GREETINGS AND WISHES FOR A HEALTHY, HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FROM

WORTHY GRAND MATRON – SISTER CLAUDIA A. EATON
WORTHY GRAND PATRON – BROTHER EDSEL B. CROUSE

THE GRAND OFFICERS
&

THE PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS
OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF MARYLAND
About 45 years ago, Mike Caldwell was an acolyte, Sunday school student and page turner for the organist at Tome United Methodist Church in Port Deposit. This past summer, Caldwell, known by his parishioners as “Pastor Mike” returned to the church as it’s minister.

“In March I got a call from the church superintendent, Rev. Derrick Porter, who asked me if I wanted the church. I said yes. This is the church where I was an acolyte and went to Sunday school” said Pastor Mike.

Caldwell’s road back to Tome UMC is a winding one. After growing up in that church, he stopped attending church as a teen.

Upon marrying his wife, Beverly, 31 years ago, he began attending Perryville United Methodist Church. At that time he was working as a master electrician and for the Town of Perryville’s public works department.

His life has also been greatly impacted by health problems. He’s had four pancreas transplants due to trauma-induced pancreatitis. He also has a donor kidney courtesy of his older daughter, Jennifer.

“Somebody had to die for me to get that pancreas. I got three matches and now it’s four. It kind of made me realize there was some reason God was keeping me around,” he said.

About a decade ago, he got more involved in the church. He began working as a lay leader and lay speaker at the Perryville United Methodist Church. He singed on for a ministerial candidacy program and is working to meet the requirements. He is continuing his education and seminary work. “My health is good and life’s good. The ministry changes you more and more all the time,” he said. He said he enjoys running into people from his past who don’t know he has become a minister.

Pastor Mike’s life took another turn twenty-two months ago when he was named pastor at Asbury United Methodist Church between Perryville and downtown Port Deposit. Since taking over at Asbury, attendance has tripled. The church, which did not have a Sunday school, has started one. He said that when he was asked to take on leadership of a second church, he did not hesitate nor take time to think about it, which surprised church officials. “It’s been good. We have a lot of room to grow. I’d like to start a youth program and Sunday school,” he said.
BROTHER MICHAEL CALDWELL, NAMED MINISTER TO TOME UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN PORT DEPOSIT Continued…

His Sunday mornings are busier now. He turns out at Asbury for a 9 a.m service and fellowship. He’s at Tome for Bible study and worship by 10:45 am. The service starts at 11:30 and he wraps up an hour later. He’s very much like to see more people at both churches.

“I think somewhere along the line we’ve lost a generation of church (attendees). People that are here today are the parents of people I grew up with. We’ve lost it. Where are our kid’s? Church isn’t as popular as it was,” said Pastor Mike. “Today, people miss church. Things would be better at home if there was the presence of God. People need to spend an hour a week thinking about where their lives are.”

Pastor Mike is very focused on the community and is looking for ways that the churches can serve the community. He’ll continue church partnerships he forged while at Ashbury. Tome UMC members will now join congregations from Ashbury, Perryville and Principio for special services for Thanksgiving and Ash Wednesday. Recently Tome hosted an outdoor gospel concert. Past Mike said he is working on planning other activities to get people to Tome.

With Tome UMC, which was built in the 1870’s comes an additional responsibility, the church property across the street, Nesbitt Hall. At that site there is a free lunch and clothing distribution from 11 am to 1 pm the third Saturday of each month. “All are welcome to come to that. That’s an outreach of the church.” He said.

Both churches are “come as you are” meaning that no formal dress is required. “We’re just good ole people in this area. There is no need to put on airs, when everybody knows everybody and knows who you are and where you come from. I haven’t found a dress code in the Bible that God or Jesus has written down,” he said.

“When you change your life, you do things better than you used to. You find happiness and you can have more peace,” he said.

He and Beverly also have another daughter Allison as well as two grandchildren. Both his wife Beverly and daughter Allison are members of the Eastern Star in Havre de Grace. Brother Pastor Mike and Sister Beverly reside in Perryville. Pastor Mike is also the son of Joyce and Ben Caldwell also members of Havre de Grace Chapter No. 27 Order of the Eastern Star. Special thank you to Lisa Tome, Contributing Editor - “The Rising Sun Herald”
GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL TRIP TO GERMANY & AUSTRIA AUGUST 13–24, 2014

Our Grand Marshal Sister Barbara Clark has provided the following story about the Grand Chapter Special Trip to Germany and Austria August 13 – 24, 2014.

Sister Barbara says what I remember about Germany was we were picked up by the travel agent in a shuttle or taxi and proceeded to the autobahn my first experience on a highway with 1000’s of other cars going 90 to 100 mph! Secondly it was the country side everywhere but Vienna was so very very clean. All along the roadways there was no trash, cans, bottles or paper!

Every house had window boxes filled with the most beautiful mostly red but a few purple flowers we were told because the windows have no screen and the shutters stay open the mosquitoes don't hang around because they hate the smell of the red geraniums in the boxes and being a flower lover I found that very interesting as I didn't ever pay attention to a geranium having a smell but next year as I buy my flowers at the nurseries I certainly will. The food was different, a lot of sauerkraut but not fixed the American way which is seasoned. They also deep fry the whole pig knuckle which is served with kraut and mashed potatoes. When they deep fry the knuckle the outside is just like pork rinds, very crispy but also very good to people like me and Cecil who like pork rinds or cooked pork we were also given a very large mug of German beer which I thought tasted like stinking feet but of course Cecil liked it and drank some from every one’s mug who didn't like it very much either. In fact the owner gave him his mug to bring home as a souvenir. Vienna was not as clean and the "canals", when the water is low the "graffiti" artists are allowed to paint in their own designs or whatever you call it; I call it trash and a waste of good paint and time. I hope this …brings a smile to your face...xox Sister Barbara Clark, Grand Marshal

First picture is of group in Salzburg.

Second Picture is the Grand Officers in Salzburg

Third Picture is WGM and members in Bavarian Dinner in Munich
OKTOBERFEST

October 24, 2014  7 PM – 11 PM

What a fun evening was had in Hagerstown October 25 for the Grand Chapter Charities' OKTOBERFEST!!! The German food was both generous and delicious. The Committees provided wonderful items for auction, with Tim Schupfer as a super auctioneer! Many went home with great bargains! Costumes worn by many of the attendees were excellent. PGP David Hall and his Grand Wife, Judy, were just perfect. King Ted Shea, and Queen Bobbi Androkitis and their Court looked great in typical Tyrolean costume. (Lots of men's knees were showing.) This friendly competition brought money for our charities and more fun for the evening. Thanks to Karen Smith for this event. We finished the night with dancing to the music of "J J and Friends," an excellent three piece band. Tim joined them for a bit of drumming, and he is quite good. Thanks to all who came and to those who helped make the Oktoberfest what it was - FUN! FUN! FUN!

If you'd like another great evening out, put February 28 on your calendar. The Grand Chapter Charities will sponsor a Supper Club, "Puttin' on the Ritz," to be held in Baltimore at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple on N. Charles Street. Tickets will be on sale soon. And don't forget to purchase your raffle ticket for the beautiful gold and sapphire ring donated by Chance Jewelry. The ring will be awarded at the supper club.

Carolyn Mathias, Chairman Special Project
Joyce Caldwell, Co-Chairman.

Top Picture – the King and Queen and the Oktoberfest Court

Bottom Picture – Oktoberfest Queen Sister Bobbie Andrukitis & Oktoberfest King Ted Shea
Left – Worthy Grand Matron Sister Claudia Eaton

Right – Worthy Grand Patron Brother Edsel Crouse

The “Oktoberfest Dancers”

The Omh Pa Pa Band
TOWSON CHAPTER CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY ON NOVEMBER 16TH

PICTURE LIST
1 – Cyndy Coyle, PM, Ray and Susan (PM) Henninghausen, No. 70
2 – Worthy Grand Patron Brother Edsel Crouse and his wife Ellen, No. 83 & Liz Scarborough, guest
3 – Barbara Rouse, WM No. 70 with Ed Ford, PP No 33 and Carol Geek, WM No., 107
4 – Elaine Niemeyer, PM No. 70 & Bill Sanner, PP No. 74
5 – Jo Ann Scarborough, PM, No. 70 & Randy Geck, WGP, No. 107
6 – Wilma Thompson, PGM & GGCCC, No. 42

By Jo Ann Scarborough, PM
Over two years of planning, organizing and directing culminated in a wonderful afternoon of history and fellowship for over one hundred members and guests of Towson Chapter No. 70’s celebration of its Ninetieth Birthday on November 16, 2014 at 2 pm at the Columbus Gardens Hall, White Marsh, MD.

As members and guests entered the foyer, they were directed to the Registry to sign in and then shown to the refreshment area for light refreshments. The room was beautifully decorated using the colors red and white. Also, for everyone to enjoy, was an electric picture carousel depicting pictures of years past, complimented with continuous music.
TOWSON CHAPTER CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY ON NOVEMBER 16TH

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After the social hour, Past Matron Elaine Niemeyer, Chairman gave a warm and gracious welcome. Past Matron Jo Ann Scarborough gave the invocation. The Flag Ceremony was led by Worthy Patron Justin Wingerd.

After a delicious meal Sister Elaine Niemeyer introduced the head table.

Greetings were extended by Sister Barbara Rouse, Worthy Matron and Brother Justin Wingerd, Worthy Patron.

Greetings and congratulations were extended by the Worthy Grand Patron Brother Edsel B. Crouse, Brother Jon Thompson, PGP and GGCCC extended greetings on behalf of himself and his wife Sister Wilma J. Thompson, PGM and GGCCC.

Our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Claudia A. Eaton was unable to attend due to a funeral.

Sister Barbara Venable, Past Matron recalled significant events in the history of Towson Chapter No. 70. Including noting that the chapter was chartered in 1924 with Sister Lillian F. Spies and her husband Brother William F. Spies serving and the first Matron and Patron. Sister Venable has begun compiling a complete history of Towson Chapter No. 70 and copies will be available for $5.00 in March 2015.

In recognition of this auspicious occasion, an Executive Citation from the Honorable Kevin Kamentz, Baltimore County Executive in Towson was on display.

Entertainment was provided by “Jim the Entertainer” as soloist. His performance was very enjoyable and made the audience smile, sing and dance while bringing back many wonderful memories.

The evening concluded with The Mitzpah Benediction led by Sister Elaine Niemeyer, PM Chairperson.

All in attendance was given an Hourglass favor that was adorned with a red ribbon imprinted with Towson Chapter No. 70 OES 11-16-14.

Towson Chapter looks forward to the next ninety years, but as once was foretold history will repeatedly unfold, and yesterday will once again be today, and once again the sands of time will flow our way. Watch the Hourglass, we must not let time slip away – for a second chance, very few have got. So, each must turn their Hourglass and toil for the future of our beautiful Eastern Star.
Happy 80th Anniversary, Sister Virginia Stanford!  Sister Virginia, we want you to know how very special you are to the officers and members of Ruth Chapter No. 7 and also to the former members of Adah Chapter No. 25. You are a precious and rare Chapter treasure. We are born into this world with a blank canvas. Every Sister and Brother who crosses our path takes up the brush and makes a mark upon the surface of our canvas. However, we must realize there comes a day that we must take up that brush and finish the work! For only we can determine if we are to be just another painting or a masterpiece. Through your years of service and dedications, Sister Virginia, you are Ruth Chapter's masterpiece. Every once in a while something really noble happens among our Sisters and Brothers that makes the day a little sunnier and the flowers smell just a bit sweeter. Today is that day for you and for us. I am sure it seems like yesterday when you stood at the sacred Altar and took your obligation. You have reached an 80-year milestone. On November 10th, you celebrated your anniversary. We are pleased to have this opportunity to honor you for your 80 years of outstanding faithfulness, devotion, and loyal service to our beloved Order of the Eastern Star. May God continue to richly bless your life. With this recognition come our best wishes for much happiness. Be blessed in all that you do and may your journey continue to be blessed with purpose.

StarLove
Edna "Tink" Leimbach P.M.  Worthy Matron  Ruth #7
Frances Bernstein  P.M.  Ruth #7 & (Adah #25)
50 YEAR CERTIFICATE GIVEN TO SISTER MARY MARGARET KROUSE

Congratulations to Sister Mary Margaret Krouse, Victory #40, Aberdeen who received her 50 year membership pin at their Grand Visitation. Worthy Grand Matron Sister Claudia Eaton presided over this special occasion, presenting Sister Mary with her 50-year pin and certificate. Sister Mary also received the Grand Honors from her Sisters and Brothers.

50-YEAR PIN GIVEN AT OAKLAND GRAND VISITATION TO SISTER HAZEL SHERWOOD

Congratulations to Sister Hazel Sherwood of Oakland #67 who received her 50-year pins at Oakland’s Grand Visitation.

60-YEAR PIN PRESENTED AT OAKLAND #67 – 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY TO SISTER BETTY SCHAFFER

Sister Betty Schaffer received her 60-year pin at Oakland Chapter #67 – 90th birthday luncheon at Penn Alps.

65-YEAR PIN RECEIVED BY SISTER BETTY JORDAN

Congratulations to Sister Betty Jordan, Centerville Chapter No. 69 on receiving her 65-year pin at her Chapter.
This year’s Eaton-Crouse Grand Family and the Hribar-Hall Grand Family gathered at the home of Sister Jean Chance in Annapolis Maryland at a joint Christmas Holiday party. Sister Jean is serving as the Grand Lecturer this year and served as Grand Lecturer in the Hribar-Hall Grand Family. Worthy Grand Matron Sister Claudia A. Eaton and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Edsel B. Crouse greeted and welcomed members and traveling companions of the two Grand families. This year’s Grand Family members in attendance included Sister Nancy L. Ford, Associate Grand Matron; Brother Randy Geck, Associate Grand Patron; Brother Kevin A. Hribar, PGP & Grand Treasurer; Sister Madge E. Jones, Associate Grand Conductress; Sister Joan E. Morris, PGM, Brother G. Phil Beeman, PGP and Sister Juanita J. Bowers, PGM all Grand Trustees; Sister Gay S. Topper, Grand Chaplain; Sister Jean K. Chance, PGM and Grand Lecturer; Sister Barbara A. Clark, Grand Marshal; Brother D. Lynn Newman, Grand Organist; Sister Patricia Dula, Grand Adah; Sister Bunny Russell, Grand Ruth; Sister Judith A. Hall, Grand Esther; Sister Brenda L. Compher, Grand Martha; Sister Margaret E. Caracciolo, Grand Electa; Sister E. Betty Jordan, Grand Warder and Brother Elbert Swiney, Grand Sentinel. They were joined by the members of the Hribar-Hall Grand Family including Sister Debbie Hribar, PGM; Brother David Hall, PGP; Sisters Beverly Geisler who served as Grand Ruth; Sister Beverly Southall who served as Grand Martha and Sister Loretta Donaldson who served as Grand Electa. The current Grand Officers and those who previously served and all the traveling companions enjoyed a buffet of appetizers, delicious covered dishes and lots of wonderful desserts. The secret pals of the Eaton-Crouse Grand Families exchanged Christmas gifts. Sister Jean Chance led everyone in a Swedish toast for a happy and healthy new year.
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Claudia A. Eaton in conjunction with the Worthy Grand Matrons of Louisiana, Kentucky, Indiana, Colorado, Nebraska, Ohio, British Columbia & the Yukon and South Dakota presented Grand Representative Appointments to the following Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter of Maryland Order of the Eastern Star. Join with the Worthy Grand Matron Sister Claudia and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Edsel to congratulate the following Sisters and Brothers

Karen Janczy, Louisiana
Ted Shea, Kentucky
Sherry Marley, Indiana
Ron Furry, Colorado
Russ Bonchu, Nebraska
Jessie Brogan, Ohio
Kathleen Joyce, British Columbia & the Yukon
Beverly Southall, South Dakota
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE REPORT TO NASHVILLE, TN
SISTER FRANCES BERNSTEIN

Sister Ann Rakes and Sister Frances Bernstein of Ruth Chapter #7 entered into a journey to Nashville to attend the Grand Session of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee. The trip was in honor of Sister Bernstein having been appointed Grand Representative to TN from MD. We arrived in Nashville and were greeted at the airport by Brother Earl Richardson (husband of my counterpart). Sister Cheryl Richardson was unable to meet us as she was participating in the memorial service at sessions.

We proceeded to the hotel and checked in. In our room was a lovely flower arrangement which we enjoyed the whole session. After the memorial service was over Sister Cheryl arrived at our room and we enjoy an hour talking after which we went to dinner received a tour of the hotel and session room.

Monday started out as a most Grand Sessions with the informal opening. The Informal opening had many distinguished members including the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. After all of the civic and fraternal greetings it was time for the OES own guests. I also had the honor to make Maryland proud as I was asked to give the response for the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions. It was given with pride!

Tuesday started with the formal opening. The session room was filled with many types of flowers in vases and hanging on the white picket fence. Truly a “Garden of Love”. Tuesday evening began with the entrance of Grand Officers and pages. Remarks were given by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. The presentation of the 2012-2013 Worthy Grand Matron and Patron followed.

The report of the Fraternal Correspondent announced every state and gave the names and highlights of their year. The Grand Representatives were introduced and were escorted through the labyrinth and stood while all were announced. I was escorted by Sister Cheryl Richardson and my flag bearer was her husband Brother Earl Richardson. The flags were the full versions and after all were presented my counterpart gave the response to the Grand body. Later that evening we went for a ride around town and had dinner at one of the South’s favorite restaurant Cracker Barrel.

Wednesday Morning was time to say goodbye to Nashville and head for the airport. I know that Ann and I had a wonderful time. We were treated like royalty in Nashville. My thanks to the Worthy Grand Matron Sister Barbara Steinhause and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Gene Ross for the appointment and to Sister Cheryl and Brother Earl Richardson for their hospitality.

After the long flight home and time to relax. In three days’ time it was time to hit the road again. This time it was to Ocean City and to reunite with Sister Cheryl Richardson and Sister Nancy Leeton as they journeyed to Maryland for our Grand Session. It was time for Sister Ann and I to return the favors afforded us in Nashville.

As my appointment comes to a close I truly want to thank Sister Linda Sanner PGM and Brother Pat Curtis PGP for affording me the honor.

Article sent by Sister Frances Bernstein (1-27-15) Grand Representative of Tennessee in Maryland
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE TRIP TO LOUISANA GRAND SESSIONS
SISTER JUDITH HALL

What a wonderful experience I had as a first time Grand Representative to attend Louisiana’s Grand Session from March 23-26, 2014. My “old” counterpart Sister Gaila Clark met us at the Baton Rouge airport and transported us to the Crowne Plaza Hotel where their 115th “Colors of Life” Grand Session was being held. It was great to see her again after our first meeting at our Grand Session, which she attended in May 2013 with Worthy Grand Matron Linn McNay when I received my commission from Worthy Grand Matron Sister Debra L. Hribar and Worthy Grand Patron Brother David L. Hall.


Monday, March 24th, Brother David and I attended the “Rainbow of Stars” Grand Representative Breakfast with over 250 people in attendance. I had just enough “Black-Eyed Susan” seed packets to share with everyone. We received many interesting and delicious treats from the other Grand Representatives. After the breakfast, Brother David headed off on a tour of the State Capital building and the State Museum while I went to practice for the “Cavalcade of Flags”. After practice I enjoyed lunch with Sister Gaila and enjoyed getting better acquainted.

That evening was the Formal Opening which Sister Gaila and I carried the Maryland Flag and I gave the response for the Grand Representatives. This was a great honor afforded to me by Worthy Grand Matron Sister Linn. The evening concluded with a reception of distinguished guests where we enjoyed visiting with many of the General Grand Officers and Committee Members who were attending.

Tuesday, March 25th, Brother David and I took a tour of the U.S.S. Kid, the Magnolia Mound Plantation and saw LSU’s “Mike” the tiger. The U.S.S. Kid is America’s only destroyer fully restored to the World War II era and the plantation is the oldest one in the Baton Rouge area. We enjoyed the history, fellowship and Louisiana food with 30 other out of state guests.

Wednesday, March 26th, we attended their “Beacons of Light” Installation of the 2014-2015 Grand Officers. I was very proud to see Sister Gaila installed as Grand Marshal. I also met my new counterpart Sister Becky Dobbins. After Installation we went to a reception for the new officers and I enjoyed getting to know my new counterpart Sister Becky a little more.

The Louisiana Sisters and Brothers were very friendly and kind and they were thrilled we came to their Grand Session. We met many wonderful new friends from Louisiana, Ohio, and Michigan, just to name a few. We were both honored to receive an Honorary Membership to their Grand Representative Club and the Grand Chapter of Louisiana and hope in the future to make a return visit.

Judith A. Hall
Grand Representative of Louisiana in Maryland
McKinley Chapter No. 12, Cumberland, Maryland
WGM/WGP Special Project Committees

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MILITARY DOG TAGS AVAILABLE

Military dog tags are available to honor your service member “In Honor Of” or “In Memory Of” and have them displayed in a special area of the lobby at Grand Session in Ocean City. You may retrieve them at the end of Sessions.

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LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Sister Gay,

I wish I knew exactly who to thank for rescuing me from the elevator door at Ruth Chapter. I am sure Brothers Jon Thompson & Ed Ford were among those who were trying to open the door which had a "death grip" on my hand. I was frightened to death when I heard one of the men say "it won't open!" Thank God they were able to pry it open just a hair so I could get free! When I finally got free, I think I was in a bit of shock! I am also glad my mother was still upstairs and didn't know what was going on. Thanks to all the Brothers and Sisters for their advice and concern. Today, the bruise is barely visible and it is just a little tender to the touch.

So, to all my Brothers and Sisters, a very grateful THANK YOU ALL for your help, advice and concern.

Star Love,

"Tink" Leimbach, WM Ruth Chapter #7

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Health and Happiness in 2015. Although miles away I do miss you all and still have the nice memories of my time with you.

My very best wishes, Louie (Louise) Fagan, Havre de Grace Chapter #27
HAPPY BIRTHDAY – GRAND OFFICERS

D. Lynn Newman  Grand Organist  February 27
Elbert Swiney  Grand Sentinel  March 10
Donna Almony  Grand Secretary  March 19
Judith A. Hall  Grand Esther  March 28
Margaret E. Caracciolo  Grand Electa  April 4

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR PAST GRANDS

Jeanette Britton, PGM – celebrated her 92nd birthday on January 23
John Witmer, PGP – celebrated his 95th birthday on January 25
Rita Clauss, PGM – celebrated her 92nd birthday on January 30

A NEW BABY FOR CHRISTMAS

Congratulations to our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Claudia A. Eaton who received an early Christmas present with the birth of her grandson Henry Daniel Eaton. Son Andrew and his wife Jennifer are the parents. The new little Eaton was born December 9th at 4:11 am. He weighed 9 pounds 5 ounces and is 21 ½" long. Little Henry Daniel joins big brother Lucas. Cards of congratulations can be sent to 1421 Hunting Road, Annapolis MD 21403.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Sister Nicole McCullough, Oakland #67 had a little boy. Sister Nicole is the daughter of Sister Debbie and Brother Ted Raynovich.

Congratulations to Sister Kristie King, Unity #112 had a little girl. Sister Kristie is the daughter of Sister Karen and Brother Gary Smith.

Congratulations to Sister Briane King Larkin, Unity #112 is the proud mama of Emily Nicole Larkin who weighed in at 8#. Emily is the grand-daughter of Karen Smith, Unity #112.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

7th  School for Installation, Towson No. 70
14th Snow Date – School for Installation
15th Appointed Grand Officers Reception
28th “Puttin’ on the Ritz” – Scottish Rite 6 – 10 PM
A Grand Chapter Charities Committee Event

MARCH

1st  Harmony Angels Cub Luncheon, Frederick 79  2 PM
21st Past Grand’s Dinner
28th Ritual Competition, Grand Lodge 9 AM
28th ESSF Dinner, Odenton Masonic Center 4 - 7 PM
29th Palm Sunday Service, Bonne Blink 3 PM

APRIL

10th Rainbow Grand Banquet & Formal Opening
11th Rainbow Installation
12th FaceBook Club Luncheon, Frederick. No. 79  2 PM
18th Grand Sessions Rehearsal & Luncheon, Harford No. 83
26-29th Grand Chapter of MD Sessions
26th Sessions Banquet
27th Sessions Informal & Formal Opening
28th Sessions
28th AGM – AGP Luncheon
29th Sessions Installation

MAY

6th  Jr. PGP Welcome Home, Harford No. 83  7:30 PM
12th Jr, PGM Welcome Home, Annapolis No. 46  7:30 PM
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Please keep our Sisters and Brothers in your prayers

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Brenda Aliff
Ed Almony
Jim Bachtell
Virginia Ballard, PGM
Laura and Conway Beall
Betty and Ted Beckman
Judy and Ben Benton
Rebecca Benton
Carroll Berdan
Ernest Birckhead
Maude Bollinger
Kay Bond, PGM
Juanita Bosley
Candy and Chuck Brennan
Joseph Brown
Violet Brown
Lois Burch, PGM
Wilbur Carr, PGP
Norris Cartwright
Rita and Bill Clauss PGM & PGP
Arthur Coddington
Harold Coleman
Dottie Csamer
Cherry Cummings
Steven Davis
Carolyn Dilda
Ethel Dill
Pat Dula, Grand Adah
George Dyson
Jeanine Easley
Claudia Eaton, WGM
Jean Gamble
Karen and Russ Gardner, PGP
Carol and Randy Geck, AGP
Maynard Geisler
Gayle Gillespie
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Edna Gore
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Ina and Paul Cramp
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Rosalie Monath
Deborah Morales
Isabel Moses
Joe Mueller
Evalyn Owens
June Peddicord
Pat Pelham
Virginia Pettit
Catherine Phillips
Virginia and Gerald Phillips
Marie Pickett
Marianne and Tom Pryer, PGM & PGP
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Beverly Root
Debra Rounds
Bunny Russell
Dixie Schaefer
Robert Scheller
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Lynn Schweizer
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Polly Thomasson
Gay Topper
Rite Ullman
Kathy Voris
Chris Walz
Eleanor Wiebrecht
Anna Mae Welcher
Earl Wilson
Marilyn and George Wilson
Adele and John Witmer, PGM & PGP
Bardona Woods
Sid Wooten
Linda Youce
IN MEMORIAM ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST – INTO THAT HOUSE NOT MADE WITH HANDS ETERNAL IN THE HEAVENS

PAST GRAND MATRON SISTER MARIANNE B. LILLEY

Marianne Burrows Lilley, 83 yrs, of Bonita Springs, FL, formerly of Perryville, MD, died Wednesday, August 27, 2014 in North Collier Hospital of Naples, FL. Born September 26, 1930 in Perryville, MD, she was the daughter of the late Abner Leslie and Violet Elizabeth Thomas Burrows.

Marianne was a member of the United Methodist Church of Perryville, the Eastern Star, Worthy Grand Matron, State of Maryland, 1984, and Ladies Auxiliary to the Perryville Fire Company. Marianne is survived by her sons, Charles W. Lilley of Conowingo, MD, Richard W. Lilley of Cape Coral, FL, Keith W. Lilley and Kevin W. Lilley, both of Bonita Springs, FL; daughter, Jacqueline A. Chapman of Herford, NC; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Marianne was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur “Tinker” William Lilley and sister, Jeanee Penrose.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association in care of Lee A. Patterson & Son Funeral Home, P.A., P.O. Box 766, Perryville, MD 21903-0766. Funeral services are scheduled for Tuesday, September 2, 2014, 1 PM, at the Lee A. Patterson & Son Funeral Home, P.A., Perryville, MD. Visitation for family and friends will be held Tuesday, September 2, 2014, 11 AM until 1 PM, at the funeral home prior to the funeral service. Pastor Herb Cain, Jr., of Hopewell United Methodist of Port Deposit, MD, will officiate. Interment will be in Hopewell Cemetery, Port Deposit, MD.

PAST GRAND PARTON BROTHER CHARLES E. T. SCHAFER


IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS

Susan Baker      Alice Gaines      Glynys Perry
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Louis Constantino- McNelly       Ivan Hall        Donna Shea
Bessie Cramer    Barbara Lucas    Jeanine Swift
Bessie Eyler     Fay Miller        Howard Terrell
                  Betty Noles        Doris Wann
North Carolina hosted the Multi-State Gathering on January 18, 2015, at the Sheraton-Four Seasons in Greensboro, North Carolina with seven states participating: District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. However, there were also members in attendance from Florida (including Helen Westmoreland, RWAGM), Illinois, Georgia, and Canada. The Grand Chapter of North Carolina took care of reservations and the planning and did so beautifully. We had a wonderful buffet dinner, after which, some of their members entertained the guests. There were approximately 280 people in attendance. Thirty-six members represented Maryland and we enjoyed the friendship and fellowship of our Eastern Star neighbors. Those from Maryland attending were Claudia Eaton, WGM, Edsel Crouse. WGP, Ellen Crouse, Jon and Wilma Thompson, Mary Adeline Bradford, Ernestine Hale, Nancy and Ed Ford, Kevin and Debra Hribar, Diane Smith, Edith Leach, Madge Jones, Joan Morris, Jean Chance, Barbara Clark, Bunny Russell, Judy and David Hall, Brenda Compher, Margaret and Addison Caracciolo, Betty Jordan, Elbert Swiney, Leslie Gilliam, Maureen Cole, Rebecca Gjerdahl, Marianne Widderich, Regina Widderich, Shawn Garren, Karen Janczy, Deborah Raynovich, Ardra Sharpless, Terri Almacy, and Roberta Fowler.

The highlight of the afternoon was when RWAGM Helen Westmoreland made her announcements for the next Triennium. Those appointed from Maryland were Wilma Thompson, Worthy Grand Electa; Leslie Gilliam, Member of the Public Relations Committee; Debra Hribar, Member of the ESTARL Committee; David Hall, Member of the Community Service Committee; Bette Bowen, Member of the Scottish Rite Charities Committee; and Margaret Caracciolo, one of Helen Westmoreland’s Hummingbirds. Congratulations to those appointed. Maryland is proud of them and wish them safe travels. Sister Helen also announced that Mary Adeline Bradley will be a candidate for the office of Right Worthy Grand Secretary at Triennium. We wish her success in her endeavor.
ANNOUNCEMENTS BY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON & ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON
SISTER NANCY FORD & BROTHER RANDY GECK

On Monday, January 19 Brother Randy and I traveled to Lebanon Chapter #108 where we had the pleasure to announce our first appointment. We are honored that Sister Linda Quillen has accepted to serve as Grand Marshal for the 2015-2016 Grand Chapter Year. Sister Linda has been a dedicated member of her Chapter and the Grand Chapter for many years and is a shining star in our beautiful Order. Please join us in congratulating Sister Linda on her appointment as Grand Marshal.

Well wishes may be sent to:
Linda Quillen
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On Tuesday, January 27 Brother Ed and I attended Friendship Night at Julia Halla #107. The highlight of the evening for Brother Randy and I was the pleasure to announce our second appointment. We are honored that Sister Karla Light has accepted to serve as Grand Chaplain for the 2015-2016 Grand Chapter Year. Sister Karla has been a dedicated member of her Chapter and the Grand Chapter for many years and is a shining star in our beautiful Order. Please join us in congratulating Sister Karla on her appointment as Grand Chaplain.

Well wishes may be sent to:
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