

## **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 to 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-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**“THE GOLDEN CHAIN OF FRIENDSHIP”**

**July 9, 10, & 11, 2009**

**Fredericton Inn  
Fredericton, New Brunswick**

**LINDA COGSWELL  
WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

**BOB KING  
WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

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

**2008-2009**

**“THE GOLDEN CHAIN OF FRIENDSHIP”**

**OF**

**THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW BRUNSWICK**

**DEDICATION**

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

**This year of fraternal service is lovingly dedicated to the memory of:**

**Brother Earle Brewer – My Dad – My Biggest Fan – who invited me to join the Order and was so proud of all my accomplishments, and Sister Geneva Oliver, Past Grand Matron, who gave me encouragement and guidance during those early years. And to Brother Bernard Oliver, Past Grand Patron, who was my mentor and friend and still is, in his quiet way.**

**To the members of Devon Chapter #37, Remembrance Chapter #30 and all the wonderful “Stars” who, in their own way, have supported and advised me through my Eastern Star life.**

**To my family – who have been supportive and understanding of my Star life and my absences from home. My love and a heartfelt Thank You.**

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

**This year of service in the Order of the Eastern Star is dedicated to:**

**To my loving wife and companion of 44 years, Sister Maxine (Mickie). I thank her for her love, patience, understanding and help during our life together, and now during this new journey; her encouragement and support. Also to the two people who introduced us to this wonderful Order – Sister Winnie and Brother Ronald Bateman, plus our two travelling companions for the past several years, Sister Anne and Brother John Murray. I am truly thankful. All the members of Zetland Chapter #26 and Fort Monckton Chapter #11 for all their support over the past three years and for the help yet to come.**

**Last, but by no means least, my family who I love dearly.**

## **THE GOLDEN RULE**

**As ye would that men should do unto you – do ye even unto them. Matthew 7:12.**

**Peace with God – Peace with fellowman  
Peace with oneself**

<b>Scripture:</b>	<b>WGM – “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made Heaven and Earth.” Psalm 121: 1-3</b>
	<b>WGP – “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters.” Psalm 23: 1-6</b>
<b>Watchwords:</b>	<b>Love, Loyalty and Friendship</b>
<b>Motto:</b>	<b>Laughter, Happiness and Fun</b>
<b>Aim:</b>	<b>To inspire our membership to action To inform others of our good works To encourage friendship and fellowship</b>
<b>Emblem:</b>	<b>WGM: Crown and Sceptre – Loyalty Holy Bible – Trust in the Truth</b>
	<b>WGP: Square and Compasses – Brotherhood</b>
<b>Honour Stations:</b>	<b>Esther and Chaplain</b>
<b>Colours:</b>	<b>Plum, pink and gold</b>
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>WGM – Pink and Yellow Roses/Sunflowers</b>
	<b>WGP – Red Carnations</b>
<b>Fun Symbols:</b>	<b>WGM – Rocking Horse and Winnie the Pooh</b>
	<b>WGP – Wolf and Covered Bridges</b>
<b>Travel Symbols:</b>	<b>Bible and Gavel</b>
<b>Honour Groups:</b>	<b>Worthy Matrons &amp; Worthy Patrons “The Rose Buds” Supporting Members – “The Golden Threads”</b>

**Hymns:**                    **WGM: In the Garden**  
                                  **I Know Who Holds Tomorrow**  
                                  **Let There Be Peace on Earth**  
                                  **The Battle Hymn of the Republic**

**WGP: Church in the Wildwood**  
                                  **Take My Hand Precious Lord**  
                                  **I Lord, of the Sea and Sky**  
                                  **The Old Rugged Cross**

**Songs:**                    **WGM: Hold on Tight to your Dreams**  
                                  **Precious Moments**

**WGP: Run Away**  
                                  **Purple People Eaters**

**Projects:**                **All General Grand Chapter Projects**

**Special Projects:**    **WGM: Kidney Foundation and Cancer Society – In memory**  
                                  **of Brother Earle Brewer, PP – My Dad**

**WGP – Scottish Rite Learning Centre – Moncton, NB – In**  
                                  **memory of Brother Carr Graham, PGP**

**GRAND OFFICERS 2008-2009**

**Worthy Grand Matron  
Worthy Grand Patron  
Associate Grand Matron  
Associate Grand Patron  
Grand Secretary  
Grand Treasurer  
Grand Conductress  
Associate Grand Conductress  
Grand Chaplain  
Grand Marshal  
Grand Organist  
Grand Adah  
Grand Ruth  
Grand Esther  
Grand Martha  
Grand Electa  
Grand Warder  
Grand Sentinel**

**Linda Cogswell (37)  
Bob King (26)  
Lynn Hutchin (35)  
Ebby Kuhn (37)  
Brenda S. Saunders, PGM (36)  
Lynda Williams (36)  
Sherry Mitton (22)  
Mildred Homer (5)  
Edith Clouston (22)  
Allan Gillis (37)  
Norma Caswell (4)  
Janet Mallory (26)  
Sally Donald (27)  
Anne McLellan (30)  
Connie MacPherson (1)  
Betty Powell (3)  
Keith Trenholm (36)  
Ronald Oakley (26)**

**ASSISTANT GRAND OFFICERS**

**Assistant to the Grand Marshal  
Assistant to the Grand Organist**

**Mickie King (26)  
Jean Flewelling (14)**

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS**

**Phyllis Mossman (27)  
Lynn Steeves (23)**

**District #4  
District #5**

**GRAND PAGES**

**Sister Lynda Swan (1)  
Sister Jean Duncan (3)  
Sister Betty Carson (5)  
Sister Marcie Munroe (5)  
Sister Agnes Weaver (5)  
Sister Linda Black (18)**

**Sister Ellen Wells (19)  
Sister Shirley Kraglund (24)  
Sister Anne Murray (26)  
Sister Margaret Adams (27)  
Sister Georgie Dole (36)  
Sister Joan Curran (37)**

**Sister Helen Humphreys (18)**  
**Sister Nancy Keirstead (19)**

**Sister Carrie Weaver (40)**

#### **GRAND GUARDS**

**Brother Robert Carson (5)**  
**Brother Colin Allen (11)**  
**Brother Robert Keirstead (19)**

**Brother Raymond Kraglund (24)**  
**Brother Laurie Bishop (37)**

#### **GRAND NURSES**

**Sister Judy Donnelly (27)**  
**Sister Marion Logan (33)**

#### **GRAND CHOIR DIRECTOR**

**Sister Jeanne Wheelock, PGM (8)**

#### **SESSION TYPIST**

**Sister Canndace Duplesea (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, Vision Quest**

**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**

**HOSTESS CHAPTERS**

**Devon Chapter #37  
Zetland Chapter #26**

**SESSION COMMITTEES**

**RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

**Sister Donna McEwen, PGM      Brother Graham Vincent, PGP  
Sister Leitha Holmes, PGM      Brother Joseph Holmes, PGP**

**COMMITTEE TO LINE UP DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

**Sister Ann Morton, GGCCM      Sister Audrey Sypher, PGM**

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

**Catherine Evans, PM, Chairperson (35)  
Brother David Lister, PP (35)  
Sister Peggy Jagoe, PM (22)**

**HOUSING CHAIRPERSON**

**Brother Blaine Calhoun, PP (37)**

**MEAL RESERVATION CHAIRPERSON**

**Sister Norma Jean Belyea, PGM (3)**



**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

**ELECTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS**

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

**APPOINTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS**

**Sister Susan Thomas, Worthy Grand Adah and Past Grand Matron of New Hampshire**

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**Sister Sheila MacDonald, Credentials and Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**

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

**Sister Jerri A. Holt, ESTARL and Past Grand Matron of Maine**

**Sister Betty St. Onge, Education and Past Grand Matron of Ontario**

**Sister Marianne Shenefelt, Heart and Past Grand Matron of**

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

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

**Sister Isabelle Pearson, VisionQuest and Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**

**Sister Gretchen Brissette, VisionQuest and Past Grand Matron of Maine**

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

**Sister Phyllis Blakely of Maine**

**Sister Stella Trask of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**

**Sister Cindy Wardlaw of Colorado**

**Sister Beverley Mae Sanborn of Quebec**

**Brother Carl Larson of Connecticut**

**Brother John E. Wardwell of Maine**

**Brother Zeke Eaton of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**

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

**Sister Glenna Taylor  
Sister F. Pauline Allan  
Sister Norma Jean Belyea  
Sister Jacquie Boutilier  
Sister Margaret McCully  
Sister E. Jeanne Wheelock  
Sister Betty Danks  
Sister Jean Belding  
Sister Ann Lister  
Sister Hilda Shaffer  
Sister Hazel Harris  
Sister Brenda I. Taylor  
Sister Brenda J. Saunders  
    **Grand Secretary**  
Sister Rose Scott  
Sister Audrey Sypher  
Sister Carol Sutherland  
Sister Debbie Hill  
Sister Leitha Holmes  
Sister Marjorie Colton  
Sister Donna Allen  
Sister Elaine MacLean  
Sister Donna McEwen  
Sister Lynne Hatt**

**Brother DeWitt Lister  
Brother Clinton Shaffer  
Brother Rupert Sypher  
Brother Joseph Holmes  
Brother Murray Clouston  
Brother Gordon Steeves  
Brother Charles Rafuse  
Brother Ronald Jagoe  
Brother John Murray  
Brother Graham Vincent  
Brother Burton Hall**

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

**Sister Francine Bailey of Connecticut  
Sister Virginia Charles of Maine  
Sister Margaret Dyer of Maine  
Sister Susan Hawes of Maine  
Sister B. Judith Fenner of Massachusetts  
Sister Judith Rozzi of New Hampshire  
Sister Margaret A. Clarke of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Sister Edith Conrod of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Sister Marjorie Morgan of Ontario  
Sister Judith E. Brightman of Rhode Island and Grand Representative of the Supreme  
    **Grand Chapter of Scotland**  
Brother Vernal Blakely of Maine  
Brother Leighton Perkins of Maine  
Brother Ronald G. "Pete" Forrest of Maine**

**Brother John Coombs of Maine**  
**Brother Paul Connelly of Maine**  
**Brother Clifford Brightman of Massachusetts**  
**Brother John Howard of Massachusetts**  
**Brother James Pattangall of Massachusetts**  
**Brother Frank H. Fenner of Massachusetts**  
**Brother Ted Coulier of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**  
**Brother Adrian Pearson of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**  
**Brother Ronald Boudreau of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**  
**Brother Clifford Houk of Ohio**  
**Brother Calvin W. Thomas of Ontario**  
**Brother Don Heiser of Wyoming**

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

**Sister D. Gayle Furber, Associate Grand Matron of New Hampshire**  
**Sister Judith Wilkie, Associate Grand Matron of Maine**  
**Brother Edwin Dewitt, Associate Grand Patron of Maine**  
**Brother Armond Lono, Associate Grand Patron of Quebec**  
**Sister Shelly Gullett, Grand Conductress of New Hampshire**  
**Sister Jane Wooldridge, Grand Conductress of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**  
**Sister Nancy J. H. Jackson, Associate Grand Conductress**  
**Brother Eric Sanborn, Grand Sentinel of Quebec**  
**Brother Fred Lipsky, Grand Sentinel of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**

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

**Sister Connie Pittenger, Grand Marshal of Colorado**  
**Sister Dianna Spurrell, Grand Ruth of Maine**  
**Sister Virginia Mitchell, Grand Ruth of New Hampshire**  
**Sister Anna Ford, Grand Esther of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**  
**Sister Gloria Turner, Grand Martha of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**  
**Sister Melda Johnstone, Grand Warder of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**  
**Brother Roger Bailey, Grand Warder of Connecticut**  
**Brother Charles Graves, Grand Marshal of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island**

#### **GRAND OFFICERS' EMERITUS**

**None in attendance**

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

**Sister Marcie Munroe of Alabama  
Brother Laurie Bishop of Arizona  
Sister Alice Clark of Australia  
Brother Ken Briggs of British Columbia & Yukon  
Sister Edna Clouston of California  
Sister Eleanor Kaye of Connecticut  
Sister Norma Fairweather of Delaware  
Sister Carol Ferris of Indiana  
Sister Georgie Dole of Maine  
Sister Kim Brown of Maryland  
Brother Aubrey Buck of Massachusetts  
Sister Karen McKay of Nevada  
Sister Edith Newman of New Jersey  
Sister Joyce Hudson of North Carolina  
Brother Henry Morton of Oklahoma  
Brother Allan Bishop of Quebec  
Sister Agnes Weaver of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland  
Sister Linda Ames of South Carolina  
Brother Allen Hatt of Tennessee  
Brother Douglas Cawker of Texas  
Brother Austin Chase of Utah  
Sister Ruth Saunders of Vermont  
Sister Mabel Rose of Virginia  
Sister Verna Poley of Washington  
Sister Lillian Hall of Wyoming**

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

**Sister Jane Franklin in Alabama  
Brother Gary Bishop in Maine  
Sister Marguerite N. Hopkins in Massachusetts  
Sister Linda Gulick in Michigan  
Sister Joan E. Jasinkiewicz in New Jersey  
Brother Morris Gardner in North Carolina  
Sister Bonnie Boutilier in Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Sister Diana Hoover in Ohio  
Sister Patricia McWhorter in Utah  
Sister Betty June Foy in Virginia  
Brother Gerald Guthrie in Washington**

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

**Sister Edith Taylor of Delaware in Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Sister Donna Larson of Georgia in Connecticut  
Brother Larry Gullett of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island in New Hampshire  
Sister Elaine Wardwell of Ohio in Maine  
Sister Lois Hacki of Oklahoma in Maine  
Sister Erika Sanborn of Puerto Rico in Quebec  
Brother Edwin Geffken of Rhode Island in New Hampshire  
Sister Peggy Lipsky of South Carolina in Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Sister Margaret L. Howard of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland in Massachusetts  
Brother Robert (Bob) Turner of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland in Nova  
Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Brother Robert Chard of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island in Alabama**

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS**

**Sister Marilyn Hutchinson, Friend of a Feather - New Brunswick  
Sister Eunice Heiser, Friend of a Feather – Wyoming**

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

**Sister Rebecca Johnson, District #9 of Maine  
Sister Pamela Coombs, District #11 of Maine  
Sister Norma Leighton, District #16 of Maine  
Sister Barbara Perkins, District #19 of Maine  
Sister Phyllis Mossman, District #4 of New Brunswick  
Sister Lynn Steeves, District #5 of New Brunswick  
Sister Sheila Levy, District #5 of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Sister Debra Knott, Grand Lecturer of Colorado**

**WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS  
2009-2010**

<b>Margaret Martin</b>	<b>Victoria #1</b>	
<b>Jean Duncan</b>	<b>Celestial #3</b>	<b>Philip Belyea</b>
<b>Eleanor Linton</b>	<b>Queen Mary #4</b>	
<b>Annie Watson</b>	<b>Frank H. Tingley #5</b>	<b>Wayne Bannister</b>
<b>Barbara Greenlaw</b>	<b>St. Stephen #8</b>	
<b>Mary DuManoir</b>	<b>Electa #9</b>	
<b>Anne Murray</b>	<b>Fort Monckton #11</b>	

**Betty Boyer  
Helen Humphreys  
Susan MacDougall  
Helen Crawford  
Dorothy Stewart**

**Joyce McInnes  
Virginia Jackson  
Joan Curran  
Olive Trevors**

**Saint John #14  
Philip A. Jerguson #18  
Winston Churchill #19  
Tobique #23  
Lady Alexander #24  
Prince Charles #27  
Lord Beaverbrook #33  
Unity #35  
Devon #37  
Prince Andrew #42**

**Roy Carson  
Allan McKinley**

**Boyd Poley  
William Donald  
Robert McInnes**

**WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS  
2008-2009**

**Lynda Swan  
Betty Carson**

**Linda Black  
Nancy Keirstead  
Sheila Thorne**

**Victoria #1  
Frank H. Tingley #5  
Fort Monckton #11  
Saint John #14  
Winston Churchill #19  
Remembrance #30**

**Robert Carson  
Colin Allen**

**Robert Keirstead**

**SESSION ASSISTANTS AND GRAND NURSES**

**Sister Mickie King, Assistant to the Grand Marshal  
Sister Jean Flewelling, Assistant to the Grand Organist  
Sister Judy Donnelly, Grand Nurse  
Sister Marion Logan, Grand Nurse**

**INFORMAL OPENING**

**“THE GOLDEN CHAIN OF FRIENDSHIP”**

**SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**July 9, 10 & 11, 2009**

**The Seventy-Ninth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, Order of the Eastern Star, was held on July 9, 10 and 11, 2009, at the Fredericton Inn, Fredericton, New Brunswick.**

**The Informal Opening of “The Golden Chain of Friendship” Session was preceded by a Vesper Service in the Ballroom, conducted by Archdeacon Richard McConnell of the Anglican Diocese of Shediac.**

**Those in attendance were lead in the singing of “In The Garden” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth” by the Grand Organist, Sister Norma Caswell, and the Assistant Grand Organist, Sister Jean Flewelling. The Layreaders for the Service were Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron, who read from Esther 4: 9-17, and Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron, who read from Esther 8: 4-8. The Offering for the evening was designated for ESTARL and amounted to \$626.79.**

**Grand Chapter of New Brunswick convened for the Informal Opening in the Ballroom at 7:15PM.**

**The Backdrop in the East displayed “The Golden Chain of Friendship”, 79<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Sessions, 2008-2009. Below was a Rocking Horse, The Incredible Stars (with Golden Stars in the middle) and a Wolf. Around the entire backdrop was a golden chain.**

**Behind each Star Point chair was a Rocking Horse.**

**In the Northeast corner of the room was displayed the Charter and the Book of Remembrance.**

**A Musical Prelude was conducted by the Grand Organist, Sister Norma Caswell, and the Assistant Grand Organist, Sister Jean Flewelling. The Honoured Guests were escorted into the room by the Grand Marshal and his Assistant.**

**The Grand Choir, under the direction of the Grand Choir Director, Sister Jeanne Wheelock, PGM, entered the Chapter Room singing “Church in the Wildwood”. The Informal Opening of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was Called to Order by Sister Ann Lister, Past Grand Matron, and Brother DeWitt Lister, Past Grand Patron.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Sister Ann Lister, Past Grand Matron and Brother DeWitt Lister, Past Grand Patron**

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

**Good Evening: It is an honour to have been invited by our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to share the East with Brother DeWitt, PGP, as we extend to each of you a warm and sincere welcome to this, the Informal Opening of the 79<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter “The Golden Chain of Friendship” Session.**

**It is always a pleasure to welcome Distinguished Guests and visiting members from other Grand Jurisdictions who have travelled from near and far to be with us. It is heart-**

warming to have you in attendance this evening and hope that your visit to our Grand Jurisdiction will be filled with many pleasant memories.

We are honoured to extend the hand of friendship to General Grand Chapter Officers (Elected and Appointed) and Committee Members. We are especially pleased to have Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron sharing time from his busy schedule to be with us. Brother Fred, you have been a special friend of our Grand Chapter for a long time and we are pleased to welcome you and extend best wishes for a productive and harmonious Triennium beginning in November. Continued good health and safe travels to both you and Sister Margaret.

We, in our Grand Chapter, are very proud of the accomplishments and dedication of our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members – Sister Shirley MacDonald, Eastern Star Journal; Sister Ann Morton, Chairperson, Public Relations; and Brother Doug Swan, Northeast Regional Co-ordinator, VisionQuest. We hope this has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience for each of you.

We have been deeply saddened with the loss of Brother Elderic Thorne, Committee Member on VisionQuest, who was a dedicated and much admired member of our Grand Chapter, and I extend a warm welcome to the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron – Friends of a Feather, Sister Eunice Heiser and our own, Sister Marilyn Hutchinson.

To our faithful members, we not only warmly welcome you. May the days ahead be enjoyable ones for you as you participate in the activities of this Session and give careful consideration to any business that may be brought before you.

Brother DeWitt – It is always a pleasure to share the East with you. May we hear from you?

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

It is an honour and pleasure to join Sister Ann, Past Grand Matron, in calling to order this informal Opening of “The Golden Chain of Friendship” Grand Chapter Session and to extend to each of you a most sincere welcome.

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the members of this Grand Jurisdiction, to warmly welcome all Sisters and Brothers from other Grand Jurisdictions. We hope that your time at these Sessions will be enjoyable and we thank you for being with us.

Welcome to the General Grand Chapter Officers, particularly Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron. We are pleased that you have arranged your very busy schedule to again attend our Sessions. You will, in a little over three months, be installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter. We congratulate you on your accomplishments and wish you success and safe travels.



**I also extend greetings and a sincere welcome to the General Grand Chapter Committee Members. You are nearing the completion of your three years of service. I trust it has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience. We particularly recognize our own Sister Shirley MacDonald, Eastern Star Journal; Sister Ann Morton, Chairman, Public Relations; and Brother Doug Swan, Northeast Region Co-ordinator, VisionQuest. On a somber note, we mourn the sudden passing of Brother Elderic Thorne, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, VisionQuest.**

**I am also pleased to welcome the civic dignitaries and the representatives of our Fraternal bodies who have arranged their schedules to be with us this evening. We thank you for your attendance and look forward to your remarks.**

**Finally, to our New Brunswick members, welcome. This is your Grand Chapter. Over the next two days we will conduct our business. Attend the Sessions, participate in the discussions, deliberate wisely, always with the best interest of our Order foremost in your mind.**

**INTRODUCTION OF GRAND OFFICERS  
Sister Rose Scott, Past Grand Matron**

**Good Evening Sisters, Brothers and Visitors:**

**Tonight I have the privilege  
Of introducing to all who are here  
The Grand Officers of New Brunswick  
Who have been serving so well this year.**

**They've travelled near  
They've travelled far  
Always guided by  
Our beautiful Star.  
They've travelled through  
Sunshine, snow and rain.  
Strengthening the links  
On friendships' golden chain.  
Grand Chapter duties  
They are now ready to assume  
I will now present them to you  
As they enter the room.**

**Our District Deputy Grand Matrons  
Follow our Star in its splendour  
Their love for it steady and strong**

**We 've learned its true, deeper meaning  
In walking with them along.**

**Sincere, sweet and tactful  
The errors we often make  
Aren't criticized, but overlooked  
In kindness for love's sake.**

**Then quietly they show us a way  
That we might better go  
And trustingly we follow  
Because we appreciate our deputies so.**

**Sister PHYLLIS MOSSMAN of Prince Charles #27, Miramichi, DDGM of District #4, is escorted by Brother Ron Jagoe, Past Grand Patron.**

**Sister LYNN STEEVES of Tobique #23, Plaster Rock, DDGM of District #5, is escorted by her father, Brother Gordon Steeves, Past Grand Patron.**

**Our Assistant to the Grand Organist is Sister JEAN FLEWELLING of Saint John #14, Saint John:**

**With music she enhances our work  
And adds to the lessons  
Melody and harmony for us  
Create many lasting impressions.**

**Sister JEAN is escorted by Brother Ken Briggs, Grand Representative of British Columbia/Yukon in New Brunswick.**

**Our Assistant to the Grand Marshal is Sister MICKIE KING of Zetland #26, Shediac.**

**As assistant to the Grand Marshal  
She assists in leading all processions  
Courtesy and respect always are shown  
Whenever our flag is raised or flown.**

**Sister MICKIE is escorted by Brother John Murray, Past Grand Patron.**

**Our GRAND SENTINEL is Brother RON OAKLEY of Zetland #26, Shediac.**

**He keeps our proceedings secret**

**And protects our doors from harm.  
In order that our ceremonies will never be  
Interrupted by untimely alarms.**

**Brother Ron is escorted by his wife, Sister Faye Oakley, Past Matron.**

**Our GRAND WARDER is Brother KEITH TRENHOLM of Fidelity #36, Riverview.**

**Always willing to serve inside the door  
He serves where needed each year more and more  
The trust reposed in him today  
Keeps the Chapter secure in every way.  
His emblem, the dove, a symbol of peace  
Reminds us that his devotion to duty will never cease.**

**Brother Keith is escorted by his companion Sharon Santalucia.**

**Our GRAND ELECTA is Sister BETTY POWELL of Celestial #3, Fredericton.**

**Loving is giving and there's scarcely a day  
That she doesn't help someone along the way.  
Her cup runneth over with Charity and Love  
Obeying the commandments of our Father above.  
"That ye love one another" and she tells us too  
To be loyal to truth in all that we do.**

**Sister Betty is escorted by Brother Doug Cawker, Grand Representative of Texas in New Brunswick.**

**Our GRAND MARTHA is Sister CONNIE MACPHERSON of Victoria #1, Woodstock.**

**Her gentle smile and quiet mien  
Speaks of Faith in things unseen  
In nature's beauty she can see  
The promise of eternity.**

**Grand Martha has a message that each one should hear how nature's life and beauty is around us far and near.**

**Sister Connie is escorted by Brother Leonard Mosher, Grand Representative of Florida in New Brunswick.**

**Our GRAND ESTHER is ANNE MCLELLAN of Remembrance #30 of Minto.**

**Exemplifying daily the pure and upright life  
Loyal to kindred and friends, she is a shining light  
She serves where needed with willing hands  
True and faithful to duty's demands.  
Happiness and joy to others she brings  
Ever aspiring to nobler things.**

**Sister Anne is escorted by Brother Austin Chase, Grand Representative of Utah in New Brunswick.**

**Our GRAND RUTH is Sister SALLY DONALD of Prince Charles #27, Miramichi.**

**Ruth's help in need came from the Lord  
As the fields of Boaz each day she trod  
She was devoted to Naomi and steadfastly vowed  
"Thy people shall be my people and Thy God my God."**

**Sister Sally is escorted by her husband, Brother Bill Donald, Worthy Patron.**

**Our GRAND ADAH is Sister JANET MALLORY of Zetland #26, Shediac.**

**Her smile is like her emblem when all the clouds have passed  
Making contacts when she's serving and friendships that will last.  
She lives with a purpose and in her way we see  
The impressive lesson of fidelity.**

**Sister Janet is escorted by her husband, Brother Lloyd Mallory, Past Patron.**

**Our GRAND ORGANIST is Sister NORMA CASWELL of Queen Mary #4, St. Stephen.**

**The Grand Chapter in our Order has an important role.  
As she plays with balance and poise  
For the discords of life like a note out of tune  
Have a harshness that no one enjoys  
But her blending of tones, which are sweet to the ear  
Have charms that can soothe a savage beast  
For the words of our work are like music, and like music sweet, they give  
Harmonious beauty and glorious song to each heart in which they live.**

**Sister Norma is escorted by Brother Philip Belyea, Worthy Patron of Celestial #3.**

**Our GRAND MARSHAL is Brother ALLAN GILLIS of Devon #37, Fredericton.**

**He walks the path of responsibility  
Wearing the badge of direction.  
Kind and courteous he's always been  
Ever striving for perfection.  
And as you will surely see  
He performs his duties with promptness and zeal of the highest degree.**

**Brother Allan is escorted by his Worthy Matron, Sister Joan Curran.**

**Our GRAND CHAPLAIN is Sister EDITH CLOUSTON of Bathurst #22, Bathurst.**

**She asks for strength and asks for courage for tasks that go before.  
From Him whose Star we follow.  
Praising Him whom we adore  
May our light ever shine in the spirit  
Of Him who is fairer than day.  
May He guide us in service that brings peace of mind.  
May His radiance light up our way  
As Grand Chaplain she always strives where'ere the path is trod.  
To circumspectly walk with man and always follow God.**

**Sister Edith is escorted by her Worthy Patron, Brother Murray Clouston, Past Grand Patron.**

**Our ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS is Sister MILDRED HOMER of Frank H. Tingley #5, Moncton.**

**As Associate Grand Conductress, she's on her way to the East  
Her importance will become felt and her duties will be increased  
She has taken the first step of a journey that should bring her happiness  
Now is the time for planning and we wish her all the best.**

**Sister Mildred is escorted by Brother Allan McKinley, Worthy Patron of Winston Churchill #19, Riverside-Albert.**

**Our GRAND CONDUCTRESS is Sister SHERRY MITTON of Bathurst #22, Bathurst.**

**There's no more impressive office in the work of the Eastern Star  
Than the office of Grand Conductress whose footsteps lead afar.  
Her conduct will have touched many lives by years' end.**

**And the influence on others on her help will depend.**

**Sister Sherry is escorted by her husband, Brother Gerry Mitton, Past Patron.**

**Our GRAND TREASURER is Sister LYNDA WILLIAMS of Fidelity #36, Riverview.**

**Her duties have been many  
As all of us could see  
Her badge denotes a position of trust and security  
Crossed keys to keep our funds secure  
Our books will be in order – of this we are sure.**

**Sister Lynda is escorted by her husband, Brother Don Williams, Past Patron.**

**Our GRAND SECRETARY is Sister BRENDA J. SAUNDERS, PGM of Fidelity #36, Riverview.**

**Along the paths of truth she walks  
With books and records and pens  
This lady of great intelligence  
Whose competence knows no end.  
And although she works so hard  
She never seems to tire  
She always has a cheery smile  
And this we do admire.**

**Sister Brenda is escorted by Brother Rupert Sypher, Past Grand Patron.**

**Our ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON is Brother Ebby Kuhn of Devon #37, Fredericton**

**As he doubles his efforts to bring the Star  
Into the lives of others  
He kept the faith and he's shown himself  
To be one with his Sisters and Brothers.**

**And now, Ebby, as you stand  
On the threshold of the door to the East  
Your friends will help you when helping counts  
And they will not mind in the least.**

**A Star within a Star, divine guidance does show  
May all your travels be happy ones, wherever you may go.**

**Brother Ebby is escorted by his wife, Sister Fannie Kuhn, Past Matron of Zetland #26, Shediac.**

**Our ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON is Sister LYNN HUTCHIN of Unity #35, Harvey Station.**

**She reflects the dignity and authority of the East  
Symbols of a western setting sun  
The radiance she emanates  
As she travels on her way  
Is written in the hearts of everyone  
An exciting journey awaits her  
One she should not fear  
May God's true light guide her plans and path during the coming year.**

**Sister Lynn is escorted by her son, David Hutchin.**

**Our WORTHY GRAND PATRON is Brother Bob King of Zetland #26, Shediac.**

**He follows the path of the Star in the East  
Leaving footprints of kindness, counsel and peace.  
Imbued with wisdom and gentle appeal  
The interest of our Order, he promotes with zeal.  
Affairs of Grand Chapter he observed with care  
Assisting Grand Officers in their duties there.  
Worthy is he of this exalted station  
And deserving of our love and appreciation.**

**Brother Bob is escorted by his daughter, Kimberley King.**

**Our WORTHY GRAND MATRON is Sister LINDA COGSWELL of Devon #37, Fredericton.**

**Wearing the emblem of authority  
She walks in truth and beauty  
Responsibilities great she bears  
As she follows the paths of duty.**

**She travelled and laboured and did her part  
To lead our Order and grow dear in our hearts  
Her duties were many, her responsibilities great  
She guided us well and along with her mate  
Made numerous friends and with memories all grand**

**In completing her journey with the help of God's hand.**

**May this "Golden Chain of Friendship" Year  
Ever reflect  
Duties performed with Love and Respect.**

**Sister Linda is escorted by her son, Kevin Grattan.**

**Sisters, Brothers and Friends:**

**The Grand Officers of 2008-2009, and their Escorts**

**Please show your appreciation.**

### **FORMATIONS AND DRILLS**

**Prepared and Narrated by Sister Marjorie Colton, Past Grand Matron**

**The Grand Chapter Session is "The Golden Chain of Friendship" Session.**

**The emblems chosen by our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are to symbolize the name of the Session, and they are: The Masonic Emblem; Bible; The Crown and Sceptre; The Dove and The Golden Chain of Friendship.**

#### **Masonic Emblem**

**The Masonic Emblem – the Square and Compass – is formed by the Grand Guards.**

**Free Masonry is a fraternal organization which exists in nearly all Countries where men are free to choose the company and character of their associations.**

**It teaches a belief in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of man and the immortality of the soul. It is religious in character but adopts no particular creed and urges each of its members to practice the religion of their choice.**

**It is due to this fraternal organization that we are privileged to be members of the Order of the Eastern Star, which is the largest fraternal organization in the world, that both men and women can belong, and it is not a secret organization.**

#### **The Bible**

**From the Bible we learn about "Faith". The open Bible upon the altar is the focal point of our Chapter room and our Order.**



**The Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron and Grand Pages form the Bible.**

### **The Crown and Sceptre**

**The Crown and Sceptre is formed by the Grand Officers, their Assistants, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Nurses and Grand Pages.**

**The Crown and Sceptre is a symbol of Queen Esther's love and loyalty to her people.**

### **The Dove**

**The Dove is formed by the Grand Pages and a Guard.**

**The Dove was sent by God to His people as a messenger that the flood was ended and also a messenger of Peace.**

### **The Golden Chain of Friendship**

**The Golden chain of Friendship is now formed around the Dove by the Grand Representatives.**

**These Grand Representatives are ambassadors from other Grand Jurisdictions around the world and they bring to our Order the friendship and knowledge to strengthen our chain. For with "Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty and Faith" we are now ready to add "Love."**

**For Love develops tact in working with our Sisters and Brothers. Our links are now complete but useless until we blend in "Service."**

**It is the Service of willingness to give our best to our Order.**

**At this time, I would like to thank my two assistants, Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM on Eastern Star Journal and Brother Allan Gillis, Grand Marshal – also to Sister Norma Caswell, Grand Organist.**

**Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honour of presenting your formations.**

*The Ribbon Ceremony was carried out by the Past Grand Matrons of New Brunswick under the leadership of Sister Elaine MacLean, Past Grand Matron:*

*Adah  
Ruth  
Esther*

*Sister Donna Allen  
Sister Debbie Hill  
Sister Lynne Hatt*

*Martha  
Electa*

*Sister Shirley MacDonald  
Sister Brenda Taylor*

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

**Sister Ann Lister, Past Grand Matron, and Brother DeWitt Lister, Past Grand Patron**

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

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Officers – Welcome to this, the Informal Opening of your “Golden Chain of Friendship” Grand Chapter Sessions.**

**I commend each of you on the manner in which you have carried out your duties. Sister Linda and Brother Bob, you must be very proud of your Grand Family and, naturally, consider them to be “The Best!” They have performed their duties well and have supported you in all your endeavours during the year. I am sure that each of you will have many fond memories of your year together as a Grand Family.**

**Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress – You will present our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar.**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob: One year ago I had the pleasure of assisting in your Installation and this evening I am honoured to be among the first to welcome you to your “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session. Congratulations to you both on this very busy year of service in which you have dedicated your time and energy to our Grand Chapter and our Order. You worked well together as a team and are to be commended on the manner in which you have carried out your duties, performing them efficiently and with enthusiasm.**

**Sister Linda – my memories of you go back to when you first became a member. From the very beginning you showed a keen interest in our Order and soon you were involved in the work of Eastern Star. First in your own Chapter serving in many capacities and then in Grand Chapter and always you performed your duties with competence. When your Grand Chapter Sessions are over and you have the time to sit back and reflect upon this year of service, may you be rewarded with many happy memories of your accomplishments.**

**Brother Bob – This past year you have fulfilled your commitments in a most conscientious and enthusiastic manner giving your full support to your Worthy Grand Matron, and always you were ready to extend the hand of friendship or a hug to us all. I not only**

**congratulate you on your year of service, but also on the successful venture of the Drill Team which began under your guidance.**

**Sister Linda and Brother Bob – Thank you both for the privilege of opening this Informal Session with Brother DeWitt. May your Grand Chapter Session be all you hoped for – a successful and harmonious completion to your year of service.**

**Brother DeWitt.....**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob:**

**Welcome to the Informal Opening of this your “Golden chain of Friendship” Grand Chapter Session. I am pleased to have this opportunity to join Sister Ann in greeting you and I thank you for this honour.**

**Sister Linda, I have known you for most of your Eastern Star life and have watched your progress with interest. You have served our Order with distinction, firstly in your Devon Chapter in many capacities including Worthy Matron on several occasions, and this Grand Chapter as an Appointed Grand Officer, then as Grand Treasurer and now as Worthy Grand Matron. Your journey to the East requires four years of service to compete, this being the most demanding year. You have proven to be a most capable leader, executing your duties in a careful, thoughtful manner. Your recognition of subordinate Chapter members was an example of your concern and consideration of our members, a most thoughtful project, for which you and Brother Bob deserve great credit.**

**Brother Bob, the office of Worthy Grand Patron is one of considerable responsibility requiring a commitment of time and energy. You have travelled many miles over the past three years, supporting your Worthy Grand Matron, attending all functions, performing your duties in a most acceptable manner, with much enthusiasm, love and good nature. I commend you on your service to our Order.**

**I congratulate both of you on an excellent year and wish you every success as you complete the business of this Grand Chapter Session.**

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

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

*Sister Linda, I present you with your Gavel. Enjoy your Sessions.*

**The Grand Officers assumed their Stations.**

## RESPONSE

Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron

Sister Ann and Brother DeWitt – thank you for calling to order the Informal Opening of “The Golden Chain of Friendship” Sessions and thank you for the warm words of welcome. You both have shared your knowledge of the Eastern Star with me and always been so kind when I had asked questions. Thank you for being such good friends and always taking the time to talk with me, especially when I needed a boost of confidence and for all your help over the years. You are both true Star friends!!

Within our chain of friendship  
You are the links that are tried and true  
For we see it in your smiling face  
And in the very things you do.

Sister Ann, please accept this gift of our appreciation for opening this Session.

Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron

Sister Ann and Brother DeWitt – I too would like to thank you for calling to order this Informal Opening of “The Golden Chain of Friendship” Session and thank you for the warm words of welcome. I have always looked up to you as shining Stars in our Order. Your ritualistic work is always a pleasure to listen to. You have been such a great help along the way and I thank you.

Brother DeWitt, please accept this gift of our appreciation for opening this Session.

*At this time a beautiful Duet, entitled “The Lord is My Shepherd” was rendered by Sister Anne Murray, PM (26) and Sister Christine Trenholm, PM (11).*

The Worthy Grand Matron thanked Sister Anne and Sister Christine for their rendition.

## INVOCATION

Sister F. Pauline Allan, Past Grand Matron

Our loving and ever-present Heavenly Father, we gather in your presence at this Informal Opening of our Grand Chapter Sessions...we pause with gentle reverence and pray that your Holy Spirit may be felt among us as we express our gratitude for your Almighty Hand which has guided us during the past year while the Golden Chain of Friendship has been woven throughout this Grand Jurisdiction and beyond.

In this quiet time we seek Your guiding presence and ask that wisdom and grace may be granted to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother

**Bob as they preside over the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Session and enter the final days of their most important year of service to our Grand Chapter.**

**We pray that the coming deliberations of business and benevolence may be enhanced by our compassion and concern that we may accomplish those things to which we are dedicated.**

**We ask your blessing on all those assembled....the valued members of our own Grand Jurisdiction and on the visiting Sisters and Brothers who have devoted their lives to add a lustre and depth to our fraternal enjoyment.**

**We are especially mindful of the presence of our Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke, and those General Grand Chapter Officers accompanying him. Grant them safe journeys and healthful days.**

**It is with thankful hearts that the circle of our Grand Family has been unbroken and our prayers are with those who would be with us but are prevented because of illness or other restraints, and we remember with grateful hearts whose company we have cherished but who are now in Your presence.**

**Our Father, this is our prayer that in all our deliberations we may be guided by Your Holy Spirit so that we may uphold the precepts of our beautiful Order to Your Glory and Honour.**

**This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.....AMEN.**

### **WELCOME**

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Distinguished and Honoured Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:**

**I am so pleased that each of you took the time to come to the Informal Opening of “The Golden Chain of Friendship” Session. I know that each of you have very busy schedules and I feel honoured that you chose to make time for us. On behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star I extend a warm and sincere “Welcome” to all our Distinguished Guests.**

**Brother Fred, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron – what an honour it is for us to have you attend our Sessions. We hope you will enjoy your time here in New Brunswick and we look forward to hearing from you later. Thank you for being here.**

**To our Sisters and Brothers who have travelled many miles to attend our Sessions, I hope you enjoy your time in the Picture Province of New Brunswick, and have a chance to see some of the City, do a little shopping and make many new and lasting friends. And don't forget to come to some of our Sessions!!!**

**To our friends who are here this evening, I hope you find it interesting and enjoy your time with us. We appreciate your presence and just “maybe” you might decide to become a member of one of the largest organizations in the world that men and women can belong to!!**

**Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred, The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Distinguished and Honoured Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:**

**I am so happy to see so many of you here tonight. To our Distinguished Guests, welcome and enjoy your stay.**

**To the Sisters and Brothers from out of Province, I extend the Hand of Friendship and a warm welcome.**

**To our own Sisters and Brothers we thank you for all the support over the year and for attending our Grand Sessions – take the time to reacquaint yourselves with old friends and enjoy making new ones.**

## **PRESENTATION OF FLAGS**

### **CANADIAN FLAG**

**Presented by Brother Colin Allen, PP (11)  
Assembly sang “O Canada”**

**Tribute given by Brother Don Williams, PP (36)**

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

**The Canadian Flag is a very special symbol. It flies proudly over the second largest country in the world; a single national with many beliefs and different ways of life – as a standard of tolerance and respect for the beliefs of others; a flag of teachers and enablers helping others to attain what they, themselves, hold dear.**

*“Flag of our Country! May it wave  
Over our land from sea to sea,  
Teaching the lessons we all must learn  
Honour, tolerance and unity.”*

**These words by Sister Evelyn R. Wright, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick, we still use today in our Chapters. They are as true now as when they were penned on February 15, 1965, as a tribute to our flag when it was proclaimed the official flag of Canada.**

**Today, our flag is known worldwide as the flag of a peacekeeping nation. Throughout the world this flag is recognized as representing a country, and a people, who are ready to step forward with assistance in time of need for any legitimate cause. It is proudly worn on the uniforms of our troops and by our citizens travelling abroad.**

**This is My Flag...This is Our Flag...Long may the MAPLE LEAF wave as an enduring symbol of Peace, Tolerance and Brotherly Love for all mankind.**

**Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of paying tribute to our Canadian Flag.**

### **UNION JACK**

**Presented by Brother Laurie Bishop, Grand Representative of Arizona (37)  
Assembly Sang "God Save the Queen"**

**Tribute given by Sister Margaret McCully, Past Grand Matron**

**It is with pride and honour that I pay tribute to the Flag of the United Kingdom, the Union Flag, or more commonly known as the Union Jack. It represents the union of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, 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 and New Zealand.**

**The Union Jack flag was created by merging the English Flag, the red cross of St. George on a white background with the Scottish flag, the diagonal white cross of St. Andrew on a blue background, and the red cross of St. Patrick on a white background; thus forming the red, white and blue of the Union Jack. Today, only six counties in the North of Ireland remain part of the United Kingdom.**

**The crosses on the flags relate to the Patron Saints of each entity – St. George is the Patron Saint of England; St. Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland and St. Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland.**

**The Union Jack should ever remind us, not only of our duties to our Queen and Country, but of the rights and privileges that were made secure for us under its protection. Let us cherish the flag and transmit its noble heritage unimpaired to those who come after us. May we continue to honour the Union Jack and the Union for which it stands, not only in our Chapter Rooms but throughout Canada and the world.**

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

**UNITED STATES FLAG**

**Presented By Brother Paul Connelly, Past Grand Patron of Maine  
Assembly Sang “The Star Spangled Banner”**

**Tribute Given by Sister Susan Hawes, Past Grand Matron of Maine**

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

**It is indeed an honour to pay tribute to the flag of my country – the United States of America.**

**Today, America’s flag graces classrooms, statehouses, courtrooms and churches, serving as a daily reminder our nation’s past accomplishments and ongoing dedication to safeguarding individual rights. The brave members of our Armed Forces carry “Old Glory” with them as they fulfill their mission to defend the blessings of democracy and peace across the globe. Our banner flies from public buildings as a sign of our national community; and its folds drape the tombs of our distinguished dead. Our flag is a badge of honour to all – a sign of our citizens’ common purpose.**

**Sisters and Brothers, the flags of our two countries fly peacefully across 3,000 miles of borderland. The United States can boast of peace, because our good neighbour...Canada...is also peaceloving.**

**Our Flags – the present of our freedom – and the Bible – the rule of our faith – must be preserved for future humankind. Our governments or our churches cannot preserve these for us alone. We, as Eastern Star members, must continue to make a stand ensuring our children and their children’s children remain free.**

**May our two flags ever fly in harmony.**

**Thank you, Sister Linda, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Maine for allowing Brother Paul R. Connelly, Past Grand Patron of Maine, to present our flag, and for me to give the tribute.**

**PROVINCIAL FLAG**

**Presented by Brother William Donald, Past Patron (27)**

**CHRISTIAN FLAG**

**Presented by Brother Roy Carson, Past Patron (18)**

**EASTERN STAR FLAG**

**Presented by Brother Roy Wilson, Past Patron (1)**



**Tribute given by Brother Ronald Jagoe, Past Grand Patron (22)**

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

**It is a privilege and an honour to have been asked by you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to pay tribute to the New Brunswick Flag, our heritage; the Christian Flag, our allegiance to the Kingdom of God; and the Eastern Star Flag, to the principles of our Order.**

**We, new Brunswickers, are very proud of our heritage. Queen Victoria assigned a Coat of Arms in 1868, but a flag was only adopted in 1965. Depicted on our New Brunswick flag is the ship representing the shipbuilding and shipping; the lion representing ties to the British Monarchy and the blue to represent the waters in and around most of our Province.**

**The Christian Flag, white for purity, blue for courage and red for sacrifice, which has no geographical boundaries and embraces all nations, is a vivid reminder on the sacrifice made by God and stands for the greatest virtue in Christian living – one brotherhood uniting all mankind in love and service to others.**

**The Eastern Star Flag, respected and recognized throughout the world as a symbol of a great fraternal organization, has the five-pointed star which represents the teachings of the Order – Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love. Let us be reminded of our sacred obligations, be the best there is in us, and practice the teachings of our order with a willingness to serve, determination to keep the Faith, and be true to the ideals for which this great order was established.**

**As we follow the lessons depicted on these three flags, may we all be guided to that New Jerusalem.**

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

**INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

**ELECTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER  
Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron**

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON  
Sister Linda Cogswell**

**On behalf of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, I extend a sincere and warm welcome to you and we are honoured to have you visit with us, knowing that this is such a busy time for you, as you prepare for your installation in October.**

**Grand Conductress: You will present our Elected General Grand Chapter Officer west of the Altar for proper introduction.**

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**I wish you much happiness and joy as you begin your three-year term in the General Grand Chapter. I wish you good health and safe travels as you journey to all your jurisdictions around the world. And we, in New Brunswick, are especially pleased to have someone from the Atlantic Provinces, as the Most Worthy Grand Patron. We look forward to your visit to our Jurisdiction in two years' time.**

**The world is your treasury, in it you find...  
The beauties of nature, of spirit, and mind...  
The rain is your silver, the sun is your gold,  
And out in the garden are jewels untold.**

**How wonderful merely to breathe the bright air,  
To feel the blest kiss of the sun everywhere,  
To walk in a springtime of hues without end  
Though the finest of all is the smile of a friend.**

**Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Brother Fred, I am looking forward to seeing you installed as our Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter in October. Have safe travels, good health and lots of fun. Welcome. (And we look forward to hearing from you tomorrow morning.)**

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

*The Appointed General Grand Chapter Officer was escorted west of the Altar for proper introduction.*

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**It is so nice to have you visit our Grand Chapter and we hope you enjoy your time with us. We wish you all the best with your future endeavours.**

**Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron**

**We are honoured to have you here for our "Golden Chain of Friendship" Session. We hope that you have many pleasant memories of the friendships you have made in New Brunswick and that they will always be treasured.**

**This year is almost over and all good things come to an end  
Yet one thing will always be there,  
My wish that we'll always be friends!!**

*The Appointed General Grand Chapter Officer was escorted to the East and extended the Grand Honours.*

## **PRESENTATIONS TO SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**CANCER SOCIETY –**

**Not able to attend – cheques will be given later**

**KIDNEY FOUNDATION -**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob King**

**THE SCOTTISH RITE LEARNING CENTER IN MONCTON**

**Would Brother Don Roberts, please come forward.**

**Brother Don and I have known each other for quite a number of years and were District Deputy Grand Masters together. I know Don as a very committed person, when he takes on a job you can be sure he will do a great job and follow it through to its completion. He took on the job as Chair of the opening of the Scottish Rite Learning Center in Moncton, NB. He is also on the building, planning and most important, fundraising committees, plus everything else! Brother Don is a 33 Degree Scottish Rite Free Mason and the Committee Chairman for the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.**

**Brother Don, I am pleased to give you this cheque, in the amount of \$2,941.50, to assist in building the Center.**

**Mr. Don Roberts  
Chairman, Scottish Rite Learning Center**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Members of the Order of the Eastern Star and Guests:**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother King, as Committee Chairman for the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, it is an honour for me to accept this cheque from you towards the establishment of the Learning Center for Dyslexic Children. Your fund raising project in memory of Carr Graham is equally special as Carr was completely familiar with the 2003 pilot project in London and supportive of the need for a Learning Center in our area.**

**May I take a moment on behalf of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite to thank all Chapters and members of our Order of the Eastern Star and others for their continuing support.**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother King, in recognition of your support you are gratefully granted the status of “Fellow of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada” and it is my pleasure to present to you this Certificate and Sterling Silver Lapel Pin together with a letter to you from the President and Treasurer of the Foundation.**

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

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda Cogswell**

**A most sincere and cordial welcome is extended to all the Honoured Guests this evening. I thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to be with us and for your patience while we conducted our Opening Ceremonies.**

**The Lieutenant-Governor, The Honourable Mr. Chiasson, was unable to attend due to another commitment, but sent his Best Wishes to us.**

**BRUCE GRAND - DEPUTY MAYOR  
CITY OF FREDERICTON**

**Distinguished Guests, ladies and gentlemen:**

**On behalf of Mayor Woodside, my City Council colleagues and the citizens of Fredericton, I am pleased to welcome you all to your annual sessions of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, Order of the Eastern Star. We are delighted that you have chosen the Fredericton Inn as the venue for this gathering, and extend an especially warm welcome to Eastern Star members visiting from afar.**

**For those of you unfamiliar with our city, Fredericton offers a number of interesting tourist attractions and notable historical sites. These include (but are not limited to) City Hall, the Justice building, Old Government House and the Old Loyalist Burial Ground – considered to be the most historically important cemetery in all of New Brunswick.**

**Fredericton`s unique system of walking trails allows you to experience the splendour of the St. John River and I encourage you to explore our downtown district, which has many quaint shops and reputable restaurants known for their maritime hospitality. I certainly hope your schedule this weekend permits you to enjoy some of what we have to offer! Thank you for inviting me to participate at tonight`s opening session and please accept my sincere best wishes for a memorable and pleasant stay in our provincial capital.**

**Thank you.**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob King**

**Here representing the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, Most Worshipful Brother Miles Graham.**

**Most Worshipful Brother Miles, the Masons of District 2 are so very pleased to have you as our Grand Master. I have seen your busy schedule and am so glad you took the time to join us here tonight. I know the ties between our Masonic Family will continue to grow. May we now hear from you.**

**GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, F &AM  
Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Miles Graham**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Visiting Dignitaries, Guests and Members of the Order of the Eastern Star of New Brunswick:**

**It is a great honour for me to attend your Session this evening to bring greetings and best wishes from the Grand Lodge of Masons of New Brunswick on the occasion of your annual Grand Chapter – Order of the Eastern Star – The Golden Chain of Friendship 79<sup>th</sup> annual session. I had the opportunity to attend the installation ceremony of your officers a few years ago when my Brother, Carr Graham, was installed as Worthy Grand Patron.**

**As you are aware, the Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world in which both women and men may belong. Men must be a mason to join and women must be related to a mason. Eastern Star strives to take good people and through precept and example build an order which is truly dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness. The admission requirements to the Eastern Star have by its very nature tended to create a very close relationship or bond between the Masonic Order and that of the Eastern Star – two organizations that have made significant contributions in making our communities a better place in which we live.**

**I will now draw your attention to the fact that this year marks the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Freemasonry in the Province of New Brunswick. During this time over thirty thousand men have become members of the Masonic Order. There were times when Freemasonry's fortunes waned significantly but those early members persevered and the light of Freemasonry continued. No other organization within our provincial borders with the exception of the church can lay claim to a history as enduring and distinguished – even our democratic form of government, that we know and treasure, cannot claim a history as long as Freemasonry. It is ours to treasure and one in which we can take pride.**

**Let us continue on in our efforts to expand and grow the Masonic order and that of the Eastern Star to continue our rich history from the present into the future – Each of us, each of our organizations and each of our communities will be enriched by our presence.**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Linda, and Worthy Grand Patron, Bob – your term of office is quickly coming to an end – It has been a busy one but I am sure a rewarding one. All the best as you and your Grand Chapter continue into the weekend with your Grand Sessions, It has been a pleasure for me and my lady – Paula – to attend this evening and to bring greetings and best wishes from the Masons of New Brunswick and myself. Thank you.**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob King**

**Thank you Most Worshipful The Grand Master for those kind words. We wish for you safe travels in the coming year.**

**Noble Roger Baird, Chaplain of Luxor Shrine, we all know the wonderful work and the many children that the Shriners' have helped and we thank you for your dedication and devotion to that cause. May you have good health and safe travels.**

**ANCIENT ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE  
Noble Roger Baird – Chaplain**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests and Delegates all**

**It is with distinct pleasure that I am with you today, representing the Potentate of Luxor Shrine, illustrious Sir L. Barry Mabey, who is attending the Shrine Imperial Sessions in San Antonio, Texas.**

**On his behalf, I wish you all the best for your 79<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and look forward to continuing our mutual friendship with each other in the years ahead.**

**Thank you.**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob King**

**Thank you for attending our Grand Chapter Sessions and for your interesting message. May you have safe travels and good health.**

**DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE  
NEREIDES TEMPLE #78  
May MacDonald, Past Queen**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is my pleasure to be here representing the Queen. I couldn't be here last year so I'm so happy to bring greetings. We work to raise money for the Shrine Hospitals and in our quiet way do so. Best of luck with your Sessions.**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda Cogswell**

**Past Queen May, thank you for your lovely greeting and interesting message. We know how much time and effort your organization puts into helping the children at the Shriner's Hospital and you are to be commended for your great work. Thank you.**

**INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS  
Jessica Worsley, Worthy Advisor, Codiac Assembly #25**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Eastern Star members and friends:**

**Good evening, I would like to start by thanking you for letting me bring greetings on behalf of Codiac Assembly. It's always a joy being here.**

**When we last saw you we were preparing for our annual trip to our Grand in Ottawa, Ontario where our very own Daphne Cooper was installed as Grand Worthy Associate Advisor. Since then we have travelled to Springfield, Massachusetts where we visited the Shriners' Hospital for children. We have served at various Lodge and Eastern Star Dinners. We assisted at Fidelity's and Frank H. Tingley's Chapter installation receptions. We also helped Zetland Chapter serve the luncheon at the Maritime Exchange. We most recently went to visit our Rainbow Sisters in Maine for their annual Grand Sessions.**

**Last year we were very excited to see Dad King installed as Worthy Grand Patron for he has been a great supporter of our Assembly for many years. We would like to congratulate the Worthy Grand Matron on a successful year and wish the in-coming officers an enjoyable year ahead.**

**Thank you for the courtesies extended towards me and my travelling companions and we look forward to seeing you again next year.**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob King**

**Jessica is the Worthy Advisor and Sister Page Valiquette is Mother Advisor of Codiac Assembly #25 in Moncton. We welcome you here this evening and thank you for coming.**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob King**

**At this time, I would like to introduce Brandon LeBlanc, Atlantic Jurisdictional Chaplain of the International Order of Demolay for boys. I know you have a busy weekend at the Atlantic National Car Show in Moncton. May we hear from you now?**

**BROTHER BRANDON LEBLANC  
ATLANTIC JURISDICTIONAL CHAPLAIN  
ORDER OF DEMOLAY**

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

**My name is Brandon LeBlanc, and I am the Jurisdictional Officer for Atlantic Provinces Demolay.**

**I would like to thank the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star of New Brunswick for this opportunity to attend here today and to bring greetings on behalf of the DeMolay from New Brunswick and throughout the Atlantic Provinces.**

**DeMolay, for those who don't know, is a youth organization for young men between the ages of 12 and 21. The first Chapter was founded in Kansas City in 1919 and has since grown into an international youth organization that spans most of the globe. Our squires program allows young men who have interest in becoming a member but are under the age of 12 to still come out and participate.**

**DeMolay is much more than your average boys youth group, not only does DeMolay prepare you to become a better leader and an upright citizen in your community. DeMolay promotes love of your parents, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism.**

**We have been involved in several fundraisers – many of them are serving at banquets for the Masonic bodies, and others are pancake breakfasts and managing parking cars at the Atlantic National Car Show.**

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

**We are holding our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Rendezvous this year in Moncton from Friday to Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> to July 19<sup>th</sup>. At our Rendezvous we will be initiating several new members including the boys for the new Crusader Chapter in Halifax. We have lots of new members joining this year and we are excited to welcome our new brethren.**

**The support we receive from the many Masonic bodies is greatly appreciated by all of our members. We thank all those adults who volunteer to help us as Advisors, especially your Worthy Grand Patron, Dad King. Whenever we need your help you are right there.**

**DeMolay and the rest of the Masonic family have played an important part in my life and I would recommend this organization to any young man.**

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



**Thank you.**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob King**

**Thank you so much for coming and those interesting words. I hope that your Car Show is a huge success.**

**RESPONSE TO GREETINGS FROM HONOURED GUESTS**

**Sister Brenda I. Taylor, Past Grand Matron**

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

**It is indeed 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 welcome and greetings extended by our Honoured Guests.**

**Deputy Mayor, Bruce Grandy, what a pleasure to be in your beautiful City of Fredericton, and to enjoy again the hospitality which has been so graciously extended to us. Thank you so much for your attendance here this evening and for your warm words of welcome.**

**To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, Myles Graham – we thank you most sincerely for taking time from your busy schedule and for the greetings you so graciously brought with you. As you know, Eastern Star would not exist without our Masonic Brothers and we are honoured with their presence here tonight. We congratulate you, Myles Graham, on your recent installation and wish you a most successful term of office.**

**To Noble Roger Baird, Chaplain of Luxor Shriners. Thank you for your presence this evening. We recognize the work the Shriners do for crippled and burned children and all done at no cost. May you continue with your good works for many, many years to come. Thank you Brother Roger for being with us this evening and your warm words of greeting. To Junior Past Queen, Mae MacDonald, of Nereides Temple #78, thank you for your presence here this evening. Because of the close ties between the Masons, Shriners, Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile members, we share mutual interest in promoting the principles of our Orders.**

**Jessica Worsley of the Rainbow for Girls and Brandon LeBlanc of the Order of DeMolay, we admire both of your groups and the accomplishments you achieve each year. We recognize that the Youth of today are our future of tomorrow. May God richly bless you and we thank you most sincerely for being here with us this evening.**

**On behalf of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, it is my honour and privilege to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all of our Honoured Guests and we hope that you enjoy your evening with us.**

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

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda Cogswell**

**Thank you, Sister Brenda, we appreciate your words of welcome.**

**WELCOMES**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob King**

**The Staff of the Fredericton Inn are always so helpful and accommodating. Here to represent the Hotel is Jim Jones. May we hear from you now?**

**JIM JONES, SUPERVISOR  
FREDERICTON INN**

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

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

**We are pleased to be hosting your 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Session and wish you every success over the next few days. All of our employees are committed to making your stay with us pleasant and one to remember and we will work hard to meet all of your needs.**

**I know that many of you have travelled great distances to attend this Session and I hope that you enjoy your stay with us. I encourage you to visit our beautiful city and to participate in the many events offered daily.**

**In closing, I hope that you return home safely with many fond memories of this 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Session.**

**Thank you.**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob King**

**Thank you Jim Jones and your staff for all that you do for us. We look forward to our return visit.**

**SISTER DEBBIE HILL, PAST GRAND MATRON, AND BROTHER DOUG SWAN,  
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER  
CO-CONVENORS FOR GRAND SESSION**

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

**Good Evening.**

**As we go through life, some of the most important words we will hear, is welcome. It is good to see you and come back soon.**

**Brother Doug and I would like to welcome each of you. It is good to see some familiar faces, and I am looking forward to meeting our new friends who are attending for the first time. We hope each of you will come back and visit with us again.**

**To all the Committees who worked so hard, thank you. Your dedication and hard work has made our job so much easier. To our Representative of the Hotel, thank you again for going beyond what was expected of you.**

**As usual, if any concerns do arise, please see Brother Doug or myself and we will try to help in any way we can.**

**We hope each of you will enjoy your time at “The Golden Chain of Friendship”.**

**Sister Linda and Brother Bob, we have enjoyed working with each of you and we wish you much luck as you preside over these Grand Chapter Sessions and thank you for the honour of allowing Brother Doug and myself to be your General Convenors.**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob King**

**Sister Debbie and Brother Doug – I don’t know all the behind the scenes work that you have to do. All I know is that you do it very well. You both have worked extremely hard to make this Session a success and it shows. No matter what we throw at you, you met the challenge head-on and fulfilled our requests. Sister Linda and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts.**

**PS. If there are any problems or you have any concerns, PLEASE go to them!!!! They’re really good at their jobs!!!!**

**SISTER JOAN CURRAN, WORTHY MATRON  
HOSTESS CHAPTER, DEVON #37, FREDERICTON**

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

**I have the honour of being Worthy Matron of Devon Chapter #37 which is the home chapter of our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Linda and it is my privilege to welcome each of you here tonight.**

**It is my sincere hope that each of you will enjoy the “Golden Chain of Friendship” Sessions, have time to renew old friendships and make new ones. Sister Linda, Brother Bob, the members of Devon Chapter hope that these final 3 days as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will allow you to weave your golden chain of friendship around the hearts of many, and we wish you a successful Grand Chapter Session.**

**There is welcome in the dew drops as they kiss the morning flowers  
There is welcome in the rainbow that follows April showers  
But the welcome which is the dearest and which we now bring to you  
In the depth of words unspoken, As we say welcome to you.**

**Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the privilege of allowing me to bring the welcome on behalf of your home chapter.**

**SISTER JANET MALLORY, WORTHY MATRON  
HOSTESS CHAPTER, ZETLAND #26, SHEDIAC**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all.**

**As Worthy Matron of Zetland Chapter #26, Brother Bob’s home Chapter, I would like to welcome everyone to “The Golden Chain of Friendship” Sessions.**

**A special welcome to all the visiting members. We hope that you enjoy our Sessions, meet new friends and have time to visit our area.**

**Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the honour of extending this welcome.**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob King**

**I know the work your Chapters have put forth to make this a very successful Session. I want to thank you both and your Chapters for all the hard work you have done and not only for us to enjoy but also for our beautiful Order. Many thanks.**

**RESPONSE TO THE GREETINGS  
SISTER JACQUIE BOUTLIER, PAST GRAND MATRON**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:**

**It is an honour and a privilege this evening on behalf of this Grand Jurisdiction to express how grateful we are to all of those people who were involved with the preparations of this 79<sup>th</sup> Session of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.**

**Taking into consideration the great amount of work and preparation that our Past Grand Officers of yesteryear did when planning a Grand Chapter, we greatly appreciate the co-operation of the Management and Staff of the Fredericton Inn for the aid and service they have given us over these years that we have held our Grand Chapter in this facility. You have been a gracious liason to us for several years and have taken a lot of the burden off our General Convenors and chapters hosting these Sessions and for that we thank you, Jim Jones, for your most gracious words of welcome.**

**Thank you Joan Curran, Worthy Matron of Devon Chapter #37, Fredericton North and also you, Janet Mallory, Worthy Matron of Zetland Chapter #26, Shediac, for all you have done to ensure the success of this Grand Chapter Session and we compliment you on a job well done.**

**Thank you Brother Doug Swan, GGCCM and Sister Debbie Hill, PGM, for the competent job you have done as chairpersons of General Arrangements. It takes all the cogs in the Cogswell wheel to make all the gears mesh. The oil has been added to lubricate the cogs for a smooth-running Grand Chapter and we know that the next two days will run smoothly for a successful 79<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session.**

**Thank you Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron, for affording me this honour of responding to these welcomes.**

**May you be blessed as you continue your Sessions.**

**Thank you.**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda Cogswell**

**Thank you Sister Jacquie for your kind words.**

*At this time, if any of the Distinguished Guests wish to leave, you may . Thank you for attending the “Golden Chain of Friendship” Sessions.*

*Our Grand Marshal and Assistant Grand Marshal will escort the Special Guests from the Grand Chapter room down the ramps.*

**INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS (CONTINUED)**

*The General Grand Chapter Committee Members were escorted west of the Altar for proper introduction.*

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda Cogswell**

**On behalf of this Grand Jurisdiction, I bid you a sincere and warm welcome. To be an appointed member of a General Grand Chapter Committee must be such an honour for each of you and I trust that all your dreams and expectations have come to fulfillment. You have demonstrated your loyalty and dedication to our beautiful Order and been rewarded for it. We are so proud of our own Sister Shirley MacDonald, Eastern Star Journal; Sister Ann Morton, Chairman of Public Relations and Brother Doug Swan, Northeast Region Co-ordinator on VisionQuest who have represented this Jurisdiction with the hands of friendship and smiles and with much dignity. I also wish to acknowledge Brother Elderic Thorne, VisionQuest, who passed away this year. He was so honoured to be a Committee Member and enjoyed every moment of it in his own quiet and humble way.**

**As you continue to perform your duties  
Which extend throughout the land  
God's love will always be with you  
As you walk with Him, hand in hand.**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob King**

**I too want to welcome you here this evening. To our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members, thank you for all you do for our Grand Chapter.**

**Welcome is a special word, it means we're glad you're here  
It is wide, long, very high and is packed full of love and good cheer**

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

**WELCOME TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
BROTHER MURRAY CLOUSTON, PAST GRAND PATRON**

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

**I am honoured and pleased to extend a hearty welcome to our General Grand Chapter Committee Members this evening.**

**Your term of office will be over in the near future. I am sure each of you has fulfilled your duties with great distinction and honour to our beloved Order.**

**To our New Brunswick members, Sister Shirley MacDonald, Sister Ann Morton and Brother Doug Swan – you have travelled many miles and have represented the Most Worthy Grand Matron very well. We are extremely proud of all of you. We were saddened by the loss of the other member from New Brunswick, Brother Elderic Thorne, earlier this year. His zeal for the Order of the Eastern Star will never be forgotten.**

**Sister Linda and Brother Bob, thank you for the opportunity to extend this welcome to your “Golden Chain of Friendship” Sessions and may you all enjoy our New Brunswick hospitality.**

#### **RESPONSE TO THE GREETINGS**

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

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

**It is with great pleasure that I give the response to the cordial welcome extended by Brother Murray Clouston, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick on behalf of the General Grand Chapter Officers and General Grand Chapter Committee members.**

**We bring greetings on behalf of Sister Barbara Benton, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bill Owen, Most Worthy Grand Patron, who are not able to be here this evening.**

**Sister Linda, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bob, Worthy Grand Patron, we congratulate you both on your year of memories and we sincerely hope that when your Sessions are over you will take the time to reflect on what a wonderful year you both have had. We extend our best wishes as you preside over the business of this Grand Chapter.**

**Thank you for the honour of responding to these warm words of welcome.**

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

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**What a pleasure it is for me to welcome you to our Sessions, “The Golden Chain of Friendship”. A few of you are our counterparts, “The Incredible Stars”, and you have**

**almost completed your year. I trust that it has been a great one and that you will have many happy and special times to remember!! To the new Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, you are just beginning your journey and it will be wonderful and memorable. Your term is really what you make it – deal with the serious but always remember to have fun and enjoy it.**

**Within God’s beautiful garden  
There are flowers of every hue,  
They are all there for a purpose  
And they all have something to do.**

**You represent special flowers  
Selected with love and care,  
To do a very important task  
And to travel everywhere. WELCOME!!**

**Sister Beverley Sanborn, Worthy Grand Matron of Quebec**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob: On behalf of the visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, I would like to extend our fraternal greetings and wish you a very successful and harmonious Grand Chapter Session.**

**We have all been told that our year will go by very quickly. I personally can say that is true! For some of us the journey has just begun while others are approaching the end as we prepare for our Sessions.**

**As like Winnie the Pooh, you have already shared many warm hugs and have brought happiness to all those you have met in your travels. Your symbols are the Dove of Peace and the Hands of Friendship. You both have honoured these symbols and we are joyous to be here to share your hand of friendship as well as your spirit of love that surrounds us.**

**On a personal note, Sister Linda and Brother Bob, the friendship which we have shared over the past four years grows stronger with each passing day. There are only six of us left in the “Incredible Stars” awaiting our Sessions and then to pass through the gates to receive the Past Grand’s title. I look forward to the many wonderful weekend reunions that we will experience in the years to come.**

**Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honour bestowed upon me and the Province of Quebec to bring greetings and gratitude of the visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons.**

**God Bless.**

***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 proper introduction.*

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

What a wonderful pleasure it is for me to welcome you to “The Golden Chain of Friendship”. When I chose the name of these Sessions, my thought was, we are all vital links to make this Order what it is. Each of you has contributed your knowledge and wisdom to those who have followed in your footsteps. We sincerely thank you for all that you do and will continue to do for our beautiful Order.

A pleasant smile is understood  
By every race and creed  
And love finds joy in giving love  
With every noble deed.

The language in a foreign land  
May keep us far apart  
But loving smiles and kindly words  
Unite us – heart to heart.

**Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron**

Wow, what a great sight you are! As Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons you have all done our Order proud. If not for your dedication we would not be where we are today. Each of you has blazed a trail for your successors to follow. If not for you and all the assistance you have given Sister Linda, the Grand Family and myself, this year would have been a lot harder.

We thank you most heartily for all your support and assistance through the year and years to come. Welcome to “The Golden Chain of Friendship” Sessions. I am so pleased to call you friends.

**Brother Charles Rafuse, Past Grand Patron**

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

**Sister Linda and Brother Bob:**

As you arrive at the beginning of your “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session, I have the privilege of thanking you, on behalf of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of this Jurisdiction, for your warm welcome this evening.

**We congratulate you on your devotion and dedication to our Order during this past year and are well aware of the countless hours devoted to reaching this point. We expect that, as you near the end of your term, you are experiencing mixed emotions but, rest assured, you have served us well and we look forward to a productive and enjoyable Session.**

**In two short days, we will be pleased to welcome you as your names are added to the list of “Past Grands”.**

**Thank you for the privilege of responding to your welcome.**

*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 proper introduction.*

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**I wouldn't want the greatest wealth  
I'd rather have a friend  
My heart can only know the peace  
That love and kindness lend.**

**I have the world within my grasp  
With pleasant sweet surprise  
And joys that life has given me  
These are things I prize.**

**It is my pleasure to greet you at “The Golden Chain of Friendship” Sessions. We extend warm wishes and hope you enjoy your stay with us.**

**Brother John Coombs, Past Grand Patron of Maine**

**Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron – we have been coming to New Brunswick for many years now and have made a whole lot of friends. This, of course, includes both of you.**

**We watched on as you both were elected and like every other year wondered what the two of you would do for an already great Jurisdiction.**

**We watched you grow year after year to a role of leadership and love, which is now coming to an end at your Golden Chain of Friendship Sessions. We wish for you the best Session**

**and may you always have fair winds and following seas as we welcome you to the ranks of the Past Grand`s Association.**

**On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Maine and myself, I want to thank you for your warm and grateful words of welcome, and giving me this honour of speaking for this distinguished group of ladies and men.**

*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 proper introduction.*

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Wherever the roads of life may lead  
This wish is sent to say  
May God`s true love and care protect  
And guide you all the way.**

**It`s so nice to have you here with us. I trust that as you make your plans for your year in the East, you enjoy the journey and all your hopes and dreams are fulfilled.**

**Sister Shelley Gullett  
Grand Conductress of New Hampshire**

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

**It is an honour and a privilege to bring you the response on behalf of the Elected Grand Officers. Thank you for your gracious and warm words of welcome.**

**It is always a pleasure to be at your Grand Session and to have an opportunity to be with our counterparts; also to find the glitter and gold that make up our wonderful friends in New Brunswick.**

**May your “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session be all that you had hoped and dreamed for! May God bless you and keep you safe, happy and healthy!!**

*The Elected Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East and accorded a hearty welcome.*

*The Appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted behind Esther's Station for proper introduction.*

**Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron**

**What a beautiful sight. Your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron must be so very proud of all of you. I am very pleased to welcome you to our "Golden Chain of Friendship" Sessions.**

**We have visited with many of you at your Sessions and are so glad to have you join with us here today. Your counterparts in New Brunswick will be looking forward to meeting and visiting with you and I hope many lasting friendships are and will be formed.**

**Sister Gloria Turner  
Grand Martha of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island**

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

**Sister Linda, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bob, Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of the Appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions, I sincerely thank you for your most gracious welcome. Having witnessed the initiation of our daughter-in-law at your Maritime Exchange last year, it is indeed a pleasure for me to be here with you this evening at the Informal Opening of "The Golden Chain of Friendship" Grand Chapter Session. We all wish you both a wonderful Session and I thank you for the honour given to me and Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in giving this response.**

*The Appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East and received a hearty welcome.*

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

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Every friendship begins small  
Two smiles meet and hold somehow  
Amid coffee or tea  
Shared secrets and phone calls  
Carpools and quilting bees  
A love grows large enough to last an eternity.**

Welcome and we extend fraternal love and friendship to each of you. Enjoy your Grand Chapter Sessions.

**Sister Verna Poley  
Grand Representative of Washington in New Brunswick**

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

**It is my pleasure on behalf of the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in New Brunswick to thank you most sincerely for your gracious welcome.**

**As Grand Representatives we are your ambassadors of goodwill and links in the “Golden Chain of Friendship”. Our appreciation for these appointments is sincere and we realize what an important opportunity we have been given. As we travel throughout New Brunswick, to other Grand Jurisdictions, and communicate through correspondence, we take pride in promoting fraternal love, goodwill and friendship. One of our links, and my counterpart, of Anacortes, Washington, is present at our Grand Chapter Sessions.**

**Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we would like to congratulate you on your successful year and as you preside over your “Golden Chain of Friendship” Sessions we wish you every success and many fond memories to recall.**

**Thank you Sister Linda for the honour bestowed on Lady Alexander Chapter #24 and myself in asking me to respond to your fraternal welcome to the Grand Representatives.**

*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 Representatives were escorted west of the Altar for proper introduction.*

**Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron**

**I welcome the links that join your Jurisdiction to ours. As a Grand Representative you represent “The Golden Chain of Friendship” and we heartily welcome you here today.**

**We hope the bonds of Sisterly and Brotherly love will last a life time. Welcome to our fine Province of New Brunswick and the City of Fredericton. Please enjoy your stay with us.**

**Sister Joan Jasinkiewicz  
Grand Representative of New Brunswick in New Jersey**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: What a privilege it is for me to speak on behalf of our Grand Representatives at**

**your “Golden Chain of Friendship” Grand Session, and I want to thank Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda Cogswell, for this great honour.**

**We bring heartfelt greetings from our respective Jurisdictions and a sincere wish that your Grand Session is all that you dreamed it would be, with lots of “Laughter, Happiness and Fun”.**

**Each of the Grand Representatives have been appointed for their dedicated and selfless contributions to our beautiful Eastern Star; they truly are our goodwill ambassadors by promulgating friendship and harmony as they travel near and far. The ties of friendship formed during this week will last even as we travel back to our respective Jurisdictions.**

**We thank you Sister Linda and Brother Bob for your sincere and cordial welcome, and the warm reception we have received from your Grand Officers and the Sisters and Brothers here at your Grand Session.**

**God Bless you both and our beautiful Eastern Star. Thank you for listening.**

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

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

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Good evening is a very pleasant sound, it holds so much cheer  
It opens wide the door of love and casts aside each fear  
It sheds afresh the light of faith and it starts each day anew  
We’re glad God granted us this day to welcome each of you!**

**Thank you for travelling to our Jurisdiction to visit with us and we hope you have a pleasant stay.**

**Sister Edith Taylor  
Grand Representative of Delaware in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda Cogswell, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob King, on behalf of the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions, I sincerely thank you for your most gracious welcome. Thank you for all the courtesies shown to us in this “The Golden Chain of Friendship” Grand Chapter Session. It is indeed an honour for me and the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in giving this response. It is great to be back again in your beautiful City of Fredericton.**

*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 proper introduction.*

**Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron**

**To have a General Grand Chapter Special Appointment you must be a special Shining Star.**

**To our own Sister Marilyn Hutchinson, Friend of a Feather, you are very special to all of us here in New Brunswick. We hope your travels to Tulsa, Oklahoma will be fun-filled and memorable.**

**Welcome to all and enjoy your stay.**

**Sister Marilyn Hutchinson  
Friend of a Feather**

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

**Sister Linda and Brother Bob, thank you for the privilege and honour of responding on behalf of the Friends of a Feather. We thank you for your friendship and warm words of welcome. It is our pleasure to join you at your "Golden Chain of Friendship" Session. May it be all that you hope for.**

**Friendships made in Eastern Star know no boundaries. Wherever we travel there are smiles, hugs, friends and even someone to lend a helping hand when needed. What a wonderful thing! How fortunate we are to belong to an Order that can bring us all together in love and friendship.**

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

*The District Deputy Grand Matrons of New Brunswick and other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted behind Esther's Station for proper introduction.*

**Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron**

**On behalf of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, I welcome the visiting District Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Lecturers of other Grand Jurisdictions. It is our wish that you have an enjoyable stay with us, make new friends and renew old ones.**

**To our own District Deputy Grand Matrons you were chosen by the Worthy Grand Matron to represent her in your districts. It has shown that you carried out your duties with a great deal of pride. We heard nothing but great comments of your success. I welcome you here to this “The Golden Chain of Friendship” Session.**

**Sister Phyllis Mossman, District Deputy Grand Matron  
District #4 of New Brunswick**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers, it was indeed an honour to serve as District Deputy Grand Matron in your Grand Family of “Golden Chain of Friendship” year.**

**We have travelled many miles with you as you fulfilled your duties. You have left behind many memories and made many friends. May the threads of friendship be with you always. We are sure that you will have many more wonderful memories of this Session.**

**Thank you for your warm words of welcome and for giving me the opportunity of responding on behalf of the District Deputy Grand Matrons of New Brunswick and Other Grand Jurisdictions 2008-2009.**

**Thank you.**

*The District Deputy Grand Matrons of New Brunswick and other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East and accorded a hearty welcome.*

*The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2009-2010 were escorted behind Esther’s Station for proper introduction.*

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**May the angels go before you, making sure your path is free of trouble, stress and worry in times of doubt and need. May angels gently follow, making sure you always know their loving care goes with you every place you go.**

**Welcome to our sessions and I hope you have a pleasant and satisfying year.**

**I will now ask you to turn and face the West for greetings from the Associate Grand Matron, Sister Lynn Hutchin, and the Associate Grand Patron, Brother Ebby Kuhn.**



**Sister Lynn Hutchin, Associate Grand Matron**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:**

**It is an honour and a privilege to welcome you, the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2009-2010 to the “Golden Chain of Friendship” Sessions of this Grand Chapter.**

**Although many of you have held this Office in the past, some of you are brand new, and I thank you for your dedication to the Order of the Eastern Star and congratulate you in holding this, the highest office within your Chapter. Although I wasn't able to attend many of your installations, I'm really looking forward to visiting each of your Chapters this summer and fall.**

**Your presence at these Grand Chapter Sessions is proof of your interest in the legislation of this Grand Jurisdiction. Remember to take time to renew old acquaintances and make new friends and return to your respective chapters with new enthusiasm for our wonderful Order. Enjoy your year and have fun and everything will fall into place!**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob, thank you for the honour of welcoming the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2009-2010 to these Sessions.**

**Brother Ebby Kuhn, Associate Grand Patron**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:**

**It is my pleasure to welcome you, the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons to “The Golden Chain of Friendship” Session 2008-2009.**

**We thank you for your dedication and service to your Chapter and to our Grand Chapter. We look forward to meeting you again in your respective Chapters and extend the spirit of friendship among us.**

**Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for the honour of welcoming the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2009-2010 to these Sessions.**

**Sister Olive Trevors, Worthy Matron  
Prince Andrew #42, Newcastle**

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

**I wish to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda Cogswell and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob King, for the honour you have bestowed upon me and to Prince Andrew #42 in asking me to respond to this most colourful welcome.**

**On behalf of the Worthy Matrons of 2009-2010 of all the Chapters in our Province of New Brunswick, I sincerely thank you Sister Lynn for the very kind words of welcome you have given us and will strive to fulfill our obligations to the best of our ability.**

*The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2009-2010 were escorted to the East and extended a hearty welcome.*

*The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2008-2009 were escorted behind Esther's Station for proper introduction.*

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**We need the help of others to make our life complete  
We need the love of others to light our darkened street  
For all the joys we treasure would of no value be  
If there were no friends with us to share our victory.**

**You were our "Rose Buds" this past year and we trust that each of you had a great year as you lead your Chapters through the year. Your time has come to an end but always remember you are each still needed and valued in your Chapters.**

**Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron**

**It is with a great deal of pleasure I welcome each and every one of you here to the Grand Chapter and "The Golden Chain of Friendship" Sessions.**

**You are a fine example of the "Golden Chain of Friendship" as you have welcomed the Grand Family to your Chapter rooms with open arms of friendship.**

**Your year is over and what a year it has been; your hospitality was overwhelming and we thank you for all the courtesies extended to us.**

**Thank you and welcome.**

**Sister Lynda Swan, Past Matron  
Victoria #1, Woodstock**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:**

**What a privilege it is for me to reply on behalf of the Worthy Matrons of 2008-2009 to your welcome. We have enjoyed this past year under your leadership and were delighted to welcome you and Brother Bob along with your Grand Officers to our Chapters during our Official Visits. May you have a successful and harmonious “Golden Chain of Friendship” Grand Chapter Session.**

**Thank you for the honour you have bestowed upon Victoria #1 and myself in asking me to respond to your gracious welcome to the Worthy Matrons of 2008-2009.**

**Brother Robert Carson, Past Patron  
Frank H. Tingley #5, Moncton**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda; Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:**

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

**It is indeed an honour and pleasure to respond to the welcome of the Worthy Patrons of 2008-2009. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron we note with pride your many accomplishments and the manner in which you carried out the duties representing the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob, I wish to publicly thank you for the support given in holding our May meeting at Camden Court.**

**We enjoyed welcoming the Grand Chapter Family at our October meeting and other occasions when your schedules permitted it.**

**Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on behalf of all the Worthy Patrons of 2008-2009, I wish you an enjoyable and rewarding “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session.**

***The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2008-2009 were escorted to the East and accorded a hearty welcome.***

***The Session Assistants and Grand Nurses were escorted behind Esther’s Station for proper introduction.***

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**There is a garden where flowers grow  
Flowers no other garden may know  
Friendships, faith and loyalty true  
That bloom in our hearts for friends like you.**

**We thank you for the work that you have done and are doing for us this year. We are truly blessed to have such willing and wonderful people like you to help us make this a better Grand Chapter Session.**

**Sister Mickie King, Assistant to the Grand Marshal**

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

**Sister Linda and Brother Bob, we wish for you a happy, contented and rewarding “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session. It has been our pleasure to serve you in every way we can. Thank you for the honour you bestowed upon me in responding to this welcome.**

*The Grand Nurses and Session Assistants were escorted to the East and accorded a hearty welcome.*

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Sisters and Brothers, the introductions for this evening are completed. Sister Sherry and Sister Mildred, you have had a busy evening and I thank you for your excellent work. Sister Ann and Sister Audrey, thank you for lining up the Distinguished Guests for introductions. You did a great job.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please remember the following:**

**PAGO breakfast at 7:30AM**

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

**And if you do not have your tickets yet, please pick them up.**

**Thank you for attending this Informal Opening and I hope everyone has a restful night.**

*The members present sang the Closing Ode, “Battle Hymn of the Republic”. The Bible was closed informally.*

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

**FORMAL OPENING**

**Friday Morning, July 10, 2009**

**8:45 AM**

**The Formal Opening was preceded by a Musical Prelude provided by the Grand Organist, Sister Norma Caswell, and Assistant Grand Organist, Sister Jean Flewelling.**

**The Grand Choir entered the Chapter room singing, “I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”. Following the Formations and Drills, narrated by Sister Marjorie Colton, Past Grand Matron, the Grand Pages and Grand Guards assumed their Stations.**

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

**Masonic Emblem – formed by the Grand Guards**

**Bible – formed by the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron and Grand Pages.**

**Crown and Sceptre – formed by the Grand Officers, their Assistants and District Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Nurses and Grand Pages.**

**Dove – formed by Grand Pages and a Guard**

**Golden Chain of Friendship – formed by the Grand Representatives**

**The Ribbon Ceremony was conducted by the Past Grand Matrons of New Brunswick under the leadership of Sister Elaine MacLean, Past Grand Matron:**

<b>Adah</b>	<b>Sister Donna Allen, PGM</b>
<b>Ruth</b>	<b>Sister Debbie Hill, PGM</b>
<b>Esther</b>	<b>Sister Lynne Hatt, PGM</b>
<b>Martha</b>	<b>Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCM</b>
<b>Electa</b>	<b>Sister Brenda Taylor, PGM</b>

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Sister Shirley MacDonald, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Brother Joseph Holmes, Past Grand Patron**

**Good Morning Sisters and Brothers:**

**It is my pleasure along with Brother Joseph Holmes, PGP to welcome you to the Formal Opening of the “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session of your Grand Chapter. Today we**

**begin the business we have met to perform. Let us remember that every member is important to strengthening the welfare of our Order and each of your opinions and views are necessary if we are to continue to grow and thrive in our world today. May we conduct the business with a modicum of caring and friendship for each other so that when the Session is completed we can all have a sense of a job well done.**

**To our visitors, it is an honour and a privilege to have the opportunity to welcome you to our Province. May your stay be an enjoyable and rewarding experience. A special welcome to Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke, and all the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, especially our own Sister Ann Morton, Chairman of Public Relations and Brother Doug Swan, North East Region Co-ordinator, VisionQuest. I would be remiss not to mention Brother Elderic Thorne, GGCCM on VisionQuest, who was one of our Committee Members and who passed away unexpectedly in February and who we miss greatly. I hope each of you, Ann and Doug, have enjoyed your appointments as much as I have and now that our three years is drawing to a close, we can be ever grateful for the friendships and memories we have shared as General Grand Chapter Committee Members.**

**To the members present here today from each of the Chapters in our Jurisdiction – welcome – you are an integral part of these Grand Chapter Sessions and we rely on you to participate with earnestness and open minds in all the discussions and decisions, for only by being a part of the deliberations can you know that you have been here for the good of our Order.**

**Brother Joseph.....**

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

**What a beautiful day – twenty-four Golden Hours of our “Golden Chain of Friendship” Grand Chapter Sessions. It is up to each of us what we do with this precious time. Let us strive to use it for God’s glory and for the betterment of our beautiful Order.**

**I am delighted to welcome each of you and it is an added pleasure for me to be standing here with my own Grand Conductress of my “Christmas in July” Grand Chapter Sessions, Sister Shirley MacDonald, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Eastern Star Journal.**

**I thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda Cogswell, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Robert King (whom we affectionately call Bob). It is through their thoughtfulness and kindness that I am enjoying this pleasure.**

**I am honoured today to join with Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM, in welcoming Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron. Brother Fred, all your New Brunswick Sisters and Brothers are proud of all your accomplishments.**

**To all General Grand Chapter Officers and General Grand Chapter Committee Members travelling far to be with us – Thank you. May you enjoy our beautiful Province and all our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have planned for your enjoyment. May you take home fond memories of each day of your Session.**

**Special thanks and welcome to all our New Brunswick General Grand Chapter Committee Members. You are all very special and have given much of your time and efforts to help the Golden Chain of Friendship grow stronger. Enjoy the General Grand Chapter – wish we all could be with you.**

**The actions taken and decisions made today and tomorrow are very important to the future of our Grand Chapter. Sisters and Brothers of New Brunswick, be proud of all the accomplishments of the past – Listen carefully and act wisely for the future of our Order. Participate and enjoy.**

**God Bless....**

*The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted west of the Altar for introduction.*

#### **WELCOME**

**Sister Shirley MacDonald, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Eastern Star Journal and Brother Joseph Holmes, Past Grand Patron**

**Good Morning Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron – you are both to be congratulated on your year of service and your dedication to our Order.**

**Sister Linda – you worked diligently and efficiently previously as our Grand Treasurer and I knew you would work just as hard to achieve your goals as Worthy Grand Matron. I have enjoyed your friendship and the privilege of sitting beside you in the East and also appreciated, as did the members of the Chapters on your official visits, your friendly manner and timely messages. Your unique way of honouring members with the “Golden Threads” pins and bookmarks will be a special memory to each and every one of them. May your “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session be all that you dreamed and God Bless you always.**

**Brother Bob: I knew the first time you were presented as a Worthy Patron in our Chapter that someday you would be Worthy Grand Patron, and I can’t express how much I appreciate being able to welcome you to the Formal Opening this morning. I know as you look back on your work with the Drill Team, the trips you prepared and planned for many of us, the extensive travelling you’ve done and the friendships you’ve made, you will be rewarded for all your decisions and efforts through the growth and strengthening of our Order. The time for sitting back and relaxing is drawing near. May God’s richest blessings go with you.**

**Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honour and privilege of welcoming you this morning.**

**Sister Linda and Brother Bob – welcome to your “Golden Chain of Friendship” Sessions... A wonderful year of travels, challenges and experiences.**

**The knowledge you have gained will serve you well as you work together to transact any business that may come before us. You both take your responsibilities seriously. Your earnest devotion to our Order assures us you will have a rewarding and successful Session.**

**Sister Linda – I have watched with interest your climb to the office of Worthy Grand Matron. Thanks for all your friendship over the years we have known you. You make us proud to call you our friend and our Worthy Grand Matron.**

**Brother Bob – How I wish I had your energy. You have travelled many miles attending Chapters at home and in other Jurisdictions as well as Grand Chapter Sessions. If you want to get something done just ask Brother Bob. You have always willingly extended a helping hand to all. You have been a compliment to your Worthy Grand Matron. You have supported her and been by her side and did all the right things at the right time. All I can say is well done, good and faithful servant. God Bless you both.**

*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 Shirley presented the Worthy Grand Matron with her gavel.*

*The Grand Officers assumed their Stations.*

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Sister Shirley and Brother Joe: Thank you so much for opening this Friday Morning Session. Your lovely words of welcome will be our inspiration for the Morning’s work we are about to begin.**

**Sister Shirley: We have shared the East many times this past year and I was always so pleased to have you sitting beside me. You have a way of making people feel more relaxed when you’re around. And I truly needed that when I first started my visitations. Thanks so much and I feel honoured to call you “Friend”.**

**Brother Joe: Your kind words of encouragement over the years have been very much appreciated and I always enjoyed our chats. Thank you for opening this Session with Sister Shirley.**



**Some stars twinkle bright  
The Heavens they light  
But it's Stars like you  
Who shine in our hearts with such might.**

**Sister Shirley, please accept this small token of appreciation for opening this Session of the "Golden Chain of Friendship".**

**Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Sister Shirley, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Brother Joseph Holmes, Past Grand Patron, thank you both for those kind words of welcome at the Altar.**

**Sister Shirley, you were Worthy Grand Matron the year I joined the Eastern Star. I will never forget your Official visit to Zetland. You presented Sister Mickie and me with your fun symbol, the Lamb. I still have it at home – a treasured memory. You have always been one of the people in Star that I admire. Our friendship has grown in the last three years and I look forward to many more years as friends.**

**Brother Joe, you have always been an inspiration to me. You were one of the first to encourage me to let my name stand for Grand Sentinel. I don't know whether to thank you or not, but seriously Brother Joe, thank you for all your support and help along the way.**

**Please accept this token of our appreciation for opening this "Golden Chain of Friendship" Session.**

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Good morning, Sisters and Brothers, I trust that everyone had a restful sleep and are now ready to begin our deliberations for this morning. Our future depends on the decisions made by all members.**

**Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Sisters and Brothers – Good Morning. We have a couple of long days ahead of us. As we start our deliberations, keep in mind that we are here for the Good of our Order.**

*At this time a beautiful Solo, entitled "I Walk with His Hand in Mine", was sung by Sister Eleanor Linton, Worthy Matron of Queen Mary #4, St. Stephen.*

*Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda, thanked Sister Eleanor for the lovely Solo.*

## PLACING OF THE BIBLE AND EMBLEMS

<b>Narrator</b>	<b>Sister Virginia Jackson, WM</b>
<b>Bible Bearer</b>	<b>Sister Ann Lister, PGM</b>
<b>Adah</b>	<b>Sister Lisa Duncan</b>
<b>Ruth</b>	<b>Sister Gail Taylor</b>
<b>Esther</b>	<b>Sister Gail McKay, PM</b>
<b>Martha</b>	<b>Sister Marilee Hoyt</b>
<b>Electa</b>	<b>Sister Cheryl Coburn</b>

Each point of our beautiful Star portrays a lesson worthy of honourable dedication. Taken from the pages of the Bible are the teachings of our Order and the lives our heroines are embodied in it. They represent Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love.

The Holy Bible is at the very heart of our Order and guides our footsteps as we travel the Labyrinth of Life. The great theme of the Bible is the Lord Jesus Christ and His work of redemption of mankind. Between its open covers God's truth abounds and the way to eternal life is found. Upon our sacred Altar the Bible is placed by Sister Ann Lister, PGM.

*The Choir sang "Holy Spirit, Hear Us".*

The Emblems of our Order are symbolically entwined with the ritualistic work and have a special resting place in every Chapter. Each of our five heroines and the significance of each emblem evolve in their story. We find in each story that the singular virtue of self-sacrifice emerges.

In the story of Adah we find Jephthah's daughter in the mountains of Israel. Two months have passed since her father's triumphant return from battle. Adah is surrounded by her loving friends and appears before her father at the altar. Garbed in a veil of azure blue, she projects a tranquil image. Jephthah is tormented, but strengthened by his daughter's courage. He strikes the blow with his sword, fulfilling the commitment made to God. Uniting the sword and veil teaches the ultimate sacrifice to a spoken vow and the lesson of Fidelity. The Sword and Veil is placed at rest in honour of Adah by Sister Lisa Duncan.

In the story of Ruth we are in the fields of Boaz. It's the time of harvest and many gather wheat. It's a good harvest and a multitude follows the reapers gleaning small leavings to sustain their families. Ruth is among them. Her gatherings are meagre, but she believes it is her duty to care for Naomi. An aura of determination and courage emanates from her, catching the eye of Boaz, who offers encouragement and provides the substance to lighten her load. It's a joyful Ruth that brings forth the sheaf of wheat, and emblem of plenty and the rewards of patient industry. The sheaf of wheat is placed in honour of Ruth by Sister Gail Taylor.

In the story of Esther on the day of the Grand Council in the Court of Persia, the King is seated upon his throne of gold and ivory. The most important officials of the Empire are in attendance. Queen Esther appears, unsummoned, in the chambers. Her regal demeanour

**and heroic purpose both surprise and anger the King. Attired in her crown and robe, she approaches the King and presents her petition. Extending the royal sceptre, he rescinds his order and her people are spared. Esther's greatest virtue is her loyalty to kindred and friends. The Crown and Sceptre – representing royalty, power, purity and joy – is placed in honour of Esther by Sister Gail McKay, PM.**

**In the story of Martha, she is waiting for the return of Jesus. She is wearing mourning clothes for her brother Lazurus. His death has caused her great sorrow. As her Lord approaches, she kneels and raises her hands in supplication. He commands that she must believe that the suffering and trials of life can be endured. That trustful faith can sustain you and the promise of life eternal is a gift from a beneficent power. This lesson of life and hope, represented by the broken column, is placed in honour of Martha by Sister Marilee Hoyt.**

**In the story of Electa, history relates the tales of her and her family. Their wealth and prominence afford them the ability to extend aid to the weary traveller and the poor and distressed. Electa is a loving and compassionate woman who cares for others, only to suffer the persecution of those who scorn her beliefs. Rejecting the command to trample the cross under foot, she awaits her fate at the hands of her accusers. Electa still believes in the commandment that we love one another. The cup, representing love and hope, is placed in honour of Electa by Sister Cheryl Coburn.**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob, thank you for allowing Unity Chapter #35 the privilege of participating in the presentation of the Holy Bible and Emblems.**

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Thank you - that was very impressive and lovely. I was told this was the first time that Unity Chapter has conducted the Emblem Placing and you did an excellent job. Thank you very much.**

#### **INVOCATION**

**Sister Glenna Taylor, Past Grand Matron**

**Let us unite our hearts in prayer:**

**Our Gracious Heavenly Father, the source of all life, hope and love, we come before you this Opening Morning of our 79<sup>th</sup> Annual “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session, with sincere and grateful hearts – grateful for all Thy love and kindness in our lives. We bow in admiration and praise before you and in humble appreciation of the very fact we can all meet here again.**

O Lord, we offer our thanks to you for our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star and for the abiding principles which have guided the lives of our members over the years. We are honoured to have members of General Grand Chapter among our many guests. We ask that Thy special blessing be upon them as they lead and inspire our members. May the Spirit of Thy love prevail as we enter into the various forms of business before this Grand Chapter for the next few days. May our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob, be blessed with a patient and understanding heart and bless each member as they continue to enjoy the love, loyalty and friendship exhibited throughout this Jurisdiction during the past year.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. AMEN.

*The Grand Secretary called the Roll of Officers with all Grand Officers in their Stations.*

*The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick opened in ritualistic form followed by the singing of the Opening Ode "Thank You, Lord". All present joined in singing "O Canada, "God Save The Queen" and "The Star Spangled Banner".*

*Presentation of Guests not Previously Introduced:*

*Brother Ronald Boudreau                      Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince  
Edward Island*

*Sister Susan MacDougall                      Worthy Matron of Winston Churchill #19,  
Riverside-Albert*

*Sister Virginia Jackson                      Worthy Matron of Unity #35, Harvey*

Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron read Robert's Rules of Order.

The Minutes of the Saturday Evening Minutes, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were read by the Grand Secretary. It was moved by Brother Allan Gillis, Grand Marshal and seconded by Brother Laurie Bishop, WP of Devon #37 that the Minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS REPORT**

**Brother John Murray, Past Grand Patron, Chairman**

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

The Business of the Grand Chapter Session of 2008 was reviewed by the members of the Unfinished Business Committee and found all items to be completed. These items will be listed in the Proceedings.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sister Margaret McCully, PGM**

**Sister Jeanne Wheelock, PGM**

**Brother John Murray, PGP, Chairman**

- 1. Honourary Membership Certificates to be presented to Sister Carol Jean and Brother Pete Forrest, PGP of Maine. This was done in Presque Isle, Maine at the Grand Family Exchange.**
- 2. Worthy Matron's Handbook was updated – this was completed and sent to the Chapters as required.**
- 3. A document prepared by Sister Ann Morton, GGCCM, was completed and made available for the new members. It was also decided that the Booklet would be available for all members. A copy was sent to each Chapter and orders have been filled as requested from the membership.**
- 4. \$500.00 was sent to the DeMolay as requested.**
- 5. \$500.00 was sent to the Rainbow Girls as requested.**
- 6. E-mail addresses and phone numbers are being provided with the Grand Representative Commissions as soon as they are provided. Working with the other Grand Secretaries to receive this information from them as well. This will be ongoing until all are used to providing this information on a regular basis.**
- 7. Lottie L. Kyle Guidelines were updated and reprinted. A copy was sent to each Chapter, together with a new Application form. The Application Form has the date that it was revised so as to indicate the most recent form.**
- 8. An additional \$1,000 was sent to the International Headquarters as part of our agreement. This is the second allotment.**
- 9. The request about the 2 Nurses' capes is being looked after by the Worthy Grand Matron as per request from last year's Worthy Grand Matron.**
- 10. ESTARL Guidelines have been revised and a new Application form and Guidelines have been sent to each Chapter.**
- 11. A new Badge was required for the Grand Marshal. This was ordered and has been replaced. The Grand Marshal now has a new Badge.**
- 12. Honourary Memberships were approved for Sister Margaret Dyer, PGM of Maine, Sister Bertha Cadigan, PGM of Maine, Sister Judith Fenner, PGM of Massachusetts, Brother Frank Fenner, PGP of Massachusetts, Sister Anna Carr, PM, of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Brother Charles Carr, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. These Certificates were presented at the Sessions.**
- 13. The following is now in the Worthy Matron's Handbook – what to do if a Brother's Masonic Membership is in question, and that a Brother should be on the Jurisprudence and Constitution and Laws Committees. This will be occurring with future Worthy Grand Matrons when they form their Committees.**

*Brother John Murray, PGP and Chairman, moved the adoption of this Report which was seconded by Sister Jeanne Wheelock, PGM. The Report was adopted as read.*

*The Worthy Grand Matron replaced Sister Rose Scott on the Jurisprudence Committee with Sister Glenna Taylor, PGM who is now the Chairman.*

**INITIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:  
The Credential Committee submits its initial Report as of July 09, 2009 as follows:**

<b>Grand Officers of New Brunswick (includes 1 Past Grand Matron)</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Most Worthy Grand Matron &amp; Most Worthy Grand Patron</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Past Most Worthy Grand Matron &amp; Past Most Worthy Grand Patron</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Elected &amp; Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers ( 1 Elected and 1 Appointed)</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>General Grand Chapter Committee Members &amp; Ambassadors</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Worthy Grand Matrons &amp; Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Past Grand Matrons &amp; Past Grand Patrons of New Brunswick</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Past Grand Matrons &amp; Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Elected Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Grand Officers' Emeritus</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in New Brunswick</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Grand Representatives of New Brunswick in Other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Friends of a Feather</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>District Deputy Grand Matrons</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Voting Members of New Brunswick (Other than those listed above)</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions (Other than those listed above)</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>New Brunswick Chapters represented</b>	<b>23/23</b>
<b>Grand Jurisdictions Represented</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF OES MEMBERS REGISTERED</b>	<b>298</b>

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Credential Committee:**

**Margaret (Peggy) Jagoe, PM  
David Lister, PP  
Catherine Evans, PM Chairman**

**Committee Assistants:**

**Gertrude Wilson, PM**

*Greetings were read by the Grand Secretary from the following:*

*Sister Anna and Brother Charlie Carr from Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island*

*Sister Judith and Brother Frank Fenner, PGM and PGP of Massachusetts*

*Sister Carol Jean and Brother Pete Forrest, PGP, of Maine*

*Sister Bertha Cadigan, PGM of Maine*

## **NOMINATION OF GRAND OFFICERS**

**Under the leadership of the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob King, the following nominations for Grand Officers were received:**

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

**Sister Lynn Hutchin of Unity #35 by  
Sister Virginia Jackson, WM of Unity  
#35, Harvey**

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

**Brother Ebby Kuhn of Devon #37 by  
Sister Joan Curran, WM of Devon #37  
Fredericton**

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON**

**Sister Sherry Mitton of Bathurst #22 by  
Sister Edith Clouston, WM of Bathurst  
#22, Bathurst**

**ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON**

**Brother Ron Oakley of Zetland #26 by  
Sister Janet Malllory, WM of Zetland #26  
Shediac**

**GRAND SECRETARY**

**Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM of  
Fidelity #36 by Sister Georgie Dole, PM of  
Fidelity #36, Riverview**

**GRAND TREASURER**

**Sister Lynda Williams of Fidelity #36 by  
Brother Keith Trenholm, PP of Fidelity  
#36 of Riverview**

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS**

**Sister Mildred Homer of Frank H.  
Tingley #5 by Sister Annie Watson, WM  
of Frank H. Tingley #5, Moncton**

**ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS**

**Sister Jean Duncan of Celestial #3 by  
Sister Elaine MacLean, PGM of Celestial  
#3 Fredericton**

**Sister Nancy Keirstead of Winston  
Churchill #19 by Sister Susan  
MacDougall, WM of Winston  
Churchill #19 Riverside-Albert**

**GRAND SENTINEL**

**Brother Don Williams of Fidelity #36 by  
Sister Rose Scott, WM of Fidelity #36  
Riverview**

**Brother Raymond Kraglund of Lady  
Alexander #24 by Brother Boyd Poley,  
WP of Lady Alexander #24  
Campbellton**

**Brother Allan Gillis of Devon #37 by  
Sister Debbie Hill, PM of Devon #37  
Fredericton**

**Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Brother Fred – we are so pleased to have you attend “The Golden Chain of Friendship”  
Session. You have been travelling a great deal this year and I have been at several of the  
same places. We thank you for taking the time to come to our Grand Chapter this year  
especially since we know you are preparing for your Installation at General Grand  
Chapter this October. We wish you good health. May we hear from you at this time.**

**Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron**

**Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. It is always a pleasure to be at the Sessions of the  
Grand Chapter of New Brunswick. It’s just like my second home. I think I’ve been here  
every year except one since I was Grand Sentinel. (That was a day or two ago). The Golden  
Chain of Friendship Session – we thank you for all the courtesies extended to the General  
Grand Chapter Committee Officers and Members and wish you well in your Sessions this  
year. You had a great year according to all reports we have received and you have been  
well received by your membership.**

**Sisters and Brothers, what is the most important asset you have in your Grand Chapter? Is  
it your Worthy Grand Matron, your Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, or maybe  
it’s that rug down there? What is it? THE MEMBERSHIP. That’s right – somebody got it  
right! Sisters and Brothers, you are the most important asset that this Grand Chapter has –  
that any Grand Chapter has. Sisters and Brothers, if this organization is going to survive,  
it’s up to you and me – its members. We’ve changed the Rules and Regulations in General  
Grand Chapter numerous times to add to the membership – not once have we had an  
increase. Why is that? Are you happy with what we are doing – the General Grand**



**Chapter – have we strayed too far from the Masonic Order – we need to ask ourselves these questions. There are reasons why these petitions are not being taken out.**

**Sisters and Brothers, we need to tell the story of the Order of the Eastern Star to our base – the base of this building is the foundation and without that foundation that ceiling will not last very long. It's the same way with us – the Masonic Lodges are our foundation – our membership comes from the base of our order, the Masonic Order, and if we let that Order fail, then we don't exist. Sisters and Brothers, we have nephews, sons who would make good Masons, but we have to encourage them to take petitions and join that Order. That Order then has young men who will marry young girls – young girls become members of the Order of the Eastern Star, along with their husbands. This is what it is all about. We have to look after the foundation. We need to tell the story in those Lodges about Eastern Star – what we stand for, where we come from, what our principles and practices are.**

**Sisters and Brothers, Wayne Gretzky, the greatest hockey player in the world – how come? Because he practiced. Sisters and Brothers, we have to know about the Eastern Star, we need to teach it. Our Worthy Matrons are our teachers of the Order. We come into the Order seeking light – what is light? Light is knowledge. We need to know more about ourselves in the Order. How can we tell a young person about the Order if we don't know anything about it ourselves.**

**Sisters and Brothers, perhaps we should have one Project throughout the Order that is worldwide – the Shrine has one Charity for which it is known, the Scottish Rite has one charity for which it is known. We are competing against the world – against television, against computers, etc. We have to have programs that people would be interested in and want to come to a meeting. Our Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons have to talk about the Eastern Star, its principles, its teachings.**

**I would like to read an article called “A Mayo Jar and Two Cups of Coffee”.**

**Sisters and Brothers thank you for your attention, and you know some night this “Star Trails’ Book may come in handy, because wherever I travel, from Nova Scotia, I go through New Brunswick, and some night, as Most Worthy Grand Patron, I just might stop at one of your Chapters unannounced.**

**Thank you Sisters and Brothers.**

*Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, was accorded a standing ovation by the membership in attendance.*

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Brother Fred, thank you for the words of wisdom and your inspiring message.**

**On behalf of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, we look forward to your official visit as the Most Worthy Grand Patron.**

*The Alarm rang on the Magazine table and the following was the winner:*

*Sister Betty Kay, PM*

*Brother Don Williams, Editor of the Magazine, presented Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, with a copy of the Magazine and the Star Trails which will lead him back to New Brunswick many, many times!!*

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**As in previous years, Sister Norma Caswell, Grand Organist, has composed a March for Brother Bob and myself.**

**Copies of the March are available for sale and the proceeds go to ESTARL.**

**Sister Norma and Sister Jean, would you do us the honour of playing the March.**

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**The beautiful podium we now have was donated to Grand Chapter by York Chapter #13, McAdam. I was informed that they were still waiting for someone to collect their Chapter regalia. I called the Worthy Matron, Sister Carol Scott, to see if this was an actual fact and it was. I had also heard that Sister Debbie and Brother Glendon Hill were attending a birthday party in McAdam that same weekend. Arrangements were made and they very willingly agreed to collect all the items. Brother Ebby Kuhn was going to Moncton a few days later and he agreed to take the items to Brother Bob who delivered them to the Grand Chapter archives. Sister Jeanne Wheelock's Altar Bible and gavel were returned to her as per the request of the WM, Sister Carolyn. I would like to say a big thank you to those who did all this work and let's give them a round of applause.**

**All the regalia from Carleton #7 has been take care of and delivered to the archives, and all the necessary paper work and the Chapter Seal were given to Sister Brenda, Grand Secretary.**

*It is now time for the Annual Reports.*

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON**  
**Sister Linda Cogswell**

**This year has gone by so quickly that I find it hard to believe it has come to an end!! All the Sisters and Brothers in New Brunswick and other Jurisdictions have extended the hand of love and friendship and made this year a dream come true. It has been a labour of love for me to serve this Grand Jurisdiction as your Worthy Grand Matron. I know that I did not achieve any great things this year but I did my best to keep peace and harmony when making decisions for the good of the Order. I thank the membership for having the confidence in me to do this office and all the wonderful support and help that I have received throughout the year.**

**A big WELCOME to all the members attending “The Golden Chain of Friendship” Sessions. I hope you enjoy your time with us and meet old friends and make new ones as well. This is your Grand Chapter and we wouldn’t be here without your support, love and friendship.**

**A special welcome to our Distinguished guests: Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron; Sister Sue Thomas, Worthy Grand Adah, and the General Grand Chapter Committee Members. I trust that you will enjoy your time with us and thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to be here. Please come back again and enjoy our down East hospitality.**

**My life has touched a thousand lives  
Before this year was done  
With countless deeds, for good or ill  
Ere sets the evening sun.  
So this the wish I always wish  
The prayer I always pray  
Lord let my life bless other lives  
It has touched by the way.**

**To the members of Devon #37, my Home Chapter, and Remembrance #30, my affiliated Chapter, I thank you for your dedication, your support and encouragement during my journey to the East of this Grand Chapter. All your hard work and commitment to the events that you have assisted with this year was greatly appreciated. I would also like to say a sincere thank you to the members of Zetland #26 for being so kind and ever ready to participate in the several projects and other events during the last three years. I have only mentioned three Chapters but I truly wish to express my sincere appreciation to all the New Brunswick Chapters for everything they have done as well. All the members of this beautiful Order have in their own way been there for us and been very willing to help in any way they could. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.**

**To our Convenors, Sister Debbie Hill, PGM, and Brother Doug Swan, GGCCM, I will be indebted to both of you for a long time. You have guided us step by step, in the planning for this Grand Chapter, right down to the minute details, which never would have crossed my**

**mind!!! Thank you so much for your dedication and work and specially for looking after all the little things that happen behind the scenes.**

**To the Order of the Eastern Star Magazine Editor, Brother Don Williams, and his committee, I extend a special and sincere thank you for doing an excellent job with the magazine. I have heard many wonderful comments about the new style of the magazine especially all the pictures, interesting programs, star crafts and beautifully done memorials. Brother Bob and I sent copies to our counterparts and their Jurisdictions are interested in changing parts of the magazines. They really like ours!!! But I must say I really enjoy “Sister Pricilla”. She is just precious and her comments so funny!! Congratulations on a job very well done.**

**I also wish to congratulate Brother Bill Boone and Sister Mickie King for all the time and work they do for our excellent Web Site. It allows so many from New Brunswick and other Jurisdictions to be informed about our members and events taking place. And, as we say farewell to Sister Mickie and thanks for your dedication, we say a big hello to Sister Lynne Hatt, Past Grand Matron, who will be our new Web Site person. Thank you, Sister Lynne, for accepting this new position.**

#### **OFFICIAL ACTS:**

**When preparing for one’s Grand Chapter, one of the exciting things to do is choose your Grand Family. Brother Bob and I had a number of people in mind, but, of course, we could only ask nine Appointed Grand Officers and we decided to have three Assistants and two District Deputy Grand Matrons. It was a difficult decision. The ones we chose filled their stations with dignity and honour which has made us very proud and naturally we feel we have the best Grand Family.**

<b>Grand Chaplain</b>	<b>Sister Edith Clouston, Bathurst #22</b>
<b>Grand Marshal</b>	<b>Brother Allan Gillis, Devon #37</b>
<b>Grand Organist</b>	<b>Sister Norma Caswell, Queen Mary #4</b>
<b>Grand Adah</b>	<b>Sister Janet Mallory, Zetland #26</b>
<b>Grand Ruth</b>	<b>Sister Sally Donald, Prince Charles #27</b>
<b>Grand Esther</b>	<b>Sister Anne McLellan, Remembrance #30</b>
<b>Grand Martha</b>	<b>Sister Connie MacPherson, Victoria #1</b>
<b>Grand Electa</b>	<b>Sister Betty Powell, Celestial #3</b>
<b>Grand Warder</b>	<b>Brother Keith Trenholm, Fidelity #36</b>
<b>Assistant to Grand Organist</b>	<b>Sister Jean Flewelling, Saint John #14</b>
<b>Assistant to Grand Marshal</b>	<b>Sister Mickie King, Zetland #26</b>
<b>Assistant to the Assistant Gr Organist</b>	<b>Sister Isabel Morton, Carleton #7</b>
<b>DDGM</b>	<b>Sister Phyllis Mossman, Prince Charles #27</b>
<b>DDGM</b>	<b>Sister Lynne Steeves, Tobique #23</b>

Thank you to each of you for accepting your office and making this Grand Jurisdiction very proud of your work and dedication to our Order. I was so pleased to have our Grand Family attend our Official Visits and travelling to other Jurisdictions. I hope each of you have many fond memories of your year in “The Golden Chain of Friendship” family.

**GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES:**

We had the pleasure of appointing Sisters and Brothers to our various Committees and we appreciate their willingness in accepting these positions. We thank you for your wise decisions and dedication to help make this Jurisdiction a success. We would be lost without your counsel and advice concerning Grand Chapter matters.

<b>Credentials</b>	<b>Sister Catherine Evans, PM #35</b>
<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Sister Lynne Hatt, PGM #15</b>
<b>Jurisprudence</b>	<b>Brother Burton Hall, PGP #15</b>
<b>Constitution &amp; Laws</b>	<b>Brother Gordon Steeves, PGP #23</b>
<b>Grievances &amp; Appeals</b>	<b>Sister Donna McEwen, PGM #24</b>
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	<b>Sister Margaret McCully, PGM #18</b>
<b>Necrology</b>	<b>Sister Edith Clouston, PM #22</b>
<b>Finance</b>	<b>Brother Graham Vincent, PGP #24</b>
<b>Commissioner of Trials</b>	<b>Sister Brenda Taylor, PGM #18</b>
<b>Audit</b>	<b>Brother Charles Rafuse, PGP #15</b>
<b>Lottie L. Kyle Scholarship &amp; Educational Fund</b>	<b>Sister Wilma Spencer, PM #40</b>
<b>ESTARL</b>	<b>Sister Jean Duncan, PM #3</b>
<b>International Headquarters Fund</b>	<b>Sister Annie Watson, PM #5</b>
<b>Investment Council</b>	<b>Sister Norma Jean Belyea, PGM #3</b>
	<b>Brother DeWitt Lister, PGP #35</b>
<b>Web Site</b>	<b>Brother Bill Boone, PP #7</b>
	<b>Sister Mickie King, PM #26</b>

**Note: The Committees for Membership, the Eastern Star Journal and VisionQuest were left as is with the recommendations from each General Grand Chapter Committee Chairperson.**

**VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES:**

**It was necessary and with regret that I had to replace Sister Rose Scott, PGM on the Jurisprudence Committee, who would have been Chairperson next year. Sister Glenna Taylor, PGM, of Prince Andrew #42 very graciously accepted this new appointment.**

**IN MEMORIAM:**

**Our Grand Chapter was deeply saddened this year by the sudden passing of Brother Elderic Thorne, GGCCM on VisionQuest and Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick. The Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Bodies have lost a dedicated and valued member and friend. We extend our sympathies to Sister Sheila and her family, the members of Remembrance Chapter No. 30 and to Sister Brenda J. Saunders, his Worthy Grand Matron and their Grand Family.**

**This year many of our Chapters have lost dedicated and valued members and family loved ones. Our sympathies are extended to them. Our Grand Family chain has not been broken this year and we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for watching over us. Brother Bob and I do express our sincere sympathies to the Grand Officers who have lost dear family members and friends.**

**“Be assured that God and his angels are holding them all in their tender loving care, and in the house of God there is no more pain or suffering.”**

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:**

**The Worthy Grand Patron and I had 34 Grand Representative Commissions to present this year; therefore, some Chapters received two appointments instead of just one. We tried to select members who had never had a commission or had not received one in the past ten years. These were also very difficult to choose since there are so many deserving members. We thoroughly enjoyed presenting the commissions and felt great pleasure in the surprise of the recipients. I hope each of you have lasting friendships with your counterparts. This little verse is from you to them:**

**Hello, my new friend  
I'm so glad you've come my way  
In the short life of our friendship  
There's so much I want to say.**

**How nice to talk and share with you  
Not have to watch my p's and q's  
You make me laugh, you're good for me  
And I hope I'm good for you.**

**Alberta  
Texas  
Scotland  
Manitoba  
Kentucky  
West Virginia  
Louisiana**

**Faye Stockford #1  
Douglas Cawker #3  
Agnes Weaver #5  
Barbara Leadbetter #5  
Wilmot Tompkins #7  
Barbara Moore #9  
Daryl Linton #4**

<b>Oregon</b>	<b>Martha Evans #4</b>
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<b>Robert Ames #8</b>
<b>North Dakota</b>	<b>Janice Allen #11</b>
<b>Nova Scotia &amp; PEI</b>	<b>Janet Tower #11</b>
<b>British Columbia &amp; Yukon</b>	<b>Kenneth Briggs #14</b>
<b>Australia</b>	<b>Alice Clark #15</b>
<b>New Hampshire</b>	<b>Donald Taylor #18</b>
<b>Oklahoma</b>	<b>Henry Morton #19</b>
<b>California</b>	<b>Edna Clouston #22</b>
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>Susan MacPhail #24</b>
<b>Massachusetts</b>	<b>Aubrey Buck #26</b>
<b>Delaware</b>	<b>Norma Fairweather #30</b>
<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>Eleanor Kaye #33</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>Gail MacKay #35</b>
<b>Maine</b>	<b>Georgie Dole #36</b>
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>Kim Brown #36</b>
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>Carolyn Gunter #37</b>
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>Carrie Weaver #40</b>
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>Edith Newman #42</b>
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>Florence Currie #27</b>
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>Faye Gilks #42</b>
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>Ruth Saunders #33</b>
<b>Virginia</b>	<b>Mabel Rose #30</b>
<b>Washington</b>	<b>Verna Poley #24</b>
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>Betty Dawson #27</b>
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>Charlotte Gowan #8</b>
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	<b>Nathalie Brodeur #23</b>

**Due to the sudden passing of Sister Carolyn Gunter, Grand Representative of Kansas, this was reassigned to Sister Charlotte Gowan of St. Stephen #8.**

**There is one Commission not received yet and will be presented later.**

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

**I was pleased to sign the Commissions for Grand Representatives to represent New Brunswick in their Grand jurisdictions, on the recommendations of the Worthy Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. They are as follows:**

<b>Alberta</b>	<b>Joan Ainsworth</b>
<b>Australia</b>	<b>Victor Tait</b>
<b>BC/Yukon</b>	<b>Pamela Sheppard</b>

**Colorado**  
**Dist. Of Columbia**  
**Florida**  
**Georgia**  
**Indiana**  
**Missouri**  
**Nebraska**  
**New Mexico**  
**New York**  
**North Carolina**  
**Puerto Rico**  
**Rhode Island**  
**Saskatchewan**  
**West Virginia**  
**Washington**

**Barbara Ballheim**  
**William Masonis**  
**Barbara Ellison**  
**Nancy Tatom**  
**Geneva Taylor**  
**Kathy-Jo Keunzle**  
**Robert King**  
**Nina Laird**  
**Nancy Kota**  
**Morris Gardner**  
**Maria Torres**  
**Carol Plemmon**  
**Lucy McHarg**  
**Christi Spencer**  
**Gerald Guthrie**

I received many thank you notes from the new appointees of New Brunswick and Other Grand Jurisdictions. I was so pleased to read about their feelings on being appointed, their hopes of travelling to the other Jurisdictions and their counterparts coming to our Sessions.

#### **THE GOLDEN THREADS:**

Brother Bob and I felt we would like to do something extra special this year at our Official Visits. After much consideration, we decided to honour our supporting members who, for whatever reasons, have never been to the East of their Chapters. (My feeling is that everyone is important, whether you have a title or not). The supporting members work diligently behind the scenes and are sometimes forgotten. We discussed how we would do the presentations. I had the Eastern Star cards with a lovely verse and Brother Bob designed the beautiful pins. I chose the name "The Golden Threads" after I read a sentence in a book, "If there are golden threads, then there must be a golden needle. Do everything in love is the golden needle." They are the Ties that Bind!! We were honoured to present 145 pins and cards and had pictures taken at each Chapter. We realize there are more members who did not receive these pins but they are the Golden Threads as well. We also gave these pins to 2 members visiting from Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island.

<b>Remembrance #30</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Hillcrest #40</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Celestial #3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Winston Churchill #19</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Lord Beaverbrook #33</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Tobique #23</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Saint John #14</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Devon #37</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Zetland #26</b>	<b>1</b>



<b>Bathurst #22</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Fort Monckton #11</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Unity #35</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Electa #9</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Granite #15</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Frank H. Tingley #5</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Prince Charles #27</b>	<b>7(1 NS &amp; PEI)</b>
<b>Lady Alexander #24</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Fidelity #36</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Philip A. Jerguson #18</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Victoria #1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Prince Andrew #42</b>	<b>11(1 NS &amp; PEI)</b>
<b>St. Stephen #8</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Queen Mary #4</b>	<b>11</b>

### **THE ROSE BUDS:**

**We made the decision to have two Honour Groups this year and the other one was the “Rose Buds”. These were the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of our Chapters. As a rose grows and blossoms, so do our Chapters under the guidance and direction of their leaders. And in some Chapters this was extra evident as several new members were initiated this year. Congratulations to all those Chapters. To the Chapters who were not as successful to bringing in new members, keep trying.**

**We hope our two honour Groups enjoyed their special night.**

### **MY TRAVELLING BIBLE AND GAVEL:**

**I was honoured when Brother Bernard Oliver, PGP, of Devon Chapter presented me with his Altar Bible and asked if I would use it when I was Worthy Grand Matron. At that time I laughed and said “I don’t think I would ever be able to do that position.” And he replied, “Oh yes you will!!!” I guess he saw something in me that I still had not found. I will always treasure this wonderful Book of wisdom and strength.**

**My gavel is also a precious gift that I will treasure. It was my father’s travelling gavel in another organization and when I tried to return it to them, they very graciously requested that I keep it and use it for my year as Worthy Grand Matron. All year I felt my Dad, Brother Earle Brewer, was with me.**

**When Brother Bob discovered that I had an Altar Bible and a Gavel, he made me the most beautiful wooden travelling case with a Rocking Horse burnt on the front. It has a lovely engraved plaque on the outside with my name and on the inside is another engraved plaque with their names. Thank you both for the wonderful gift.**

**It was an honour for me to take these three treasures with me to the Official Visits, Exchanges and to have them here at our Sessions.**

**SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTIONS:**

**The School of Instruction for the Grand Officers was held July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Masonic Hall in Minto. Some of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons attended and observed the Grand Officers doing an entire meeting, plus balloting, draping of the Altar and the Charter, and the Initiatory Work. This was the first time several had done certain parts of the ritual work with people present and of course they were nervous and some mistakes were made. These were all corrected and instruction given on other parts of our work. I thank all who advised and helped with the school. I also wish to thank Remembrance Chapter #30 for allowing us the use of their Chapter room and for preparing a lovely lunch.**

**After the Grand Officer's School was completed, the Financial Committee held a meeting with the Line Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Brother Bob and me concerning our travelling expenses and other information they felt we should know. And they answered any questions we had. Thank you to the Committee for taking the time to advise us on the financial side of Grand Chapter.**

**Before the DDGM's held their schools, I had a meeting with them to explain how I wished the schools to be conducted and to advise them on the information to present. I wanted them to all be giving the same instructions and to demonstrate the work before it was done by the Chapter Officers.**

**The District Deputy Grand Matrons held their School of Instruction on September 20, 2008 at different locations in the province. From the reports I received from each one, all the necessary ritual work was covered and many questions asked and answered. The attendance of the membership was the usual number but hopefully they took the information back to their Chapters. Thank you to the DDGM's for doing their work in such a constructive and efficient manner.**

<b>District #1</b>	<b>AGM</b>	<b>Lynn Hutchin</b>	<b>22,24,27,42</b>	<b>North Shore</b>
<b>District #2</b>	<b>GC</b>	<b>Sherry Mitton</b>	<b>5,11,19,26,36</b>	<b>Moncton</b>
<b>District #3</b>	<b>AGC</b>	<b>Mildred Homer</b>	<b>4,8,14,15,18,33</b>	<b>Saint John</b>
<b>District #4</b>	<b>DDGM</b>	<b>Phyllis Mossman</b>	<b>3,30,35,37,40</b>	<b>Fredericton</b>
<b>District #5</b>	<b>DDGM</b>	<b>Lynn Steeves</b>	<b>1,7,9,23</b>	<b>Carleton</b>

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

### **The Kidney Foundation and the Cancer Society – In Memory of my Father**

At the Official Visits, each Chapter very graciously made a donation to my projects. Donations were received from Sisters and Brothers of other Jurisdictions and I have also made donations in memory of several of our Sisters and Brothers who have gone to their final resting place. The money from the sale of my Rocking Horse pins has been added to my projects. A cheque has been presented to a representative from each of these organizations at the Informal Opening on Thursday Evening.

### **Non-Monetary Project:**

During the year I have received many “Winnie the Pooh” items which are suitable for the children at the Shriner’s Bathurst Clinic and the Hospital in Fredericton. A sincere “Thank you” to the Chapters and the individual members who were so generous with their donations to this project. Through your efforts several children will have big smiles on their faces!! I only have one or two rocking horses that would be safe for children and they will be given as well. The items will be delivered in the near future to the respective places mentioned above. All the items are just wonderful, but I wish to say a special thank you to Sister Edith Newman, PM, Sister Glenna Taylor, PGM, who gave me a huge Pooh Bear that had been purchased by them and the late Brother Ambury Newman, PGP, the previous year. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kind gesture.

## **OFFICIAL VISITATIONS:**

The reception that Brother Bob and I and our Grand Family received at each Chapter was just amazing!! We greatly appreciated all the time and effort that was put into the meetings for our benefit. A sincere thank you to each Chapter for opening their “Doors of Friendship” to us. Each Chapter had a special and unique ceremony for us, no two were alike, and all the lovely gifts given to us were different. A heart-felt thank you to the Chapters for their generous donations to my Special Projects. I will always treasure those memories and all your kindnesses.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Worthy Matrons of each Chapter for allowing my personal Bible to be placed on their Altars and for using my travelling gavel during the meetings. Each Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron signed my Bible as well as our Grand Family and Counterparts from other Jurisdictions. What a precious treasure my Bible and my gavel will always be to me.

It was a great surprise to me when I visited Zetland Chapter #26 and Prince Charles Chapter #27 where I received Honourary Memberships. I feel humbled by these special presentations and feel privileged to be part of your Chapters. Thank you so much!!

Our Official Visits were very well attended by all the membership. I thank everyone for travelling the long distances and taking the time out of your busy schedules to show your support. When asked to speak by the Worthy Matrons, I had short informative lessons from a book prepared for our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, and short stories from other books. It was my pleasure to give the "Farewell" at each meeting. I was also given the honour of presenting 25, 50 and 60-year pins and certificates to members. At each visit, pictures were taken of several groups and were placed on the Web Site, in the magazine and of course, in my own personal albums.

Friends are like jewels that sparkle and shine  
 You cherish them more with the passing of time  
 God must have known in his infinite way  
 To give you a friend that would help make your day

You have all made my day!!!!

**VISITATION SCHEDULE:**

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

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**2008:**

August 14-16	New Hampshire Grand Chapter	
September 6	NB in Maine Exchange	Presque Isle
October 4	Maine in New Brunswick	Fredericton
October 9-10	Quebec Grand Chapter	Granby
October 11	Rhode Island Grand Chapter	
October 31-November 2	International Weekend	Vermont

**2009:**

February 13-15	All New England Exchange	Maine
February 20-21	Funspiel (curling/bowling)	Moncton
April 25	Maine/Maritime Exchange	Riverview
May 2	WGP's Exchange in Maine	Belfast
May 14-16	Grand Chapter of Massachusetts	Lowell
May 18	Grand Chapter of Maine	Presque Isle
May 23	Maritime Exchange	Dartmouth, NS

**GRAND FAMILY EXCHANGES:**

**New Brunswick in Maine Exchange: September 6, 2008 – Hosted by Lunar Chapter, Presque Isle, Maine.**

This was the first time the New Brunswick Grand Officers exemplified the Initiatory work and they did a fine job. Brother Bob and I were very proud. Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM, sang a solo with the accompaniment of Sister Norma Caswell, Grand Organist. Sister Jean Flewelling, Assistant to the Grand Organist, played for the Chapter during the Opening and Closing. Our Associate Grand Patron, Brother Ebby Kuhn, was unable to attend and Brother Burton Hall, PGP, pro-temed this station in the West. Thank you to Brother Burton, your work was excellent. Each New Brunswick Grand Officer received a beautiful plaque from his/her counterpart of Maine. My thanks to the Maine Grand Family and Membership for their hospitality. Brother Bob and I had the honour of presenting Honourary Memberships from the New Brunswick Grand Chapter to Sister Carol Jean and Brother Pete Forrest, PGP of Maine. It was a wonderful day for all!!

**Maine in New Brunswick Exchange: October 4, 2008 – Hosted by Devon Chapter #37.**

The Exchange was held at the Fredericton Inn with morning refreshments prepared by Celestial #3, Remembrance #30, Unity #35, Devon #37 and Hillcrest #40. The luncheon, provided by the hotel was excellent. The Maine Grand Officers received Rocking Horse gifts from their New Brunswick Counterparts. During the afternoon session the Maine

**Grand Family initiated one new member from Lord Beaverbrook Chapter #33. They did an excellent job. A special “Thank you” to Devon Chapter for hosting, to all the Chapters who assisted and to Lord Beaverbrook Chapter for asking us to initiate their newest member. It was a day of fellowship.**

**All New England Exchange: Hosted by Lunar Chapter, Presque Isle – held in Bangor, Maine.**

**We travelled to Bangor, Maine for the All New England Exchange where nine Grand Jurisdictions were represented and participated in the Initiatory work. Our Grand Conductress, Sister Sherry, was the only working officer from New Brunswick and she made us proud. There were 275 in attendance (13 from NB and 47-50 from NS/PEI). Before the meeting began, the members of Maine conducted a beautiful ceremony and draped their Altar in loving memory of Brother Elderic Thorne, who they considered one of their own. At the meeting I was given the pleasure of assisting Sister Susan Hawes, WGM of Maine, with the presentation of a Grand Representative Commission to Brother Gary Bishop of NB in Maine (Sister Georgie Dole’s counterpart). Brother Bob and I also presented a Canadian Flag to the Chapter of the WGP of Maine, Brother Paul Connelly. It was a great weekend with all the Incredible Stars and the membership from the other Jurisdictions. To end the weekend there was a Black and White banquet with entertainment.**

**Maine –Maritime Exchange: April 25, 2009 – Hosted by Zetland Chapter #26.**

**The Exchange was held at the Coverdale Recreation Center, in Riverview, with the assistance of Winston Churchill #19, Fidelity #36, Frank H. Tingley #5 and Fort Monckton #11. This Exchange had three Jurisdictions – New Brunswick, Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island and Maine with six Grand Officers from each doing the Initiatory work. A delicious luncheon was served at Noon. During dessert, we had several distinguished guests speak: Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron; Sister Susan Hawes, Worthy Grand Matron of Maine; Brother Paul Connelly, Worthy Grand Patron of Maine; Brother Ted Caulier, Worthy Grand Patron of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island and myself. The Initiation of new members – two from Fidelity #36, three from Philip A. Jerguson #18 and one from Zetland #26 was beautifully conducted by the three Jurisdictions. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Edith Conrod, of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob King, of New Brunswick, presided and spoke after the work was completed as well as Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM on behalf of the Committee Members. Brother Bob gave a brief history on each candidate that was very interesting and enjoyable. It was a wonderful day and enjoyed by approximately 250 members.**

**Thank you to all who attended and gave their support to our new members. Brother Bob and I presented the new members with Rocking Horse pins and Wolf pins.**

**Maritime Exchange: May 23, 2009 – Hosted by Queen Esther Chapter #61**

The Exchange was well attended by the Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island Jurisdiction with 31 from New Brunswick. One new member was initiated by eight New Brunswick and ten Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island Grand Officers. A lovely Luncheon was served a noon. Their “Grand Moms and Dads” were very proud of them. It was a pleasure to have Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, and Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM attend the Exchange. The Grand Officers of New Brunswick presented their counterparts with a gift of a Rocking Horse ornament as a remembrance of the day. It was a wonderful day of friendship for all.

I would like to take this opportunity to express a heartfelt THANK YOU to the New Brunswick membership for attending these Exchanges and showing your support for our Grand Family.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Throughout the year letters were sent to the Chapters concerning Exchanges, Special Events, Grand Chapter information, Christmas greetings and cards. Each Chapter also received Thank you cards after each Official visit thanking them for their hospitality and gifts. I wrote Greetings for each issue of the Eastern Star magazine. A Christmas Greeting and our donation were sent to the Magazine from the Grand Family. Congratulations to the magazine on their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary were also submitted along with our donation from the Grand Officers.

I received several Christmas Greetings from other Grand Jurisdictions.

I received letters and telephone calls on various questions and answered them all in a timely fashion. Some questions were discussed with the Jurisprudence Committee Chairperson, Sister Donna Allen, PGM, for clarification and to make sure my decisions were within the guidelines of the Order.

I received Chapter notices from all the Chapters except two. I wish to thank the Secretaries for the notices and keeping me informed of their activities and special events.

I received several Thank you cards and letters from our newly appointed Grand Representatives of New Brunswick and other Grand Jurisdictions

**TRAVEL SCHEDULE AND SPECIAL EVENTS:**

July 13, 2008 – A meeting was held at the Fredericton Inn with all the Grand Officers where they each received their binders, name tags, etc. And information about our year.

**July 15, 2008 – My first visit to a Chapter as Worthy Grand Matron was to Zetland Chapter #26. It was their regular meeting but with special visitors from Scotland, Grand Electa Sister Elizabeth Smith and Brother Bob John Smith. What a treat that was!**

**July 19, 2008 – Attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party for Sister Fonnie and Brother Ebby Kuhn.**

**We also received an invitation to attend the DeMolay Sessions on the UNB campus in Fredericton. A supper was served before the meeting and I brought Fraternal greetings from the Order and the Grand Family.**

**July 21, 2008 – Official Visit to Remembrance #30**

**July 22, 2008 – Official Visit to Hillcrest #40.**

**July 25, 2008 – Hillcrest Chapter #40 held an Open House to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with approximately 75 attending. The Worthy Matron, Sister Judy Ross, and I presented four Sisters with their 50-year certificates and two Sisters with their 50-year pins. (The other two pins were presented at the Official Visit July 22) One of the Sisters, at the Open House, was the first Worthy Matron of the Chapter.**

**They had a Memory/Honour tree displaying gold and silver stars. The Worthy Matron read a brief history of the Chapter and read all the “Stars”. It was my pleasure to bring congratulations and greetings from the Grand Family and Grand Chapter. They received 2 petitions that night. What a great evening it was for those attending.**

**July 26, 2008 – Grand Officers’ School of Instruction at Remembrance #30. Also attended the Finance Committee Meeting.**

**July 27, 2008 – Several Grand Family members along with Brother Bob and I attended the annual picnic at the home of Sister Lynne and Brother Allan Hatt. I was given a beautiful Rocking Horse from Sister Lynne, that whinnies and sounds like it is running when you squeeze its ears. Brother Allan made his famous seafood chowder.**

**August 1 – 3, 2008 – I travelled to Wilton, Massachusetts to attend the reunion of Sister Debbie and Brother Doug’s counterparts, along with Sister Lynn Hutchin and Glendon Hill. We had a fun weekend and lots of shopping.**

**August 4, 2008 – Official visit to Winston Churchill #19**

**August 12, 2008 – Official Visit to Celestial #3 (Dispensation)**

**August 12, 2008 – We met our Convenors, Sister Debbie Hill and Brother Doug Swan at the Fredericton Inn to discuss the 2009 Grand Chapter Sessions with the Hotel Manager.**



**August 14-17, 2008 – I attended the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire with Brother Bob, Sister Mickie, Sister Janet and Brother Doug. Brother Bob and I had a luncheon with our counterparts, then attended the Installation of our counterparts Sister Barbara Bona and Brother Hal Chase. We sat with our counterparts from Quebec, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut and Sister Barbara introduced us from the side.**

**August 18, 2008 – Official Visit to Carleton #7**

**August 21, 2008 – Official Visit to Lord Beaverbrook #33**

**August 23, 2008 – It was my honour to attend the reception for Sister Ann Morton, GGCCM on Public Relations at the Hopewell Cape Museum. I had our Grand Family all stand and brought greetings from them and myself. It was a lovely day of fellowship.**

**August 26, 2008 – Attended the regular meeting of Hillcrest #40 and gave the Farewell.**

**September 2, 2008 – I travelled to Fidelity Chapter #36 for their regular meeting and brought greetings from the Grand Family. I also paid a visit to the Grand Secretary, Sister Brenda, for business purposes and had a lovely lunch with Sister Cecilia Smith before returning home.**

**September 6, 2008 – NB in Maine Exchange in Presque Isle, Maine.**

**September 8, 2008 – Official Visit in Tobique #23**

**September 10, 2008 – Official Visit in Saint John #14**

**September 12, 2008 – Official Visit in Devon #37**

**September 15, 2008 – Travelled to Remembrance #30 for their regular meeting to present a special Star pin to a deserving member. This pin and card explaining what it represented was from Sister Bridgett Louis, Worthy Matron of a Quebec Chapter. She requested it be given to a member of Remembrance Chapter on her and Brother Ziggy's behalf. I chose Sister Wilma Nightingale. Sister Bridgett was honouring the supporting members for the same reasons we were. I was also there to help celebrate the birthdays of Sister Norma Smith (70<sup>th</sup>) and Sister Muriel Phillips (90<sup>th</sup>).**

**September 16, 2008 – Official Visit of Zetland #26**

**September 18, 2008 – Official Visit in Bathurst #22 (Dispensation)**

**September 22, 2008 – Official Visit in Fort Monckton #11**

**September 24, 2008 – Official Visit in Unity #35**

**September 28, 2008 – I was pleased to attend the Daughters of the Nile in Saint John for the official visit of their Supreme Queen. Sister Debbie Hill, PGM, travelled with me and we met Brother Bob and Sister Mickie there and attended a lovely banquet. It was a very interesting day.**

**October 1, 2008 – Official Visit in Electa Chapter #9**

**October 2, 2008 – With great sadness we went to Saint John to attend the visitation for Brother Ron Hutchinson. I talked with Sister Marilyn to extend my sympathies and those of the Grand Family. Due to having an Exchange scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>, with set-up and practice on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, I was unable to attend the Eastern Star Service or Funeral for Brother Ron. This date was also my son's birthday which I had to miss.**

**October 4, 2008 – Maine in New Brunswick Exchange held in Fredericton**

**October 7, 2008 – Official Visit in Granite Chapter #15 (Dispensation)**

**October 9, 2008 – Travelled to Granby, Quebec for their Grand Chapter where our Counterparts, Sister Bev Sanborn and Brother Doug Black were installed as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I attended their main Banquet along with our counterparts where we presented Love Gifts. We attended the Grand Representatives' Luncheon and the Installation the next night. This was also my Birthday! My fraternal Sisters and Brothers of New Brunswick surprised me with a Birthday lunch and, along with the staff of the restaurant, sang Happy Birthday to me. What good friends they are!**

**October 11, 2008 – Brother Bob, Sister Mickie, Sister Janet and I left early in the morning and travelled to Rhode Island for their Sessions and attended the Installation of Sister Bev and Brother Frank Allen. Many of "The Incredible Stars" were there as well. This was my first time to Rhode Island.**

**October 13, 2008 – Official Visit in Frank H. Tingley #5**

**October 15, 2008 – Official visit in Prince Charles #27. I had the pleasure of receiving an Honourary Membership from this Chapter.**

**October 20, 2008 – Official Visit in Lady Alexander Chapter #24**

**October 21, 2008 – We left Campbellton to travel to Florenceville for the closing of Carleton #7. The Masonic Lodge served the members with a very delicious supper before the meeting. During the meeting, when called upon to speak, I explained the necessary procedure for closing a Chapter. Brother Bob dealt with the voting process and then we each spoke briefly. Some of the members shared their memories from the good old days, before the Bible was closed for the last time. I gave the final "Farewell".**

**October 31 – Nov 2, 2008 – International Weekend was held in Killington, Vermont at a resort in the mountains. There were fifteen members from New Brunswick who attended**

**and enjoyed the fellowship, with our Quebec and American friends. The announcements for the General Grand Chapter Committee appointments for the nine Jurisdictions were made by Sister Rennie Ofton and Brother Fred Clarke. Brother Bob and I and our counterparts received Honourary Memberships to the Chapters of Sister Joan Black, WGM and Brother Don Chamberlain, WGP of Vermont.**

**November 4, 2008 – Official Visit in Fidelity Chapter #36**

**November 7, 2008 – Official Visit of Philip A. Jerguson #18**

**November 11, 2008 – Official visit of Victoria Chapter #1**

**November 13, 2008 – Official Visit of Prince Andrew #42**

**November 14, 2008 – I was very pleased to attend the meeting of Devon Chapter #37 to participate in the initiation of Brother Glendon Hill, husband of Sister Debbie Hill, PGM. I gave the lecture of Esther and Brother Bob, WGP, walked with our new member.**

**November 17, 2008 – Official Visit of St. Stephen #8**

**November 20, 2008 – Official Visit of Queen Mary #4**

**December 15, 2008 – I received an invitation to a Christmas dinner at the home of Sister Janet Mallory, Grand Adah. I sent my regrets since I had the flu.**

**December 28, 2008 – We were saddened to hear of the passing of Brother Wally Homer, husband of Sister Mildred Homer, Associate Grand Conductress. I was unable to attend the service or funeral due to being very ill. We extend our deepest sympathies to Sister Mildred.**

**During the month of December, due to being sick, I did not attend any Chapter meetings except one, Celestial #3.**

**January 1, 2009 – We were saddened again by the passing of Brother Winston Morton, husband of Sister Isabel Morton. I attended the funeral in Florenceville with Sister Debbie and Brother Glendon Hill and Sister Lynn Hutchin. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Sister Isabel and her family.**

**January 5, 2009 – As a member of Devon Chapter I helped prepare and serve a Roast Beef dinner for Alexandria Lodge #33 before their Installation of new officers. We were invited to attend and I brought greetings from the Order of the Eastern Star.**

**January 6, 2009 – I had the pleasure of travelling to Fidelity Chapter #36, Riverview, to present Sister Kim Brown with a Grand Representative Commission to Maryland. Brother Bob had the honour of presenting a Commission to Brother Aubrey Buck to Massachusetts.**

**January 9, 2009 – At Devon Chapter #37, Brother Bob and I had the privilege of presenting Grand Representative Commissions to: Sister Carolyn Gunter #37(Kansas); Sister Norma Fairweather #30 (Delaware); Sister Carrie Weaver 40 (Idaho) and Brother Doug Cawker #3 (Texas). Since these other Chapters were closed in January and February we invited the recipients and their members to Devon Chapter which made a very exciting evening.**

**January 10, 2009 – I attended the funeral service for Sister Jane Babcock of Celestial #3 in Fredericton. My sympathies were extended to Celestial #3.**

**January 12, 2009 – It was my pleasure to go to Frank H. Tingley Chapter \$5 to present Sister Barbara Leadbetter with a Grand Representative Commission to Manitoba and Brother Bob had the privilege to present Brother Henry Morton a Commission to Oklahoma.**

**January 14, 2009 – Again it was an honour for me to present a Grand Representative Commission to Brother Ken Briggs, Saint John #14 to British Columbia and the Yukon.**

**January 15, 2009 – At Queen Mary Chapter #4, I had the pleasure of presenting a Grand Representative commission to Sister Martha Evans to Oregon, daughter of our Grand Organist, Sister Norma.**

**January 17, 2009 – Brother Bob and I attended the Luxor Shrine Installation and Banquet. We were escorted in with the other dignitaries and enjoyed a lovely evening. We were not asked to bring greetings but Brother Nate Rubin, the MC for the Banquet, introduced us.**

**January 19, 2009 – I travelled to St. Stephen Chapter #8 to present two Grand Representative Commissions to: Brother Bob Ames (Saskatchewan) and Sister Charlotte Gowan (Arizona). A few days later it was necessary for me to call Sister Charlotte and inform her that there had been a mix-up and I had to take back her commission.**

**January 25, 2009 – I travelled to Minto to the home of Sister Mabel Rose to attend a meeting to finalize the arrangements for the reception for Brother Elderic Thorne, GGCCM, VisionQuest, to be held in May of 2009. At the same meeting, Sister Mabel was presented with a Grand Representative Commission to Virginia.**

**January 31, 2009 – I travelled to Moncton to attend the Rainbow Girls' Installation at Masonic Hall in Moncton and enjoyed a delicious Roast Beef dinner. I extended greetings from the Grand Chapter and the Grand Family. What a lovely day and they even have sleep-overs after their Installation!!**

**February 1, 2009 – Brother Bob and I attended his church for Sunday morning services where I was introduced to his Minister, who agreed to do our Vesper Service. We are going to meet with him at a later date to discuss the details.**

**February 4, 2009 – Sister Debbie and I travelled to Electa #9 for their regular meeting. I presented 25-year pins to Sister Leitha and Brother Joseph Holmes and Sister Barbara Rideout. I also presented a Grand Representative Commission to Brother Wilmot Tompkins. It was exciting to have Sister Gretchen Brissette, GGCCM and three others from Maine visiting. The Charter was draped in loving memory of Brother Winston Morton.**

**February 6, 2009 – I travelled to Saint John to Philip A. Jerguson Chapter #18 with Brother Allan Gillis, Sister Betty Powell and Sister Anne McLellan where the Grand Family initiated six new members. What an exciting evening with about 70 members attending. We had some of the Grand Family absent – Sister Sherry, Sister Edith, Brother Ebby, Brother Keith and Brother Ron. A special thank you to Sister Brenda Taylor, PGM (Conductress); Sister F. Pauline Allan, PGM (Chaplain); Brother Allan, Grand Marshal (Associate Patron); Sister Mickie King (Marshal) and Sister Phyllis Mossman, DDGM (Warder), and the Chapter Sentinel for filling those stations. The Chapter received three more petitions and asked to have them initiated at the April Exchange.**

**February 6, 2009 – At Philip A. Jerguson Chapter the same night, Brother Bob and I had the honour of presenting three Grand Representative Commissions to: Brother Don Taylor #18 (New Hampshire); Sister Eleanor Kaye #33 (Connecticut) and Sister Ruth Saunders #33 (Vermont). Their members were also invited and it was a very exciting night for several reasons.**

**February 7, 2009 – It was with deep sadness that we received the news of Brother Elderic Thorne's sudden passing.**

**February 10, 2009 – I participated in the Star Service for Brother Elderic as Electa (my station in Remembrance Chapter #30) and attended the Masonic Service as well at the Minto Funeral Home.**

**February 11, 2009 – Attended the Funeral in Minto for Brother Elderic with Brother Bob and several other Eastern Star members.**

**February 13-15, 2009 – Brother Bob, Sister Mickie, Sister Janet and I travelled to Bangor, Maine for the All New England Exchange.**

**February 20-21, 2009 – The funspiel Weekend in Moncton was hosted by Winston Churchill Chapter #19 and what a great time we had. There was great entertainment on Friday night at "Winnie's Kitchen" with songs from years gone by and a very interesting "Fashion Show". Saturday was the curling, bowling and card playing and that evening was the banquet where the trophies were presented and gifts for everyone.**

**February 25, 2009 – Sister Debbie Hill and I attended Unity Chapter #35 where Brother Bob and I presented Sister Gail McKay a Grand Representative Commission to Georgia and Sister Janet Mallory presented a new Adah's veil to the chapter. I was very pleased when Unity Chapter consented to do the Emblem Placing Ceremony at Grand Chapter.**

**March 1, 2009 – I met with Sister Catherine Evans and we discussed several aspects of the Registration process and what was expected of her and her committee. Over Tim Horton’s coffee we talked for several hours and had a delightful afternoon.**

**March 6, 2009 – I attended and participated in the Eastern Star memorial service for Sister Carolyn Gunter, Devon chapter’s Organist and Grand Representative to Kansas. It was with heavy hearts we received the news of sister Carolyn’s passing and our deepest sympathies were extended to Brother Albert, Sister Audrey and their families. She will be greatly missed by the members.**

**March 6, 2009 – I received the sad news that Brother Harry Cole, husband of Sister Margaret Cole of Remembrance #30 had passed away. I was informed that there would not be a service or funeral as requested by the family. Our sympathies are extended to Sister Margaret and her family.**

**March 7, 2009 – The funeral service for Sister Carolyn Gunter was held at Bishop’s Funeral Home which Brother Bob and I attended. There were several Eastern Star members and Royal Canadian Legion members in attendance.**

**March 9, 2009 – I met Sister Doris Ann Craig at Tim Horton’s to discuss the center pieces for “The Hands of Friendship Banquet and gave her the ideas and items I had. Another lovely afternoon over coffee!!**

**March 12, 2009 – I went to Prince Andrew #42 where they had an initiation of a new member, Brother John Smith. I also presented Sister Jean Kelly with her Rob Morris Jewel and explained how easy it was for other members to receive this lovely award.**

**March 13, 2009 – Attended Devon #37 regular meeting**

**March 14, 2009 – I met with Brother Leroy Bentley and a member of the Masons to discuss having more Eastern Star jewellery and items on their table at Grand Chapter. They showed me several different items which we agreed would be appropriate.**

**March 16, 2009 – Sister Betty Steeves and Sister Muriel Phillips travelled to Remembrance #30 with me for their regular meeting. When I was asked to speak by the Worthy Matron, Sister Sheila Thorne, I told her and the Chapter about the Exchange in Maine and the request by the Maine members to drape their Altar in memory of Brother Elderic Thorne. I extended their deepest sympathies to Sister Sheila and the members of Remembrance Chapter.**

**March 16, 2009 – Travelled to Granite #15 for their regular meeting under Dispensation. Sister Debbie and Brother Glendon Hill made the trip with me and I presented Sister Alice Clark with a Grand Representative Commission to Australia. They also balloted on a new member who will be initiated at the April 25<sup>th</sup> Main/Maritime Exchange.**

**March 28, 2009 – I was pleased to attend the Daughters of the Nile Installation and Banquet in Saint John at the Temple. They had a delicious banquet prepared by the Shrine Club and initiated a new member.**

**April 1, 2009 – Brother Bob, Sister Mickie and I travelled to Electa Chapter #9 in Perth-Andover for their Installation. They received ten petitions to affiliate from the former Carleton #7. Brother Bob and I both congratulated them on their Installation and new affiliated members.**

**April 3, 2009 – I had a nice trip to Philip A. Jerguson #18 for their Installation. Sister Helen Humphreys was installed as Worthy Matron for the first time after being the Chapter Secretary for seventeen years. It was my pleasure to bring greetings and congratulate the Installing Suite and new officers. The journey home was not so delightful since it was pouring rain with very strong winds and I was alone.**

**April 5, 2009 – It was a beautiful day to travel to Riverview for the practice of Sister Rose's Installation.**

**April 7, 2009 – I had the pleasure of travelling to Tobique #23 to witness their Installation. I was pleased to be the Grand Chaplain for them and I was the only visitor. I brought greetings from the WGP, Grand Family and myself.**

**April 8, 2009 – It was my privilege to attend the Installation of Saint John #14. At this meeting, Sister Linda Black, Worthy Matron, presented Sister Martha Gillrie, with her 25-year pin before the Installation.**

**April 11, 2009 – I was pleased to attend the Installation at Winston Churchill #19 during the afternoon. When asked to speak I brought greetings from the Grand Family.**

**April 11, 2009 – I had the honour of attending and participating in the Installation at Fidelity #36 for Sister Rose Scott. It was the first time I installed a Worthy Matron (the opening, Worthy Matron and the closing). I also installed the Star Point Officers. It was my pleasure to do this for Sister Rose, my "Star Mom". I expressed my congratulations to the new officers and brought fraternal greetings from Grand Chapter.**

**April 12, 2009 – With a sad heart, I went to Boiestown to attend the Masonic and Star memorial service for Brother Ivan Pond, husband of Sister Roxanne, a member of Hillcrest #40. My sympathies were extended to Sister Roxanne and her family.**

**April 14, 2009 – I was honoured to attend and participate in the Installation as Grand Chaplain at Victoria #1 in Woodstock. I also had the privilege to present a Grand Representative Commission to Sister Faye Stockford in Alberta.**

**April 15, 2009 – Devon #37 held their regular meeting and Installation under Dispensation. I was installed as Associate Matron and brought greetings from the Grand Family.**

**April 17, 2009 – I travelled to St. George for their supper and the Installation of Sister Terri-Lynn and her uncle, Brother Allan Hatt and their officers. The Worthy Grand Patron and I presented Sister Terri-Lynn’s two daughters with our pins. They were delighted!! It was a pleasure to bring greetings from the Grand Family.**

**April 18, 2009 – Frank H. Tingley #5 held their Installation at 7:30 pm and I was pleased to attend. Our Grand Secretary, Sister Brenda, was the Installing Officer and Sister Mildred, Associate Grand Conductress, the Grand Marshal. They did a great job. It was my pleasure to bring fraternal greetings from the Grand Family.**

**April 19, 2009 – I travelled to Woodstock for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victoria #1 in the afternoon. I missed the Church service and lunch but did arrive in time for the ceremony in the Chapter room. I expressed my pleasure at being there and apologized for being late due to unforeseen circumstances. They read the minutes of the first meeting and told the story of their history. Very interesting.**

**April 20, 2009 – I travelled to St. Stephen #8 for their regular meeting and Installation. When asked to speak, I also presented Sister Charlotte Gowan with a Grand Representative Commission to Kansas.**

**April 21, 2009 – I travelled to Zetland #26 for their regular meeting and the Installation of Sister Janet Mallory, Grand Adah, as Worthy Matron. I extended greetings from the Grand Family and wished them a prosperous year.**

**April 22, 2009 – This was the evening for the regular meeting and Installation at Unity #35 in Harvey. I attended the meeting but was unable to stay for the Installation of Sister Virginia Jackson and her grandfather, Brother DeWitt Lister, as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.**

**April 25, 2009 – This was the weekend of the Maine/Maritime Exchange in Riverview. There was a delicious lunch and the tables were decorated with Rocking Horses and Wolves. Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, and Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM, attended. The Grand Officers of the three Jurisdictions initiated six new members from Philip A. Jerguson #18, Fidelity #36, and Granite #15. The Grand Officers did an excellent job and it was a very successful day.**

**April 27, 2009 – Under a Dispensation, Remembrance #30 held a regular meeting before their Installation. Sister Mabel Rose, first time Worthy Matron and Brother Allan Bishop, PP were installed with their slate of officers. I was installed as Marshal since this is my affiliated Chapter. The Installing Suite did an excellent job and all went well. Sister Mabel was very pleased.**

**April 28, 2009 – I travelled to Boiestown for the regular meeting and a closed Installation for Sister Judy and Brother Michael Ross and their Officers. They had several members and visitors attend. Brother Bob, Sister Hilda and Brother Clinton Shaffer were there from**



**Moncton. I was asked to give the Farewell and when asked to speak I brought greetings and congratulations from the Grand Family and myself.**

**May 1, 2009 – I travelled to Newport, Maine with Brother Bob and Sister Mickie to attend the regular Chapter meeting of Josiah H. Drummond #91, the Chapter of Brother Paul (WGP) and Sister Louise Connelly, Grand Ruth. We were presented with Honourary Memberships to this Chapter and what a surprise it was for us. We stayed the weekend with Brother Paul and Sister Louise and on Saturday (May 2<sup>nd</sup>) attended the Worthy Grand Patron's Exchange. The Maine Grand Family initiated four new members. They had a buffet luncheon with the Pineapple and Wild animal theme. Sister Sue (WGM) and Brother Allan (Grand Warder) joined us at Brother Paul's for an evening meal and social time. We truly enjoyed the weekend.**

**May 2, 2009 – I was pleased to be invited to the Installation and Banquet for the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. Brother Bob and I attended the Opening along with other Distinguished Guests. We each brought greetings and good wishes from the Order of the Eastern Star.**

**May 2, 2009 – We left Saint John to travel to Prince Edward Island for the Official visit of the WGM and WGP, Sister Edith Conrod and Brother Ted Coulier, at Crystal Chapter in Charlottetown. There were well over 100 in attendance with approximately 31 from NB. Brother Bob and I missed the supper previous to the meeting but thoroughly enjoyed the festivities of the evening. We each extended greetings from our Jurisdiction as did Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM. It was also nice to see Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM, at this meeting.**

**May 14-16, 2009 – We attended the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts where I was given the honour of responding on behalf of the visiting Worthy Grand Matrons. We attended the Distinguished Guests luncheon and presented WGM Sister Natalie Jenkins and WGP Brother Don Chamberlain with Love Gifts. Brother Bob, Sister Mickie, Brother Doug and I attended some of the Sessions and found them very interesting.**

**May 18, 2009 – The Grand Chapter of Maine was held in Presque Isle under the direction of Sister Sue Hawes, WGM and Brother Paul Connelly, WGP. It was my great pleasure to give the tribute to the Canadian Flag and Brother Bob had the honour of presenting our Flag.**

**May 22-23, 2009 – With Brother Bob, Sister Mickie and Sister Janet, I travelled to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia for the Maritime Exchange.**

**May 27, 2009 – I attended the regular meeting at Unity #35 with Brother Ebby, Sister Fannie, Sister Debbie and Sister Joan. I was pleased to give the Farewell.**

**May 30, 2009 – It was a pleasure to attend the Reception for the announcement of the new Grand Family at Unity Chapter. Sister Lynn and Brother Ebby are very excited about their upcoming Installation with their Grand Family of 2009-2010. It was a delightful**

afternoon of fellowship and good food. I extended our congratulations and best wishes to the new Grand Family.

May 31, 2009 – The Magazine Committee invited Brother Bob and I to their meeting to discuss various aspects of the magazine. I enjoyed learning more about the workings of the magazine and thank them for the invitation to attend.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a sincere Thank You to all those who travelled with me or invited me to travel with them this year. Sister Debbie Hill, PGM (even though she had to go to work the next day) made many trips with me just so I wouldn't have to go alone. My sincere thanks. I did make some trips by myself but I also enjoy the time alone sometimes!! I appreciated all your kindnesses and concerns for me. Thank you.

#### **HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS:**

I was very pleased and humbled to receive eight Honourary Memberships from Chapters in New Brunswick and other Grand Jurisdictions during this year. I also received one from Celestial #3 a few years ago. What a lovely way to make a person feel so special! I thank you most sincerely.

Zetland #26  
Prince Charles #27  
Island #73, Vermont  
Evening Star #20, Vermont

Adoniran #22, Vermont  
Tuscan #148, Maine  
Josiah H. Drummond #91, Maine  
Grand Chapter of Massachusetts

#### **DISPENSATIONS:**

With Fees: Ten (Bad Weather). Three (to change meeting time or place) and One (No quorum).

November 10, 2008	Devon #37	Change meeting due to Hall not available December 5, 2008
December 8, 2008	Electa #9	Snow Storm – to December 14, 2008
December 10, 2008	Granite #15	Snow Storm – to December 17, 2008
December 10, 2008	Saint John #14	Snow Storm – to December 28, 2008
December 10, 2008	Celestial #3	Snow Storm – to December 16, 2008
January 28, 2009	Unity #35	Snow Storm – to January 29, 2009
February 12, 2009	Prince Charles #27	Snow Storm – to February 13, 2009
February 23, 2009	Fort Monckton #11	Bad Weather – to February 24, 2009
March 2, 2009	Winston Churchill #19	Bad Weather – to March 4, 2009
March 11, 2009	Granite #15	Bad Weather – to March 17, 2009

<b>March 11, 2009</b>	<b>Saint John #14</b>	<b>Bad Weather – to March 20, 2009</b>
<b>April 1, 2009</b>	<b>Frank H. Tingley #5</b>	<b>Meet at Rose Hall - June 8, 2009</b>
<b>April 10, 2009</b>	<b>Devon #37</b>	<b>Good Friday – April 15, 2009</b>
<b>April 20, 2009</b>	<b>Remembrance #30</b>	<b>Regular Meeting – No Quorum</b>
		<b>Regular Meeting &amp; Installation –</b>
		<b>April 27, 2009</b>

**Without Fees: Four (Official Visits); Four (Exchanges) and One (Grand Chapter)**

<b>August 12, 2008</b>	<b>Celestial #3</b>	<b>Official Visit</b>
<b>September 8, 2008</b>	<b>Tobique #23</b>	<b>Official visit</b>
<b>September 18, 2008</b>	<b>Bathurst #22</b>	<b>Official Visit</b>
<b>October 4, 2008</b>	<b>Devon #37</b>	<b>Exchange</b>
<b>October 4, 2008</b>	<b>Devon #37</b>	<b>Move regalia for Exchange</b>
<b>October 7, 2008</b>	<b>Granite #15</b>	<b>Official Visit</b>
<b>February 13, 2009</b>	<b>Zetland #26</b>	<b>Exchange and move regalia</b>
<b>May 24, 2009</b>	<b>Devon #37</b>	<b>Move regalia for Exchange</b>
<b>June 1, 2009</b>	<b>Devon #37</b>	<b>Move regalia for Grand Chapter</b>

**WARRANTS:**

**During the year I signed Warrants #20-43**

<b>October 2008 20-28</b>	<b>(not included #26)</b>
<b>October 2008 29-31</b>	<b>(including #26)</b>
<b>January 2009</b>	<b>32-33</b>
<b>May 2009</b>	<b>35-43(Not included #34)</b>

**QUESTIONS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP:**

**When a Chapter has surrendered their Charter and the members with their Demits visit another Chapter – How do we prove the Chapter with the members of this Chapter? I consulted with the Past Grand Matrons and they suggested – Do numerically but add “Chapter # “that is now closed” OR after the Associate Matron says “Have I missed any Chapters” these members stand and be vouched for. It was mentioned that these members should be requested to show their demit to the examining Committee before the meeting. I chose to ask the members of said Chapter to stand after the Associate Matron said “Have I**

missed any Chapters”. After the meeting members of the closed Chapter were upset and I explained why we had to do it that way. They were satisfied with my answer. **THIS IS A SITUATION THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AND MADE KNOWN TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

A Chapter received a petition for affiliation from a member of another Grand Jurisdiction and asked what procedure had to be followed. I discussed this with Sister Donna Allen, Jurisprudence Committee and was informed to follow the same procedure as we normally would with an affiliated petition. I advised the Chapter Secretary of this.

A member received a telephone call from the family of a member, whose Chapter had closed a few years ago and the member had not affiliated with another Chapter. Would the Eastern Star be able to conduct a Star Service for this member, who was very active at one time and enjoyed her Eastern Star. My advice was to contact the Worthy Matron of the nearest Chapter in the Family’s area and ask them if they would be so kind as to do the service for former members. The Chapter said yes and the family was very appreciative.

A member called to inquire about a member from a closed Chapter who had not affiliated with another Chapter but was a dear friend. Her family requested an Eastern Star Service but the nearest Chapter felt they could not do the service. The caller wanted to know if the members were allowed to do the service without the permission of the Chapter. I advised them to do the “Former Member Funeral Service” and if there was a problem with the Chapter to let me know. As of this date, I have not heard from the Chapter or any of its members concerning this situation.

A member asked – If a member has dual membership, why can a person not hold an elected office in each Chapter if, in one chapter the office is Secretary or Treasurer and the other “on line” to go to the East? I quoted the Red Book answer – “One can be elected the other must be appointed.” I explained that this situation could give a person too much control in two Chapters and there would also have to be changes made that would be very technical and could be misinterpreted by some.

These are just a few of the questions asked and answered. There were others that were easily responded to at the time.

When difficulties arose within some of the Chapters, I tried to resolve their situation to the satisfaction of all of the members. I examined both sides of the question or problem to come to a compromise to keep peace and harmony in the membership.

I thank the Jurisprudence Committee for their assistance and guidance during the year.

#### **IRREGULARITIES:**

There were many irregularities that I noticed throughout the year and they are usual ones that could be so easily corrected if Chapters had practices and attended the Schools of

**Instruction. I understand and realize that everyone gets nervous when speaking at meetings and you never know what kind of a day the person has had. I feel that as long as members do the best they can, they have done a good job, and should not be criticized or embarrassed by others. This is not what we are about!! We are here to aid, comfort and protect each other!!**

**Copying the Ritual – read the work if not memorized**

**Not forming the Hollow Square at the opening of the meeting. Officers just assume their stations**

**Short form is being over-used in the Chapters – there should only be 4 short-form meetings**

**Officers of Chapters wearing short skirts or dresses**

**Too many Rituals open during the meeting – if an officer must read her/his part, the prompter should close theirs and the others should not be opened in the first place**

**Members prompting from the sidelines**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**After attending many Installations over the last nineteen years, I noticed that some of the Installations are not as impressive as they used to be. For example: members leaving their seats and walking around the room when the Installing Marshal is trying to do their work. Officers being installed also participating in the Installation. I find things do not go smoothly if officers keep changing places. I would like to see other members or members from other Chapters conduct the Installations. At the Schools of Instruction more emphasis should be stressed for Installations.**

**I would also like to see new members be appointed with a member to assist them in their new offices. Several new members ask me questions about their office or procedures in the Chapter meetings, which I did not mind answering, but if they had guidance from their knowledgeable members of their Chapter, they would be more comfortable and inclined to be Worthy Matron or take another office.**

**I feel it would be important to put in writing some form of procedure to follow when members with demits from a closed chapter visit other Chapters. Also print this information in the Worthy Matron's Handbook.**

#### **APPRECIATION:**

**This has been a very rewarding and wonderful year for me. I am so thankful to you, the membership, for electing me to this high office and I hope that I have fulfilled all my duties to your satisfaction. I will have many fond and happy memories of this year.**

**Sister Brenda, Grand Secretary, I know I could never have gotten through this year without your assistance and guidance. You had the knowledge and the patience to deal with all my questions. Thank you so much. And I really enjoyed our telephone conversations. We discussed business and still laughed a lot. Thank you for being such a good friend.**

**Sister Lynda, Grand Treasurer, I thank you for keeping our finances in such good order and doing all the reports. You and I had several long phone calls as well and I thank you for your friendship and support.**

**Sister Norma, Grand Organist, you really did find out this year that I am music illiterate. I know very little about music and always thought the organist just played whatever she wanted – until I had to start choosing songs, hymns and odes. Thank you for your patience and understanding. You were so very helpful and are such a dear friend.**

**Sister Sherry, Sister Mildred and Brother Ron – it has been a pleasure working with you this year and having you in our Grand Family. I know you are preparing for your year in the East and I wish you much happiness and joy as you begin your journey. Good health and safe travels as well.**

**Sister Lynn and Brother Ebby – your time is drawing near and I know you must be very excited and a little nervous. You will soon be the new leaders of this Jurisdiction and I hope all your dreams and expectations are fulfilled during your year. May the Angels be with you everywhere you travel.**

**To the Appointed Grand Officers – I think you are the best. You have been faithful to your duties and to this Grand Jurisdiction. You have travelled many miles to visitations and other Jurisdictions and I thank you for your support. It has been my distinct pleasure to have you as part of our Grand Family and I will always cherish your love and support.**

**A special thank you to all the Pages, Guards, Assistants and Nurses for doing such a great job for these Sessions. I hope that you have many happy memories of “The Golden Chain of Friendship” Sessions. Thank you for all your help.**

**To the Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and the General Grand Chapter Committee Members, it has been a great year for us – in part to each of you. You have given us guidance, advice, and assistance in many ways. Your support and friendship has been a great help to us and I thank you for everything. God Bless each of you.**

**Brother Bob – My Worthy Grand Patron – It has been my honour to serve this Grand Jurisdiction with you. When you were elected Grand Sentinel, I asked you, do you want to be active or just a figure head? Your immediate reply was “active”, and you have been! We have equally shared all the work and planning, choosing our Officers and the Grand Representatives. When I mentioned a project to be done you would step right up and say, “I’ll do that one.” I never had to worry that it would not be completed. I have appreciated all your knowledge and input. You have completed your duties with great enthusiasm and dedication. I feel privileged to have had such a wonderful partner.**

**Sister Mickie – Thank you for allowing me to “borrow” Brother Bob for a few years. It has been a pleasure travelling with you and staying at your home. Thank you for everything. He’s all yours now and I hope you both enjoy your relaxing free time.**

**In closing, I wish to convey a heartfelt THANK YOU to the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction for allowing me to serve you and this wonderful Order. It has been my honour and privilege to be your Worthy Grand Matron and I send my love and friendship to each of you.**

**May the precious links of memory  
Bind the present with the past  
May the GOLDEN CHAIN you’ve lengthened  
Be made stronger, firm and fast.  
As the wheels of life keep turning  
God grant your future will be  
Filled with the same love and service  
As these years of memory.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sister Linda Cogswell  
Worthy Grand Matron**

#### **WORTHY GRAND MATRON’S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

**June 3 – 6, 2009 – After meeting in St. Stephen, Brother Bob, Sister Mickie and I travelled to Vermont Grand Chapter in South Burlington. There were several from New Brunswick attending with more arriving on Friday. It was my pleasure to be invited to participate in the Emblem Placing Ceremony as Electa on Friday afternoon. Sister Mickie was pleased to be invited to do Esther’s station in this ceremony. We stayed for the afternoon Session, which was the Informal Opening followed immediately by the Formal Opening.**

**June 8, 2009 – A special meeting was held by Frank H. Tingley #5 at Rose Hall for the residents who are Star members. It was such a joy to see some of the members who cannot attend regular meetings. I had a lovely talk with Sister Beth and Brother Joe Potter and others. Sister Anna and Brother Charlie Carr from Prince Edward Island were also in attendance. What a great evening we had!!**

**June 10, 2009 – I made arrangements with Sister Carolyn Scott, Worthy Matron, of the former York Chapter #13, McAdam, to have their chapter furniture moved to Fredericton, then on to Moncton. York Chapter donated their lovely podium to Grand Chapter. We thank them for that.**

**June 12, 2009 – I attended the regular meeting of Devon Chapter #37.**

**June 15, 2009 – Travelled with Sister Elaine MacLean and Sister Muriel Phillips to attend the regular meeting of Remembrance Chapter #30.**

**June 17, 2009 – Sister Debbie Hill travelled to Prince Charles Chapter #27 with me to their regular meeting where Sister Sally Donald and Brother Bill Donald are the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. Brother Bob and I presented a Grand Representative Commission to Iowa to a very surprised Sister Betty Dawson.**

**June 23, 2009 – Received a Grand Representative commission for Sister Faye Gilks to South Dakota. Since Prince Andrew Chapter #42 had already had their June meeting and Sister Faye was unable to attend Grand Chapter, I sent the Commission to Sister Glenna Taylor, PGM. She agreed to present the Commission to Sister Faye before she went on her vacation. Thank you Sister Glenna for being so helpful.**

**July 5, 2009 – Funeral Service for Sister Connie MacPherson's Father. Sister Connie is our Grand Martha.**

**July 6, 2009 – Travelling with several others, we attended the Informal Opening of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. This was the Session of our counterparts, Sister Edith Conrod and Brother Ted Coulier. We enjoyed our visit with our Sister Jurisdiction friends.**

**I was pleased to give the Response for the Worthy Grand Matrons.**

*The membership accorded a standing ovation to Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron.*

*The Grand Marshal proclaimed these Sessions called from Labour to Refreshment to reconvene at 2:00 PM SHARP!*

#### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

**July 10, 2009**

**2:00 PM**

**The Friday Afternoon Session was preceded by a Musical Prelude given by the Grand Organist, Sister Norma Caswell, and the Assistant Grand Organist, Sister Jean Flewelling.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Sister Donna Allen, Past Grand Matron, and Brother John Murray, Past Grand Patron**

**Good Afternoon Sisters and Brothers:**



**I welcome you to this Friday Afternoon “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session. This afternoon is a time for remembering and paying tribute to our departed members.**

**It is indeed an honour and pleasure to be in the East with Brother John.**

**I hope that you are enjoying yourselves, strengthening the lasting links in your chains of friendship with old friends and making new links.**

**We welcome members of this jurisdiction. Remember that this is your Grand Chapter and take an active role in its proceedings.**

**We are especially proud of our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members. You have been great ambassadors for our Grand Chapter. This afternoon we pay tribute to Brother Elderic.**

**Welcome to members visiting from other jurisdictions. Enjoy our hospitality and come back and visit often.**

**A special welcome to Brother Fred, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron. We are pleased to have you visiting with us and look forward to being at your Installation in November.**

**Brother John, may we hear from you now.**

**Good Afternoon Sisters and Brothers:**

**It is indeed a pleasure to join Sister Donna in the East once again and to assist her in opening this Friday Afternoon Session of the Seventy-Ninth Grand Chapter Session. I join with Sister Donna in extending to all our members and visitors a warm and fraternal greeting. I always enjoy your company and hope your stay with us will be a pleasant and rewarding one and that old friendships will be renewed and new ones made in the true spirit of the Eastern Star. Enjoy the Sessions and return to your home Chapters with renewed vigour. Be like the Canada Goose – keep honking and encourage those around you.**

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

#### **WELCOME**

**Sister Donna Allen, Past Grand Matron and Brother John Murray, Past Grand Patron**

**Good Afternoon Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Officers.**

**Sister Linda and Brother Bob, welcome to your Friday Afternoon “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session. I congratulate you both on a great year of service to this Grand**

**Chapter. You have worked to ensure that you have a great Session here this week. Take time to enjoy yourselves so you will have great memories to finish the year.**

**Sister Linda, you were part of our Grand Family serving this Grand Chapter as Grand Treasurer. You were elected as Associate Grand Conductress at our “Diamond Jubilee of Love” Session in 2005. Thank you for asking me to open this Session with Brother John.**

**Brother Bob, it is indeed a pleasure to welcome you. You are a very dedicated member of our Order. It was your work that made my dream of having a Drill Team possible. We are both members of the same Chapters and I value your friendship.**

**Brother John.....**

**Sister Linda, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Bob, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the honour and privilege of assisting my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Donna, in calling to order this Friday Afternoon Session of your “Golden Chain of Friendship” Grand Chapter.**

**I congratulate you both on the completion of a fine year and know that you will be able to look back with fond memories of your year of leading this beautiful Order in our Jurisdiction of New Brunswick.**

**Sister Linda, Worthy Grand Matron, enjoy your Sessions for all too soon it will be over and you will have to join the ranks of those Past Grands.**

**Brother Bob, Worthy Grand Patron, for a few more hours, what can I say? We have travelled many miles together, although not as many as I would have like to, and met new friends and renewed old ones, and I think that you have had a good year. I congratulate you on a job well done. I look forward to travelling many more miles with you as we support the new Grand Family. You will shortly join the ranks of the Past Grands and maybe I will finally get off the end of the line.**

**Sister Linda and Brother Bob, I hope the remainder of your Sessions will be all that you hoped they would be and may God Bless.**

*Sister Conductress and Sister Associate Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were accorded the Grand Honours. Sister Donna Allen, Past Grand Matron presented the Worthy Grand Matron with her gavel.*

*The Grand Officers assumed their Stations.*

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Sister Donna and Brother John, thank you for opening the Friday Afternoon Session. It was my pleasure to be your Grand Treasurer at your Sessions in 2005 and I hope our Sessions are as enjoyable as yours were. I was impressed with your Past, Present and future Sessions and your enthusiasm during your year. You have been very dedicated to the Order and we appreciated all your work. Thank you for your advice and guidance this year as Chairperson of the Jurisprudence Committee. Brother John, you are so quiet, but I learned early that you love to talk and laugh and give big hugs. I always enjoyed your goose stories!! You have been very generous with your encouragement and support these last few years. Thank you. I thank you both for the lovely words of welcome.**

**You may not actually get a hug for everything you do  
But every person you've helped over the years has a  
Special place in their heart for you.**

**Sister Donna, please accept this token of our appreciation for opening this Session.**

**Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Sister Donna, from the creation of the Drill Team up to today you are one of the important women in my Star Life. Thank you for opening this "Golden Chain of Friendship" Session". I thank you for all the encouragement and support you have given me. When I had questions you didn't hesitate to assist. Thank you.**

**Brother John, when Sister Linda and I had to pick people to open our Sessions, you were one of the first who came to mind. You have been a very important person in my Eastern Star journey from the time I joined to when you installed me. I thank you.**

**Brother John, please accept this gift of our appreciation for opening this Session.**

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Good Afternoon, Sisters and Brothers. We welcome each of you to this Session and we trust you had an enjoyable lunch and time of fellowship with the members.**

***At this time we had a beautiful Solo, entitled "Friends" by Sister Pamela Coombs, Past Matron of Maine.***

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Thank you Sister Pam – that was beautiful. We would be lost without the wonderful talents of our members who sing.**

**INVOCATION**  
**Sister Hilda Shaffer, Past Grand Matron**

**Our Gracious and Loving Heavenly Father, giver of every good and perfect gift, bless our members here assembled. We thank Thee for the privilege of meeting here again and for the teachings of our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star that makes a mutual bond to hold us closer together and to Thee.**

**Help us in all ways that our Eastern Star may love, prosper and be great in Thy favour. This we pray in Thy Holy Name.                      AMEN.**

*Presentation of Distinguished Guests not previously introduced:*

*Brother Ted Coulier                                      Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island*

*Sister Edith Newman                                      Grand Representative of New Jersey in New Brunswick*

*The Grand Secretary, Sister Brenda J. Saunders, Past Grand Matron, read the minutes of the Friday Morning Session which were approved as read.*

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON**  
**Brother Bob King**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda; Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred; General Grand Chapter committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Chapter Officers, Sisters and Brothers:**

**I would like to join with Sister Linda in welcoming everyone to “The Golden Chain of Friendship” Sessions. Three short years ago you elected me as your Grand Sentinel. Where does the time go? Since then we have travelled many miles, met lots of old friends and made many new ones that will last a lifetime.**

**Last year you elected me as your Worthy Grand Patron – the highest honour that can be bestowed upon a Brother. I thank you for that honour and privilege. I hope I have conducted myself and performed the duties of this high office in a manner that was acceptable to all.**

**Sister Linda, Worthy Grand Matron, it has been an honour and pleasure to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron. We have travelled many, many miles over the last three years and it has been fun. You are to be congratulated for all the dedication, devotion and efficient**

**manner you have conducted yourself in all your deliberations over the year and the business of this Grand Chapter.**

**Three years ago I told you when I was elected as Grand Sentinel I would support you to the fullest and I hope I have been an asset to you and this Grand Chapter. Our friendship only began three years ago, but I feel I have known you a lot longer than that. You have been a great diplomat for this Grand Jurisdiction. Sister Mickie and I value your friendship and I hope it continues to grow.**

**To the Elected Grand Officers – it has been a pleasure working with each of you this year. Sister Lynn and Brother Ebby, my congratulations on accepting the duties and responsibilities for the coming year. Sister Sherry, Brother Ron and Sister Mildred, good luck and good health as you travel to the East, and if you need anything we are here for you. Sister Brenda and Sister Lynda, thank you for the professional manner in which you carried out your duties. Sister Brenda, when I called upon you, if you didn't know the answer to my question, you found it for me and I thank you.**

**To the Appointed Grand Officers – what a joy it has been serving with all of you. You all did your work so joyfully and always had a big smile for everyone. Your dedication and devotion to our great order showed by the manner in which you fulfilled your duties. Thank you so much.**

**To our General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Shirley MacDonald on Eastern Star Journal; Sister Ann Morton, Chairman on Public Relations and Brother Doug Swan, Co-ordinator of Northeast Region, VisionQuest, thank you for your support during the past three years and I hope our friendship continues to grow.**

**To Sister Donna Allen, Sister Marjorie Colton, and Sister Debbie Hill – three of my favourite girls!! Brother Graham Vincent and Brother Ron Jagoe, congratulations on your appointments as General Grand Chapter Committee Members and thank you for your support. To all of you, congratulations on your accomplishments and I wish you safe travels, good health and much happiness in your endeavours during the next three years.**

**To all of our Grand Chapter Committee Members, our behind the scenes back-up groups – for all the miles travelled and all the hard work for the benefit of our beautiful order – I thank you.**

**To our Grand Representatives, I had the privilege to present or assist in presenting sixteen Grand Representative Commissions. We hope that you enjoy your commissions – aka-lifetime friendships and lots of good memories. The full list will be printed in the proceedings.**

**British Columbia/Yukon  
California  
Colorado  
Kansas**

**Kenneth Briggs  
Edna Clouston  
Susan McPhail  
Carolyn Gunter**

**Saint John #14  
Bathurst #22  
Lady Alexander #24  
Devon #37**

Maine  
Manitoba  
Maryland  
Massachusetts  
Minnesota  
New Hampshire  
New Jersey  
North Dakota  
Nova Scotia & PEI  
Oklahoma  
Scotland  
Washington

Georgie Dole  
Barbara Leadbetter  
Kim Brown  
Aubrey Buck  
Florence Currie  
Donald Taylor  
Edith Newman  
Janice Allen  
Janet Tower  
Henry Morton  
Agnes Weaver  
Verna Poley

Fidelity #36  
Frank H. Tingley #5  
Fidelity #36  
Zetland #26  
Prince Charles #27  
Philip A. Jerguson #18  
Prince Andrew #42  
Fort Monckton #11  
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Winston Churchill #19  
Frank H. Tingley #5  
Lady Alexander #24

**Our Grand Choir and Soloists, your songs and music add so much to our ceremonies. Thank you for sharing so generously of your talents.**

**To Zetland Chapter #26, my Home Chapter (please stand up) you are all very special to me. I thank you for all the support and encouragement. Your attendance at the Official visits, hosting the Maine-Maritime Exchange in Riverview in April of 2009, assisting for the Funspiel in February of 2009, providing help when I asked for it – such as helping in making corsages for the Grand Family, table favours and providing sweets, etc. – thank you for being there for us.**

**To Fort Monckton Chapter #11, my affiliated Chapter (Please stand) – thank you for taking me under your wings and supporting me in all my endeavours – helping to make corsages, table favours, providing sweets, etc. – and for doing the Registration table at the Maine-Maritime Exchange.**

**To Fidelity Chapter #36 – for catering the lunch for our Exchange and providing sweets when asked – thank you.**

**To Frank H. Tingley Chapter #5 – for all your support over the years by providing anything and everything I asked of you. Many thanks.**

**To the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and members of all the Subordinate Chapters – whether it was an official visit or a regular visit, your words of welcome at the altar, your hospitality, your support of my special project and the projects of the Grand Chapter were greatly appreciated. They are memories that will last a lifetime.**

**To our Golden Threads – our supporting members who work tirelessly to keep our beautiful order strong. Thank you for all the support and hard work you do.**

**I was presented with seven Honourary Memberships to other Chapters and one Grand Chapter.**

**HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS:**

<b>Devon Chapter #37</b>	<b>Adoniran Chapter #22, Vermont</b>
<b>Prince Charles #27</b>	<b>Tuscan Chapter #148, Maine</b>
<b>Island Chapter #73, Vermont</b>	<b>Josiah H. Drummond Chapter #91, Maine</b>
<b>Evening Star Chapter #20, Vermont</b>	
<b>Grand Chapter of Massachusetts</b>	

**I am happy to report that I was fortunate to be able to attend all the Worthy Grand Matron's Official Visits.**

**OFFICIAL VISITS:**

<b>July 21</b>	<b>Remembrance #30</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Hillcrest #40</b>
<b>August 4</b>	<b>Winston Churchill #19</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Celestial #3 (Dispensation)</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Carleton #7</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Lord Beaverbrook #33</b>
<b>September 8</b>	<b>Tobique #23 (dispensation)</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Saint John #14</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Devon #37</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Zetland #26</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Bathurst #22 (Dispensation)</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Fort Monckton #11</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Unity #35</b>
<b>October 1</b>	<b>Electa #9</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Granite #15 (Dispensation)</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Frank H. Tingley #5</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Prince Charles #27</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Lady Alexander #24</b>
<b>November 4</b>	<b>Fidelity #36</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Philip A. Jerguson #18</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Victoria #1</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Prince Andrew #42</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>St. Stephen #8</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Queen Mary #4</b>

**I had the honour of representing this Grand Chapter on many, many special occasions throughout the year and they will be listed in the proceedings.**

## **SPECIAL MEETINGS:**

- April 24-26, 2008**      **Connecticut Grand Chapter (Counterparts' Installation)**
- May 15-17**              **Massachusetts Grand Chapter – Counterparts' Installation**  
**18-21**                  **Maine Grand Chapter – Counterparts' Installation**  
**24**                      **Grand Officers' Reception for 2008-2009 – Celestial #3, Fredericton**
- June 5-7**                **Vermont Grand Chapter – Counterparts' Installation**  
**13**                      **General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Doug Swan – Reception**
- July 7**                    **General Grand Chapter of NS-PEI – Counterparts' Installation**  
**13**                      **Met with our new Grand Family for General discussions at the  
Fredericton Inn, Fredericton**  
**19**                      **50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary for Sister Fannie and Brother Ebby Kuhn  
(AGP) held in Fredericton**  
**19**                      **DeMolay Convention and Installation where we presented them with  
a cheque of \$500.00 from Grand Chapter of New Brunswick**  
**25**                      **Attended Hillcrest Chapter #40 for their 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration  
in Boiestown**  
**26**                      **Grand Officers' School of Instruction in Minto**  
**26**                      **Finance Committee Meeting**  
**27**                      **Sister Lynne and Brother Allen Hatt's Annual Picnic**
- August 12**                **Meeting with Fredericton Inn Staff for “The Golden Chain of  
Friendship” Sessions 2009**  
**14-16**                  **New Hampshire Grand Chapter along with the Worthy Grand  
Matron – met with our counterparts and brought greetings from  
New Brunswick**  
**23**                      **General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Sister Ann Morton,  
Chairman of Public Relations – Reception held at Hopewell Cape**
- September 6**            **NB in Maine Exchange in Presque Isle where I did the work as WGP**  
**13**                      **Attended the Fun at the Farm party for the Eastern Star and Masons  
at Sister Linda and Brother Earl Murray's farm.**
- September 21**         **Attended Church parade for Fort Monckton #11 at Murray Corner**  
**26**                      **Attended Lodge of Perfection in Bathurst (Scottish Rite)**  
**28**                      **Attended Zetland OES/Masons Church parade at Harrisville  
Church in the morning**  
**28**                      **Attended the Daughters of the Nile in Saint John in the afternoon  
and early evening.**
- October 4**                **Maine in New Brunswick Exchange held in Fredericton**  
**9-10**                    **Quebec Grand Chapter**  
**11**                      **Rhode Island Grand Chapter**  
**19**                      **Grand Representatives's Meeting of District #2**



- 23           **Grand Master Official Visit of District #7 – meeting held at  
Acacia Lodge #39**
- 31           **International Weekend held in Vermont**
- November 1       **Met with counterparts from Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont,  
Rhode Island, Quebec, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Nova  
Scotia and Prince Edward Island**
- 26           **Grand Master Official Visit District #2 – held at Keith Lodge #23**
- 27           **Official Visit of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Grand  
Officers held at Britannia Chapter in Amherst, NS**
- January 17,2009   **Shrine Annual Meeting, Installation and Banquet**  
31           **Rainbow for Girls’ Installation held in Moncton**
- February 6       **Philip A. Jerguson #18 Degree Work – 6 candidates where the  
Grand Family did the work**
- 13-15       **New England Exchange – Bangor, Maine – 9 Jurisdictions**
- 20-21       **Funspiel in Moncton**
- March 26       **Music Meeting held at Norma Caswell’s home with Jeanne Wheelock,  
PGM to select music for Grand Chapter**
- 28           **Daughters of the Nile Installation and Banquet**
- April 19       **Victoria #1, Woodstock – 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**
- 25           **Maine-Maritime Exchange – held in Riverview where I did the  
Degree work**
- May 2           **Attended Belfast, Maine – Josiah H. Drummond #91 – Maine Grand  
Chapter Officers’ Official Visit**
- 8           **Grand Lodge of New Brunswick**
- 8           **Official Visit of the Grand Chapter of NS&PEI – Crystal #1  
Charlottetown, PEI**
- 14-16       **Grand Chapter of Massachusetts (Counterparts Grand Sessions)**
- 17-19       **Grand Chapter of Maine – I was privileged to present the  
Canadian Flag. I also gave the response for the Worthy Grand  
Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions**
- 23           **Maritime Exchange – Dartmouth, Nova Scotia – 33 NB members  
attended**
- 30           **Reception – Naming the new Grand Officers for 2009-2010**
- 31           **Meeting of the Eastern Star Magazine Committee**

**I attended several Installations of Officers and was the Grand Marshal for Fidelity Chapter #36.**

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:**

<b>April 1</b>	<b>Electa #9</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Philip A. Jerguson #18</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Saint John #14</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Winston Churchill #19</b>
	<b>Fidelity #36</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Bathurst #22</b>
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<b>20</b>	<b>Lady Alexander #24</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Zetland #26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Fort Monckton #11</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Hillcrest #40</b>

**I attended Memorial Services for several Sisters and Brothers of our Order. Their memories we will cherish in our hearts**

<b>Sister Florence Armstrong (14)</b>	<b>June 26, 2008</b>
<b>Brother Ron Hutchinson, Grand Marshal (14)</b>	<b>October 3, 2008</b>
<b>Brother Wally Homer (5)</b>	<b>December 1, 2008</b>
<b>Brother Elderic Thorne, GGCCM (30)</b>	<b>February 10, 2009</b>
<b>Sister Carolyn Gunter (37)</b>	<b>March 16, 2009</b>
<b>Brother Ivan Pond (40)</b>	<b>April 14, 2009</b>
<b>Brother Charles Hollett (5)</b>	<b>April 29, 2009</b>
<b>Brother Herb Amero (26)</b>	<b>May 4, 2009</b>

**On October 21, 2008, I attended the last meeting of Carleton Chapter #7. It was a sad and sober experience to have to close a Chapter, but we cannot dwell on the past but look to the future in ways to make our Order stronger and to get more members.**

**There were four Chapters that applied for and were granted Bylaw Changes. They were as follows:**

**Electa #9  
Frank H. Tingley #5  
Devon #37  
Queen Mary #4**

**Queen Mary #4 – September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**ARTICLE II SECTION 2:  
Delete the following:**

**The hour of the meeting shall be eight o'clock, PM**

**Insert the following:**

**The hour of the meeting shall be seven-thirty o'clock, PM**

**Devon Chapter #37 – March 13, 2009**

**ARTICLE II Section 1:**

**Delete the following:**

**The stated meetings of this Chapter shall be held on the second Friday of each calendar month at the hour of 7:30 PM except July and August.**

**Insert the following:**

**The stated meetings of this Chapter shall be held on the second Friday of each calendar month at the hour of 7:30 PM except January and February.**

**Frank H. Tingley Chapter #5 – November 10, 2008**

**ARTICLE VI FEES AND DUES**

**Delete the following:The fees for degrees shall be Fifteen Dollars applied as follows: Fourteen dollars to the general fund and One Dollar for membership in the International Temple in Washington, DC. The fee for affiliation shall be 7.50 Dollars. These fees shall be applied as follows: One dollar for membership in the International Temple, Washington, DC and the remainder to the general fund. The fee shall accompany the petition.**

**Insert in its place:**

**The fee for degrees, affiliation, and dues shall be set from time to time by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a stated meeting of the Chapter provided that the proposed change has been published in the regular notices sent to the membership before the stated meeting at which voting action is to be taken. Fees for degrees and affiliation shall include an amount set by Grand Chapter for membership in the International Headquarters, Washington, DC with the balance to the General Fund. In each case the fee shall accompany the petition.**

**ARTICLE VI FEES AND DUES SECTION 2**

**Delete the following:**

**The yearly fees shall be fifteen dollars payable in advance at the beginning of the fiscal year. Members receiving degrees after the middle of the fiscal year shall be required to pay only one-half of the regular yearly dues in addition to the regular Initiation fees.**

**Insert the following in its place:**

**The yearly dues shall be payable in advance at the beginning of the fiscal year. Members receiving degrees after the middle of the fiscal year shall be required to pay only one-half of the regular yearly dues in addition to the regular Initiation fees.**

### **ARTICLE VI FEES AND DUES SECTION 3:**

**Delete 21 and Insert 19 in its place**

**ARTICLE VI FEES AND DUES SECTION 3 – shall now read:**

**Members whose dues are in arrears for 19 months shall be so notified by the Secretary in writing not later than November 30<sup>th</sup> and informed that if required settlement is not made prior to the regular stated meeting in February, the names shall be read in open Chapter, at which time the member may be suspended by vote of the Chapter. All such outstanding cases shall be finally settled not later than the stated meeting in March that same fiscal year.**

### **ARTICLE VI FEES AND DUES SECTION 4 (NEW):**

**Insert the following:**

**A schedule of fees and dues will be available to all members of the Chapter.**

**Electa Chapter #9 – April 1, 2009**

### **ARTICLE 2 SECTION 1 OF OUR BYLAWS**

**The stated meeting of this Chapter shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30, except for July and August.**

**Shall be changed to read:**

**The stated meeting of this Chapter shall be held on the first Wednesday evening of each month at 7:30 PM except for the months of January and February.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Brother Bob King  
Worthy Grand Patron**

*The membership accorded Brother Bob, Worthy Grand Patron, a standing ovation.*

*The Alarm rang on the Magazine Table and the winners were:*

*Sister Carol Jean Forrest, Past Matron of Maine  
Sister Susan Hawes, Past Grand Matron of Maine*

**REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN  
Sister Edith Clouston**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda Cogswell, and Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:**

**It is with deepest regret that we mourn the passing of 90 members of 32 Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, 5 Grand Jurisdictions in Canada and 1 Grand Jurisdiction in Australia.**

**These include:**

**1 Past Most Worthy Grand Matron  
1 Past Most Worthy Grand Patron  
42 Past Grand Matrons  
40 Past Grand Patrons  
1 Grand Conductress  
1 Grand Sentinel  
1 Grand Adah  
1 Grand Martha  
2 Grand Representatives**

**Expressions of sympathy were sent to all Grand Jurisdictions.**

**Our own Grand Jurisdiction was saddened by the death of Brother Elderic Thorne, GGCCM. Fraternal love and sympathy is extended to his family.**

**The chain of fraternal friendship is made of links of gold  
Which we fondly hold and cherish our friends both new and old  
Then one by one they sever, just why, we cannot tell  
But we trust our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well.**

**Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of serving as your Grand Chaplain and for the honour bestowed upon Bathurst Chapter.**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Brother Elderic Eugene Thorne  
Worthy Grand Patron 1995-1996**

**Born April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1943  
Entered into Eternal Rest on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
At the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital, Fredericton, NB**

**The Order of the Eastern Star has lost another link in their chain of valued members. Brother Elderic Thorne passed away suddenly on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital in Fredericton, NB**

**He was born in The Glades, NB, the son of Beecher and Minnie (Taylor) Thorne. Brother Elderic was a retired teacher having taught for 35 years in Minto, largely at the Minto Memorial High School, He was a devoted member of the Trinity United Church in Minto.**

**Brother Elderic joined the Order of the Eastern Star in April of 1975, becoming a member of Remembrance Chapter #30, Minto. He served as Worthy Patron of his Chapter on several occasions, and was Worthy Patron at the time of his passing. He was Grand Representative of Alabama in New Brunswick and was elected as Grand Sentinel in July of 1993. He served as Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Brenda J. Saunders as his Worthy Grand Matron during 1995-1996, with their year of service culminating with their Sessions "Garden of Love and Smiles". Brother Elderic was pleased to be serving the General Grand Chapter as General Grand Chapter Committee Member on VisionQuest and was looking forward to going to Oklahoma for the General Grand Chapter Sessions.**

**Brother Elderic was a member of Grand Lake Lodge, F & AM and was a recipient of the Quinn Medallion for his Masonic Work. He also belonged to Luxor Temple (Shriners) and was a member of the Fredericton Shriners' Fire Brigade.**

**Brother Elderic was a man of integrity with a big heart and lots of patience! He was known in his community for his participation in charitable organizations, and in the Eastern Star for his kindness, gentle voice and wonderful ritualistic work.**

**Predeceased by his parents; brother Clinton; brothers-in-law, Charles Cameron, Gerald Robb and sister-in-law, Doris Thorne, he is survived by his wife, Sister Sheila (Gallagher); brother Floyd of Mississauga, Ontario; and sisters Margaret Cameron of Lindsay, Ontario; Shirley Robb of St. Catherines, Ontario; Glorianna Hopper (Eldon) of The Glades, NB; Treva Rimney (Isaac) of Edmonton, Alberta; and sister-in-law Thora Thorne, and several nieces and nephews.**

An Eastern Star Memorial Service was held at 6:30 PM on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Minto Funeral Home, followed by a Masonic Tribute Service at 6:45 PM. The funeral Service was held at 2:00 PM from Trinity United Church, Minto, on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009, with Rev. Margie Patterson officiating. Internment will take place at a later date.

We extend sincere sympathy to Sister Sheila and his family, and to the members of Remembrance Chapter #30 in Minto, as well as his many friends in the Order of the Eastern Star.

May the wind of love  
Blow safely on a quiet and peaceful spot  
Where the one we love is sleeping  
Never to be forgot.

**REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE**  
**Sister Edith Clouston, Grand Chaplain, Chairperson**

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

There is sadness for the loss of our loved ones  
As from this sweet earth they have gone,  
There is a heaviness lingering amongst us  
Because their presence, their voices we long.  
But there is happiness when we remember  
Their charitable and loving ways,  
For this we will be forever thankful  
As to God we give all honour and praise.  
The name of each departed member  
From each Chapter you will hear,  
Let us pause with reverence and solemnity  
As precious memories of them we hold dear.

**Victoria #1**

**Robert Montgomery, PP**  
**Grace Flinn**  
**Nellie Hatfield**  
**Ian McElroy**  
**Marion Montgomery**  
**Mae Fowler**

**Celestial #3**

**Edith Harris, PM**  
**Emma Law**  
**Jane Babstock**

**Queen Mary #4**

**Nora Thomson  
Muriel Sewell, PM  
Rev. Eric Leighton, PGP**

**Frank H. Tingley #5**

**Jean Harvey  
Helen Jarvis, PM  
Dorothy Rain  
Dorothy Johnston  
Llewellyn (Wally) Homer  
Elizabeth Welsh  
Ruby Steeves  
Robert Kidney  
Mildred Jones, PM**

**Carleton #7**

**Glenna Patterson**

**St. Stephen #8**

**Mary Anderson  
Frances Miller  
Evelyn MacLeod, PM  
Elwell Pierce  
Mary Russell, PM  
Linnie Williamson, PM**

**Electa #9**

**Audrey Richard  
Edith Tomlinson, PM  
Winston Morton, PP  
Marion Banks  
Robert Brooks**

**Fort Monckton #11**

**Marjorie Campbell  
Robert Haley, PP**

**Saint John #14**

**Florence Armstrong, PM  
Donald McGuire, PP  
Ronald Hutchinson, PP  
Ronald Ferris, PP**

**Granite #15**

**Enid Theriault  
Henry Dillman**

**Philip A. Jerguson #18**

**Evan Kilpatrick  
Florence Armstrong, PM  
Margery Sharpe  
Vivian Magee, PM**



**Winston Churchill #19**

**Thelma Kierstead**

**Bathurst #22**

**Sarah McCabe  
Margaret Knowles  
Clara Daley, PM**

**Tobique #23**

**Catherine Duffy  
Dale Beveridge  
Beatrice Ferguson  
Nettie Ross**

**Lady Alexander #24**

**Isabel MacKenzie, PM  
Eva Good  
Freda Gerrard  
Zelda Gallup**

**Zetland #26**

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**Prince Charles #27**

**Ralph Glover, PP  
Helen Jarvis, PM  
Anna Parks  
Edith Parks, PM**

**Remembrance #30**

**Louise Miller  
Leona Calabrese, PM  
Elizabeth Rowe, PM  
Elta Ellis  
Arthura Simmons  
Harry Cole, PP  
Elderic Thorne, GGCCM**

**Lord Beaverbrook #33**

**Harry Saunders, PP  
Waldo Leaman  
Helen Grant (Partridge)**

**Unity #35**

**Gertrude Weeks, PM**

**Fidelity #36**

**Verna Shutt  
Joyce Brown, PM  
Albert Campbell, PP  
Nina Livingstone, PM  
Shirley Robinson  
Mildred Pooley  
Jessie Chisholm, PM**

**Devon #37**

**Carolyn Gunter, PM**

**Hillcrest #40**

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**Prince Andrew #42**

**Elizabeth Goodwin  
Vella Trafani  
Dilys Crammond**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sister Edna Clouston, PM (22)  
Sister Beth Corey, PM (35)  
Sister Edith Clouston, PM (22) Chairperson**

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

<b>Narrator:</b>	<b>Sister Edith Clouston, Grand Chaplain</b>
<b>Grand Adah:</b>	<b>Sister Janet Mallory</b>
<b>Grand Ruth:</b>	<b>Sister Sally Donald</b>
<b>Grand Esther:</b>	<b>Sister Anne McLellan</b>
<b>Grand Martha:</b>	<b>Sister Connie MacPherson</b>
<b>Grand Electa:</b>	<b>Sister Betty Powell</b>

**Grand Chaplain's Prayer:**

**Loving Heavenly Father  
As we come to you in prayer  
Be with us in these solemn moments  
For we need your love and care.  
You are a God of Hope and Promise  
You are a God of Peace and Trust  
As we pay tribute to our dear departed members  
We lean on you for we must. AMEN**

**John 14:18 Jesus said: "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."**

**In these quiet and tender moments of this day, our thoughts are focused on the lives of our loved ones who have left us to be in joy and peace in our Father's presence. Those links in our golden chain of friendship have been severed; however, there is a garden whose gate is always open, and through which our beloved Sisters and Brothers have passed. There with our Savior, they have become links in the Heavenly chain in the beautiful Garden of Peace.**

*Sister Audrey Sypher, Past Grand Matron, and Sister Isabel Morton, Past Matron, sang The Beautiful Garden of Prayer.*

**A Garden:**

A garden is a special place  
Planned by God's loving care.  
It is here that the seeds of life are planted  
To give birth to all that is fair.  
The first garden, The Garden of Eden  
Was God's expression of our beautiful earth  
Gardens have become a symbol  
Of our labours, sorrows and mirth  
Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane  
As he faced the sorrow and shame  
Of his crucifixion for the sins of the world  
For this, our Savior he became.  
It was in the garden that the women  
Met the risen Lord on that first Easter day  
So now to the symbolic garden we'll journey  
With lights to guide our way.

**John 14:6** Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life..."

**Matthew 5:8** Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

In loving memory of our Sisters and Brothers  
Adah comes to the garden with her light  
Her blue ray is a symbol of their fidelity  
And their respect to duty and right.

**Matthew 5:7** Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.

Ruth, though a humble gleaner  
Was faithful, obedient and true  
Her yellow ray is a symbol of our loved ones' constancy  
As their work in our Order shone through.

**Matthew 5:9** Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called the children of God.

Esther, queen of truth and loyalty  
Brought much purity, joy and light  
Her white ray symbolizes the joy our departed members brought  
Which we remember with much delight.

**Matthew 5:4** Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.

**Martha whose faith in the resurrection  
Assures us our loved ones have been  
Entrusted to an everlasting life  
She brings hope with her bright ray of green.**

**Matthew 5:10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake for theirs is  
the kingdom of heaven.**

**Electa's hospitality and loving kindness  
Was embodied in courage and power  
Her red ray reflects the love we received  
From our departed members that we honour at this hour.**

**Matthew 5:12 Rejoice and be exceeding glad for great is your reward in heaven.**

**Our tributes of light are now shining  
With honour, respect and love  
For those who have gone before us  
To their heavenly home above  
May you, God, in your tender mercy  
Bless and comfort all broken hearts  
Surround them with your loving arms  
So from you they will never depart.**

**We will always treasure the memories of our dear friends who were members of the Order  
of the Eastern Star. They have travelled the labyrinth of life, they have upheld the faith and  
they have enriched our lives with their many acts of charity, truth and loving kindness.  
They have found eternal rest from their labours and it is our hope that when it comes our  
turn to leave this earth, we will join them in that heavenly garden where Jesus is always  
waiting.**

***Sister Audrey Sypher, Past Grand Matron, and Sister Isabel Morton, Past Matron, sang Near  
To the Heart of God.***

**The Altar was lovingly draped in memory of our departed members.**

**The Closing Ode, An Evening Prayer" was sung and the Grand Marshal called the Sessions  
from Labour to Refreshment to Rest to reconvene on Saturday Morning, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 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*

**2008-2009**

*“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 11, 2009**

**8:45 AM**

**The Saturday Morning Session was preceded by a Musical Prelude given by the Grand Organist, Sister Norma Caswell, and the Assistant Grand Organist, Sister Jean Flewelling.**

**The Grand Choir entered the Chapter Room singing “Morning Has Broken”.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Sister Elaine MacLean, Past Grand Matron and Brother Clinton Shaffer, Past Grand Patron**

**Good Morning Sisters and Brothers:**

**It is my privilege and pleasure to greet you this morning and to be sharing the East with Past Grand Patron, Brother Clinton Shaffer.**

**I trust that each of you had a very pleasant evening last night and that you are well rested this morning by having a good night’s sleep.**

**A very sincere and warm welcome is extended to our General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Special Appointments and our Sisters and Brothers from other Grand Jurisdictions. We sincerely hope you are enjoying your stay with us and will take away many happy memories of your time in New Brunswick.**

**It is always a pleasure to give a special welcome to our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Shirley MacDonald on Eastern Star Journal; Sister Ann Morton, Chairman of Public Relations; Brother Doug Swan, Northeast Region Coordinator, VisionQuest and Sister Marilyn Hutchinson, our own Friend of a Feather. We, the members of this Grand Jurisdiction, are very proud of each of you.**

**To our members, your presence indicates your continuing support to your Grand Chapter and your dedication to our Order. I extend a very warm welcome to each of you.**

**Now, as we approach the final day of our 79<sup>th</sup> “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session, we as members will be making decisions that are vital to the future of our Order, as well as placing the government of this Grand Chapter in the hands of a new slate of Officers. May we be aware of the responsibilities that surround us and may we let the Star we follow continue to be our inspiration.**

**Brother Clinton, may we hear from you at this time....**

**Good Morning Sisters and Brothers:**

**It is indeed my pleasure to join with Sister Elaine MacLean, Past Grand Matron, to welcome each member here this morning.**

**A special welcome to all our visitors and we hope that you are enjoying your stay with us. To our own members of New Brunswick, this is a special day in our Grand Chapter for we will be electing those who will be our leaders in future years. May our deliberations be done in the spirit of promoting the welfare and prosperity of our Order.**

***Sister Conductress and Sister Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar for proper introduction.***

### **WELCOME**

**Sister Elaine MacLean, Past Grand Matron and Brother Clinton Shaffer, Past Grand Patron**

**Good Morning Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Officers:**

**Sister Linda and Brother Bob, thank you for inviting me to open your Saturday Morning “Golden Chain of Friendship” Grand Chapter Session with Past Grand Patron, Brother Clinton Shaffer.**

**In 1987 I had the honour of being Brother Clinton’s Grand Page and it is hard to believe that 22 years later, I would have the opportunity to perform this pleasing duty with Brother Clinton by my side.**

**Sister Linda, how quickly the year has passed and your journey is almost completed. As a friend, we have shared together some special memories of times when we served our respective Chapters and again when you served as Associate Grand Conductress for Brother Ambury and me at our “Treasures of the Heart” Session.**

**I’m sure you are looking forward to a well-deserved rest and as you look back on your year as Worthy Grand Matron, you will reflect on the many happy memories that you have accumulated during this past year.**

**Brother Bob, you showed great enthusiasm when you formed and directed the Drill Team, that we so enjoy watching. In the past year you have shown the same enthusiasm as you performed your duties as Worthy Grand Patron and really have extended your hand in friendship.**

**I congratulate you both, along with your Grand Family Officers on a very successful year of service. Each of you has had an excellent year and has done much to promote the welfare of our Order.**

**My best wishes to you both as you preside over the remainder of your session and again a special thank you for allowing me to share the East with Past Grand Patron, Brother Clinton.**

**Brother Clinton, may we hear from you at this time....**

**Sister Linda, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bob, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the honour and privilege of assisting in the opening of this Saturday Morning Session of the “Golden Chain of Friendship” Grand Chapter Session with Sister Elaine.**

**Sister Linda and Brother Bob, you have had a busy year and have made many new friends as you have travelled throughout this Grand Jurisdiction and beyond this past year. As this year is drawing to a close, I congratulate you and wish you many more happy years ahead in the work of our beautiful Order.**

*The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East and extended the Grand Honours. The Worthy Grand Matron was presented with her gavel.*

*The Grand Officers assumed their Stations.*

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Sister Elaine and Brother Clinton, thank you for calling to order and opening this morning’s session of the “Golden Chain of Friendship”.**

**Sister Elaine, we have known each other for several years and have become good friends. We’ve discussed many aspects of the Order and you have given me some very valuable advice. We’ve travelled together, laughed a lot and shared many memories both good and sad. Thank you so much for always being there.**

**Brother Clinton, you as well have been my advisor and friend over the years and shown your support of this Grand Family. It was always a pleasure to see you and Sister Hilda at our Official Visits and other functions this year. I thank you most humbly for being such a good friend.**

**Sister Elaine, please accept this token of our appreciation for opening this Session.**

**Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Sister Elaine, I haven’t had the pleasure to get to know you as well as I would have liked this year. Hopefully, we can correct that in the future. Thank you for opening this “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session. Brother Clinton, you and Sister Hilda followed the Grand**



**Family in just about all of our visits. When I had questions, you helped me to find the answers. Many thanks for your encouragement and friendship.**

**Brother Clinton, please accept this token of our appreciation for opening this morning's session.**

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Good Morning Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to welcome each of you to this final day of our "Golden Chain of Friendship" Sessions. We have important business to conduct today, let each of us consider very carefully what is best for our Order before making our final decisions. Let us remember the obligation we promised and ask for guidance from above.**

*A lovely duet entitled, "I Found a Friend, Oh Such a Friend" was offered by Sister Darlene and Sister Brenda Whitney. They were thanked by the Worthy Grand Matron for their singing and being at the Sessions.*

#### **INVOCATION**

**Sister Norma Jean Belyea, Past Grand Matron**

**Let us unite in prayer.**

**Our Heavenly Father, we pause prior to the business of the morning to thank you for the safety and rest of the night just passed, and for the blessings of the morn you have given us. May we use this day wisely, remembering to keep kindness in all of our actions.**

**We thank you for the service of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda, our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob and their Grand Officers. This is the last day of their special year, and we trust you will continue to bless them with good health and wisdom.**

**This is an important morning in the life of our Grand Chapter as we elect those who will lead us during the next four years. May those so elected be assured of the support of this membership. And may all of our members know your peace and loving kindness in the days ahead.**

**We thank you for listening to our pleas, for we ask them in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

*The Opening Ode, Here I am, Lord" was sung.*

*Previous Distinguished Guests not previously introduced:*

<i>Sister Carol Sutherland</i>	<i>PGM of New Brunswick</i>
<i>Sister Edith Conrod</i>	<i>PGM of Nova Scotia &amp; Prince Edward Island</i>
<i>Brother Aubrey Buck</i>	<i>Grand Representative of Massachusetts in NB</i>
<i>Brother Allan Hatt</i>	<i>Grand Representative of Tennessee in NB</i>
<i>Sister Linda Ames</i>	<i>Grand Representative of South Carolina in NB</i>
<i>Sister Bonnie Boutilier</i>	<i>Grand Representative of NB in Nova Scotia &amp; Prince Edward Island</i>

*The Grand Secretary, Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM, read the Minutes of Friday Afternoon which were approved as read.*

#### REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, the Credential Committee submits its 2<sup>nd</sup> Report as of July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009:

<b>Grand Officers of New Brunswick (Plus 1 Past Grand Matron)</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Past Most Worthy Grand Matron &amp; Past Most Worthy Grand Patron</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Elected General Grand Chapter Officer</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Appointed General Grand Chapter Officer</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>General Grand Chapter Committee Members &amp; Ambassadors</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Worthy Grand Matrons &amp; Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Past Grand Matrons &amp; Past Grand Patrons of New Brunswick</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Past Grand Matrons &amp; Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Elected Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Grand Officers' Emeritus</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in New Brunswick</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Grand Representatives of New Brunswick in other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Friends of a Feather</b>	
<b>District Deputy Grand Matrons of New Brunswick &amp; Others</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Voting Members of New Brunswick (Other than those listed above)</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>Members of other Grand Jurisdictions (Other than those listed above)</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>New Brunswick Chapters represented</b>	<b>23/23</b>

**Grand Jurisdictions represented** 20  
**TOTAL NO. OF OES MEMBERS REGISTERED** 325

Respectfully submitted,

**Credential Committee:**

**Committee Assistants:**

**Brother David Lister, PP (35)**  
**Sister Peggy Jagoe, PM (22)**  
**Sister Catherine Evans, PM (35)**

**Sister Gertrude Wilson, PM (1)**

**Sister Marjorie Morgan**  
**Past Grand Matron of Ontario**

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

**I promised I wouldn't speak more than 2 minutes because this is a very busy day in your Grand Chapter. Welcome – I think I have spoken to everyone of you during the past 3 days and I just am so happy to be here and to have this opportunity, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, to make a presentation to your Special Project, in appreciation for the lovely spot where we can greet everybody out in the front lobby. You have been so kind and so generous.**

**In your packet, Worthy Grand Matron, is our donation from Brother Art and myself, but Worthy Grand Patron I have brought a little package for you. Now in there are some – a little bit of nonsense – but it's acceptable nonsense – and Sister Linda – some thoughts from me and from Ontario.**

**You know, it has been a long time since I have been coming to your Grand Chapter – I think it was 1973 – my first visit here. I was thinking about the 2 ladies who met at a High School reunion after 30 years and one said to the other – Ethel, I didn't even know you – you've gotten to be so old. The other one said – Well, Marge, I'd never have know you either had it not been for that hat and dress! Sisters and Brothers, I was very careful not to wear the same hat and dress, but you still recognized me. My husband, Brother Art, said where in the world could you drive 2 or 3 days to a convention and be greeted with a big hug by 3 or 4 people before getting to the front door – only in New Brunswick.**

**I have to say the members of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick – I will always be grateful for the gift you gave me of an Honourary Membership. I am also pleased to be on the platform with Brother Fred Clarke who is about to be launched on the trip of a lifetime! I don't know if he knows or not, but he will be carrying an extra set of luggage with him – it's a little suitcase with all our love, best wishes and prayers for his success and satisfaction over the next 3 years. Congratulations.**

**Don't take for granted, Sisters and Brothers this beautiful music – it is like no other place. Musicians and Choir – you have done such a great job – Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda, how lucky you are.**

**I appreciate reading your Eastern Star Magazine. Oh, you've done so much. I just love the way you have it now and look forward to it coming. I know what you are doing in your Chapters – and to the Magazine Committee – congratulations.**

**Sisters and Brothers, it has been said that the quality of life can only be measured by how deeply that life has touched the lives of others. To me that fits my friends and my family here in New Brunswick Grand Chapter. You have touched so many. Your trademark is outstanding hospitality and genuine, genuine friendship.**

**Thank you Sisters and Brothers.**

*Brother Don Williams, PP, and Editor of the Eastern Star Magazine, made a donation to the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Projects. Monies were realized from the sale of "Star Trails".*

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**The Election of Officers was carried out under the leadership of the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob King.**

**The following Scrutineers were appointed: Brother Clinton Shaffer, PGP, Chairperson; Sister Margaret McCully, PGM; Sister Hazel Harris, PGM; Sister Ann Lister, PGM; Brother John Murray, PGP.**

**There were 191 Voting Members.**

**The following were elected for the year 2009-2010:**

<b>Worthy Grand Matron</b>	<b>Sister Lynn Hutchin (35)</b>
<b>Worthy Grand Patron</b>	<b>Brother Ebby Kuhn (37)</b>
<b>Associate Grand Matron</b>	<b>Sister Sherry Mitton (22)</b>
<b>Associate Grand Patron</b>	<b>Brother Ronald Oakley (26)</b>
<b>Grand Secretary</b>	<b>Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM (36)</b>
<b>Grand Treasurer</b>	<b>Sister Lynda Williams (36)</b>

<b>Grand Conductress</b>	<b>Sister Mildred Homer (5)</b>
<b>Associate Grand Conductress</b>	<b>Sister Jean Duncan (3)</b>
<b>Grand Sentinel</b>	<b>Brother Allan Gillis (37)</b>

*While the balloting was being carried out, the business of Grand Chapter continued.*

*Sister Janet Mallory, Grand Adah, moved that the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's Reports be laid on the table pending the Report of the Audit Committee. This was seconded by Sister Mickie King, Past Matron. Motion Carried.*

### **GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT 2008 – 2009**

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

**Another year has now passed in the life of your Grand Secretary – not always as smoothly as one would like. Again, I apologize to Sister Lynne Hatt, PGM and Brother Burton Hall, PGP for the delay in their Proceedings. Circumstances beyond my control occurred and I have been advised that the Proceedings will arrive after I return home from Grand Chapter!**

**I would like to thank Sister Lynda Williams, Grand Treasurer, for working with me this year. It has been a pleasure to do so and I value your friendship. Thank you.**

**To Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron – thank you for having me in your Grand Family this year – I have enjoyed your year, and only wish that I could have been at more functions. I also thank the Officers of your Grand Family for making me feel like one of them. Congratulations on a successful year and continued success with your Sessions.**

**To Sister Lynn Hutchin, AGM and Brother Ebby Kuhn, AGP, I wish for you a year of happiness, good health and safe travels, and if the membership will have me for one more year, I will do my best to assist you as your Grand Secretary.**

**Although we do see some growth in a few of our Chapters, our membership continues to decline due to the passing of our members or from demits. Hence, our membership as of now stands at 1,592.**

**Thank you to my counterparts in the Subordinate Chapters who do a fine job with their office. The Office of Secretary is a very busy one and often demands a lot of time in order to keep your membership aware of what is happening in the Eastern Star world. Thank you for your kind words of encouragement and support. I congratulate any new Secretary**

and wish them years of happiness and congratulate those Secretaries who have decided to retire.

Let me also thank Sister Nancy Kierstead, PM, who willingly agreed to be my Page for the Sessions. At least you can't say you weren't busy at Grand Chapter this year.

Finally, I extend my sincere thanks to the membership of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, for all your encouragement, your suggestions and your assistance in helping me carry out my duties as Grand Secretary. As I have said before, if you will have me one more year, I will do my best to make it a very productive and successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM  
Grand Secretary

**GENERAL FUND**  
**June 1,2008 to May 31, 2009**

Balance Forward as of May 31, 2008 \$ 12.61

**Receipts:**

LL Kyle Scholarship	\$ 2,355.00	
ESTARL	3,704.19	
Rituals	257.00	
Proceedings	722.00	
Postage	63.87	
Supplies	682.37	
Red Book	163.00	
Dispensations	11.00	
Special Account	8,143.64	
Per Capita Tax	8,362.00	
WGM's Special Project (2007-2008)	1,421.60	
Registration Monies	5,723.95	
WGM's Special Project (2008-2009)	2,164.50	
WGP's Special Project (2008-2009)	2,941.50	
Camp Goodtime	50.00	
International Headquarters Fund	<u>164.50</u>	<u>\$36,910.12</u>

**Total Receipts:** **\$36,922.73**

**Transferred to Grand Treasurer**

**\$36,910.12**

**Disbursements:**

<b>Renewal of Web Page</b>	<b>\$ 278.25</b>
<b>Printing of Session Booklet (2008)</b>	<b>789.17</b>
<b>Refurbishing of Jewels (2008)</b>	<b>1,033.52</b>

**Honourariums:**

<b>Asst. To Gr. Secretary- Lynda Williams</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>Gr. Secretary – Brenda J. Saunders</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>
<b>Gr. Treasurer – Charles Rafuse</b>	<b>400.00</b>

**Expenses:**

<b>Gr. Treasurer – Charles Rafuse</b>	<b>77.26</b>
<b>Gr. Chaplain – Ron Oakley</b>	<b>39.16</b>
<b>Gr. Treasurer – Lynda Williams</b>	<b>75.75</b>
<b>Printing of Proceedings (2007)</b>	<b>5,424.00</b>

**Donations:**

<b>DeMolay Boys</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Rainbow Girls</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>WGM's Special Project (Cancer- 2007-2008)</b>	<b>1,421.60</b>
<b>Camp Goodtime (Prince Charles)</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>WGP's Special Project (Scottish Rite Learning Center)</b>	<b>2,941.50</b>
<b>WGM's Special Project (Kidney Foundation)</b>	<b>1,107.25</b>
<b>WGM's Special Project (Cancer Society)</b>	<b>1,057.25</b>
<b>International Headquarters Fund</b>	<b>1,000.00 (US)</b>
<b>Complimentary Banquet Tickets</b>	<b>1,276.00</b>
<b>Room for MWGM, Barbara Benton</b>	<b>377.13</b>
<b>Reimbursement to Barbara Benton</b>	<b>395.95 (US)</b>

<b>ESTARL Scholarship (1)</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	
<b>Lottie L. Kyle Scholarships (2)</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	
<b>Liability Insurance</b>	<b>858.00</b>	
<b>Ann Morton, GGCCM (Expenses for International Weekend)</b>	<b>10.88</b>	
<b>Petty Cash Reimbursement</b>	<b>945.12</b>	
<b>Mileage:</b>		
<b>Mildred Homer, DDGM</b>	<b>131.75</b>	
<b>Sherry Mitton, DDGM</b>	<b>112.00</b>	
<b>Lynn Hutchin, DDGM</b>	<b>151.00</b>	
<b>Linda Cogswell, WGM</b>	<b>1,855.75</b>	
<b>Bob King, WGP</b>	<b>800.00</b>	
<b>Grand Chapter Supplies</b>	<b>896.33 US</b>	
<b>Per Capita Tax</b>	<b>1,744.00 US</b>	
<b>Dominion Regalia – Purchase of Grand Marshal’s Badge</b>	<b>130.57</b>	
<b>International Headquarters’ Fund</b>	<b>125.00 US</b>	
<b>General Convenor</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	
<b>Memorial:</b>		
<b>Elderic Thorne, GGCCM</b>	<b>30.00</b>	
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>		<b>\$34,884.19</b>

**GRAND SECRETARY’S PETTY CASH FUND**

**June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009**

**Balance Forward as of May 31, 2008** **\$ 24.88**

**Receipts:**



Received from Gr. Treasurer	\$ 895.12	
<b>Total Receipts:</b>		<b>920.00</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Safety Deposit Box	\$ 45.00	
Postage	870.00	
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>		<b>915.20</b>
<b>Balance as of May 31, 2009</b>		<b>\$ 4.80</b>

## **GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Sister Lynda Williams, Grand Treasurer**

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

**It is a privilege for me to submit to you my Financial Report for the year 2008-2009.**

**This year of service has passed very quickly it seems. It has been a year of learning for me as your Grand Treasurer and it has been a privilege to serve our Grand Chapter in this capacity. I endeavoured to pay the warrants quickly and all quarterly reports were sent out in a timely manner. It has been a good year with no problems to report.**

**Brother Charles, I would like to thank you for the smooth transition of the accounts. Everything was organized and easy to follow and I appreciate your advice.**

**Sister Brenda, we have been friends for many years. This past year we have spent several hours conversing and I enjoy the wonderful working relationship we have. Your friendship and help mean a great deal to me and I look forward to working with you again in the coming year.**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob, it has indeed been a wonderful year, being part of your Grand Family. I hope that your year has been everything you dreamed it would be. You are to be commended for your dedication and tireless commitment to our Order. I've enjoyed serving with you and wish you both much success in your Session and all the best in the coming years.**

**I would also like to thank the Finance Committee and the Audit Committee for their advice and guidance. It has been a pleasure working with you.**

**Sister Lynn and Brother Ebby, your time to lead our Grand Chapter is fast approaching and I look forward to working with you and being part of your Grand Family in the coming year.**

Now to my Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Lynda Williams  
Grand Treasurer

**GENERAL FUND  
JUNE 1, 2008 TO MAY 31, 2009**

Bank Balance (Charlotte County Credit Union) May 31/08	715.41	
Transfer from Special Funds – July 12/08	9,000.00	
Cancel Cheque dated Oct 1/07 – July 12/08	<u>30.00</u>	
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 9,745.41</b>	<b>\$9,745.41</b>

Warrants 1 – 10:

**Disbursements:**

Proceedings (McEwen-Graham)	5,424.00	
Bill Boone – OES Webpage	278.25	
Brenda Saunders, Session Booklet	789.17	
Lees Hamilton – Refurbishing of Jewels	1,033.52	
Lynda Williams – Assistant to Gr. Secretary	150.00	
Grand Chaplain – Ron Oakley	39.16	
Grand Treasurer – Supplies	77.26	
Grand Treasurer – Charles Rafuse, PGP	400.00	
Grand Secretary – Brenda Saunders, PGM	1,200.00	
CCCU Bank Fee (June)	2.00	
CCCU Bank Fee (July)	2.00	
Gr. Chapter of New Brunswick	250.25	
CCCU Bank Fee (August)	2.00	
Grand Chapter of New Brunswick	<u>95.80</u>	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>\$9,745.81</b>	<b>(\$9,745.81)</b>
<b>Balance: Charlotte County Credit Union (August '08)</b>		<b>0.00</b>

Warrant #9 – Fredericton Inn \$614.43 was voided

**GENERAL FUND CONTINUED:**

Opening Bank Balance CIBC July 2008 0.00

**Receipts:**

Received from Grand Secretary	\$23,439.26	
Received from Charles Rafuse, PGP	346.05	
Transfer from Special Fund(Per Finance Committee)	6,000.00	
Reversal of Bank Charge	<u>0.16</u>	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>\$29,785.47</b>	<b>\$29,785.47</b>

Warrants 11 – 43

**Disbursements:**

JM & CW Hope Grant Ltd (Insurance)	858.00
DeMolay Atlantic	500.00
Codiac Assembly #25 Rainbow Girls	500.00
Dominion Regalia – Grand Marshal Jewel	130.57
Grand Chapter of New Brunswick – Petty Cash	945.12
Doug Swan, GGCCM – Banquet Tickets	1,276.00
Fredericton Inn – MWGP, Bill Owens	377.13
MWGM, Barbara Benton(Hotel Room)(395.95 US)	427.59
Grand Treasurer’s Supplies	75.75
General Grand Chapter supplies (613.21 US)	750.94
General Grand Chapter Supplies (112.50 US)	148.98
General Grand Chapter Per Capita (1,744.00 US)	2,278.09
General Grand Chapter Renovation Fund (1,000 US)	1,070.00
General Grand Chapter Headquarters Fund(125.00 US)	165.29
General Grand Chapter Dues Cards (170.00 US)	205.59
Doug Swan, GGCCM – General Convenor	2,000.00
Ann Morton, GGCCM – International Weekend Exp.	10.88
Transfer to ESTARL – Vesper Service (July 2008 – Per Grand Secretary)	661.97
Transfer to Lottie L. Kyle – (May 2008 – Per Grand Secretary)	50.00
Printing of Cheques	117.58
Bank Fees	46.40

**Travel Expenses:**

WGM – Linda Cogswell	1,855.75
WGP – Bob King	800.00

DDGM – Mildred Homer, AGC	131.75
DDGM – Sherry Mitton, GC	112.00
DDGM – Lynn Hutchin, AGM	151.00

**Donations:**

Hatt-Hall (2007-2008) Special Project(Cancer)	1,421.60
Memorial – Kidney Foundation - Elderic Thorne, GGCCM	30.00
WGM Special Project – Kidney Foundation	1,107.25
WGM Special Project – Cancer	1,057.25
WGP Special Project – Scottish Rite Learning Center	2,941.50
Camp Goodtime – Prince Charles #27	50.00

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>\$22,253.98</b>	<b>(\$21,336.42)</b>
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<b>Bank Balance as of May 31, 2009</b>	<b>\$ 7,531.49</b>	<b>\$ 7,531.49</b>
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<b>Investments</b>	<b>NIL</b>
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**SPECIAL ACCOUNT**

**June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009**

<b>Bank Balance (Charlotte County Credit Union) May 31, 2008</b>	<b>\$10,750.91</b>
<b>Investments (Charlotte County Credit Union)</b>	<b>17,500.00</b>
<b>Interest from Investments</b>	<b><u>479.50</u></b>

<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$28,230.41</b>	<b>\$28,230.41</b>
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**Disbursements:**

<b>Transfer to General Account July 2008</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>
<b>Grand Chapter of New Brunswick</b>	<b>19,730.41</b>

<b>Balance August 2008</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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<b>Opening Balance CIBC July 2008</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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**Receipts:**

<b>Received from Grand Secretary</b>	<b>\$ 8,143.64</b>
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Received from Charles Rafuse, PGP	19,730.41	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>\$ 27,874.05</b>	<b>\$ 28,787.05</b>
<b><u>Disbursements:</u></b>		
Flex GIC	\$15,000.00	
Transfer to General Fund Nov 2008	6,000.00	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>\$21,000.00</b>	<b>(\$21,000.00)</b>
<b>Bank Balance May 31, 2009</b>	<b>\$ 6,874.05</b>	<b>\$ 6,874.05</b>
<b><u>Investment:</u></b>		
Flex GIC 40-3726573 @ 2.10%	\$15,000.00	
Matures Sept. 14, 2009 \$316.73		
<b>BANK BALANCE &amp; INVESTMENT MAY 31, 2009</b>		<b><u>\$21,874.05</u></b>

**LOTTIE L KYLE SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL FUND**

**June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009**

<b>Bank Balance (Charlotte County Credit Union) May 31, 2008</b>	<b>\$2,304.64</b>	<b>\$2,304.64</b>
<b><u>Disbursement:</u></b>		
Grand Chapter of New Brunswick	\$2,304.64	(\$2,304.64)
<b>Bank Balance (Charlotte County Credit Union) Aug 2008</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Opening Balance CIBC July 2008</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>Receipts:</u></b>		
Received from Grand Secretary	\$2,285.00	
Received from Charles Rafuse, PGP	2,304.64	
Transfer from General Fund – Per Grand Secretary	50.00	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>\$4,639.64</b>	<b>\$4,639.64</b>

**Disbursements:**

Daniel Pelletier	1,000.00	
Helene Landry	1,000.00	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Bank Balance as of May 31, 2009</b>	<b>\$2,639.64</b>	<b>\$2,639.64</b>
<b>Available for Scholarships 2009</b>	<b>\$2,639.64</b>	<b>\$2,639.64</b>

**ESTARL FUND**

**June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009**

<b>Bank Balance (Charlotte County Credit Union) May 31, 2008</b>	<b>\$2,327.46</b>	
<b>Investment</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	
<b>Interest on Investment</b>	<b><u>82.20</u></b>	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$5,409.66</b>	<b>\$5,409.66</b>

**Disbursements:**

<b>Grand Chapter of New Brunswick</b>	<b>\$5,409.66</b>	<b>(\$5,409.66)</b>
<b>Balance August 2008</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Opening Balance CIBC July 2008</b>		<b>0.00</b>

**Receipts:**

<b>Received from Grand Secretary</b>	<b>\$3,042.22</b>	
<b>Received from Charles Rafuse, PGP</b>	<b>5,409.66</b>	
<b>Transfer from General Fund – Vesper Service July 2008 (Per Grand Secretary)</b>	<b>661.97</b>	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>\$9,113.85</b>	<b>\$9,113.85</b>

**Disbursements:**

<b>Presbyterian College (Marc Fisher)</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	
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Flex GIC	2,500.00	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>
Bank Balance May 31, 2009	\$3,613.85	\$3,613.85
 <b><u>Investment:</u></b>		
Flex GIC #37-4467277 1yr @ 2.05% Matures Sept 14, 2009 \$51.53	\$2,500.00	
Bank Balance and Investment May 31, 2009	\$6,113.85	
Available for Scholarships 2009		<b><u>\$6,113.85</u></b>

**AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**  
Sister Christine Trenholme, Past Matron, Chairperson

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick:

We, the Audit Committee on June 29, 2009, 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, 2009. 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 for the past year.

We would also like to thank the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for their assistance in order for this Committee to complete the Audit. We also want to thank the Grand Treasurer for the well-prepared Quarterly Financial Statements the Audit Committee received throughout the year.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for the privilege of being of service to our Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Wayne Bannister, PP (5)  
Sister Christine Trenholme, PM (11) Chairperson

*Sister Christine Trenholme, Chairperson, moved that the Reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be lifted from the table and accepted together with the Report of the Audit Committee. This was seconded by Brother Charles Rafuse, PGP. Motion was carried.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
2008-2009**

**Sister Audrey Sypher, Past Grand Matron, Chairperson**

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

**The Finance Committee presents the following Report for the year ending May 31, 2009.**

**The Committee approved Warrants 1-43, in the amount of \$34,884.19, plus additional exchange on US money orders \$885.70 – total amount of \$35,769.89.**

**The required meeting following the Worthy Grand Matron's School of Instruction was held at Remembrance Chapter #30 on July 26, 2008.**

**This meeting is beneficial for all to review the allowable expenses as well as answer any financial questions that require interpretation by the new line Officers. Also specific dates were given to those who submit travel expenses to the General Account, to meet anticipated expenses.**

**Recommendation: The Committee recommends the Grand Treasurer be allowed to e-mail quarterly reports, when necessary, to the 16 members who receive them. This would save postage, paper and get the Reports to those who receive them in a timely manner.**

**We extend appreciation to our Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the efficient manner in which they performed their duties throughout the year.**

**Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the privilege of serving on this Committee.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM  
Brother Graham Vincent, PGP  
Sister Audrey Sypher, PGM, Chairperson**

*Sister Audrey Sypher, PGM and Chairperson, moved the adoption of this Report which was seconded by Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM. The Report was adopted as read.*



**DISTRIBUTION REPORT**

**Brother Clinton Shaffer, Past Grand Patron and Chairperson**

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

**We, the members of the Distribution Committee, have examined the Annual Reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron and found them to be in proper order.**

**One recommendation in the Worthy Grand Matron’s Report has been forwarded to the Jurisprudence Committee. Also several By-Law changes have been submitted from various Chapters and have been processed in the proper manner.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sister Elaine MacLean, PGM  
Sister Lynne Hatt, PGM  
Brother Clinton Shaffer, PGP, Chairperson**

*Brother Clinton Shaffer, PGP and Chairperson, moved the adoption of this Report which was seconded by Sister Elaine MacLean, PGM. The Report was adopted as read.*

**REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT COUNCIL**

**Sister Norma Jean Belyea, Past Grand Matron**

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

**Brother DeWitt and I are pleased to bring our third Report to this 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. With the world financial situation being as it is, the value of this investment has fluctuated greatly during this past year. The value on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 was \$28,897.16 and that value changed down and then up constantly – being \$21,420.77 at May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. And the monthly dividends have decreased as well. It was our decision to hold tight and not do anything drastic with this investment.**

**The balance of our investments totalling \$130,000.00 are in Guaranteed Income Certificates at the TD Canada Trust as follows:**

<u>Certificate No.</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
5080-8065148-12	26,000.00	Sept 22/06	Sept 22/09	4.00% annually

5080-8065148-13	26,000.00	Sept 22/06	Sept 22/10	4.00% annually
5080-8065148-14	26,000.00	Sept 22/06	Sept 22/11	4.00% annually
5080-8065148-10	26,000.00	Sept 24/07	Sept 24/12	4.70% annually
5080-8065148-11	26,000.00	Sept 22/06	Sept 23/13	4.50% annually

The interest received during the period June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009 was

\$2,761.64 from CIBC Wood Gundy and  
 \$5,382.00 from TD Canada Trust on September 22, 2008  
 \$8,143.64 total for this Grand Chapter year

This is \$332.42 less than interest received last year, which, under the circumstances, is not too bad.

All interest payments are 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 adoption of this Report which was seconded by Brother DeWitt Lister, PGP. The Report was adopted as read.*

*The alarm rang on the Magazine Table and the winner was Sister Olive Smollett, PM.*

**EASTERN STAR JOURNAL REPORT**  
 Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

I am pleased to give my Report as General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Eastern Star Journal. My term is rapidly drawing to a close and I can only express how much I have enjoyed the friendships I have made and the excitement of seeing articles on New Brunswick appearing in print in the Journal.

I have had the honour of bringing greetings on behalf of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Owens, at many Chapter meetings and Grand Family Exchanges. It was with regret that I missed the nine-Jurisdiction Exchange in February but from all accounts it was well organized and all had a wonderful time.

**I have attended Grand Chapter Sessions of Maine, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Vermont as well as Massachusetts over the past three years and still have New Hampshire and Ontario to visit to complete my responsibilities.**

**At the beginning of my three years I contacted each Jurisdiction I was responsible for and will be sending a thank you to them now for all their support in promoting the Journal. Subscriptions have increased but until I receive the final statistics it is difficult to determine the numbers.**

**I wish to thank all the Chapters and individuals who have subscribed over the past three years. Your support was very much appreciated. We do not have a New Brunswick Committee member on the Eastern Star Journal for the next Triennium but I would encourage you to continue to submit your articles and pictures as you have been doing, for only by continuing to support it can the Journal succeed and for those of us who subscribe we appreciate all the interesting information and timely quotes and poems in each issue. With one-liners like: “If you can’t be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.” “Always read stuff that will make you look good, in case you die in the middle of it” and “Always accept that some days you will be the pigeon and some days you will be statue.”**

**I also wish to express a special heart-felt thanks to my own Chapter, Prince Charles #27 and the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Club for all their support. The Reception hosted for me by my Chapter will ever be a very special memory of my three-year Commission.**

**My best wishes go out to the new Committee Members who will serve in the 2009-2012 Triennium of Sister Rene Ofton and Brother Fred Clarke – Sister Donna Allen, Sister Marjorie Colton, Sister Debbie Hill, Brother Ronald Jagoe and Brother Graham Vincent. I know you will enjoy your three years and New Brunswick is proud of you.**

**Sister Ann Morton, GGCCM and Brother Doug Swan, GGCCM, I was pleased to attend each of your Receptions as Committee members and have enjoyed sharing these three years with you and commend you both on all your efforts for our Order. We were all saddened at the loss of Brother Elderic Thorne, GGCCM, and continue to miss his special qualities, quiet manners and friendly smile.**

**I would like now to thank Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Owen, for this special opportunity in my life and thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob for the opportunity to present this Report.**

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**

**Sister Ann Morton, General Grand Chapter Committee Member**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:**

**This will be my final report to you for the 2006-2009 Triennium. I wish to thank the members of this Grand Chapter for your support and encouragement. Being Chairman of this Public Relations Committee has been a great learning experience for me, difficult and frustrating at times.**

**The “Follow the Star” Brochure has been revised and is in the hands of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. I do not know what her intentions are as to the distribution of the Brochure.**

**One of my recommendations was to suggest that the “Follow the Star” Brochure be translated into other languages, such as Spanish, French, Portuguese, Italian and German.**

**Our Committee agreed that we are in serious need of some publicity whether an effective video to be mass produced and/or radio advertisement to let the general public know we exist.**

**Sisters and Brothers the internet is our best tool for communicating news and information about the Order of the Eastern Star. It is important for every Grand Chapter to have a website, but the website should also be easy to navigate through. If we are to attract younger people to our Order, we need to provide a media for today’s generation to access information.**

**Throughout this Triennium, I was pleased to work with Sister Shirley MacDonald, General Grand Chapter Committee member on Eastern Star Journal and Brother Doug Swan, Northeast Region Co-ordinator on Visionquest.**

**We were saddened to lose one of our General Grand Chapter Committee Members – Brother Elderic Thorne on Visionquest. His loss will be felt throughout this Jurisdiction.**

**I will close with this story which relates to how the public perceives us and how we need to be on our best behaviour if we are advertising that we are Eastern Star members.**

**A man was being tail-gated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.**

**The tail-gating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer.**

**The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed and placed in a holding cell.**

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door – she was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, “I’m very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the “What would Jesus Do” bumper sticker, the “Follow Me to Sunday School” bumper sticker and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk.”

**NATURALLY...I ASSUMED YOU HAD STOLEN THE CAR.**

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me the opportunity to present my Report for the final time.

### **VISIONQUEST**

**Brother Doug Swan, General Grand Chapter Committee Member  
(On behalf of Brother Elderic Thorne, GGCCM)**

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

It is with pleasure that I present this VisionQuest Report.

Brother Elderic said that being a VisionQuest General Grand Chapter Committee Member was a tremendous experience for him.

As he travelled around this Province, visiting various Chapters, he was very well received by the general membership.

Elderic concluded that the greatest challenge that the Order of the Eastern Star as well as other Masonic bodies have to face today is membership, and that Fraternal organizations, service clubs and many churches are facing similar problems.

He suggested that each one of us should make sure that we have someone to replace ourselves when we can no longer be active in the Order.

Elderic noted that the requirement by every candidate to have Masonic affiliation caused our Order to have a small pool of persons to draw from for membership. He said it is imperative that all Masonic bodies work together, especially the Masons and the Eastern Star, to ensure that these organizations are able to remain vibrant and productive in our communities.

Visiting the Subordinate Chapters was the highlight of these past years for him and he wanted to thank every Chapter for their interest, their support and their complete co-operation along with their great food and refreshments.

As your General Grand Chapter VisionQuest Committee Member, he discussed issues relevant to the Chapters and looked at options which could be of some benefit to them.

Every Chapter had its own unique situations and problems, and by working with each Chapter individually, he intended to find some answers.

He wanted to thank the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, and the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Owen, for this appointment. It was both interesting, exciting and challenging for him and he said the three years were slipping away much too quickly.

Sister Linda, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bob, Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for allowing me the privilege of addressing your Grand Chapter Sessions.

“Don’t walk in front of me, I may not follow  
Don’t walk behind me, I may not lead  
Just walk beside me, and be my friend.”

*The Report was accepted as read.*

**ESTARL**  
Sister Linda Murray, Past Matron and Chairperson

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

On behalf of the ESTARL Committee for 2008-2009, I wish to submit the following Report:

Two applications were received but one did not meet the requirements for consideration.

Therefore the following Scholarship was awarded:

Marc William Fraser	\$3,000.00	The Presbyterian College, Montreal, PQ	Prince Andrew #42
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The Committee thanks the Chapters for their support in this worthwhile work of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter for the honour and privilege of serving on this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev Keith Lyons, PP (33)

**Sister Susan Glazier, PM (1)**  
**Brother Raymond Kraglund, PP (24)**  
**Sister Jean Duncan, PM (3)**  
**Sister Linda Murray, PM (26) Chairperson**

*Sister Linda Murray, Chairperson, moved the adoption of this Report which was seconded by Brother Raymond Kraglund, PP. The Report was adopted as read.*

**LOTTIE L. KYLE SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL FUND REPORT**  
**Sister Brenda Whitney, Past Matron and Chairperson**

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

**This year, the allotted funds for the Lottie L Kyle Scholarships was \$2,304.00. We received three applications of which we could only accept two.**

**On behalf of the 2008 Lottie L. Kyle Scholarship Committee, it gives us great pleasure to award Daniel Pelletier, sponsored by Frank H. Tingley #5 the Lottie L. Kyle Scholarship, of \$1,000.00. Helene Landry, sponsored by Queen Mary #4 also received \$1,000.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sister Brenda Whitney, PM, Chairperson**

**Committee Members:**

**Sister Eleanor Butland, PM**  
**Sister Joyce McInnes, PM**  
**Sister Linda Boone, PM**  
**Sister Wilma Spencer, PM**

*Sister Brenda Whitney, Chairperson, moved the adoption of this report which was seconded by Sister Joyce McInnes, PM. The Report was adopted as read.*

**INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS' FUND REPORT**  
**Sister Dorothy Stewart, PM, Chairperson**

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

**New Brunswick is again 100% paid up for the year 2008-2009.**

**There were 21 Initiations and 9 Affiliations for a total of 30. All monies have been forwarded to General Grand Chapter.**

**We thank you for the privilege of serving on this Committee.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sister Annie Watson, PM  
Brother Nathan Rubin, PP  
Sister Dorothy Stewart, PM, Chairperson**

*Sister Dorothy Stewart, Chairperson, moved the adoption of this Report which was seconded by Brother Nathan Rubin. The Report was adopted as read.*

**EASTERN STAR MAGAZINE REPORT  
Brother Don Williams, Editor**

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

**We were pleased this year to be able to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in print. A special May issue was created to commemorate this milestone and reaffirm the vision of its founders. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we have in creating it for you. We especially want to thank all those who send congratulations and tributes for our continued success.**

**In January we were notified by Acadie Presse, that due to the smaller size of their new presses, the cost of printing our magazine would increase by \$2,000 per year. Upon inquiry, the printer informed us, that if we could reduce the size of the magazine by a mere one-quarter of an inch on the side and bottom, we could eliminate the increased cost, gain an additional 4 pages and actually reduce last year's rate by \$200. This was a real win-win for the magazine.**

**We have also seen some changes in our committee. I want to thank Sister Donna McEwen, for all the work she generously put in as our Distribution Manager. Always a joy to work with, we will miss her eager enthusiasm. We were pleased to welcome Brother Colin Allen in this role beginning with the February issue. During the last year, we developed a new subscription program that allows Sister Sylvia Bannister to simply e-mail her up-to-date Subscription list to Brother Colin. He is now able to easily sort by postal code, print and affix mailing address labels. In addition to saving shipping costs, our new system also allows us to easily add and update subscriber information.**

**We continue to acquire some of our content from the OESNB website and congratulate Sister Mickie King and Brother Bill Boone on a very successful site. We also applaud Sister Lynne Hatt for volunteering to continue this work as Sister Mickie retires as web mistress.**

**For the magazine itself, this year we have concentrated on refining the layout and content. You've told us you like the photos. We've updated our software and photos are now more easily added and I have strived to put more in each issue. We've reported on Grand Chapter special projects, chapter anniversaries and special interest items like the**



**“miniature chapter room”, the OES cave and a tornado that destroyed a chapter in Arkansas, while in session. We are always looking for ways to keep your magazine current and interesting.**

**For nearly a quarter of a century, Sister Margaret McCully’s “Star Trails of New Brunswick” has guided OES members in their travels. We decided to update the booklet and make it available once again. Building photos were added, new meeting times included, maps updated and “silent” chapters removed. Profits from the sale will be shared between the Worthy Grand Matron’s and Worthy Grand Patron’s special projects and the OES Magazine.**

**I wish to thank the following committee members for their dedication and hard work this year:**

**Magazine Committee:**

**Donna Allen, PGM - Publication Chairman  
Don Williams, PP – General Editor, Format & Printing  
Dorothy Allan, PM – Secretary/Treasurer  
Sylvia Bannister, PM – Subscriptions  
Elaine MacLean, PGM – Advertising  
Colin Allen, PP – Distribution  
Lynda Williams, PM – OES News, Memorials and Greetings  
Olive Smollett, PM – Home Maker Page  
Mildred Homer, PM – Star Crafts  
Sydney Butland, PP – Programs and Tributes**

**We’ve come a long way from where we started and the magazine has grown and prospered along the way. Through subscriptions, donations, memorials and Christmas greetings, you have put us solidly “in the black”. On behalf of Sister Donna and her entire committee, we wish to thank our Sisters and Brothers for their overwhelming support. Your committee members have been pleased to serve this Grand jurisdiction in 2008-2009.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Brother Don Williams, PP, Editor**

***Brother Don Williams, Editor, moved the adoption of this Report which was seconded by Sister Donna Allen, PGM. The Report was adopted as read.***

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE EASTERN STAR MAGAZINE**  
**Sister Dorothy Allan, Secretary/Treasurer**  
**April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to present the following Report for the New Brunswick Eastern Star Magazine for the period of April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009.**

**Balance forward April 1,2008** **\$ 3,397.04**

**Receipts:**

<b>Christmas Greetings</b>	<b>\$1,225.00</b>	
<b>Donations</b>	<b>839.00</b>	
<b>Memorials</b>	<b>310.00</b>	
<b>Thank you's, etc.</b>	<b>70.00</b>	
<b>Subscriptions</b>	<b>4,192.83</b>	
<b>Advertising</b>	<b>2,055.19</b>	
<b>Anniversary Greetings</b>	<b>405.00</b>	
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$9,097.02</b>	<b>\$12,494.06</b>

**Expenditures:**

<b>Printing</b>	<b>\$3,950.48</b>	
<b>Postage</b>	<b>1,188.51</b>	
<b>Honourarium Editor</b>	<b>500.00</b>	
<b>Bank Charges</b>	<b>103.84</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>	<b>35.27</b>	
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$5,778.10</b>	<b>\$ 5,778.10</b>

**Balance March 31, 2009** **\$ 6,715.96**

**Our Editor, Brother Don Williams, has the magazine printer-ready, with graphics and pictures which saves the magazine \$1,500.00 per issue. This makes the balance possible. Sister Lynda Williams assists him with chapter write-ups, memorials, greetings, etc.**

**Sister Donna McEwen, PGM, and now Brother Colin Allen, PP, sorts, labels and takes the magazines to the Post Office for mailing – another cost-saving. Sister Elaine MacLean, PGM, handles advertising and Sister Sylvia Bannister, PM, the subscriptions – all which requires many hours of work. Sister Donna Allen, PGM, chairs this Committee. It is these Committee members and the Chapters and their members which makes this magazine possible.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sister Dorothy Allan, PM  
Secretary/Treasurer**

*In the absence of Sister Dorothy Allan, Brother Don Williams, Editor, moved the adoption of this Report which was seconded by Sister Donna Allen, PGM. The Report was adopted as read.*

### **FRATERNAL REPORT**

**Sister Lynn Hutchin, Associate Grand Matron**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron,  
General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members,  
Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:**

**Sister Sherry Mitton, Sister Mildred Homer and I have been on a wonderful journey as we reviewed the Proceedings from our Sister Jurisdictions. As Dr. Seuss would say..."Oh, the Places You'll Go."**

**Although the decorations varied from Noah's Ark, Angels, Stars, Birds, Flags, Trees, Snowmen, Snowflakes, Nativity Sets and old Indian Motorcycles and there was every kind of flower you could imagine used, the main theme was to strengthen fraternal bonds and to discuss ways to increase membership.**

**Our journey began in Alabama in October, 2006 with the "Covenant of Love" Session where we saw Sister Michelle McBride, the Grand Representative of Alabama in New Brunswick, participating in the Cavalcade of Flags parade. Here we learn that one of Sister Sarah J. Roberts and Brother Jerry W. Mulkey special projects was the Shriners' Hospital for Sick Children- Harelip and Cleft Palette Unit. Our sympathies go out to Sister Sarah on the sudden loss of her husband, Brother Frank Roberts, Grand Sentinel.**

**Next we arrived in Arkansas for the "Peace – Let it Begin with Me" Session in December, 2006, where Sister Glenda Peyton and Brother Johnnie Stovall participated in a "Tailgate Party" with the Grand Chapter of Louisiana. Funds were raised for the Arkansas Children's Hospital, the Red Cross and ESTARL.**

**March, 2007, saw us in Louisiana at the "Music of the Stars" session where Sister Jane McDaniel and Brother Richard Shaw were able to raise funds for St. Jude's Cancer Services and Ronald McDonald House. We have already heard about their "Tailgate Party" with Arkansas, but they also took a trip to New York City.**

**April was a really busy month so we had to split up and compare notes.**

**Sister Mildred went to Mississippi, where Sister Nina Aucoin and Brother Bidwell “Bid” Owens held their “A New Beginning” Session. Their theme was to Learn from the Past, Live for the Present and Build for the Future. The Shrine Children’s Hospital and Disabled Veterans were their special projects.**

**With no rest for the weary – Sister Mildred hopped up to Tennessee to visit the “Jesus is the Light” Session. Sister Sue Hastings and Brother Glen Choale had as their motto – “Believe in the Beauty of your Dreams.”**

**Sister Mildred continued North to Saskatchewan for the “Country Sunshine” Session. Sister Betty Airey and Brother Vern Mittelholz had for their special projects, Children’s Health and Hospital Foundation and Ronald McDonald House. They also had a “Miles and Smiles” display where they invited all members to share pictures of the special children in their family.**

**Sister Sherry was at the “Garden of Dreams” Session in Florida where Charlene Williams’ and Brother Robert “Bob” Welch’s special project was Florida Hospice and Palliative Care. They took a break from fund raising to go on a Caribbean Cruise.**

**Travelling North, Sister Sherry checked out the “Starlight – Starbright” Session of Sister Lynn S. Wakefield and Brother Francis C. LaPlante, Sr., in Connecticut. Here she learned of an OES-DeMolay-Rainbow event where they played Laser Tag. A fun day was had by all and there were no reports of injury.**

**I attended the “Spirit of Christmas” Session in Kansas. Sister Nancy J. Zook and Brother Don R. Flickinger were busy raising funds for Awareness of Ovarian Cancer, Ronald McDonald House, ESTARL, Youth Groups and the Masonic Home Eastern Star Chapel. During their term they had the pleasure of presenting 25-75 year pins and 342-50 year pins.**

**May – like April saw us going our separate ways as we visited six more Grand Chapters.**

**I started off in Nebraska at the “Love is in the Air” Session of Sister Betty Kirby and Brother William “Bill” Parrish. They toured the new Kansas City Speedway, and Sister Betty got to do a couple of laps in a NASCAR. I’m jealous.**

**Travelling Southeast to Virginia, I attended the “Spirit of our Star” Session where I found out that Sister Bonnie Boone and Brother Rex Gay, along with 26 other members had taken a trip to the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. While there they went to an “Evangeline” exhibit, the Tattoo and to Magnetic Hill, Moncton, New Brunswick.**

**Next, I had the pleasure of attending the “Sailing in Starlight” Session of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. Although they do not fall under our General Grand Chapter, Sister Anne M. Flynn and Brother Robert Bell spread the spirit of the Order of the Eastern Star through their generous donations to hospitals and scholarships. One of their fund raisers was a “High Seas” Murder Mystery dinner Theater.**

**Sister Sherry was in Delaware for their “Our Garden Tea Party” Session. Sister Ann L. Street and Brother Warner Bud” C. Haynie continued with the Benefit for Children project which began in 1950 and has raised more than three-quarters of a million dollars for children with special needs.**

**Sister Mildred finally got to be close to home as she attended the “Believe in Your Dreams” Session of Sister Susan Gaines and Brother Newell Farrington in Maine. Our Grand Jurisdiction was honoured by having Brother Graham Vincent present the Canadian Flag and Sister Donna McEwen give the tribute to the Flag.**

**Flying over the Great Lakes, Sister Mildred arrived in Wisconsin for the “Garden of Faith” Session of Sister Helen Wheeler and Brother John Knee. The Star Points wore robes at the Session which were made over 100 years ago out of wool by a group of Eastern Star women.**

**Sister Mildred then proceeded west to the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and the Yukon where she visited Sister Kim Ball and Brother Dave Boot. Their special projects were BC Cancer and the Elizabeth Bentley Bursary.**

**Finally, it’s June and we can once again travel together.**

**We start off in Alberta for their “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Session of Sister Janet Wilkinson and Brother John Parkinson. Here we find Sister Norma Jean and Brother Philip Belyea. Brother Phil was the Grand Representative of Alberta in New Brunswick.**

**A quick trip Southeast to Indiana saw us at the “Magic of Friends” Session where Sister Cindy Cohee and Brother Frank Norman raised funds to build a deck off the dining area in the Medical section of the Masonic Home. In this Jurisdiction all of the Star Points are nominated for the position of Associate Grand Conductress.**

**Heading Northeast, we were at the “Hands of Friendship” Session in Idaho. The American Heart Association was the special project of Sister Carol Burbank and Brother Marvin Gerking. Sister Carol hosted a Grand Officer Christmas Party and their winter was broken up with a Hawaiian Island cruise.**

**In Montana, we found Sister Jeannie Cole and Brother Neil McGill presiding over the “Catch a Rising Star” Session. Their theme was to – Sow seeds of friendship; Seek out new members; Encourage them to join; Work together for the Order.**

**Off to Washington for the “Celebrating the Heart of America” Session with Sister Joanne Clark and Brother Terry Wiggins. Cancer, MS Research and Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders were their special projects. A trip to Scotland and Ireland was a highlight of the year.**

**July was a slow month and we only attended one Grand Chapter – the “Musical Gales” Session for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island under the leadership of Sister Gail Cook**

**and Brother Ronald Boudreau. Their aim was to – Think Joy, Speak Love, Seek Peace. The Canadian National Institute for the Blind – digital Talking Books was their special project. New Brunswick members presented were Brother Elderic Thorne, GGCCM on VisionQuest; Brother John Murray, PGP; Sister Lynne Hatt, AGM; Brother Burton Hall, AGP and Special Appointment, Sister Marilyn Hutchinson, Friend of a Feather.**

**In August we attended the “Let Your Light Shine” Session in Arizona with Sister Barbara Wunder and Brother Howard Davis. In this Jurisdiction, a Prince Hall Mason can be the Masonic relative of a petitioner, but for now Prince Hall Star members cannot visit OES Chapters.**

**North to Wyoming, finds Sister Sandra “Sandy” Birtwistle and Brother Spencer Nichols heading up their “Truth and Light” Session. In this Jurisdiction all members have to pass a proficiency test before they can be Officers.**

**The “Colorado Splendor” Session in Colorado was our only trip in September. Here Sister Janet Malara and Brother William Carlson chose the National MS Society as one of their special projects. In 2006 a covenant between this Grand Chapter and Columbine Grand Chapter Prince Hall Affiliate of Colorado and its Jurisdictions, established full and complete recognition between the two bodies.**

**Finally it’s October again, and we have our last four Jurisdictions to visit. It’s back East for a stop in West Virginia at their “Journey of Blessing and Hope” Session with Sister Bonnie Bonnell and Brother Lewis O. Braithwaite. Their special projects were Lung Disease and Rosenbaum Family House.**

**Up to Michigan where Sister Diane L. Parks and Brother James H. Wheeler held the “Joy of Christmas” Session and chose the Diabetes Foundation, Shelter House and Domestic Violence Shelters as their special projects.**

**The “Lanterns Glow” Session in New Mexico was our next stop with Sister Sabra Lee Manson Humphrey and Brother Robert Greiner. They will vote at the next Grand Chapter Session whether to make all members voting members.**

**The last stop on our year long journey was Kentucky for the “Walking Life’s Pathway With Friends” Session. Relay for Life-“Strolling for Cancer” was the special project chosen by Sister Marsha Porter and Brother Sammy Perkins. Sister Norma Smith, the Grand Representative of Kentucky in New Brunswick attended the Session.**

**Thus we end our journey with the knowledge that the order of the Eastern Star is continuing our good deeds through our many projects. Our membership should be very proud of their service to society.**

**A special thanks goes to Sister Brenda J. Saunders for distributing the proceedings for our wonderful journey and to Sister Sherry Mitton, Grand Conductress and Sister Mildred Homer, Associate Grand Conductress for helping to read and make notes on them.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Sister Lynn Hutchin  
Associate Grand Matron**

*Sister Lynn Hutchin, Associate Grand Matron, moved the adoption of this Report which was seconded by Sister Sherry Mitton, Grand Conductress. The Report was adopted as read.*

*Sister Lynn Hutchin, Associate Grand Matron, moved for an Open Installation by Invitation, which was seconded by Brother Allan Gillis, PP. Motion was granted.*

*The Alarm rang on the Magazine table and Sister Jeri Holt, GGCCM of Maine was the winner.*

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**I would like to take this opportunity to thank Devon Chapter #37 for allowing me to have their emblems and star point chairs to use at these Sessions. Also, thank you to those who picked them up from Brother Blaine and Sister Carolyn Calhoun's house. Our Back drop was made by someone Brother Bob knows and I thank him for looking after that. It's beautiful. Brother Colin Allen, thank you for bringing the pedestals from your home. And a very big thank you to all those who helped set up the Grand Chapter room on Wednesday. To everyone your help and support has been very much appreciated by Brother Bob and myself.**

**The Grand Marshal proclaimed these Sessions called from Labour to Refreshment to reconvene at 2:15 PM SHARP after the Drill Team Demonstration!!**

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

**July 12, 2009**

**2:15 PM**

**Prior to the beginning of the Afternoon Sessions, a very impressive Drill Team performance was carried out under the leadership of Sister Mildred Homer, Associate Grand Conductress.**

**We thank all of the Sisters and Brothers who spent much time perfecting the moves and formations you saw this afternoon.**

**Continued success to the Drill Team!!**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

**Sister Hazel Harris, Past Grand Matron and Brother Rupert Sypher, Past Grand Patron**

**Good Afternoon Sisters and Brothers, it is a great privilege and pleasure to join Brother Rupert in opening this Saturday afternoon segment and welcome all our members and visitors to this “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session. Friendship is a great part of our Order. We hope you are enjoying meeting your longstanding friends and making new bonds. Welcome to our guests who have travelled long distances to be with us. We are glad to see many of our own members, especially our General Grand Chapter Committee Members Sisters Ann Morton, chairperson of Public Relations and Shirley MacDonald, Eastern Star Journal, and Brother Doug Swan, Northeast Region Co-ordinator, Visionquest. You have performed your duties with wisdom and charity. We mourn the passing of Brother Elderic Thorne with his smile and good-natured personality. Your appointments will soon be over, and I hope you have enjoyed your duties.**

**Once again we have been entertained by the performance of the Drill Team – what an asset to our Sessions. Congratulations, Sister Mildred Homer, and your team.**

**Brother Rupert, may we hear your words of welcome?**

**Good afternoon Sisters and Brothers:**

**It is indeed a privilege and pleasure for me to assist in the opening of our last business meeting of your “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session, and to share this honour with my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Hazel Harris.**

**We extend a special welcome to all our visiting members. We trust you have enjoyed our Sessions, our hospitality, and our beautiful Province of New Brunswick.**

**It is always a pleasure to welcome our own members. This afternoon we will be transacting any new business that will come before us. May our final decisions be made in harmony, with the best interests of this Grand Chapter foremost in our thoughts.**

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

**Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Officers, welcome to your “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session, as you proceed with the business of the afternoon. I hope you have many happy memories of your year of service.**

**Sister Linda and Brother Bob, congratulations to you both. I think I speak for all our members when I express how much we enjoyed your visits to our Chapters as well as meeting you on other occasions.**



**Sister Linda, you have been competent in all your duties and your Watchwords – Love, Loyalty and Friendship – have been conveyed throughout the year.**

**Brother Bob, your energy and cheerfulness have inspired us wherever we meet. You have supported your Worthy Grand Matron capably.**

**We wish for both of you pleasant memories as you retire in a few short hours. Put your feet up, sit back and reflect, knowing you have done a fantastic job. Thank you for inviting me to join my Worthy Grand Patron in opening this Session.**

**Brother Rupert.....**

**Good afternoon Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Officers. Your term of office is rapidly drawing to a close. I wish to congratulate each of you on a wonderful year of service to our Grand Chapter. I am sure you have many fond memories of this past year and have established lasting friendships.**

**Sister Linda, you have served our Order with dignity. You are to be commended for all your efforts and can be very proud of your accomplishments, as your term of office comes to an end, may you enjoy health, happiness and wonderful memories.**

**Brother Bob, you can be very proud of your contribution to our Order. You have done an excellent job performing your duties, and have worked very hard. Both you and Sister Linda have travelled many miles for the good of our Order. Soon your work will be completed and you can have a well-deserved rest.**

**Thank you Sister Linda and Brother Bob for inviting me to open this Session with Sister Hazel.**

*The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East and extended the Grand Honours. The Worthy Grand Matron was presented her gavel.*

*The Grand Officers assumed their Stations.*

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Sister Hazel and Brother Rupert, thank you for opening this afternoon Session of “The Golden Chain of Friendship”. Our Order would be lost without our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. You both are always so willing to give advice and guidance when asked. Your kindnesses and support over that last several years have meant a great deal to me and I appreciate all you have done. Thank you for being such dear friends.**

**Sister Hazel, please accept this token of my appreciation for opening this session.**

**Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Thank you for opening this “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session. Sister Hazel, you have travelled many miles in support of our Grand Chaplain, Sister Edith and our Grand Family, Thank you.**

**Brother Rupert, we have shared many fishing tales in the past. I hope after these Sessions we can get together and share some time on a river somewhere in the Province. That “Big One” is out there just waiting!!**

**Brother Rupert, please accept this token of our appreciation for opening this session.**

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Good afternoon Sisters and Brothers – I hope you have enjoyed the Grand Representatives’ Luncheon or your lunch and are now ready to begin the important and vital business of this afternoon. The decisions made at this Session may permanently affect our Grand Chapter and our beautiful Order. Please pay close attention to what is being said and remember to vote for the good of the Order.**

*We were favoured with a Solo by Sister Doris Ann Craig, PM of Celestial #3, entitled “The Holy City”. The Worthy Grand Matron thanked her for the beautiful music.*

**INVOCATION**

**Sister Betty Danks, Past Grand Matron**

**Ever present God, as we gather in the closing hours of this “Golden Chain of Friendship” Grand Chapter Session, we thank you for your guidance and direction in all our deliberations. We thank you for the freedom in which we have gathered and for the privilege of sharing our fraternal bonds of responsibility, faith and love.**

**We are grateful for our dedicated leaders of this Grand Chapter Session. Give them peace of mind in the knowledge of work well done.**

**We ask your blessing on Sister Lynn and Brother Ebby who will soon assume leadership of our Order. Grant them wisdom and grace as they make decisions.**

**Bless each of us, we pray, as we finalize the business of this Grand Chapter. Help us to carry out the work that is now before us in our Chapters, and keep us faithful, each in our own unique ways.**

**All this we ask in Thy name.            AMEN.**

*Presentation of Distinguished Guests not previously introduced:*

*General Grand Chapter Committee Member on  
Visionquest*

*Sister Gretchen Brissette, PGM of Maine*

*Past Grand Patron of Maine*

*Brother Leighton Perkins*

*District Deputy Grand Matron of Maine*

*Sister Barbara Perkins, District #19*

*The Grand Secretary, Sister Brenda J. Saunders, Past Grand Matron, read the minutes of the Saturday Morning Session. They were approved as read.*

**JURISPRUDENCE REPORT**  
**Sister Donna Allen, Past Grand Matron**

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

**We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, submit the following Report:**

**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.**

**We approved the By-Law Chapter amendments for the following Chapters:**

**Queen Mary Chapter #4 – September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**ARTICLE 11 – SECTION 2**

**Delete the following:**

**The hour of the meeting shall be eight o'clock, PM**

**Insert the following:**

**The hour of the meeting shall be seven thirty o'clock, PM**

**Devon Chapter #37 – March 13, 2009**

**ARTICLE 11 - SECTION 1**

**Delete the following:**

**The stated meetings of this Chapter shall be held on the second Friday of each calendar month at the hour of 7:30 PM except July and August.**

**Insert the following:**

The stated meeting of this chapter shall be held on the second Friday of each calendar month at the hour of 7:30 PM except January and February.

We recommended changes in the By-Laws for Frank H. Tingley Chapter #5. These were corrected and later approved. Also Electa Chapter #9 needed clarification of Article and Section numbers before approval was given.

Frank H. Tingley Chapter #5 – November 10, 2008

**ARTICLE VI FEES AND DUES**

**Delete the following:**

The fees for degrees shall be Fifteen Dollars applied as follows: Fourteen dollars to the general fund and One Dollar for membership in the International Temple in Washington, DC. The fee for affiliation shall be 7.50 Dollars. These fees shall be applied as follows: One dollar for membership in the International Temple, Washington, DC and the remainder to the general fund. The fee shall accompany the petition.

**Insert in its place:**

The fee for degrees, affiliation and dues shall be set from time to time by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a stated meeting of the Chapter provided that the proposed change has been published in the regular notices sent to the membership before the stated meeting at which voting action is to be taken. Fees for degrees and affiliation shall include an amount set by Grand Chapter to membership in the International Headquarters, Washington, DC with the balance to the General Fund. In each case the fee shall accompany the petition.

**ARTICLE VI FEES AND DUES SECTION 2**

**Delete the following:**

The yearly fees shall be fifteen dollars payable in advance at the beginning of the fiscal year. Members receiving degrees after the middle of the fiscal year shall be required to pay only one half of the regular yearly dues in addition to the regular initiation fees.

**Insert the following in its place:**

The yearly fees shall be payable in advance at the beginning of the fiscal year. Members receiving degrees after the middle of the fiscal year shall be required to pay only one-half of the regular yearly dues in addition to the regular initiation fees.

**ARTICLE VI FEES AND DUES SECTION 3**

Delete 21 and Insert 19 in its place.

**ARTICLE VI FEES AND DUES SECTION 3 – shall now read:**

Members whose dues are in arrears for 19 months shall be so notified by the Secretary in writing not later than November 30<sup>th</sup> and informed that if required settlement is not made prior to the regular stated meeting in February, the names shall be read in open Chapter, at which time the member may be suspended by vote of the Chapter. All such outstanding cases shall be finally settled not later than the stated meeting in March that same fiscal year.

**ARTICLE VI FEES AND DUES SECTION 4 (new)**

**Insert the following:**

A schedule of fees and dues will be available to all members of the Chapter.

Electa Chapter #9 – April 1, 2009

**ARTICLE 2 SECTION 1 OF OUR BYLAWS**

The stated meeting of this Chapter shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30, except for July and August.

**Shall be changed to read:**

The stated meeting of this Chapter shall be held on the first Wednesday evening of each month at 7:30 PM except for the months of January and February.

We have reviewed the recommendations of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Patron's Report had the following recommendation:

That at the Schools of Instruction the Conductresses and Chaplain stop at the North, West and Southwest corners and wait for the Worthy Matron to bring up the Chapter.

*We do not feel there needs to be any action on this recommendation. It is the responsibility of the Worthy Matron to call the Chapter up at the proper time.*

Worthy Grand Matron's Report had the following Recommendations:

1. After attending many Installations over the last nineteen years, I noticed that some of the Installations are not as impressive as they used to be. For example, members leaving their seats and walking around the room when the Installing Marshal is trying to do their work. Officers being installed also participating in the Installation. I find things do not go smoothly if Officers keep changing places. I would like to see

**other members or members from other Chapters conduct the Installations. At the Schools of Instruction more emphasis should be stressed for Installations.**

*It is the choice of the incoming Worthy Matron to select her Installing Officers. The fine print in the Ritual and the instructions from the Red Book should be followed. We agree that the DDGM's should stress the Installation Ceremony at their Schools.*

*Some Worthy Matrons are not comfortable in asking members from other Chapters to do the Installation. Each Chapter should try to make the ceremony as impressive as possible. It is possible to use members from the Chapter if it is practiced.*

- 2. I would also like to see new members be appointed with a mentor to assist them in their new offices. Several new members ask me questions about their office or procedures in the Chapter meetings, which I did not mind answering, but if they had guidance from the knowledgeable members of their Chapter they would be more comfortable and inclined to go on to be Worthy Matron or take another office.**

*We also agree with this recommendation and again suggest that the DDGM's mention it at their Schools. No action is needed from this Grand Chapter.*

*The new Member's Handbook should be given to every new member.*

- 3. I feel it would be important to put in writing some form of procedure to follow when members with demits from a closed Chapter visit other Chapters. Also print this information in the Worthy Matron's Handbook.**

*This procedure is already addressed in the Red Book. It states that a demitted member can visit Chapters for one year. If the member has not affiliated with another Chapter, she/he is still a member of the Chapter which she/he holds the demit from and is entitled to visit for the year. If proving the Chapters numerically the Associate Matron has a list of Chapters. The Chapter which the member holds the demit from would be included in this list. The procedure can be included in the Worthy Matron's Handbook when it is revised.*

**We agree there are irregularities that are still with us as stated in the Worthy Grand Matron's Report. We understand that we are only human and that we all make mistakes. Our concern is that some members and Chapters know that they are doing the Ritualistic work incorrectly but continue to do so. We feel that every Chapter and member should be striving to do the best they can so as to do the work in a uniform manner.**

**Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the privilege of working on this Committee. Brother Burton and I were pleased to work with Sister Rose for most of the year. We were sorry she decided to resign her position on this Committee but were pleased to welcome Sister Glenna Taylor to finish out the year.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Brother Burton Hall, PGP  
Sister Glenna Taylor, PGM  
Sister Donna Allen, PGM, Chairperson**

*Sister Donna Allen, Chairperson, moved the adoption of this Report which was seconded by Sister Glenna Taylor, Past Grand Matron. The Report was adopted as read.*

**CONSTITUTION AND LAWS REPORT  
Sister Hazel Harris, Past Grand Matron and Chairperson**

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

**There has been nothing brought to the attention of the Constitution and Laws Committee; therefore, we have nothing to report. We assume all members are happy with the manner in which the Constitution is designed.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sister Debbie Hill, PGM  
Brother Gordon Steeves, PGP  
Sister Hazel Harris, PGM, Chairperson**

*Sister Hazel Harris, Chairperson, moved the adoption of this Report which was seconded by Sister Debbie Hill, PGM. The Report was adopted as read.*

**GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS REPORT  
Sister Betty Danks, Past Grand Matron, Chairperson**

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

**We, your Committee on Grievances and Appeals, are very pleased to report that nothing has been referred to us during the year.**

**We, therefore, assume that harmony prevails in our Grand Jurisdiction.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sister Donna McEwen, PGM  
Brother Ron Jagoe, PGP  
Sister Betty Danks, PGM, Chairperson**

*Sister Betty Danks, Chairperson, moved the adoption of this Report which was seconded by Brother Ron Jagoe, PGP. The Report was adopted as read.*

**COMMISSIONER OF TRIALS REPORT**  
**Sister Hilda Shaffer, Past Grand Matron, Chairperson**

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

**We, the members of the Commissioner of Trials Committee, have had nothing referred to us during the past year; therefore, have nothing to report.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Brother Rupert Sypher, PGP**  
**Sister Brenda Taylor, PGM**  
**Sister Hilda Shaffer, PGM, Chairperson**

*Sister Hilda Shaffer, Chairperson, moved the adoption of this Report which was seconded by Brother Rupert Sypher, PGP. The Report was adopted as read.*

**WEB PAGE REPORT**  
**Sister Lynne Hatt, Past Grand Matron and Assistant Administrator**

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

**As the new Assistant Administrator of our Webpage, we submit the following Report:**

**I accepted this position knowing that I would have big shoes to fill because of all of the hard work and time that Mickie has put in over the years. Thankfully she has only semi-retired and will still be a “hands on” member assisting myself and Bill in many ways.**

**This “labour of love” that I have undertaken has, on occasion, had me shaking my head or I should say, pulling my hair out....gremlins have entered the site many times when I just could not make something right!!! And pictures may be the reason for an early demise!! Mickie has been very patient with me and has helped me chase away the gremlins and tells me that soon the picture problem will go away as well! I sure hope that she is right.**

**Our webpage is second to none but we need your help in getting the news! Please keep us informed of your Chapter happenings and special events so that our site can be informative. If anyone has any comments or suggestions I am anxious to hear them...help us keep our webpage one of the best!**



**We provide a snapshot of statistics to back up the claim:**

<b>Number of visitors from July 1, 2008 to June 28, 2009</b>	<b>110,372</b>
<b>Monthly average</b>	<b>9,197</b>
<b>Pages Viewed</b>	<b>1,189,863</b>

**Most popular:**

<b>Chat Room</b>	<b>52% (at last looked)</b>
<b>Web Cal at</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Photo Gallery</b>	<b>10%</b>

**Since April I have received a question on the petitions being available on our webpage and passed that along to our advisory committee.**

**I also had an e-mail stating that people from other Jurisdictions were having a hard time finding the forms for our Grand Chapter Sessions and that in order to get to them you had to be a registered member...shouldn't we make this available to everyone and have it renamed? I passed this along to Brother Bill who took care of it immediately. You will now find the forms under the heading of 2009 Grand Chapter Session and they are available to all.**

**More recently I had been copied on an e-mail that had been sent to our advisory committee on the use of the chat room for discussing items of interest to the Order. It should be noted that only those who are registered have access to the Chat Room index.**

**We thank you all for your interest, comments and questions and look forward to hearing from you all.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Brother Bill Boone, Administrator  
Sister Mickie King, Assistant Administrator  
Sister Lynne Hatt, Assistant Administrator**

***The Report was accepted as read.***

**The following New Business was conducted:**

- 1. It was moved by Brother Wayne Bannister, PP and seconded by Sister Mickie King, PM, that a donation of \$500.00 each be made to the DeMolay and the Rainbow Girls. Motion was carried.**
- 2. It was moved by Sister Elaine MacLean, PGM, and seconded by Brother Doug Swan, GCCM, that we make Brother Don Pierce, PGP of Maine, an Honourary member of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick. Motion was carried.**
- 3. It was moved by Brother Doug Swan, GGCCM, and seconded by Sister Elaine MacLean, PGM, that a Laptop Computer and Printer be purchased for the Grand**

Secretary, in the amount of \$1,500.00. Funds are to be taken from the Special Account. Motion was carried.

4. It was moved by Sister Norma Jean Belyea, PGM, and seconded by Brother Doug Swan, GGCCM, that we give \$3,000.00 to Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, towards his personal travel expenses for the upcoming Triennium for 2009-2012. Funds to be taken from the Special Account. Motion was carried.

*The Alarm rang on the Magazine Table and the winners were: Sister Phyllis Mossman, DDGGM of New Brunswick and Brother Doug Swan, GGCCM.*

5. It was moved by Sister Audrey Sypher, PGM, and seconded by Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM, that the Grand Treasurer be allowed to e-mail her Quarterly Reports to the 16 members who normally receive them. Motion was carried.

*We were advised that the Dress Shop realized a profit of \$752.40. The monies will be split as follows:*

*\$500.00 for Daphne Cooper – Grand Worthy Advisor for Rainbow Girls  
\$126.20 for DeMolay  
\$126.20 for Rainbow Girls*

On behalf of Sister Debbie Hill, PGM, and himself, Brother Doug Swan, GGCCM, invited everyone back to the Fredericton Inn, on July 8, 9 & 10, 2010 for the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Session.

*The Alarm rang on the Magazine Table and the winners were: Sister Elaine MacLean, PGM, and Sister Connie MacPherson, Grand Martha.*

The Grand Marshal called these Sessions from Labour to Refreshment to reconvene at 7:00 PM SHARP!

#### **SATURDAY EVENING SESSION**

**July 12, 2009**

**7:00 PM**

The Saturday Evening Session was preceded by a Musical Prelude given by the Grand Organist, Sister Norma Caswell, and Assistant Grand Marshal, Sister Jean Flewelling.

The Grand Choir entered the Chapter room singing “Put Your Hand in the Hand”.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

**Sister Lynne Hatt, Past Grand Matron and Brother Burton Hall, Past Grand Patron**

**Good Evening Sisters and Brothers, and welcome to the final Session of “The Golden Chain of Friendship”.**

**A Grand Chapter is a work in progress for four years for the Worthy Grand Matron and there are so many people responsible for its success, including each of you for attending and supporting our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and their Grand Family. A big thank you for being here.**

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

**Good Evening Sisters and Brothers:**

**It is a great pleasure for me to be able to welcome each of you to this evening’s final segment of this 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Chapter Session.**

**I hope you have enjoyed the past few days and have been afforded an opportunity to renew old friendships and make some new ones. As we prepare to close this final session, later this evening, we will leave here with a greater sense of fellowship because of the time we have spent together. As we depart our hope is that you will have a safe and pleasant voyage home.**

*The Formations and Drills, under the leadership of Sister Marjorie Colton, PGM, were performed for the final time, as was the Ribbon Ceremony, under the leadership of Sister Elaine MacLean, PGM.*

*The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted west of the Altar for the final time.*

## **WELCOME**

**Sister Lynne Hatt, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Burton Hall, Past Grand Patron**

**Sister Linda, Worthy Grand Matron, one short year ago, Sister Donna and Brother Graham were welcoming us to our last Session...my, how that year has flown!**

**I congratulate you, and know all too well what you are feeling this evening. I know that you will have many happy memories of your year and hope that you have a well-deserved rest. I look forward to you joining me at the end of the line.**

**Brother Bob, Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you have enjoyed your year and have travelled many, many miles. My wish for you is that with each mile, kilometre, which you have travelled, you will have a happy memory. Congratulations!**

**Thank you Sister Linda for inviting me to open your Saturday Evening Session and for the opportunity to once again share the East with Brother Burton.**

**Brother Burton may we hear from you...**

**Sister Linda, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Bob, Worthy Grand Patron, and Grand Family, members of the “Golden Chain of Friendship” welcome you to the final Session of what I am sure has been a great year for all of you. You have made our Grand Jurisdiction proud.**

**Sister Linda and Brother Bob, you can be proud of the work you and your Grand Family have done this past year. You have travelled far within and outside of our Province and have always exhibited a true statesmanship quality that few can accomplish. I hope that you have made many friends that will remain for a life time.**

**I want to thank you both for inviting me to assist Sister Lynne in opening the final section of your Grand Chapter Session and giving me the opportunity to once again share the East with Sister Lynne. It seems like it was only yesterday that we were getting ready to close our Grand Chapter Session and step aside for a new Grand Family. Now it is your turn to yield to another new Grand Family and join us at the end of the Past Grand’s line. I welcome you both to the new role you are about to undertake. As a reward for your hard work and devotion, you will be retired to the ranks of the Past Grands; however, don’t get too comfortable as your work load does not go away, it just gets lightened somewhat. We wish each of you good health and safe travels as you continue to support our wonderful Order.**

*The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East and were extended the Grand Honours for the final time.*

*The Worthy Grand Matron was presented with her gavel for her final Sessions.*

*The Grand Officers assumed their Stations for the final time.*

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Sister Lynne and Brother Burton, I am so pleased to have you open this last Session of “The Golden Chain of Friendship” for us. We have know each other for a few years and I so enjoyed being in your Grand Family. You had a very successful year and made everyone in your family feel they were a valued member. We have tried to follow your example in the hope that our Grand Family also enjoyed their year. We had very big shoes to fill!! The friendship and support from you both has been very much**

appreciated. Very soon we will be one of you, as Past Grands, and are looking forward to a little relaxation and rest. Thank you.

Sister Lynne, please accept this token of our appreciation for opening this Session.

**Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Sister Lynne and Brother Burton:**

**Our Junior Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron, but not for long. I will be more than happy to replace you come Saturday night. I hope you have enjoyed your time this year and spent some time relaxing. Sister Lynne, thank you for relieving some of the pressure at home by taking over the Web Page.**

**Thank you both for opening our final “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session.**

**Brother Burton, please accept this token of our appreciation for opening this Session.**

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**A fraternal and sincere welcome to all our members and visitors attending this final session of “The Golden Chain of Friendship”. Our time is coming to a close but a new beginning in the history of this Grand Chapter is about to begin.**

**We welcome you to our hearts tonight  
Our friends from near and far  
We are so proud to greet you  
And to see so many here  
We will show you hospitality  
In the good old-fashioned way  
Just feel at home and make new friends  
And profit from your stay!**

*Sister Jeanne Wheelock, PGM, sang a Medley of songs for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Sister Linda, Worthy Grand Matron, thanked Sister Jeanne for the beautiful selection.*

#### **INVOCATION**

**Sister Jean Belding, Past Grand Matron**

**Let us bow our heads in prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as we come to the closing chapter of the “Golden Chain of Friendship” Session, we give thanks for all the blessings You have bestowed upon us during our deliberations and the harmony which has prevailed.

We thank You for the dedication of our members, which enables us to continue to work in charity and loving kindness for all people. We ask Your blessings on the new slate of Officers who will soon be installed. May they continue to work for the good of our Order.

We especially ask Thy blessing on all members, especially those who are unable to be with us at this time. Give strength to those who are sick and comfort to those in distress.

Watch over us as we go our separate ways, that we may look forward to returning another year, to continue in Thy service and for the good of our beloved Order.

All this we ask Dear Lord, in Thy name. AMEN

*Presentation of Distinguished Guests not previously introduced:*

*Sister Judith Wilke* Associate Grand Matron of Maine  
*Brother Edwin DeWitt* Associate Grand Patron of Maine

*Sister Norma Fairweather* Grand Representative of Delaware in  
New Brunswick

*Sister Rebecca Johnson* DDGM of Maine – District #9

*The Grand Secretary, Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM, read the minutes of the Saturday Afternoon Session. The Minutes were approved as read.*

**REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**  
Sister Catherine Evans, PM (35)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, the Credential Committee submits its FINAL Report as of July 11, 2009 as follows:

Grand Officers of New Brunswick (Includes 1 Past Grand Matron)	18
Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron	---
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron & Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	---
Elected General Grand Chapter Officer	1
Appointed General Grand Chapter Officer	1
General Grand Chapter Committee Members	9

<b>Worthy Grand Matrons &amp; Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Past Grand Matrons &amp; Past Grand Patrons of New Brunswick</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Past Grand Matrons &amp; Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Elected Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Grand Officers' Emeritus</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in New Brunswick</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Grand Representatives of New Brunswick in Other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Friends of a Feather</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>District Deputy Grand Matrons of New Brunswick and Other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Voting Members of New Brunswick (Other than those listed above)</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions (Other than those listed above)</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>New Brunswick Chapters represented</b>	<b>23/23</b>
<b>Grand Jurisdictions represented</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL OES MEMBERS REGISTERED</b>	<b>352</b>

Respectfully submitted,

**Credential Committees:**

**David Lister, PP**  
**Peggy Jagoe, PM**  
**Catherine Evans, PM, Chairperson**

**Committee Assistants:**

**Gertrude Wilson, PM**

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Thank you Sister Catherine for so willingly taking on the big job that you did. You and your Committee have done a great job and I know that it was not always easy at times. I truly appreciate all your efforts to help make these Grand Chapter Sessions run so smoothly. And thank you for being such a good friend.**

*When the sessions are completed this evening – please leave the plastic credential holders in the box at the back of the room. Please remove your identification card before placing the holder in the box. This helps us each year so that Grand Chapter does not have to purchase all new ones. Thank you so much.*

**Sister Linda Cogswell  
Worthy Grand Matron**

**Brother Fred, it is my pleasure, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, to present you with this cheque, to help with your expenses as Most Worthy Grand Patron during the next Triennium – and we are so proud of you.**

**Brother Fred Clarke  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron**

**Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, every time I come here, it's just like coming home – and now I am home. Thank you!**

*The lady who had a Jewellery table at the Grand Sessions made a presentation to the Worthy Grand Matron's Project in memory of her Mother and Father, Sister Alice and Brother Bill Cole of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.*

*Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda advised that the Rocking Horses behind the Star Point chairs are for the Star Point Officers to take home. They are a gift from the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob.*

*Sister Linda also advised that the Pocket Holders that are on the side of the chairs are being donated to the Grand Chapter for their use by Sister Janet Mallory, PM of Zetland Chapter #26, Shediac.*

**FAREWELL ADDRESS  
Brother Bob King, Worthy Grand Patron**

**Sisters and Brothers, the end is in sight and as your Worthy Grand Patron, this is the last time I get to address you as such. The last years will never be forgotten. This has been a thrilling journey and the memories I have will carry me the rest of my life. Thank you all so much for all the warmth, fraternal love and courtesies extended to me. I hope I have served this Grand Jurisdiction to all your expectations. Thank you for allowing me to serve this great Order.**

**To my patient and caring wife, Sister Mickie, who made sure I was properly dressed and prepared (although sometimes things got left on the dining room table). You did many countless things to get me ready, by making hotel and banquet reservations, doing my typing for me – otherwise I would still be at the processor with hunt and peck – who move very slowly. She is my constant travelling companion. Thank you, honey.**



**Thank you to Zetland Chapter #26, Fort Monckton Chapter #11, Frank H. Tingley Chapter #5 and Fidelity Chapter #36 – the best District in the Province. Of course, I'm prejudiced on that point – thank you for helping me on so many occasions and all the support you have given me.**

**To all the people who have been involved in this past 3 years – travelling companions, the people I have asked for advice, and our roommates. You are my “forget-me-nots” and friends – we've had a blast!! Oh....by the way, Sister Janet, “WE'RE FINALLY HERE”!!!!**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda, thank you for allowing me to share our “Golden Chain of Friendship” year equally in every way. We have travelled far and met new and old friends along the way. May the “Golden Chain of Friendship” last a lifetime. Thank you for the honour and privilege of being your Worthy Grand Patron, and remember – Sister Mickie and I are only a phone call away.**

**I will leave you all with this last thought  
When you stop having fun  
Stop doing what you are doing!!**

**FAREWELL ADDRESS  
Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**This has been a very memorable year for me and one that I will never forget. You, the membership, gave me the honour of being Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Jurisdiction and I offer you my heartfelt thank you. I have tried to the best of my ability to fulfill the duties of this office, with the guidance, advice and support of the membership. I hope that I made a difference in the Order. I do not profess to have achieved any great things but sometimes the smallest can make the biggest impression! I would like to say a special thank you to my personal Page, Sister Jean Duncan, of Celestial #3. We became good friends several years ago and have exchanged many ideas and thoughts on the Order. I always enjoy our little chats and you are so talented at lifting others spirits when they are down. Thank you to all the Pages and Guards for doing a beautiful job.**

**To our Grand Family – I have been so very proud of each of you all year long. My sincere thank you, to each of you, for being an important part of this Grand Family. Your “Mom” will never forget all the kindnesses and love you have given this year. Our Star Point Officers – behind each of your pedestals is a Rocking Horse, crafted by Brother Bob and these are your gifts from us. Please take them after the Installation is completed with our love and thanks. God Bless each of you.**

**To the Elected Officers – I sincerely wish each of you many happy and joyous memories as you enter each new year on your journey to the East. May you have good health and safe travels always.**

**Sister Lynn and Brother Ebby – you are about to become the new leaders of this Order and I know our Order will be in good hands. I hope all your dreams and wishes are realized as you become the keepers of the light and may the angels guide and protect you during the year.**

**Bro. Bob, my Worthy Grand Patron – I am so grateful to have had the honour of serving this Order with you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything that you have done for the Order and for me. I also need to say an extra huge thanks for always listening to me in my times of doubt and troubles. You have done a great service to this Order. When you say you will do a job, you give it your all!! And that is exactly what you did this year!! Thank you for standing beside me and being a wonderful friend. Now you can go fishing and take that long-awaited trip, Have fun and enjoy your leisure time!!**

**Sister Mickie – Thank you for sharing Brother Bob with me. I also appreciate all the work you did for us this year – your hospitality when I stayed at your home and all the travelling. I hope the three of us remain friends forever. Have lots of fun on your trip! May God’s blessing always be with you both and your guardian angel watching over your travels.**

**To all the membership, Devon Chapter, Zetland Chapter and all the Chapters who assisted in any way to make this a successful year of friendship and love, a special Thank You and God Bless you all.**

### **FRIENDSHIP**

**Friendship needs no symbol  
Or vow to make it whole  
It’s just a sacred covenant  
It knows no creed or station  
Or thought of gain or fame  
For what it does is sacred  
And is done in Friendship’s name.**

### **FAREWELL!!**

*The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were accorded a standing ovation by the membership in attendance.*

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Grand Marshal and Assistant Grand Marshal, you will retire and escort the special guests to seats reserved for them.**

**Welcome to Special Guests  
Sister Linda Cogswell, Worthy Grand Matron**

**Good evening and welcome to our Special Guests. This is a very thrilling night for Sister Lynn and Brother Ebby and their Grand Family, as they are installed as the new Grand Officers of the Order of the Eastern Star. I know they are very pleased to have their family and friends share this special night.**

**It is now my pleasure to introduce, Brother DeWitt Lister, Past Grand Patron, who will introduce his Installing Suite for this evening.**

**INSTALLING SUITE**

<b>Installing Grand Chapter Officer</b>	<b>Brother DeWitt Lister, PGP</b>
<b>Assisting in the East:</b>	<b>Sister Ann Lister, PGM Sister Debbie Hill, PGM</b>
<b>Installing Grand Chaplain</b>	<b>Sister Carol Sutherland, PGM</b>
<b>Installing Grand Marshal</b>	<b>Sister Lynne Hatt, PGM</b>
<b>Installing Grand Organists</b>	<b>Sister Norma Caswell, PM Sister Isabel Morton, PM</b>
<b>Installing Grand Soloists</b>	<b>WGM – Sister Pamela Coombs, DDGM Of Maine WGP – Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM Grand Chaplain – Sister Anne Murray, PM</b>
<b>Installing Associate Grand Matron</b>	<b>Sister Audrey Sypher, PGM</b>
<b>Installing Associate Grand Patron</b>	<b>Brother Doug Swan, GGCCM</b>
<b>Installing Grand Secretary</b>	<b>Brother Charles Rafuse, PGP</b>
<b>Installing Grand Treasurer</b>	<b>Sister Norma Jean Belyea, PGM</b>
<b>Installing Grand Conductress</b>	<b>Sister Ann Morton, GGCCM</b>
<b>Installing Associate Grand Conductress</b>	<b>Sister Hazel Harris, PGM</b>
<b>Installing Grand Adah</b>	<b>Sister F. Pauline Allan, PGM</b>
<b>Installing Grand Ruth</b>	<b>Sister Donna McEwen, PGM</b>
<b>Installing Grand Esther</b>	<b>Sister Marjorie Colton, PGM</b>
<b>Installing Grand Martha</b>	<b>Sister Leitha Holmes, PGM</b>

**Installing Grand Electa**

**Sister Hilda Shaffer, PGM**

**Installing Grand Warder**

**Brother John Murray, PGP**

**Installing Grand Sentinel**

**Brother Burton Hall, PGP**

**The following selections were sung:**

**“A Light is Gleaming” for the WGM by Sister Pamela Coombs, DDGM of Maine**

**“I Know Who Holds Tomorrow” for the WGP by Sister Shirley MacDonald,  
GGCCM**

**“Trust and Obey” for the Grand Chaplain by Sister Anne Murray, PM.**

**ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
BROTHER EBBY KUHN**

**Worthy Grand Matron, Installing Grand Officers, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers , Friends and Family:**

**It is hard to believe that the past two years since I was elected Grand Sentinel and now standing here as your Worthy Grand Patron has passed so quickly. I promise to serve you and to carry out the duties of this office to the best of my ability.**

**Sister Lynn, Worthy Grand Matron, congratulations on your installation, and I must say how proud I am to serve with you in this Grand East. I pledge my co-operation and assistance as we work for the welfare of this Grand Jurisdiction. With God’s help and that of our Sisters and Brothers, I trust we will have a rewarding year.**

**To our Installing Officers, I say thank you for a job well done. You were superb. I would like to extend a special thank you to Sister Debbie for installing me to this high office. It was your encouragement and urging that gave me the strength to let my name stand.**

**I would like to commend the Soloists and Organist for their beautiful music and a special thank you to Sister Shirley for singing one of my favourite hymns.**

**At this time, I would like to thank my Fraternal Mom and Dad, Sister Lynn, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Burton, Past Grand Patron, for taking me under their wing and making my start to the east so enjoyable. Thank you.**

**Sister Linda, Junior Past Grand Matron, and Brother Bob, Junior Past Grand Patron, congratulations on a great year and now you have earned a well-deserved rest.**

**To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, I thank you for your words of encouragement and answering my questions and I am sure there will be more this year.**

**To the Appointed Grand Officers of our Grand Chapter, thank you for agreeing to accept your appointments and to the elected Grand Officers we welcome you to our Grand Family and know that we will all work together in harmony for our Grand Jurisdiction.**

**To the members of Devon Chapter #37, please stand. Thank you for your support and assistance. We affiliated with your Chapter when we moved to Taymouth and you made us welcome and sponsored me on this journey.**

**To the members of our Mother Chapter, Zetland Chapter #26, please stand. Thank you for all your encouragement and assistance and I would be remiss if I did not mention Brother Ron, our Grand Chaplain, and his wife, Sister Winnie, who sponsored Sister Fannie and me into the Eastern Star, as well as our Junior Past Grand Patron, Brother Bob King and his wife, Sister Mickie, and our Associate Grand Patron, Brother Ron Oakley and his wife, Sister Faye.**

**Last but not least – my family and friends. My wife, Sister Fannie, our Grand Electa. Thank you for accepting this office. She has been my best friend and soul mate for the past 50 some years.**

**Our eldest son Darrell and his wife Denese, granddaughter Nadyne and her beau, Denis and grandson Kyle.**

**Our second son, Blair, his wife Anne, grandsons, Chris and Cameron.**

**Our youngest son, Kent, his wife, Kelsey, granddaughters Samantha and Tory.**

**Sister Jackie and Brother Arlon Farrah from Maine. Marjorie and Keith Mathias from Hartland. Thank you all for coming.**

**In closing, I cannot express my gratitude that I have been given the opportunity to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron and pledge to do the best of my ability.**

**“You can’t change the past but you can ruin the present by worrying over the future.”**

**THANK YOU.**

**ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON  
SISTER LYNN HUTCHIN**

**Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends:**

**A very special thanks goes out to everyone for celebrating this very special night with me and my Grand Family. Who would have thought, that as I bumbled my way through being Worthy Matron of Unity Chapter #35 the first few times, I would one**

**day have the confidence to run for an elected Grand Line Office and today stand before you as your Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you for your support and confidence in electing me to this position and with the help of God and you, the membership, I will strive to do all in my power to fulfill the duties of this Office to the best of my ability. One thing that I have learned is that the more you read the Red Book and study our Ritual, the more you discover you have to learn.**

**Brother Ebby, congratulations Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you for letting your name stand for the position of Grand Sentinel two years ago and now here we are as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I had gotten to know you a little when Sister Fannie and I were in Sister Audrey's and Brother Murray's Grand Family, but I knew that you liked to fish and could only hope that you would one day be in the East with me. I really think that you started to worry when my own Mother congratulated you and said you'd need luck if you were going to have to manage me. Sister Fannie, thank you for lending me your husband and I'll try to keep my calls and e-mails to a reasonable number per day.**

**To our Installing Suite, I would like to thank everyone who so willingly accepted to be part of this evening. You all did an excellent job and I know have impressed the special guests we have here with us tonight.**

**Brother DeWitt, do you believe it! Thank you for installing me as Worthy Grand Matron. You were my first Worthy Patron and you and Sister Ann have spent many hours tutoring me over the years and hauling me all over the country. I hope I can make you and Unity Chapter proud. Sister Debbie, I was so pleased when Brother Ebby said that he had asked you to install him. Our friendship began many years ago when you were a Grand Officer for Sister Brenda Saunders (part of the Royal Family) and I was a first-time Worthy Matron. I needed an Adah for one of my meetings. Brother DeWitt said that you were Grand Adah and might fill the Station. I approached you and said "DeWitt says you are Grand Adah and you can be Adah". That was the beginning of a wonderful friendship with many laughs shared and many miles travelled. Sister Ann, thank you for assisting in the East. You complete my tremendous trio. Your gentle guidance and instruction have helped make me the person you see before you today.**

**Sister Carol, we got to know each other better in Sister Audrey's and Brother Murray's Grand Family. You and your family have always assisted Unity Chapter whenever asked and I thank you for acting as our Installing Grand Chaplain .**

**Sister Lynne Hatt, the Lynn with an "e". Thank you for a job well done. Your friendship means a lot to me and having you guide me to the Altar and then to the East was really special.**

**Sister Norma and Sister Isabel thank you for sharing your musical talents. A special thanks goes to our Soloists, Sister Pamela Coombs, DDGM of Maine, Sister Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM on Eastern Star Journal, and Sister Anne Murray, PM.**

**Sister Audrey, my first Grand Momma, thank you for being in the West for this special occasion. Your phone call in 1997 asking me to be one of your Grand Officers started me off on the Grand Chapter path and I've been on that road ever since. Thank you for giving me that opportunity.**

**To the rest of the Installing Suite – thank you for being a special part of this evening. To the rest of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons you are all really special to me and I thank you for your support and friendship.**

**To the Elected Grand Officers, congratulations, I look forward to serving with you and best of luck to the Line Officers on your journey to the East. Sister Brenda, Grand Secretary, yours is a very underappreciated position – a special thanks to you for all you do for the Grand Chapter and I will try my best not to complicate things for you.**

**To the Appointed Grand Officers, thank you for agreeing to be a part of this Grand Family. You have all been specially chosen and I'm looking forward to getting to know each of you better as we serve this Grand Chapter together. (Sister Betty our Grand Adah, was not able to be here due to health problems. Please keep her in your prayers and we hope to see her smiling face with us again very soon.)**

**Sister Linda, PGM, and Brother Bob, PGP – how does that sound? You have both had a wonderful year and Grand Chapter Session and I hope that you enjoy a well-deserved rest and are now able to do all of the things that you have put on hold while you served this Grand Chapter at its highest office.**

**I would like now to introduce the Assistants and the District Deputy Grand Matron – Brother Bob McInnes, Assistant Grand Marshal; Sister Norma Caswell, Assistant Grand Organist and Sister Lynda Swan, District Deputy Grand Matron. Thank you for accepting your appointments.**

**Would the members of Unity Chapter #35 please rise? You all know how proud I am of our Chapter and of you the members. Thank you for taking time to celebrate this special occasion with me and for all of the support you have offered me. I will try my best not to burn you out during the next year. Sister Pat – I don't think that the Finance Committee is going to let me spend like you know I like to.**

**Would the members of "Galaxy of Stars" please rise? These are our counterparts from our neighbouring Grand Jurisdictions. Thank you for being here.**

**I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all who agreed to serve on the various Grand Chapter Committees. Thank you.**

**The Installation Program contains the visitation schedule, committee members, and information on the Schools of instructions. Brother Ebby and I have chosen to go with one Special Project – the Pottery Project for Camp Goodtime/Rotary Camp. With your**

help we hope to buy everything needed for the kids to do pottery for many years to come. Our Special Chapter Project is called “Replace Yourself”. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we doubled our membership next year?

At this time I would like to introduce my family. My husband, Bill, thank you for all of your support. I only have to mention something and the next thing I know Bill has gone to town and picked it up, or thought of a much better way to do things. Our oldest son, David, and his significant other, Danielle; our youngest son, Geoffrey, a Brother, is going to school in Montreal and wasn’t able to be here tonight, but was home last week and bonded with his Momma.

My mother, Sister Emma Davis – she has done a good job replacing herself as all three of her girls are members of Unity Chapter. My sisters Margaret and Cheryl and brother Richard and their families. My cousins Cindy Demming and her husband Phil and Sister Linda Garwood who have really made an effort to be here – they travelled all the way from California. My Minister, Kaye Clowater. Would all of my friends from work – past and present – please stand? You have been very patient with me through the years and listened intently as I would go off on a “How wonderful Star is!” tangent. Thank you for being here tonight – I know that many of you are really here because you have never seen me in a dress.

The gavel that I will be using has been loaned to me by Sister Ann Lister – it is the one she used when she was Worthy Matron and also during her year as Worthy Grand Matron. My Bible and carrying case is a gift from Brother Ebby and Sister Fannie. Sister Janet Mallory, WM of Zetland Chapter, has made me a beautiful marker to rest upon its pages.

In closing, I’d like to leave you with this thought:  
“God not only sends special angels into our lives, but sometimes He even sends them back again if we forget to take notes the first time!”

Thank you.

#### **PRESENTATION OF JEWELS**

Sister Linda Cogswell, Junior Past Grand Matron, received her Jewel from Sister Rose Scott, Past Grand Matron, and Sister Debbie Hill, Past Grand Matron. This Jewel belonged to Sister Genevra Oliver, Past Grand Matron.

**Sister Rose Scott, Past Grand Matron**

One year ago, I had the honour of being your Installing Grand Officer, and installing you into the office of Worthy Grand Matron. I have watched with pride the way in which you performed your duties with dignity and compassion for others – always striving to promote



peace and harmony throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. Now as you come to the end of your year, you have given me an additional honour, that, of presenting you with your Past Grand Matron's Jewel. This Jewel was previously worn by Sister Genevra Oliver, who I know was a very special person in your life. I also know that you will wear this Jewel with the pride and dignity that it deserves. You served as Grand Electa for Brother Carr Graham and me during our "Tide That Binds" Session in 1997-1998, and you and all of our Officers will always hold a special place in my heart, and I know in Brother Carr's as well. I will ask Sister Debbie Hill, Past Grand Matron, to pin your Jewel on.

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Past Grand Matron**

I am honoured to receive the Past Grand Matron's Jewel that belonged to Sister Genevra Oliver, Past Grand Matron of Devon Chapter #37. She was a dear friend and lovely person. I will wear this Jewel with pride and fond memories of her. Sister Rose, thank you for presenting me with this Jewel and Sister Debbie thank you for pinning it on me.

**Brother Bob King, Junior Past Grand Patron, received his Jewel from his wife Sister Mickie King.**

**Sister Mickie King, Past Matron**

Brother Bob, you know I am not much for making speeches, but I just wanted to let you know how proud the children and I are of your accomplishments this year. I know how you don't like me to go into your office and tidy up your messy desk, but the other day I found a list which had three items highlighted on it – Things to do after Grand Chapter – 1. Go Fishing 2. Take a nap. 3. Don't drive Mickie crazy. If you are able to accomplish the third one – then things will be just fine! Congratulations.

#### **PRESENTATION OF TRAVELLING JEWEL**

**Sister Linda Cogswell, Past Grand Matron**

Sister Lynn – it is my pleasure to present you with this travelling jewel. This last year it has travelled many, many miles and I always felt honoured to wear this beautiful jewel.

I now present you this jewel and hope you have many happy and fond memories of wearing it.

Congratulations Worthy Grand Matron and I wish you much joy and happiness for your year.

Now I go to the back of the line!!

*The membership present sang the Closing Ode, "Go Now in Peace" and the Bible was closed informally.*

*The Grand Marshal called these Sessions from Labour to Rest to reconvene at the Fredericton Inn, Fredericton, NB, on July 8, 9 & 10, 2010.*

**HOOKED ON STAR SESSIONS  
July 8, 9 and 10, 2010**

**DEDICATION**

**Worthy Grand Matron**

**This year is dedicated to the loving memory of my Dad, Dayton Davis, whose Masonic relationship made it possible to become a member of this wonderful Order.**

**To Mom, Sister Emma, who has always been there to help in whatever way she can and spent many hours hearing my lectures and critiquing my floor work after we had set up the Chapter for a meeting. To my Sisters – Sister Margaret and Sister Cheryl – who are always willing to do whatever is asked of them.**

**To Sister Ann and Brother DeWit Lister – your help and guidance through the years have enabled me to have the confidence to think that one day I could be the Worthy Grand Matron. To Sister Debbie who has been my best "bud" and travelling companion. To the members of Unity Chapter #35, thank you for your support.**

**Last and most important, to my husband, Bill and my sons, David and Geoffrey, for their support and understanding.**

**Worthy Grand Patron**

**I dedicate this year to my wife, Fannie, for her love and support and to the members of Devon #37 for all their support and hard work; also, to the members of my Mother Chapter, Zetland #26, who started me off on the Star Trail.**

**To all the Star members for their encouragement on my journey to the East.**

**SCRIPTURE: WGM & WGP: Mark 10:14 "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will not enter it."**

<b>MOTTO:</b>	<b>“Forget about all the reasons why something may not work. You only need to find one good reason why it will.” <i>Dr. Robert Anthony</i></b>
<b>AIM:</b>	<b>Replace yourself</b>
<b>WATCHWORDS:</b>	<b>Live Simply, Laugh Often, Love Deeply</b>
<b>EMBLEM:</b>	<b>Sheaf</b>
<b>HONOUR STATION:</b>	<b>Ruth</b>
<b>COLOURS:</b>	<b>All the colours of Masonic Organizations</b>
<b>FLOWER:</b>	<b>Sunflower</b>
<b>HYMNS:</b>	<b>WGM – A Light is Gleaming; Hope is a Star; I Danced in the Morning; Jesus Loves Me; I Am the Light of the World</b>
	<b>WGP – In the Garden; Here I Am Lord</b>
<b>FUN SUMBOLS:</b>	<b>WGM – Angels and Stars</b>
	<b>WGP – Tweety Bird and anything fishing</b>
<b>SONGS:</b>	<b>WGM – Hallelujah (Cohen); Wouldn't It Be Nice</b>
	<b>WGP – I Don't Know About Tomorrow; Getting to Know You; On the Wings of a Dove</b>
<b>PROJECTS:</b>	<b>All Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter Projects</b>
<b>SPECIAL PROJECT:</b>	<b>Pottery Project for Camp Goodtime/Rotary Camp</b>

#### **SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION FOR GRAND OFFICERS**

**A School of Instruction for all Grand Officers will be held on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at the Masonic Lodge in Harvey beginning at 10:00 AM.**

**All General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and all Subordinate Chapter Line Officers are invited to join us. A light lunch will be served.**

## SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION FOR SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

Four Schools of Instruction are scheduled for Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009. These Schools will begin at 10:00 AM and lunch will be served around Noon.

All members are invited to attend and participate in this opportunity to discuss the ritualistic work of our Order.

**District #1:** To be hosted by Lady Alexander #24 and instructed by Sister Lynda Swan, DDGM – Electa #9, Bathurst #22, Tobique #23, Lady Alexander #24, Prince Charles #27, and Prince Andrew #42

**District #2:** To be hosted by Celestial #3 and instructed by Sister Sherry Mitton, AGM – Victoria #1, Celestial #3, Remembrance #30, Unity #35, Devon #37 and Hillcrest #40.

**District #3:** To be hosted by Philip A. Jerguson #18 and instructed by Sister Mildred Homer, AGC – Queen Mary #4, St. Stephen #8, Saint John #14, Granite #15, Philip A. Jerguson #18 and Lord Beaverbrook #33.

**District #4:** To be hosted by Zetland #26 and instructed by the Associate Grand Conductress – Frank H. Tingley #5, Fort Monckton #11, Winston Churchill #19, Zetland #26, and Fidelity #36.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### Credentials

David Lister, PP (35)  
Joyce Spence, PM (27)  
Annie Watson, PM (5)

### Distribution

Elaine MacLean, PGM (3)  
Lynne Hatt, PGM (15)  
Joseph Holmes, PGP (9)

### Jurisprudence

Glenna Taylor, PGM (42)  
Burton Hall, PGP (15)  
Betty Danks, PGM (24)

### Constitution & Laws

Debbie Hill, PGM (37)  
Gordon Steeves, PGP (23)  
Carol Sutherland, PGM (8)

### Grievances & Appeals

Ronald Jagoe, PGP (22)  
Donna McEwen, PGM (24)  
Donna Allen, PGM (11)

**Unfinished Business**

**Jeanne Wheelock, PGM (8)**  
**Margaret McCully, PGM (18)**  
**Bob King, PGP (26)**

**Necrology**

**Beth Corey, PM (35)**  
**Edna Clouston, PM (22)**  
**Nancy Keirstead, PM (19)**

**Finance**

**Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM (27)**  
**Graham Vincent, PGP (24)**  
**Audrey Sypher, PGM (24)**

**Audit**

**Christine Trenholm, PM (11)**  
**Charles Rafuse, PGP (15)**  
**Evan Thomas, PGP (26)**

**Commissioner of Trials**

**Rupert Sypher, PGP (24)**  
**Brenda Taylor, PGM (18)**  
**Linda Cogswell, PGM (37)**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Lottie L. Kyle Scholarship  
& Educational Fund**

**Joyce McInnes, PM (33)**  
**Eleanor Butland, PM (19)**  
**Linda Boone, PM (9)**  
**Wilma Spence, PM (40)**  
**Shirley Kraglund, PM (24)**

**ESTARL**

**Keith Lyons, PP (33)**  
**Susan Glazier, PM (1)**  
**Raymond Kraglund, PP (24)**  
**Jean Duncan, PM (3)**  
**Audrey Trask, PM (36)**

**International Headquarters  
Fund**

**Nathan Rubin, PP (15)**  
**Annie Watson, PM (5)**  
**Allan Gillis, PM (37)**

**Membership**

**Edith Clouston, PM (22)**  
**Mickie King, PM (26)**  
**Robert McInnes, PP (33)**  
**Paul Fullarton, PP (3)**  
**Doug Swan, GGCCM (1)**

**Eastern Star Journal**

**Shirley MacDonald, GGCCM (27)**  
**Norma Caswell, PM (4)**  
**Judy Donnelly, PM (27)**  
**Lynda Swan, PM (1)**

**Web Advisory**

**John Murray, PGP (26)**  
**Mildred Homer, GC (5)**  
**Lynne Hatt, PGM (15)**

**OES Magazine**

**Donna Allen, PGM (11)**  
**Don Williams, PP (36)**

**Investment Committee**

**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, Riverside Court, 870 Main Street,  
Woodstock E7M 0B2 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, Mazerolle's Special Care Home, Dieppe 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 Hwy, 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\* No. 36
- 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
- 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, 832 Cape Road, Newburg E7N 1W6  
No. 8
- 1988 St. Stephen, Betty Danks, 343 Goderich Street, Dalhousie, E8C 1V1  
(684-4933) No. 24
- 1989 Saint John, Jean Belding, 310-825 McLeod Ave, 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, 208-225 Millhaven Court, 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, 2863 Route 130, Four Falls, E3Z 2H2  
(273-3512) No. 9
- 2003 Fredericton, Marjorie Colton, 16-28 Heritage Road, 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, 2 Ouellon Street, Campbellton E3N 2E4  
( 759-9893) No. 24
- 2007 Fredericton, Lynne Hatt, 74 Artemus Road, L'Etang E5C 2B7  
(755-6157) No. 15
- 2008 Fredericton, Linda Cogswell, 291 Magnolia Lane, Fredericton, E3B 7P5  
(452-8695) No. 37

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**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 No. 6\*
- 1932 Moncton, O.B. Dobson, Moncton No. 5\*
- 1933 Milltown, John E. Anderson, 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, No. 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 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. Wnslow, 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 Crescent,  
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, Fredericton No. 37\*
- 1966 Saint John, Howard Saunders, Rothesay No. 33\*
- 1967 St. Andrews, Everett McKinnon, 118 Restigouche Drive,  
Tide Head E3N 4H6 (754-6558) 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 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, 117-960 St. George Blvd.,  
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, 27 Jolyn Crescent, Fredericton E3G 0P8  
(472-3569) 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, 515-960 St. George Blvd, 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, 2863 Route 130, Four Falls, E3Z 2H2  
(273-3512) No. 9
- 1995 Saint John, Elderic Thorne, Minto No. 30\*
- 1996 Moncton, Dale Nicklin, P. O. 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, 308-30 Roy Mollins Drive, Shediac E4P 3M5  
(532-8534) No. 26
- 2004 Fredericton, John Murray, 3803 Route 132, Scoudouc E4P 9B3  
(532-2906) No. 26
- 2005 Fredericton, Ambury Newman, Newcastle No. 42\*
- 2006 Fredericton, Graham Vincent, 9 Minto Street, Charlo E8E 2M7  
(684-3887) No. 24
- 2007 Fredericton, Burton Hall, 426 Route 785, Utopia E5C 2K1  
(755-3271) No. 15
- 2008 Fredericton, Bob King, 19 Alma LeBlanc Street, Grande Digue  
E4R 3Y6 (576-7848) No. 26

\*Deceased

+Suspended

xDemitted

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2009-2012**

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78223**

**Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke, 271 Milne Avenue, New Minas, Nova  
Scotia B4N 4C9**

**Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Browning-White, 1578 Kanawha  
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**Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother John E. Robler, PSC 473, Box 13,  
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**Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Alma Lynn Bane, 1618 New Hampshire Avenue,  
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**Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Sister Glenda Winchester, PO Box 70, 223 Greer Drive,  
Six Mile, SC 29682**

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**Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Marianne Shenefelt, 6426 Maine  
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**Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Sister Betty Briggs, 2403 Camelot Avenue NW, Cedar  
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**Worthy Grand Chaplain, Sister Elizabeth Bordeaux, 1255 Lynx Road, San Antonio, TX  
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**Worthy Grand Adah, Sister Marilyn Woods, 1912 Gravois Road, High Ridge MO 63049-2612**

**Worthy Grand Ruth, Sister Connie Woodward, 378 Brewery Lane, Orillia, Ontario L3V 7H8**

**Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Margaret Clarke, 271 Milne Avenue, New Minas, Nova Scotia B4N 4C9**

**Worthy Grand Martha, Sister Diane Peters, 3702 Sumter Forest Drive, Little Rock, AZ 72212-2926**

**Worthy Grand Electa, Sister Vivian Chrisopulos, 3661 Forest Run Drive, Richfield, OH 44286-9408**

**Worthy Grand Warder**

**GRAND SECRETARIES – ALL JURISDICTIONS**

<b>ALABAMA</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Elaine Springsteen 1423 Upper Kingston Road Prattville, AL 36067-6873</b>
<b>ALBERTA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Lee Clay 330 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, SW Calgary, Alberta T2R 0H2</b>
<b>ARIZONA</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Diana Houlette 4600 N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street Phoenix 85016-5204</b>
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Rosemary Messersmith 610 Royal Lane Bentonville 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>Maria Eugenia Varquez de Landivar Calle Barachavi No. 230 Barrio Urbari Santa Cruz</b>

<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA &amp; YUKON</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Sheila Carlson 20604 95A Avenue Langley V1M 1H8</b>
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Maryann Barrios 16960 Bastanchury Road, Ste E Yorba Linda 92886-1711</b>
<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>Valerie Grundvig 2445 S. Quebec, Suite B Denver 80231-6036</b>
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Marilyn Mattoon PO Box 143 Plymouth 06782</b>
<b>DELAWARE</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Joan Edwards 6112 W. Denneys Road Dover 19901-1534</b>
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jane Francis Grolig 122 C Street, NW Suite 115 Washington 20001-2109</b>
<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Linda J. Dudley PO Box 97 Bonifay 32425-0097</b>
<b>GEORGIA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>George "Mike" Looney PO Box 5820 Alpharetta 30023</b>
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Denise Hunt 2960 Selkirk Drive Boise 83702</b>
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Janice Shank PO Box 317 Macon 62544-0317</b>
<b>INDIANA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Mrs. Jonny Beeler PO Box 86 Franklin 46131-0086</b>

<b>IOWA</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Nancy Niday PO Box 72 Knoxville 5013</b>
<b>KANSAS</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Helen Ohlsson 3400 Van Buren Street, Suite 110 Topeka 66611-2462</b>
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Carolyn Perkins PO Box 7 LaGrange 40031</b>
<b>LOUISIANA</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Terrie Castay PO Box 740412 New Orleans 70174-0412</b>
<b>MAINE</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Corley Anne Byras PO Box 119 Bowdoinham 04008</b>
<b>MANITOBA</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Elizabeth Evans 52-525 Cathcart Street Winnipeg M3B 0S6</b>
<b>MARYLAND</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Donna Almony 304 International Circle Cockeysville 21030</b>
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Karen Grabau PO Box 600583 Newtonville 02460-0006</b>
<b>MICHIGAN</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Mary A Ivey 13464 Preston Drive, Suite 250 Marshall 49068-9684</b>
<b>MINNESOTA</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Glen Carlson 11501 Masonic Home Blvd Bloomington 55437</b>
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Paulette Fioretti 205 Wildwood Blvd. Jackson 39312</b>

<b>MISSOURI</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Marilyn Woods PO Box 1065 High Ridge 6304</b>
<b>MONTANA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Marlene Pfaff PO Box 20538 Billings 59104-0538</b>
<b>NEBRASKA</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Cathy Wagner 300 East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street PO Box 156 Fremont 68026</b>
<b>NEVADA</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>Barbara Redmond 1825 Pocono Court Sparks 89434</b>
<b>NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Brenda J. Saunders 214 Downey Avenue Riverview E1B 1W7</b>
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Jean Van Stelten PO Box 4743 Manchester 03108-4743</b>
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Dorothy Banta 111 Finderne Avenue Bridgewater 08807-3101</b>
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Barbara Eichmuller 1602 S. Saddler Street Deming 88030</b>
<b>NEW YORK</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Lois Carlsen PO Box 908 New York City 11571</b>
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Frieda Nettles PO Box 1660 Apex 27502</b>
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Roberta Kloster 1405 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Fargo 58102</b>



<b>NOVA SCOTIA &amp; PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Betty Ann Loughnan 2375 Roosevelt Drive Halifax B3L 3H8</b>
<b>OHIO</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Roberta David 2163 Crab Tree Drive Beavercreek 45431</b>
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Shirley Niehoff 1415 N. Walnut Guthrie 73044-2003</b>
<b>ONTARIO</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Lynne Atkinson 413 Drew Street Woodstock N4S 4V3</b>
<b>OREGON</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>E'Laine Armstrong 707 Main Street, Suite 400 Oregon City 97045</b>
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Mary Ann Rhode PO Box 8 Worneisdorf 19567-0008</b>
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>Iris Violeta de Rivero PO Box 810255-A.M.F. Carolina 00981-0255</b>
<b>QUEBEC</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Anita Young 1301 Barsalou Chambly J3L 2X8</b>
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Robert A. Kane 95 Farnum Road Warwick 02888-3950</b>
<b>SAO PAULO</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Maria das Gracas da Silva Vasconcelos R. Miguel Antonio Duque No. 445 Prq Mansur Daud San Jose do Rio Preto Sao Paulo 15070-630 BRAZIL</b>
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Janet Zundervan PO Box 587 Moosomin S0G 3N0</b>

<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>April October</b>	<b>James T. Smith 143 West Regent Street Glasgow SCOTLAND G2 2SG</b>
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Mary Coggins PO Box 866 Elgin 29045</b>
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Eileen Harmes 513 West Fourth Avenue Mitchell 57301-2402</b>
<b>TENNESSEE</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Jean Vincent 1007 Hyndsver Road Martin 38237</b>
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Nell Smith Drenner 1503 West Division Arlington 76012</b>
<b>UTAH</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Shanna Minert 4034 South 750 West Ogden 84405-2651</b>
<b>VERMONT</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Jerri Riegler 65 Linden Drive Colchester 05446</b>
<b>VIRGINIA</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Paula Swansey 4101 Nine Mile Road Richmond 23223-4999</b>
<b>WASHINGTON</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Sandra Henry 615 North Street, SE Turnwater 98501-9321</b>
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Carolyn Davis PO Box 39 Phillipi 26416</b>
<b>WISCONSIN</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Sharon Swartwout 36275 Sunset Drive Dousman 53118-0349</b>

**WYOMING**

**August**

**Sheralyn Farnham  
1613 Ord Street  
Laramie 82070**

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

**LOTTIE L. KYLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP & EDUCATIONAL FUND:**

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**In Remembrance of:**

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Evelyn MacLeod**

**Enid Theriault**

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Dillys Crammond**

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Dillys Crammond**

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**Waldo Leaman**

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S SPECIAL PROJECT:**

**Hatt/Hall Grand Family**

**Harry Saunders, PP**

**Bob King, WGP and Mickie King, PM  
Janet Mallory, PM & Lloyd Mallory, PP**

**Ronald Hutchinson, PP  
Ronald Hutchinson, PP**

**Hatt/Hall Grand Family**

**Ronald Hutchinson, PP**

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S SPECIAL PROJECT:**

**Drill Team**

**Ronald Hutchinson, PP**

**F. Pauline Allan, PGM**

**Florence Armstrong, PM**



**DONATIONS BY CHAPTERS & INDIVIDUALS 2008 – 2009**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Chapter and/or Individual</b>	<b>L. L. Kyle Scholarship</b>	<b>ESTARL Scholarship</b>	<b>WGM's Special Project</b>	<b>WGP's Special Project</b>
1	Victoria	100.00	100.00	25.00	25.00
3	Celestial	200.00	200.00		
4	Queen Mary	100.00	100.00	25.00	50.00
5	Frank H. Tingley	50.00	25.00	125.00	125.00
7	Carleton	75.00	75.00		
8	St. Stephen	250.00	250.00		
9	Electa	25.00	25.00	75.00	75.00
11	Fort Monckton	50.00	50.00		
14	Saint John	100.00	100.00	25.00	25.00
15	Granite	100.00	100.00	50.00	50.00
18	Philip A. Jerguson			25.00	25.00
19	Winston Churchill			156.50	156.50
22	Bathurst	100.00	356.00		
23	Tobique				
24	Lady Alexander	75.00	50.00	15.00	15.00
26	Zetland	50.00	393.00	50.00	75.00
27	Prince Charles	50.00	50.00	40.00	40.00
30	Remembrance			25.00	25.00
33	Lord Beaverbrook	200.00	200.00	125.00	15.00
35	Unity	100.00	100.00	100.00	200.00
36	Fidelity	300.00	50.00	25.00	25.00
37	Devon	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
40	Hillcrest				25.00
42	Prince Andrew				20.00
	Anna Carr			25.00	
	Douglas Black, WGP			50.00	50.00
	Norma Caswell		100.00		

**CAMP GOODTIME**

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**Prince Charles**

**50.00**



**RECAPITULATION OF CHAPTERS  
2008 – 2009**

No.	Chapter	2008	Initiated	Re-instated	Affiliated	Total Inc.	Deceased	Suspended	Demitted	Total Loss	2009
1	Victoria	76					6	2		8	68
3	Celestial	56	1			1	3		1	4	53
4	Queen Mary	57					3			3	54
5	Frank H. Tingley	123	2		1	3	8	1	3	12	113
7	Carleton	57					1		56	57	0
8	St. Stephen	104					6			6	98
9	Electa	62		2		2	5	4		9	55
11	Fort Monckton	61					2			2	59
14	Saint John	89	1			1	4		1	5	85
15	Granite	110					2	1	2	5	105
18	Philip A Jerguson	90	8			8	4	4		8	90
19	Winston Churchill	43	4		1	5	1	2		3	45
22	Bathurst	81					3		2	5	76
23	Tobique	42					4			4	38
24	Lady Alexander	73					4		2	6	67
26	Zetland	79							3	3	76
27	Prince Charles	68	2	1		3	4			4	67
30	Remembrance	43					7			7	36
33	Lord Beaverbrook	58	1		1	2	3			3	57
35	Unity	66					1			1	65
36	Fidelity	108			4	4	7		2	9	103
37	Devon	64	1			1	1	3	2	6	59
40	Hillcrest	51									51
42	Prince Andrew	72	1		2	3	3			3	72
	<b>TOTAL OES</b>	<b>1733</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>1592</b>

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES 2008-2009**

<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>
Marcie Munroe	Dec 31/09	Alabama	Jane Franklin	Dec 31/10
Faye Stockford	Dec 31/10	Alberta	Joan Ainsworth	Dec 31/10
Laurie Bishop	Dec 31/09	Arizona	Dean Bulkey	Dec 31/09
		Arkansas		
Alice Clark	Dec 31/10	Australia	Victor Tait	Dec 31/10
Kenneth Briggs	Dec 331/10	BC/Yukon	Pamela Sheppard	Dec 31/10
Edna Clouston	Dec 31/10	California	Willard Strong	Dec 31/09
Susan MacPhail	Dec 31/10	Colorado	Barbara Ballheim	Dec 31/10
Eleanor Kaye	Dec 31/10	Connecticut	Sandra Carlson	Dec 31/09
Norma Fairweather	Dec 31/10	Delaware		
Laura Swift	Dec 31/09	Dist. Of Columbia	William Masonis	Dec 31/10
Leonard Mosher	Dec 31/09	Florida	Barbara Ellison	Dec 31/10
Gail MacKay	Dec 31/10	Georgia	Nancy Tatom	Dec 31/10
Carrie Weaver	Dec 31/11	Idaho	Janet Wheeler	Dec 31/11
Serna Bradford	Dec 31/09	Illinois	Fran Beltz	Dec 31/10
Carol Ferris	Dec 31/09	Indiana	Geneva Taylor	Dec 31/10
Betty Dawson	Apr 01/11	Iowa	Sue Jensen	Dec 31/09
Charlotte Gowan	Dec 31/10	Kansas	Diana Kaupp	Dec 31/09
Wilmot Tompkins	Dec 31/10	Kentucky	Margie George	Dec 31/09
Daryl Linton	May 01/11	Louisiana	Lora Silvers	Dec 31/09
Georgie Dole	Mar 01/11	Maine	Gary Bishop	Dec 31/10
Barbara Leadbetter	Dec 31/10	Manitoba	Beryl Marnock-MacDonald	Dec 31/09
Kim Brown	Dec 31/10	Maryland	Jeanne Gunn	Dec 31/09
Aubrey Buck	Dec 31/10	Massachusetts	Marguerite Hopkins	Dec 31/09
Ian Duncan	Dec 31/09	Michigan	Linda Gullick	Dec 31/09
Florence Currie	Dec 31/10	Minnesota	Pat Gruntzel	Dec 31/09
Judy Ross	Dec 31/09	Mississippi	Lynette McVey	Dec 31/11
Keith Trask	Dec 31/09	Missouri	Kathy-Jo Kuenzle	Dec 31/10
Glenn Steeves	Dec 31/09	Montana	Janet Townsend	Dec 31/11
Marion Logan	Oct 01/09	Nebraska	Robert King	Dec 31/09

<b>Karen McKay</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>	<b>Nevada</b>	<b>Bonnie Bunch</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>
<b>Donald Taylor</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>	<b>New Hampshire</b>	<b>Ronald Carbay</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>
<b>Edith Newman</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>	<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>Joan Jasinkiwicz</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>
		<b>New Mexico</b>	<b>Nina Laird</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>
<b>Georgie Hyslop</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>	<b>New York</b>	<b>Nancy Kota</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>
<b>Joyce Hudson</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>Morris Gardner</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>
<b>Janice Allen</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>	<b>North Dakota</b>	<b>Martin Bless</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>
<b>Janet Tower</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>	<b>NS &amp; PEI</b>	<b>Barbara Boutilier</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>
<b>Roderick MacMillan</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>	<b>Ohio</b>	<b>Diana Hoover</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>
<b>Henry Morton</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>	<b>Oklahoma</b>	<b>Donald Smith</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>
<b>Susan Munn</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>	<b>Ontario</b>	<b>Mary Wilgers</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>
<b>Martha Evans</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>	<b>Oregon</b>	<b>Ken Hoehn</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>
<b>Gwen Kilpagtrick</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Joanne Schmoutz</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>
<b>Nathalie Brodeur</b>	<b>Mar 31/11</b>	<b>Puerto Rico</b>	<b>Maria de los Torres</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>
<b>Allan Bishop</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>	<b>Quebec</b>	<b>Dorothy Winder</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>
<b>Christina Wilson</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>	<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>Carol Plemmons</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>
<b>Bob Ames</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>	<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<b>Lucy McHarg</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>
<b>Agnes Weaver</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>	<b>Scotland</b>	<b>Elizabeth Hosie</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>
<b>Linda Ames</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>	<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>William Brown, Jr.</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>
<b>Faye Gilks</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>	<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>Ike Oleson</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>
<b>Alan Hatt</b>	<b>Jan 31/10</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>Ethel Snyder</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>
<b>Douglas Cawker</b>	<b>Jan 31/11</b>	<b>Texas</b>		
<b>Austin Chase</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>	<b>Utah</b>	<b>Annette Mead</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>
<b>Ruth Saunders</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>	<b>Vermont</b>	<b>Carol Barlow</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>
<b>Mabel Rose</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>	<b>Virginia</b>	<b>Betty June Foy</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>
<b>Verna Poley</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>Gerald Guthrie</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>
<b>Barbara Moore</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>	<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>Christi Spencer</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>
<b>Arnold Mundle</b>	<b>Mar 31/10</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>Katherine Lutzke</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>
<b>Lillian Hall</b>	<b>Dec 31/09</b>	<b>Wyoming</b>	<b>Don Heiser</b>	<b>Dec 31/10</b>
		<b>Sao Paulo</b>		

**DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS 2008-2009**

<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	Lynda Swan 169 St. John Street Woodstock E7M 2T9	Doug Swan 169 St. John St Woodstock E7M 2T9	Marion McLellan 110 Charlotte Street Woodstock E7M 1J7	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues
3	Celestial	Fredericton	Jean Duncan 41 Sheffield Crt Fredericton E3B 4M9	Doug Cawker 27 Logan Street Fredericton E3B 9L5	Norma Jean Belyea 195 Charing Cresc. Fredericton E3B 4R9	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs
4	Queen Mary	St. Stephen	Eleanor Linton 268 Ledge Road Crocker Hill E3L 3Z5	Daryl Linton 268 Ledge Road Crocker Hill E3L 3Z5	Marjorie Linton 970 Route 730 Scotch Ridge E3L 5L2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs
5	Frank H. Tingley	Moncton	Betty Carson 45 Brydges St Moncton E1C 2E7	Robert Carson 45 Brydges Street Moncton E1C 2E7	Agnes Weaver 17 Montclair Ave Moncton E1E 1T7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon
7	Carleton	Florenceville	Linda Boone 399 Burnham Rd Oakland E7L	Bill Boone Same as WM	Kaye Cain 414 Gregg Settlement Rd Summerfield E7K 2P1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
8	St. Stephen	St. Stephen	Carol Sutherland 1231 Route 127 Rollingdam E5A 2W2	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	Mary DuManoir 46 Bliss Street Perth-Andover E7H 1N2	Victor Webster 54 Hillcrest Drive Perth-Andover E7H 2H2	Joseph Holmes 2863 Route 130 Four Falls E3Z 2H2	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed
11	Fort Monckton	Port Elgin	Mickie King 19 Alma LeBlanc St Grande Digue E4B 3Y6	Colin Allen 1345 Route 955 Murray Corner E4M 3H6	Christine Trenholm 595 Route 960 Cape Spear E4M 1R8	4 <sup>th</sup> Mon
14	Saint John	Saint John	Linda Black 1710 Hickey Rd Bldg 5, A401 Saint John E2J 3S6	Ian Black 1710 Hickey Rd Bldg 5, A401 Saint John E2J 3S6	Elaine Hannan-Bacon 87 Laura Drive Quispamsis E2E 6B4	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed
15	Granite	St. George	Kaye Southard 127 Main Street St. George E5C 2V0	Burton Hill 426 Route 785 Utopia E5C 2K1	Charles Rafuse 10 King Lane St. George E5C 3L5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed
18	Philip A Jerguson	Saint John	Margaret McCully 9 Wayne Terrace Saint John E2M 5Z1	Donald Taylor 490 ClearView Row Saint John E2M 3Z4	Helen Humphreys 40 Sylvia Drive Saint John E2J 3K1	1 <sup>st</sup> Fri
19	Winston Churchill	Riverside-Albert	Nancy Keirstead 49 Caledonia Mtn Rd Hopewell Hill E4H 3K4	Robert Keirstead Same as WM	Ann Morton 1075 Route 114 Lower Coverdale E1J 1A1	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon
22	Bathurst	Bathurst	Sherry Mitton 280 St. John St Bathurst E2A 1E7	Gerry Mitton Same as WM	Hazel Harris 205-228 Millhaven Crt Bathurst E2A 1W5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

23	Tobique	Plaster Rock	Helen Crawford 163 William Street Grand Falls E3Z 1A9	Glen Steeves 1520 Tobique Rd Grand Falls E3ZY 2P3	Lynn Steeves 163 William Street Grand Falls E3Z 1A9	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday
24	Lady Alexander	Campbellton	Donna McEwen 2 Ouellon Street Campbellton E3N 2E4	Graham Vincent 9 MacLean Street Charlo E8E 2M7	Betty Danks 343 Goderich St Dahousie E8C 1V1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon
26	Zetland	Shediac	Cathy McGinn 174 Old Coach Rd Riverview E1B 1N8	Evan Thomas 308-30 Roy Mollins Shediac E4P 9B3	Linda Murray 75 MacDougall Rd MacDougall Settlement E1H 3G1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
27	Prince Charles	Chatham	Betty Dawson 276 Dawson St Miramichi E1V 3S7	Irvin Wiseman 8172 Route 11 New Bandon E2A 5P6	Shirley MacDonald 255 O'Keefe Road Miramichi E1V 6J3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed
30	Remembrance	Minto	Sheila Thorne 29 Queen St Minto E4B 3P2	Elderic Thorne 29 Queen Stree Minto E4B 3P2	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 5P8	Frank Withers 21 Saunders St Nauwigewauk E5N 6V5	Ruth Saunders 276 Route 100 Nauwegiwauk E5N 6Z2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs
35	Unity	Harvey	Lynn Hutchin 4482 Route 640 Harvey, York Co E6K 2X5	Vernon Lister 204 Frog Lake Rd Harvey, York Co E6K 2E4	DeWitt Lister 386 Frog Lake Rd Harvey, York Co E6K 2G4	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed

<b>36 Fidelity</b>	<b>Riverview</b>	<b>Georgie Dole 21 Byron Court Riverview E1B 2P7</b>	<b>Keith Trenholm 33 St. Martin's Road Riverview E1B 5P6</b>	<b>Audrey Trask 46 Lindsay Street Riverview E1B 3A1</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Tue</b>
<b>37 Devon</b>	<b>Fredericton</b>	<b>Debbie Hill 101 Hilltop Dr Fredericton E3A 2J3</b>	<b>Laurie Bishop 391 Canada St Fredericton E3A 4A5</b>	<b>Carolyn Calhoun 24 Michael Avenue Hanwell E3C 2A2</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Fri</b>
<b>40 Hillcrest</b>	<b>Boiestown</b>	<b>Judy Ross 6320 Route 8 Boiestown E6A 1M1</b>	<b>Michael Ross 6320 Route 8 Boiestown E6A 1M1</b>	<b>Eva Stewart 443 Carrolls Crossing Carrolls Crossing E9C 2E9</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Tue</b>
<b>42 Prince Andrew</b>	<b>Newcastle</b>	<b>Faye Gilks 452 Route 420 South Esk E1V 4M1</b>	<b>Edward Gilks 452 Route 420 South Esk E1V 4M1</b>	<b>Glenna Taylor 5321 Route 108 Hwy Lower Derby E1V 5B5</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Thurs after 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue</b>

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The next meeting of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick will be held on July 8, 9 & 10, 2010 at the Fredericton Inn, Regent Street, Fredericton, New Brunswick.





