



Star Notes from Worthington

Order of the Eastern Star

Worthington Chapter #287

March, 2009

Snow, Snow Go Away!

The weather certainly played havoc with our January meeting! Our sweetheart night was "snowed out." A severe storm caused hazardous weather conditions on January 14, so we postponed the planned initiation and other festivities and decided to try again on January 28.

Alas, another storm hit the Columbus area that night - even worse than the first. Once again, initiation was put off, but we did muster a quorum and conducted necessary business. Our thanks to Bonita and Crowell Shane, Tiffany Schreiber, and Pam and Dick Bell for braving the white stuff so we could get things done!

Friendship Luau Night

There was snow on the ground outside, but the mood in our chapter room was nearly tropical at our February 11 meeting.

We were visited by members of Eugenie Chapter, including Worthy Matron Jane Klein. Our guests were greeted in the lobby with brightly-colored leis, the traditional Hawaiian gesture of friendship. (Members of Jefferson Chapter called with regrets, due to the death of one of their members, but they hope to join us at the March meeting.) Worthington Chapter's female officers wore silk orchids in their hair to carry out the theme.

As our guests were introduced, each of the ladies were presented with a Hawaiian-style stretch bracelet, hand-crafted by some of our members. Men visitors received a deck of playing cards featuring Hawaiian scenes.

After the meeting, we adjourned to a beautifully decorated dining room (thank you Chlois, Deb, Pam and Boni!) where we were entertained by Leilani, a hula dancer who instructed Jane Klein, Marilyn Braatz and Mike Mahaffey in all the right moves! Our thanks to the Past Matrons who provided pineapple-upside-down cake for dessert.

*We should not forget to entertain strangers,
lest we entertain angels unaware.*

-- Hebrews 13:2

Coming Events in Worthington Chapter

March 11: Jitney Charity Supper

Our March meeting will be preceded by a Jitney Supper - that's a potluck that you pay for! Please bring your favorite covered dish for a **6:15 p.m. dinner**. Make a freewill offering for your meal, and you will get a full tummy and a great feeling because all of the proceeds will go to charity.

After dinner, our meeting will include **initiation for two new members**, and a **tribute to Masons**. In addition, some of our honored Masons will be judges for a **chocolate-chip cookie contest**. Volunteer contestants are: Barbara Craven, Pam Bell, Jennifer Jones, Jenny Gilbert and Crissy Willeke.

Samples **MAY** be available after the meeting, as well as an all-chocolate dessert buffet, provided by Crissy Willeke, Suzanne Scott, Kim Whalen and Jenny Gilbert!

Wednesday, April 8 (Holy Week)

We will be holding our regular stated meeting (opening in long form) but there will be no refreshments, due to Holy Week.

OUR ANNUAL INSPECTION:

Saturday, April 25

Worthy Grand Matron Peg Reiterman will be the inspecting offer for this year's inspection, to be held at **1 p.m.** in the auditorium of **Thomas Worthington High School**. We are honored that our own Ken Scott is Worthy Grand Patron this year, and we expect a **LARGE** crowd. Our officers are ready to make you proud with their ritualistic work, but many hands will be needed to move furniture to the school, set up chapter on the stage of the auditorium, greet/register members and visitors, etc. If you are asked to help, *please* say "Yes!"

Wednesday, May 13 -

At our May meeting, we honor the stations of Chaplain and Organist. Grand Chaplain Robert Blankenhorn and Grand Organist Paul Moore will be our special guests, along with chaplains and organists from visiting chapters. The New England Social Club is providing refreshments.

Come Bowl With Us!

Looking for a way to beat the winter blues? Bring your family and friends and join your sisters and brothers in Worthington Chapter in an afternoon of **bowling**! There even will be a lane of bumper bowling for the younger kids.

The event will be held Saturday, March 28, at 2 p.m. at Capri Lanes, 5860 Roche Drive (I-71 and 161), Columbus, Ohio 43229.

The cost is \$11 per person and includes three games and shoe rental. Turn in your scores to the Social Committee for a chance to win prizes!!

Members and their families are invited to attend. Please RSVP via the sign-up sheet at our March 11 meeting, or contact Jennifer Jones at drumgal98@columbus.rr.com or 614-657-4823.

Our thanks to Jennifer and Todd and the other members of the social committee -- (Luann and Mike Clevenger and Pat and Bill Whittington) for making these arrangements for this fun event!

Joyful Noisemakers Honored

Worthington Chapter's theme for 2009 is "Make a Joyful Noise." Each meeting, the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron literally make noise to announce the names of members who have made a joyful noise through service to others.

At our February meeting, we honored Julie and Harold Tucker for their many good works in Masonry, Eastern Star and beyond. We also learned some little known facts about this special couple.

Another Joyful Noisemaker will be named at the March 11 meeting. Want to know who it is? Come and see! Each recipient receives a star-shaped basket of gifts/goodies.

Do you know someone who should be honored with a Joyful Noisemaker Award? Please send us your recommendation!

Give Us Your e-mail Address!

Want to get your Star news even faster? Let us know your e-mail address and we'll add you to the Worthy Matron's distribution list. The list is used to share information about our members, chapter or district meetings, and ways and means projects. Please send a note to mgbraatz@gmail.com to add your e-mail address.

Ohio Lodges To Host Open House on March 21

The doors of all 518 Ohio Masonic Lodges will open for public visits on **Saturday, March 21**, including the Grand Lodge building, where New England, York and Humboldt Lodges will host this event. The open house provides opportunities for all to learn about Ohio Freemasonry.

Our OES chapter will have a table with brochures, etc. at this event, to acquaint visitors with opportunities for women, as well. Members and their families are invited to attend.

The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include free pancakes, sausage and beverages all day, guided tours of the museum and original lodge room, videos, a scavenger hunt, and information tables throughout the facility.

If you can volunteer to help "man" our OES table, or are willing to assist the men in the kitchen, please notify the Worthy Matron.

District #17 Spring Luncheon

The Grand Lodge building in Worthington will be the site for this year's District #17 Spring Luncheon on **Saturday, April 4**.

Ken's Highlanders will prepare the Italian Chicken dinner at a cost of \$13 per person. The noon event will feature an appearance by OES founder Rob Morris and his wife, as portrayed by PGP Cliff and Evelyn Houk.

Make reservations with our secretary, Boni Shane, who is also secretary of District 17!

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