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Spring Thoughts



Zehnder's Holz Bruke (Wooden Bridge) Frankenmuth, Michigan

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The Starliner Journal Staff

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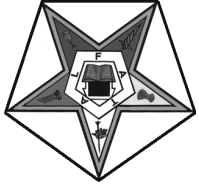
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COVID-19 Message



Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Michigan

MARCH 23, 2020

Sisters and Brothers:

The world as we know it has been turned upside down in a very short time and we all face new challenges daily as we navigate through the COVID-19 / CORONA VIRUS.

I continue to monitor the influx of information and maintain contact with one of our Sister Health Care Professionals.

Effective immediately, I am suspending **ALL** Local & State O.E.S. Meetings, Receptions and Activities through **May 31st, 2020**, for the safety and protection of our Members.

What does this mean for our Chapters? – Here are some Guidelines:

If it is possible to reschedule Stated Meetings, please follow the regular Dispensation process waiving the \$5.00 fee.

If unable to reschedule, there will be no repercussions for a Chapter's unforeseen inability to hold ten meetings this year.

Chapter Secretaries will include a page in their Minute Books indicating the **Stated Meeting Date** and **Reason for the Cancellation: COVID-19 / CORONA VIRUS Pandemic**. If you maintain a loose-leaf binder version, Please be sure to use the Official Grand Chapter Initialed pages.

During this period of inactivity - the Worthy Matron, Secretary and Treasurer may handle limited business on behalf of the Chapter including paying basic bills. All other Business should be suspended until such time the Chapter may resume their Normal Meeting Schedule. Any Business conducted while meetings are suspended will be reported promptly to the Chapter Members at your next Stated Meeting.

Please direct all questions to me via email, letter or phone for proper attention. Inquiries regarding our law & procedures **will not** be addressed on Social Media.

Remember to practice social distancing and follow the recommendations of our Federal, State and Local Governments.

John & I look forward to the time when we can gather together & share in the absolute joy and blessing of each other's company.

Stay Safe & Healthy

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dawn M. Talbot".

Dawn M. Talbot
Worthy Grand Matron

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John P. Groves".

John P. Groves
Worthy Grand Patron

Worthy Grand Matron's Message



SISTERS, BROTHERS & FRIENDS –

It has been awhile since my last communication – I am glad for this opportunity to catch up and share some thoughts with all of you.

First off – an Update on our Grand Chapter Session:

In February, our Chapters were notified that the McCamly Plaza Hotel permanently closed for business. We have signed a contract with FireKeepers Casino & Hotel to secure the meetings, meals and housing for our October 2020 Grand Chapter Session. This is a work in progress. It is our opportunity to embrace the challenges ahead and create new ideas and

traditions. We are working on your behalf to create a positive and fun experience as we prepare for this new venue. I urge you to disregard unconfirmed rumors or information. Please feel free to contact Brother John or me with any questions or concerns you may have.

I hope you are working with the Membership Documents and Tools in your Chapters. These materials are not just for building our Membership Numbers – they also focus on identifying the strengths and weaknesses within your Chapters. This will allow you to develop the positive elements and improve those challenging areas. There is an abundance of help and guidance available to you as I have shared in my monthly Chapter communications.

The newest way to reach out for answers and communicate is our **Membership Forum Webinar**. They will be held on the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm**. You will have the opportunity to talk with our Membership Committee and other OES Members. Look for further information in the **February Issue of the SLJ, FB Postings in Eastern Stars in Motion** or **Email our Membership Committee at mioesmembership@gmail.com**

We all realize the daily challenges we face to improve our Chapters and our Order. The Talbot-Groves Membership Committee is working diligently to provide you with the materials to assist in this gallant mission. I know what we are asking isn't easy but necessary for our future survival. **We must put in the time and effort – Together we can succeed! Please** take that first step and try using the Tools. Our Membership Committee will guide you every step of the way – **Let us help you to make your Chapters stronger!**

There are so many wonderful events and receptions to attend when we get past this bump in the road. John and I are looking forward to continuing our journey visiting with all of you in this great State.

It is truly an honor to serve on your behalf and represent Michigan wherever our path may lead.

IF YOU TRY, YOU RISK FAILURE. IF YOU DON'T, YOU ENSURE IT.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO FAIL. BE AFRAID NOT TO TRY.

A SHIP IS SAFE IN THE HARBOUR, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT SHIPS ARE BUILT FOR

Dawn M. Talbot
Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter O.E.S. of Michigan



Editorial

Editorial



“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.”

- Charles Dickens in **A Tale of Two Cities**

Even though Dickens wrote these famous words more than 160 years ago, they seem to ring true today in our time. As I write this we are in the midst of a pandemic and people are reacting in ways I never would have dreamed. On one hand we know more about disease and how to control the spread of it more than ever. On the other hand even with all this knowledge we learn that people still don't know enough to wash their hands. Who knew that during a health scare that toilet paper would become our most sought after and prized possession? Interesting times to be sure, but with patience and kindness towards our brothers and sisters I'm sure that we will get through it.

I think that these words also hold true for our beloved Order. In some ways it is the best of times for our Order: we all gather together and enjoy each other's company, we reach out to our sisters and brothers in need, we promote our cherished values, and we certainly love one another.

But, sadly, in some ways it is the worst of times for our Order. It is no secret that our membership is declining and that there are fewer and fewer younger members to help support our important work. It seems that, like it or not, we are at a crossroads and change must happen. Change that some of us may welcome but more likely change that most of us will not.

Meaningful change is difficult and only comes after deep examination of ourselves. Instead of just lamenting the lack of interest among young people, especially younger women, to join our Order we must ask why they don't want to come. Could it be that some of our beloved rituals are not appealing to generations who have grown up in a fast-paced digital world? Is it because we have failed to properly explain who we are and what we stand for? Is it the way we dress? Or is it as simple as that we have been so focused on looking inward that we have forgotten how to look outward?

Then there's the most difficult question of all. What if we make so many changes to attract new members and somehow lose what makes our Order special in the process? What if we forget how to be Eastern Stars and just become any other run of the mill civic organization?

I don't have the answer to these questions and I don't pretend to know what the future holds. However, change is inevitable. We all know this. Our challenge is to be open to it and to be ready to deal with it in a manner that will best serve the interest of our Order in the long term. We cannot afford to react to change based on how it may or may not effect us as individuals.

Best of times and the worst of times. Which ever these times turn out to be I know that together we will get through them.

With Star Love and Hope,

David Wahr
Junior Editor

2019 - 2020 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Help us help you!

We are working hard to put the right information in the right hands as often as possible. If your chapter needs help getting through some of the materials we've created, or has needs which haven't been addressed by our committee as of yet, please contact us and we will do our best to provide your chapter with whatever help you need most. For monthly updates and more membership news, please be sure to join our Monthly Membership Forum online or over the telephone on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. This is the perfect time to voice your opinions, share any news, or reach out with questions. Look for the invitation on Eastern Stars in Motion or contact one of us. We will be happy to assist you with connecting to the call.

The Membership Committee has new brochures for chapters to distribute to people interested in O.E.S. available on the Grand Chapter of Michigan website. In addition, we have also created a "You Belong Here" brochure for women ages 25-40. It was created specifically to address a generation that is "plugged-in" for an average of 12.5 hours per day, causing a disconnect from their local community.

Great People Having Fun - Doing Good

When speaking with friends, sharing news of your chapter or asking friends outside the order to participate in a chapter fundraiser, it can be difficult to find a way to easily explain O.E.S. If you find yourself reaching for the right words, just remember our purpose is to be an organization of great people, having fun together, doing good for our community, country and our world.

The Turning Points exercise distributed at the membership conference is meant to assist you as you measure your Chapter activities and intentions. Are we still active in our community? Are we the light people know they can turn to when the world is dark? Our first obligation is to the service of humanity - let's keep doing the work of the order!!!

Did the members who represented your Chapter come back and talk about this exercise? Has your Chapter taken time to work through it in either a small or large group setting? Contact us if you need help getting started!

Your Membership Committee is here for you!

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Samm Lewis and Brandi Harvey

Take the time to invest in your Chapter and our beloved Order – We are worth it!

Spring Newsletter 2020

Michigander Club

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Past and Present



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Happy Spring Sisters and Brothers!

A great deal has happened in the last few months regarding our Grand Chapter and the Michigander Club plans for the year. As I'm sure you have heard in your Chapters, our session will be held at the Firekeepers Casino between Marshall and Battle Creek. It is a beautiful facility and I'm excited for the new opportunities it offers for us. However, we are going to need to be creative and adventurous with our planning. We cannot hold raffles, drawings, or fund raisers of any sort in the casino.

So what to do? Rather than hosting a year-long peacock raffle, we will have smaller drawings at each of our events over the course of the year. We have been given the opportunity to host some of our fund-raising activities at the Multi-State event in Mt Pleasant on August 8th. This will include our basket raffle, 50/50 raffle, and sales items. We are looking for new items that are specifically related to Michigan for the sales table. Do you have any ideas? Can you provide Michigan-made products? We will be hosting guests from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio. This is a great opportunity to "strut our stuff"! I just know that everyone will want to take home Michigan gifts as a reminder of their visit to our state.

The watchwords this year are three C's: Companionship, Compassion, and Camaraderie. The Michigander Club is an amazing collection of people who keep company with each other while sharing friendliness, generosity, benevolence, and thoughtfulness with each other as well as those in their communities. This type of support between Sisters and Brothers is what makes this such a wonderful organization. So, recognize our new Grand Representatives for all they have done in the past, all they are doing now, and all they will do in the future for our beautiful Order. Be sure to congratulate our new Grand Representatives when you see them.

Ruth Hampton, Nourmahal #282, Maine
James (Tony) Lawson, Nankin #238, Sao Paulo
Kristine Simpson, Traverse Bay Area #147, Vermont
Vicki White, Grand Ledge #14, Pennsylvania

Shelia Huis
President
Michigander Club

Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams

On December 21, 2019 the Wheeler and Yapple family together participated in the “Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams” at Beaumont Hospital, in Royal Oak.

This was a very cold but awesome experience. At 8pm every night from December 1st to the 25th, everyone gathers outside of the pediatric unit of the hospital with their flash lights and at exactly 8pm everyone outside turns on their lights and shine up to the windows of the children and the children shine their lights back down at the crowd below.

Local fire department assisted those of us outside in doing a synchronized light show for the kids. Shine to the left, shine to the right, shine high, shine low and do the wave. It was a fun experience lasting about 20 minutes, but well worth it!

Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams is an annual event held by Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Many children are unable to leave their rooms and can feel isolated in the hospital as the rest of the world continues without them. With the help of the community, we can make sure they go to bed with smiles on their faces.

Pontiac Chapter #228 will be looking to get a large group together next December, so keep your eye out for the announcement. For more information on Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams go to: www.beaumont.org/health-wellness/moonbeams



Photo features (left to right) Jim Wheeler PGP, Josh Schrovenwever, Quinn Thibert, Michael Yapple, Gail Wheeler WM, Dana Yapple AM & Elizabeth Yapple



News from Around the State

Sherman #197



On Saturday November 2, 2019, we held our installation for the 2019-2020 year installing Sister Elizabeth Smith as our incoming Worthy Matron and Brother Thomas Clair, Worthy Patron.

Also on that day, we presented a plaque to Sister Louise Haines, our first Star of the Year.



On February 8, 2020, we celebrated Valentine's Day with a potluck bingo party. A good time was enjoyed by all our sisters. A nice day to break out of the winter. The proceeds will go to the Worthy Matron's projects for this year.

Clawson #495

Greetings, you know what they say about the best laid plans, right. Clawson has a major change. Still having the Premier Jewelry and Tasty Treats party with Darlene McIver but we have changed the date to accommodate a variety of issues. Still casual at the Troy Masonic Building on Hartland in Troy. Date changed to June 26th at 2 PM. Since we'll be having some things to taste we would greatly appreciate a call to either Gary (586 202 7481) or me, Maria (248 797 6282). That way no one misses out on any treats. We enjoyed our last party with Darlene and are expecting fun at this one.

News from Around the State

Nourmahal # 282

Genesee County Association has been having trips up to the UP for many years. This is one of our fund raisers. This year 36 individuals and one wonderful bus driver traveled north across that big bridge to see what is happening in that beautiful north country. We gambled for two days, enjoyed food, fellowship and saw God at his best. This year our weather was the best it has been for several years. The fresh snow hung on the tree branches and it reminded us all of a beautiful Christmas card. Several lucky people came back with their pockets full, others just came home with warm hugs. It is just a wonderful time for fun and fellowship and of course the treats that were shared on the bus were out of this world. After looking at the pictures I guess we need to find a new photographer.



Marilyn Strader, PM

PH Priscilla #21 Five Point Tea

On a snowy Sunday afternoon Bill and I were honored to visit Prince Hall’s Priscilla Chapter for their annual tea and scholarship presentation. The only information we had was attire was “comfortable” and there would be more than just tea sandwiches to eat, so we went thinking it would be like an open house with folks coming and going at will. Were we ever wrong!

This is a major undertaking with chapter members being assigned to a star-point color at random, which increases the camaraderie of the membership as each team works to put together a meal. This year’s theme seemed to be international, as there was Soul Food Bistro (blue), Greek (yellow), Italian (white), New Orleans (green) and Olympic [USA vs Jamaica] (red), with each color having six to ten items of food to sample. We were STUFFED after trying a bite or two of various offerings at each of the five stations!

There was also a photo booth and tickets for two gas cards at the Italian station.



GAP Brian Johnson,
GAM Keona Cowan,
Dottie Kennedy,
GWM Shanna Garrison,
GWP Kevin Leaphart,
Bill Kennedy,
Most Worshipful Grand
Master Kevin Bell

News from Around the State

Linden #175

Grand Representative of New York in Michigan! Wow! What an exciting appointment for me. First, I want to thank Past Grand Matron Elizabeth Snodgrass and Past Grand Patron Michael Waldo for submitting my name. Next, I want to thank Worthy Grand Matron Suzanne Peckham of New York for appointing me.

Grand Chapter in Michigan was even more eventful for me this past year. I got to take part in the cavalcade of flags. Thanks to Matt Kinloch for carrying the New York flag and walking beside me. Seeing all the flags from all our States plus several foreign countries made me realize what a wonderful world wide organization Eastern Star is. Being presented and introduced in the Grand East was also a thrill.

Our Michigander Club did a great job in hosting the Grand Representatives Breakfast on Tuesday morning. It was fun to be recognized again, but also to meet Representatives from other States as well as many past and present from Michigan.

I was also very excited to be able to travel to Binghamton, New York for New York's Grand Chapter. It was the week after ours. Many thanks to Lois Mattison and Marilyn Ivey-Crook for being my travel companions.

New York is not part of our Grand Jurisdiction and they do several things different from what we do. Once again, I was privileged to be taken to the East. My Michigan counterpart was a gracious hostess and made sure I understood what was going on. We met many new friends and all were wonderful to us. Lois and Marilyn were great supporters, making sure I got to where I had to go, once we got there. They were good navigators as well. We even got to find a geocache in Pennsylvania so Marilyn could get that.

Once back home I attended several county installations. It was wonderful to be able to be introduced at each one as I will be for the next two years. I should also mention the beautiful green dress that my chapter paid for me to have. . . . Thank you for that.

I know there will be several more exciting moments in the next two years. It is with great pride I stand up and say; "Ellen Fisher, Linden Chapter, Grand Representative of New York in Michigan".



News from Around the State

Michigan - Wisconsin Exchange Sue Overly, Starliner Editor

The O.E.S. road to Wisconsin was paved with laughter, fun, good company, bingo and share the wealth. Oh and a few bounces and bumps.

Once we picked up all the travelers the fun began during our several hour trip. Our tour guide, Colleen, started us out with a game of bingo. I among several others bingoed and won a prize. The trick to this game was that your prize could be stolen by someone who bingoed after you. Well I didn't have my prize very long until, I won't mention any names here, Linda K. stole my prize. She had a very happy smile on her face to boot! The game progressed with several exchanges of the prize bags until all the cards were called. Little did we know Colleen W. was not playing with a full deck! What more can I say. Later we played Share the Wealth with the money going to Worthy Matrons fund. Once at the Hotel, which had very nice accommodations, we changed into our O.E.S. casuals and returned to the bus to travel to Janesville Chapter for our official meet and greet with Wisconsin Grand Chapter Officers.

The Grand Officers of Wisconsin were very warm in their welcome of us Michigan folks and made us feel right at home. After a delicious dinner we sat back for some fine entertainment.

Wisconsin presented a skit on the theme of an old comedy show "Laugh In." Many jokes were told along the way and we enjoyed the laughter.

Michigan Grand Chapter Officers presented a tale of the "Tortoise and the Hare". This is an age old tale with a new take. I hope you get a chance to see this skit along your travels because it has a whole new meaning to "how slow can you go?" and "Who won the Race?". Mother Nature, Dottie, was beautifully attired in a gown that was a flourish of spring color, and Nancy Turtle had a few tricks up her turtle sleeves as the race progressed. The prompters helped to make us all a part of the story. Great Laughs and loads of fun. Larry lead us in a camp song to close out the evening and we hope we never have to climb another tree to get away from that Bear!

After leaving our friends in Wisconsin we returned to the hotel where we visited the rest of the evening and caught up with all our Michigan friends we haven't seen in awhile.



We returned home Sunday a little more tired but relaxed and ready to go again! By the way Colleen was playing with a full deck on the way home, cards that is!

Sable's Adventures



Woo Hoo we are BACK!!!! Oh my Gosh what a great time we had by going to Florida to hang out for a couple of days before we went on our cruise. I tell you, as soon as I got off of that plane...I smelled something... OH MY GOSH I SMELLED THE OCEAN!!! I am so excited to see the ocean.

We all took an UBER over to the grocery store to get some snacks, adult beverages and water. Mom called an UBER to pick us up from the grocery store and when he pulled up, he said "No Dog!" Mom explained best she could that I was a service dog and covered by the ADA but he kept saying

"No Dog!" and got in his car and left. Mom was not happy but called another UBER and when the new UBER driver came, Mom thought he might say the same thing but he was very nice and we got in.

Mom said we are going to the port to get on our cruise ship. I couldn't wait because I knew Michael, Diane and Padfoot would be there and I couldn't wait to get on Michaels boat. Well we pull up and we walk around the corner to go in to the building and... OH MY GOSH THAT IS NOT THE WALDO's BOAT!!! IT WAS HUGE!!! We saw Michael when we went in there, we got all checked in and Mom gave all of her paperwork and then Michael made sure we were okay and sent us on our way while he waited with two other cruisers to get checked in. That's when I found out Padfoot had gone to College!!

Mom took me around the back of the ship, and there were 2 boxes and she told me to go in and "BREAK" and I did, and she said that is your bathroom for the next 8 days. Cool, I was worried about where my bathroom was. But where is the ocean???. It smells so close!!

So much to see, so much to do and food everywhere, but where is our room and where is the ocean? We all went for a walk and Mom took me up to the front of the ship on what she calls the helicopter pad and WOW, THERE IT IS! How do I get to it? Mom said in due time, calm down, but Mom it's right there! Well we finally got in our cabin, nice.... And then we had to go to something called "Muster". There were people all over and Mom and Aunt Andrea got to educate people on Service Dogs, so that was a good thing.

Pretty soon the ship got going and we all got something to eat and walked around to check things out. We ran in to my Sister Scarlett and I got to say hi to her and told her we would play later. I miss my Siblings, but I have lots of fur friends that are like family...just like Mom has Sisters and Brothers in Eastern Star. The ocean smells so good and guess what! They've got all kinds of pools, I was so excited to be able to go in them and swim, well that is until Mom said that those were for people and not for dogs! Well that is just not right!! I'm just saying, I think that is just not right!! Mom said be patient in a few days we would be in Aruba and that I can swim in the ocean there, I thought Tuesday would never get here, but it did!! I was so excited I couldn't wait to get my paws in that water. First we went on a bus tour, then finally go to the BEACH!!! I got to finally swim in the ocean, OH MY, I WAS IN DOGGIE HEAVEN! I had so much fun swimming from one person to the next, and they would pet me and I would go on to someone else, but Mom didn't let me go too far away. I swam and swam, we had lunch and then I swam some more. Then it was time to get on the bus. I had a blast!

The next day we were in Bonaire and saw the salt flats and learned how Flamingos turned pink/orange. The history of this island was very interesting. I was so tired so I slept on the bus on the way back to the ship, but Mom learned a lot of history and she was happy too.

In Curacao we took a boat ride over to a resort and I got to swim in the most beautiful water ever. I swam from one person to the next, but you know, the water was so salty and thick I felt like I could stand in it, but not quite.

I must tell you at night there was a conference room on Deck 2 that from 6:00 p.m. to midnight all of my friends and their humans could go in this room and we could play and get some energy out, we played ball and got to be loved on by everyone because we were all naked...well you know we didn't have our vests on.

I must say there was a very good showing of Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers and I think everyone had a great time. I think we got a picture out there somewhere. Mom and I were lazy and for the most part just found a couple of lounge chairs and laid out and relaxed in the sun.

Sable's Adventures (cont.)

I couldn't understand that people thought it was funny to see me sunning myself, I feel like I got as good a tan as my Mom did. No worries Mom put sunscreen on me and made sure I turned over so I wouldn't get burned. I was just happy to be hanging out in the sun with my Mom.

Well to be honest we missed everyone, but we are glad that we missed the ice Storm, I hope everyone was ok. Well we are back and will get back in to the swing of things and get around to see you all soon. I want to wish everyone safe travels, lots of air kisses, fist bumps and pretend hugs to all. It is flu season, make sure, to wash those hands and don't spread germs. Stay healthy.

Oh my Gosh I almost forgot the best part!!! There is this Golden Fluff Ball hanging out with Michael Waldo. I must admit I just met this Fluff Ball at our meeting the other night. I walked right up to it to smell it but it moved, OH MY!! So, if you haven't met the little Fur Ball yet, make sure you find Michael and tell Sheba welcome to the Order! Sheba, I'll be hanging with you in the East and I look forward to watching you grow up and become a great Leader Dog, but stay on your own side!! Kids!!!!

Peace,
Sable



Youth



Hello All!

On behalf of Michigan Job's Daughters I would like to tell you all what we've been up to! Even though the world is a little crazy right now and we are all unable to meet in person, a lot of our members have been doing online game nights or even online meetings via video chat. Pretty neat huh? There isn't a lot going on in the Jobie World, but hopefully all will be back to normal soon so I can tell you all about what we have been doing. In the meantime, I hope you all stay safe and healthy!

Jobie Love,

Hannah Flowers
Grand Bethel Senior Princess 2019-2020



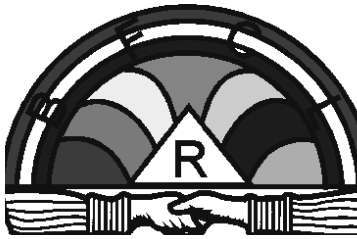
Youth

Greetings,



On behalf of DeMolay International, Jurisdiction of Michigan I'd like to state we had a very eventful February. We held our Michigan DeMolay Academy whose purpose is to educate DeMolays and others how to conduct business, plan events, do finances and how to run a successful meeting. Another event we had was the annual Shrine Circus, every year Michigan DeMolay, with the help of Rainbow and Jobs Daughters goes to the performances and wear the big blow up balloon characters. We also help wherever the Shrine's need us. It is always a lot of fun entertaining the young people at the Circus. On February 29th we held State degrees, where we initiated two new members. Everyone had a good time. March is our installation season and there are quite a few Installations planned. The Installation season kicks-off with Roseville on March 6, 2020 at 7PM, followed by CC Reeves on March 7, 2020 at 7PM, Chain O Lakes on March 14, 2020 at 2PM, Wayne on March 20, 2020 at 7PM, Livingston County on March 21, 2020 at 3PM and Walt Disney on March 27, 2020 at 7PM. This is an exciting time in the DeMolay calendar as the new officers get installed and begin their term plans. I hope to see everyone there and wish everyone a good rest of the month.

Eric Zervos, State Junior Councilor for the Jurisdiction of Michigan



The Rainbow girls have had a very busy month with a GOEX initiating one new member. We also had Digging with the Deputies, which is a day full of service projects. This year the girls made center pieces for Grand Assembly. We also made adorable bunny air fresheners for the residents at the Masonic home in Alma. The girls also had a very informative seminar about human trafficking and our updated dress code. Due to the corona virus we will be Postponing our events and will keep you updated on when they are thank you!

With Rainbow Love and Service,

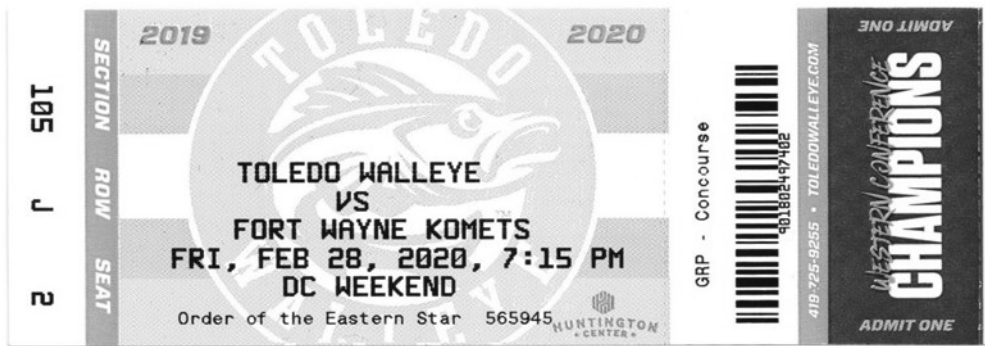
-Cheyenne Brannon, Grand Charity



WAYNE COUNTY GOES TO TOLEDO

On February 28, 2020 Wayne County Association arranged an outing for anyone to attend a group dining experience and a Toledo Walleye Hockey game. Wayne County has been doing this for the last two years and it has always been a great time. Well, this year again it did not fail to please.

Thanks to Dottie and Bill Kennedy our Wayne County President and Vice President, we again made a trek to Toledo to enjoy a very informal evening of fellowship, and to watch a Toledo Walleye game and maybe see a future NHL player work his way through the minor leagues. Our evening started at Ye Olde Durty Bird. It is a family-oriented tavern and the variety of food there and the quality is excellent! It has yet to disappoint us in service as well. All 18 of us were served almost at the same time! After our casual dining and fellowship, tickets were passed out and we all went to the arena to take some time to enjoy the atmosphere. This was a special night at the Huntington Center, as it was DC comic hero night and kids of all ages were encouraged to



dress up in their favorite hero costume. Some were quite impressive! I didn't mention that our Worthy Grand Matron, Dawn Talbot and our Worthy Grand Patron John Groves were with us as well! They didn't wear a costume, but we tried to make them feel special, and as a thank you for joining us we presented each of them with an official Walleye Hat!



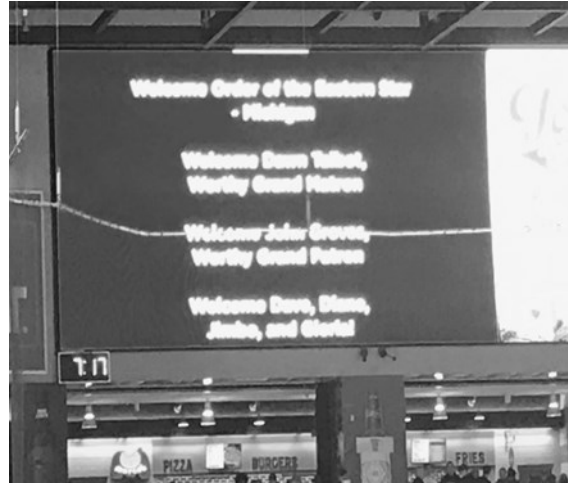
Thank you, Sister Dawn and Brother John, for taking the time in your busy schedule to spend this time with us.

I also failed to mention that we had some other very special people with us in our party. We had Patty and Tom Logan, WM and WP, Tim Sneider, AP, and Kathie King, PM, Adah of Yondota Chapter #317 in Toledo, Ohio! Sister Kathie King spread the news that we were arranging this outing and they asked to join us. Wonderful people and great fellowship! Thanks, Kathie for also reserving our table at the Durty Bird.

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Speaking of DC comic heroes, the Walleyes, they got into the spirit as well! For the first period, they wore Batman themed jerseys, for the second period it was Aquaman, and for the third.....you guessed it: Superman! Think anyone took a picture? NO!

I had to add this little tidbit just to give you an additional flavor for the game: This girl had so much enthusiasm and spirit for her Walleyes that we all got tired just watching her! My wife Linda is watching her on the big screen.



Speaking of the big screen we were able to honor our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron by having their names put up on the big screen for all to see! The picture is fuzzy but you get the idea. Thanks to my ticket agent, Adam Haman for arranging that for us.

What about the game? The Walleye won handily and the final score was 7 to 1. The Komet goalie had a bad day for sure. Kinda like the Red Wing goalies lately.

Well all good things must come to an end and our evening did as well. I think I can safely say that it was a very nice get away, we ate well, we enjoyed special company with special guests, our team won and, as a bonus, we had great weather for the ride home!

Bob Otte, PGP



To my Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you to everyone for all the cards, thoughts and prayers at the time of my mother's passing. She loved her membership in Eastern Star. From her initiation in Tekonsha Chapter No. 324 on April 2, 1946 and through the years, she accomplished so much, gained so many friends and received much enjoyment from her membership. At the time of her passing she was still a very active member of our Chapter, serving as our Treasurer. She was a very present help at our annual Memorial Day bar-b-que meals. She is greatly missed.

It is so comforting to have received cards and notes expressing your thoughts and memories. To be on the receiving end of such an outpouring of comfort is beyond words. Thank you.

Mary Ivey

Autobiographies

Zenda Howell Grand Warder

It's all in a name."

That's very true for me. My name has been given many variations over the years: Zek, Zen, Zelda, even "The Red-Headed Step Child." However my name is pronounced, I've been delighted to be a member of Flat Rock Chapter 156 for 25+ years. I've also had the pleasure of working with the girls of Trenton Rainbow Assembly 37 as Mother Advisor and various other positions.

"I enjoy gardening and tending to all sorts of plants, some of which were rescued from their well-meaning former owners, so one could call me a bit of a plant doctor. I also love a good cup of tea in a huge coffee mug – even if its contradictory, it's the perfect way to start my day.

My favorite animal has been and will always be the hippopotamus – I've happily watched the star of the Cincinnati Zoo, Fiona the hippo, on YouTube and Facebook. And of course, my Christmas season is complete when I hear "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas."

It is truly my honor and pleasure to serve the Talbot-Groves Grand Family this year, and I look forward to all the amazing things we'll accomplish.

Tom Barnard Masonic Relations Co-Chair

I was very surprised and pleased to be asked to be on this committee. I am looking forward for it to be a very rewarding experience. This is my first appointment.

I have been a Mason since 2002 and became an Eastern Star on Jan. 24, 2005. I have held the offices of treasurer (3 yrs), Associate Patron (4 times) and Worthy Patron (3 times). I was Assisting Marshall for Genesee County Association in 2017/2018.

I have been married to my wonderful wife Marilyn for 25 yrs. We have a blended family. Marilyn has 2 daughters (Christina and Colleen) and a son (Tony). Colleen has been a member of Eastern Star since 2006. I have 2 sons (Tom and Bob) and a daughter (Jennifer). We call ourselves The Barnard Bunch.

My favorite color is green. My favorite flowers are roses and tulips. I like country music, old-time rock and roll and Motown.

I worked for the Michigan Department of Corrections for 25 yrs. I retired Mar 15,2011.

I put together Casino trips to raise money for chapter O.E.S. scholarships. I volunteer Crossroads Village I do the Masonic Child I.D. Program on the 1st Saturday of June every year at Crossroads Village. I am also a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose and a member of the Moose Legion.

I collect shot glasses from different cities and states. I also collect baseball caps.

Autobiographies

Gayle Slaven Sunshine Committee

I am Gayle Slaven, raised in Dearborn, MI, I have an older sister, Judy, a twin sister, Sandy and a younger sister, Kathy. I graduated from Edsel Ford High School and then went to Nursing School. I worked for 26 years with Oakwood and Heritage Hospitals and retired in 2006.

While working in the Emergency Room in 1965, I met Ira Slaven, who came in as an ambulance attendant and we began a conversation which progressed to dating, marriage and a lifetime commitment together. We were married in 1968 and have 5 children: Joseph, Judith, Joanna, Jayson and Jessica; eight grandchildren: Tyler, Connor and Abbey (Joe and Lisa); Elizabeth and Elayna (Judy and Jeff); Collin, Madison and Ashlynn (Joanna & Lenny). We have one great granddaughter, Maci.

I enjoy reading novels (Nora Roberts, John Grisham and Mary Higgins Clark) and watching Hallmark Channel, The Incredible Dr. Pol and Lifetime Mystery Movies. I enjoy the relaxation of adult coloring; the challenge of word search puzzles and the daily crossword puzzles. I cannot leave out watching the Detroit Tigers and Red Wings.

I joined Allen Park Chapter OES in 1969, where Ira had belonged since 1966 until the charter was surrendered in the late 80's and later we joined Nankin Chapter No. 238. After my children were all raised, I served five years as Esther, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron, two terms as Worthy Matron and I am currently the Warder

William "Bill" Bellairs Grand Chaplain

Hello Michigan,

I'm William "Bill" Bellairs and am proud to serve the Talbot-Groves Grand Family this year as Grand Chaplain. My Masonic life started in Grand Blanc in 1972 where I proudly served as Master in 1977. I was initiated into Grand Blanc Chapter in 1973 and have become a dual member in Harrison Chapter. I have served numerous times as Worthy Patron in both chapters and held various offices for the County Associations. During the many years that I have been associated with Eastern Star it has been my privilege to serve on various committees; Chairman of the Youth Committee for the Belknap-Hyde Grand Family, Membership Interest Committee Chairman in the Martin-Lewis Grand Family, Drills & Formations for three years and the last three years on the Benevolence Board. Grand Chapter always needs help with the setup and teardown of paraphernalia. It has been both a pleasure and labor of love to have worked with those that volunteer.

Michigan Jobs Daughters International has a special place in my heart as I served as Associate Grand Guardian in 2001-2002. Life has blessed me with two children, Ken and Nan, three beautiful granddaughters and three handsome great grandsons. Looking forward to this year of service, seeing many friends from the past and meeting many more in the future.

God Bless each of you and give you safe travels.

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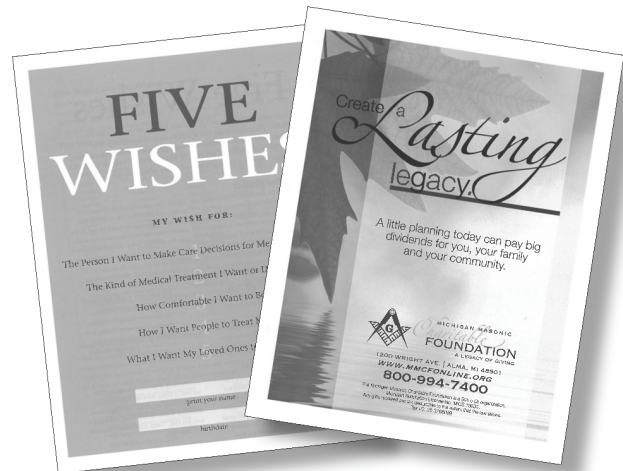
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