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Cruising Along with the Grand Chapter

Pink Sand and American History August 23-31, 2012

On Thursday, August 23, my husband, Ron, and I set sail from Baltimore with the WGM, WGP, and about 50 OES friends from Maryland and West Virginia on the Royal Caribbean's *Enchantment of the Seas* on our way to Bermuda, Boston, and Newport.

We arrived in Bermuda on Saturday at King's Wharf and immediately set off for Hamilton by ferry, then St. George's by bus. Our mission was to get to the Bermuda Perfumery to buy fragrances we had gotten 18 years earlier while on our honeymoon. After an afternoon of walking around St. George and Hamilton, we arrived back at King's Wharf and walked around the Royal Naval Dockyard, a former Royal Navy Base, now full of museums and shops selling hand blown glass and yummy rum cakes and other wonderful items. On Sunday, we enjoyed the pink sands and blue waters of Horseshoe Bay. My suitcase was loaded with several bags of the pink sand!

On Monday, a sailing day, OES members of Maryland and West Virginia invited other OES passengers to join us for a "Meet and Greet" to get acquainted and share OES experiences.



David and Debbie, WGP and WGP of MD, and Cindy Strakal and Jim Shannon, WGM and WGP of WV

We arrived in Boston on a very rainy Tuesday. Many brave souls challenged the rain and headed into Boston. Ron and I started out at Quincy Market - dodging raindrops by going into the several stores. By 10:30 a.m., we were rewarded with sun and clear skies. We followed the Freedom Trail, walking over to the Old North Church, back to enjoy a lunch at the Bell In Hand, the oldest tavern, then over to the Boston Commons, enjoying many historic sites along the way.

On Wednesday, we arrived in Newport, a real homecoming for me since I served two tours there with the Navy. Ron and I rented bikes and pedaled around Ocean Drive, a ten-mile drive around the coast, enjoying the beautiful scenery. We visited the Breakers, a Vanderbilt mansion, and had lunch at the Black Pearl. On Friday, we arrived back in Baltimore, with many memories, new friends, and lots of pictures!



Beautiful scenery!

Many of you enjoyed the wonderful Grand Chapter Cruises in January and August. We were among those fortunate members who shared in the fun and fellowship. Ron is an avid photographer and took lots of pictures and posted them on Flickr, a photo website. If you would like access to these photos, contact us at:

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We are also investigating selling a CD with cruise photos to raise money for the WGM's and WGP's General Charities Committee.

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Installation of Mary Adeline Bradford Supreme Worthy Advisor, IORG 2012-2014

A Sea of Maryland Red filled the room at the formal banquet at the "Rainbow, The Bridge to the Future" Supreme Assembly Banquet in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in July. The Maryland delegation with 66 in attendance was not complete on Sunday at the Supreme Banquet, but then 83 Waves of Yellow showed up on Wednesday to witness the installation of Mary Adeline Bradford, PGM, as the first Supreme Worthy Advisor from Maryland!



A proud group of Marylanders!

Though all of us have seen the beautiful work of the Installation, pure pride and admiration filled the arena as Mary Adeline stood west of the Altar and was more than the Maryland delegation could stand, as tears of joy and happiness fell from our eyes.

The honor was bestowed on Ruth Lewis, PGWA, to install Mary Adeline, as Chris Roby led her to the Altar to receive her jewel and escorted her long-time friend to the Supreme East, where nine of her Past Grand Worthy Advisors and two of her Rainbow Grand Officers from when she was GWA greeted her with hugs, kisses and tears of happiness!

Installing Officers were:

Installing Officer - Ruth Umstot Lewis,
PGWA, PM, McKinley No. 12

Installing Chaplain - M. Ernestine Hale,
PGM

Installing Recorder - Roberta Russell,
PM, New Jersey

Installing Marshals - Chris Roby, DGL,
and Patti Snell, Grand Treasurer

Installing Bible Bearer - Laura Krahl,
GWA, Wicomico No. 91

Installing Organist - Gretchen Bursett,
PGM, Maine

Installing Soloists - Nikki Shaffer, GWA
of PA and Samantha Gordon, GWAA of
Maryland.



Maryland was also honored to have Miss Sarah Hanlin from Oakland Assembly No. 8 serve as Acting Supreme Nature. Sarah is the Junior Past Grand Worthy Advisor of Maryland and was excited to be chosen as one of the Acting Supreme Officers as she helped to initiate one of Maryland's own Rainbow girls, Kristen Kile, daughter of Geena Kile and granddaughter of Chris Roby, all shown in the photo above.

Laura Krahl, Grand Worthy Advisor of Maryland, Salisbury Assembly No. 5, graced the floor in the Cavalcade of Flags. The Cavalcade is an impressive work of art as the flag bearers from each country and jurisdiction execute intricate drills to upbeat, foot stomping music. Maryland

cheered with enthusiastic energy every time Laura passed by with the distinctive red, white, black and gold flag of Maryland.

The Ritual Competition team participated in Bow Team, Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced individual categories. Morgan DeVaney, Dundalk No. 3, won the Novice category, Blake DeVaney, Dundalk No. 3 place third in Intermediate and the Bow Team took first place.

Maryland was definitely seen and heard in Grand Rapids! Join us in Baltimore in July 2014 for the "Rainbow Lights the Way" Supreme Assembly Sessions!!

Debbie Raynovich
Mother Advisor
Oakland Assembly No. 8

**An Honoring for Mary Adeline Bradford
Supreme Worthy Advisor, IORG
September 23, 2012**



Mary Adeline Bradford, PGM and Supreme Worthy Advisor, IORG, was honored at a reception at the Grand Lodge of Maryland on Sunday, September 23. Approximately 300 members and friends were in attendance.

Following a delightful social hour, everyone gathered in the Corinthian Room, where we were welcomed by Misty (Hartman) Lindsey, PGWA 1992-1993. The Promotional Ceremony, written by Sister Mary Adeline some years ago, was performed with great grace and dignity. Those participating in the Ritual Competition in Grand Rapids were also introduced.

Following other special greetings, we gathered in the Grand Lodge Ballroom for a delicious luncheon. Many guests were presented and remarks made. Mary Adeline welcomed everyone and honored Rainbow and the Eastern Star with her remarks.

It was a wonderful gathering of Rainbow, Eastern Star, friends and family. Congratulations, Mary Adeline, on your installation as Supreme Worthy Advisor!



Grand Chapter General Charities Christmas Festival December 9, 2012

Ho! Ho! Ho! Mark your calendars and join Debbie Hribar, WGM, and David Hall, WGP, at our Christmas Festival to be held Sunday, December 9, at the Double Tree Annapolis, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD, to raise money for their Special Charities.

Come enjoy the following festivities:

Silent Auction	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Vendor Tables	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Benefit Luncheon	2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

We will raffle off an exquisite pin and earrings set donated by WR Chance Jewelers. The set is a 14k white gold open star design with diamonds. The lucky winner will be drawn at the Luncheon. What a beautiful Christmas gift for yourself or for that Special Someone!



Tickets are available through Chapter Secretaries or Committee Members and are one for \$10 or three for \$25. Make your check payable to the GCMD General Charities Committee and send tickets and money to Lynn Schweizer, No. 47, 8051 Keeton Road, Elkridge, MD 21075.

Put on your Christmas finery and have your picture taken with "Brother Santa Claus"! Photos will be taken between 1 and 4 p.m. A 4x6 photo will be available for \$5.

Since Unity No. 112 is having its Grand Visitation on Saturday, December 8, avoid the long drive home and back by staying Saturday night at the Double Tree. A block of rooms at the special rate of \$99 (if reserved before December 1) will be available.

The money raised will be divided among the six charities, with 50% going to the WGM's/WGP's Special Project-Alzheimer's and the remaining 50% split equally among Arthritis, Cancer, ESTARL, Heart, and Military and Veterans Committees.

We look forward to sharing fun and fellowship with our Sisters and Brothers as we raise money for these Special Charities!

Sylvia Priestersbach, Chair

Patricia Schlitzer, Co-Chair

Beverly Pazak, Secretary/Treasurer



Grand Chapter Bon Voyage Shrimp Festival

The Grand Chapter Ways and Means Committee hosted an 'All you can eat' Shrimp Festival on Sunday, August 19, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bowie. The 'Bon Voyage' theme was used to wish all those going on the Grand Chapter cruise safe travels.

The hall was decorated for the day with a gangplank at the front door and life preservers and anchors at the registration table. The tables were decorated with little folded paper boats and mints. The menu included all you can eat shrimp, coleslaw, hot dogs and hamburgers, macaroni salad, potato salad, and cold beverages. While they were eating, diners enjoyed a slide show of various ports of call and were serenaded by island music.

There was a vendor area where chapters and individuals were invited to bring their ways and means items for sale. Another highlight was the Basket Bingo, where numerous baskets of all varieties were donated. And, of course, the 50/50 raffle is always a hit.

It proved to be a casual way to enjoy some relaxing fellowship with our OES Sisters and Brothers. It was a successful and well-received event. The Ways and Means Committee would like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting the Grand Chapter of Maryland.

Karla Light, DGL

Secy/Treas W&M Committee



**The Grand Chapter of Maryland
Ways and Means Committee
Presents Advance Notice for the
2nd Annual OES Fashion Show
Showing the Fashions of
Lord & Taylor, Annapolis Mall**

**Saturday, January 19, 2013
The Admiral Lawrence Room
Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium
511 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401
410-221-4051
Doors open at 2 p.m.
Dinner served at 3 p.m.**

**To volunteer to be a model, contact
Karla Light, Secretary, Julia Halla No.
107.**

**Full details to follow via letters, Grand
Chapter Website, and MD OES
Newsletter.**

Join the Key Club!

The Grand Chapter Ways and Means Committee is collecting old unwanted and extra keys, so clean out your collection, bring them to any Grand Visitation or give to a committee member and join the Grand Chapter "Key Club". The keys will be taken to a scrap metal center and traded for cash for the Ways and Means Committee, a win-win situation for us all!

OES KEEPS ON GIVING



On Thursday evening, June 28, PGP Patrick Curtis presented a \$2,000 check to the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs to help build the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund. Linda Sanner, PGM, and husband Bill arrived after the photo was taken as Secretary Chow had to depart for another function.

Pictured are (from left to right) Karen Smith, DGL, in her capacity as District 5 Commissioner, Maryland Veterans Commission; Secretary Edward Chow, Jr., Director, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs; PGM Patrick Curtis; and Mr. Jerry Boden, Chief of Staff, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs.

The presentation was made at the Buffalo Wild Wings in Annapolis during a fundraiser in conjunction with the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs. The money presented was raised by the 2011-2012 Military and Veterans Committee, chaired by Sister Sally Herling, Roelma No. 113.

Check www.mdva.state.md.us/trustfund for donations and applications for veterans in need.



Earlier in the year, Karen also presented a check for almost \$800 to Janet Grampp, Manager, Andrews AFB Fisher House. She was representing PGM Joan Morris, and PGP, Phil Beeman and their 2007-2008 Special Project, of which she and Regina Widderich were co-chairmen. This was the second check presented, with the first one being over \$20,000 the year after they left the Grand East.

What a wonderful thing to be able to support both of these fine charities through our OES donations. Congratulations to all who were involved in these important Grand Chapter fundraising activities!

CALENDAR

OCT.		
2	Victory No. 40 - Special	8:00 PM
4	West Virginia Formal Opening	
6	Grand Lodge Harvest Home Day -- All Brothers should attend.	
9	Hagerstown No. 89 - Stated	8:00 PM
10	Silver Spring No. 66 - Special	8:00 PM
13	Past Grands Dinner	
16	Highland No. 33 - Special	8:00 PM
18	Door to Virtue No. 94 - Stated	8:00 PM
20	Harford No. 83 - Special	2:00 PM
21	Treasure Club Dinner	
22	Chestertown No. 86 - Special	8:00 PM
25	Ruth No. 7 - Special	8:00 PM
27	Halloween Party w/DE - Costume a must - Caesar Rodney Chapter	3:00 PM
28	Present and PMs & PPs of So. MD Fall Meeting, Unity No. 112	3:00 PM
29	Kensington No. 39 - Special - DC in MD Exchange	8:00 PM
31	Lebanon No. 108 - Special	8:00 PM
NOV.		
1-8	Forty-Seventh Triennial Assembly, Ft. Worth, TX, General Grand Chapter	
6	MD Breakfast at Triennial	
8	General Grand Chapter Installation	
11	PAGO Club Luncheon	2:00 PM
13	Annapolis No. 46 - Stated	8:00 PM
16	Grand Lodge Banquet	
17	Grand Lodge Installation (OES members please attend)	7:00 PM
19	Woodlawn No. 101 - Special	8:00 PM
26	Arundel No. 80 - Stated	8:00 PM
28	Towson No. 70 - Special	8:00 PM
30	Caroline No. 62 - Special	8:00 PM

DEC.		
1	Miss JD Pageant - Scottish Rite	
2	Supreme Visit JD - Grand Lodge	
5	Elkton No. 84 - Stated	8:00 PM
7	Julia Halla No. 107 - Special	8:00 PM
8	Unity No. 112 - Special	2:00 PM
9	General Charities Christmas Festival Fundraiser, Double Tree, Annapolis	1:00 PM
11	Howard No. 20 - Stated	8:00 PM
JAN.		
4	Severna Park No. 117 - Special at Odenton	8:00 PM
5	Deputy Exams	
14	Daughters of Job No. 74 - Stated	8:00 PM
19	Ways and Means Fashion Show Fundraiser, Naval Marine Corps Stadium, Annapolis	2:00 PM

WAYS AND MEANS EMBROIDERED POLO SHIRT FUNDRAISER

Fabulous shirts in a variety of colors with "Maryland OES" and the OES emblem. \$28-\$35. Additional personalization upon request. Contact Randy Geck, Chairman, or Karla Light, Sec/Tres, for more information. Download your order form from the Grand Chapter website: www.gcmd.org

Present & Past Matrons & Patrons of Southern Maryland
FALL MEETING & Dinner
NEW DATE - OCTOBER 28!
 Sunday, Oct 28, 2012 @ 3 p.m.
 Home of Unity Chapter No. 112
 Contact Karen Smith for more info
 (301-843-2568)