



# *Michigan Starliner Journal*

**Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star**

## *Merry OES Michigan Christmas*

### *Christmas Time*

*Christmas time brings us lots of joy  
For young and old, for girl and boy,  
Presents are wrapped with a big bow  
Beneath the tree with lights that glow.*

*A time for family and friends  
To laugh, to share, to make amends  
To eat good food and share a drink,  
Or go ice skating on a rink.*

*Yet there are times which have no joy,  
No gift with bow on a new toy,  
No family or friends around,  
No laughter--not even a sound.*

*So as we all now celebrate,  
Remember to appreciate  
All those you love both far and near  
In this Christmastime--  
And all year*

*Larry Hoekstra - Corinthian # 123*

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## Worthy Grand Matron's Message



### GREETINGS SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

The 2020 Holiday Season is upon us – It will be like no other we have experienced. I hope your Thanksgiving was a safe and enjoyable one. We now look to December as we prepare for the Celebration of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza and New Years Eve.

This first Year of the New Decade is nearing a close – it is undeniably one of the most difficult and challenging we have ever faced. I freely admit it would be very easy to focus only on the negativity, disappointments, struggles and loss brought on by the COVID Virus and unresolved Social Injustice and Political Issues within our Nation.

Are you familiar with the word, “Yodah” ? (*Hint: Not a Star Wars Character*) It is a Hebrew term which means Praise. This new addition to my vocabulary could not have come at a better time. We must consciously look for the Positive and reflect on our many Blessings, expressing our Gratitude and Praise every day.

The tumultuous Events of 2020 have strengthened the bond between us. We can see the evidence of Humanity all around us. The selflessness, courage and dedication exhibited by our First Responders, Members of our Armed Forces, Frontline Workers, Retail Employees, Medical Personnel, Postal Workers and All Volunteers in our Communities as they answered the Call of Love & Service.

Everyday our lives are touched by our Fraternal Family, Loved Ones and Friends. Little things have taken on a greater importance in our lives – a phone call, a text, the sound of a comforting voice, receiving a card, a window or drive by car visit. We rely on these thoughtful gestures to get us through each day because We are Better and Stronger Together!

Soon we will bid Good-Bye to 2020 and usher in 2021. Whatever this New Year has in store for us, we will face it head on with Love, Kindness, Determination and Hope!

I wish for each of you and your Families a very Blessed Christmas and Joyous New Year!  
Please remember to do all within your power to Stay Safe & Healthy!

### ONE

One tree can start a forest;  
One smile can begin a friendship;  
One hand can lift a soul;  
One word can frame a goal;  
One candle can wipe out darkness;  
One laugh can conquer gloom;  
One hope can raise your spirits;  
One touch can show you care;  
One life can make a difference;  
be that **One** today. (*unknown*)



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

## *Editorial*



### *The Grinch (Excerpt)*

*And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet,  
Ice cold in the snow,  
Stood puzzling and puzzling,  
How could it be so?  
It came without ribbons,  
It came without tags,  
It came without packages, boxes or bags.  
And he puzzled and puzzled  
Till' his puzzler was sore.  
Then the Grinch thought of something  
He hadn't before.  
What if Christmas he thought,  
Doesn't come from a store?  
What if Christmas, perhaps,  
Means a little bit more?*

*--Dr. Suess*



Cheryl Rosander, Senior Editor

## *Something to Look Forward to*

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### *Going to Chapter*

*When you come to Chapter  
You leave your cares behind  
All the worries and frustrations  
You have no cause to mind*

*For here you see the faces  
Of friends, both young and old  
And know that they have gathered  
For something more than gold*

*For here we find a treasure  
That money cannot buy  
For who of us can measure  
Such cost if we try?*

*Here our burdens are cast aside  
And pressures, too, are gone  
For who can listen to the truths  
Our officers expound*

*But stand a little taller  
And be a little stronger too  
To meet the tasks before us  
And to our vows be true*

*While you enjoy this friendship  
You later find it true  
The burdens that were waiting  
No longer burden you*

*Marion Boyd, WM  
Amethyst Chapter #138  
Seattle, Washington*



*This poem, untitled, can be found in the book, "Say it Graciously"  
By Marion Boyd.*

## *In Memoriam*

### *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy,  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full,  
I've savoured much,  
Good friends, good times,  
A loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

***In Memoriam****The following names were provided by Chapter Secretaries following a request from the Starliner Journal***Alma #43, Alma**

Dale Greer	7/02/2019
Patricia Foster	11/27/2019
Ellen Markham	1/15/2020
Louise Black	2/20/2020
Patricia Cloudman	3/14/2020
Robert Christ	3/16/2020
Joyce Brown	5/15/2020
William Banks	7/06/2020
Catherine Galbraith	8/19/2020

**Alpena #341, Alpena**

Elizabeth Johnston	12/24/2019
Helen Carls	1/15/2020
Edward G. Bennett	7/17/2020
Jeanetta Balcer	7/20/2020

**America #234, Benton Harbor**

Patricia Rohacs	03/06/2019
Marion LaVoie	12/01/2019
Mary Hanson	12/18/2019

**Atlanta #487, Atlanta**

Mary Larson	11/19/2019
Eva Sortman	12/24/2019 (105 Yrs)
Dale Blackmore	02/10/2020
Robert Voelck	03/20/2020
Mildred Kirk	04/14/2020
H. Dean Billiau	04/23/2020
Gwen Billiau	04/28/2020
Judith Duke	05/06/2020
Roberta Hanna	05/10/2020

**Bedford #471, Bedford**

Patricia M. Jones	11/2019
Ron L. Keller	11/2019
Helen M. Hammond	12/06/2019
Myrna I. Franes	1/27/2020
Betty Stocken	3/12/2020
Anton Kari Radi	3/12/2020
Ilene C. Woodman	4/12/2020
Bruna Shaffer	4/18/2020
Bonnie Joyce Sherman	4/22/2020
David A. Jones	4/30/2020
Ronald L. Wilson	6/07/2020

**Berkley-Highland Park #483, Berkley**

Patricia Herhuth	11/16/2019 (100 Yrs)
Norma Jean Watkins Wilke	11/26/2019

**Brookfield #352, Brookfield**

Walter Bearman	4/28/2020
Joyce Smith	6/13/2020
Betty Nichols	6/30/2020

**Carson City #271, Carson City**

Nelda Williams	2/24/2020
Margaret Ann Terry	4/07/2020

**Coldwater #1, Coldwater**

William Jones	11/2019
Elizabeth Benson	12/2019

**Corinthian #123, Schoolcraft**

Ken Horton	10/29/2019
Rosemary Beery	11/21/2019
Eileen Wilson	12/01/2019
Lois Gressley	6/21/2020
Kay Randall	6/29/2020
Barbara Lawson	7/03/2020
Virgie Tipton	7/23/2020

**Edwardsburg #476, Edwardsburg**

Frances Burmeister	06/30/2020
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**Fairfield #224, Adrian**

William "Bill" Braun	6/09/2020
Dorothy Lou Mitchell-Brown	6/12/2020

**Farmington #239, Farmington**

Patricia Shaw	12/10/2019
Edith Tourangeau	05/2019

**Flat Rock #156, Flat Rock**

Mary Luoma	12/16/2019
Donna Jean King	12/26/2019
Dorothy Sutherland-75+Yr Mem	5/26/2020
Suzette Eppley	10/04/2020
Alvina Jarrell	10/22/2020

***In Memoriam*****Grand Blanc #507, Grand Blanc**

Loise Hubler	4/01/2020 (101 Yrs)
Virginia Ramsey	5/31/2020
Cheryl Burch	6/04/2020

**Grand Ledge #14, Grand Ledge**

Bill White	11/16/2019
Duane Litchfield	1/07/2020

**I C Friendship #252, Imlay City**

Frances Shull	2/04/2020
Lori Ann Peacock	4/07/2020
Randi Laratta	5/19/2020

**Ida #54, Manistique**

Amelia (Amy) Johnson	12/26/2019
Phyllis Carpenter	6/22/2020

**Ideal #167, Marcellus**

Harriet Lowe	08/10/2020
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**Iron Mountain #44, Menominee**

Marsha Tice	11/7/2019
Mavis Goodman	12/3/2019
Shirley Cuyler	2/13/2020

**Kalamo #399, Kalamo**

Frances Pease	12/9/2019
John Rabbit	4/23/2020

**Lincoln #184, Lincoln**

Arlene Webb	1/27/2020
Joe Olah	3/21/2020
Robert Hilderbrand	4/03/2020
Constance Kinnee	4/05/2020
Elva Partlo	6/07/2020

**Linden #175, Linden**

Francis "Jean" Wilson	9/02/2019
Erma Lane	10/12/2019
Joan Durkee	12/13/2019
Christopher Corrigan	3/15/2020
Harmon Jones	6/28/2020
Cynthia Byrd	6/29/2020
Kathleen "Kitty" Magnus	7/19/2020

**Mt. Morris #474, Mt. Morris**

Nelda Joyce Ferguson	09/30/2019
Ruth Schoepach	01/21/2020
Debra Cameron	05/30/2020

**Maplewood #511, L'Anse**

Terry Broemer	9/21/2019
William Delacourt	10/15/2019
Thomas Mitchell	11/22/2019
Gloria Kuster	2/4/2020
William P. Anttila	2/17/2020
Evelyn Titus	6/14/2020

**Mason #150, Mason**

Dolores Lewis	10/25/2019
Irma Cullen	11/03/2019
Doris Bowers	11/19/2019
Barbara Shinn	11/21/2019
Mollie Manchester	3/26/2020
Barbara Fickies	4/15/2020
George Goodnoe	4/18/2020
Betty Bodell	8/04/2020
Madelyn Sanderson	8/06/2020
Nancy Smid	8/21/2020

**Mendon #154, Mendon**

Norma Adams	1/23/2020
Jack Copeland	7/24/2020

**Millington #390, Millington**

Leo Heatley	4/13/2020
Lyle Mudge	4/24/2020
Charles Coon	5/04/2020

**Montrose #351, Montrose**

Marcia Harris	1/17/2020
Germain Knox	4/20/2020

**Nankin #238, Westland**

Carol Yeary	10/22/2019
Ruby Stafford	11/03/2019 (101 Yrs)
Marcia Fuentes	11/06/2019
Marjorie Gifford	1/03/2020
Frances Howard	1/22/2020
Betty Barbour	1/25/2020



## *In Memoriam*

### **Nankin #238, Westland (cont)**

Dorothy Huger	2/08/2020
Jo Ann Richardson	2/14/2020
Catherine Sweeney	2/22/2020
Lucy Wilson	4/10/2020
Flora Murray	4/17/2020
Victoria Morgan	5/01/2020
Lena Warren	5/04/2020
Diana Mahaney	5/20/2020
Earl Dryden	7/20/2020

### **Niles #332, Niles**

Rosanne Karn	11/20/2019
Mary Powell	07/07/2020

### **Nourmahal #282, Otisville**

Yvonne Rock	10/4/2019
Myron Thompson	2/14/2020
Jerome DeWitt	4/21/2020
Barb Sutherby	5/05/2020

### **Okemos #267, Okemos**

Shirley Remer	6/16/2020
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### **Paw Paw-Lawton #257, Paw Paw**

Doris DeWaard	02/23/2020
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### **Peninsular #65, Grand Rapids**

Audrey A. Walters	12/2/2018
Walter R. Murphy	12/17/2019

### **Queen of the North #82, Sault Ste. Marie**

Helen Mayo	7/03/2019
Dale Ward	1/20/2020
Silva Freeman	7/08/2020

### **River Raisin #208, Petersburg**

Delores Steel	10/04/2019
Howard Swan	11/06/2019
Grace Lynn	11/19/2019
Alvirta Hardin	8/10/2020

### **Rockford #215, Rockford**

Helen L. Ammer	5/13/2018
Reva M. Huey	12/02/2020
Alice L. Ryder	3/09/2020
Richard "Dick" Higgins	3/14/2020
Leon E. Avery	7/15/2020

### **Roseville #468, Roseville**

Mary Lou Smith	7/03/2020
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### **Saline #311, Saline**

John Dicks	12/23/2019
Victor Barnaby	
Elaine Boyce	2/17/2020
Arliss Dennison	4/21/2020
Sharon Owings	6/12/2020

### **Scottville-Ludington #327,**

Georgiana Gardner	11/09/2019
Lil Hansen	05/16/2020
Norma Carlstrom	06/25/2020

### **Sherwood Forest #223, Sherwood**

Glenn Cross	10/4/2019
Tommy Bone	10/7/2019
Jay Casselman	11/5/2019

### **Tekonsha-Rebecca #324, Tekonsha**

Bessie E. Ivey	1/17/2020 (101 Yrs)
Rosemary Knapp	1/22/2020
Virginia King	2/07/2020
Janis C. Skudlarick	5/30/2020
Arlene M. Smyth	7/25/2020

### **Vienna #283, Clio**

Dorothea Peters	02/20/2020
Betty Lou Crispell	03/09/2020
Sandra Vuillemot	03/15/2020
Arthur Alexander	03/25/2020
Donna Sanborn	05/15/2020
Marjorie Alexander	06/17/2020

## *In Memoriam*

### **Victoria #290, Livonia**

Geraldine A. Mallad	11/14/2019
Jane Anderson-Moore	11/15/2019
Mildred A. Spaw	11/24/2019
Susan Nightingale	12/20/2019
William Dust	3/10/2020
Donna L. Jackson	3/12/2020
Phyllis Kerslake	4/05/2020
Avis Hinks	4/13/2020
Nancy Fraser	5/12/2020
Arthur Reinholz	5/16/2020
Delores E. Blackburn	5/20/2020
Bruce E. Griggs	6/19/2020
Joanne Rackham	8/12/2020
Nancy King	8/21/2020
Yvonne "Bonnie" Adkins	11/03/2020

### **Wacousta #133, Wacousta**

Katherine Stinson	01/17/2020
Patricia Wysong	02/12/2020
Jean Brown	06/21/2020

### **Ypsilanti #119, Ypsilanti**

Arthur French	12/28/2019
Ellen Ochoa	1/23/2020
Emillie Mills	4/09/2020

### *The Lord's Prayer*

*Our Father who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass  
against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
And the power,  
And the glory,  
Forever and ever  
Amen*



# November 2020 Newsletter

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

2020 has been a unique Leap Year.  
It had 29 days in February,  
300 days in March,  
And 5 years between April and October.  
2020. . . the year that "wasn't".

When Life becomes a roller coaster...climb into the front seat, throw your arms in the air, and enjoy the ride. 2020 has been just that, a roller coaster ride. We have never known from day to day what may happen next. If we look at it with dread, it can be over whelming, but I've chosen to take a look at the good that has come from it.

Isolation has been an opportunity to catch up on that "to-do" list that we've been procrastinating over for years. We've rediscovered our families and the wonderful relationships we have with them. We've developed a finer appreciation for the "small things" that we've been totally over-looking in our normal hectic lives. I've been able to enjoy a sit-down meal without rushing to head out for a meeting or an event. There have been unexpected perks too! We've re-learned how to bake! We've saved \$\$\$ on gas! And, we've discovered ZOOM with its ability to help us keep connected with our OES sisters and brothers.

While I have adjusted to the many changes, there is one thing I am concerned about. The primary purpose of the Michigander Club fund raising is to support our scholarships for our youth groups. Because of the limitations levied on in-person meetings and the cancellations of our Spring Meeting and Grand Chapter, we have not been able to host our normal raffles and various sales and fund raising endeavors.

So, I am asking you to please help us out. If you had been attending our various meetings and receptions, you would have made a reservation for a meal, purchased sale items, and obtained numerous raffle tickets for drawings at each event. I'm asking you to write a check for the amount you would have spent at these functions and send it in to our Secretary Treasurer, Sister Marilyn Ivey-Crook. We awarded the youth scholarships this year already but, without the opportunity to replace those monies, we may not be able to present them to next year's applicants. So, please help us maintain our purpose as a charitable organization, by donating the \$\$\$ you would have spent at our events this past year.

Congratulations to our newest Grand Representatives: Anna Jeanell McInnis (AL), Sharie Sue Ferrante (AR), Wanda Howard (AZ), Maureen Cox (CO), Dixie Wells (IL), Nancy Birkenhauer (IN), Jeanette Asiala (KY), Ruth Hampton (ME), Joan Huntley (MT), Vickie White (PA), James "Tony" Lawson (Sao Paulo), and

## *Michigander Club (cont.)*

Kristine Simpson (VT). Be sure to congratulate them with a card or a call. These recent appointments have been made for three years and I'm sure that each is excited to have the opportunity to represent Michigander Eastern Star by spreading fraternal love, goodwill, and hospitality.

January 30, 2021 would have been our annual meeting but because of the continued restrictions on in-person events, we are still unable to meet. As per the Worthy Grand Matron's request and due to their extraordinary situation we have found ourselves in this past year, the elected officers will be remaining in the stations. The appointed officers should remain in their positions for this next year also. Unless I hear from you personally, I am assuming that you will continue to serve in your current position.

I want to assure you that as a club we are paying what few bills have been submitted, scholarships have been granted, and our Sunshine continues to send cards and calls to those in need. I would ask that if you know of or hear about someone who is ill, passed on, or is celebrating an extra special event such as a 90+ birthday or a 50+ anniversary, please let Debbie Moore, our Assisting Secretary-Treasurer, know.

Dues are again due (\$5.00 per year). Please send them to our Secretary-Treasurer, Marilyn Ivey-Crook, and remember to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so that she can return your dues card. If your address, phone number, or email address have been changed, be sure to include that information with your dues payment.

Like all of our activities and celebrations this past year, our holidays are likely to be far different than we have ever experienced. With the increases in COVID cases and the on-set of the flu season coming up soon, we need to continue to adhere to the CDC recommendations. So how do we as members of the Michigander Club continue those fine traditions in our Club, our families, communities, and Chapters?

Even though we are physically isolated, there are still things we can do to make our holidays full of meaning, purpose, joy, and connection. If you have technical expertise...how about volunteering to teach a class or host a group online? There are cards and letters that can be written and sent. Look for ways to reach out to others to provide some offset to the loneliness and isolation that your Sisters and Brothers, family, or neighbors are experiencing. The experts say that one of the best ways for us to cope with the disappointments we have experienced by being unable to meet together, share a meal together or a hug; is for us to look forward to next year and start to plan for future events, holidays, trips, and the tangible milestones and goals we want to reach.

May the beautiful colors of the peacock and all its wonderful attributes  
bless your days and nights with love, light, and laughter during this upcoming holiday season.

Star Love,  
**Shelia Huis**  
President, Michigander Club

# What's Been Happening?

## Mystic Star #354

Mystic Star #354 has had the privilege of initiating three new members. In 2019-2020 they were each assigned a mentor who sat with them at each meeting. They watch and learn without the feeling of being lost. Each of them chose an office they would like to learn and began preparing for a new year.

### THEN THE PANDEMIC!

Luckily there were officers that were willing to assume a new office so our new members could have the one they wanted. What a fantastic chapter! At the October meeting they were appointed to their very first office and in November they were installed. WOW! Can you remember your first office? How excited you were AND how nervous. They stepped into the new office like they had done it all their lives. Fantastic additions to Mystic Star.

We did have a fun function in August. It was difficult with social distancing, masks, and sanitizer, but at least we caught up on what each one had been doing since we last met. It is hard being away from our friends. What is there to do if you can't attend OES meetings? Someone said you can do anything you want but being with OES friends is what we want to do.

We had a drive by birthday party for Darene Sargent. We all met in town and drove to the party. As we left town several cars got caught up in what was turning into a long parade. As we turned they turned. When we stopped in front of the party, they stopped and we all started blowing our horns. Later we found out they were friends of Darene's. What an impressive event. Cupcakes were handed out to all in attendance. THAT is what OES is about.

Hopefully we can meet on a regular basis soon. Until then text messages and phone calls help a lot. Even getting a card in the mail brightens the day.

The programs are printed, meetings planned, fun functions look good on paper but we are all willing to wait until it is safe to meet. It isn't worth one person getting sick or dying so we can enjoy a very special part of our lives. We can wait.

Submitted by Minnta Davis, WM



Mystic Star #354



Darene Sargent and Minnta Davis

## *What's Been Happening (cont.)*

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### **Okemos #267**

#### **REACHING OUT**

What do you do in a Pandemic? You reach out to your members with a helping hand.

We realized early on that members that were self-quarantining at home could have difficulty with many aspects of daily living. The first of which would be loneliness for those who are in single person households. Some may have trouble getting out for groceries. Were the members staying well? Did they need any help?

We found members that needed help with lawn mowing and our Masonic Brothers at 252 stepped up to help out with this need. They are a great group of guys and we appreciated their help.

Next, we checked to see if people needed help with groceries, some members were afraid to go to the store, so we picked up items or told them how to do online shopping. I had to learn online shopping myself. Some members needed masks and they were provided. They weren't always perfect, but they were happy to receive them.

The biggest hurdle was loneliness. We arranged zoom visits, and occasional outdoor get-togethers in very small groups with social distancing. We still weren't touching enough members and we decided to make surprise deliveries. Over the course of the following weeks we delivered a ham dinner, chicken salad, cookies, cupcakes, muffins, books and human contact. It was so wonderful to see the smiling eyes, we of course wore our masks and social distanced. We usually managed to be in contact with about 20 members each time.

When we were able to meet as a Chapter again our Secretary, Karen Cook, who is also our Membership Committee chair introduced us to a new idea. Each officer was given the name of 5 or 6 members to stay in contact with through phone calls, cards or visits. We have just started this project so we are hoping it will bring our Chapter closer together over the next few months.

#### **HELPING OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS**

Okemos Chapter 267 is busy with our annual Pie Sales for the Food Banks. We knew with the Covid situation that our sales could suffer this year. We were totally surprised to have us match last year's sales with over 200 pies sold. The last orders will not be in for a few days yet so we don't know if we will beat our record sales of last year yet.

We sell 11 inch apple, pumpkin and pecan pies. All are made from scratch. Even the apples are picked by our members at a local orchard. We take great pride in producing a quality product.

The new regulations from the Health Department have forced us to change some of our procedures and we will work shifts to complete the project. We also are going to curbside pick-up to reduce exposure of the members.

While we have had many changes this year, the pie sale has increased in popularity amongst the Community. They like the pies and the idea of contributing to a worthwhile cause. We are grateful for everyone who participates and hope to continue this project for many years.

Sue Overley, WM



## History Lesson 1911 (This book was selected at random)

The Worthy Grand Matron was: Lizzie I. Harrison from Bethlehem Chapter #105

The Worthy Grand Patron was: John Rawson from Grand Rapids Chapter #318

The Session was held at The Jackson Masonic Temple, October 11-12, 1911, and opened at 10am.

There were 366 Chartered Chapters and 10 Chapters under Dispensation. A total of 376 Chapters. During the year 3,700 members were initiated, 503 members were affiliated, and 139 members were restored for a total of 4,422 new members. The present membership was 47,961.

The largest Chapter was Peninsular #65 in Grand Rapids, with 850 members. The second largest was Oriental #32 in Grand Rapids with 563 members and the third largest was Palestine #80 in Detroit with 551 members.

The Worthy Grand Matron made 181 official visits to Chapters and Associations. Think of how difficult that was with fewer cars, train rides and even some horse and buggy trips.

The Grand Secretary sent out to the Chapters 1,900 letters.

We had an Eastern Star Home in Grand Rapids supported by the Grand Chapter.

During the year 1910 the Masonic Home burned. A brother gave the Masons land and a building in Alma for a new Sanatorium. It was being rebuilt at this time. Our Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron were on the Masonic Home board. The Eastern Star had started raising money for a hospital at the home. The special project this year was for the hospital at the home. \$670.95 was collected from the Chapters and the Grand Chapter added \$300.00 for a total of \$970.95.

Grand Representatives recommended by the Worthy Grand Matron were Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. More than one State were represented by several of these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

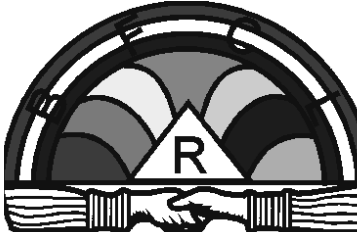
The Grand Officers initiated 2 new members at the evening of the first day of the session. The election was the first order of business on the second day. Several cities presented their qualifications for the next years' meeting, after which the delegates voted on what they thought best.

There was no special Memorial like we have now. Members who passed were recognized by the Obituary Committee.

Installation was held and Grand Chapter closed until 1912.

Helen E. Milbourne, PGM & Historian

## Youth



Hello from Michigan Rainbow!

I hope all of you enjoyed Halloween even if it looked a little different this year. In October we had our first outside and socially distanced GOEX. Even though there were a few windy obstacles we were able to initiate two new sisters. Having an outdoor initiation was definitely a new experience but I think we all had fun and it was great to see all of my Rainbow sisters again.

As we draw near to Thanksgiving I am reminded of how thankful I am for this wonderful Masonic Family. I hope you all are staying safe and are enjoying this beautiful fall weather.

Rainbow love and service,  
Katherine Ellis  
Grand Charity, Michigan IORG

Hello everyone,

On behalf of DeMolay International Jurisdiction of Michigan I would like to bring greetings and talk about a few things that have been going on for DeMolay in the state of Michigan. First some of our chapters have been trying to work through the pandemic and put together some civic service projects, some DeMolays placed flags on veterans graves for Veterans day, we placed over 100 flags that day. On November 21st we hosted our annual honors day where we perform our major honors and awards ceremonies for those who have been nominated and designated for their extraordinary service.



Right now we are planning our annual winterfest for February 5-7, 2021 in Mt. Pleasant, the theme this year will be comic-con themed so if you like comics like Marvel, DC, or even Star Wars this will be perfect for you. We hope to see everyone there and that everyone does their best to stay safe during these uncertain times and remember, if you ever need anything from Michigan DeMolay feel free to reach out and we will try our best to help.

-Eric Zervos, State Senior Councilor  
DeMolay International Jurisdiction of Michigan



Hi again!

This is another update from Michigan Job's Daughters. As we all know, we have begun another shutdown due to the pandemic, but that has not stopped Michigan Job's Daughters from keeping in touch with one another. We have quite a few virtual activities planned for these upcoming months and we are continuing to be more and more creative on how we accomplish this. We had our first in person exemplification in October, which from what I heard it was a success and followed all the safety precautions. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend because I was quarantined, but all is well now.

On November 21<sup>st</sup> we have a Masonic honoring planned, where we had all the Grand Bethel girls film themselves honoring a Mason of their choosing. We put of all those videos together and created our ceremony. I hope this goes smoothly and is heard by our Masons! On December 5<sup>th</sup>, we have leadership planned. Originally this event was meant to take place in person, but the shutdown has caused us to make a change of plans. The most important thing right now is for everyone to stay safe and "Stand Tall" through these tough times; we will get through this together!

Jobie love,  
GBSP Briahna Greer



## JUST DUCKIN' OUTTA THE RAIN

Folks, I had the most exciting experience one night last week. I was downtown shopping when it started to rain, and I ducked in through this door. When I got inside, I realized I was in one of them "Eastern Star buildings". There was a man standing there and I went up to him and asked, "Are you a member of the Eastern Star?" Well sir, I didn't understand his answer, something about seeing a star, and on that dark, rainy, cloudy night he couldn't see any star. But I did wonder why he was there, so I said, "Why have you come here?" Well, I didn't understand that answer either, something he had to do and just about the time I was deciding what a nice man he was, he came over and took my hand and squeezed it. I just squeezed his hand back. Then it started to rain in the window and he went over to close it; well, while he had his back turned, you all know how curious I am, I just opened the door and walked in.

There was a woman up in front with a hammer in her hand, just beating on the desk with it. Every time she'd hit the desk, they'd all stand up. I bet I lost two inches around my waist just jumping up and down and she couldn't seem to decide whether she wanted us to stand up or sit down.

Then we played a game with marbles. They had a box and you poke marbles down a hole in the box; well, I didn't know whose side I was on, but I figured out that the black was going to win 'cause they only had a few black left. So, I just poked a black down the hole, but I never did find out who the winner was because about the time they would have announced it, some woman started to yell that it wasn't clear in the west. Well, I guess she just found out it was raining. I could have told her it wasn't clear anywhere.

When she yelled it wasn't clear in the west, the woman next to me started to cry. Well, I know just how she felt. My windows were open at home and my drapes were getting wet, but I have the most wonderful cleaners called the W.G.M. Cleaners and anything you send to them comes back looking like new. So I just leaned over and whispered to her, "Don't worry, Dear, every one that's here are bound to be crooked, but if you just send them all to the W.G.M. in the morning and have them put the hot pressure on them, in no time they will be ready to hang and nobody will know the difference." Well, she looked at me like I had slapped her face or something, so I just kept still after that.

Pretty soon a woman got up and left the room and in a little while she came back with another woman and the poor thing was so excited. She didn't know where she was supposed to go --- she led that woman all around the room and finally ended up right back where she started from. But I know what SCARED her! She stopped to talk to another woman that had an old scarf over her head and she must have had a headache, a toothache, or didn't feel good or something, because she kept fanning herself with the scarf. I couldn't hear all that she was saying, but I did hear her say, "She was not afraid to die," and pretty soon she reached over and picked up this long sword.

Well, I knocked the man down on the outside getting out of there, and I heard him say as he tried to grab me, "Well, that settles it, from now on there has to be two guards at the door, one is just not enough." Well, Brother, as far as I'm concerned, one is enough. You couldn't drag me back into that place.

Submitted by Dottie Kennedy, Grand Organist

(We don't know the origin of this story, but wanted to share)



# Something Old

This was "borrowed" from the December 2013 issue

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## Bits of This N That

**December is:**  
National Read a New Book Month

The birthstone of December is turquoise

December 27th is National Chocolate Day



On December 29, 1862, the bowling ball was invented

On December 3, 1967, the first heart transplant was completed

On December 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers made their first flight.

On December 14, 1791, the Bill of Rights was passed

Snow on Christmas means a green Easter.

### December Superstitions

"Marry on December third for all the grief you ever heard"

"Wearing new shoes on Christmas Day will bring bad luck" - Editors note: Sr. Editor does not believe this one, wearing new shoes on any day has be a



got to good day.....

" If a girl raps on the henhouse door on Christmas Eve and a Rooster crows she will marry within the year"



It is, on average, the coldest month of the year within most of the Northern Hemisphere and the warmest month of the year within most of the Southern Hemisphere

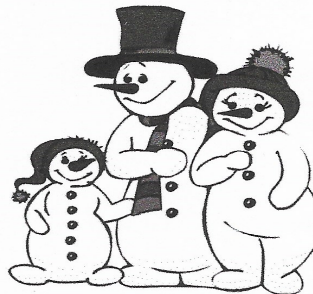
### Did you know:

Did you know that today "losing weight" Is the most common New Years resolution.

Did you know that Julius Caesar was the first to set January 1st as the New Year.

The song "Auld Lang Syne" was written in the 1700's. It was written by Robert Burns in Scotland, as a song of remembrance and reflection.

" Good Luck will come to the home where a fire is kept burning throughout the Christmas Season"



### January Fun Facts

January's birthstone is the garnet

The flower symbol of January is snowdrop & carnation

January 8 - Elvis Presley's birthday

On January 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by Abraham Lincoln

Did you know that when American's ring in the New Year on January 1st, more than 303 million people will be living in the United States.



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