

## INSTRUCTIONS TO 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 31st. 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-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION**

**"CELEBRATION OF GOD'S BLESSINGS"**

**July 10, 11, 12, 2003**

**Fredericton Inn  
Fredericton, New Brunswick**

**LEITHA HOLMES  
WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

**RONALD JAGOE  
WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

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

**2002-2003**

**"CELEBRATION OF GOD'S BLESSINGS" SESSION**

**OF**

**THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW BRUNSWICK**

**DEDICATION**

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

I dedicate this year to the memory of three very dear Eastern Star Sisters: Sister Bertha Nissen, Sister Marion DeMerchant and Sister Mary Ann Doherty; and to the members of Electa Chapter #9, my husband, Joe, and our family for their love and support in helping me follow my dreams.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

This year is dedicated in memory of Brother Edward Crowther, PGP; Brother Miles Amos, PP; to all members of Bathurst #22 for their support and especially to Sister Peggy Jagoe for her love, support and understanding and for all the extra hard work and help she has put into making this year a reality and another dream come true.

**Scripture:** WGM: Stand fast, hold to the traditions which you have been taught. II Thessalonians 2:15

Walk in love as Christ loved us.  
Ephesians 6:2

WGP: There is a time for everything and a Season for every activity under Heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Love one another, as I have loved you; so  
You must love one another. John 13:34

<b>Motto:</b>	Be God's hands and feet on Earth.
<b>Aim:</b>	To love one another as God loves us.
<b>Watchwords:</b>	Willingness, understanding, enthusiasm and Sincerity.
<b>Emblem:</b>	Holy Bible, Cup, Cross
<b>Honour Station:</b>	Electa and Esther
<b>Colours:</b>	Blue and Silver
<b>Flowers:</b>	Lilies, Baby's Breath, Yellow Roses
<b>Fun Symbols:</b>	WGM: Shoes, Angels, Country Churches WGP: Cows
<b>Hymns:</b>	WGM: Lord's Prayer Just A Closer Walk With Thee Consider the Lilies  WGP: In the Garden It's Not An Easy Road My God and I
<b>Songs:</b>	On The Wings of a Dove Winter Wonderland Land of New Brunswick This Land is Your Land
<b>Projects:</b>	All Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter Projects
<b>Special Projects:</b>	Children's Wish Foundation; Camp Goodtime and Alzheimers.
<b>Non-monetary Project:</b>	Being God's hands and feet on Earth, sharing God's blessings with others.



*Worthy Grand Matron – Leitha Holmes  
Worthy Grand Patron – Ronald Jagoe*



Mrs. Dorothy M. Dewing  
*Most Worthy Grand Matron*  
*Past Grand Matron of Oregon*  
2000 - 2003



Mr. Harles I. Creech  
*Most Worthy Grand Patron*  
*Past Grand Patron of Louisiana*  
2000 - 2003

## GRAND OFFICERS – 2002 - 2003



*Front Row: Donna Allen, Grand Conductress; Linda Cogswell, Grand Treasurer; Marjorie Colton, Associate Grand Matron; Leitha Holmes, Worthy Grand Matron; Ronald Jagoe, Worthy Grand Patron; Evan Thomas, Associate Grand Patron; Brenda J. Saunders, Grand Secretary; Elaine MacLean, Associate Grand Conductress*

*Back Row: Doug Swan, Acting Grand Sentinel; Isabel Morton, Grand Organist; Martha Gillrie, Grand Warder; Mary duManoir, Grand Electa; Sandra MacIntosh, Grand Martha; Margaret Jagoe, Grand Esther; Anne Murray, Grand Ruth; Joyce McInnes, Grand Adah; Joseph Greffard, Grand Marshal; Winston Morton, Grand Chaplain.*



Rose Scott  
*General Grand Chapter  
Committee Member on the  
Eastern Star Journal*



Rupert Sypher  
*General Grand Chapter  
Committee Member on  
Public Relations*



## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Rupert Sypher, GGCCM on Public Relations; Rose Scott, GGCCM on the Eastern Star Journal; Leitha Holmes, Worthy Grand Matron; Ronald Jagoe, Worthy Grand Patron



F. Pauline Allan, PGM  
*Ambassador to New Jersey for the Most Worthy Grand Matron*

## GRAND PAGES



*Front Row:* Mickie King; Doreen Young; June Rafuse; Leitha Holmes, WGM; Ronald Jagoe, WGP; Joyce Spence; Lynn Hatt

*Back Row:* Ethel Knowles; Brenda Whitney; Betty Boyer; Judy Gilliss; Anna Lea Bain; Jean Dutcher; Catherine Evans; Jean Kelly; Mildred Homer

## GRAND GUARDS



*Front Row:* Robert Dutcher; Leitha Holmes, WGM; Ronald Jogoe, WGP; Ralph Bain

*Back Row:* Allan Gillis; Terrance Spence; Colin Allen; Burton Hall; Bob King

## GRAND OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2002-2003

Worthy Grand Matron .....	Leitha Holmes	(9)
Worthy Grand Patron .....	Ronald Jagoe	(22)
Associate Grand Matron.....	Marjorie Colton	(27)
Associate Grand Patron.....	Evan Thomas	(26)
Grand Secretary .....	Brenda J. Saunders, PGM	(36)
Grand Treasurer .....	Linda Cogswell	(37)
Grand Conductress .....	Donna Allen	(11)
Associate Grand Conductress .....	Elaine MacLean	(3)
Grand Chaplain .....	Winston Morton	(7)
Grand Marshal .....	Joseph Greffard	(26)
Grand Organist.....	Isabel Morton	(7)
Grand Adah .....	Joyce McInnis	(33)
Grand Ruth.....	Anne Murray	(26)
Grand Esther.....	Margaret Jagoe	(22)
Grand Martha.....	Sandra MacIntosh	(24)
Grand Electa.....	Mary duManoir	(9)
Grand Warder .....	Martha Gillrie	(14)
Grand Sentinel.....	Robert Flewelling	(14)
Acting Grand Sentinel.....	Doug Swan, PGP	(1)

## ASSISTANT GRAND OFFICERS

Assistant Grand Marshal.....	Owen Firth	(24)
Assistant Grand Organist.....	Norma Caswell	(4)
Assistant Grand Secretary.....	Patricia Lister	(35)

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

Dorothy Stewart (24)    Lynn Hutchin (35)    Shirley Webster (9)

## GRAND PAGES

Judy Gilliss (1)	Anna Lea Bain (24)
Betty Powell (3)	Mickie King (26)
Doreen Young (4)	Brenda Whitney (27)
Ethel Knowles (5)	Jean Dutcher (36)
Betty Boyer (14)	Catherine Evans (41)
June Rafuse (15)	Jean Kelly (42)
Mildred Homer (19)	

## GRAND GUARDS

Gordon Belyea (5)  
Burton Hall (15)  
Terrance Spence (22)  
Ralph Bain (24)

Bob King (26)  
Robert Dutcher (36)  
Alan Gillis (37)  
Edward Gilks (42)

## GRAND NURSES

Sherry Mitton (22)  
Fonnie Kuhn (26)  
Catherine McGinn (26)

Phyllis Mossman (27)  
Judy Donnally (27)  
Marion Logan (33)

## GRAND CHOIR DIRECTOR

E. Jeanne Wheelock, PGM (8)

## SESSION TYPIST

Barbara Cove (26)

## DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

General Grand Chapter Officers

General Grand Chapter Committee Members, including our own:

Sister Rose Scott, Eastern Star Journal  
Brother Rupert Sypher, Public Relations  
Sister F. Pauline Allan, Ambassador to New Jersey  
for the Most Worthy Grand Matron

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

Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions  
Grand Representatives

## **HOSTESS CHAPTER**

Electa Chapter #9

## **ASSISTING CHAPTERS**

Bathurst #22  
Victoria #1

Tobique #23

Carleton #7

## **SESSION COMMITTEES**

### **RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

Sister Ann Lister, PGM  
Sister Sheila Thorne, PM

Brother DeWitt Lister, PGP  
Brother Elderic Thorne, PGP

### **COURTESY COMMITTEE**

Sister Margaret McCully, PGM

### **COMMITTEE TO LINE UP DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

Sister Ann Lister, PGM  
Sister Shirley Jennings, PM (37)

Brother DeWitt Lister, PGP  
Sister Susan Glazier, PM (1)

### **CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

Sister Gertrude Wilson, PM, Chairperson (1)  
Sister Sally Donald, PM (27)  
Sister Betty Kay, PM (26)

### **HOUSING CHAIRPERSON**

Brother Philip Belyea, PP (3)

### **BANQUET RESERVATIONS CHAIRPERSON**

Sister Sybil Wilson, PM (1)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration:	Thursday	10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
	Friday	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
	Saturday	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Please NOTE that registration will remain open during the Vesper Service, but will close for balloting.

For Registration, each New Brunswick member must have an Up-to-date Dues Card, properly executed with the Seal of the Chapter and the signature of the Secretary thereon. Visitors must show a receipt for current year's dues. Registration Fee for all attending Grand Chapter is \$5.00.

Distinguished Guests are invited to sit in the East during the Sessions.

All Sessions will begin promptly on time. Grand Officers and Assistant Grand Officers are to assemble 15 minutes before the opening time of each Session. All Reports, Addresses and Responses (two typewritten copies) are to be filed with the Grand Secretary (immediately after presentation).

A Session Typist will be available to assist you.

If unable to present your Report, please arrange with a member of your Committee to have the Report ready for presentation when called for by the Chair.

## DISTINGUISHED GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Brother Fred W. Clarke, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees,  
Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND AMBASSADORS

Sister Annie King, Cancer Project, Past Grand Matron of Maine  
Sister JoAnn Sugden, Credentials, Past Grand Matron of  
Rhode Island

Sister Violet Blair, Credentials, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia  
and Prince Edward Island

Sister Rose Scott, Eastern Star Journal, Past Grand Matron of  
New Brunswick

Brother Kenneth Smith, Membership, Past Grand Patron of  
Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Brother Dennis P. Jordan, Chairman, Public Relations, Past Grand  
Patron of California

Brother Rupert Sypher, Public Relations, Past Grand Patron of  
New Brunswick

Sister Margaret Clarke, Chairman for Canada, Shriners' Hospitals,  
Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward  
Island

Sister Eleanor Mitchell, Ambassador to Southern Italy for the Most  
Worthy Grand Matron, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia  
and Prince Edward Island

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

Sister Ruth H. Songhurst of Connecticut  
Sister Claire E. Wilder of Massachusetts  
Sister Janet I. Noland of New Hampshire  
Sister Gloria J. Bowen of Maine  
Sister Betty St. Onge of Ontario  
Sister Margaret Hourston of Quebec  
Sister Inez Daye of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island  
Brother Roger LeTendre of Connecticut  
Brother Robert E. McDuffie of Massachusetts  
Brother James H. Nelson of New Hampshire  
Brother William H. Stretton of Maine  
Brother Terrance Radford of Quebec

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

Sister Glenna Taylor	Brother Everett MacKinnon
Sister Anne Steeves	Brother DeWitt Lister
Sister Norma Jean Belyea	Brother Stuart Norton,
Sister Jacquie Boutillier	Grand Representative of
Sister Margaret B. McCully	Wisconsin
Sister Florence Wilson	Brother Clinton Shaffer
Sister E. Jeanne Wheelock	Brother James Page, Gr.
Sister Betty Danks	Representative of Maryland
Sister Jean Belding	Brother Peter Colton

Sister Ann Lister  
Sister Hilda Shaffer  
Sister Hazel Harris  
Sister Brenda I. Taylor  
Sister Brenda J. Saunders, Gr.Sect.  
Sister Shirley MacDonald  
Sister Audrey Sypher  
Sister Ann Morton  
Sister Carol Sutherland  
Sister Debbie Hill

Brother George Theal  
Brother Joseph Holmes  
Brother Elderic Thorne  
Brother Dale Nicklin  
Brother Carr Graham  
Brother Gordon Steeves  
Brother Charles Rafuse, Gr.  
Representative of Vermont  
Brother Doug Swan, Acting  
Grand Sentinel

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

Sister Jean DeSisto of Massachusetts  
Sister Constance Vick of Massachusetts  
Sister B. Judith Fenner of Massachusetts  
Sister Cynthia J. Salisbury of New Hampshire  
Sister Virginia L. Charles of Maine  
Sister Margaret Dyer of Maine  
Sister Gretchen Brissette of Maine  
Sister Flora Whalen of Ontario  
Sister Bette MacIntosh of Ontario  
Sister Brenda Shaw-Radford of Quebec  
Sister Marion Conrad of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island  
Sister Carol Clark of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island  
Brother Roger Larsen of Connecticut  
Brother Irving Nicoll of Massachusetts  
Brother Healy A. Nowe, Jr. of Massachusetts  
Brother Lloyd A. Williams of Massachusetts  
Brother Daniel B. Drew of Massachusetts  
Brother David J. Goodrich of Massachusetts  
Brother Paul F. Hunt of Massachusetts  
Brother F. Richard King of Maine  
Brother Vernal Blakely of Maine  
Brother Ronald "Pete" Forrest of Maine  
Brother Claude Brissette, Grand Treasurer, of Maine  
Brother Kenneth T. MacAskill of Rhode Island  
Brother Neil Archibald of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island  
Brother William Clark of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island  
Brother Allison Mitchell of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island



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

Sister Alice P. Webber, Associate Grand Matron of Maine  
Brother James D. Granau, Associate Grand Patron of Massachusetts  
Brother Phillip M. Hubbard, Associate Grand Patron of Maine  
Brother Allan Conrad, Associate Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and  
Prince Edward Island  
Sister Norma Crabtree, Grand Conductress of Maine  
Brother John Coombs, Grand Sentinel of Maine

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

Sister Nancy A. Watson, Grand Chaplain of Connecticut  
Brother Joseph DeSisto III, Grand Chaplain of Massachusetts and  
Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Massachusetts  
Brother Ron Boudreau, Grand Chaplain of Nova Scotia and Prince  
Edward Island  
Sister Susan E. Kilborn, Grand Marshal of Massachusetts  
Sister Charlotte A. Leavitt, Grand Marshal of New Hampshire  
Sister Laurie J. Eaton, Grand Adah of Massachusetts, and Grand  
Representative of Virginia in Massachusetts  
Sister Sylvia McCleave, Grand Ruth of Nova Scotia and Prince  
Edward Island  
Sister Evelyn L. Bogue, Grand Esther of Massachusetts  
Sister Sandra L. Walsh, Grand Esther of Ontario  
Sister Patricia J. Donovan, Grand Martha of Massachusetts and  
Grand Representative of New Brunswick in Massachusetts  
Sister Olive Brinson, Grand Martha of Ontario  
Sister Barbara McDuffie, Grand Electa of Massachusetts  
Sister Cora MacKay, Grand Electa of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward  
Island  
Brother Kenneth Sargent, Grand Warder of Massachusetts  
Brother George N. Flanders, Grand Warder of New Hampshire  
Brother George Moxsom, Grand Warder of Nova Scotia and Prince  
Edward Island

## **GRAND OFFICERS' EMERITUS**

Sister Florence Armstrong, Grand Treasurer Emeritus of  
New Brunswick

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN NEW BRNSWICK

Brother Paul Fullarton of Alabama  
Sister Betty Gravelle of Alberta  
Sister Rosalie Clifford of Arizona  
Brother Keith Scott of Australia  
Brother Edward Gilks of British Columbia & Yukon  
Brother Vernon Lister of California  
Sister Glenna Geer of Connecticut  
Brother Ebby Kuhn of Florida  
Sister Mickie King of Georgia  
Sister Wendy Tomlinson of Indiana  
Sister Betty Ferris of Iowa  
Brother Robert Knorr of Maine  
Sister Jean Kelly of Manitoba  
Brother Reginald Clifford of Massachusetts  
Sister Marjorie Linton of Michigan  
Brother Burton Hall of Minnesota  
Sister Sybil Wilson of Nebraska  
Sister Cairine Nicklin of Nevada  
Sister Ethel Knowles of New York  
Brother William Dutcher of North Carolina  
Sister Muriel Phillips of Oklahoma  
Sister June Rafuse of Ontario  
Sister Susan Glazier of Oregon  
Sister Aulay Sample of Pennsylvania  
Sister Ruth Arthurs of Puerto Rico  
Sister Frances Tozer of Saskatchewan  
Brother Kenneth Dunn of Scotland  
Sister Betty Boyer of South Carolina  
Sister Emily Wiseman of South Dakota  
Brother Ian Black of Tennessee  
Sister Emma Davis of Texas  
Sister Norma Smith of Utah  
Sister Kathleen Cain of Virginia  
Brother Peter Devlin of Wyoming

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

Sister Audrey McKee in Alberta  
Brother Marvin Holmberg in California  
Sister Orissa Maurer in Connecticut  
Brother Bobby Jenkins in Georgia  
Sister Bonita Rainey in Indiana  
Sister Suzanne Huber in Missouri  
Sister Magdalene Metz in New York  
Sister Dorothy Nelson in Rhode Island

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

Brother Russell W. Cutter of Alberta in Massachusetts  
Brother John Howard of Florida in Massachusetts  
Brother George H. Salisbury of Kentucky in New Hampshire  
Brother J.C. Christy of Louisiana in Georgia  
Sister Elaine Armonath of Maryland in Puerto Rico  
Brother Clyde N. Bowen of Massachusetts in Maine  
Brother Gordon Buzza of Missouri in Maine  
Sister Judith Downs of New Hampshire in Massachusetts and  
Deputy Grand Matron  
Sister Colee Mauney of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in  
Georgia  
Sister Joyce Saunders of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in  
Ontario  
Brother George E. Leavitt of Oklahoma in New Hampshire  
Brother Glenn MacAdams of Virginia in Nova Scotia and Prince  
Edward Island  
Sister Marion Ewell of Wisconsin in Massachusetts

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

Sister Dorothy Stewart, District #1, New Brunswick  
Sister Lynn Hutchin, District #4, New Brunswick  
Sister Shirley Webster, District #6, New Brunswick  
Sister Kelly Noyes, District #18, Maine  
Sister Tammy Walton, District #19, Maine

Sister Suzanne Aitken, District #8, Nova Scotia and Prince  
Edward Island

Sister Armelia Cameron, Deputy Grand Marshal of Massachusetts

**WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS  
2003-2004**

Sister Nancy Bubar	Victoria #1	
Sister Doris Ann Craig	Celestial #3	Bro. Philip Belyea
Sister Lorna Maxwell	Queen Mary #4	Bro. James Maxwell
Sister Annie Watson	Frank H. Tingley #5	Bro. Murray McInnis
	St. Stephen #8	Bro. Ronald Sutherland
	Fort Monckton #11	Bro. Colin Allen
Sister Gail Caldwell	York #13	
	Saint John #14	Bro. Kevin Gillrie
	Granite #15	Bro. James Hanley
Sis Pauline Keirstead	Winston Churchill #19	Bro. Robert Keirstead
Sister Joyce Spence	Bathurst #22	
Sister Donna McEwen	Lady Alexander #24	Bro. Graham Vincent
Sister Janet Mallory	Zetland #26	
Sister Judy Donnelly	Prince Charles #27	Bro. Murray Gould
	Lord Beaverbrook #33	Bro. Keith Lyons
Sister Patricia Lister	Unity #35	
Sister Pam Pappas	Fidelity #36	Bro. James Pappas
	Devon #37	Bro. Allan Gillis
Sister Catherine Evans	Margaret #41	Bro. Wylie Casey
Sister Helena McKinnon	Prince Andrew #42	

**WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS  
2002-2003**

Sister Judy Gilliss	Victoria #1	
Sister Betty Powell	Celestial #3	
Sister Doreen Young	Queen Mary #4	
Sister Vivian Magee	Philip A. Jerguson #18	
Sister Mildred Homer	Winston Churchill #19	
	Bathurst #22	Bro. Terrance Spence
Sister Marjorie Steeves	Tobique #23	
Sister Anna Lee Bain	Lady Alexander #24	Bro. Ralph Bain
	Zetland #26	Bro. Bob King
Sister Brenda Whitney	Prince Charles #27	
Sister Jean Dutcher	Fidelity #36	Bro. Robert Dutcher

## SESSION ASSISTANTS AND GRAND NURSES

Brother Owen Firth, Assistant to the Grand Marshal  
Sister Norma Caswell, Assistant to the Grand Organist  
Sister Jean Flewelling, Assistant to the Assistant Grand Organist  
Sister Patricia Lister, Assistant Grand Secretary  
Sister Marion Logan, Grand Nurse  
Sister Sherry Mitton, Grand Nurse

## INFORMAL OPENING

### "CELEBRATION OF GOD'S BLESSINGS"

#### SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

#### THURSDAY EVENING

JULY 10, 2003

The Seventy-Third Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, Order of the Eastern Star, was held on July 10, 11, and 12, 2003, at the Fredericton Inn, Fredericton, New Brunswick.

The Informal Opening of the "Celebration of God's Blessings" Session was preceded by a Vesper Service in the Ballroom, conducted by Brother Keith Lyons, WP, and Brother Ray Kraglund, PP, both United Church Ministers, from Hampton and Campbellton, respectively, and also members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Acting as Lay Reader was Brother Ronald Jagoe, WGP. Grand Organist, Sister Isabel Morton and Assistant Grand Organist, Sister Norma Caswell led those in attendance in the singing of "Just a Closer Walk With Thee". This was followed by the Lessons. The first Scripture Reading was taken from the Book of Ruth 1: 1-22, and the second Scripture reading was taken from the Book of John 13:34-38. Brother Lyons and Brother Kraglund shared the Sermon, with Brother Lyons speaking on the passage from the Book of Ruth, and Bro. Kraglund speaking on the passage from the Book of John. A beautiful Solo, entitled "He", was rendered by Irma Mulherin. The Vesper Service closed with the singing of "God Be With You 'til We Meet Again". The offering for the evening, which is designated for ESTARL, amounted to \$673.85.

The Grand Chapter convened for the Informal Opening at 7:30 PM in the Ballroom. In the East was a blue backdrop with large white lettering proclaiming the 73rd Annual Session, "Celebration of God's Blessings." Behind each Star Point Chair was a miniature Church.

The Labyrinth was outlined with white pedestals. In the Northeast corner of the room the Charter was prominently displayed.

A Musical Prelude was performed by the Grand Organist, Sister Isabel Morton, and the Assistant Grand Organist, Sister Norma Caswell. The Honoured Guests were escorted into the Chapter Room by the Grand Marshal and the Assistant Grand Marshal.

The Grand Choir, under the direction of Sister E. Jeanne Wheelock, PGM, entered the Chapter Room singing "Now Thank We All Our God". The Informal Opening was called to order by Sister Hilda Shaffer, PGM, and Brother Joseph Holmes, PGP.

## CALL TO ORDER

**Sister Hilda Shaffer, PGM, and Brother Joseph Holmes, PGP**

Good Evening. Distinguished and Honoured Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

It is an honour and a pleasure for me to Call To Order and welcome each one to this 73rd Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, the "Celebration of God's Blessings" Session with Brother Joseph Holmes, PGP. During the opening of many Grand Chapter Sessions we hear the Past Grand Matron say "I'm so pleased to be opening this Session with my very own Worthy Grand Patron, but I can never say that; however, I can say how pleased I am to be opening this Session with my very own Grand Sentinel. Ten years ago when I was Worthy Grand Matron and presided over my "Love, Loyalty and Friendship" Session, Brother Joseph was my Grand Sentinel. My! How time flies when we're having fun.

It is always a pleasure to welcome our Distinguished members of the General Grand Chapter and visiting members of other Grand Jurisdictions. We hope that your stay with us will be enjoyable and memorable. Special welcome to Brother Fred Clarke, Chairperson, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Brother Fred, the members of the New Brunswick Grand Chapter are eagerly waiting for the election at General Grand Chapter in Portland, Oregon. We wish you all the best.

To our General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Ambassadors, we thank you so much for being here, especially our

own Sister Rose Scott, GGCCM on the Eastern Star Journal and Brother Rupert Sypher, GGCCM on Public Relations. We are so proud of your accomplishments and dedication to our Order and as you are quickly coming to the end of your appointment, may you feel pride and satisfaction in knowing it was a job well done.

I know that you had given your full support to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, the late Sister Dorothy M. Dewing and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Harles I. Creech. General Grand Chapter will certainly not be the same without our friendly and smiling Sister Dorothy. She will be deeply missed by all members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

To all members of the Masonic Family, our Honoured and Civic Guests – Welcome – your presence this evening is most heart-warming. We hope that you will enjoy your evening with us and we anxiously wait to hear from you later this evening.

To our own dedicated members, this is your Grand Chapter and for the first time each and every member is entitled to vote on any matter that comes before this Grand Chapter. We hope you will enjoy this privilege and take an active part in the business of this Grand Chapter.

Brother Joseph, it is my pleasure to have you assist me this evening in Calling to Order and Welcoming our many members and guests to the Informal Opening of this Grand Chapter Session. I sincerely thank your wife, Sister Leitha, Worthy Grand Matron, for this honour.

Sisters and Brothers, this Session was to be opened by Sister Joan Hicks, PGM, along with Brother Joseph, but as many of you know, Sister Joan and her husband, Brother George, have not been feeling very well these past few weeks and couldn't be with us this evening. Sisters and Brothers, please keep Sister Joan and Brother George in your prayers.

Brother Joseph, would you please add your words of welcome at this time.

Good Evening:

Sisters and Brothers, Distinguished visitors, it is an honour to join Sister Hilda, Past Grand Matron, to take part in this Informal Opening of the "Celebration of God's Blessings" Session.



I would like to extend warm fraternal greetings to all General Grand Chapter Committee Members, especially our own Sister Rose Scott on the Eastern Star Journal and Brother Rupert Sypher, Public Relations, and a special welcome to Brother Fred Clarke, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees.

Over the next two days we hope you will be able to visit some parts of the City and its beautiful surroundings.

Sister Hilda, it has been a pleasure to assist you in this Informal Opening of the "Celebration of God's Blessings" Session.

*(Sisters, Brothers and Guests – with permission of our Worthy Grand Matron, I invite you to remain seated until after I instruct the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress to present our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar.)*

## INTRODUCTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

### Sister Audrey Sypher, Past Grand Matron

Another year in the history of our Grand Chapter is nearing completion. I thank our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for affording me the pleasure of introducing the Grand Officers 2002-2003 of this Grand Jurisdiction,

This Grand Family started their year with the motto: "To fashion our lives, to be God's hands and feet on earth; To Love one another as God Loves us." Now they return safely with thanks to God for their accomplishments and safe travel.

Starting with the District Deputy Grand Matrons. You have had a busy year, and have travelled many miles, but gained many friends. These are your treasures to keep forever.

From District #1 is Sister Dorothy Stewart of Lady Alexander Chapter #24, Campbellton. Sister Dorothy is escorted by Brother George Theal, PGP.

From District #4 is Sister Lynn Hutchin of Unity Chapter #35, Harvey Station. Sister Lynn is escorted by Brother Vernon Lister, Grand

Representative of California in New Brunswick.

From District #6 is Sister Shirley Webster of Electa Chapter #9, Perth-Andover. Sister Shirley is escorted by her husband, Brother Victor Webster, PP.

The Assistant Grand Officers are a very important part of any Grand Chapter.

Our Assistant to the Grand Organist is Sister Norma Caswell of Queen Mary Chapter #4, St. Stephen. This very talented lady provides us with beautiful music, and is best known for composing a new March for each Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Norma is escorted by Brother Jim Maxwell, WP of Queen Mary Chapter #4.

Our Assistant to the Grand Marshal is Brother Owen Firth of Lady Alexander Chapter #24, Campbellton. He will assist in leading and giving direction to all formations. Brother Owen Firth is escorted by his wife, Sister Darla Firth, PM.

Our Acting Grand Sentinel is Brother Doug Swan, PGP, and a member of Victoria Chapter #1, Woodstock. He is the outer guard and upon his watchful care we can be assured our deliberations will proceed without interruption. Brother Doug is escorted by his wife, Sister Lynda Swan, PM.

Our Grand Warder is Sister Martha Gillrie of Saint John Chapter #14, Saint John. She is the inner guard, greeting our members and making us feel secure while performing her duties. Sister Martha is escorted by her husband who is also her WP, Brother Kevin Gillrie.

Our Grand Electa is Sister Mary duManoir of Electa Chapter #9, Perth-Andover. From her we learn the lessons of love, charity and hospitality. She represents the red ray of our emblematic star. Sister Mary is escorted by her son, Stephen Bliss.

Our Grand Martha is Sister Sandra MacIntosh of Lady Alexander Chapter #24, Campbellton. From her we learn a trustful faith in God and a promise of immortality. She represents the green ray of our emblematic star. Sister Sandra is escorted by Brother Ralph Bain, PP.

Our Grand Esther is Sister Margaret Jagoe of Bathurst Chapter #22, Bathurst, and wife of our Worthy Grand Patron. From her we learn to be loyal to our family and friends, to our country and to our God. She represents the white ray of our emblematic star. Sister Margaret is escorted by her son-in-law Scott Mulherin.

Our Grand Ruth is Sister Anne Murray of Zetland Chapter #26,

Shediac. From her we learn to be constant and true, teaching us to follow Ruth's example of love and devotion to one another. She represents the yellow ray of our emblematic star. Sister Anne is escorted by her husband, Brother John Murray, PP.

Our Grand Adah is Sister Joyce McInnes of Lord Beaverbrook Chapter #33, Hampton. From her we learn to be ever faithful to our convictions of right and duty. She represents the blue ray of our emblematic star. Sister Joyce is escorted by her husband, Brother Robert McInnes, PP.

Our Grand Organist is Sister Isabel Morton of Carleton Chapter #7, Florenceville, who is also the wife of our Grand Chaplain. She unites music and harmony to ensure that our ceremonies will be impressive. Sister Isabel is escorted by Brother Rupert Sypher, GGCCM.

Our Grand Marshal is Brother Joseph Greffard of Prince Charles Chapter #27, Chatham. He leads us with direction and purpose reminding us that courtesy and promptness are essential as we perform our duties. Brother Joseph is escorted by his wife, Sister Christena Greffard, PM.

Our Grand Chaplain is Brother Winston Morton of Carleton Chapter #7, Florenceville. He serves our Order with dignity and directs us as we come humbly before our heavenly Father in prayer. Brother Winston is escorted by his sister-in-law Hazel Campbell.

Our Associate Grand Conductress is Sister Elaine MacLean of Celestial Chapter #3, Fredericton. She has started upon an exciting new venture this year bringing knowledge, experience and leadership to our Order. She will assist the Grand Conductress in the active duties of this Grand Chapter. Sister Elaine is escorted by Brother Philip Belyea, PP.

Our Grand Conductress is Sister Donna Allen of Fort Monckton Chapter #11, Port Elgin. Her duties require courtesy, promptness and dignity. She is carefully making plans for the future leadership of this Grand Chapter and may she be blessed each step of the way. Sister Donna is escorted by her husband, Brother Colin Allen, WP of Fort Monckton Chapter #11, Port Elgin.

Our Grand Treasurer is Sister Linda Cogswell of Devon Chapter #37, Fredericton. She is the keeper of our finances and performs her duties with confidence and integrity. Sister Linda is escorted by her son Kevin Grattan.

Our Grand Secretary is Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM, and a member of Fidelity Chapter #36, Riverview. She performs the duties of this difficult and responsible position with patience and intelligence as she keeps the records of this Grand Chapter in order. Sister Brenda is escorted by Bro. James Pappas, WP of Fidelity Chapter #36.

Our Associate Grand Patron is Brother Evan Thomas of Zetland Chapter #26, Shediac. He is prepared to assume the higher position to which he will be called in a few short days, and is aware of the many demands this office holds. Brother Evan is escorted by his wife, Sister Dolly Thomas, PM.

Our Associate Grand Matron is Sister Marjorie Colton of Prince Charles Chapter #27, Chatham, Miramichi. In two short days she will be elevated to the highest office in our Grand Chapter and has prepared for a year of duty and service. We sincerely hope her coming year will be a wonderful experience for her. Sister Marjorie is escorted by her husband, Brother Peter Colton, PGP.

Our Worthy Grand Patron is Brother Ronald Jagoe of Bathurst Chapter #22, Bathurst. He will recall this year with pride and a sense of accomplishment. We salute him for his dedication and loyalty to our Order. You have had a very busy year and we hope a rewarding one as well. Brother Ron is escorted by his daughter, Sister Marcie Jagoe.

Please welcome our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Leitha Holmes of Electa Chapter #9, Perth-Andover. "Walk in love as Christ also loved us" was her scripture. It has been her desire to serve God and this Grand Chapter with a realization of the tremendous responsibility this office holds. May you be blessed with a rich and rewarding Grand Chapter Session. Sister Leitha is escorted by her husband, Brother Joseph Holmes, PGP.

Love is a circle, warm as summer sun, making flowers blossom after winter is done. Love is a circle, take my hand my friend. Love is a circle, love will never end. Love is a circle, going around and around, reaching out to touch you and everyone around. Love is a circle, setting people free. Love is a circle, love is you and me.

Sisters, Brothers and friends, please welcome our 2002-2003 Grand Family.

## FORMATIONS AND DRILLS

Narrated by Sister Rose Scott, GGCCM on the Eastern Star Journal

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder"  
Are the words both true and fair  
God has blessed our province with great beauty  
One would say "It's beyond compare."

From the heavens, God sent nature's elements  
To shed light and joy on the Earth  
For our beautiful world of colour  
We celebrate with thanks, peace and mirth.

Can you think of a sound more beautiful  
Than the ringing of country church bells  
As they welcome us into the little white church  
To hear the message that God tells?

The pews of the church are filling  
With country girls and boys  
Eager to learn of God's love and grace  
And ready to sing praises of His love and joys.

*Entering the Grand Chapter room are the Grand Pages, our rays of purest white,  
to form the little white church.*

Sisters in white  
Rays of pure light  
Teaching the lessons of long ago  
Rays of blue, red, yellow, green and white  
The stained-glass windows are radiating light  
And giving glory to the God we all know.

*The Grand Guards and Brother Grand Officers enter to form the roof and steeple  
of our Church.*

*The District Deputy Grand Matrons enter to form the cross reminding us of God's  
love for us all.*

There's a turn in the road in the country  
There a little white church is found  
In the little white church in the country  
Stained-glass windows radiate light all around.

Humility and patience are learned from the blue ray  
From the yellow seeds of friendship, we reap friends of gold;  
White rays send light, power and strength  
Valuable virtues for both young and old.

Green rays teach of nature's life and beauty  
We should walk in God's way and be part of the fold  
Stand firm upon our principles, practice charity and  
    hospitality  
From the red rays of love many blessings unfold.

*Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron enter  
And hold open the church door  
Enabling His holy word to flow through  
And bless us forever more.*

As the Sister Grand Officers enter  
In gowns of shimmering blue  
They represent the river of living water  
Bringing courage for each tomorrow  
And strength to be ever so true.

*As the Grand Representatives, representing the green forest of faith enter –  
our little white church becomes encircled with majestic trees and sweet sun-  
light.*

Do you hear the songs of the bluebirds  
From up in the lofty pine?  
Or the sounds of children echoing from away  
Just close your eyes as you look back in time  
God's many blessings are here today.

Our Grand Representatives with help from above  
Reach out to our Sisters and Brothers with hearts  
    full of love.  
Standing tall like our pine trees – reaching out to the sky  
They send love and fellowship to you and I.

In the forest of Grand Representatives  
There also can be found  
Mighty oak trees standing all across our land.  
They are the doorways to inner strength and spirituality  
And serve as examples to you and to me.

The maples of our forest  
Shed beauty everywhere  
As we see the many colours – red, green and yellow  
Blowing gently in the fall air.

From the sap we are reminded  
That God supplies our daily bread  
Reminding us to be thankful  
Each day when we are fed.

*Our Special Angels enter to form an outline of our Province.*

Our Special Angels have been shining  
With a light that's pure and clear.  
In each corner of our Province  
Those in need received joy and cheer.

We say congratulations and thank you  
For their many labours of love  
May they shine for years to come  
Giving glory to our God above.

And now, as they go forth into the night  
May our Sisters and Brothers follow in their pure clear light.

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

**Sister Hilda Shaffer, PGM and Brother Joseph Holmes, PGP**

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, one year ago I had the honour of serving as your Installing Grand Marshal and presenting you at the Altar for your installation and now I have the honour of being the first to welcome you to this your "Celebration of God's

Blessings" Session.

Sister Leitha, Worthy Grand Matron, I first got to know you in 1991 when you served as the Grand Warder for Sister Joan Hicks and I was the Grand Conductress. You were always a very caring and thoughtful person. I congratulate you for the manner in which you carried out your duties this year. May Love, Understanding and Friendship prevail as you preside during these Grand Chapter Sessions, and your faithful devotion to our Order bring happy memories and God's richest blessings.

Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron, you have had some health problems during this past year, but you have travelled many kilometers visiting all the Chapters, some of them three or four times, maybe more than that. You took part in several Installations of Officers and had the honour of initiating your daughter, Sister Marcie, at Frank H. Tingley Chapter #5. What a proud Dad you were that night. I trust that this Session will be another happy and rewarding experience in your life.

Sister Leitha and Brother Ron, I thank you most sincerely for asking me to be a part of this Grand Chapter Session. I commend you both for your dedication and service. I wish for you a most successful and harmonious Session. May God be your guide during the next three days and for many years to come.

Brother Joseph, may we hear from you.

Sister Leitha, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron, welcome to this your "Celebration of God's Blessings" Session.

This year has passed so quickly, and I know you both have worked diligently to achieve your goal, but also have enjoyed working together very much.

Sister Leitha, one year ago I had the honour of installing you as Worthy Grand Matron and was very proud to do so, and it is a great honour tonight to take part in this Informal Opening of the "Celebration of God's Blessings" Session with Sister Hilda Shaffer, Past Grand Matron. You and your Grand Officers, as well as your Special Angels have had a very rewarding year.

Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron, we have only known each other



for a few years, but as we travelled around this great Province of ours and the United States and several other places, our friendship has grown and I hope it will continue.

Brother Ron, I know you were very pleased to have Brother Stuart, Past Grand Patron, install you last year as Worthy Grand Patron; now as your Sessions are coming to an end, maybe you can give more attention to your dear cows.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, we wish you much success in your deliberations over the next two days, and I thank you for asking me to take part in this Informal Opening with Sister Hilda, Past Grand Matron.

*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 Hilda, PGM – Worthy Grand Matron, it is my happy privilege to be the first to present you with your gavel. I know you will use it wisely. Have a great Session.*

*The Grand Officers assumed their Stations.*

## RESPONSE

### Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Leitha Holmes

Sister Hilda and Brother Joe, thank you for calling to order the Informal Opening of this “Celebration of God’s Blessings” Session and for your gracious words of welcome. Just one year ago, Sister Hilda, you stood with me at the Altar and escorted me to the East where this wonderful year began. I was guided by your hand, but also guided by your many acts of kindness. Thank you.

Brother Joe, one short year ago you installed me into the office of Worthy Grand Matron. You are my solid rock – my tower of strength. You gave me courage to keep on working and helped turn those clouds – the bright side out. Thank you for always being there for me. I’m truly blessed by your love and understanding.

Sister Hilda, please accept this small token of our appreciation.

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ronald Jagoe**

Sister Hilda, PGM, and Brother Joe, PGP, I wish to thank you for calling to order this, our "Celebration of God's Blessings" Session. Sister Hilda, one very short year ago you were our Installing Grand Marshal and presented me to the East. My first memory of you was in October of 1992 when you were at my initiation. I believe that it was the next night that I recall you as you made your official visit to Prince Charles Chapter. Since then many miles have been put on both our vehicles but you have always been encouraging and supportive and I thank you for that and find it very appropriate that you be the one to open this first Session of this Grand Chapter. Thank you for the words of welcome.

Brother Joe, one year ago you were our Assisting Installing Grand Officer and as you know the year has passed very, very quickly. It is hard to believe that we are at our own Grand Sessions. Your duties this year were many as you helped Sister Leitha achieve her goals and get her to where she was to be when she was to be there. My first recollection of you was when you were installed as Worthy Grand Patron in Bathurst. We had travelled to some of your official visits and got to know you better and also by visiting Electa or Tobique Chapters. The last 3 years we have been together on many occasions and I thank you for opening up your home to Sister Peg and I when we were in your area. It is also very fitting for you to assist in opening this Session and I thank you for this and know that your friendship and kindness will always be remembered. Thank you.

Please accept this as a token of our thanks for a job well done.

*At this time the Worthy Grand Matron's Counterparts (The Noreasters) performed the Star Weaving Ribbon Ceremony with Sister Barbara Moore, PM, Electa Chapter #9 singing "Star of the East".*

*A lovely Solo entitled "His Eye Is On the Sparrow" was sung by Sister E. Jeanne Wheelock, PGM. The Worthy Grand Matron thanked her for the beautifully rendered Solo.*

## **INVOCATION**

**Brother George Theal, PGP**

Let us Pray:

Most Heavenly Father, we beseech Thee to send down Your gracious blessing upon the Assembly which we are about to enter.

We thank You for the privilege of assembly in this Grand Chapter, and ask for Your loving grace and guidance in the days ahead. Let Your presence guide each Sister and Brother, Visitor and friend here assembled. Keep our thinking and actions from malice and ill-spirited thoughts, that we may work together in harmony for our beautiful Order.

Be with those who are unable to be here this week, give them strength and understanding.

We are thankful for those who have laboured in the past for our Order and given us inspiration to carry on.

We ask that You strengthen our endeavours to serve this beautiful Order and mankind in the never-ending challenge of the future.

All this we ask in the name of Your Son and Loving Saviour. AMEN.

## **WELCOME**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Leitha Holmes**

Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Distinguished and Honoured Guests, Sisters, Brothers and friends:

How honoured I am to have the privilege to greet and welcome each of you to the Informal Opening of this "Celebration of God's Blessings" 73rd Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.

To the members of our own Jurisdiction, it is my hope that you will enjoy your Sessions. I have been blessed with many happy memories this year and these Sessions are our way of returning the many acts of kindness that you have extended to us.

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome those who have travelled the many miles from other Grand Jurisdictions to be with us tonight. What a pleasure to welcome you.

To our invited guests who are not members of our Order, thank you for taking the time from your busy schedules to be with us. It is most appreciated. Please relax, enjoy our hospitality and may you receive special blessings of friendship from our membership.

### **Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ronald Jagoe**

Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Illustrious Sir, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

It is a joy and pleasure to look down upon such a wonderful group of Sisters, Brothers and friends and to send a very sincere welcome to each and every one of you. May you enjoy yourselves thoroughly at our "Celebration of God's Blessings" Session over the next three days or for whatever part you are able to stay.

To the New Brunswick Sisters and Brothers, I thank you for your support over the year and the wonderful memories I have had while serving as your Worthy Grand Patron. We hope the kindness we show here is as sincere as you gave us this year.

To our visiting Sisters and Brothers, it is a great pleasure to see so many who have travelled so far to be at our "Celebration of God's Blessings" Session and that you found time to visit us when many have very busy schedules. May your visit be rewarding and memorable and cause you to wish to return to our Grand Jurisdiction again.

To our guests, I wish you welcome and thank you for taking time from busy schedules to attend our Opening Session this evening. Enjoy yourself and thank you for attending.

*People judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold, but so has a hard-boiled egg!*

*Let us now MOOOO....VE on!!*

## PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

### CANADIAN FLAG

Presented by Brother Gordon Steeves, PGP  
Assembly Sang "O Canada"

Tribute by Sister Norma Jean Belyea, PGM

The flag of one's country is merely a rectangular piece of material. It may be made of any type of fabric, from bunting to silk. It may be seen in a variety of sizes, sometimes faded and worn, but it will always bring a feeling of pride to the viewer.

It is not just the piece of fabric that is used to make a flag. There is a binding, a bonding, a togetherness of the people which blend together to form the texture of the country; and it is the outward expression of these peoples which produces such a flag to represent them in the world.

Our Canadian Flag is young compared to many flags, as it was adopted only thirty-eight years ago. We did not withdraw from the Commonwealth by the adoption of this Maple Leaf Flag; however, we did tell the world that we are a people who stand apart, separate from others, while still proud of our heritage, no matter what our ancestry may be.

What pride we feel when we see our red and white flag blow in the wind, or being waved by children and adults alike at a parade. And when we travel we often wear a small replica pin or arm crest, visually claiming who we are, and where we are from.

Be proud of our Flag of Canada. Stand with it. Honour it with the promise that it will always be the symbol of a nation whose people are free and proud to be called Canadians.

**UNION JACK**  
**Presented by Brother Kenneth Dunn**  
**Grand Representative of Scotland in New Brunswick**  
**Assembly sang "God Save The Queen"**

**Tribute given by Sister Elsie Norton, PM**

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

It is a great honour for me to pay tribute to the Union Jack, a transitional flag full of historical significance. It represents the Union of different countries, and the growth of a family of nations whose influence extends far beyond the British Isles.

This far-reaching influence is still seen today in the incorporation of the Union Jack in other National Flags, such as Australia.

The flag was also known as the Union Flag and is a composite design made up of three different national symbols – The crosses of St. George, Patron Saint of England; St. Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland, and St. Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland. The Flag was usually restricted to use at sea, until the Kingdoms of Scotland and England were united in 1707. It was most probably from this use at sea that it got the name "Jack" (Union Jack). It was usually flown at the bow end of the ship from the Jack Staff.

For years it held a place of honour in our Chapter rooms, and although it has stepped down as the official Flag of Canada, it is still acknowledged with pride and reverence at our meetings.

When I see the Union Jack I am reminded of those who carried it with honour into battle, and fought for the freedom which we now enjoy. It should ever remind us, not only of our duties to our Queen and country, but also of the rights and privileges that were made secure for us by the British Commonwealth.

Let us cherish the Flag and transmit its noble heritage unimpaired to those who come after us.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me the privilege of paying tribute to the Union Jack.

**UNITED STATES FLAG**  
**Presented by Brother Claude Brissette, PGP of Maine**  
**Assembly sang "The Star Spangled Banner"**

**Tribute given by Sister Gretchen Brissette, PGM of Maine**

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

It is a distinct honour and my good fortune to be asked to pay tribute to the banner of my great nation.

My Nation's Flag, the Stars and Stripes, is a stirring sight as it flies in the wind. It stands for the land, the people, the government, and the ideals of the United States, no matter when or where it is displayed, and it can stir people to joy, courage and sacrifice.

It has stood the tests of time and the many conflicts which my country has been involved with, both within and without. Many lives have been sacrificed for its preservation.

It represents our deeds as a nation and our hopes for the future and is symbolic of the rich heritage we enjoy in our daily lives.

It represents freedom to worship as we choose; the right of the majority to rule, but also the right of the minority to be heard; the right to protect our possessions and the right of every person to obtain as much education as they desire.

Much to the distress of many it also represents the right of some to desecrate it in the name of freedom.

May it continue to appear in its place of honour throughout the world and receive the support of a grateful citizenry that it represents?

May the Stars and Stripes, the symbol of all that America stands for aid in re-establishing faith, friendship and abiding peace among all nations of the world.

May our two flags fly forever in peace and harmony beside each other as our two great nations show the world how to live in peace, harmony and love with one another.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Leitha, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Maine, and Lunar Chapter #126 of Presque Isle, Brother Claude and I thank you for the honour of presenting and paying tribute to the Flag of our Country.

**PROVINCIAL FLAG**

**Presented by Brother Burton Hall, PP**

**CHRISTIAN FLAG**

**Presented by Brother Robert Wilson, PP**

**EASTERN STAR FLAG**

**Presented by Brother Robert King, PP**

**Tribute given by Sister Edith Clouston, PM**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers. It is indeed an honour and a privilege to pay tribute to our New Brunswick, Christian and Eastern Star flags.

Flags are the insignia of leadership  
The identification of a people or land.  
Flags symbolize glorious achievements  
With noble aspirations and plans.

Tonight I offer a tribute to three flags  
Three flags that are dear to my heart,  
To each one I humbly pay reverence  
And a citation of each I'll impart.

Our province of New Brunswick  
Forms a corridor to the sea,  
Our flag flies over hill and vale  
For everyone to see.

It's a brilliant coloured banner  
With a sailing ship and lion,  
Symbols showing strength and courage  
Which continue over time.



Our languages and traditions  
Our cultures and our past,  
Our enduring belief in the future  
Fly proudly from the mast.

Our land, a picture province  
One of four that formed this nation,  
We salute our flag with gratitude  
And with great elation!

Our Christian flag is a banner of hope  
A banner of trust and love,  
A banner of faith and certainty  
With promised joys from above.

There is universal protection  
By a powerful loving Source,  
We are guided, piloted and directed  
To follow the chosen course.

Hold fast to the faith of our fathers  
Hold fast to Christ's power and might,  
We honour the flag, that symbol of hope  
We honour you, Christ, this night.

A star was shining in the East  
Foretelling a wonderful story,  
A child was born the King of Kings  
To whom we give all glory.

A flag is flying internationally  
Portraying that Star in the East,  
With rays of charity, loving-kindness and truth  
That shine and will never cease.

Eastern Star flag please continue to wave  
To let the whole world know,  
That fraternal love is a precious gift  
And we must never let it go.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for  
extending this courtesy to me.

## INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

*The Elected General Grand Chapter Officer was escorted west of the Altar.*

### WELCOME

**Sister Leitha Holmes, Worthy Grand Matron**

It is indeed a pleasure welcoming you to this "Celebration of God's Blessings" Session. Your responsible position within the General Grand Chapter speaks highly of your faithful dedication to our Order witnessed by our members throughout the Eastern Star World. Brother Fred Clarke, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, we are very proud of you. Our Jurisdictions, like Ivy and the wall, stand together. Enjoy our New Brunswick hospitality, our friendship and our love.

**Brother Ronald Jagoe, Worthy Grand Patron**

I join with Sister Leitha in extending a hearty welcome to our "Celebration of God's Blessings" Session. It is a pleasure to extend a welcome on behalf of this Grand Jurisdiction and I sincerely hope you enjoy your stay with us and take some of our love and hospitality with you whenever you leave. Welcome and thank you for coming to and attending our Sessions.

"Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated.  
You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps."

*The Elected General Grand Chapter Officer was escorted to the East and accorded the Grand Honours.*

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

### WELCOME

**Sister Leitha Holmes, Worthy Grand Matron**

It is a privilege to extend a sincere and warm welcome to each of you. As you count your many blessings, may you consider your visit with us one of them. We know the past two and one-half years have brought many blessings for you and have also given you exciting times. Your Jurisdictions have great pride in the service you have given to the

General Grand Chapter. Sister Dorothy, Most Worthy Grand Matron, made excellent choices in her selection of each of you to carry out her projects. We are so pleased to welcome our own Sister Rose Scott and Brother Rupert Sypher. You have brought honour to us as you serve the General Grand Chapter. We are very proud of you both. We wish you a safe and secure finish to your term of appointment. We hope you have many pleasant experiences in Portland, Oregon. Enjoy your time with us.

**Brother Ronald Jagoe, Worthy Grand Patron**

What a privilege to welcome each of you here to our "Celebration of God's Blessings" Session, especially our own Sister Rose Scott on the Eastern Star Journal and Brother Rupert Sypher on Public Relations. You have given much to our Order and I hope your rewards are many. Your terms are drawing to a close and I know you have given your best. Thank you for giving your time to serve our beautiful Order. Thank you for coming and taking some time to spend with us.

"We cannot discover new oceans unless we have the courage to leave the shore."

*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 I. Taylor, PGM**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

Through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Leitha Holmes, it becomes my great honour and such a very pleasant duty to extend to all our Distinguished Guests a most sincere welcome to this, the 73rd Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick which is called "Celebration of God's Blessings". Your presence here this evening is certainly an indication of the love you hold for our precious Order and is an inspiration to each and every one of us present here this evening.

To our Elected Grand Chapter Officer:

Brother Fred Clarke, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, we are so honoured to have you with us this evening, along with your wife, Sister Margaret. I really can't remember a Grand Chapter Session in New Brunswick when you haven't made time to be with us. Small wonder that we always consider you as "one of our own". May you have safe travels and the very best of health as you continue to carry out your duties in the General Grand Chapter in the years that lay ahead.

To the General Grand Chapter Committee Members, it is truly an honour to have been chosen a Committee Member of the General Grand Chapter and we appreciate the many miles you have travelled to be with us this evening. May you have many happy memories of your stay with us.

To our own General Grand Chapter Committee members, Sister Rose Scott and Brother Rupert Sypher, to welcome you this evening has a special significance for me as I have served in Grand Families with you both over the years and we are all so proud of you and know of your dedication to our Order.

So to all our Distinguished Guests, we say—

May you walk with the road of happiness and be happy every day.  
May you have the time and the will to laugh a bit and pray.  
May all your hopes and plans succeed and all your dreams come true  
All this and much more is just a part of all our wishes for you.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me this honour.

### RESPONSE

**Brother Rupert Sypher, General Grand Chapter  
Committee Member on Public Relations and  
Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick**

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

What an honour and privilege it is for me to respond to the kind words of welcome extended by Sister Brenda I. Taylor, PGM, to the General Grand Chapter Officer and General Grand Chapter Committee