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My Sisters and Brothers,

This year I am thankful for all of you. You are all in my heart and prayers. I look forward to the time when we can join together in person again. I would appreciate being invited to any virtual meetings or social events that you have. Please stay safe and healthy.

With Thankful Love,
Laramie Reissner
Worthy Grand Matron

Thankful (By Mandy Cidlik)

No ghosts or goblins and trick-or-treats,
No candy or flowers for your sweets.
No gifts to buy or presents to give,
Just be THANKFUL for the life that you live.

Resolutions

Resolutions that were to be presented at the Annual Session of Grand Chapter in May 2020 were included with the April 2020 newsletter. Worthy Grand Matron Laramie has indicated these Resolutions will carry over to the May 2021 Grand Chapter Session. New Resolutions can be submitted following the format outlined in the Code of Laws, Article XXIV, Paragraph 25, Rule 5. New Resolutions are to be received by the Grand Secretary by the first business day following January 1st in order to be considered at the May 2021 Annual Session.

Mark Your Calendars!

Many dates on our calendars have been cancelled or postponed due to Covid-19, but we remain hopeful that events planned in 2021 may come to fruition. The following events remain on the WGM and WGP's calendar. Stay tuned for details!

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| Feb | 27 | IL Exchange |
| Mar | 18 | Union Grove's 125 th Anniv |
| | 20 | St. Patrick's at Three Pillars |
| | 21 | Tea with Laramie in Fond du Lac |
| Apr | 6 | Electa's 125 th Anniversary |
| | 10 | Tea with Laramie in Clear Lake |
| | 17 | Wine and Chocolate Event
sponsored by SE & Triwaukee |
| | 29 | MN Grand Chapter in St Cloud |
| May 16-20 | | Grand Chapter in Stevens Point |

New Grand Representatives

Congratulations to these Sisters who received their Grand Representative commissions since our last newsletter:

Susan Claussen, Ontario (Dousman-Rob Morris Chapter)

Mary Moen, Louisiana (Sparta Chapter)



Letter from our WGM & WGP

October 7, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

On September 17 we sent out the following announcement. "All events scheduled for October are cancelled. Chapters cannot hold in person meetings or events until further notice. Events are any time Eastern Star members gather for any Eastern Star reason i.e. fund raising or social at any location. In October we will let you know the status for November and December."

In the last 3 weeks the numbers in Wisconsin have continued to climb. The Governor has just issued an order that may help bring the numbers down. Nobody knows what will happen in the immediate future. We are cancelling all meetings and events for November and December. You may make your Holiday plans without worrying if an Eastern Star meeting will interfere with them. We hope that the New Year will allow us to meet to conduct business and enjoy our social events again.

Chapters may conduct regular Chapter business i.e. pay bills and hold funeral services during this recess. Chapter audits and Annual Reports will be completed when we are able to reopen. The MWGM has issued rules for holding a virtual business meeting. Chapters are NOT required to hold these meetings. The rules were sent to Chapters in the September newsletter.

Chapters will not be able to hold the required number of meetings per year. All this will be waived for this year. Secretaries are asked to put the wording "Meeting unable to be held because of Covid19 recess declared by the Worthy Grand Matron" or similar language in your minutes to cover all missed meetings and activities.

Please know all the members are constantly in our thoughts and prayers. Hopefully, the end of 2020 will bring us back to each other stronger and better than ever. We hope that the Holiday season brings Hope, Joy and Thanksgiving to our lives. Please keep all our Sisters and Brothers in your prayers.

Laramie Reissner Ian Watts
Worthy Grand Matron Worthy Grand Patron

Wisconsin Eastern Star Foundation

Have you found yourself facing financial hardship? Do you know of a member of your Chapter who could use some financial assistance? There are many reasons why someone may need a helping hand. As Wisconsin Eastern Star members, we are fortunate to have the Wisconsin Eastern Star Foundation. The Foundation is one of the means through which we accomplish the great beneficent purpose of providing for the welfare of our Sisters and Brothers. The Foundation is a separate entity from Grand Chapter; the business of the Foundation lies solely with the Board of Directors. The Foundation meets quarterly to review applications and provide aid to Sisters and Brothers of Wisconsin Chapters. Applications are confidential and only reviewed by the members of the Foundation Board.

The Foundation Board will be meeting in December. **Applications for financial assistance can be submitted at any time but need to be received at the Grand Chapter Office no later than Thursday December 10th for consideration this quarter.** Applications can be received from your Chapter Secretary, the Grand Secretary or downloaded on the Wisconsin OES website (wioes.org, under the Forms tab).

Grand Officer Nominations

At Grand Chapter in May 2019 a motion was made and passed that nominations for Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Associate Grand Conductress and one Grand Trustee for a three-year term are to be submitted to the Grand Chapter Office to the Grand Secretary no later than February 1st of the election year so nomination information may be sent to Chapters in March. Only the nominee's Name, Chapter, Chapter number, City, and their qualifications for office are to be mentioned. This does not prevent a nomination to be done the day of elections at Grand Chapter.

With the cancellation of Grand Chapter 2020, the Worthy Grand Matron has determined the nominations for two elected Grand Officer candidates published in the February 2020 newsletter do not need to be resubmitted for consideration at the 2021 Grand Chapter session. Additional nominations are to be received by the Grand Secretary no later than February 1, 2021. Please refer to the clarification by WGM Laramie Reissner to the motion that was published in the December 2019 newsletter.

Chapter Dues

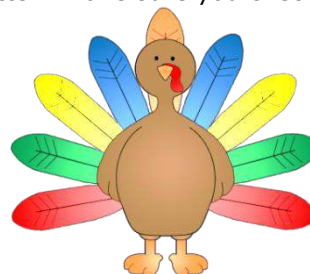
Sisters and Brothers,

I have been hearing that dues are slow to come in this year. Chapters are not able to meet right now, however they still have expenses they have to pay. Grand Chapter still has to pay its bills and work for the future. Please send your dues to your Chapter Secretary. Every reminder letter that they send costs your Chapter money for stationary and postage. We are looking forward to when we can meet again.

Laramie Reissner
Worthy Grand Matron

OES Website

Our Wisconsin Eastern Star website (wioes.org) contains a wealth of information, including previous copies of the Monthly Newsletter. Make sure you check it out!



IN MEMORIAM

The General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star remembers with thanksgiving these three leaders who have passed to their eternal home during 2020.

“May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other.”



Brother Harles Creech
Most Worthy Grand Patron 2000-2003
Worthy Grand Patron of Louisiana 1980-1981
At Rest: February 25, 2020

Sister Paula Argus
Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Emeritus
Worthy Grand Matron of Utah 1983-1984
At Rest: July 19, 2020

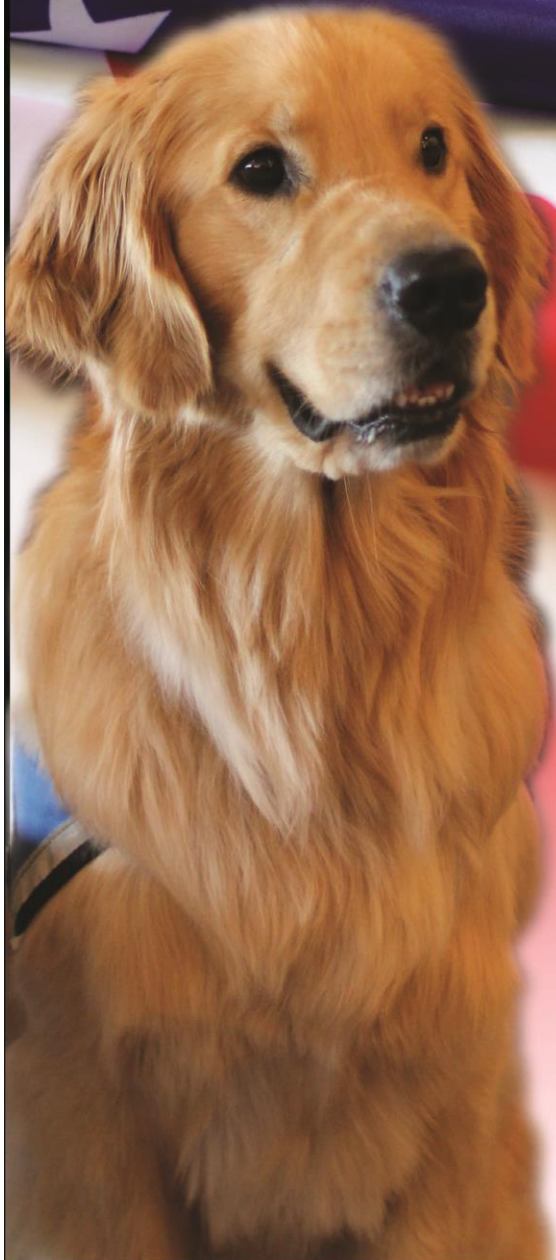
Sister Rennie Often
Most Worthy Grand Matron 2009-2012
Worthy Grand Matron of Texas 1978-1979
At Rest: September 16, 2020



Here are fun facts about Thanksgiving to share around the dinner table.

- The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 over a three day harvest festival. It included 50 Pilgrims, 90 Wampanoag Indians, and lasted three days. It is believed by historians that only five women were present.
- Turkey wasn't on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish were likely served, alongside pumpkins and cranberries (but not pumpkin pie or cranberry sauce!).
- Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on October 3, 1863. Sarah Josepha Hale, the woman who wrote "Mary Had A Little Lamb," convinced Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday after writing letters for 17 years.
- There are four towns in the United States named "Turkey." They can be found in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, and North Carolina.
- The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500.
- Butterball answers more than 100,000 turkey-cooking questions via their Butterball Turkey Hotline each November and December.
- The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game between Yale and Princeton. The first NFL games were played on Thanksgiving in 1920.

I joined Eastern Star, come & serve with me.



I want to thank all veterans for their service to our country. I would be proud to be of service to a veteran if she or he needs me and I can be helpful

~ PEYTON



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All Master Masons and their female relatives are eligible to join.