A WORD FROM THE GRAND EAST
WORTHY GRAND MATRON
SISTER CLAUDIA A. EATON

I hope this finds you well and enjoying your summer!

First, allow me to welcome and thank our new *Maryland Star* editors, Sisters Beverly Southall, Havre de Grace No. 27 and Elizabeth “Betty” Bollock, Harford, No. 83. They have been hard at work and have done a great job on this edition.

It has been a very busy start to our Grand Chapter year. We travelled to Grand Sessions in the neighboring Jurisdictions of the District of Columbia, Delaware, Virginia and Pennsylvania, returned to Delaware for an Exchange Visit at Adah Chapter No. 5 where we received an exceedingly “warm” welcome, enjoyed a beautifully executed Grand Line Reception with toe-tapping live music by the Regents of Bel Air, made special memories with our Masonic youth while attending the Job’s Daughters Annual Session, DeMolay Conclave and the Rainbow Supreme Assembly, and several Maryland members attended the Grand Master’s Ball and danced to the lively music of “The Fun Band.”

Nine of our Subordinate Chapters received us into their respective homes for Grand Visitations and we are very grateful to each and every one of them for their hospitality and all courtesies extended to the Grand Family and guests. Unfortunately, the Grand Visitation at Silver Spring Chapter No. 66 had to be postponed due to a fire in the building. We are blessed by the fact that there were no personal injuries sustained and I am pleased to report that Silver Spring Chapter has secured a location to hold stated meetings on Wednesday, September 17 and Wednesday, October 1 at the home of Kensington Chapter No. 39. We are hopeful that Silver Spring will be back in their own meeting place by late October or November and will keep you posted.

The fall schedule is full and provides special opportunities for us to be together and work for the good of the Order. Our webmaster, Sister Michelle Brink, Pentalpha No. 38, is doing a lovely job of posting events and forms to our website. If you are not able to get to Chapter or if you have misplaced a needed form, please visit www.gcmd.org for information you need.

I look forward to seeing many of you when we resume our travels next month.

Fraternal love,

Claudia A. Eaton
Worthy Grand Matron
2014-2015

A WORD FROM THE GRAND EAST
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
BROTHER EDSEL B. CROUSE

As summer rolls along I hope everyone is having an enjoyable time. I miss seeing you and am anxious for activities to resume. Hugs are waiting for each of you.

As the song says: “See You In September”! With “Harmony Through Music”,

Edsel B. Crouse
Worthy Grand Patron
2014-2015
REPORT OF THE 116TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF MARYLAND

The 116th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, OES, was held at The Hunt Valley Inn in Cockeysville, Maryland April 27-30, 2014.

The “Face In The Mirror” Session began Sunday evening with a wonderful, formal, beautifully decorated banquet. It was a great time with great company. Brief remarks were made by the Worthy Grand Matron, Bette Bowen and the Worthy Grand Patron William Gunn.

Monday morning a full ritualistic opening was conducted and “The Lord’s Prayer” was the Opening Ode. A partial report of the credentials committee was given and as of Monday morning 446 people had registered for sessions.

The WGM, Bette Bowen gave her report. She thanked her officers, deputies, and the traveling companions. She also thanked Chapters #67 and #40 for all their hard work and support. WGP, William Gunn also thanked the officers. The WGM and WGP made a presentation in honor of all branches of service with a flag for POW and MIA. It will make an appearance at the Presentation and Tribute to Flags Ceremony. It was also reported that 6 chapters were delinquent in giving their annual reports and therefore not entitled to candidates for election and not entitled to vote at session.

Following the reports of the WGM and WGP, Associate Grand Matron Claudia Eaton reported that the Grand Session for April 26-29, 2015 will be held at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, MD.

Donna Almony, Grand Secretary, reported we currently have 4581 members, initiating 50 this past year. There were 220 deaths, 16 demits and 61 suspensions. Donna thanked Kevin Hribar, PGP, Grand Treasurer on a great job. The books have balanced. Kevin Hribar PGP, Grand Treasurer gave the preliminary report for April 1, 2013-March 31, 2014. Total assets = $264,228.96. Leslie Gilliam, PGM, Grand Trustee reported that she has taken pictures of all the Grand Chapter Jewels and put them in a safe deposit box.

The altar was draped in Loving Memory of Glenn C. Haynes, PGP, Raymond G. Trott, PGP and Mildred S. Martin PGM who were called from labor here to rest on high.

Sister Kay Bond, PGM, Grand Lecturer, reported that there were 35 Deputy Grand Lecturers and 2 substitutes. The ritual competition had 13 participants.

50 year members were greeted, given certificates and silk roses. The members were then presented in the East.

Following the morning Session, the Grand Representatives Luncheon was held.

At the beginning of the Monday afternoon session, Wilbur Carr PGP, Harford #83 sang “Surely the Presence of the Lord”.

The Necrology Program was presented to pay tribute to those members who had passed this Grand Chapter Year. Touching eulogies for, three PGM’s and PGP’s, deceased members of the General Grand Chapter, Sisters and Brothers of other Grand Jurisdictions, Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and Sisters and Brothers of subordinate chapters were given. We sang “The Old Rugged Cross”. The Memorial Roll Committee reported that $699.50 was collected for the year and recommended that the funds be turned over to ESTARL.

The Informal Opening of the 116th Session was held Monday evening with the Introduction of Grand Officers and their Escorts and the Presentation of Flags, Grand Representatives and Emblems. We were honored with the presence of Sister Bobbi White, MWGM, who was greeted and escorted to the East.

The formal opening of the Session followed the Informal Opening and The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Gerald Piepiora was presented. Many other distinguished guests were
presented including, General Grand Chapter Officers, and Committee Members, WGM’s and WGP’s, Grand Representatives and representatives of Masonic Youth Groups.

The MWGM reported that she went to Italy to Institute their first Grand Chapter, then traveled to Romania to start a 2nd International Order of Rainbow and constitute the first. She is selling hankies, crystal pins, and luggage tags. All proceeds will go to Shriner’s children projects.

The PGM’s and PGP’s of Maryland presented our WGM and WGP $1000.00 for their ways and means project.

On Tuesday morning the WGP presided over Jurisprudence. Legislation passed included: An Amendment stating: “Two members of an immediate family shall not simultaneously hold the offices of WGM, WGP, AGM, AGP, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer” An amendment to be in effect for the 119th Grand Session stating: “The election of this Grand Chapter shall take place on Tuesday of the annual session at 8 pm and the Installation of Grand Officers shall begin at 10 am on the final day of the annual session.

At the Eaton-Crouse Administration Luncheon, attended by around 270 guests, the incoming WGM and WGP announced their officers for the coming year. Several distinguished guests made remarks. We watched a video about the WGM’s and WGP’s Special Project, American Music Therapy Association. Music therapy interventions can be designed to: promote wellness, manage stress, alleviate pain, express feelings, enhance memory, improve communication and promote physical rehabilitation.

Tuesday afternoon, we continued with jurisprudence. An amendment stating: All funds received by the committee chairperson shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary within 10 days of their receipt and written acknowledgement shall be sent to the donor and to the family of the honoree. Grand Representative Appointments were given: Louisiana- Pat Dula #40 and Wisconsin- William Dula #40. A donation was made for “Fido’s For Freedom” to the WGM and WGP in the amount of $200.00 for the Grand Officers. Marcia Betz, #74 reported contributions for Bonnie Blink Residents - $3,177.92. Diane Smith, #27 reported that 165 people attended the Palm Sunday Service. Patrick Curtis, PGP, #112, reported the Knight’s Templar Eye Foundation received $795.00 in donations. The OES Scholarship Committee gave 8, $1000.00 scholarships in 2012 and 5 $1,000.00 scholarships in 2013.

Tuesday evening we welcomed and honored all the secretaries from subordinate chapters. It was reported that the WGM and WGP special jewelry had net proceeds of $4,012.00 and the OES Greetings Book and calendars made $13,350.00. After the session there was a reception with cookies, punch and dancing to DJ Tim. We saw the Grand Line perform their rendition of the “Halleluiah Chorus”.

Wednesday morning elections were held. Brother William Gunn, WGP presided over elections. The Credentials Committee reported 285 ballots were given. The following were elected to serve for the 2014-2015 Grand Year:

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Following elections reports continued: Arthritis - $1,895.00, Cancer - $5,118.00, Estarl - $3,175.00, Heart - $4,065.14, Military & Veterans $2,890.00. Related charities combined total was over $78,797.19. Ways and means netted $5,048.98. The WGM and WGP were presented with their matching pink and blue quilts. They were embroidered in different patterns with all the chapters represented on them. The WGM and WGP Special Project raised $11,741.01 by April 14, 2014. An additional $1,645.02 was collected during session with more additions to follow.
Following the morning session, Donna Almony, Grand Secretary, and Kevin Hribar, PGP, Grand Treasurer, hosted the combined Secretaries and Treasurers luncheon.

Wednesday afternoon, the WGM and WGP gave their farewell addresses. The 2013-2014 Officers retired.

Installation of Grand Officers for 2014-2015 was held at 3pm with the following officers installed:

- **Worthy Grand Matron**: Claudia Eaton, Annapolis #46
- **Worthy Grand Patron**: Edsel Crouse, Harford #83
- **Associate Grand Matron**: Nancy Ford, Highland #33
- **Associate Grand Patron**: Randolph Geck, Julia Halla #107
- **Grand Secretary**: Donna Almony, Parkton #42
- **Grand Treasurer**: Kevin Hribar, PGP, Harford #83
- **Grand Conductress**: Diane Smith, Havre de Grace #27
- **Associate Grand Conductress**: Madge Jones, Howard #20
- **Grand Trustee**: Joan Morris, PGM, Martha Washington #10
- **Grand Trustee**: Phil Beeman, PGP, Mountain #15
- **Grand Trustee**: Juanita Bowers, PGM, Frederick #79
- **Grand Chaplain**: Gay Topper, Marlboro #61
- **Grand Lecturer**: Jean Chance, PGM, Annapolis #46
- **Grand Marshal**: Barbara Clark, Parkton #42
- **Grand Organist**: D. Lynn Newman, Mountain #15
- **Grand Adah**: Susan Passwaters, Havre de Grace #27
- **Grand Ruth**: Bunny Russell, Julia Halla #107
- **Grand Esther**: Judith Hall, McKinley #12
- **Grand Martha**: Brenda Compher, Harford #83
- **Grand Electa**: Margaret Caracciolo, Pentalpha #38
- **Grand Warder**: E. Betty Jordan, Centerville #69
- **Grand Sentinel**: Elbert Swiney, Howard #20

The new WGM, Claudia Eaton, gave her acceptance speech which concluded with the Musician’s Prayer. She said she was looking forward to a productive year. The new WGP, Edsel Crouse, gave his acceptance speech. Musical selections were enjoyed by all. Pat Dula #40 sang touching music for WGM Claudia and her mother, June Peddicord #46. Jean Penley, #83 played piano music for WGP Edsel and his wife Ellen.

Jewels were exchanged. Introductions were made and various groups were presented.

The theme for the year is “Harmony Through Music”. Emblems are the violin, grand piano, music and angels. Colors are red, black, gray, gold and silver. Flowers are the Lily of the Valley and Red Rose for the WGM and all flowers for the WGP. Their Special Project is the “American Music Therapy Association”.

The WGM closed the Session. ♦ *Special thanks to Sheri Marley #83 for her session report notes.*
CONGRATULATIONS TO PAT DULA ON HER INSTALLATION AS GRAND ADAH

Congratulations to Sister Pat Dula, Victory Chapter No. 40 who was installed as Grand Adah at a meeting held at Pentalpha Chapter #38 on June 30th. Sister Pat has been a faithful Deputy Grand Lecturer and has severed our Order for many years. Sister Pat and her husband Bill were welcomed into the “Music Maker Grand Family”. It was also a very special evening for Pentalpha as they installed three new members into the Order.

50 YEAR MEMBER PRESENTATION

Juanita Bowers, PGM, recently called our WM Carol Geck, and asked if Julia Halla would do a 50 year presentation to one of their members that now lives in Leonardtown. We were very happy to do so. We gathered on Sunday July 20 at Fitzie's Restaurant in Leonardtown, and were able to present a 50 year certificate, flowers and her pin to Sue Ann Yingling on behalf of Frederick chapter. Her husband was able to join her. There were 6 members of Julia Halla in attendance. It was a very enjoyable afternoon for everyone.

VIETNAM ERA VETERANS HONORED BY MARYLAND LEGISLATURE

On Wednesday, March 5, The Maryland House of Delegates and the Maryland Senate recognized our Vietnam Era Veterans with a special recognition ceremony in each chamber. Approximately 100 Vietnam Era Veterans, spouses and friends attended. Veterans and their loved ones were invited on to the floor of the House and Senate and greeted with standing ovations. We were invited to participate by Sister Karen Smith, Veterans Committee Member and member of Unity #112. Brother John Ertel of Annapolis #46 and Randy Geck of Julia Halla #107 attended and enjoyed the festivities.

Following the ceremonies, we were welcomed in the Governor's Reception Room, with greetings from Governor O'Malley, Afghanistan Combat Veteran Lt. Governor Brown, Vietnam Combat Veteran Senator John Astle, Senator Richard Colburn, and Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Edward Chow. It was a very moving and memorable experience. This is the first of several celebrations planned, culminating in 2016 with a weekend of celebrations, so stay tuned. Submitted by: Randy Geck, PP

MARYLAND ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AUTO TAGS

You too can have these attractive Auto tags on both ends of your car, van or truck.

Why not support the OES Charity in a very painless way?

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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

THE ASSOCIATE MATRONS AND ASSOCIATE PARTONS PICNIC

August 24, 2014  at 2PM
Patapsco Masonic Lodge 2 Trading Place, Dundalk, MD 21222
Heritage Park located across from the Lodge – Weather Permitting
  (Lodge Hall if inclement weather)
Menu: Cookout Fixin’s
Reservation Deadline: August 20, 2014
For More Information Contact Sister Nancy Ford, AGM
RSVP: email poohtig2816@comcast.net
  410-668-5278

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES CLUB PICNIC

September 7, 2014  at 2PM
Open to All Members, Family & Friends
Patapsco Masonic Lodge 2 Trading Place, Dundalk, MD 21222
Heritage Park located across from the Lodge – Weather Permitting
  (Lodge Hall if inclement weather)
Menu: Cookout Fixin’s
Reservation Deadline: September 1, 2014
Tickets: $10   Make Checks Payable to: “Grand Representatives Club of MD” and mail to
Club Secretary: Carolyn Kulp 10226 Green Clover Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042

WAYS AND MEANS CRAB FEAST

October 5, 2014  1 PM – 5 PM
FOP Lodge, Catonsville, MD  -- $55.00 Full buffet --Crabs, Carving Stations, Soup sides and dessert
Tickets and Information: Madge Jones, Chairman 410-489-7211, Anna Mae Welcher 410-228-4266,
  Stacey McNeely - 301-862-4105

OKTOBERFEST

October 24, 2014  7 PM – 11 PM
Plan to have a fun evening at the Grand Chapter Charities Oktoberfest
  At the Colony South Hotel in Clinton, MD
Good Music, Delicious Food, Dancing, Singing, Auction, Royal Court, Fun, Fun, Fun!
Contact: Carolyn Mathias, Chairman 410-939-1639 or Joyce Caldwell, Co-Chairman 410-378-3939
COMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 2
Grace #21 Grand Visitation (Special) 8 PM

September 10
Gleaner #49 Grand Visitation (Special) 2 PM

September 11
Ionic #73 Grand Visitation (Special) 8 PM

September 13
Schools of Instruction Marlboro #61
AM/AP School 10 AM
School for Secretaries 10 AM
Lunch Noon
General School 1 PM

September 15
Unity #112 VA in MD Exchange 8 PM

September 17
Centerville #69 Grand Visitation (Special) 8 PM

September 18
Door-To-Virtue #94 Grand Visitation 8 PM

September 20
Harford #83 Grand Visitation (Special) 2 PM

September 24
Caroline #62 Grand Visitation (Special) 8 PM

September 25
Worcester #102 Grand Visitation (Special) 8 PM

September 26
Wicomico #91 Grand Visitation (Special) 8 PM

September 27
Roelma #113 DE is MD Exchange (Spec.) 2 PM

September 30
Annapolis #46 Grand Visitation (Special) 8 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – GRAND OFFICERS

Sister Nancy Ford, Associate Grand Matron July 18
Brother Kevin A. Hribar, PGP, Grand Treasurer July 26

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WEDDING BELLS RING OUT FOR THE WORTHY MATRON & WORTHY PATRON OF MCKINLEY CHAPTER NO. 12

Congratulations to Sister Trish Hetz and Brother Raymond Ryan the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of McKinley Chapter #12 who were married on July 20th. The wedding was held at the Canal Plaza in Cumberland Maryland. Congratulations and best wishes for a lifetime of happiness.

Pictures by “Jamie Purdy Photography”

FAREWELL TO SISTER LOUISE FAGAN AS SHE RETURNS TO HER HOMELAND

A luncheon honoring and saying farewell to Sister Louise Fagan a member of Havre de Grace Chapter No. 27 was held at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace MD. Over eighty Sisters, Brothers and friends honored Sister Louie (as she is known in Scotland) and to say goodbye until we met again. Sister Louise greeted each and every one of the guests in attendance in a receiving line. Several gifts and presentations were made. Some of her Sisters and Brothers “roasted” Sister Louise. Below is a picture of Sister Louie’s new flat. We are sure she would love to hear from you.

Louie Fagan
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EMAIL - Louiefagan390@gmail.com
WINNER OF THE ARUNDELM CRAB FEAST RAFFLE

Arundel Chapter #80 held the drawing for the Win Your Own Crab Feast raffle. We are happy to announce that

Brooks Broome of Daughters of Job Chapter #74

Won the drawing!

We want to thank all of you who helped support our Ways and Means project. We were very pleased with the outcome.

Thanks to everyone,

Gladys Watsic
Arundel Chapter #80

CARES & CONCERNS OF OUR MARYLAND OES MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Please keep our Sisters and Brothers in your prayers

John & Adele Witmer; Gerald & Virginia Phillips; Marvin Printz; Kay Miller; Howard Higgins; Bill & Rita Clauss; Debbie Hribar; Randy & Carol Geek; Virginia Stanford; Eleanor Kight; Jeanine Easley; Toni Delano; Sherry Green; Ronald Perkins; Urban “Pete” Peters; Gladys Plowden; Joe Mueller; Ed Almony; Don Knode; Ron Mathias; Carl Knouse; Sue Bowers; William McLean; Phyllis Loughry; Genevieve Wyatt; Anna Oden; Dorothy Yeager; Frances Rosling; Mary Walter; Ethel Dill; Vickie Nicklas; Amanda Nowland; Marilyn Stadler; Pearl Johnson; Bunny Russell; Elbert Swiney; Elaine Eichler; Lynn Schweizer; Delores Brown; Don Sykes; Ashley Jones; George Wilson; Patricia Hodgson; Virginia Pettit; Elaine Hagenrater; Marianne & Tom Pryer; Sylvia Kirby; Madge Jones; June Peddicord; Betty Terry; Bette & Sam Bowen; Jean Lockhard; Jean Oliver-Haynes; Margaret Caracciolo, Jeannine Swift; Sue Cubbage; Richard Mizak; Donna Sword; Judy Benton; Doug Womer; Karen Gardner; Carrier Hammett; Harriett Cole; Gladys Dawson.

IN MEMORIAM ENTERED INTO ENTERAL REST – INTO THAT HOUSE NOT MADE WITH HANDS ETERNAL IN THE HEAVENS

Sister Erline Bailey
Sister Charlotte Wilson
Sister Virginia Sparks
Brother Harris Dolan
PHOTO GALLERY

The Eaton-Crouse Luncheon April 29th

Introduction of June Peddicord & Roy Peddicord at Installation – April 30th

Installing Grand Officers – Sister Jean Chance, PGM & Brother Jon Thompson, PGP – April 30th

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