungenerous remarks, personal allusions or sarcastic language, by which the feelings of any member may be in the least wounded. All discussions shall be conducted in a spirit of fairness and moderation.***

***ARTICLE 15 Sec 1 Which read: Each Past Matron and Past Patron shall be presented a Jewel of proper design, workmanship and value. It shall be the duty of the Associate Matron and the Secretary to procure these Jewels. The proceeds from the Birthday Box is to be used for this purpose only. This section is moved and becomes Article 13.***

***Article 15 now reads: Upon the death of a sister or brother, or former sister or brother, funeral ceremonies shall be performed by the Chapter if the deceased or relatives have so requested. It is recommended that the funeral ceremony as given in the Ritual be performed at the home or funeral parlour the evening preceding the day or burial; nevertheless, this matter shall be entirely governed by the wishes of the party or parties involved.***

***ARTICLE 16 Sec 1 Which read: The Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron and Associate Patron shall constitute the Financial Committee who shall approve all bills before payment. This section which is covered in the CL & R is deleted.***

***Article 16 now reads: These by-laws may be amended and additions made thereto by vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present at any stated meeting, providing that at least one month's notice in writing of such proposed amendments or additions has been given and read in open Chapter at a stated meeting and, Grand chapter regulations complied with as laid down in ARTICLE 29, Section 3, Constitution, Laws and Regulations. Notice of the meeting at which such action is to be taken shall be sent to the members.***

***ARTICLE 17 Sec 1 Which read: For the purpose of promoting harmony and union, it is particularly required by the Chapter that all its members shall address each other during the session as sister or brother as the case may be and, at all***

*times, treat each other with due consideration and respect, carefully avoiding all ungenerous remarks, personal allusions or sarcastic language, by which the feelings of any member may be in the least wounded and that, all discussions be conducted in a spirit of fairness and moderation. This section is moved and becomes Article 14.*

**ARTICLE 18 Sec 1** Which read: *Upon the death of a sister or a brother, funeral ceremonies shall be performed by the Chapter, if the deceased or relatives have so requested. While it is recommended that the funeral ceremony as given in the Ritual be performed at the home or funeral parlour the evening preceding the day of burial; nevertheless, this matter shall be entirely governed by the wishes of the party of parties involved. This Section is moved and becomes Article 15.*

**ARTICLE 19 Sec 1** Which read: *These by-laws may be amended and additions made thereto by vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present at any stated meeting, providing that at least one month's notice in writing of such proposed amendments or additions have been given and read in open Chapter at a stated meeting and, Grand Chapter regulations complied with as laid down in ARTICLE 29, Section 3, Constitution, Laws and Regulation. Notice of the meeting at which such action is to be taken is sent to the members. This article is moved and becomes Article 16.*

2. **At the regular meeting of Lady Alexander Chapter #24, held on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006, two separate Notices of Motion were presented and passed to amend two sections of the Chapter by-laws. These motions were duly seconded and passed at the regular meeting on December 11, 2006.**

**Article 2, Section 1: Respecting time of stated meetings to be changed from eight o'clock (8 pm) to seven-thirty (7:30 pm).**

**Article 5, Section 3: TREASURER: To change the Signing Officers of the Chapter from the Treasurer or the Worthy Matron to any two of the Treasurer, Worthy Matron or Secretary.**

3. At the regular stated meeting of Hillcrest Chapter #40, on September 26, 2006, it was duly moved, seconded and passed by the members that the Notice of Motion on the proposed changes to their by-laws be accepted.

**Article 3 Order of Business, SEC. 1**

Currently reads as follows:

This Chapter shall proceed with its business in the following order, except that the Worthy Matron may at her discretion, transpose or dispense with any part.

- 1) Opening ceremonies
- 2) Reception of Flag
- 3) Introduction of distinguished guests
- 4) Reading and approving of minutes of previous meetings
- 5) Business arising out of minutes
- 6) Reading and referring of petitions
- 7) Reports of committee on petition
- 8) Balloting
- 9) Correspondence, bills, etc.
- 10) Reports of standing committees
- 11) Reports of special committees
- 12) Treasurer's report
- 13) Unfinished business
- 14) New Business
- 15) Conferring degrees
- 16) Good of the Order
- 17) Closing Ceremonies

Proposed Change:

*Treasurer's Report which is now sub-item #12 to be moved to #9 and all other items from Correspondence, bills, etc. to be renumbered #10 thru #17 respectively.*

**ARTICLE 4, Duties of Officers – Trustees - SEC 4(b)**

Currently reads as follows:

- (b) The Board of Trustees shall be elected from members who hold no other office in the Chapter.

**Proposed change:**

**The Board of Trustees shall be elected from *any member* in the Chapter *except the Secretary*.**

**ARTICLE 4, Duties of Officers – Trustees – SEC 4 (e)**

**Currently reads as follows:**

- (c) The Board of Trustees shall at the stated meeting in January of each year, make a detailed report of all monies which have been turned over to them by the Chapter for investment together with an inventory of all property and assets belonging to the Chapter, also a statement showing any and all cash in their hands or deposited by them in any bank.**

**Proposed change:**

- (d) The Board of Trustees shall at the stated meeting *in April* of each year, make a detailed report of all monies which have been turned over to them by the Chapter for investment together with an inventory of all property and assets belonging to the Chapter, also a statement showing any and all cash in their hands or deposited by them in any bank.**

**ARTICLE 6, Appointment of Committees – SEC 1**

**Currently reads as follows:**

**The Finance Committee. The Worthy Matron, the Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, and Associate Patron shall constitute the Finance Committee who shall approve all bills before being presented to the chapter for approval of payment.**

**Proposed change:**

***The Finance Committee. The Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron and Associate Patron shall constitute the Finance Committee.***



## ARTICLE 6, Appointment of Committees – SEC 2

Currently reads as follows:

The Audit Committee. The Worthy Matron shall appoint an auditing committee of three none of whom shall be an officer of the Chapter whose duty it shall be to audit the books of the Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees before the Annual Meeting.

Proposed change:

The Audit Committee. The Worthy Matron shall appoint an *Audit* committee of *any three members* of the Chapter *except the elected officers* whose duty it shall be to audit the books of the Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees before the Annual Meeting.

## ARTICLE 6, Appointment of Committees – SEC 3

Currently reads as follows:

Relief and visiting Committee. The Worthy Matron shall appoint annually a committee of three whose duty it shall be to visit all members reported sick and to investigate all applications for relief made to the Chapter and report the circumstances of the case at the first meeting after receiving notice of the application. If the case be one of pressing necessity, the Worthy Matron, may, on the report of the committee, draw an order upon the Treasurer for an amount not to exceed ten dollars and the order so drawn shall be sufficient voucher to the Treasurer to pay same.

Proposed change:

Relief and Visiting Committee. The Worthy Matron shall appoint annually a committee of three whose duty it shall be to visit all members reported sick, to investigate all applications for relief made to the Chapter, and report the circumstances of the case at the first meeting after receiving notice of the application. If the case be one of pressing necessity, the Worthy Matron may, on the report of the committee, draw an order upon the Treasurer for an amount *which may not exceed fifty dollars* and the order so drawn shall be Sufficient voucher to the Treasurer to pay same.

**ARTICLE 6, Appointment of Committees – SEC 4**

**Currently reads as follows:**

**Refreshment Committee. At the first stated meeting in each quarter of each year, the Worthy Matron shall appoint a Refreshment Committee consisting of three members of the Chapter with power to add. It shall be their duty to assure that refreshments are provided when called upon by the Worthy Matron.**

**Proposed change:**

**Refreshment Committee. *The Worthy Matron at the beginning of her year shall appoint a group of two to provide refreshments for the appointed meetings each month with the power to add more members to the group, if warranted.* It shall be their duty to assure that refreshments are provided when called upon by the Worthy Matron.**

**ARTICLE 7, Fees and Dues – SEC 1**

**Currently reads as follows:**

**The initiation fee in this Chapter shall e the sum of \$9.00 plus \$1.00 for Temple fund and shall accompany the application.**

**Proposed change:**

**The Initiation Fee in this Chapter shall be the sum of \$9.00 plus \$7.00 for *Temple Fund* and shall accompany the application.**

**ARTICLE 7, Fees and Dues – SEC 2**

**Currently reads as follows:**

**The fee for affiliation in this Chapter shall be the sum of \$3.00 which shall accompany the application.**

**Proposed change:**

**The fee for affiliation in this Chapter shall be the *sum of \$5.00 plus \$7.00 for the Temple Fund* both of which shall accompany the application.**

**ARTICLE 7, Fees and Dues – SEC 3**

**Currently reads as follows:**

**The annual dues of this Chapter shall be \$5.00 per annum payable in advance beginning with the fiscal year following initiation or affiliation.**

**Proposed change:**

**The annual dues of this Chapter shall be \$11.00 per annum payable in advance beginning with the fiscal year following initiation or affiliation.**

**ARTICLE 8, General Funds – SEC 2**

**Currently reads as follows:**

**The general fund shall be deposited in the name of the Chapter in the Bank of Nova Scotia, Doaktown, N.B. with all cheques to be signed by the Worthy Matron and the Treasurer.**

**Proposed change:**

**The general fund shall be deposited in the name of the Chapter in the Bank of Nova Scotia, Doaktown, N.B. with all cheques issued to be signed by *any two of the three signing officers, being the Worthy Matron, the Secretary and the Treasurer.***

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**I would recommend that the by-laws of those Chapters that no longer exist be stored in the archives and not be carried by the Worthy Grand Patron.**

**Secondly, that proposed changes to by-laws of Subordinate Chapters be referred directly to the Jurisprudence Committee or a by-law committee for their approval since they have final approval anyway and this would save a lot of time and postage.**

**In Closing**

**It is with mixed feelings that my term of office has come to an end. I have had a most rewarding year and have met many people and**

made many friends. I appreciate all that you, the members, have done for me and all the courtesies extended to me.

May God bless each and every one of you. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Graham Vincent  
Worthy Grand Patron

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
2006 – 2007**

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, I visited CAPITAL CITY CHAPTER #172, Ottawa, Ontario, where I was warmly welcomed and presented at their monthly meeting. It was very interesting to observe the parallel and the differences between our Jurisdictions. It was a most enjoyable evening-----however, they finish their evening with food and conversation-----just like New Brunswick!!

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Graham Vincent  
Worthy Grand Patron

*The Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham, moved the acceptance of his Report. The members present accorded Brother Graham a standing ovation.*

**DISTRIBUTION REPORT  
Sister Jeanne Wheelock, Past Grand Matron**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

We, the members of the Distribution Committee, have examined the Annual Reports of Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron, and have found all in order.

Several recommendations have been presented, which are listed in both Reports. Also, changes in by-laws have been submitted from

various Subordinate Chapters that have been processed in the proper manner.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Clinton Shaffer, PGP  
Sister Marjorie Colton, PGM  
Sister Jeannie Wheelock PGM & Chairperson

*Sister Jeannie Wheelock, PGM & Chairperson, moved the acceptance of this Report. It was seconded by Sister Marjorie Colton, PGM. The Report was accepted as read.*

**GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT  
2006 – 2007  
Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:**

Another year has passed and the office of Grand Secretary has been another busy year.

I thank my Counterparts for their support throughout the year. The office of Secretary is a very important part of your Chapter and whatever goes on usually passes your desk first. To those who have retired from the office, thank you for your years of service and to those who are taking on this position for the first time, enjoy your time. There's never a dull moment.

Thank you to Brother Charlie for working with me again. Hopefully, I haven't caused you too many headaches.

Thank you Sister Mildred for being my page – you have been a tremendous help to me. Sister Patsy, how pleased I am to see you here – It means a lot to me.

Our membership still continues to drop as our members age and it seems there are not many young people who are interested enough to join. This year we initiated 35 and there were 20 Affiliations. However, 81 members died, 29 demitted and 20 were suspended. This leaves us with 1,794.

Sister Donna and Brother Graham, I have enjoyed my year with your Grand Family. Unfortunately, work and family commitments have curtailed my travels, but I was with you in spirit.

Sister Lynne and Brother Burton – I wish you a happy and successful year ahead and if I can be of assistance, let me know.

To the members of New Brunswick, thank you for supporting me as Grand Secretary. I will try to continue providing you with the best possible service.

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM  
Grand Secretary

**GRAND SECRETARY’S GENERAL FUND**  
June 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007

Balance Forward as of June 1, 2006 \$ 14.14

Receipts:

Lottie L. Kyle	\$ 2,315.00	
ESTARL	3,511.15	
Rituals	523.00	
Proceedings	1,045.00	
Supplies	212.93	
Red Book	84.00	
Dispensations	2.00	
Special Account	6,040.07	
Refund from General		
Grand Chapter	3,588.73	
Registration Monies	1,826.29	
Per Capita Tax	9,502.50	
Jack & Jill Shoppe	480.00	
Shriners’ Transportation	379.94	
PAGO’s (For Flag Repairs)	1,000.00	
Camp Goodtime	100.00	
WGM’s Special Projects	2,732.68	
International Temple Fund	364.00	
Scottish Rite Learning Centre	50.00	34,043.63
<b>Total Receipts:</b>		<u>\$34,043.63</u>

<b>Less: Exchange on Registration Money</b>		<b>1.53</b>
<b>Balance as of May 31, 2007</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12.61</b>
<b>Transferred to Grand Treasurer:</b>		<b>\$34,043.63</b>

**Disbursements:**

<b>Refurbishing of Jewels (2005-2006)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>888.95</b>
<b>Refurbishing of Jewels (2006-2007)</b>		<b>1,141.43</b>

**Honourariums:**

<b>Patricia Lister (Assistant Gr. Secretary)</b>		<b>150.00</b>
<b>Charles Rafuse, PGP (Gr. Treasurer)</b>		<b>400.00</b>
<b>Brenda J. Saunders, PGM (Gr. Secretary)</b>		<b>1,200.00</b>

**Travel Expenses:**

<b>Linda Cogswell, DDGM</b>		<b>95.75</b>
<b>Lynne Hatt, DDGM</b>		<b>130.50</b>
<b>Lynn Hutchin, DDGM</b>		<b>49.00</b>
<b>Graham Vincent, WGP</b>		<b>800.00</b>
<b>Donna McEwen, WGM</b>		<b>3,244.75</b>

<b>Replenishing of Petty Cash</b>		<b>1,210.00</b>
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<b>Printing of Proceedings</b>		<b>5,821.70</b>
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<b>Gr. Treasurer's Expenses (2005-2006)</b>		<b>57.43</b>
<b>Gr. Treasurer's Expenses (2006-2007)</b>		<b>12.48</b>

<b>Purchase of Tape Recorders</b>		<b>143.58</b>
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**Donations:**

<b>Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada</b>		<b>200.00</b>
<b>DeMolay Atlantic Convention</b>		<b>150.00</b>
<b>DeMolay Boys</b>		<b>240.00</b>
<b>Rainbow for Girls</b>		<b>240.00</b>
<b>Scottish Rite Learning Centre (Queen Mary)</b>		<b>50.00</b>





**Disbursements:**

Safety Deposit Box	\$ 45.60	
Postage	414.44	
Photocopy	233.06	
Supplies	192.50	795.60
Balance as of May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2007		\$ 20.53

**GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT  
Brother Charles Rafuse, PGP**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members,  
Sisters and Brothers:**

It has been an honour for me to serve the Grand Jurisdiction of New Brunswick as your Grand Treasurer. I offer my thanks to the members of this Grand Family for their love and friendship throughout the year.

A special thank-you to our Grand Secretary, Sister Brenda Saunders, for her dedication and co-operation. Her expertise allows the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter to function smoothly and makes my job quite simple.

Thank you also to the members of the Finance Committee, Sisters Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM, Sister Glenna Taylor, PGM and Sister Audrey Sypher, PGM for so promptly carrying out their duties.

Finally, thank you to the members of our Audit committee, Sister Christine Trenholm, PM, and Brothers Boyd Poley, PP and Evan Thomas, PGP. It has been a pleasure working with you.

And now to the financial report of our Grand Chapter.

**GENERAL FUND  
June 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007**

Opening Bank Balance	\$ 2,118.64
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**RECEIPTS:**

Received from Grand Secretary	\$22,177.42	
Redeemed GIC	0.00	
Interest on GIC	0.00	
Transferred from Special Funds	<u>4,500.00</u>	
	\$26,677.42	\$26,677.42

**Bank Balance & Receipts** **\$28,796.06**

**DISBURSEMENTS: Warrants 1 – 44**

General Gr.Chapter – Annual RTN	\$ 2,245.43	
General Gr.Chapter – Supplies	1,645.91	
Gr. Chapter Convenor	3,000.00	
Lees Hamilton – Refurbish Jewels	2,030.38	
Bob White – 2004-05 Proceedings	5,821.70	
Petty Cash – Gr. Secretary	1,210.00	
Transcontinental – Session Booklets	763.45	
Gr.Treasurer Expenses – 2006	57.43	
Gr. Treasurer Expenses – 2005	12.48	
Memorials – Joan Hicks, PGM	30.00	
- Fred Woodworth, PGP	30.00	
Tri-Line WGM's	300.00	
JM & CW Hope Grant Ltd. – Insurance	856.00	
Ann Morton, PGM – Supplies	27.22	
Carol Sutherland, PGM – Purchase of Recorders	143.58	
Banking Charges	<u>24.00</u>	
	\$18,197.58	

**Honourariums:**

Grand Secretary – Brenda J. Saunders	\$1,200.00	
Grand Treasurer – Charles Rafuse	400.00	
Assistant to Grand Secretary – Patricia Lister	<u>150.00</u>	
	\$1,750.00	

**Travel:**

WGM – Donna McEwen	\$ 3,244.75	
WGP – Graham Vincent	800.00	
DDGM – Lynne Hatt	130.50	

DDGM – Linda Cogswell	95.75
DDGM – Lynn Hutchin	<u>49.00</u>
	\$ 4,320.00

**Donations:**

DeMolay Atlantic	150.00	
Camp Goodtime	100.00	
Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation	200.00	
WGM – Sp. Project – ESTARL	1,366.34	
WGM – Sp. Project – Shriners’ Transportation	1,746.28	
DeMolay Boys	240.00	
Rainbow Girls	<u>240.00</u>	
	4,092.62	\$ 4,092.62

Total Disbursements \$28,362.20 \$32,187.94

Closing Bank Balance 435.86

**INVESTMENTS:** NIL

**ESTARL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**  
June 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007

Opening Balance \$ 345.01

**RECEIPTS:**

Received from Grand Secretary	\$ 3,511.14	
Redeemed Investments	4,100.00	
Investment Income	<u>58.54</u>	
	\$ 7,669.68	7,669.68

Total Bank Balance and Receipts 8,014.69

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Scholarship (4)	\$ 4,400.00	
Investment	<u>0.00</u>	
Total	\$ 4,400.00	4,400.00

**CLOSING BANK BALANCE** \$ 3,614.69  
As of May 31, 2007

**INVESTMENTS** 0.00

**CLOSING BANK BALANCE AND INVESTMENTS** \$ 3,614.69

**Available for 2007 Scholarships** \$ 3,614.69

**LOTTIE L. KYLE SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL FUND**  
June 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007

**Opening Balance** \$ 356.30

**RECEIPTS:**

Received from Grand Secretary	\$2,315.00	
Transfer from Special Fund	2,350.00	
Redeemed Investments	2,200.00	
Investment Income	<u>28.34</u>	
	<b>\$6,893.34</b>	<b>\$ 6,893.34</b>

**Total Bank Balance & Receipts:** \$ 7,249.64

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Scholarship (5)	\$4,550.00	
Investment	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,550.00</b>

**CLOSING BANK BALANCE** \$ 2,699.64

**INVESTMENTS** 0.00

**CLOSING BANK BALANCE AND INVESTMENTS** \$ 2,699.64

Available for 2007 Scholarships \$ 2,699.64

**SPECIAL FUND**  
June 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007

Opening Balance \$11,647.69

**RECEIPTS:**

Received from Grand Secretary	\$ 6,040.07	
Redeemed Investments	15,500.00	
Investment Income	<u>493.27</u>	
	\$22,033.34	\$22,033.34

Total Bank Balance & Receipts: \$33,681.03

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Transfer to LL Kyle Fund	2,350.00	
Transfer to General Fund	4,500.00	
Investment	<u>17,500.00</u>	
Total	\$24,350.00	\$24,350.00

CLOSING BANK BALANCE \$ 9,331.03

INVESTMENTS \$17,500.00

CLOSING BANK BALANCE  
AND INVESTMENTS: \$26,831.03

**AUDIT REPORT**  
Sister Christine Trenholm, PM, Chairperson

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members  
of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick:

We, your Audit Committee, on June 21, 2007 have examined the Books and records of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and also their Financial Statements of Income and Expenditures for the year ending May 31, 2007. All information and explanations given

were, in our opinion, correct. The attached Financial Statements of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer are correctly prepared to present the financial aspects of the past year.

We would like to thank the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for their assistance in completing the Audit. We also want to thank the Grand Treasurer for the well-prepared Quarterly Financial Statements the Audit Committee receives throughout the year.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of being of service to our Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Evan Thomas, PGP  
Bro. Boyd Poley, PP  
Sis. Christine Trenholm, PM, Chairperson

*Sister Christine Trenholm, PM & Chairperson, moved that this Report be adopted and the Reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be lifted from the table. This was seconded by Bro. Boyd Poley, PP. The Reports were accepted.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
2006 – 2007  
Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM**

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

The Finance Committee presents the following report for the year ending May 31, 2007.

The Committee approved Warrants 1 – 44, in the total amount of \$36,843.01. Of this total, \$4,400.00 was for ESTARL Scholarships and \$4,550.00 for Lottie L. Kyle Memorial and Educational Scholarships.

The required meeting of the Finance committee following the Worthy Grand Matron's School of Instruction was held with the elected Grand Officers on July 15, 2006. This meeting is beneficial for all to review the allowable expenses as well as to answer any financial questions that required interpretation by the new Line Officers. At this meeting also, the Worthy Grand Matron and the Line Officers were given specific dates in which to have their travel expenses in to

**the Grand Treasurer so as to assist him in the preparation of his financial Statements.**

**On February 24, 2007, at the “Funspiel 2007”, on the Miramichi, the Committee along with the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron met to review the financial situation of Grand Chapter. There was considerable discussion over monies transferred from the “Special Account” for Scholarships and if the trend continued how would this account be affected in the future. From this discussion it was agreed that this Committee would review this situation during the coming year and recommendations as to use of Special Account may be brought to Grand Chapter Sessions next year.**

**During the year the Finance Committee gave authority to the Grand Treasurer to transfer funds from the Special Account on three occasions: \$2,500.00 on July 8, 2006 to cover current expenses; \$1,500.00 on September 23, 2006, transferred to General account for current expenses and \$2,350.00 on November 16, 2006, for Lottie L. Kyle Scholarships, and \$1,250.00 to General Account for current expenses for a total of \$7,600.00 - \$7,300.00 of which has been transferred back to the Special Account.**

**We wish to thank the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for their assistance during the year and their efforts in looking after the Financial aspects of Grand chapter.**

**From our meetings and discussions during the year, we wish to make the following recommendations:**

**- That additional funds, in the amount of \$3,000.00 be made available to the Lottie L. Kyle Memorial and Educational Scholarship Committee for their use this year and if more is required, the Committee is to contact the Chair of the Finance Committee.**

**- That additional funds be made available to the ESTARL Committee for their use this year and if more is required that Committee is to contact the Chair of the Finance Committee. These funds will be transferred from the Special Account.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sister Glenna Taylor, PGM  
Sister Audrey Sypher, PGM  
Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM & Chairperson**

***Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM & Chairperson moved the acceptance of this Report. This was seconded by Sister Audrey Sypher, PGM. The Report was accepted as read.***

**REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT COUNCIL  
Sister Norma Jean Belyea, PGM**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, all Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:**

**This is the first report given by the Investment Council which was appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron following the 2006 Grand chapter Session. We express our appreciation to Sister Donna for the confidence she has shown in us in this new venture.**

**It is our responsibility to carry out investments in the name of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, and we do so with the approval of the Grand Council.**

**One of our investments is a Mutual Fund, Clarington Canadian Income fund DSC, which is held by CIBC Wood Gundy. This produces a monthly dividend of \$272.53.**

**The balance of our investments, totaling \$130,000.00 are in Guaranteed Income Certificates at the TD Canada Trust as follows:**

<b>Certificate No.</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>
5080-8065148-10	26,000.00	Sep 22/06	Sep 24/07	4.00% annually
5080-8065148-11	26,000.00	Sep 22/06	Sep 22/08	4.00% annually
5080-8065148-12	26,000.00	Sep 22/06	Sep 22/09	4.00% annually
5080-8065148-13	26,000.00	Sep 22/06	Sep 22/10	4.00% annually
5080-8065148-14	26,000.00	Sep 22/06	Sep 22/11	4.00% annually

**The interest received during the period of June 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007 was : \$3,270.36 from CIBC Wood Gundy and  
\$2,769.71 from TD Canada Trust on September 22, 2006  
\$6,040.07 total for this Grand Chapter year**

**All interest payments were forwarded to the Grand Secretary on their receipt.**



Respectfully submitted,

Sister Norma Jean Belyea, PGM  
Brother DeWitt Lister, PGP

*Sister Norma Jean Belyea, PGM, moved the acceptance of this Report. This was seconded by Brother DeWitt Lister, PGP. The Report was accepted as read.*

**LOTTIE L. KYLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AND  
EDUCATIONAL FUND  
Sister Betty Powell, PM  
Incoming Chairperson**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests,  
Sisters and Brothers:

The Scholarship Committee, consisting of Sister Helen Crawford, PM, as Chairperson, and Sister Betty Powell, PM, Sister Brenda Whitney, PM, Sister Eleanor Butland, PM, and Sister Doreen Young, PM wish to submit the following Report on the Lottie L. Kyle Memorial Scholarship and Educational Fund for the year 2006. We met in October and selected five recipients for the awards:

Lottie L. Lyle Memorial Scholarship:

Angela Helen Roy                      \$1,000.00  
Sponsored by Unity Chapter #35, Harvey Station

Lottie L. Kyle Educational Scholarships:

Arne Neills Kristensen              \$900.00  
Sponsored by Tobique Chapter #23, Plaster Rock

Daniel Pelletier                      \$900.00  
Sponsored by Frank H. Tingley Chapter #5, Moncton

Ashley Dawn Ross                    \$900.00  
Sponsored by Granite Chapter #15, St. George

Christine Evans                      \$850.00  
Sponsored by Unity Chapter #35, Harvey Station

It was with regret and after long discussion, four of the nine applicants had to be disqualified as they did not meet the guidelines. Chapters are reminded that each application must have an official transcript of marks, a letter of recommendation from the school and the applicant must be a son or daughter of an Eastern Star member. An official transcript of marks must have the Seal of the public school, college or university.

Next year's applications should be forwarded to Sister Betty Powell, PM, 2311 Route 102 Highway, Lincoln, NB E3B 8N6, the new Chairperson.

Deadline for applications is July 15, 2007.

We would recommend that guideline, Number two, pertaining to a son or daughter be changed to match the guideline for membership into the Order. This would allow the grandchildren application privileges.

It has been a privilege to serve on this committee and we feel certain the Subordinate Chapters will continue to support this worthwhile project of Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Betty Powell, Incoming chairperson

*Sister Betty Powell, PM and Incoming Chairperson, moved the acceptance of this Report. This was seconded by Sister Doreen Young, PM. The Report was accepted as read.*

*The Worthy Grand Matron announced that the Offering from the Vesper Service amounted to \$515.10 – proceeds to go to ESTARL.*

*Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, announced that the Grand Secretary had proceedings for sale.*

The Friday Morning Sessions were called from Labour to Refreshment to reconvene at 2:00 PM SHARP!

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**  
**July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**2:00 PM**

The Friday Afternoon Session was preceded by a Musical Prelude given by our Grand Organist, Sister Kathleen Firlotte and Assistant Grand Organist, Sister Mary Pelletier.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Sister Hilda Shaffer, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Clinton Shaffer,  
Past Grand Patron**

Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers and welcome to this afternoon segment of the “Love Changes Everything” Grand Chapter Session.

How pleased I was to be asked to Call To Order and to Welcome all our Sisters and Brothers in attendance this afternoon and to have Brother Clinton, PGP, share the East with me.

It is my pleasure to welcome so many of our own members, especially our New Brunswick General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Shirley MacDonald, on the Eastern Star Journal; Sister Ann Morton, Chairperson, Public Relations; Brother Doug Swan, Northeast Regional Co-ordinator, Visionquest; Brother Eleric Thorne, Visionquest, and Special Appointment, Sister Marilyn Hutchinson, Friend of a Feather.

I am sure our members will be renewing many old friendships and making many new friends before the Grand Chapter closes on Saturday evening. To our many visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions, we thank you for attending our Sessions and welcome you most sincerely and invite you to return again and again whenever possible.

Brother Clinton, would you add your words of welcome at this time.

Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed an honour and my pleasure to join, Sister Hilda, PGM, as I extend a special welcome to all our visiting Sisters and Brothers and wish for you good health and safe travels as you return to your homes.

To our own members, remember this is your Grand Chapter. Your presence is vital to the welfare of our Order and to this Grand

**Chapter. We hope you will attend all the Sessions, participate in the business and will make decisions that will benefit the future of our Order.**

***The Grand Officers entered the Chapter Room and formed the Hollow Square. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham, were presented west of the Altar.***

### **WELCOME**

**Sister Hilda Shaffer, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Clinton Shaffer, Past Grand Patron**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham, thank you for asking Brother Clinton to share with me the honour and privilege of Calling To Order and welcoming all the members to this Friday Afternoon Grand Chapter Session.**

**Sister Donna, I have had the honour of presenting you at the Altar and investing you with the badge of your Office many times in the past years, when you were installed Grand Esther in 1998; installed Associate Grand Conductress in 2003; installed Grand Conductress in 2004, and again when you were installed Worthy Grand Matron in 2006.**

**Brother Graham, I had the honour of presenting you at the Altar and investing you with the badge of your office when you were installed Grand Sentinel in 2004 and again when you were installed the Worthy Grand Patron in 2006.**

**I congratulate you both on a very successful year as our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. May God bless you throughout the remainder of your “Love Changes Everything” Grand Chapter Session. May you continue in good health with time to relax and reflect on your memories of your year in the East.**

***The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham, were escorted to the East and extended the Grand Honours.***

**Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present you with your gavel, one that was lovingly crafted by your Dad, Brother Johnny Vincent and I’m sure he is watching from above and saying, “Well done, my children, I knew that you could do it; carry on with the rest of your Session, I’m listening to every word.**

***The Grand Officers assumed their Stations.***

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Sister Hilda and Brother Clinton, thank you so very much for opening this Friday Afternoon session. We have been friends for quite a while because you accepted me so willingly when I showed up at your door with Sister Audrey and Brother Rupert. You accepted me without question and without hesitation, and for that I am truly thankful. You made me feel welcome and were so very supportive as I traveled this journey. And I am sure you have the bed and breakfast with the best reputation. I have some words for you to ponder, “We all stumble, everyone of us. That’s why it’s a comfort to go hand in hand.”**

**Please accept this gift as a token of our friendship.**

**Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Thank you Sister Hilda and Brother Clinton for opening our Friday Afternoon Session. You have been dear to me as friends. I have enjoyed your hospitality on many occasions, have stayed overnight at your home and I have enjoyed your company as we got together on our travels.**

**Please accept this gift as a token of my appreciation.**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Welcome back!! We will now have a solo by Sister Donna Love, PM, and Choir Director.**

***Sister Donna Love, PM, and Choir Director, sang a beautiful solo entitled “The Rose”. The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, thanked her for this beautiful selection and for sharing her talent with us.***

**INVOCATION**

**Brother Murray Clouston, Past Grand Patron**

**O Gracious Heavenly Father, as we bow our heads before You we once again give You thanks for all the blessings You have bestowed**

upon us. We are grateful for Your source of wisdom, power and knowledge that sustain us from day to day. Your love and mercy has been a blessing to us and our beautiful "Order of the Eastern Star" for many generations.

We give You thanks, O Lord, for those Sisters and Brothers who have, over the years, contributed unselfishly to make our great organization what it is today.

At this time, we think of our Sisters and Brothers who are unable to be present for whatever reason, our thoughts go out to them.

Father in Heaven, we ask You to impart Thy Grace to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham, as they continue with the business of this "Love Changes Everything" Session. AMEN.

*Presentation of Distinguished Guests not previously introduced:*

*Sister Audrey Fox*                      *Grand Representative of Connecticut  
In New Brunswick*

*Sister Connie MacPherson*        *Worthy Matron of Victoria Chapter #1,  
Woodstock*

*Brother Leonard Mosher*            *Worthy Patron of Victoria Chapter #1,  
Woodstock*

*The Grand Secretary, Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM, read the minutes of the Friday Morning Session. They were approved as read.*

The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, had Sister Betty Kay, PM of Zetland Chapter #26, Shediac, presented to the East. At that time, Sister Donna presented Sister Betty with a Commission to Oklahoma, the home State of the Most Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Betty's counterpart, Brother Don Smith, from Oklahoma, was waiting to greet Sister Betty when she returned to her seat. Sister Betty was then presented west of the Altar, escorted to the East and extended the Grand Honours.

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE EASTERN STAR MAGAZINE**  
**Brother Peter Petrovitch, PP**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, the following is the Treasurer's Report of finances for July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007 for the Eastern Star Magazine.**

**Receipts:**

Greetings and Donations	\$ 110.00
Interest	<u>0.71</u>
	\$ 110.71

**Expenditures:**

Partners Printing Ltd.	\$4,792.12
Honourariums	500.00
Bank charges	<u>4.00</u>
	\$5,296.12

**Royal Bank Acc. 760-083**

July 1/06	\$9,414.99
Receipts	<u>110.71</u>
	\$9,525.70

Expenditures	<u>5,296.12</u>
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<u>June 30/07</u>	<u>\$4,229.58</u>
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**Respectfully submitted,**

**Brother Peter Petrovitch, PP**  
**Treasurer**

***Brother Peter Petrovitch, PP and Treasurer, moved the acceptance of this Report. This Report was accepted as read.***

**EASTERN STAR MAGAZINE**  
Brother Dale Nicklin, Past Grand Patron and Editor

This is a very sad moment for me as it is the last report that I will give on behalf of the New Brunswick, OES Magazine. We have been in business for 50-odd years and of that accomplishment we can be very proud. Like most things the time has come to change and we are not able to meet the challenge. We are caught up in a situation that we have no control of. Simply it is declining membership and rising costs.

Many of you have expressed regret over our demise and I thank you for the many kind words. It is sad as I believe that we provided a very valuable link to our shut-ins and members who have moved to the various places in the world.

Fidelity Chapter has sent me a very generous cheque providing that other Chapters also contribute to keep the magazine afloat. The reality of the situation is that I don't believe that the Chapters can afford that kind of commitment. The cost now is approaching \$9,000.00 per year. Roughly 50% would be recouped from subscribers but that still leaves \$4,500.00 that would have to come from somewhere and I think it is unrealistic to think our Chapters can come up with that sort of money yearly. Once we can probably do it, but I don't think we can sustain it.

Just to give you several examples of our expenses and how they have escalated are as follows: Our Feb. issue totally cost us approximately \$2,100.00; the May issue came in at \$2,300.00; US Postage went up in Feb. It used to cost \$0.91 an issue, and now it is \$1.19. Incidentally, I drive to Maine to mail them as in our system it costs over \$2.00 per issue.

We will publish in August but due to the above examples it is starting to look shaky for the November issue. We currently have about \$4,200.00 in our account. After our August issue we will be left with roughly \$2,000.00. Our Christmas greetings usually bring in above \$500.00. Also those members who will owe for several months could put us over the top but that is speculation. If you want the November or Christmas issue, someone will have to guarantee me that they would pick up any shortfall. If everything stays as is without me taking in any subscription money that shortfall would be roughly \$300.00. Without that guarantee August will be the last issue.



The last number of years has really been an exercise for me in budget control, negotiations and human behaviour. It has expanded my horizons and given me some valuable experience. It is a shame we must go as I think through trial and error, we are just about where we should be. I also want to take this opportunity to apologize to anyone who I may have offended. I certainly didn't do it with malice.

What is our future? Well, our future of this magazine is over. Someone may want to write a newsletter or something of that sort. I would give that person my data bank and other related material.

I have enjoyed being editor in spite of many long hours but the time has come and I have other projects that have been sitting on the back burner that require my attention.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Dale Nicklin, PGP  
Editor

*Brother Dale Nicklin, PGP and Editor, moved the acceptance of this Report. The Report was accepted as read.*

*A lengthy discussion then ensued with regard to the continuation of the Eastern Star Magazine. Sister Norma Jean Belyea, PGM, spoke as follows:*

**“The Magazine belongs to the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, not to a Committee of three, four or five people. When the Magazine began, over 50 years ago, it was under the auspices of the Grand Chapter, and there was a Committee appointed, and the Line Officers were automatically members of that Committee.**

**So back in the early 80's, I became a member of that Committee because I was on the Line, and then after I was Worthy Grand Matron, I was asked by the Chairman of the Committee and they had had a meeting – Sister Donna has been a member, Brother Joe and Sister Beth have been members for years, and years and years – I can look around at others who were on those Committees – so they know where I am coming from. But decisions such as Brother Dale is making could not be made by the Committee itself – I know that Brother Dale has worked hard on behalf of the Magazine, but he also has been having health problems – and maybe this has a lot to do with the feelings that he has, because he has to look after himself and his dear Cairine.**

We have had a very glossy, very shiny Magazine, but there are many Jurisdictions that have newspapers – it's done on newsprint, and all of the information that is in our Magazine and more, is in those newspapers and is issued much more cheaply. Not too long ago, I was in Alberta and they have a newsletter that was doublesided, copied and sent out. But the contact is being kept in these other Jurisdictions and I think that is important for the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick to keep the content-to keep the contact- that it could be done more easily than is being done right now. I would hate to see the Magazine stop.

At the present time we have \$4,200 at least to work with for the Magazine – perhaps there should be a Committee appointed right now to take this over from Brother Dale – forget the next Committee – look into it and see what can be done. And as he has said, he has the address base and so on. And maybe I am taking a job away from him – maybe he would like to be involved – but there's got to be another way – and the decision has to be made by this Grand Chapter.

Thank you – that's all I've got to say.

*There was an alarm at the Magazine table and the following were winners: Brother Clinton Shaffer, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick, and Brother Frank Fenner, Worthy Grand Patron of Massachusetts.*

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

In Phillipians 1: V3, we read: "I thank my God every time I remember you." At this time we will pause to remember our Sisters and Brothers who have departed from us. We will now have the report of the Grand Chaplain, Sister Shirley Kraglund.

**GRAND CHAPLAIN'S REPORT  
2006 – 2007  
Sister Shirley Kraglund**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East,  
Sisters and Brothers:**

It is with deepest regret that we mourn the passing of seventy-nine (79) members of 6 Grand Jurisdictions in Canada and 32 Grand Jurisdictions in the United States.

These include:

- 1 Past Most Worthy Grand Patron
- 30 Past Grand Matrons
- 40 Past Grand Patrons
- 1 Associate Grand Patron
- 1 Grand Treasurer
- 1 Grand Sentinel
- 1 Grand Chaplain
- 1 Grand Organist
- 2 Grand Esthers
- 1 Grand Representative

Expressions of sympathy were sent to all Grand Jurisdictions.

Our own Grand Jurisdiction was saddened by the deaths of Past Grand Matron, Sister Joan Hicks, and Past Grand Patron, Brother Fred Woodworth. Fraternal love and sympathy is extended to their families.

“They have followed our Star in its splendor  
For its light always brightened their way.  
And the memory of them, who we loved and lost,  
Brings heaven much nearer today.”

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve this beautiful Order of the Eastern Star as Grand Chaplain during this past year. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for giving me this appointment and for the honour bestowed on Lady Alexander Chapter #24, Campbellton.

*Sister Shirley Kraglund, Grand Chaplain, moved the acceptance of this Report. The Report was accepted as read.*

*The following Memorials were read:*

*In Memory of Sister Joan Hicks, Past Grand Matron, by Sister Elaine MacLean, Past Grand Matron.*

*In Memory of Brother Fred Woodworth, Past Grand Patron, by Sister Donna Allen, Past Grand Matron.*

## IN MEMORIAM

Sister Joan Hicks, Past Grand Matron

It is my honour to pay tribute to the memory of a very dear friend,  
Sister Joan Hicks, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick.

Sister Joan believed in the principles of our Order and lived according to them. She was always willing to do any task asked of her and was always thoughtful of others. Even though she was my mentor throughout my Eastern Star life, as well as my personal life, my heart cannot be sad, for I found so much joy and sense of fulfillment in the activities of her life.

To those of us who mourn her passing, this poem will relate what I think Sister Joan would like to say to us:

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God has laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things I will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you sunshine for tomorrow.  
My life's been full I savor much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Author Unknown

**Sister Joan Hicks  
Past Grand Matron  
1991-1992**

**ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST ON OCTOBER 20, 2006**

**At the Moncton Hospital, Moncton, NB**

**Sister Joan, in her 69<sup>th</sup> year, formerly of Hawkshaw, and most recently of Riverview, passed away at the Moncton Hospital after a long, courageous battle with cancer.**

**She was born in Otis, New Brunswick, the daughter of the late Alfred and Beulah(Dore) Fox. She was a former employee of Ryan's Pharmacy in Nackawic. After moving to Riverview, she became a member of St. Paul's United Church. Sister Joan and her husband, Brother George Hicks, were active volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program.**

**Sister Joan joined the Order of the Eastern Star in March of 1958 becoming a member of Victoria Chapter #1, Woodstock. After her marriage to Brother George Hicks, Sister Joan moved to Riverview, where she affiliated with Fidelity Chapter #36, Riverview, in March of 1993. She served as Worthy Matron for both Victoria Chapter #1, Woodstock and Fidelity Chapter #36, Riverview. Sister Joan served as Grand Representative of Wyoming in New Brunswick. She was Grand Adah during 1985-1986, and became Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick in 1991, serving in the East with Brother George Theal. Their year culminated with the "Bluebird of Happiness" Sessions held in July of 1992 in Woodstock, NB. Sister Joan continued her active participation in the Order of the Eastern Star when she served as General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Heart during the 1994-1997 Triennium. She was also a member of the Daughters of the Nile.**

**The Order of the Eastern Star was an important part of Sister Joan's life, and her home was always open to weary travelers and to her Eastern Star friends who stopped by for a visit. But most important to Sister Joan was her family.**

**Sister Joan will be sadly missed by her children: Sister Avis Dupere (Mario) of Fredericton; Wanda McFarlane (Rick) of Nackawic; Caroline Barton (Mac) of Dumfries; Malcolm MacDonald (Wanda) of Lower Hainesville; Scott MacDonald (Lois) of Springhill; Gerald MacDonald (Jane) of Hawkshaw; Aldon MacDonald (Nicole) of Fredericton; step-children, Cindy Hicks of Moncton; David Hicks (Cynthia) of Riverview, and Bruce Hicks (Lynda) of Riverview. She is**

also survived by 27 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren; sisters, Audrey McGuire (Donald) of Fredericton; Edith Walker of Meductic; Kay McGuire of Nackawic; Joyce Hues (Jessie) of Arlington, Massachusetts; a brother, Merlin Fox (Eunice) of Nackawic, and several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Sister Joan was pre-deceased by her first husband, Leo MacDonald, in 1980; by her second husband, Brother George Hicks, in 2004; her step-son, George; sisters Muriel and Enid, and brother Medley.

An Eastern Star Memorial Service was conducted by the members of Fidelity Chapter #36, Riverview at Ferguson Knowles Funeral Home on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM from St. Paul's United Church in Riverview with Rev. Steve Berube officiating. A reception followed in the church Hall. Later that day a second service was conducted at the Wesleyan Church in Nackawic at 4:30 PM, with the Rev. Ralph Irving officiating. Interment will be in the Otis Cemetery in Nackawic, NB.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Sister Joan, and to the members of Victoria Chapter #1, Woodstock, and Fidelity Chapter #36, Riverview.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Brother Fred Woodworth**  
**Worthy Grand Patron 1982-1983**

Born 1912 – Entered into Rest on February 8, 2007  
At the Moncton City Hospital, Moncton, NB

Brother Fred was initiated into Harmony Chapter #29, Dorchester, on December 10, 1964. He was elected Worthy Patron in 1967, a position he held on several occasions. He was appointed Grand Representative to Ontario in 1973. After the closure of Harmony Chapter, Brother Fred affiliated with Fort Monckton Chapter #11, Port Elgin, in September 1995.

Brother Fred was a Past Master of Sussex Lodge #4, F & AM in Dorchester and Past Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. He and Sister Jean Scott presided over their "Golden Chain of Friendship Around the World" Session in Bathurst, NB, on July 13, 14 and 15, 1983. He was a member of the Sackville Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and a member of St. John's United church in Moncton, NB.

**Brother Fred was a veteran of the Dental Corps of the Canadian Army, managing the orderly room. He was employed by Corrections Canada for 25 years.**

**He is survived by his two sons, Alan (Betty) of Lower Coverdale and Donald (Therese) of Moncton; two daughters, Joan LeBlanc of Moncton and Carolyn (Darryl) Steeves of Halifax; 9 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and a sister, Sister Eva Steele, a member of Britannia Chapter #18, Amherst, NS. Brother Fred was pre-deceased by his first wife, Sister Bessie (Raworth) and his second wife, Sister Georgie Allen.**

**An Eastern Star Service was conducted by members of Fort Monckton Chapter #11, Port Elgin and a Masonic Service by Sussex Lodge #4, Dorchester at the Ferguson Knowles Funeral Home on February 9, 2007. Funeral Services were held from Ferguson Knowles Funeral Home on Saturday, February 10, 2007 at 2:00 PM with Rev. Aaron Billard officiating. Burial took place in the Pine Grove Cemetery, Stewiacke, NS.**

**Over our hearts and into our lives  
Sunshine and shadows fall.  
But the sunshine is never fully dead  
And God is over all.**

**REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE  
2006 – 2007**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:**

**We, your Necrology Committee, along with the Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Chapter pause at this time in our deliberations to pay love's tribute to the memory of our dear Subordinate Chapter members whom God has called to their Eternal home. We give thanks to our God for the moments we shared with them.**

**Our sincere sympathy is extended to the members of their Chapters and their families who have been saddened by the passing of loved ones.**

**Sadness has come to the Chapters in New Brunswick in the loss of 71 members from 22 Chapters including a Past Grand Matron and a Past Grand Patron.**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham, on behalf of the members of Lady Alexander Chapter #24 and the Necrology Committee, may I say thank you for the privilege of participating in this “Love Changes Everything” Session of Grand Chapter.**

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| <b>Victoria #1</b>         | <b>Malcolm Hall<br/>Joan Hicks, PGM<br/>Donald Nason, PP<br/>Burnis Hemphill</b>   |
| <b>Celestial #3</b>        | <b>Millicent Sweet<br/>Roberta Scott</b>   |
| <b>Queen Mary #4</b>       | <b>Gordon Matheson<br/>Doris Matheson<br/>Jean Rolls, PM</b>   |
| <b>Frank H, Tingley #5</b> | <b>Miriam Bennett<br/>Grant Brooks<br/>Eleanor Edgett, PM<br/>Mayme Johnson<br/>Evelyn Marks, PM<br/>Norma MacFarlane<br/>Doreen Robinson<br/>Erma Horsman, PM<br/>Robin Steeves</b> |
| <b>Carleton #7</b>         | <b>Paul Sloat, PP</b>  |
| <b>St. Stephen #8</b>      | <b>Hilda Lindsay, PM<br/>Kathleen Jardine</b>  |
| <b>Electa #9</b>           | <b>Violet Hansen, PM<br/>Georgette Dee<br/>Lawrence Dee<br/>Everald Neilsen</b>  |
| <b>Fort Monckton #11</b>   | <b>Phyllis Wood, PM<br/>Eleanor Edgett, PM<br/>Fred Woodworth, PGP</b>   |
| <b>York #13</b>            | -----  |



<b>Saint John #14</b>	<b>Lu Boyer, PM Jennie Fitzgerald Donald Nason, PP William Peck Basil Prescott, PP Pearl Prince Juanita Seeley, PM Maurice Shaw, PP C. Jean Webster, PM</b>
<b>Granite #15</b>	<b>Gregory Darke, PP Phillip Hawker, PP Bernard Holt J.R. (Dick) Shelton Florence Trynor, PM</b>
<b>Philip A. Jerguson #18</b>	<b>Harry Perry</b>
<b>Winston Churchill #19</b>	-----
<b>Bathurst #22</b>	<b>Emily Wiseman, PM Roberta Scott Katie Jagoe</b>
<b>Tobique #23</b>	<b>Beatrice Ferguson, PM Leona Crawford Kathleen Ferro</b>
<b>Lady Alexander #24</b>	<b>Alice Flann Inez Adams Eva Murchie, PM</b>
<b>Zetland #26</b>	<b>Fred Bauer Erma Horsman, PM</b>
<b>Prince Charles #27</b>	<b>Irma Jardine Eleanor Tweedie</b>
<b>Remembrance #30</b>	<b>George Farrell Violet Wasson</b>
<b>Lord Beaverbrook #33</b>	<b>Verna Patterson Ethel Mann</b>
<b>Unity #35</b>	<b>Travis Williams</b>

**Fidelity #36**

**Gordon Day, PP  
Joan Hicks, PGM  
Eunice Church**

**Devon #37**

**Ralph Smith, PP  
Mary Adair, PM  
Gerald Falkenham  
Earle Brewer, PP  
Wayne McKay, PP**

**Hillcrest #40**

**Alvera Wiley  
Ernest Fairley**

**Prince Andrew #42**

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*Their Book of Life is closed.  
But Chapters of the past  
Still live in treasured thoughts  
In the memories which last.*

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sister Brenda McGibbon, PM (8)  
Sister Edith Clouston, PM (22)  
Sister Verna Poley, PM (24) Chairperson**

*The Members of Lady Alexander Chapter #24, Campbellton,  
conducted a Memorial Service for our departed members.*

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**Narrator: Sister Betty Danks, PGM**

**Soloist: Sister Donna Love, PM**

**Chaplain: Sister Audrey Sypher, PGM  
Marshal: Sister Dorothy Stewart, PM  
Organist: Sister Kay Firlotte, PM  
Adah: Sister Anna Lea Bain, PM  
Ruth: Sister Verna Poley, PM  
Esther: Sister Olive Smollett, PM**

**Martha:** Sister Dora Mae Ullock, PM  
**Electa:** Sister Darla Firth, PM

**Narrator:** In the quietness of this hour, our thoughts are dedicated to the memory of all the Sisters and Brothers in our Subordinate Chapters who have passed from this earth to a glorious Life Eternal. We are gathered here to pay tribute to those gone before us. Not to mourn our loss but to remember. “Praising what is lost”, said Shakespeare, “makes the remembrance dear.”

Memories help us realize that “Love Changes Everything” and in the solemnity of this memorial we will gather reflections of love. Many lovely things are destined to be with us for only a certain period of time. We know the beauties of nature have their time and season. Flowers come into new bud and reach their glorious bloom, but they must pass out of our lives in the season of frost. Yet, we are richer for having seen them, touched them and enjoyed their fragrance. How truly and wisely it has been said, “God gave us memory so that we may have roses in December.” May these moments be filled with the spirit of love that can bridge time and bring back to us in our thoughts and in our prayers the memories of affection of all those departed. To appreciate the love and beauty in all things, tangible and spiritual, we must be aware that God is reflecting His purpose in our lives, in His own way, We are His reflectors.

We treasure the memories of those who have touched our lives, and have passed from our chain of friendship. We are reminded of their loyalty to our Order and that their service was carried out with love and integrity. Sister Marshal will offer her tribute.

*(After each Officer speaks, they form a broken chain around the table of reflection on which is placed a large upright mirror.)*

**Marshal:** With reverence and deep tenderness in our hearts, I light this candle as we pause to pay tribute of fraternal love and respect to the memory of those members of our Subordinate Chapters who, during the past year, have been taken from our fellowship. In time of sorrow, it can be consoling to reflect on how our lives have been enriched by the love we have given and the love we have received. I will place this candle on the table of reflection to show light and love for the word of God to be placed by our Chaplain.

**Chaplain:** As we go forth to meet tomorrow, in time of doubt and despair, may we use the Bible for inspiration to guide our footsteps and may it bring peace to our saddened hearts and give us faith to

believe that there is a home Thou hast prepared for those that love Thee. It is written in our scriptures, “Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you; I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also.”

The Bible is the living heart of our Order and the symbol of the very presence of God among us. I place this Bible as a symbol of love and the word of God. Let us grieve not for the loved ones who are now with him but take comfort from his prayer. *(Places Bible on Table of Reflection).*

Solo: “The Lord’s Prayer”

Chaplain: Out of the sacred pages of our Bible come the heroines of our Order who will offer their reflections.

*(Each Star Point places her rose around the Bible in the form of a broken chain.)*

Adah: In loving memory of our Sisters and Brothers who now dwell in your Eternal Home, we dedicate the Rose of Adah as a tribute to the fidelity of our beloved Stars, who would admonish us through the teachings of Jesus that no one ever need to walk alone. He will be our Guide, even unto Death.

Ruth: In loving memory of our Sisters and Brothers who now add their humility and service to God’s celestial home of Stars, we dedicate this Rose of Ruth. May their spirit of constancy ever guide us to the Word of God, which admonishes us: “Let your light so shine before me, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.”

Esther: In loving memory of our Sisters and Brothers, we dedicate the Rose of Esther, a lasting tribute to the unselfish loyalty they gave to God and man and to our beautiful Order, admonishing us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus who said: “I am the way, the Truth and the Light.”

Martha: In loving memory of our Sisters and Brothers who placed their hope and trust in God, we dedicate the Rose of Martha as a tribute to their faith in the Master’s words: “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding.”

**Electa:** In loving memory of our Sisters and Brothers who live anew in God's home, we dedicate the Rose of Electa as our tribute to them as they have completed their journey of life, having fulfilled the command of our Heavenly Father who said: "This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you."

**Chaplain:** Our gracious and loving Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Thee in these sacred moments to ask Thy blessings. May God embrace us all as Sisters and Brothers in the one household of love, give us strength for life's journey and courage in the time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love and the hope of eternal life; with tenderness for the past, courage for the present, and hope for the future, may every cup overflow with blessings and every path lead to peace. Help us, O Lord, to better understand the purpose of our lives and the promises given in your Holy Word that this Earthly Life is but a preparation for our Eternal Home with Thee. Grant that we, following the examples of those who have gone before, may continue the work of this Order with Hope, Peace and Love to unite us, now and evermore. Amen.

**Narrator:** Our lives are richer and happier for having known these Sisters and Brothers who have been our friends in the Order of the Eastern Star. Those we hold most dear never truly leave us...they live on in the kindness and love they brought into our lives. One by one the links are severed, from the golden chain of love. One by one our Order is forming, in the Father's House above. Let our deeds be pure and noble, may our lives be not in vain; So that when we are reunited, complete again will be the chain.

*The Altar was then draped in loving memory of our departed Sisters and Brothers by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress.*

*The Closing Ode, "Those Hearts That We have Treasured" was sung and the Grand Marshal proclaimed these Sessions called from Labour to Refreshments to Rest to reconvene Saturday Morning, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at 8:45 AM SHARP!*

**IN MEMORIAM**

*This page is lovingly dedicated*

*In Memory*

*Of the*

**SISTERS AND BROTHERS**

*Of the Subordinate Chapters*

*Of New Brunswick*

**And**

*Other Grand Jurisdictions*

*Who Have Been Called to Rest*

*2006 – 2007*

*“Over our hearts and into our lives*

*Sunshine and shadows fall.*

*But the sunshine is never wholly dead*

*And God is over all.”*

**SATURDAY MORNING SESSION**

**July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**8:45 AM**

The Saturday Morning Session was preceded by a Musical Prelude by the Grand Organist, Sister Kathleen Firlotte, and Assistant Grand Organist, Sister Mary Pelletier.

The Grand Choir entered the Chapter Room singing “Make a Joyful Noise”.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Sister Elaine MacLean, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Ambury Newman, Past Grand Patron**

**Good Morning Sisters and Brothers:**

It is indeed an honour and a privilege to extend to each of you a warm fraternal welcome to this final day of the 77<sup>th</sup> Love Changes Everything” Session. I’m especially pleased that my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ambury, is sharing the honours with me.

It is so nice to see so many here this morning. I hope you all enjoyed the banquet last evening and the entertainment that was presented for our enjoyment.

I extend a very special welcome to our honoured guests and visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions. We hope you are enjoying your stay and will return to your Jurisdictions with many happy memories of your time with us.

To our own New Brunswick General Grand Chapter Committee Members, we extend a sincere welcome to your Grand Chapter. We are very proud of you and know you are enjoying representing New Brunswick in other Grand Jurisdictions.

To our members, how wonderful to see you here this morning. This is our last full day to conduct and conclude the business of this Grand Chapter. Your attention and assistance is required as we listen to reports given of our accomplishments this past year, as well as electing our future leaders for the ensuing year. I know that each of us will keep in mind the welfare of our Order.

**Brother Ambury, may we hear your greetings at this time.**

**Good morning Sisters and Brothers:**

**It is a privilege and a pleasure to join with Sister Elaine, my own Worthy Grand Matron, in welcoming each and everyone to this Saturday Morning assembly of “Love Changes Everything” Session.**

**It is a pleasure to see so many Sisters and Brothers here this morning as we embark on the important business of selecting a new slate of Grand Officers. I trust you will be guided by that which is for the good of the Order.**

**I would like to extend a hearty greeting to our Sisters and Brothers from other Grand Jurisdictions. We trust that you are enjoying yourselves, and hope you will come back to visit us.**

***The Grand Officers entered the Chapter Room and the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were presented west of the Altar.***

#### **WELCOME**

**Sister Elaine MacLean, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Ambury Newman, Past Grand Patron**

**Good morning Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Graham, Worthy Grand Patron, and Grand Officers:**

**Sister Donna and Brother Graham, thank you for inviting me to open this Saturday Morning “Love Changes Everything” Session with Brother Ambury, at my side.**

**What a pleasure it is for me to greet you on this final day of your Grand Chapter. We, the members, congratulate you both on a very successful year, which was filled with many duties well done. Your Grand Family is to be complimented on the manner in which they have presented themselves during this past year.**

**Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, you and I had the opportunity of working together during Sister Carol’s Session and when you were elected Associate Grand Conductress, I knew that this Grand Chapter would be in capable hands. “Love Changes Everything” has been evident throughout your year, for you served with dignity and love.**



**Brother Graham, Worthy Grand Patron – Being the first Sister and Brother to serve as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the same time makes you a unique person. Being the brother of our Worthy Grand Matron has kept you on your toes, but you also received the admiration of all members with your ritualistic work.**

**Sister Donna and Brother Graham, I hope this Session is all you have dreamed it would be and that the memories of the year will bring you many hours of pleasant memories.**

**Brother Ambury.....**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham, thank you for the privilege and pleasure of joining with Sister Elaine in opening this portion of your “Love Changes Everything” Session.**

**Time seems to slip by so fast, especially when one is busy, as you both have been over this past year, representing this Grand Jurisdiction, and I am sure you are looking forward to a much needed rest. It was told to both Sister Elaine and myself, “Move over, and go to the end of the line.” We gladly surrender our place at the end of the line. You have earned it.**

***The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham, were escorted to the East and extended the Grand Honours.***

***Sister Elaine presented Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, with her gavel, and invited her to preside.***

***The Grand Officers assumed their Stations.***

## **WELCOME**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Sister Elaine and Brother Ambury, thank you for opening the Saturday Morning meeting of our “Love Changes Everything” Grand Chapter Sessions.**

**How quickly this past year has gone by. This evening you will relinquish your position at the end of the line as Brother Graham and I join the ranks of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. I**

want to thank you for the support you have given me over the past year and thank you for agreeing so readily to take part in these Sessions. Your help is most appreciated. Something for you to think about – Here is the test to determine if your mission in this world is finished: If you're alive, it isn't.

Sister Elaine, please accept this gift as a token of friendship.

### WELCOME

Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron

I, too, wish to thank you for opening our Saturday Morning Session of this, the final day, of our Grand Chapter. I was a part of your Grand Family and enjoyed very much the visits that we made as a family. Sister Elaine, although I may not have shown it, I did admire your attention to your duties as Worthy Grand Matron. Brother Ambury, your friendliness and personality has made you a true ambassador for our fraternity and a true friend to me.

Please accept this token as a reminder of that friendship.

Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron

We now have the pleasure of listening to a Solo by Brother Edward Gilks, Grand Warder.

*Brother Edward Gilks, Grand Warder, sang "Mansion Over the Hilltop" and was thanked by the Worthy Grand Matron for this selection.*

### INVOCATION

Sister Leitha Holmes, Past Grand Matron

Let us pray:

The Lord has blessed us with a beautiful day filled with His love and our wonderful Eastern Star friends.

May the circle of God's love surround us as we choose our new leaders to lead us into the future. May all our deliberations of this day be guided by Thy love helping us recognize the qualities of good leadership and understanding hearts – devoted to service.

As we gather around our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham, with all their Grand Officers, we give thanks to God our divine Father, our Creator, binding us together by Thy divine chain of love. We thank Thee for the many blessings of this year.

Now as we step forward into the future may we receive Your blessings from above, so that all who truly believe in God will grow in His wonderful love. In the blessed name of Jesus we pray. AMEN.

*The Opening Ode "Where Charity and Love Prevail" was sung by all present.*

*Presentation of Distinguished Guests not previously introduced:*

*Brother Fred Clarke                      Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron  
and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia  
and Prince Edward Island*

*Sister Belle Pearson                    General Grand Chapter Committee  
Member on Visionquest and Past  
Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and  
Prince Edward Island*

*Sister Annie Mae Backman          Worthy Grand Matron of Nova Scotia  
and Prince Edward Island*

*Brother Whitman Giffen              Worthy Grand Patron of Nova Scotia  
and Prince Edward Island*

*Sister Margaret Clarke                Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia &  
Prince Edward Island*

*Sister Gail Cooke                      Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia &  
Prince Edward Island*

*Brother Claude Brissette          Past Grand Patron of Maine  
Brother Ken Smith                    Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia &  
Prince Edward Island*

*Brother Adrian Pearson              Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia &  
Prince Edward Island*

*Sister Brenda Stone                    Associate Grand Matron of Quebec  
Sister Edith Conrod                  Associate Grand Matron of Nova  
Scotia & Prince Edward Island*

<b><i>Sister Sheila Trask</i></b>	<b><i>Grand Conductress of Nova Scotia &amp; Prince Edward Island</i></b>
<b><i>Sister Marion Buchan</i></b>	<b><i>Associate Grand Conductress of Nova Scotia &amp; Prince Edward Island</i></b>
<b><i>Brother Paul Conley</i></b>	<b><i>Associate Grand Patron of Maine</i></b>
<b><i>Brother Art Shore</i></b>	<b><i>Associate Grand Patron of Quebec</i></b>
<b><i>Brother Ted Caulier</i></b>	<b><i>Associate Grand Patron of Nova Scotia &amp; Prince Edward Island</i></b>
<b><i>Brother Ray Zinck</i></b>	<b><i>Grand Chaplain of Nova Scotia &amp; Prince Edward Island</i></b>
<b><i>Sister Eleanor Decker</i></b>	<b><i>Grand Organist of Nova Scotia &amp; Prince Edward Island</i></b>
<b><i>Sister Phyllis Jarvis</i></b>	<b><i>Grand Ruth of Nova Scotia &amp; Prince Edward Island</i></b>
<b><i>Brother Cecil Decker</i></b>	<b><i>Grand Treasurer Emeritus of Nova Scotia &amp; Prince Edward Island</i></b>
<b><i>Brother Michael Ross</i></b>	<b><i>Grand Representative of Texas in New Brunswick</i></b>
<b><i>Sister Lynn Thurber</i></b>	<b><i>Grand Representative of Maryland in Nova Scotia &amp; Prince Edward Island</i></b>
<b><i>Sister Mary Zinck</i></b>	<b><i>Grand Representative of Massachusetts in Nova Scotia &amp; Prince Edward Island</i></b>
<b><i>Sister Betty Shore</i></b>	<b><i>Grand Representative of Texas in Quebec</i></b>
<b><i>Sister Betty Smith</i></b>	<b><i>Friend of a Feather – Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia &amp; Prince Edward Island</i></b>
<b><i>Sister Louise Conley</i></b>	<b><i>District Deputy Grand Matron of District #12 of Maine</i></b>
<b><i>Sister Mabel Haynes</i></b>	<b><i>District Deputy Grand Matron of Nova Scotia &amp; Prince Edward Island</i></b>
<b><i>Sister Linda Boone</i></b>	<b><i>Worthy Matron of Carleton #7, Florenceville</i></b>
<b><i>Brother Paul Fullarton</i></b>	<b><i>Worthy Patron of Celestial #3, Fredericton</i></b>
<b><i>Brother Jim Maxwell</i></b>	<b><i>Worthy Patron of Queen Mary #4, St. Stephen</i></b>
<b><i>Brother Murray McInnes</i></b>	<b><i>Worthy Patron of Frank H. Tingley #5, Moncton</i></b>

*Brother Bill Boone*  
*Brother Allan McKinley*

*Worthy Patron of Carleton #7,  
Florenceville*  
*Worthy Patron of Winston  
Churchill #19 of Riverside-Albert*

*The Grand Secretary, Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM, read the minutes of the Friday Afternoon Session. They were approved as read.*

**REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW BRUNSWICK  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers. The Credential Committee submits its 2<sup>nd</sup> Report as of July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, as follows:**

<b>Grand Officers of New Brunswick.....</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Most Worthy Grand Matron &amp; Most Worthy Grand Patron.....</b>	
<b>Past Most Worthy Grand Matron &amp; Past Most Worthy Grand Patron.....</b>	
<b>Elected General Grand Chapter Officers.....</b>	
<b>General Grand Chapter Committee Members &amp; Ambassadors...11</b>	
<b>Worthy Grand Matrons &amp; Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Past Grand Matrons &amp; Past Grand Patrons of New Brunswick.....</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Past Grand Matrons &amp; Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions.....</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Elected Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions.....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions.....</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Grand Officers' Emeritus.....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in New Brunswick.....</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Grand Representatives of New Brunswick in Other Grand Jurisdictions.....</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions.....</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>District Deputy Grand Matrons of NB &amp; Others.....</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Voting Members of New Brunswick (Other than those listed above).....</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions (Other than those listed above).....</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>New Brunswick Chapters represented.....</b>	<b>25/25</b>

**Grand Jurisdictions represented.....25**

**TOTAL OES MEMBERS REGISTERED.....317**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Credential Committee:**

**Sister Sally Donald, PM  
James Hanley, PP  
Catherine Evans, PM**

**Committee Assistants:**

**Avis Dupere, PM  
Teri Kierstead-McGratton  
Gertrude Wilson, PM**

**Sister Marjorie Morgan  
Past Grand Matron of Ontario**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East,  
Sisters and Brothers:**

**I would like to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, for taking time out for me to make this presentation to you and to the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.**

**First of all, on behalf of myself and Brother Art, I want to express our sincere appreciation to all of the New Brunswick folks for the wonderful reception here these last few days. The last time I stood at this microphone you gave me a very special surprise. You made me an Honourary member of this Grand Jurisdiction. It was a very emotional moment for me, as you remember, and because I was so close to tears, I wasn't able to express adequately my appreciation for that lovely gift. I have always felt a part of your family. It has been said my friends that our lives are not measured by the breaths we take but rather by those moments that take our breath away – and you surely did that. And although it is a year later, I thank you most sincerely.**

**It has been a lovely Session. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I hope your delegates realize how fortunate they are they are to have two such capable leaders. You are down-to-earth folks just like the New Brunswick folks are – you put it the way it is – you say it just the way it is. I am reminded of a man who moved to another town. He had been in the previous town he came from a very, very active member in his church on the Finance Committee. So in his new neighbourhood, when they heard about that, they asked him right away to be a member of their Finance Committee. Now he liked**

his new church, but he noticed right away that it was a little bit dingy in the front entrance, but they had lots of money. At the first meeting of the Finance Committee, he said, "I know I'm a new member here, but I would like to make a motion that we buy a new chandelier for the foyer, and because I'm new, I wonder if it could be a paper ballot. I would like everyone to feel free to vote as they wish." They took the paper ballot and all were yes but one. He said, "I can't understand anybody being against it – we have lots of money here and we do need a new chandelier for the foyer. Could we vote again?" They did and all were yes but one. I just don't know who could vote no. The old Secretary (sorry, Brenda!) down at the end said, "I might as well tell you that it was me. First of all, we don't have one inch of space in this place to set one; second of all, we don't have one person in this congregation who can play one; third, I can't even spell those words, and if you want so bad to spend some of our hard-earned money, what we really need is a real good light in that front parlor!

Sister Donna and Brother Graham, you say it like it is and people can understand everything. Things run so smoothly. Last night was just great. I don't know if Brother DeWitt and Sister Ann are here, but if they are, they should tell child number eight that he did a great job, and I learned some new jokes, and he was very easy on Sister Gretchen over there.

To my down-east Family, unless you are a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, when I say to those in Ontario, I have another family in New Brunswick, and I appreciate that so much!

I want you to know, Sister Donna and Brother Graham, the love of New Brunswick Grand Chapter has changed my life in lots of ways. I appreciate all of the compliments I have received. I appreciate the beautiful setting which you have made for me.

Sisters and Brothers we all face difficulties and challenges in our Order, but we are up to it if we work hard. I would like to share words with you by Helen Lowry Marshall who says:

"Try to make the most of life  
Lose no happy day  
Time can never give us back  
The chances thrown away  
Leave no tender word unsaid  
Love while love shall last  
For the mill can never grind  
With water that is past."

As I leave you to head home, I want to leave you a donation for your projects. I admire the way you work together here in this Jurisdiction.

Thank you Sisters and Brothers.

*Brother Dale Nicklin, Past Grand Patron, was escorted to the West to Brother Burton Hall, Associate Grand Patron.*

### **Brother Burton Hall, Associate Grand Patron**

Brother Dale, it is my privilege and my honour to be able to express my personal thanks and the thanks of the Grand Chapter for the work that you have done on the Eastern Star Magazine over these past many years. You have brought our Magazine to a point where it is second to none, and we appreciate the Magazine – We appreciate the work you have done. I know that each issue that you do you put a huge amount of hours and labour into it, and I know that it has been a labour of love for you. I personally appreciate, like I said, the work you have done, and I know the Grand Chapter has appreciated all the work and effort that you and your wife have put into it.

Sister Lynne and I have been charged with the task of finding a Committee to proceed with the directions of the Grand Chapter, and as the first person, I would like to ask you to be on that Committee. It is something you can consider and think about and give us your answer later.

Thank you very much for all the work you have done. It is greatly appreciated on behalf of the Grand Chapter.

*Brother Dale was then accorded a standing ovation.*

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The election of Officers was held under the leadership of our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham Vincent.

Brother Graham, Worthy Grand Patron, appointed the following Scrutineers: Brother Clinton Shaffer, PGP as Chairperson; Brother John Murray, PGP, Brother Elderic Thorne, GGCCM; Sister Margaret McCully, PGM and Sister Norma Jean Belyea, PGM. Brother Paul Conley, Associate Grand Patron of Maine, was asked to relieve the Grand Sentinel.



There were 201 Voting members present.

The following were elected for the ensuing year:

Worthy Grand Matron	Sister Lynne Hatt (15)
Worthy Grand Patron	Brother Burton Hall (15)
Associate Grand Matron	Sister Linda Cogswell (37)
Associate Grand Patron	Brother Bob King (26)
Grand Secretary	Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM (36)
Grand Treasurer	Brother Charles Rafuse, PGP (15)
Grand Conductress	Sister Lynn Hutchin (35)
Associate Grand Conductress	Sister Sherry Mitton (22)
Grand Sentinel	Brother Ebby Kuhn (37)

*While the ballots were being counted, the business of Grand Chapter continued.*

**ESTARL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT 2006 – 2007  
Sister Peggy Jagoe, PM, Chairperson**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:**

On behalf of the ESTARL Committee for 2006-2007, I wish to submit the following Report.

The Committee met on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006. In attendance were Sister June Rafuse, Sister Linda Murray, Brother Keith Lyons, Sister Peggy Jagoe, as well as Sister Donna McEwen, AGM, and Brother Graham Vincent, AGP.

After the scholarship applications were reviewed and discussed, it was decided that scholarships would be given to the following people:

Audrey Elaine Daley	\$1,400.00	Atlantic School of Theology – Halifax	Unity #35
Brian Lee Stockford	\$1,400.00	Acadia Divinity Wolfville	Victoria #1

<b>William Neil Drysdale</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>	<b>United Theological College-Montreal</b>	<b>Fort Monckton Chapter #11</b>
<b>Vincent E. Galbraith</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>United Theological College-Montreal</b>	<b>Saint John Chapter #14</b>

**The Bertha Nissen Scholarship from Electa Chapter #9 was awarded to Audrey Elaine Daley.**

**The Committee also reviewed the application form for the Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership Scholarship and feel that the application form requires more specific information for the Committee to be able to determine the needs of each applicant and have revised the application with these added specific questions.**

**We have a concern in that we would like to know if we should be giving the same amount in a scholarship to a part-time student as a full-time student. One has to consider the fact that a part-time student studies for a much shorter period of time (i.e. summer months) and quite possibly is employed and receives a salary. On the other hand, a full-time student, who has to study for a full university year would possibly have little or no income.**

**Another concern we have is whether we should be giving as much of a scholarship to:**

- 1. a single person without dependents**
- 2. a single person with dependents**
- 3. a married person without children with a spouse not employed**
- 4. a married person without children with a spouse employed**
- 5. a married person with children with a spouse not employed**
- 6. a married person with children with a spouse employed.**

**It is sometimes hard to weigh these situations and determine fairly.**

**We feel we need to know more about an applicant to be more justified in the amount we give him/her.**

**We are wondering where we have to go or what has to be done to have the scholarship form reviewed and approved. We recommend that this updated scholarship form, which is available from the**

**ESTARL Committee, be reviewed by the appropriate Committee or Body.**

**Is there a set of guidelines established for the ESTARL Committee to follow when deciding who qualifies and the amounts to be given?**

- **Guidelines setting out what qualifies an applicant**
- **Do they have to be full-time students or do part-time students qualify?**
- **Who should receive more financial help as per the concerns mentioned above**
- **Where are the applications to be sent?**

**If these guidelines do not exist, we recommend that they be established, and if they exist, be found and revised.**

**In the letter to Grand Chapter by the Committee of 2002, it states applicants must be entering their third year of study in order to be considered. In the last few years, applicants have been in their first, second, third and fourth year of their studies and have received a scholarship. Was that a specific guideline that has been violated or are there religious institutions that have one, two, three or four year programs.**

**It is unfortunate, but there seem to be fewer people, entering the ministry and therefore, there are fewer candidates to choose from who are specifically entering their third year of religious studies. If we are to specifically adhere to that bylaw, there may be years when there would be no candidates eligible to apply for an ESTARL Scholarship. Therefore, would making a change to that particular by-law be something that the appropriate Committee or Body might consider?**

**Other suggestions coming from the ESTARL Committee are:**

- **We suggest that if at all possible there be one member on the ESTARL Committee that has knowledge of church study requirements and financial information related to it.**
- **That all applications for the ESTARL Scholarships be sent by Chapter Secretaries to the Chairperson of the ESTARL Committee prior to Grand Chapter so copies can be distributed to the Committee Members for their perusal before the ESTARL meeting at Grand Chapter.**

- That all correspondence sent from the ESTARL Committee to the Grand Secretary concerning ESTARL Scholarships also be forwarded to the Grand Treasurer
- We also wonder what to do with all past correspondence from years ago.

May I suggest that the ESTARL Committee of 2007-2008 accept the revised Scholarship application and revise the guidelines.

The Committee would like to thank the Chapters and members for their dedicated support in this important endeavour of our Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.

We, the ESTARL Committee, thank you for the honour and privilege of serving the Grand Chapter in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

June Rafuse, PM (15)  
 Linda Murray, PM (26)  
 Rev. Keith Lyons, PP (33)  
 Susan Glazier, PM (1)  
 Peggy Jagoe, PM (22) Chairperson

**DRAFT COPY OF PROPOSED ESTARL SCHOLARSHIP**

**EASTERN STAR TRAINING AWARDS FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP**

**Application Form**

1. a) NAME IN FULL \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

2. a) Name of College/University attending \_\_\_\_\_  
 (MUST BE ENTERING 3<sup>rd</sup> OR FINAL YEAR OF STUDY)

**b) UNIVERSITY ADDRESS:**

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

c) Telephone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

d) Are you a full-time student? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Are you studying to become a Designated Lay Minister?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you studying to be a full-time Minister? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Are you studying in a full-year program? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Or Summer Program? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

3. a) MARITAL STATUS \_\_\_\_\_

b) NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS AND AGES \_\_\_\_\_

c) MATURE STUDENT (yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (no) \_\_\_\_\_  
(If your answer is yes, please do not complete #4, go to #5)

4. a) NAME OF FATHER \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

b) SIBLINGS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. EDUCATION: (Please attach pertinent information for the following)

a) High School \_\_\_\_\_

b) University Degrees obtained \_\_\_\_\_

6. ARE YOU PREPARING FOR FULL-TIME RELIGIOUS SERVICE? \_\_\_  
IN WHAT FIELD?

*Minister* \_\_\_\_\_ *Missionary* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Director of Church Music* \_\_\_\_\_

*Director of Religious Education* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Director of Youth Leadership* \_\_\_\_\_

7. ARE YOU NOW, OR DO YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE ANY OTHER AWARD OR BURSARY? \_\_\_\_\_

(Answer does not affect applicant from receiving this Award, but assists the Committee to make Awards where greatest need exists, if funds are limited).

8. THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION:

- 1) Character reference from Minister of Church
- 2) Letter certifying the need for assistance
- 3) The religious group or college acceptance of student
- 4) Applicant's qualifications
- 5) Latest academic record

\*\*Please note that only those applicants who complete all required information and include all of the attachments noted above will be considered for a scholarship.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WORTHY MATRON \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER SEAL

CHAPTER SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION WITH ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE TO THE ESTARL COMMITTEE BY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

*Sister Peggy Jagoe, PM and Chairperson, moved the acceptance of this Report. The Report was accepted as read.*

#### REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP

Brother Doug Swan, General Grand Chapter Committee Member

I would like to report that our membership has grown significantly in New Brunswick – I would like to report that, but unfortunately, that is not the case. We have seen an increase in new members, but not all

**Chapters grew in size. We commend those Chapters who initiated new members, had member transfer and had a great year.**

**We must keep up our efforts if we are to continue with this beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. We need to show our communities who we are and what we do. Being visible and demonstrating is a key to success.**

**Again this year we have combined the Visionquest and Membership Committees. We had a meeting at Oromocto Lake, followed by a potluck and then attended the official visit at Unity Chapter in Harvey. We agreed that for this year we would not have a Visionquest Conference, but that committee members would address membership at Chapter meetings.**

**General Grand Chapter is continuing with the Rob Morris Jewels; however, I have not been successful in making contact with the General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Membership nor with the Chairman of Membership. We have a few members who are entitled to receive the award and I was hoping to have these for this Grand Chapter Session. The Rob Morris Jewel is presented to those members who earn 300 points – the points are awarded as follows:**

**100 points for signing the top line of a petition for the degrees of the Order.**

**50 points for signing the second line.**

**If anyone feels they are entitled to this award, please let me know.**

**Our Membership/Visionquest Committee consists of the following:**

**Sister Donna Allen, PGM**

**Sister Audrey Sypher, PGM**

**Sister Carol Sutherland, PGM**

**Brother Elderic Thorne, GGCCM Visionquest**

**Sister Mickie King, PM**

**Brother Robert McInnis, PP**

**Current Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and all Line Officers: Sister Donna McEwen, WGM; Brother Graham Vincent, WGP; Sister Lynne Hatt, AGM; Brother Burton Hall, AGP; Sister Linda Cogswell, Grand Conductress; and Sister Lynn Hutchin, Associate Grand Conductress.**

**Brother Doug Swan, GGCCM, Northeast Region Co-ordinator,  
Visionquest.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Brother Doug Swan, GGCCM  
Northeast Region Co-ordinator, Visionquest**

***Brother Doug Swan, GGCCM and Chairperson moved the acceptance  
of this Report. This Report was seconded by Sister Mickie King, PM.  
The Report was accepted as read.***

**OES WEBSITE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Brother William Boone, Webmaster**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East,  
Sisters and Brothers:**

**It gives us great satisfaction to report that the Webpage has been  
running quite smoothly and that the Webpage liaisons have been for  
the most part quite punctual with their submissions.**

**We wish to thank all the membership who supplied us with pictures  
and articles this year. Remember we really want you to write and  
submit an article on something special that went on in your chapter,  
special honours, Grand Representatives' Report, presentations, etc.**

**This year there has been some controversy over the registered  
section of the Webpage. It was created for the placement of articles  
that has personal information of our Star members; for example,  
telephone numbers, home addresses, email addresses, etc. The only  
way that you can view the Tentative Program for Grand Chapter is if  
you are a registered viewer. This being the case some of the  
Committee Chairpersons have had requests from out of town visitors  
for the Tentative Program.**

**They could right click the Tentative Program and save it to their  
computer and then attach to an email for whoever may be requesting  
it. Simply done and still protects our members.**

**This was the only topic that I had to take to the Webpage Advisory  
Committee for clarification on.**



**In conclusion Worthy Grand Matron, we THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THIS REPORT.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Brother Bill Boone, Webmaster  
Sister Mickie King, PM**

***Sister Mickie King, PM, moved the acceptance of this Report. The Report was seconded by Sister Donna Allen, PGM. The Report was accepted as read.***

**EASTERN STAR JOURNAL REPORT  
Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:**

**When I returned home from General Grand Chapter in November, I was still trying to convince myself that I was a General Grand Chapter Committee Member and looking forward to the next three years.**

**Since that time, I have written to the Line Officers in the Jurisdictions that I have been assigned – Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick – to encourage them to work with the Eastern Star Journal Committee of their own Jurisdictions so that an increase in subscriptions can be realized.**

**I have also written to all the Chapters in New Brunswick encouraging them to subscribe and thanking all those Chapters who have already subscribed.**

**I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Chapter Session in Maine and Massachusetts in May and Vermont in June and thoroughly appreciated their hospitality and courtesies extended to me as well as an Honourary membership in the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Owen, were at these Sessions and could be depended upon to bring an interesting and humourous message.**

**The many Chapters and Grand Family Exchanges I have attended over the past months have been most enjoyable and the experience of meeting other General Grand Chapter Committee Members a pleasant experience.**

**I wish to extend to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, PAGO Association, Grand Representative Association, Past Grand Association and convener of the Main Banquet, a sincere thank you for the complimentary tickets and all courtesies of this Grand Chapter.**

**I trust that I will continue to represent the General Grand Chapter in a manner that will make New Brunswick and my own Chapter, Prince Charles Chapter #27, proud.**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT  
Sister Ann Morton, GGCCM, Chairperson**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all:**

**I bring greetings from Sister Barbara Benton, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bill Owen, Most Worthy Grand Patron, who are making their official visit in Bolivia and Peru. Thank you for all courtesies extended to me, including all complimentary tickets.**

**I have been appointed Chairman of the Public Relations Committee of General Grand Chapter. Part of my duties is to investigate Public Relations in our concordant bodies.**

**I have visited the Grand Chapters of Maine, Massachusetts and Vermont, receiving an Honourary Membership in Massachusetts.**

**I and members of my Committee will be sending out letters to the Grand Chapters asking for input to see if any of the Jurisdictions have Public Relations Committees and what they are doing with it.**

**We received some great public relations from our Lieutenant-Governor.**

**I think it is time we announced to the general public of the millions of dollars given by our Order to Charities such as Cancer, Heart, Youth, to name a few.**

**We need to make our Communities aware of our Organization and of all the good things that we do.**

**I will be giving a more extensive Report later in my term of office.**

**Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to speak.**

**VISIONQUEST REPORT  
Brother Elderic Thorne, GGCCM**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:**

**It with pleasure that I present this Visionquest Report.**

**When I received an invitation from Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, to accept a General Grand Chapter Appointment, to say that I was surprised would have been no small understatement. When I got over the shock I realized that I was asked to list three Committees on which I would be willing to serve. Although Visionquest was not one of my choices, I am looking forward to this challenge.**

**I would like to thank Sister Audrey Sypher, PGM, for all the dedication and effort that she put into her appointment over her three year term. She has certainly created a firm foundation for future growth and Sister Audrey I thank you for your commitment.**

**Membership and what the future holds for us is the greatest challenge that the Order of the Eastern Star as well as all Masonic bodies has to face today.**

**Many fraternal organizations as well as Service Clubs, along with many Churches are facing the same problems that we are.**

**I am a member of the United Church and in the June issue of their publication, "The United Church Observer", I read an article entitled "Where the Guys Aren't" which looked at a problem with which they are struggling, which is the lack of men in the pews and in the pulpits as well as on various boards and committees.**

**If we were to substitute “Youth” for “Guys” in this article it would be very relevant to our situation in the Eastern Star today.**

**“Where the Youth Aren’t”: Just a few years ago “WE” were the youth of this Order. The seniors were our Mentors and we followed in their paths. Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, said on Thursday night that the “Youth of today are the future of tomorrow.”**

**Are we going to have any youth in our Chapters to mentor in a few years down the road?**

**As your General Grand Chapter Visionquest Committee Member, I will be visiting all Chapters in this Jurisdiction to discuss issues relevant to your Chapter and to look at options that may be of benefit to you.**

**If I had solutions to your issues, I would, indeed, be in great demand. Every Chapter has its own unique situations and problems and by working with each Chapter individually, we may find some answers.**

**Sister Lynne, Associate Grand Matron, I am looking forward to working with you, in this area, over the next year.**

**Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for allowing me the privilege of addressing your Grand Chapter Session.**

### **VISIONQUEST REPORT**

**Brother Doug Swan, GGCCM, Northeast Region Co-ordinator**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:**

**I was honoured to receive my appointment to be a General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Northeast Region Co-ordinator.**

**I have had 3 meetings/get-togethers with the members on Visionquest**

**Our goal is to take Visionquest to the next level and that is to take it to the Chapter Rooms. I have made several visits to Chapters and attended Grand Chapter Sessions in the District of Columbia.**

**In New Brunswick, we are not planning a Visionquest Conference but plan to have Committee members attend Chapter meetings and discuss membership.**

**Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for all courtesies extended to me at this Grand Chapter Session.**

**FRIEND OF A FEATHER  
Sister Marilyn Hutchinson, PM**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:**

**I was not prepared to speak at this time, but I will! I received an e-mail on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, from Sister Barbara Benton asking if I would accept this Special Appointment as Friend of a Feather. I called her to ask what it all entailed.**

**She forwarded a letter afterwards as well. I am to assist her on her visit to the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick and to assist other people from General Grand chapter who need help with anything. On her visit she had planned for us to look after her Bible and gavel, and her gifts if she cannot take them on the plane with her, we are to ship them to her. Also, I sell pins to raise money for various projects. For ESTARL I sell books, and the pins are for Heart, Cancer, Youth and Shrine Hospital.**

**Sister Barbara Benton chose the title of “Friend of a Feather” to recognize her native culture. In her culture, the feather is an emblem. It stands for an owl that has wisdom and an eagle that has courage and strength.**

**I hope that during this Triennium that I will be able to exhibit some of these characteristics for the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick. Thank you for this opportunity to speak.**

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON’S AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON’S  
CORSAGE FUND REPORT**

**Sister Judy Donnelly, Grand Marshal**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:**

It is with pleasure that I submit the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project Fund Report for 2006-2007. A total of \$2,141.50 was forwarded to the Grand Secretary. This total was divided between two of their projects – the ESTARL Scholarship Fund and the Luxor Shriners' Transportation Fund which is in memory of the late Sister Thelma and Brother John Vincent. Each project realized \$1,070.75.

On behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chapters for their donations at the time of their Official Grand Family visits, and also to those Chapters who had fund-raising projects to assist them in this endeavor. A special thank you is extended to the Sisters and Brothers who donated to this fund in - "In Memoriams", Birthday Greetings and in any other monetary way.

A complete breakdown of all monies received will be in the Grand Chapter proceedings. Some of the chapters sent their contributions directly to the Grand Secretary. My Report does not include those donations, but deals only with the money I personally received.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, thank you for the honour of appointing me Grand Marshal – it has been a wonderful year.

I would also like to thank Sister Brenda J. Saunders, Grand Secretary, for her support and guidance in this Special Project.

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Judy Donnelly  
Grand Marshal

Chapter	WGM	WGP
Winston Churchill #19	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Zetland #26	25.00	25.00
Celestial #3	20.00	20.00
Remembrance #30	25.00	25.00
Hillcrest #40	25.00	25.00
Philip A Jerguson #18	25.00	25.00
Fidelity #36	25.00	25.00
York #13	25.00	25.00
Victoria #1	25.00	25.00
Granite #15	100.00	100.00

Lady Alexander #24	20.00	20.00
Queen Mary #4	25.00	25.00
	(Elephant Bank - \$10.00)	
Fort Monckton #11	30.00	30.00
Unity #35	20.00	20.00
Tobique #23	50.00	50.00
Electa #9	25.00	25.00
Devon #37	25.00	25.00
Prince Charles #27	20.00	20.00
(In lieu of gifts presented at Double Installation presented to WGP for Special Project Fund		\$50.00
Lord Beaverbrook #33	25.00	---
Saint John #14	25.00	25.00
(Ticket Sale)	20.10	
Frank H, Tingley #5	25.00	25.00
Bathurst #22	10.00	10.00
Prince Andrew #42	50.00	
(In lieu of Gifts at Double Installation)		
St. Stephen #8	30.00	---
Carleton #7	10.00 (Plus \$100.00 cheque)	

**Donations for "In Memoriam" \$149.40**

**(Donation to WGM from Sister Jean Kelly, PM, Prince Andrew Chapter #42 in lieu of gifts at the Double Installation Ceremony 2006 - \$50.00)**

**(Donation to WGP from Sister Judy Donnelly, PM, Prince Charles Chapter #27 in lieu of gifts at Double Installation Ceremony 2006 - \$50.00)**

**Donations to WGM and WGP at their Installation \$283.00**

**Funspiel 2007 - Raffle of Paper Tole Hummel \$94.00**

**Donations in honour of Special Birthdays \$80.00**

**(Donation to WGM from Carleton #7) \$100.00**

**(Donation from Saint John #14 (Fifty-fifty draw) \$20.10**

**(Donation from Queen Mary #4 – Elephant Bank \$10.00**

**Donations in honour of 2007 Installation Ceremonies by WGM, WGP and Grand Family members \$60.00**

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL PROJECT DONATIONS \$ 736.50**

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHAPTER DONATIONS \$1,405.00**

**TOTAL \$ 2,141.50**

***Sister Judy Donnelly, Grand Marshal, moved the acceptance of this Report. The Report was accepted as read.***

**JURISPRUDENCE REPORT  
Brother Rupert Sypher, Past Grand Patron**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, All Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:**

**We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, submit the following Report:**

**The Worthy Grand Matron requested our assistance on the following matters:**

**Scottish Rite Learning Centres for Dyslexic Children: A letter to be sent to each Chapter was drafted by our Grand Secretary, Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM. She requested the Jurisprudence Committee review this letter. We, the Committee, did review the letter and found all information in order.**

**The Worthy Grand Matron received a letter from Prince Charles Chapter #27 requesting to change the time for their December meeting to accommodate older members who cannot attend regular meetings. She felt this request should be given serious consideration. Our Committee fully agreed with the reasoning and the Dispensation should be granted.**

**Our Committee met on January 6, 2007 concerning two items which were referred to our Worthy Grand Matron from Sister Lynne Hatt, AGM. Our ruling on these items is as follows:**

**Item 1. Re: Holding Schools of Instruction and Official Visits by the District Deputies.**



**We find the Constitution, Laws and Regulations, Article 11 DUTIES OF OFFICERS, No. 5 (b) section READS:**

**The Worthy Grand Matron may choose to direct the District Deputy Grand Matrons to hold Schools of Instruction, RATHER THAN make individual chapter visitations. (etc.) The wording RATHER THAN indicates that she may hold one or the other but not both.**

**Item 2. Re: Balloting. A concern at one of the Schools of Instruction. After much discussion we hope the following will clarify, by simplicity, the wording concerning the ballot. If TWO OR LESS black cubes appear the ballot is clear. If THREE OR MORE black cubes appear the ballot is unclear. If a collective ballot is taken on like petitions and found unclear then A SEPARATE BALLOT is taken on each individual petition. If a petition is found unclear on the first separate ballot a second ballot is ordered immediately. If found unclear on the second ballot of a particular Petition the results are announced and are final.**

**A letter was received from the Constitution and Laws Committee regarding recommendations that were forwarded to them following the 2006 Grand Chapter Session, and a copy of the Notices of Motion their Committee had agreed upon. The Jurisprudence Committee reviewed the above and found they were in order.**

**On April 12, 2007, the Worthy Grand Matron sought advice of the Jurisprudence Committee regarding her concern of inappropriate actions in a Chapter during the Installation of Officers. We, the Committee, advised the Worthy Grand Matron, to the best of our ability, and hope the matter has been resolved.**

**We have examined the Reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and find them in order. We agree with the Dispensations granted by the Worthy Grand Matron and the By-Law Chapter amendments for Fort Monckton #11, Lady Alexander #24 and Hillcrest #40 approved by the Worthy Grand Patron.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS, WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S REPORT:**

**Item 1. I would recommend that the By-laws of Subordinate Chapters that no longer exist be stored in the Archives and not be carried by the Worthy Grand Patron.**

**We, the Committee, agree with this recommendation.**

**Item 2. The proposed changes to By-Laws of Subordinate Chapters be referred directly to the Jurisprudence Committee or a By-Law Committee for their approval since they have the final approval anyway and this would save a lot of time and postage.**

**We, the Committee, disagree with this recommendation and feel it should be left as is.**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS, WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S REPORT:**

**We, the Committee, have reviewed the recommendations of the Worthy Grand Matron and find that only one requires our attention. A motion will be presented at the end of this Report. We suggest the other recommendations be followed through by the Incoming Worthy Grand Matron.**

**Some of the irregularities that are still with us are very disturbing. Our Ritual is protected by copyright legislation and persons who copy it could be liable to very heavy penalties. Our Ritual, Constitution, Laws and Regulation, and the section "Instructions to Subordinate Chapters" in the RED BOOK OF INSTRUCTION, which has been adopted by this Jurisdiction, are very precise and detail all procedures to be followed.**

**Irregularities can be avoided by paying attention to our Instructions. Our aim has been, and we hope continued to be, to strive for uniformity.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sister Carol Sutherland, PGM  
Sister Donna Allen, PGM  
Brother Rupert Sypher, PGP, Chairperson**

***Brother Rupert Sypher, Past Grand Patron and Chairperson, moved the adoption of this Report. This was seconded by Sister Carol Sutherland, Past Grand Matron. The Report was adopted as read.***

**Brother Rupert Sypher, PGP, moved that the By-Laws of those Chapters that no longer exist be stored in the archives and not be**

carried by the Worthy Grand Patron. This was seconded by Sister Carol Sutherland, PGM. Motion was carried.

Brother Rupert Sypher, PGP, moved that the following be included in the Worthy Matron's Handbook – If a meeting cannot be held, the Worthy Grand Matron must be notified immediately and a dispensation granted to hold a replacement meeting before the end of the month, as it is necessary to hold ten meetings per year. This was seconded by Sister Carol Sutherland, PGM. The Motion was carried.

## **CONSTITUTION AND LAWS REPORT** Sister Rose Scott, Past Grand Matron

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:**

The Constitution and Laws Committee wish to submit the following Report.

Following the 2006 "Treasures of the Heart" Grand Chapter Session, the following recommendations from the Worthy Grand Matron's Report were forwarded to the Constitution and Laws Committee for consideration:

**Item 1.** That a copy of amendments of each Chapter's By-Laws be forwarded to the Worthy Grand Matron. Reasoning: It is difficult to give information to Chapters when not in possession of changes in their By-Laws.

**Item 2.** That under "Laws and Regulations" of our CLR Article XXXIX (39) "Suspension, Discharge and Expulsion" a new Section 4 be added to include the proper procedure to follow when a Brother is suspended or expelled from the Blue Lodge. Reasoning: To make this information more readily obtainable to the Subordinate Chapters to assist them if the circumstances ever arose.

The Constitution and Laws Committee deliberated on these recommendations and have brought forward Notices of Motion as printed in the Session Booklets which will be dealt with under New Business. These Notices of Motion have been approved by the Jurisprudence Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Hazel Harris, PGM  
Sister Ann Lister, PGM  
Sister Rose Scott, PGM, Chairperson

*Sister Rose Scott, Past Grand Matron and Chairperson, moved the adoption of this Report. It was seconded by Sister Ann Lister, Past Grand Matron. The Motion was adopted as read.*

**GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS REPORT**  
**Brother Gordon Steeves, Past Grand Patron, Chairperson**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

We, your Committee on Grievances and Appeals, are very pleased to report that as nothing has been referred to us during the year, we, therefore, assume that harmony and peace prevails in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Margaret McCully, PGM  
Sister Betty Danks, PGM  
Brother Gordon Steeves, PGP, Chairperson

*Brother Gordon Steeves, PGP and Chairperson, moved the adoption of this Report. It was seconded by Sister Margaret McCully, Past Grand Matron. The Report was adopted as read.*

*The Grand Marshal proclaimed these Sessions called from Labour to Refreshment to reconvene at 1:45 PM SHARP!*

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

**DRILL TEAM PRESENTATION**

**1:45 PM**

**Brother Bob King, PP**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Worthy Grand Patron,  
Brother Graham:

I would like to present to you and through you to this Grand Chapter, the OES Grand Chapter of New Brunswick Drill Team.

This year has had its ups and downs as we could not get enough practices in due to bad weather or other commitments.

But I am proud of the members you see before you for their dedication. Most of them attended every practice we had, even though some members are in their mid-eighties.

Again, I thank all those Sisters who kept us well fed; Sister Norma Joyce Caswell and Sister Jean for their musical talents, for without them our drills would fall flat. Thank you.

Brother Ron Hutchinson, my right-hand man, for making arrangements and booking halls for practice and Sister Mildred as our creator of props. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, and Worthy Grand Patron – THE DRILL TEAM.

**HONOUR GUARD**

Herb Amero, PP	Canadian Flag Bearer	Zetland #26
Ian Black, PP	American Flag Bearer	Philip A. Jerguson #18
Joe Gillis, PP	New Brunswick Flag Bearer	Saint John #14

**DRILL DIRECTOR**

Bob King, PP	Zetland #26
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**DRILL TEAM**

Jean Flewelling, PM	Saint John #14	Saint John
Norma J. Caswell, P	Queen Mary #4	St. Stephen
Ron Hutchinson, PP	Asst. to Drill Director	Saint John #14
Mildred Homer, PM	Props & Wardrobe	Winston Churchill #19
Donna Allen, PGM	Fort Monckton #11	Port Elgin
Colin Allen, PP	Fort Monckton #11	Port Elgin
Elaine Hannan-Bacon	Saint John #14	Saint John
Linda Black, PM	Philip A. Jerguson #18	Saint John
Denise Colton	Saint John #14	Saint John
Terry Colton	Saint John #14	Saint John
Merriam Gillis	Saint John #14	Saint John

<b>Debbie Hill, PGM</b>	<b>Devon #37</b>	<b>Fredericton</b>
<b>Marilyn Hutchinson, PM</b>	<b>Saint John #14</b>	<b>Saint John</b>
<b>Mary Kellier, PM</b>	<b>Saint John #14</b>	<b>Saint John</b>
<b>Mickie King, PM</b>	<b>Zetland #26</b>	<b>Shediac</b>
<b>Eleanor Linton, PM</b>	<b>Queen Mary #4</b>	<b>St. Stephen</b>
<b>Vivan Magee, PM</b>	<b>Philip A. Jerguson #18</b>	<b>Saint John</b>
<b>May McDonald</b>	<b>Philip A. Jerguson #18</b>	<b>Saint John</b>
<b>Anne Murray, PM</b>	<b>Zetland #26</b>	<b>Shediac</b>
<b>Sharon Savoie, PM</b>	<b>Lord Beaverbrook #33</b>	<b>Hampton</b>
<b>Lynda Swan, PM</b>	<b>Victoria #1</b>	<b>Woodstock</b>
<b>Doug Swan, PGP</b>	<b>Victoria #1</b>	<b>Woodstock</b>
<b>Doreen Young, PM</b>	<b>Queen Mary #4</b>	<b>St. Stephen</b>

**An excellent job by these dedicated members of the Drill Team!**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Sister Ann Morton, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and  
Brother Gordon Steeves, Past Grand Patron**

**Good Afternoon Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to welcome each of you on this beautiful day to the Saturday Afternoon Session of our “Love changes Everything”. The love and dedication of our membership is certainly evident as we prepare to continue with the business of this Grand Chapter.**

**It is a great pleasure and honour to bring greetings to all who are gathered here this afternoon. We are most pleased to have so many visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions. We hope you are having a wonderful time, and do come back again.**

**A hearty welcome to our incoming Grand Officers and I wish for them good health, happiness and safe travels as they serve this Grand Jurisdiction.**

**Brother Gordon, may we hear your words of greeting at this time.**

**Good Afternoon Sisters and Brothers. It is a pleasure for me to assist my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Ann, in opening this “Love Changes Everything” Session of our Grand Chapter. I extend a special welcome to all the members, especially to our Distinguished visiting Sisters and Brothers. The Session is coming to an end. I hope you have enjoyed your visit with us and be sure to come back and visit with us soon.**

To our New Brunswick members, this Session will soon be over. I hope that the final decisions will be made in harmony and in the best interests of our Grand Chapter.

*The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Officers entered the Chapter Room. Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Graham, Worthy Grand Patron, were presented west of the Altar.*

### **WELCOME**

**Sister Ann Morton, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, and  
Brother Gordon Steeves, Past Grand Patron**

**Good Afternoon Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham.**

**I thank you for the honour of opening this Saturday Afternoon Session. You have given us a year filled with love, laughter and sincere dedication to our beautiful Order.**

**Sister Donna, we met several years ago when you were Grand Esther for Sister Audrey Sypher, PGM. I have enjoyed your wit and sense of humour. Your hard work, attitude and commitment to whatever you decided to do were valuable assets in carrying out your duties for the year.**

**Congratulations on a very successful year. I hope that all your dreams have been realized. We will soon be welcoming you to the ranks of the Past Grands.**

**Brother Graham, we just became acquainted when you were elected to begin the journey to the East of this Grand Chapter. In that time, I have found you to be very dedicated to our Order. You also have a great sense of humour and have entertained us many times with your stories.**

**Sister Donna and Brother Graham, I wish for you both good health and happiness as you enjoy a well deserved rest. Brother Gordon....**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham, I am honoured to join Sister Ann in welcoming you to this year Saturday Afternoon “Love Changes Everything” Session.**

**Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, you have served our Grand Chapter with grace and dignity; your friendship and leadership has been a great help to our Grand Chapter and our local Chapters. I know that in the future you will continue your good work in our Order.**

**Brother Graham, Worthy Grand Patron, you have done an excellent job this year performing your duties. I know you have worked hard and traveled many miles for the good of our Order. Soon your work will be done and you can rest. We, the Past Grands, will welcome you both to your place in our Past Grands Association.**

**Thank you, Sister Donna, for inviting me to open this Session with Sister Ann.**

***The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham, were escorted to the East and extended the Grand Honours.***

***Sister Ann, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, presented Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, with her gavel.***

***The Grand Officers assumed their Stations.***

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Sister Ann and Brother Gordon, thank you for opening these Saturday Afternoon Sessions and for your kind words. I met both of you when I was Grand Esther and you were in the West of our Grand Chapter. That year was the beginning of what I know will be a life-long friendship. Brother Gordon, you drove me to meetings, waited for me when I lost my way and you and Sister Marjorie invited me into your home. Thank you for your friendship. A thought for you to ponder, "Respect is what we owe. Love is what we give."**

**Sister Ann, please accept this gift as a token of friendship.**

**Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Sister Ann and Brother Gordon, thank you for opening our Saturday Afternoon Session. I have come to know you and Brother Henry better this past year and have enjoyed your company on many occasions. Brother Gordon, it seems like I have always known you.**



**You have been a faithful follower of our Grand Family this year and I truly enjoyed your presence.**

**Please accept this gift as a token of my appreciation.**

**WELCOME**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Good Afternoon, Sisters and Brothers, welcome back to a very important Session. As we deliberate the questions before us I hope you will consider well the words you speak and the actions you request.**

***A beautiful Solo entitled “Precious Lord Take My Hand” was sung by Sister Donna Love, PM and Grand Choir Director. Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron thanked Sister Donna, not only for her lovely Solo but for her work with the Grand Choir.***

**INVOCATION**

**Brother Everett McKinnon, Past Grand Patron**

**Lord, as we gather for the last business meeting of this Grand Chapter Session, we ask Your guidance in the decision we are about to take that will have a bearing on the future of our Order.**

**We also thank You for the care and guidance You have given to our Grand Chapter Officers as they traveled to our various Chapters and to other Grand Jurisdictions during the past year strengthening the ties of our Order.**

**During their term of office, they have given unselfishly of their time and energy to see that the responsibilities we gave to them one year ago were carried out to our satisfaction.**

**Lord, we also ask for Your continued presence as our new slate of Officers step forward to preside over our Grand Chapter in the coming year. With Your presence, they can carry out the task we have given them and, by which, our Grand Chapter will enjoy another fruitful year.**

**All these things, Lord, we ask of You through Your son, Jesus Christ.**

**AMEN.**

***Presentation of Distinguished Guests not previously introduced:***

***Brother Al Haley            Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and  
Prince Edward Island in Florida***

***The Grand Secretary, Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM, read the  
Minutes of the Saturday Morning Session. They were approved as  
read.***

**COMMISSIONER OF TRIALS**

**Brother Ronald Jagoe, Past Grand Patron & Chairperson**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East,  
Sisters and Brothers:**

**We, your Committee on Commissioner of Trials, are very pleased to  
inform you that nothing has been referred to us during the year 2006-  
2007 and with nothing referred, we have nothing to report.**

**Peace and harmony must prevail in our Grand Chapter.**

**Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the privilege of serving our  
Grand Chapter.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sister Leitha Holmes, PGM  
Sister Hilda Shaffer, PGM  
Brother Ronald Jagoe, PGP, chairperson**

***Brother Ronald Jagoe, Past Grand Patron and Chairperson, moved  
the acceptance of this Report. It was seconded by Sister Leitha  
Holmes, Past Grand Matron. The Report was accepted as read.***

**INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE FUND  
Sister Dorothy Allan, Past Matron**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East,  
Sisters and Brothers:**

**I am pleased to submit the following report for the year 2006-2007 on  
the International Temple Fund.**

In February a letter was sent to each Chapter requesting \$7.00 for each new and affiliated member be sent to the Grand Secretary.

I am happy to report our Grand Chapter is 100% paid for this year.

We had 35 Initiated members and 20 Affiliated Members.

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Dorothy Stewart, PM  
Sister Roxanne Pond, PM  
Sister Dorothy Allan, PM, Chairperson

*Sister Dorothy Allan, Past Matron and Chairperson moved the acceptance of this Report. The Report was accepted as read.*

#### FRATERNAL REPORT

Sister Lynne Hatt, Associate Grand Matron

Come with me as we travel near and far  
Safely, because we follow His Star  
Sit back, relax and tune your ear  
Because you never know who you may find here!

In Alberta, their 94<sup>th</sup> Session was the “Town and Country Fair” and their project for the year was for children living with Cancer. Our Worthy Grand Patron had no problem finding someone out of their 3,780 members to go to a hockey game with him.

In Arizona we followed some very big footprints – elephants perhaps? To their 105<sup>th</sup> Session: “Footprints across Arizona”. The Grand Representative here visited our 75<sup>th</sup> Session and her counterpart, Sister Brenda Whitney. They told us that an elephant can smell water up to 3 miles away; probably a good thing in the desert!

We next traveled by Blue Heron Aviation to the “Joy of Life” Session in Florida that was represented by all 159 Chapters and raised over \$88,000 for the Diabetes Association. While out on the sailboat with a dolphin painted on its sail, we spotted a great white heron – identical to the blue heron except for colour.

An “All Star Celebration” was held in Georgia. Brother Graham heard the All Star and brought his skates hoping to get picked for the team,

the Old Timers Squad that is. The emblems here were cups, music notes, red wagon, snowmen and elephants. Mickie King and her counterpart Bobby Jenkins told me that they saw our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and their Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sue, happily sipping tea while looking over all of their elephants.

Next we touched down at Iowa's 128<sup>th</sup> session of "God's Garden of Life". Our Sister Janet Mallory was in attendance and heard that a 93-year old Sister gave a word perfect Star point lecture and that one Chapter has seven officers from the same family; could it be named Unity? And that a Worthy Patron that is 86 years young did a beautiful job of exemplifying the initiatory work.

Kansas: "Wings of Change" 130<sup>th</sup> Session. The Grand Secretary gets paid \$10,500 per year; I'll bet Sister Brenda would like some of that change here. The Worthy Grand Matron and Patron both have personal secretaries and after their Friday evening session they initiate new members. That must be a long evening!

Sister Betty Steeves who was Grand Representative of Manitoba in New Brunswick attended the Canadian Prairie "Land of All Seasons" 84<sup>th</sup> Session. The Junior Past Matrons were the Snowmen group and acted as hostesses for the Sessions.

At the "Magic of Fellowship" Session in Maryland they had 7 sisters running for the office of Associate Grand Conductress and 4 for the office of Associate Grand Patron and they told me that an elephant is the only animal that doesn't jump...just as well I'd say!

We attended two sessions in Minnesota. "Teach and Reach" and "Reflections of God". Here we learned that the Grand Family was asked 16 times to confer the degrees and that this Jurisdiction pays for all of the Worthy Grand Matron's expenses which totaled \$10,722.08. Of course, we have to mention the General Grand Chapter Sessions where the officers were escorted out of teepees for introduction at the Installation.

We are off next on a cruise to Mississippi on the Tea Cup Express for their "Service to Others" Session. Here the subordinate chapter members who memorized a station and recited all functions of the same to receive a "B" certificate. 500 Certificates were awarded.

Missouri brought us "Treasured Moments" where their Youth Fund exists for the purpose of assisting Rainbow and DeMolay and Scholarships for sons and daughters of members up to age 21. They

received 15 applications; two were disqualified because they were grandchildren, and they gave 4 \$500 awards leaving a balance of \$87,576.68!! I'll bet you can guess who had this one in their report that came to me??

Look at all of the golf courses! Hard to get the men rounded up here to head for Grand Chapter. North Carolina has 102 official visits and the Worthy Grand Patron gets to drive the OES-2 vehicle; I hope that he takes the Worthy Grand Matron with him.

Did you know that humans and elephants are the only creatures that can stand on their heads? That won't be happening at the "Naturally Young at Heart" Session in New Hampshire because their fun symbols were the hummingbird and Mickey Mouse!

Ontario. Isn't that the home of the Toronto Maple Leafs? Just where the "Melodies and Memories" Session was held, but in August. This Jurisdiction entertains the whole Grand Family of Michigan at their Grand Chapter, good fraternal relations there.

In Quebec while we "Counted our Blessings", members from our Jurisdiction introduced were: Elaine MacLean, WGM; Ambury Newman, WGP; Doug Swan, PGP and Roy Wilson, Grand Chaplain. Here they have a Resource Initiation Team where members from other Chapters help those having difficulty filling the stations for initiation.

We transferred to the Pacadern Airlines for our transatlantic crossing. Do you hear that noise? Right, its bagpipes and here we are in Scotland where the Most Worthy Grand Matron said that it had been a pleasure to serve with the Most Worthy Grand Patron who just happened to be her husband! A first for their Supreme Grand Chapter; and we thought that we had it all sewn up with a sister and a brother!

In Utah they had the "Celebration of the Century" and cruised to the Mexican Riviera. At the Session they hold a School of Instruction following the Saturday morning Session for the Subordinate Chapter Line Officers.

As we are winding down our journey, we take a very leisurely skate into Vermont where Sister Doreen Young, Grand Representative of Vermont in New Brunswick, attended the "On the Wings of a Dove" Session and received an honorary membership at their Lady Bug Delight Banquet.

**And we finish our Grand Safari in Virginia. “To God Be The Glory “ 101<sup>st</sup> Session, and as we discussed the Eastern Star World. We all agreed that the more you put in, the more you get out and by traveling and visiting other Chapters and Jurisdictions we are helping to keep the Order alive and growing.**

**And so finishes this year’s Fraternal Report. Thanks to the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress for all of the reading and help.**

**Don’t forget...an elephant never does....Thanks to you Worthy Grand Matron for this pleasure.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sister Lynne Hatt  
Associate Grand Matron**

***Sister Lynne Hatt, Associate Grand Matron, moved the acceptance of this Report. The Report was accepted as read.***

**Under New Business the following was conducted:**

**Brother Philip Belyea, Past Patron, brought up some concerns he had with the Web Page and its policies. After much discussion, it was decided that these concerns should be addressed to the Web Advisory Committee, and that all parties should work together with the incoming Worthy Grand Matron.**

**The following Motion was presented by Sister Phyllis Mossman, Past Matron which had been passed at the Grand Representatives’ Annual Meeting on Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007:**

**“A member in good standing with the Order of the Eastern Star in the Province of New Brunswick can be appointed as a Grand Representative with the exception of a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron.”**

***This Motion was moved by Brother Doug Swan, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, and seconded by Brother Ronald Jagoe, Past Grand Patron.***

***On the question, Sister Norma Jean Belyea, Past Grand Matron, said that members should be active for at least 10 years, but this could be***

***left to the discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Several members spoke on this Motion including Sister Margaret McCully, Past Grand Matron, Sister Ann Lister, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Clinton Shaffer, Past Grand Patron.***

***It was then moved by Brother Clinton Shaffer, Past Grand Patron and seconded by Brother Ronald Jagoe, Past Grand Patron, that members in good standing can be appointed Grand Representatives by the Worthy Grand Matron, excluding Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. MOTION WAS CARRIED.***

**Sister Lynne Hatt, Associate Grand Matron, requested that the ESTARL Report be referred to a Committee with the incoming Worthy Grand Matron to be a part of that Committee. This will be done.**

**On the NOTICES OF MOTION, the following was decided:**

**Article XXXIX – Suspension, Discharge and Expulsion**

***After much discussion, this Motion was withdrawn.***

**Article XXIX – By-Laws**

**Which now reads:**

**Section 5 – Each Chapter will ensure that a copy of any future approved Amendments are forwarded to the Grand Secretary for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.**

**Be Changed to Read:**

**Section 5 – When approved Chapter By-Law changes or additions have been returned to the Chapter, the said Chapter Secretary shall forward a copy to the Worthy Grand Matron for her reference.**

**A copy of this change to be added to the Worthy Matron’s Handbook.**

***This was moved by Sister Rose Scott, Past Grand Matron, and seconded by Sister Ann Lister, Past Grand Matron. MOTION CARRIED.***

## Article XII Expenses

### 6. Entertainment:

- (a) The Board and Lodging for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall be paid from the funds allocated to the General Convenor for the Grand Chapter Session Expenses, when they are making their Official visit to the Grand chapter Session. As per instructions from the General Grand Chapter, all courtesies extended to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron shall also be extended to their spouses.
- © Complimentary banquet tickets to the Most Worthy Grand Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions shall be provided from the funds allocated to the General Convenor for the Grand Chapter Session Expenses.

### 7. Grand Chapter Host:

- (a) An amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000), or such an amount as recommended by the Finance Committee and voted by the Grand Chapter shall be allocated to the General Convenor for the Grand Chapter Session expenses.

### TO BE CHANGED TO READ:

### 6. Entertainment:

- (a) The Board and lodging for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron shall be paid from the funds of the Grand Chapter, when they are making their official visit to the Grand Chapter Session. As per instructions from the General Grand Chapter, all courtesies extended to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron shall also be extended to their spouses.

- © Complimentary banquet tickets to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand chapter Officers and visiting General Grand Chapter Committee



Members and Ambassadors shall be paid from the funds of Grand Chapter. These members are entitled to one free ticket in their three-year term starting with this triennium. Complimentary banquet tickets to our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Ambassadors and Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of our own and other Grand Jurisdictions shall be provided every year from the funds of Grand Chapter.

**7. Grand Chapter Host:**

(a) An amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000), or such an amount as recommended by the Finance Committee and voted by the Grand Chapter, shall be allocated to the General Convenor for the Grand Chapter Session expenses.

*This motion, with the necessary amendments, was moved by Sister Donna Allen, Past Grand Matron, and seconded by Brother John Murray, Past Grand Patron. MOTION CARRIED.*

We received a request from the DeMolay to consider placing an ad in their Convention Booklet. It was moved by Sister Lynda Swan, Past Matron, and seconded by Brother Ronald Hutchinson, Past Patron, that we take a full-page advertisement in the amount of \$150.00. MOTION CARRIED.

An e-mail was received from Brother Loyal Stark, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron with regard for the need of Star point emblems and Officer Jewels. Brother Allen Gillis, Past Patron moved, and it was seconded by Sister Norma Jean Belyea, Past Grand Matron, that any Star Point emblems and Officer Jewels not in use could be made available to any chapter in need. MOTION CARRIED.

A letter was received from Sister Dottie Brophy, GGCCM, with regard to raising funds for the repairs and upkeep of the International Headquarters. Sister Norma Jean Belyea, Past Grand Matron, moved that we donate \$1,000 as per the letter from Sister Dottie Brophy. This was seconded by Sister Glenna Taylor, Past Grand Matron. MOTION CARRIED.

**Sister Joan Riddle  
Grand Representative of New Brunswick in Australia**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East,  
Sisters and Brothers:**

**Thank you for the opportunity to address you again.**

**These Sessions have been a wonderful experience and the way you  
have conducted these meetings is to be highly commended.**

**We “down under” do a lot of the Ritual work differently, but no less  
sincerely and I am as appreciative of the way I have been welcomed  
into the New Brunswick Jurisdiction.**

**To all your musicians I would like to say “A job very well done!”**

**I hope should any of those present visit Australia that you will be  
received with the love and friendship I have here.**

**Happy Retirement to the outgoing Team, and best wishes to the  
Incoming Team.**

**Thank you again for allowing me to speak.**

**Sister June Rafuse, Worthy Matron  
Granite Chapter #15, St. George**

**Good afternoon:**

**I am June Rafuse, Worthy Matron of Granite Chapter #15, St. George.**

**It is my pleasure to invite the Sisters and Brothers to the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Session of the New Brunswick Grand Chapter to convene at the  
Fredericton Inn on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

***It was moved by Brother Philip Belyea, Past Patron, and seconded by  
Sister Lynda Swan, Past Matron, that we accept the invitation to the  
78<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.  
MOTION CARRIED.***

***It was moved by Brother Allan Gillis, Past Patron, and seconded by  
Sister Donna Allen, Past Grand Matron, that Sister Lynne, Associate  
Grand Matron, be granted an Open Installation. MOTION CARRIED.***

**The Grand Marshal proclaimed these Sessions called from Labour to Refreshment to reconvene at 7:00 PM SHARP!**

**SATURDAY EVENING SESSION  
July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
7:00 PM**

**The Saturday Evening Session was preceded by a Musical Prelude given by our Grand Organist, Sister Kathleen Firlotte, and Assistant Grand Organist, Sister Mary Pelletier.**

**The Grand Choir entered the Chapter Room singing “My Life Flows On”.**

**The Formations, under the direction of Sister Edith Clouston, Past Matron, were performed by the Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, Grand Nurses and Grand Representatives, for the last time.**

**The Ribbon Ceremony, under the direction of Sister Shirley MacDonald, General Grand Chapter Committee Member was also performed for the final time.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Sister Betty Danks, Past Grand Matron, and Brother John Murray, Past Grand Patron**

**Good Evening Sisters and Brothers:**

**It is indeed a great privilege to see so many in attendance tonight and to welcome you as we bring to a close this “Love Changes Everything” Grand Chapter Session.**

**I trust the past few days of fellowship have been enjoyable, with the renewal of old friendships, along with acquiring new ones.**

**Later this evening we look forward to the Installation of our new slate of Officers. I would like to extend to the Incoming Officers, my congratulations and best wishes for a happy, fulfilling year.**

**To our Sisters and Brothers from Grand Jurisdictions that are visiting with us, including Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, thank you for coming, and a safe journey home.**

To our own members, an extended thank you for the support you have displayed through your dedication to ensure that the principles of our Order survive. May you return home with renewed interest and fond memories.

Brother John, it is a pleasure for me to share with you the honour of Calling to Order this Session.

May we hear from you.....

**Good Evening, Sisters and Brothers:**

It is indeed a pleasure for me to assist Sister Betty in the East to welcome you all here this evening. I would like to welcome each and everyone of you to this final session of “Love Changes Everything’ Session of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick. As we enter this final Session of the Grand Chapter and prepare to welcome a new Grand Family, I hope you have enjoyed this weekend as much as I have, renewing friendships and making new ones. As we close this final Session later this evening, I am sure we will leave far richer from the fellowship we shared and the actions we have taken in the past few days and go back to our Subordinate Chapters and enjoy our wonderful Order.

*The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Officers entered the Chapter Room for the last time.*

*The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna McEwen, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham Vincent, were presented west of the Altar for the final time.*

**WELCOME**

**Sister Betty Danks, Past Grand Matron, and Brother John Murray,  
Past Grand Patron**

**Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Graham, Worthy Grand Patron:**

It is an honour and a pleasure to welcome you to this final portion of your “Love Changes Everything” Grand Chapter Session...for this bestowed privilege, I thank you.

**Tonight brings to a close a harmonious and successful year of devotion and service to our Order...you have fulfilled your duties with dignity and finesse...continuously with your friendly smiles.**

**I, along with the members of your Home Chapter, Lady Alexander Chapter #24, commend you on your work and accomplishments achieved during the past year.**

**Shortly you will be joining the ranks of the Past Grands, and we look forward to welcoming you to our group.**

**Sister Donna, Brother Graham, I know that in spirit, your parents, Sister Thelma and Brother John, are present here tonight with you, and look upon both of you with great pride and admiration.**

**I am pleased to call you, not only my fraternal Sisters and Brothers, but also my friends. May God bless each of you.**

**Sister Donna, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Graham, Worthy Grand Patron:**

**Thank you for the privilege of opening the final session of your “Love Changes Everything” Grand Chapter. I appreciate the opportunity of being in the East with Sister Betty, Past Grand Matron, to assist in opening this, the final Session, of your own Grand Chapter. It hardly seems possible that a year has passed since you were installed here in the East. As time passes for us all, it seems to go faster and faster.**

**Sister Donna, I congratulate you on a great year and hope you have enjoyed it immensely. I attended a lot of your Grand Family functions and was always proud to be associated with the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick – you and your Officers always did excellent work.**

**Brother Graham, I congratulate you also on an excellent year. I got to know you in the Blue Lodge when we were District Deputies together and I feel that we have developed a close friendship which I hope will last for many years. I was pleased when you let your name stand for Grand Sentinel and now three short years later, here you are, about to join the ranks of the Past Grand Patrons.**

**Once again, thank you both for this privilege, and I wish for you happiness with contentment in the coming years. God Bless!**

***The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna McEwen, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Graham Vincent, were escorted to the East for the last time, and were accorded the Grand Honours.***

***The Worthy Grand Matron was presented her gavel to use for the final time at her Grand Chapter Sessions.***

***The Grand Officers assumed their Stations for the final time.***

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Sister Betty and Brother John, how pleased I am to have you welcome us at the Altar at this, the final sitting of our “Love Changes Everything” Grand Chapter Session. I have the deepest respect for each of you and I do value our friendship. Sister Betty, you were Worthy Grand Matron shortly after I joined Eastern Star and when you had your Maine in New Brunswick Exchange, I took part as Esther of Chaleur Chapter. It was my first Exchange and I was impressed. I couldn’t imagine how anyone could do all that memory work. Thank you for all the help and advice you have given me this year and thank you for your kind and generous words of welcome. Something for you to think about: “What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”**

**Sister Betty, please accept this gift as a toke of friendship.**

**Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Sister Betty and Brother John: What can I say. You are two friends in our Order for whom I have the deepest and most sincere admiration. Sister Betty, we have worked together in Chapter on occasion and I never cease to admire the gracious manner in which you conduct yourself. Brother John, I have known you fraternally in both the Masonic Order and in Eastern Star. I admire your gentlemanly manner, your respect of others and the principals that you have brought to our Order. Thank you both for opening our Session.**

**Please accept this gift as a token of friendship.**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

**We will now be treated to a medley of the musical selections Brother Graham and I chose this year by Sister Jeanne Wheelock, Past Grand Matron. Sister Jeanne arranged and sang this first at the New Brunswick in Maine Exchange last August and I knew then I wanted her to sing it for us at our Grand Chapter Sessions. I just love music and this is a perfect way to help bring our year to a close. Sister Jeannie.**

***Sister Jeannie Wheelock, Past Grand Matron, sang a medley of musical selections.***

**Thank you, Sister Jeannie, that was just beautiful. What a wonderful way to sum up our music for the year.**

**INVOCATION**

**Sister Margaret McCully, Past Grand Matron**

**Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we come to You with humble and grateful hearts, for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us.**

**We thank Thee that Thou has safely brought our Grand Family to the conclusion of this Grand Chapter year. Give them peace of mind in the knowledge of work well done.**

**We ask for your love and guidance as the newly elected and appointed Grand Officers assume their responsibilities. Grant them wisdom and strength to uphold their many duties.**

**Guide and protect all members of the Order of the Eastern Star, especially those members here present, and grant them a safe journey home.**

**Finally we ask You to bestow Thy grace and Heavenly benediction on our beautiful Order that it may grow and prosper in the years to come.**

**All of this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**AMEN.**

*The Grand Secretary, Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM, read the Minutes of the Saturday Afternoon Session. The Minutes were approved as amended.*

**REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW BRUNSWICK  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, the Credential Committee submits its 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Report as of July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 as follows:

Grand Officers of New Brunswick.....	18
Most Worthy Grand Matron & Most Worthy Grand Patron.....	
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron & Past Most Worthy Grand Patron.....	
Elected General Grand Chapter Officers.....	1
General Grand Chapter Committee Members & Ambassadors....	12
Worthy Grand Matrons & Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions.....	7
Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons of New Brunswick...	32
Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions.....	18
Elected Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions.....	10
Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions.....	10
Grand Officers' Emeritus.....	2
Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in New Brunswick.....	34
Grand Representatives of New Brunswick in Other Grand Jurisdictions.....	18
Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions.....	6
District Deputy Grand Matrons of New Brunswick & Other Grand Jurisdictions.....	3
Voting Members of New Brunswick (Other than those listed above).....	147
Members of other Grand Jurisdictions (Other than those listed above).....	42
New Brunswick Chapters represented.....	25/25
Grand Jurisdictions represented.....	25
<b>TOTAL OES MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>360</b>



Respectfully submitted,

Credential Committee:

Sally Donald, PM, Chairperson  
James Hanley, PP  
Catherine Evans, PM

Committee Assistants:

Gertrude Wilson, PM

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

Sister Sally, thank you so very much for the wonderful work you and your Committee has done for us. I was so pleased when you agreed to serve on this Committee for me, because I know you had just spent three years on it previously. Six years is a long time on a Grand Chapter Committee. And on this Committee, your work starts soon after the New Year is rung in and doesn't end until Grand Chapter ends. Thank you for a job very well done.

*At this time, Sister Brenda Stone of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, presented Love Gifts to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. These donations will go to the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project on ESTARL.*

*The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, also announced that the donation made by Sister Marjorie Morgan, PGM of Ontario, will go to ESTARL.*

*The proceeds from the Jack & Jill Shoppe, in the amount of \$567.50, will be divided between the Rainbow Girls and the DeMolay.*

#### **FAREWELL ADDRESS**

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

It does not seem possible that four years have gone by since I began this journey. When I was first elected Associate Grand Conductress, I could not even begin to imagine I would ever be Worthy Grand Matron, it was so far away. And yet, here I am, almost at the end of a most wonderful year.

Picking a name for our Session was not really difficult. I knew I wanted this year to center around Electa, a symbol of charity and love, and, no matter how many other names I wrote down, the words of that beautiful song "Love Changes Everything" kept coming back

into my mind. Finally, I just said to myself – this has to be it. And so it was.

And how appropriate. Love does change everything in our lives as we experience it at the various stages of our lives. The love of parents, siblings, school friends, sweethearts and friends and the comforting knowledge that a loving God watches over us. How barren our lives would be without all of that!

You, the members of the Order of the Eastern Star in New Brunswick, are quick to show your love and give your support. And there were times when that was what kept me going on a steady course.

To our Appointed Grand Officers: what a fantastic group you have been. Your support and love throughout this past year has been so evident and Graham and I appreciate it more than you could ever realize. I hope you have enjoyed it even half as much as I have. Your work was beautiful and I happen to think that together we made a darn fine team. May there be lots of love and good health in your lives in the future.

To the Elected Officers. Thank you for your support. You have always been ready and willing to go the extra mile. We were busy with many initiations, but what a wonderful opportunity for us and how wonderful that our members had the confidence in us to allow us to initiate their new members. I am very proud of all of you and the work you performed. Sister Brenda, thank you for your help and patience.

To Sister Lynne, Sister Linda, Sister Lynn:

“I wish you faith for the road ahead,  
and for all the brave and wonderful journeys  
you’ve yet to take, I wish you hope-  
all the joy and daring you need  
to follow each dream you believe in.  
I wish you love –  
The deep inner knowing that you are always  
Protected, and guided,  
And that you are someone very special in this world.”

Good luck as you continue on your journey.

Would the members of Lady Alexander Chapter #24 please stand. I don't think I will ever be able to thank you appropriately for all you

have done for Graham and me. Everything I asked of you, you gave, and more. Thank you.

Would the members of Bathurst Chapter #22 please stand. What wonderful support you have given Graham and me. So many of your members are involved in one way or another with this Grand Chapter. We could not have managed without you. Thank you.

We often hear the saying “Things happen for a reason, even if we don’t or never will know that reason.” Well I firmly believe there was a reason Graham was elected Grand Sentinel. It was simply to look after me. Take me where I had to be, hopefully on time. Give me support and encouragement when I needed it and be someone with whom I could relax, be myself and freely express an opinion. When it was first realized by others from Other Grand Jurisdictions that we really were brother and sister, after the shock of horror came off their face, they would invariably ask if we got along well together. And if we did, they hoped we still would at the end of this year. Well, we do still get along, and I just couldn’t imagine it any other way. Graham, I was so proud to have you by my side all year. To say your work was excellent may be an understatement. Your appreciation for our Order is evident in all you do and say. Thank you for being here with me.

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for the confidence you placed in me by allowing me the honour of serving as your Worthy Grand Matron. I have had the most wonderful year, and I have so enjoyed meeting with and talking with you. Your smiles of welcome are worth a million dollars.

Life can’t be counted in candles  
Or measured in number of years,  
It’s counted in small joys  
And good time and laugh lines.  
As well as in heartaches and tears.

Life can’t be counted in candles,  
But in things done with effort and pride –  
With dreams followed boldly  
And hopes kept alive –  
In times when we’ve failed – but tried.

Life can’t be counted in candles  
Or measured in years that have flown –  
It’s counted in kindnesses,  
Close friends, and loved ones,

**And in all the sweet blessings we've known.**

**Thank you,**

***The members accorded a standing ovation to Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron.***

**FAREWELL ADDRESS  
Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Sisters and Brothers:**

**It seems like yesterday that I was installed as Worthy Grand Patron. Where does the time go? I know one thing – I am one year older!**

**This past year has been a memorable one for me. I have met so many fine people and have made many friends. It has been a special privilege to share our history in conversation.**

**I am very thankful for the manner in which I was received in the Chapters throughout our Province and also in other Grand Jurisdictions.**

**I appreciate the faith and trust that you have placed in me when you first elected me to Office just three years ago.**

**To the Subordinate chapters –  
Thank you for supporting my Project this year and also those Chapters who invited me and our Grand Family Officers to participate in the Ceremonies of Initiations and Installations. This allowed me to do the Ritualistic work which I so enjoy.**

**To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons –**

**Your presence during our Grand Family visits has meant so very much to me. You have traveled extensively and faithfully and this has been very encouraging for me and our Grand Family as well. It also showed a great support to the Chapters that we visited and what a beautiful sight to see so many of you being presented.**

**I had the pleasure of working with Sister Audrey, our General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Vision, and assisting her in her efforts to increase our membership.**

**I also was present at General Grand Chapter last October as our new General Grand Chapter Committee Members were installed. May I take this opportunity to wish each of you success in your respective offices.**

**I wish to thank the Officers of Lady Alexander Chapter #24 for the respect, support and encouragement that you have given to me.**

**I also wish to thank Bathurst Chapter #22 for the honour that you have bestowed upon me in making me an Honourary member this past year.**

**To all our Appointed Grand Officers – thank you for accepting. It was indeed a pleasure to have known and traveled with you. You have performed your work well and have been a credit to our Grand Jurisdiction.**

**To our Elected Grand Officers – I wish you all the best in the coming year and in the future as well. May good health and wisdom follow you.**

**To Sister Lynne and Brother Burton, may your year be as successful as mine was.**

**To Sister Brenda, Grand Secretary – thank you for all of your help and for sharing your knowledge with me. You will always remain DEAR to me.**

**Sister Donna – You are the reason my year has gone so smoothly. You have kept me informed of all that was happening and have included me in many of your decisions. We have traveled many miles together, listened to each other’s concerns and together we SURVIVED.**

**I could not have had a better Worthy Grand Matron during my year and I thank you for your patience with me. Your attention to detail and your work ethics leave me filled with admiration.**

**When I was asked if I was ready for Grand Chapter, my answer was, “If Donna is ready, I’m ready”**

**I am ever grateful for your love and support and I love you for it. May you take the time and get the rest you deserve. Thank you for all that you have done for me.**

Finally Sisters and Brothers – I know that I am leaving my office in very capable hands. I admire Brother Burton’s work in our Order and I am grateful for his friendship.

Brother Burton – I wish you all the best this coming year. May you keep safe and stay healthy.

Thank you Sisters and Brothers.

*The members accorded a standing ovation to Brother Graham Vincent, Worthy Grand Patron.*

The Grand Marshal and Assistant Grand Marshal retired to escort the Special Guests of the Incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron into the Chapter Room.

**Sister Donna McEwen, Worthy Grand Matron**

What a pleasure it is to welcome each of you to the ceremony of Installation of Grand Officers. This is indeed a very special evening for Sister Lynne and Brother Burton and their Grand Family. I am sure they are delighted to have you with them.

It is my pleasure to introduce the Installing Officer, Sister Carol Sutherland, Past Grand Matron. She will introduce her Installing Suite.

<b>Installing Grand Chapter Officer</b>	<b>Sister Carol Sutherland, PGM</b>
<b>Assisting in the East:</b>	<b>Brother Charles Rafuse, PGP Sister Debbie Hill, PGM</b>
<b>Installing Grand Marshal</b>	<b>Sister Donna Allen, PGM</b>
<b>Installing Grand Chaplain</b>	<b>Brother John Murray, PGP</b>
<b>Installing Associate Grand Matron</b>	<b>Sister Rose Scott, PGM</b>
<b>Installing Associate Grand Patron</b>	<b>Brother Gordon Steeves, PGP</b>
<b>Installing Grand Secretary</b>	<b>Brother DeWitt Lister, PGP</b>
<b>Installing Grand Treasurer</b>	<b>Brother Ambury Newman, PGP</b>
<b>Installing Grand Conductress</b>	<b>Sister Ann Lister, PGM</b>
<b>Installing Associate Grand Conductress</b>	<b>Sister Glenna Taylor, PGM</b>

**Installing Grand Organist**

**Sister Norma Caswell, PM**

**Sister Mary Pelletier, PM**

**Installing Grand Adah**

**Sister Norma Jean Belyea, PGM**

**Installing Grand Ruth**

**Sister Margaret McCully, PGM**

**Installing Grand Esther**

**Sister Elaine MacLean, PGM**

**Installing Grand Martha**

**Sister Marjorie Colton, PGM**

**Installing Grand Electa**

**Sister Shirley MacDonald, PGM**

**Installing Grand Warder**

**Brother Doug Swan, GGCCM**

**Installing Grand Sentinel**

**Brother Evan Thomas, PGP**

**Installing Grand Soloists**

**Sister Jeannie Wheelock, PGM**

**Sister Eleanor Linton, PM**

**Brother Roderick MacMillan**

*A short recess was called to prepare for the ceremony of Installation of Officers.*

*The Grand Officers of 2006-2007 retired for the final time.*

## **INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS**

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

**Sister Lynne Hatt (15)**

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

**Brother Burton Hall (15)**

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON**

**Sister Linda Cogswell (37)**

**ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON**

**Brother Bob King (26)**

**GRAND SECRETARY**

**Sister Brenda J. Saunders,  
PGM (36)**

**GRAND TREASURER**

**Brother Charles Rafuse, PGP  
(15)**

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS**

**Sister Lynn Hutchin (35)**

**ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS**

**Sister Sherry Mitton (22)**

**GRAND CHAPLAIN**

**Brother Ron Oakley (26)**

**GRAND MARSHAL**

**Brother Ron Hutchinson (14)**

**GRAND ORGANIST**

**Sister Jean Flewelling (14)**

**GRAND ADAH**

**Sister Elaine Smith (11)**

**GRAND RUTH**

**Sister Ruth Saunders (33)**

**GRAND ESTHER**

**Sister Audrey Trask (36)**

**GRAND MARTHA**

**Sister Peggy Jagoe (22)**

**GRAND ELECTA**

**Sister June Rafuse (15)**

**GRAND WARDER**

**Brother Bob Wilson (1)**

**GRAND SENTINEL**

**Brother Ebby Kuhn (37)**

**ASSISTANTS:**

**Marshal of the Grand Family**  
**Organist of the Grand Family**

**Brother James Maxwell (4)**  
**Sister Norma Caswell (4)**

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS:**

**District #2**  
**District #3**  
**District #4**

**Sister Mickie King (26)**  
**Sister Jean Duncan (3)**  
**Sister Sybil Wilson (1)**

*The following selections were sung during the Installation:*

*For the Worthy Grand Matron*

*“The Anchor Holds” by*  
*Sister Jeanne Wheelock, PGM*

*For the Worthy Grand Patron*

*“He Touched Me” by Brother*  
*Roderick MacMillan*

*For the Grand Chaplain*

*“Surely The Presence” by*  
*Sister Eleanor Linton, PM*

**ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS**

**Sister Lynne Hatt, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends:**

**It’s hard to believe that I stand before you now as your Worthy Grand Matron. The time has flown on the journey to this position. I’ve worked hard to get here and will continue to do so for the good of our Order and our Jurisdiction.**

**This past year has been a learning experience as Brother Burton and I worked together to prepare for our Installation. There have been times when I’ve wondered why in the world I wanted to be the Worthy Grand Matron and what made me think that I had the talent to accomplish our goals for the year ahead; but, here I am! And thank you for your confidence in me and in advance for all of your support and advice in the year ahead.**



**I'm excited concerning our year. We have a few firsts, our visits will be starting in July; we are hosting, for the first time in New Brunswick, the International Weekend and looking to next year's session, we are going to one form for all of the meals.**

**For those who haven't attended an International Weekend, it is a time for renewing old friendships and creating new; a time for fun, dining and entertainment. Other Jurisdictions attending include: Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut. You can bring your family and friends and enjoy; please plan to come to Fredericton on October 26<sup>th</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Brother Doug Swan, GGCCM, and Sister Debbie Hill, PGM, for convening.**

**The new one-stop meal forms will be taken care of by Sister Norma Jean Belyea, PGM. I believe that this will prove to be an easier way for the members to order and pick up their tickets. Sister Norma Jean will be working closely with the various Chairpersons and will be happy to answer your questions.**

**In your programs, you will see that the name of our Session is "Keeper of the Light" and there are just a few things that I want to go over.**

**Our aim and watchwords are to do with membership and fraternal relations.**

**Our emblem is the Maple Leaf because we are proud to be Canadians and we, as Grand Officers, will be wearing Maple Leaf pins. And I'm sure that you have noticed the Maple Leaf tartan vests and ties that the gentlemen are wearing. Don't they look sharp?**

**We have chosen the Chaplain as our Honour Station because Brother Burton has held that office in Granite Chapter and it was my appointed Grand Office in 1999-2000.**

**We have chosen one Special Project that is Cancer as it has touched so many of our lives in one way or another. We ask for your continuing support for the Grand Chapter projects.**

**On the bottom of the page you see that I have asked that you check out the website, [Chemoangels.com](http://Chemoangels.com). Chemo Angels is a volunteer organization dedicated to bringing a ray of sunshine and support into the lives of those undergoing chemotherapy treatments. I am an**

**angel and have had two chemo buddies since I have joined. If you are interested you can find all of the information on the site.**

**There is a change in our Schedule if you would like to take note – Hillcrest Chapter #40. The visit there is changing from July to October 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**To our Installing Suite, thank you for a job well done. Each of you was asked because you are all special to us in your own way and we appreciate you taking the time and effort to do this for us.**

**To Granite Chapter #15, thank you for your love and support this past 35 years and for all of the work that lies ahead.**

**Brother Burton, Worthy Grand Patron – We have had many meetings, made many decisions – again and again-travelled lots of miles, made plans, then changed them-but you always kept your sense of humour, and I thank you for that. Thank you for sharing the East of the Grand Chapter with me and I look forward to the year ahead and all it has to bring.**

**I would like to introduce my Family and Friends. Most of you know my husband, Brother Allan, and my niece, Sister Terri; my youngest daughter, Charlene; my cousin, Tova; my daughter and her husband, Chris and Charla; my son, Craig and his friend, Claudine; my oldest and dearest friend, Sister Dawnie Magee and her daughter, Stacey, who is just like another daughter to us; and my daughter-in-law and brother-in-law, Blaine and Renie Hatt from Ontario.**

**And a special mention and thank you to our Counterparts – the Dawning Stars – it means so much to have you with us tonight.**

**To the Elected Grand Officers, congratulations, good luck and smooth sailing, and know that you are an important part of our Grand Family.**

**To the Appointed Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, and Assistants, what a good-looking group! I know that every Worthy Grand Matron thinks that she has the best yet – but I really mean it – I do!! Thank you so much for accepting your positions.**

**Sister Donna and Brother Graham, congratulations on a successful Session and year as leaders of this Grand Chapter. Enjoy a well-deserved rest, but not too long, as we hope to see you often in our travels in the year ahead.**

**The gavel that I will be carrying with me this year was given to me by my family the first time that I served as Worthy Matron – a long time ago. My Bible is a gift from very dear friends, Charlie and June Rafuse, who I am very pleased to have as members of my Grand Family. The beautiful marker that will rest upon its pages was a gift from Sister Janet Mallory and Zetland Chapter.**

**In closing, I will leave you with words from Sister Glenna Taylor’s, PGM, Acceptance Speech:**

**“The simple words of thank you would never, never do  
To tell you of the gratitude I feel toward all of you  
The friendship is a treasure that is as plain as plain can be  
And the way that you have shown this means the world and all to  
me.”**

**Thank you.**

**ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS  
Brother Burton Hall, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Family:**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Lynne – Worthy Grand Matron—that has a nice sound, doesn’t it? Well, Lynne, we have arrived, ready or not, we are here. Let me be one of the first to congratulate you on your election to the highest office in our Grand Jurisdiction. It seems like only yesterday that I was elected Grand Sentinel. We have been working diligently toward this day for the past two years. I appreciate being able to share the East of this Grand Chapter with you and I am looking forward to the coming year and whatever it holds in stock for us. We have already traveled many miles together and I am looking forward to sharing many more over the coming months. You have truly done everything that you could to make our year a joint and shared experience.**

**I would like to thank the members of this Grand Chapter for your support in electing me to this very prestigious office. I hope that I can live up to your expectations. We have a great Grand Jurisdiction in New Brunswick and a beautiful Order - let us all work together to improve it and increase our membership and our number of active members.**

**I would like to thank the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons for your words of support. It was at your suggestions and encouragement that I started this journey. I have appreciated your support, guidance and words of advice and I look forward to your continued support, advice and direction. I hope that you will permit me to continue to draw upon your knowledge and experience.**

**I also would like to thank our Installing Suite for their excellent work, They did a great job didn't they? I think that they deserve another round of applause. Your work was superb. Sister Carol, what can I say about your work? Your work is always of the highest quality but you have out done yourself today – super job. Brother Charlie, as we belong to the same Chapter and Lodge, I am used to hearing you do ritual work but it is always a joy to listen to-great job. Sister Debbie, you did an excellent job, as I knew you would when I asked you if you would install me to this office. I was very pleased when you agreed. This has been a great honour having you install me as my first Grand Chapter experience was serving as a Grand Guard for you and Brother Doug at your “Rainbow of Friendship” Sessions. One thing that I learned from those Sessions is that you must have very cold hands because you always wanted everyone to wear mittens, even in July. Therefore, out of concern that your hands might be cold at these Sessions, I had this pair of Rainbow Mittens made especially for you. Brother John, you did a fabulous job on the prayer. I knew that you were the proper person to be our Installing Chaplain as the role fits you so well. I remember an occasion two years ago when you took the coat off your back and gave it to someone else to wear for their installation as Grand Sentinel. Thank you. Sister Donna, what magnificent work you did as Installing Grand Marshal. You want to be careful because doing that kind of work can get you a permanent job. Sister Norma and Sister Mary, what beautiful music you make together. It has added so much to this evening's ceremony. Brother Rod, I truly appreciate your having agreed to sing for me tonight. You did an outstanding job, as I knew you would and I love that selection. Thank you to each and everyone of you for being a part of our Installation Suite. I was very pleased that each of you agreed to be a part of tonight's ceremonies. You have helped make this evening even more special and memorable. Thank you, to each and everyone of you from the bottom of my heart.**

**I would like to thank the most important person, my wife, Lillian. Without her love and support, I would not have been able to undertake this magnificent venture. I truly appreciate all of your help and encouragement. Thanks for all the work you have done and for all the work you will be doing to help me.**

**I wish to thank Granite Chapter #15 for their support, encouragement and work. I realize that we have brought a lot more work for all of you and that a lot of this work is yet to come- some of it starting in the next few days. Thanks everyone.**

**Our two Sister Chapters, Queen Mary #4 and St. Stephen #8, have also been very supportive and are always ready to help in any way that they can. I wish to thank the members for their support and encouragement. Your support has meant a lot and is truly appreciated. Thank you.**

**I want to thank Brother Allan, the Worthy Grand Matron's husband. Allan has been very supportive to Sister Lynne and me, as we have worked towards this evening and the forthcoming year. He has contributed lobsters and scallops, each fishing season, to us so we could sell tickets on them as a means of raising funds to help with some of our expenses. He has also, on occasion, when we have been holding one of our many meetings at his home, offered very valuable suggestions and I appreciate his opinion and support. I hope that over the next few months you will be able to find some time in your very busy schedule to accompany Lynne and me on some of our official visits. Thanks Allan for all the help and support.**

**To our Grand Family, both elected and appointed. It is with heart-felt gratification that I look out at you tonight, what a beautiful sight. For our Appointed Grand Officers, each of you was hand-picked and I look forward to working and traveling with you. To our elected Grand Officers, welcome. It is a pleasure to have each of you as members of our Grand Family. I know that preparations are just starting for Sister Lynn and Brother Ebby while the workload for Sister Linda and Brother Bob is continuing and with final touches being added. We are looking forward to a busy year and we have very hard shoes to follow. Past Grand Matron, Sister Donna, and Past Grand Patron, Brother Graham, have set a very high standard for us to try and maintain. However, the most important thing to remember is to have fun and enjoy your year with us.**

**At this time I would like to introduce the members of my family – will you please rise – my wife, Sister Lillian; my mother-in-law, Margaret; my granddaughter, Mikalah; my aunt Gladys; my granddaughter Madison; my youngest sister, Cheryl and her husband Rob; my brother Lyle and his wife, Marilyn; my grandson Matthew; my youngest son Calvin and his wife, Carrie; my eldest son, Jason and his girlfriend, Melissa, and my cousin Alice and her husband Don Clark. Will the members of Granite Chapter #15 please rise. Will the**

members of Queen Mary #4 please rise. Will the members of St. Stephen Chapter #8 please rise. Thanks to all of you for coming and for your support.

The hour is getting late and I thank everyone for attending tonight, for supporting our Grand Chapter and for supporting Sister Lynne and me. We look forward to serving you over the coming year. Thank you, have a good evening and a safe journey home. I will leave you with this parting thought: "A smile is the light in the window of your face that tells people you're at home."

*Brother Allan Hatt, husband of the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Lynne, and Sister Terri-Lynn McGratton, niece of the Worthy Grand Matron, presented flowers to Sister Lynne on behalf of her family and Sister Terri-Lynn brought special words to her Aunt on the occasion of this special evening.*

#### PRESENTATION OF JEWELS

Sister Audrey Sypher, Past Grand Matron, presented Sister Donna McEwen, Junior Past Grand Matron, with her Past Matron's Jewel. Sister Donna accepted with great pleasure and said she would wear this Jewel with much pride.

Sister Hilda Shaffer, Past Grand Matron, presented Brother Graham Vincent, Junior Past Grand Patron, with his Past Grand Patron's Jewel, which had previously been worn by Brother Carr Graham, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, and Brother Harry Livingstone, Past Grand Patron. Brother Graham accepted this beautiful Jewel and said he would be proud to wear the Jewel on his travels.

*The Junior Past Grand Matron, Sister Donna McEwen, and Junior Past Grand Patron, Brother Graham Vincent, were escorted west of the Altar to sign the Bible.*

*The Grand Marshal, Brother Ronald Hutchinson, proclaimed these Grand Chapter Sessions called from Labour to Rest to reconvene on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at the Fredericton Inn, Fredericton, NB.*

**KEEPER OF THE LIGHT SESSION  
July 10, 11 and 12, 2008**

**DEDICATION**

**Worthy Grand Matron**

**I dedicate this year to the memory of my grandfather, Vaughan French, Past Patron of Granite Chapter #15, who encouraged me to join the Order and to become involved.**

**To my husband, Allen, whose love and support, enables me to continue on my chosen path.**

**To the members of Granite Chapter #15, Queen Mary #4 and St. Stephen #8, for their support and encouragement.**

**Worthy Grand Patron**

**This year is dedicated to the memory of my parents, Ronald and Marion Hall, who taught me the importance of helping others.**

**To my wife, Lillian, without her loving support and encouragement, I would never have undertaken this wonderful adventure.**

**To the members of Granite Chapter #15 for the never-ending words of encouragement and support that they have given.**

**And to all the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who encouraged me to start this great venture and who continue to help, direct and support me.**

**Scripture: WGM & WGP: John 8:12 "Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

**Motto: Live well, Laugh often, Learn always, Love fully**

**Aim: To turn the negative to positive, attitude is everything**

**Emblem: Maple Leaf**

**Honour Station: Chaplain**

- Colours:** Autumn Hues
- Flowers:** Ivory Rose and Fall Mums
- Hymns:** WGM: Here I am Lord; Let There Be Peace; The Anchor Holds; The Light House; Surely The Presence and The King is Coming  
 WGP: Amazing Grace, One day At A Time, The Old Rugged Cross
- Fun Symbols:** WGM: Lighthouses, all things nautical and Snowmen  
 WGP: Chickadees and Dragon
- Songs:** WGM: Keeper of the Stars, The Rose, Getting to Know You and Wish Upon a Star  
 WGP: Working Man, The Rose
- Projects:** All Grand Chapter projects
- Special Project:** Cancer
- Community Project:** We are asking that you support your Breakfast Program for Elementary Schools, local Food Banks and bears for the police, etc.

Check out the web site: [www.chemoangels.com](http://www.chemoangels.com)

### SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

A School of Instruction for the Grand Officers will be held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Masonic Hall, St. George, NB.

All General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and those who will be accompanying them are invited to join us at 10:00 AM.

Lunch will be served around noon.



## SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

For all Districts will be held September 15, 2007:

District #1	Associate Grand Conductress	Chapters 22,24,27 & 42
District #2	Mickie King	Chapters 11,26,36,5 & 19
District #3	Jean Duncan	Chapters 30,37,3,35 & 40
District #4	Sybil Wilson	Chapters 23, 9, 7 & 1
District #5	Associate Grand Matron	Chapters 14, 18 & 33
District #6	Grand Conductress	Chapters 8, 4 & 15

## COMMITTEES 2007 – 2008

CREDENTIALS	James Hanley, PP #15 Catherine Evans, PM #35 David Lister, PP #35
DISTRIBUTION	Marjorie Colton, PGM #27 Clinton Shaffer, PGP #19 Elaine MacLean, PGM #3
JURISPRUDENCE	Carol Sutherland, PGM #8 Donna Allen, PGM #11 Rose Scott, PGM #36
CONSTITUTION & LAWS	Ann Lister, PGM #35 Hazel Harris, PGM #22 Debbie Hill, PGM #37
GRIEVANCES & APPEALS	Margaret McCully, PGM #18 Betty Danks, PGM #24 Ron Jagoe, PGP #22
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	Jean Belding, PGM #3 John Murray, PGP #26 Ambury Newman, PGP #42
NECROLOGY	Brenda McGibbon, PM #8 Edith Clouston, PM #22

	Beth Corey, PM #35
<b>FINANCE</b>	Glenna Taylor, PGM #42 Audrey Sypher, PGM #24 Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM #27
<b>COMMISSIONER OF TRIALS</b>	Leitha Holmes, PGM #9 Hilda Shaffer, PGM #19 Rupert Sypher, PGP #24

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES  
2007-2008**

<b>LOTTIE L. KYLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP &amp; EDUCATIONAL FUND</b>	Betty Powell, PM #3 Brenda Whitney, PM #27 Doreen Young, PM #4 Eleanor Butland, PM #19 Linda Boone, PM #7
<b>ESTARL</b>	June Rafuse, PM #15 Linda Murray, PM #26 Keith Lyons, PP #3 Susan Glazier, PM #1 Ray Kraglund, PP #24
<b>INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND</b>	Roxanne Pond, PM #40 Dorothy Stewart, PM #24 Nathan Rubin, PP #15
<b>AUDIT</b>	Boyd Poley, PP #24 Evan Thomas, PGP #26 Christine Trenholm, PM #11
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	Doug Swan, GGCCM #1 Edith Clouston, PM #22 Mickie King, PM #26 Robert McInnes, PP #33
<b>VISION QUEST</b>	Elderic Thorne, GGCCM #30 Carol Sutherland, PGM #8 Donna Allen, PGM #11 Audrey Sypher, PGM #24

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**Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM #27  
Norma Caswell, PM #4  
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**Norma Jean Belyea, PGM #3  
DeWitt Lister, PGP #35**

**NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PAST GRAND MATRONS**  
**The Year in Which They were Elected**  
**Since Organization of Grand Chapter, November 5, 1930**

**Elected at:**

- 1930 Fredericton, Lottie L. Kyle, Moncton No. 5\*
- 1931 Woodstock, Lottie L. Kyle, Moncton No. 5\*
- 1932 Moncton, May King, Woodstock No. 1\*
- 1933 Milltown, Gladys Douple, St. Stephen No. 8\*
- 1934 Grand Falls, Ida Bedell, Andover, No. 9\*
- 1935 Fredericton, Mary J. McCain, St. Stephen No. 4\*
- 1936 St. Stephen, Blanche White, Andover, No. 10\*
- 1937 Moncton, Edna Kilpatrick, Woodstock, No. 7\*
- 1938 Woodstock, Elizabeth Noddin, Calais, Maine No. 2\*
- 1939 Andover, Jeanne Murray, Fredericton No. 3\*
- 1940 Saint John, Laura Shaw, Woodstock No. 1\*
- 1941 Woodstock, Anna Laubman, St. Stephen No. 8\*
- 1942 St. Stephen, Linnie Siddall, Port Elgin, No. 11\*
- 1943 Fredericton, Mildred A. Porter, Saint John No. 14\*
- 1944 Moncton, Daisy Wheeler, Moncton No. 5\*
- 1945 Saint John, Jean Stewart, Hartland No. 6\*
- 1946 Milltown, Eva McBride, Woodstock, No. 1\*
- 1947 Saint John, E. Mae Earle, Perth No. 9\*
- 1948 Saint John, Evelyn R. Wright, Fredericton No. 3\*
- 1949 Fredericton, Mary E. Wright, Calais, Maine No. 2\*
- 1950 St. Andrews, Marjorie Fryars, Moncton No. 5\*
- 1951 Moncton, Hazel P. Hagerman, Saint John No. 14\*
- 1952 Saint John, Hazel St. C. Doyle, Hampton No. 18\*
- 1953 Saint John, Hilda Akerley, Fredericton No. 3\*
- 1954 Fredericton, Exie Dougherty, St. Stephen No. 15\*
- 1955 Woodstock, Eula Guptill, Pennfield No. 16\*
- 1956 St. Stephen, Louise Hicks, Havelock No. 25\*
- 1957 Moncton, Grace Brooks, Aroostook No. 9\*
- 1958 Fredericton, Madeline Raymond, Woodstock No. 1\*
- 1959 Woodstock, Edith Mersereau, Fredericton Junction No. 12\*
- 1960 Fredericton, Ruth Lewis, Chatham No. 27\*
- 1961 Newcastle, Velma Branch, Bathurst No. 22\*
- 1962 Saint John, Margaret Sommerville, 383 Main St, Apt. 6  
 Florenceville E7L 4K1 No. 7
- 1963 Fredericton, Vola Barker, Fredericton No. 3\*
- 1964 Fredericton, Mildred Trenholme, Port Elgin No. 11\*
- 1965 Moncton, Elva Godfrey, Saint John No. 18\*
- 1966 Saint John, Eileen Jackson, St. Stephen No. 4\*
- 1967 St. Andrews, Edythe Hatheway, Bathurst No. 22\*

- 1968 Bathurst, Eileen Price, 960 St. George Blvd, Apt 321  
Moncton E1E 3Y3 (867-0916) No. 5
- 1969 Moncton, Mary Fanjoy, Box 4763, Rothesay E3E 5X4  
No. 33
- 1970 Saint John, Rhoda Steeves, Moncton, No. 36\*
- 1971 Moncton, Blanche Grant, St. George No. 15\*
- 1972 St. Andrews, Glenna Taylor, 5321 Route 108, Lower  
Derby E1V 5B5 (622-0101) No. 42
- 1973 Newcastle, Annie Saunders, Rothesay No. 33\*
- 1974 Sussex, Genevra Oliver, Fredericton No. 37\*
- 1975 Fredericton, Kay Bleakney, Moncton No. 5\*
- 1976 Moncton, Anne Steeves, 9 Minto St., Campbellton  
E3N 2W3 (753-3452) No. 24
- 1977 Campbellton, Thelma Peacock, Saint John No. 14\*
- 1978 Saint John, Myrtle Fillmore, Fredericton No. 3\*
- 1979 Fredericton, Lottie MacCallum, Saint John No. 34\*
- 1980 Saint John, Ethel Tweedie, Rexton Lion's Senior Complex  
84 Main Street, Rexton E4W 2B3 (876-2678) No. 27
- 1981 Chatham, F. Pauline Allan, 987 Manawagonish Road,  
Saint John E2M 3X2 (672-2681) No. 18\*
- 1982 Saint John, Jean Scott, Bathurst No. 22\*
- 1983 Bathurst, Norma Jean Belyea, 195 Charing Crescent  
Fredericton E3B 4R9 (457-0789) No. 3
- 1984 Fredericton, Jacquie Boutilier, 25 Vista Drive, Moncton  
E1A 4L6 (382-3217) No. 36
- 1985 Moncton, Margaret McCully, 9 Wayne Terrace, Saint John  
E2M 5Z1 (672-3774) No. 18
- 1986 Saint John, Florence Wilson, 268 Golden Grove Road,  
Saint John E2H 1H4 No. 33
- 1987 Sussex, Jeanne Wheelock, 32 Riverside Dr, Apt. 13  
Eddington, ME 04428 No. 8
- 1988 St. Stephen, Betty Danks, 343 Goderich Street,  
Dalhousie E8C 1V1 (684-4933) No. 24
- 1989 Saint John, Jean Belding, 825 McLeod Ave, A310  
Fredericton E3B 9V4 (459-6760) No. 3
- 1990 Fredericton, Ann Lister, 386 Frog Lake Road, Harvey  
York Co. E6K 2G4 (366-5355) No. 35
- 1991 Fredericton, Joan Hicks, Riverview No. 1\*
- 1992 Woodstock, Hilda Shaffer, 81 Charyl Court, Riverview  
E1B 4C6 (387-7117) No. 19
- 1993 Moncton, Hazel Harris, 225 Millhaven St, Apt. 208,  
Bathurst E2A 1W5 (546-4160) No. 22
- 1994 Bathurst, Brenda I. Taylor, 490 ClearView Row, Saint  
John E2M 3A4 (635-8761) No. 18

- 1995 Saint John, Brenda J. Saunders, 214 Downey Avenue, Riverview E1B 1W7 (386-3595) (854-0401) No. 36
- 1996 Moncton, Shirley MacDonald, 255 O'Keefe Road, Miramichi E1V 6J3 (773-6685) No. 27
- 1997 Fredericton, Rose Scott, 164 Sunshine Drive, Moncton E1G 2C8 (855-7897) No. 36
- 1998 Moncton, Audrey Sypher, 172 Morris Street, Miramichi E1V 5A8 (836-9083) No. 24
- 1999 Moncton, Ann Morton, 1075 Route 114, Lower Coverdale E1J 1A1 (386-8626) No. 19
- 2000 Moncton, Carol Sutherland, 1237 Route 127, Rollingdam E5A 2W2 (466-4077) No. 8
- 2001 Fredericton, Debbie Hill, 101 Hilltop Drive, Fredericton E3A 2J3 (472-2402) No. 37
- 2002 Fredericton, Leitha Holmes, 22690 Route 2, Four Falls E3Z 2H2 (273-3512) No. 9
- 2003 Fredericton, Marjorie Colton, 28 Heritage Rd, Apt. 16 Miramichi E1N 3C2 (773-7875) No. 27
- 2004 Fredericton, Donna Allen, 1345 Route 955, Murray Corner E4M 3H6 (538-2672) No. 11
- 2005 Fredericton, Elaine MacLean, 39 Sherry's Lane, Fredericton E3C 1L8 (454-9555) No. 3
- 2006 Fredericton, Donna McEwen, 8 Route 280, Eel River Cove E8E 1V7 (684-4626) No. 24

**NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PAST GRAND PATRONS**  
**The Year Which They were Elected**  
**Since Organization of Grand Chapter, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1930**

- 1930 Fredericton, R. Donald Stewart, Hartland No. 6\*
- 1931 Woodstock, R. Donald Stewart, Hartland 6\*
- 1932 Moncton, O.B. Dobson, Moncton No. 5\*
- 1933 Milltown, John E. Andrews, Andover No. 10\*
- 1934 Grand Falls, H.S. Wright, Fredericton No. 3\*
- 1935 Fredericton, Rev. Canon J.E. McAlden St. Andrews No. 9\*
- 1936 St. Stephen, James Walker, Moncton No. 5\*
- 1937 Moncton, Cecil R. Fitsimmons, Woodstock No. 1
- 1938 Woodstock, Bertrum Wilson, Moncton No. 5\*
- 1939 Andover, Earl Nason, Fredericton Junction No. 12\*
- 1940 Saint John, Arthur Kearney, Hartland No. 6\*
- 1941 Woodstock, Frank Thomas, Petitcodiac No. 3\*
- 1942 St. Stephen, C. Scott Currie, Woodstock No. 1\*
- 1943 Fredericton, G.I. Nugent, Fredericton No. 3\*
- 1944 Moncton, Walter S. Allen, St. Stephen No. 8\*

- 1945 Saint John, John Akerley, Fredericton No. 3\*  
 1946 Milltown, Kenneth W. Warden, Saint John No. 14\*  
 1947 Saint John, Kenneth Anderson, Lawrence Station No. 8\*  
 1948 Saint John, Charles Wry, Bath No. 7\*  
 1949 Fredericton, Harle E. Winslow, Bering, ME No. 2\*  
 1950 St. Andrews, Arthur Carvell, Lakeville No. 6\*  
 1951 Moncton, Judson Tompkins, Perth-Andover No. 9x  
 1952 Saint John, Leonard Wilson, West Saint John No. 18\*  
 1953 Saint John, Harry Hersey, St. George No. 15\*  
 1954 Fredericton, Eldon Atkinson, Campbellton No. 24\*  
 1955 Woodstock, Glendon Smith, Upper Mills No. 2\*  
 1956 St. Stephen, Roy H. Colwell, Fredericton No. 3\*  
 1957 Moncton, James Ingram, Oromocto No. 4\*  
 1958 Fredericton, Allison Knowlton, Harvey Station No. 35\*  
 1959 Woodstock, Rev. C.E. Miller, Amherst, NS No. 38x  
 1960 Fredericton, W.T.F. Johnston, Saint John No. 14\*  
 1961 Newcastle, Wallace Hyslop, Moores Mills No. 8\*  
 1962 Saint John, Alexander MacCallum, 28 Fernwood Cresc.  
 Hamilton, Ont L8T 3L1 No. 34  
 1963 Woodstock, Austin Steeves, Moncton No. 36\*  
 1964 Fredericton, Donald W. Kyle, Riverview No. 19\*  
 1965 Moncton, Bernard Oliver, 11-825 McLeod Avenue,  
 Fredericton E3B 9V4 (455-3438) No. 37  
 1966 Saint John, Howard Saunders, Rothesay No. 33\*  
 1967 St. Andrews, Everett McKinnon, 118 Restigouche Drive,  
 Tide Head E3N 4H6 (753-6558) No. 24  
 1968 Bathurst, W. Burton Scott, Saint John No. 14\*  
 1969 Moncton, H. Douglas Ball, Fredericton Junction No. 12\*  
 1970 Saint John, Robert C. Jackson, 8 Albert Street,  
 St. Stephen E3L 2P3 No. 4  
 1971 Moncton, Gerald Fowler, Lepreau No. 18\*  
 1972 St. Andrews, Leonard Kelloway, Centreville No. 7\*  
 1973 Newcastle, Edward Crowther, Bathurst No. 22\*  
 1974 Sussex, Frank Bean, Fredericton Junction No. 12\*  
 1975 Fredericton, James Clouston, Newcastle No. 42\*  
 1976 Moncton, Cecil Jeffries, Sussex Corner No. 21\*  
 1977 Campbellton, Ernest W. Grant, Saint John No. 36\*  
 1978 Saint John, J. Stewart Brooks, Aroostook No. 9\*  
 1979 Fredericton, Harry Livingstone, Riverview No. 5\*  
 1980 Saint John, Ralph T. Haley, St. Stephen No. 4\*  
 1981 Chatham, Douglas Hannah, Shediac No. 26\*  
 1982 Saint John, Fred Woodworth, Riverview No. 11\*  
 1983 Bathurst, Joseph A. Potter, 960 St. George Blvd, A117  
 Moncton E1E 3Y3 (386-4313) No. 5

- 1984 Fredericton, DeWitt Lister, 386 Frog Lake Road, Harvey, York Co. E6K 2G4 (366-5355) No. 35
- 1985 Moncton, Stuart Norton, 165 Robin Hood Ave, North Tetagouche E2A 4Y7 (546-5389) No. 22
- 1986 Saint John, Clinton Shaffer, 81 Charyl Court, Riverview E1B 4C6 (387-7117) No. 19
- 1987 Sussex, James Page, Centreville No. 7\*
- 1988 St. Stephen, Basil Leckey, Chipman No. 30\*
- 1989 Saint John, Eldon Libby, Riverview No. 36\*
- 1990 Fredericton, Peter Colton, Chatham No. 27\*
- 1991 Fredericton, George Theal, 960 St. George Blvd, A515 Moncton E1E 3Y3 (855-0021) No. 5
- 1992 Woodstock, John Beattie, Sussex No. 21\*
- 1993 Moncton, Rupert Sypher, 172 Morris Street, Miramichi E1V 5S8 (836-9083) No. 24
- 1994 Bathurst, Joseph Holmes, 22690 Route 2, Four Falls E3Z 2H2 (273-3512) No. 9
- 1995 Saint John, Elderic Thorne, 29 Queen Street, Minto E4B 3Y7 (327-6120) No. 30
- 1996 Moncton, Dale Nicklin, PO Box 1118, Minto E4B 3Y7 (327-8091) No. 37
- 1997 Fredericton, Carr Graham, Moncton No. 26\*
- 1998 Moncton, Murray Clouston, 4489 Cape Hwy, Salmon Beach E2A 6C3 (546-6504) No. 22
- 1999 Moncton, Gordon Steeves, 305-35 McKnight Street Fredericton E3A 5W6 (455-1096) No. 23
- 2000 Moncton, Charles Rafuse, 10 King Lane, St. George E5C 3L5 (755-6750) No. 15
- 2001 Fredericton, Doug Swan, 169 St. John Street, Woodstock E7M 2T9 (328-6929) No. 1
- 2002 Fredericton, Ronald Jagoe, 8053 Route 11, Stonehaven E2A 5N9 (546-3934) No. 22
- 2003 Fredericton, Evan Thomas, 30 Roy Mollins Drive, A308, Shediac E4P 9B3 (532-8534) No. 26
- 2004 Fredericton, John Murray, 3803 Route 132, Scoudouc E4P 3M5 (532-2906) No. 26
- 2005 Fredericton, Ambury Newman, 365 Skyline Avenue, Miramichi E1V 1B1 (622-0082) No. 42

\*Deceased

+Suspended

xDemitted



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2006-2009**

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Bismarck, ND 58501**

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**GRAND SECRETARIES – ALL JURISDICTIONS**

<b>ALABAMA</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Ramona L. Vickery 1423 Upper Kingston Road Prattville, AL 36067</b>
<b>ALBERTA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Mrs. Lee Clay 330 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta T2R 0H2</b>
<b>ARIZONA</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Ruth Brannan 4600 N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street Phoenix, AZ 85016-5204</b>
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Rosemary Messersmith 610 Royal Lane Bentonville, AR 72712</b>
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Lorraine Ellison PO Box 574 Lithgow, New South Wales AUSTRALIA 2790</b>

<b>BOLIVIA</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Gaston Vacaguzma Aparico Calle. Colon #968 Periodico El Pais Tarija BOLIVIA</b>
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA &amp; YUKON</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Sheila Carlson 20604 95A Avenue Langley, BC V1M 1H8</b>
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Maryann Barrios 16960 Bastanchury Rd, Ste. E Yorba Linda, CA 92886-1711</b>
<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>Valerie Grundvig 2445 S. Quebec , Suite B Denver, CO 80231-1236</b>
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Marilyn Mattoon PO Box 143 Plymouth, CT 06782</b>
<b>DELAWARE</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Joan S. Edwards 6112 W Denney's Road Dover, DE 199901-1534</b>
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Dorothy L. Todd 122 C Street N.W., Suite 115 Washington, DC 20001-2109</b>
<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Linda J. Dudley PO Box 97 Bonifay, FL 32425-0097</b>
<b>GEORGIA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>J. Montine Mize PO Box 187 Hephzibah, GA 30815-0187</b>
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Denise Hunt 2960 Selkirk Drive Boise, ID 83702</b>

<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Janice M. Shank PO Box 317 Macon, IL 62544-0317</b>
<b>INDIANA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Beulah F. Jones PO Box 86 Franklin, IN 46131</b>
<b>IOWA</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Nancy L. Niday PO Box 72 Knoxville, IA 50138</b>
<b>KANSAS</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Nancy A. Wentling 3400 SW Van Buren Street Suite 110 Topeka, KS 66611-2462</b>
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Carolyn S. Perkins PO Box 7 LaGrange, KY 40031</b>
<b>LOUISIANA</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Terrie C. Castay PO Box 74012 New Orleans, LA 70174-0412</b>
<b>MAINE</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Corley Anne Byras PO Box 119 Bowdoinham, ME 04008</b>
<b>MANITOBA</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Elizabeth Evans 52-525 Cathcart Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3R 0S6</b>
<b>MARYLAND</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jean Penley 304 International Circle Cockeysville, MD 21030</b>
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Elaine R. Wallace PO Box 600583 Newtonville, MA 02460-0006</b>
<b>MICHIGAN</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Mary A. Ivey 13464 Preston Drive – Ste 250 Marshall, MI 49068-9684</b>

<b>MINNESOTA</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Robyn Johnson 1321 Lake Drive West, #114 Chanhassen, MN 55317</b>
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Paulette N. Fioretti 205 Wildwood Blvd. Jackson, MS 39212</b>
<b>MISSOURI</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Marilyn L. Woods PO Box 1065 High Ridge, MO 63049</b>
<b>MONTANA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Marlene Pfaff PO Box 20538 Billings, MT 59104-0538</b>
<b>NEBRASKA</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Cathy J. Wagner 300 East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Fremont, NE 68026</b>
<b>NEVADA</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>Barbara L. Redmond 1825 Pocono Court Sparks, NV 89434</b>
<b>NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Brenda J. Saunders 214 Downey Avenue Riverview, NB E1B 1W7</b>
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Janet I. Noland (Acting) PO Box 215 Tilton, NH 03276-0215</b>
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Dorothy A. Banta 111 Finderne Avenue Bridgewater, NJ 08807-3101</b>
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Barbara B. Eichmuller 1602 S. Saddler Street Deming, NM 88030</b>
<b>NEW YORK</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Lois M. Carlsen PO Box 908 New York, NY 11571</b>

<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Julia MacIntosh PO Box 5516 Kinston, NC 28503</b>
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Roberta Kloster 1405 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Fargo, ND 58102</b>
<b>NOVA SCOTIA &amp; PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Betty Ann Loughnan 2375 Roosevelt Drive Halifax, NS B3L 3H8</b>
<b>OHIO</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Barbara Price PO Box 419 Grand River, OH 44045</b>
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Margie E. Onkst 1415 N. Walnut Guthrie, OK 73044-2003</b>
<b>ONTARIO</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Betty Romenick 57 Edilou Drive Etobicoke, Ontario M8W 4B4</b>
<b>OREGON</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>E'Laine Armstrong 9045 SW Barbur Blvd – Ste 122 Portland, OR 97219</b>
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Mary Ann Rhode PO Box 8 Womelsdort, PA 19567-0008</b>
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>Iris Violeta de Rivero PO Box 810255 – A.M.F. Carolina, PR 00981-0255</b>
<b>QUEBEC</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Anita Young 1301 Barsalou Chambly, QC J3L 2X8</b>
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Robert A. Kane 95 Farnum Road Warwick, RI 02888</b>

<b>SAO PAULO</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Maria Madalena Penarotti Rua Pedro Goes, 3601 Bloco D #4 Vila Italia San Jose do Rio Preto – Sao Paulo BRAZIL 15035-170</b>
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Janet Zondervan Box 587 Moosomin, SK S0G 3N0</b>
<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>April &amp; October</b>	<b>James T. Smith 143 West Regent Street Glasgow, SCOTLAND G2 2SG</b>
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Virginia C. Gilreath PO Box 343 Grand Falls, SC 29055-0343</b>
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Eileen F. Harmes 513 West Fourth Avenue Mitchell, SD 57301-2402</b>
<b>TENNESSEE</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Jean Vincent 8258 Hwy 45 E Martin, TN 38237</b>
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Nell Smith Drenner 1503 West Division Arlington, TX 76012</b>
<b>UTAH</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Shanna L. Minert 4034 South 750 West Ogden, UT 84405-2651</b>
<b>VERMONT</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Jerri K. Riegler 65 Liindale Drive Colchester, VT 05446</b>
<b>VIRGINIA</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Paula B. Swansey 4101 Nine Mile Road Richmond, VA 23223-4999</b>

<b>WASHINGTON</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Sandra K. Henry 615 North Street, SE Tumwater, WA 98501</b>
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Dixie Barley PO Box 245 Bradley, WV 25818</b>
<b>WISCONSIN</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Sharon Swartwout 36275 Sunset Drive Dousman, WI 53118-9349</b>
<b>WYOMING</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Patricia Harwood 2645 Torrey Pines Court Gillette, WY 82718-5560</b>



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**Sylvia Smith**

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES 2006-2007**

<b>NB TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS</b>	<b>TERM EXPIRY</b>	<b>GRAND JURISDICTION</b>	<b>OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO NB</b>	<b>TERM EXPIRY</b>
Michelle McBride	Dec 31/07	Alabama	Jennette Jones	Dec 31/08
Philip Belyea	Dec 31/08	Alberta	Betty Brewster	Dec 31/08
Shirley Pagget	Dec 31/07	Arizona	John Howard	Dec 31/08
Ann Mattatal	Dec 31/08	Arkansas	Rachel Arrington	Dec 31/08
Mary Pelletier	Dec 31/08	Australia	Joan Riddle	Dec 31/08
Althea Vye	Dec 31/08	BC/Yukon	Kathy Nadelin	Mar 31/08
Ray Carson	Dec 31/08	California	William Winter	Dec 31/08
Dorothy Greene	Dec 31/08	Colorado	Nancy Veitel	Dec 31/08
Audrey Fox	Dec 31/08	Connecticut	F. Ethel Brown	Dec 31/08
Ross MacLeod	Dec 31/08	Delaware	Walter Myslowicz	Dec 31/08
Lynda Swan	Dec 31/08	Dist. Of Columbia	Neome Berg	Dec 31/08
Sheila Thorne	Dec 31/07	Florida	Gina Dollison	Dec 31/07
Sheldon Scott	Dec 31/08	Georgia	Kay Soutar	Dec 31/08
Helen Bryenton	Dec 31/08	Idaho	Bill Tuggle	Dec 31/08
Kathleen DeWitt	Dec 31/07	Illinois	Imogene Benge	Dec 31/08
Gail Caldwell	Dec 31/07	Indiana	Judith Wurtz	Dec 31/08
Shirley Kraglund	Apr 01/09	Iowa	Kenneth Collins	Dec 31/07
Joyce Spence	Dec 31/08	Kansas	Velda Updegrove	Dec 31/07
Norma Smith	Dec 31/08	Kentucky	Gay Miles	Dec 31/07
John MacDonald	May 01/09	Louisiana	Cora Caraway	Dec 31/07
Patricia Lister	Mar 01/09	Maine	Judith Callahan	Dec 31/08

Betty Steeves	Dec 31/08	Manitoba	Berly Marnock/McDonald	Dec 31/07
Gloria Cheney	Dec 31/08	Maryland	Lois Robertson	Dec 31/07
James Hanley	Dec 31/08	Massachusetts	Christie DeCastro	Dec 31/07
Sydney Butland	Dec 31/08	Michigan	Robert Shaw	Dec 31/08
Pam Pappas	Dec 31/08	Minnesota	Adelaide Bakkle	Dec 31/07
Laurie Hutchison	Dec 31/07	Mississippi	Martha Bowen	Dec 31/07
Elaine Smith	Dec 31/07	Missouri	Lois Patten	Dec 31/08
Sharon Savoy	Dec 31/07	Montana	Paulette Gessle	Dec 31/07
Marguerite Giddens	Oct 01/07	Nebraska	Chris Kennedy	Dec 31/07
Audrey Trask	Dec 31/07	Nevada	William Miller	Dec 31/08
Eleanor Linton	Dec 31/08	New Hampshire	Charlotte Grimsley	Dec 31/07
Theresa McKinnon	Dec 31/08	New Jersey	Barbara Krauss	Dec 31/08
Kathryn McAllister	Dec 31/08	New Mexico	Richard Wilson	Dec 31/08
Beth Corey	Dec 31/07	New York	Janet May	Dec 31/07
Margaret Adams	Dec 31/07	North Carolina	Minnie Hagerty	Dec 31/08
Maxwell Head	Dec 31/08	North Dakota	Ella Mae Rowe	Dec 31/08
Christine Trenholm	Dec 31/08	Nova Scotia & PEI	Anna Carr	Dec 31/07
Marjorie Branch	Dec 31/07	Ohio	Donya Wright	Dec 31/07
Betty Kay	Dec 31/08	Oklahoma	Donald Smith	Dec 31/08
Catherine McGinn	Dec 31/07	Ontario	Dorothy Guild	Dec 31/07
Bernice Peacock	Dec 31/08	Oregon	Jacquie Gratton	Dec 31/07
Gwen Kilpatrick	Dec 31/09	Pennsylvania	Marlene Ling	Dec 31/08
Virginia Lister	Mar 31/09	Puerto Rico	Rafael Rondas	Dec 31/07
David Fairweather	Dec 31/07	Quebec	Ziggy Loos	Dec 31/08
Barbara Darke	Dec 31/07	Rhode Island	Lohn Williams	Dec 31/08

Nancy Bubar	Dec 31/08	Saskatchewan	Jean Armstrong	Dec 31/08
Joyce Parke-Taylor	Dec 31/08	Scotland	Mary Tucker	Dec 31/07
Alyuna Geldart	Dec 31/07	South Carolina	Marcy McGray	Dec 31/07
Jerry Mitton	Dec 31/08	South Dakota	Floyd Bonk	Dec 31/07
Wilma Spencer	Dec 31/07	Tennessee	Fay Weaver	Dec 31/08
Michael Ross	Jan 31/09	Texas	Elizabeth Wise	Dec 31/08
Austin Chase	Dec 31/09	Utah	Annette Mead	Dec 31/07
Eleanor Butland	Dec 31/08	Vermont	Marilyn Chapin	Dec 31/08
Helen Crawford	Dec 31/08	Virginia	Geraldine Markham	Dec 31/07
Mary Kellier	Dec 31/08	Washington	Nancy Boivin	Dec 31/08
Rosemary Day	Dec 31/08	West Virginia	Eugene Billmeyer	Dec 31/08
Helen Ball	Mar 31/07	Wisconsin	Gerald Ball	Dec 31/08
Gladys Biggar	Dec 31/07	Wyoming	Rosemary Saul	Dec 31/07
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**DONATIONS BY CHAPTER****2006 – 2007**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Chapter and/or Individuals</b>	<b>L.L. Kyle Scholarship</b>	<b>ESTARL Scholarship</b>	<b>WGM's Special Projects (ESTARL &amp; Shriners' Transportation)</b>
1	Victoria			\$ 50.00
3	Celestial	\$200.00	\$200.00	40.00
4	Queen Mary	250.00	275.00	60.00
5	Frank H. Tingley	25.00	50.00	150.00
7	Carleton	100.00	75.00	110.00
8	St. Stephen	250.00	300.00	30.00
9	Electa	20.00	20.00	50.00
11	Fort Monckton	50.00	50.00	60.00
13	York	100.00	100.00	50.00
14	Saint John	100.00	100.00	50.00
15	Granite	100.00	100.00	200.00
18	Philip A. Jerguson		125.00	50.00
19	Winston Churchill	60.00	25.00	40.00
22	Bathurst	100.00	412.25	20.00
23	Tobique			100.00
24	Lady Alexander	100.00	95.00	40.00
26	Zetland	50.00	100.00	50.00
27	Prince Charles	50.00	50.00	40.00
30	Remembrance			50.00

33	Lord Beaverbrook	250.00	330.00	25.00
35	Unity	100.00	100.00	355.00
36	Fidelity	200.00	50.00	50.00
37	Devon	50.00	50.00	50.00
40	Hillcrest			50.00
42	Prince Andrew	50.00	50.00	50.00

**CAMP GOODTIME**

27	Prince Charles	\$100.00		
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**WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S SPECIAL PROJECTS  
(ESTARL & SHRINERS' TRANSPORTATION)**

Memorial Donations	\$149.40
Judy Donnelly	50.00
Installation (WGM & WGP)	283.00
Funspiel	94.00
Special Birthdays	80.00
Ticket Sale(Saint John #14)	20.10
Installation 2007	60.00

**RECAPITULATION OF CHAPTERS  
2006 – 2007**

No.	Chapter	2006	Initiated	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total Inc.	Deceased	Suspended	Demitted	Total Loss	2007
1	Victoria	85			1	1	4			4	82
3	Celestial	64					2	1		3	61
4	Queen Mary	60	1			1	3		1	4	57
5	Frank H. Tingley	141					10			10	131
7	Carleton	65					1		3	4	61
8	St. Stephen	107					2			2	105
9	Electa	63	2		2	4	4		2	6	61
11	Fort Monckton	56	3		7	10	3		3	6	60
13	York	60					2			2	58
14	Saint John	106	1		3	5	9	4	2	15	96
15	Granite	123	3		1	4	5	5	2	12	115
18	Philip A. Jerguson	101					1	4	4	9	92
19	Winston Churchill	47		1	2	3			3	3	47
22	Bathurst	88					3		4	7	81
23	Tobique	39	6			6	3			3	42
24	Lady Alexander	78	1			1	3		1	4	75
26	Zetland	85	1		2	3	2	1	1	4	84
27	Prince Charles	69	2		1	3	2		2	4	69



<b>30 Remembrance</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>33 Lord Beaverbrook</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>35 Unity</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>36 Fidelity</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>37 Devon</b>	<b>74</b>				<b>5</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>40 Hillcrest</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>42 Prince Andrew</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>5</b>					<b>77</b>

**DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS 2006-2007**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Worthy Matron</b>	<b>Worthy Patron</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Meeting Night</b>
1	Victoria	Woodstock	Connie MacPherson 4219 Route 105 Upper Queensbury E6G 1Y1	Leonard Mosher 4219 Route 105 Upper Queensbury E6G 1Y1	Marion McLellan 110 Charlotte Street Woodstock E7M 1J7	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue.
3	Celestial	Fredericton	Elaine MacLean 39 Sherry's Lane Fredericton E3C 1L8	Paul Fullarton 1026 Route 105 Douglas E3A 7J4	Norma Jean Belyea,PGM 195 Charing Crescent Fredericton E3B 4R9	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur.
4	Queen Mary	St.Stephen	Norma Caswell 12 West Street St.Stephen E3L 1P1	James Maxwell 147 King Street St. Stephen E3L 2C7	Marjorie Linton 970 Route 730 Scotch Ridge E3L 5L2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur.
5	Frank H. Tingley	Moncton	Marcie Munroe 12 Suffolk, U16 Riverview E1B 4W3	Murray McInnes 112 Leaside Drive Moncton E1C 4L5	Agnes Weaver 17 Montclair Ave Moncton E1E 1T7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.
7	Carleton	Florenville	Linda Boone 399 Burnham Rd Oakland E7L 2W1	William Boone 399 Burnham Rd Oakland E7L 2W1	Kaye Cain 414 Gregg Settlement Rd Summerfield E7K 2P7	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue.

8	St.Stephen	St.Stephen	Linda Ames 144 Route 127 Lawrence Station E5A 1V4	Ross MacLeod 23 MacLeod Rd Tower Hill E5A 2N3	Brenda McGibbon 8427 Route 3 Moore's Mills E5A 1Y1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon.
9	Electa	Perth- Andover	Shirley Webster 54 Hillcrest Drive Perth-Andover E7H 2H2	Victor Webster 54 Hillcrest Drive Perth-Andover E7H 2H2	Joseph Holmes, PGP 22690 Route 2 Four Falls E3Z 2H2	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed.
11	Fort Monckton	Port Elgin	Donna Allen 1345 Route 955 Murray Corner E4M 3H6	Colin Allen 1345 Route 955 Murray Corner E4M 3H6	Christine Trenholm 595 Route 960 Cape Spear E4M 1R8	4 <sup>th</sup> Mon.
13	York	McAdam			Theresa Monk Vanceboro, ME 04491	1 <sup>st</sup> Thur.
14	Saint John	Saint John	Carol Ferris 47 ½ Elliott Row Saint John  E2L 1C5	Ian Black 1710 Hickey Rd Bldg 5, Apt 401 Saint John E2J 3S6	Elaine Hannan-Bacon 87 Laura Drive Quispamsis  E2E 6B4	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed.
15	Granite	St. George	June Rafuse 10 King Lane St. George E5C 3L5	James Hanley 237 Route 172 L'Etang E5C 1W3	Charles Rafuse, PGP 10 King Lane St. George E5C 3L5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed.

18	Philip A.Jerguson	Saint John	Marjorie Murray 480 Demonts St. Saint John E2M 1R6	Roy Carson 712 Sand Point Rd Saint John E2M 3E1	Helen Humphreys 40 Sylvia Drive Saint John E2J 3K1	1 <sup>st</sup> Fri.
19	Winston Churchill	Riverside-Albert	Mildred Homer 200 Wentworth Dr Riverview E1B 2T8	Allan McKinley 10 Warren Avenue Riverview E1B 3M3	Ann Morton,GGCCM 1075 Route 114 Lower Coverdale E1J 1A1	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon
22	Bathurst	Bathurst	Joyce Spence 321 Scenic Drive Bathurst E2A 4Z3	Terrance Spence 321 Scenic Drive Bathurst E2A 4Z3	Hazel Harris, PGM A208-225 Millhaven Crt Bathurst E2A 1W5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue.
23	Tobique	Plaster Rock	Anna Gough 428 Tobique St Plaster Rock E7G 3Z7	William Miller III 4160 Route 385 Nictau E7G 3A9	Lynn Steeves 163 William Street Grand Falls E3Z 1A9	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue.
24	Lady Alexander	Campbellton	Shirley Kraglund 18 Gallant Dr, A1 Campbellton E3N 2T7	Raymond Kraglund 18 Gallant Dr., A1 Campbellton E3N 2T7	Alyuna Geldart 5 Maple Avenue Tide Head E3N 4H2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon.
26	Zetland	Shediac	Mickie King 19 Alma LeBlanc St Grande Digue E4R 3Y6	Bob King 19 Alma LeBlanc St Grande Digue E4R 3Y6	Linda Murray 75 MacDougall Road MacDougall Settlement E1H 3G1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue.

27	Prince Charles	Chatham	Phyllis Mossman 4943 Route 108 Hwy Millerton E1V 5B9	John McDonald 3 William Cassidy Miramichi E1N 1Y7	Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM 255 O'Keefe Road Miramichi E1V 6J3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed.
30	Remembrance	Minto	Norma Smith 151 Queen St, A309 Fredericton E3B 7J2	Allan Bishop 140 Pleasant St Chipman E4A 5W8	Bonnie Anderson 5450 Route 10 Hardwood Ridge E4A 1A3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon.
33	Lord Beaverbrook	Hampton	Marion Logan 51 Marble Street Four Corners E4E 3P8	Frank Withers 21 Saunders St Nauwigewauk E5N 6V5	Ruth Saunders 276 Route 100 Nauwigewauk E5N 6Z2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.
35	Unity	Harvey	Serena Bradford 882 Route 686 Harvey, York Co. E6K 3G4	Ian Duncan Box 314 Harvey Station E6K 3W9	DeWitt Lister 386 Frog Lake Road Harvey, York Co. E6K 2G4	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed.
36	Fidelity	Riverview	Lynda Williams 66 Essex St, A102 Moncton E1C 0H5	Don Williams 66 Essex, A102 Moncton E1C 0H5	Audrey Trask 46 Lindsay Street Riverview E1B 3A1	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues.
37	Devon	Fredericton	Debbie Hill 101 Hilltop Drive Fredericton E3A 2J3	Laurie Bishop 381 Canada St. Fredericton E3A 4A5	Carolyn Calhoun 24 Michael Avene Hanwell E3C 2A2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri.

40	Hillcrest	Boiestown	Susan Munn PO Box 432 Boiestown E6A 2A2	Darrell Munn PO Box 432 Boiestown E6A 2A2	Eva Stewart 443 Carroll's Cr. Road Carroll's Crossing E9C 2E9	4 <sup>th</sup> Tue.
42	Prince Andrew	Newcastle	Helen Bryenton 4387 Route 108 Bryenton E1V 5C6	Ambury Newman 365 Skyline Avenue Miramichi E1V 1B1	Glenna Taylor, PGM 5321 Route 108 Lower Derby E1V 5B5	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs. following 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues.

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## GRAND OFFICERS 2007-2008

Worthy Grand Matron.....	Lynne Hatt
74 Artemus Hatt Road, L'Etang E5C 2B7	755-6157
Worthy Grand Patron.....	Burton Hall
426 Route 785, Utopia E5C 2K1	755-3271
Associate Grand Matron.....	Linda Cogswell
2 Robinson Drive, Fredericton E3A 1L8	474-0246
Associate Grand Patron.....	Bob King
19 Alma LeBlanc Street, Grande Digue E4R 3Y6	576-7848
Grand Secretary.....	Brenda J. Saunders, PGM
214 Downey Ave, Riverview E1B 1W7	386-3595 or 854-0401
Grand Treasurer.....	Charles Rafuse, PGP
10 King Lane, St. George E5C 3L5	755-6750
Grand Conductress.....	Lynn Hutchin
4482 Route 640, Harvey, York Co. E6K 2X5	366-5538
Associate Grand Conductress.....	Sherry Mitton
280 St. John Street, Bathurst E2A 1E7	546-6345
Grand Chaplain.....	Ron Oakley
20 East Street, Moncton E1A 7A1	383-9665
Grand Marshal.....	Ron Hutchinson
9 Cambridge Ave, Quispamsis E2E 4W6	847-0269
Grand Organist.....	Jean Flewelling
35 Thomas Ave, St. Andrews E5B 2M7	529-3305
Grand Adah.....	Elaine Smith
23 Shemogue Road, Port Elgin E4M 1C2	538-7618
Grand Ruth.....	Ruth Saunders
276 Route 100, Nauwigewauk E5N 6Z2	832-4210
Grand Esther.....	Audrey Trask
46 Lindsay Street, Riverview E1B 3A1	386-1417
Grand Martha.....	Peggy Jagoe
8053 Route 11, Stonehaven E2A 5N9	546-3934
Grand Electa.....	June Rafuse
10 King Lane, St. George E5C 3L5	755-6750
Grand Warder.....	Bob Wilson
91 McNair Drive, Nackawic E6G 1A5	575-2505
Grand Sentinel.....	Ebby Kuhn
40 Nashwaak West Rd, Taymouth E6C 1Z8	367-2965

The 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Sessions will convene at the Fredericton Inn, Fredericton, NB, on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

