

**Report on the 2011 Grand Chapter Session
by Suzanne Scott, Associate Matron**

The 122nd Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, OES, "The Greatest Gift" opened on Friday September 23rd at 5 pm with a drill performed by PM and PP of Districts 23 and 13 and the 2007 WMs and WPs. The drill was a heartfelt story of a young boy who was an angel and wanted to give a gift to Jesus.

Formal Opening was at 5:30 pm with introduction of the Grand Officers and their Escorts. Presentations were made of all the Distinguished Guests. The Grand Pages and Aides performed the closing drill.

Saturday morning's session started with a drill from the 2011 Grand Officers in which the WGP Trevor Sproul was found to be skipping school and headed to the ballpark for a baseball game. WGM Sue Kerns attempted to strike him out at the plate, but he was then taken back to school by his wife, Jody, and Larry Kerns, husband of the WGM.

Reports were then given by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer as well as the audit committee.

Chapters who performed excellent ritualistic work in 2011 were recognized including Grove City, Beacon and Worthington Chapters in District 17!

One more award was given for the chapter who initiated the most members in 2011 and I am proud to say that Worthington Chapter won this award by initiating 15 new members! WM Crissy and WP Ken accepted the award for our Chapter.

Elections of the Grand Officers were held in the Saturday afternoon session and the following being elected:

Worthy Grand Matron	Jean Watters (277)
Worthy Grand Patron	F. Lon Lowry (504)
Associate Grand Matron	Barbara Pelfrey (594)
Associate Grand Patron	Ronald Keller (41)
Grand Secretary	Roberta David (594)
Grand Treasurer	Susan Dennis (301)
Grand Conductress	Gail Walsh (334)
Associate Grand Conductress	Susan Simpson (245)
Grand Trustee	Janice Goerss, PGM (71)

Five 50-year pins were presented and one 65-year pin was presented.

The following legislation was voted on:
Article III – this article was amended by striking out Article III since it is also covered in Article VII. This pertains to subordinate chapters paying \$5 to replace lost copies of the Secret Work.
Article IV was presented and amended, the amendment carried. The amendment states that the Treasurer shall review the monthly bank statement with the Secretary within 30 days of its receipt
Article VII carried pertaining to the timing of electronic filing of tax forms for Tax–exempt organizations which is required by the IRS.
Article XV carried pertaining to Disciplinary Power of a Chapter

The ritual competition results were also announced. Marilyn Braatz earned 3rd place for Electa. Congratulations Marilyn!

WGM elect Jean Watters reported on her 2012 projects. Her main project is called “Pitch in for the Kitchen” which is to raise money to purchase new equipment for the OES home kitchen. Others include ESTARL, OES home operating fund, heart, cancer, youth and dyslexia.

Sunday afternoon brought the Installation of the 2012 Grand Officers. The Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Districts 20 & 11, the Grand Representatives and the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons–elect of Ohio were in a drill to open the Installation. The drill entitled “We, the People” honored those who have served in the military for our country. During the song “God Bless America” the square and compass was formed on the Grand Chapter floor by the WP–elects and the PM’s, PP’s and WM–elects formed the American Flag and USA. The 2012 Worthy Grand Matron’s theme is Patriotism.

As the new Grand Officers arrived on the floor, members of District 17 were very excited to see Evelyn Hardesty, PM of Beacon # 593 enter as the new Grand Warder. The 2012 Grand Sentinel is Steve Farus, #251. The 2012 Chairman of Arrangements is Melora Waltman and 2012 Drill Directors are Patricia Eyestone and Cheri Streicher.

The new District 17 Charities Director is Jennifer Pietrowski, Grove City.

The 122nd Annual Session was then closed and the new Deputy Grand Matrons arrived on the floor in beautiful purple dresses. Kathy Suchy, Lorraine #1 is the new 2–year DGM for District 17. The deputies are called “Purple Mountain Majesties.” Congratulations to Kathy!