



Star Notes from Worthington

Order of the Eastern Star

Worthington Chapter #287

December, 2011

From Our New Worthy Matron:

Thank you to all who made the Installation of Officers for 2012 such a special night for us and for Worthington Chapter. Ken and I are delighted to be serving and look forward to a wonderful year.

We are especially glad to have so many new members take offices. Please help us make them feel welcome and comfortable in their new offices. Also, thank you to those who have agreed to serve as committee members. All members are important for the future success of Worthington Chapter.

I would also like to thank all those who provided so much help and advice while I was in charge of Ways and Means last year. This is very important to our chapter and a wonderful service we provide to the Masons. If you haven't helped serve a meal, I encourage you to come help. It is lots of fun and you get to enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship with other members.

As we enter the holiday season, I wish for you the many blessings of Christmas and for you to take the time to make your loved ones know how much they mean to you. Kind words and gratitude can often mean more than material gifts. May you use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

*In Loving Service,
Suzanne*

Living a Life of Love -- Through Service to Others

Our new Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron have chosen the theme "Living a Life of Love," which is symbolized by entwined hearts. The colors are red and pink. See page 2 for the complete list of officers and more details!



Our new Worthy Matron is a pediatric nurse, working at Nationwide Children's Hospital. During the coming year, she is encouraging chapter members to show their love to others through a series of service projects:

November, December and January: We are already collecting donations and selling candy bars to raise funds for the **Grand Chapter Benevolence Fund**.

February, March and April: Bring nonperishable food items with you to chapter, to benefit the **Worthington Food Pantry**.

May and June: **Donate School Supplies** for needy kids at local schools; lists of suggested items will be forthcoming.

September: **Childhood Cancer Awareness**; more information to come!

Annual Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party with New England Lodge is Saturday, December 10, beginning with dinner at 6 p.m. Santa will arrive around 7 p.m.! Please contact the Worthy Matron, Suzanne Scott, to let her know if you and your family are coming.

If you are bringing a child and want Santa to present that child with a gift, please bring the (wrapped) gift with the child's name on it. You can sneak it into the NE Lodge Secretary's office prior to 7 p.m. that night.

New Member!

Be sure to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, **Janet P. Wright**. Janet has joined Worthington as a dual member. Her primary chapter is Wheelersburg #516. Please add her to your chapter roster book. Her phone number is:

(614) 570-7326

New Faces on the Floor

Congratulations to the newly installed officers. Those filling floor stations this year include four members who have never held an office before, and they are doing a great job. Come out and see them do the work! Our 2012 officers are:

Worthy Matron - Suzanne Scott
Worthy Patron - Kenneth Scott
Associate Matron - Amy Jones
Associate Patron - Mike Mahaffey
Secretary - Bonita Shane
Treasurer - Nancy Liming
Conductress - Jennifer Jones
Associate Conductress - Sue Ault
Chaplain - Krista Meek
Marshal - Jennifer Lamotta
Organist - Jenna Mann
(performing - Barbara Brooks)
Adah - April Lucas
Ruth - Pamela Bell
Esther - Deb Mower
Martha - Shannon Conrad Wokojance
Electa - Debbie Mahaffey
Warder - Julie Tucker
Sentinel - Ken Sparks



If you have a computer, you can receive even more news about Worthington Chapter.

In addition to our chapter's traditional quarterly newsletters, our Secretary sends frequent notices and reminders to members.

Are You A Techie? It is a great way to "keep in touch" between newsletters *and* between meetings.

E-mail notices include reminders of upcoming chapter activities, news of members who are ill, and calls for help with various fund raisers and other projects. If you do not receive our e-mail notes, it is because Boni does not have your e-mail address, so please send it to her!

Also, check out news and photos on our chapter page on the Grand Chapter of Ohio Web Site: www.ohoes.org.

Worthington Shines at Grand Chapter Session

Worthington Chapter got plenty of attention at the 2011 Grand Chapter session, held in Dayton this past fall.

Our 2011 Worthy Matron was kept busy going to the Grand East to collect our honors.

Worthington Chapter received the award for initiating the most new members during the previous 12 months. Our chapter is blessed to have 15 new members during that time period. In addition, the chapter also was one of 50 throughout the state who received certificates of commendation for excellent ritual work. We are so proud!

In addition, our own Amy Brooks House, a recipient of the Grand Chapter ESTARL award (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) served as liturgist at the Sunday worship service, and Marilyn Braatz placed third in the ritual competition for her portrayal of Electa. The ritual competition was coordinated by our own Past Grand Patron, Ken Scott.

Otterbein Student Wins Chapter Scholarship

Sarah Shively, oldest granddaughter of Bill and Bev Irwin, was selected to receive this year's \$1,000 chapter scholarship.

Sarah's parents are Beth (Irwin) and Scott Shively, of Pickerington.

Sarah is a freshman at Otterbein College, where she is a music major, with the goal of becoming a high school band director. In her essay, Sarah said that, during her high school years, she found her passion for music, but also realized that her band directors played an important role in teaching life lessons, as well as music.

"I want to be that for my future students," she wrote. "being a teacher and, better yet, a band director, will allow me to play just as important of a role in young peoples' lives."

The Worthington Chapter Scholarship will be a big help to Sarah in paying for required private lessons and music.

The scholarship is offered each year to children and grandchildren of Worthington members.

Places to go Things to do



Grove City Chapter will hold its first **Family Games Party on Saturday, January 14**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 3558 Park Street, Grove City. Get together a table of four to play bridge, euchre, pinochle, dominos, and many other games that will be available for players of all ages. Tickets are just \$1. A light lunch will be available for \$4, and there also will be a bake sale. Contact Cindy Chadwell (cchadwellgc@gmail.com or phone 614-871-0163) for tickets.

Club 17 is a new dinner club for anyone in District 17 and their guests. Beginning in January, the “club” will meet on the third Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at various restaurants in the Columbus area. Call Corinthian Chapter Worthy Patron Steve Woody (614-476-0471) for details and to make a reservation. The schedule for the first six months of the year is as follows:

- January 20 – O’Charley’s at Easton
- February 17 – TAT Ristorante at James and Livingston Avenues
- March 16 – Texas Roadhouse on Bethel Road
- April 20 – Cheeseburger in Paradise at Polaris
- May 18 – Spaghetti Warehouse on West Broad Street
- June 15 – Monte Carlo on Shrock Road

The **Annual Meeting** of the 17th District Association will be held at Avery Lodge in Hilliard on Saturday, February 18, at 2 p.m. All members in good standing of OES Chapters in the 17th District are members of the Association, and are invited and encouraged to attend.

Corinthian Chapter will host its annual **Dinner with the Stars** at the Kingsdale MCL on Oscar Night, February 26.

Mark your calendar for the annual **46 Club Banquet** on March 17. Details will be announced in chapter and our Secretary will be taking reservations.

News and Notes

Once again, Worthington Chapter won the attendance award at the Regional School of Instruction, held on November 4. Our thanks to the officers and members for participating in this important educational program.

Columbus Rainbow Assembly #172 has voted to change its meeting nights to the second and fourth Thursday of the month, beginning in January. That is good news for our chapter members, since the assembly has been meeting the same night as our chapter for the past several years. Plan now to attend a Rainbow meeting, at Northwest Temple, 2436 W. Dublin-Granville Rd., at 7 p.m. The assembly’s Installation of Officers is January 21.

George Braatz has been named Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of North America. The MSANA office is headquartered in Silver Spring, MD. George and Marilyn’s new address is 643 Concerto Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20901. Phone: 614-579-5844 (George) or 5845 (Marilyn).

Crowell Shane has been appointed a District Education Officer for the 14th Masonic District. He was officially installed into that position on October 25.

Past Grand Master C. Roland Lattanner recently received his 50-year membership pin from New England Lodge. A number of distinguished Masons were in attendance to help Rollie celebrate 50 years of membership in the Masonic Lodge.

Scott Hughes has been working in China for over a year, teaching English. He took a Chinese bride on November 1 (11-1-11). Scott says “this day means either two people become one or we will only be married one time.” Congratulations, Scott!

Annie Strawn, daughter of members Kathy and Tim Strawn, is serving as Grand Drill Leader for the Ohio Grand Assembly of Rainbow for Girls, while Cami Fannin, daughter of member Julie Fannin is serving as Grand Representative of Michigan and Canada.

Thank you Jennifer and Chlois!

A great big thank you to Jennifer Gilbert, Chlois Fletcher and all of our awesome bakers for another successful Market Days Bake Sale. A total of \$600 was raised at the sale this year!



Deaths

We are sorry to report the deaths of the following Sisters:

- Mary Segner** - Died August 18, 2011
- Dorothy Jesty** -- Died August 31, 2011
- Patricia Edwards** - Died November 28, 2011

District Charities

Our own Pam Bell has completed her year as Charities Director for District 17. Through much hard work and many projects (including a dinner, and the sale of submarine sandwiches, cheese, pies, and various other items), she and her committee raised \$4,578! The funds were divided among the several Grand Chapter charitable programs (Heart, Cancer, the Ohio Eastern Star Home, Youth Scholarships, Children's Dyslexia Centers, and Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership). Congratulations Pam! Great job!

The new District 17 Charities Director is Jennifer Pietrowski of Grove City Chapter, and she also is working on a number of fund-raising projects.

One project is the District 17 "Penny War." Each chapter has a penny jar, which has been entrusted to the associate conductresses. The jar goes with them to meetings throughout the district and, at the end of the year, the chapter with the most pennies in the jar will be proclaimed the winner. However, chapters also can sabotage the jars of their sister chapters, by adding coins or bills larger than a penny. These larger "contributions" will count as negative points. All proceeds from the jars will go to the Children's Learning Centers and the Grand Chapter Youth Fund. See our Associate Conductress, Sue Ault, to add your pennies to the mix!

Roster Updates

Included with this newsletter is a list of all changes to the Chapter Roster we published in 2008. As you can see, there are numerous changes and it is obviously time to print a new Roster. If anyone is interested in taking on the project of composing it (the information is in an Excel spreadsheet), contact our Chapter Secretary, Bonita Shane.

Join Our Social Clubs

There are two Social Clubs for the ladies of Worthington Chapter to enjoy. Both groups meet monthly, *except in December and January*, and most meetings are held in the dining room of the Lodge.

Evening Star Circle meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The 2012 officers for this circle are President Jane Lane, Vice President Debbie Mahaffey, Secretary Nancy Webster, and Treasurer Pam Bell. The members frequently make tray favors for the children's hospital and donate money to a local food bank. In the fall, the Circle honors the Worthy Matron and Star Point officers at a "Dinner Out" at a restaurant. This year, each officer received a lovely beaded bracelet in her star point color, handcrafted by Pam Bell.

The New England Social Club is the chapter's "day circle." It meets for a 12:30 p.m. luncheon, which the members (all great cooks!) take turns preparing. Officers for next year are President Chlois Fletcher, Vice President Charlene McLeod, Secretary Bonita Shane, and Treasurer Irene Harpley. At recent meetings, the group has had a guest speaker on gardening, made hand-crafted Halloween cards, and played Bingo.

Both groups have a joint picnic in June. All ladies (especially our new members!) are invited and encouraged to join in the fun and fellowship of these clubs. If you would like to add your name to the calling list for either, or both, groups, please call Boni Shane (614-538-1970).

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