



Star Notes from Worthington

Order of the Eastern Star

Worthington Chapter #287

May, 2009

WGM Says: Worthington Chapter Earns A-plus!

Saturday, April 25 was a stellar day in the history of Worthington Chapter, from beginning to end! Our own Ken Scott, Worthy Grand Patron, was justly proud of his chapter, and is still receiving accolades from members around the state. Our inspecting officer, Worthy Grand Matron Peg Reiterman, gave us A's all around, and we worked hard to deserve them!

Special thanks to Pam Bell and the many helpers who made all of our angel pin-ons; to PGM Maxine Jeffers and many others who organized and packed our take-it-with-you refreshment bags; to Julie Tucker and her capable committee for organizing the registration and to Kenny Gilbert, Brian Scott, Harold Tucker, George Roloson, Ron Craven, Mike Mahaffey, Ken Sparks, WGP Ken Scott and others who helped us make the move to Thomas Worthington High School, AND back!

Conductress Crissy Willeke introduced our distinguished guests beautifully, and ALL of our officers did a wonderful job of performing the ritualistic work. FIVE officers earned "Ritual Star" pins for *perfect* work – Dianne Zepp (Esther), Suzanne Scott (Martha), Kim Whalen (Electa), Pam Bell (Chaplain protem), and the Worthy Patron.

What's more, our soloist, Jennifer Gilbert, was asked to serve as a soloist at Grand Chapter in September!

In addition:

- We initiated two new members – Rob Long and Dee Long (dual member).
- We presented a life membership to our own WGP Ken;
- We presented honorary memberships to WGM Peg Reiterman and Deputy Grand Matron Cindy Chadwell.

Thanks to all of you, named and unnamed, who helped in so many ways to make it a memorable day for the 454 members and visitors who attended. Your efforts were truly appreciated!

Calendar for May and June

Because we have several candidates awaiting initiation into Worthington Chapter, we are scheduling two meetings in May and June. Our calendar for the next two months is as follows:

Wednesday, May 13 -- Grand Chaplain Robert Blankenhorn and Grand Organist Paul Moore will be our special guests, along with chaplains and organists from visiting chapters. The Second Greatest Band in Heaven (aka Past Matrons) will entertain and the New England Social Club will provide angelic refreshments.

Wednesday, May 27 – Initiation of new members; honor Mothers; refreshments by Star Points.

Wednesday, June 10 -- Election of officers; annual reports; honor Fathers; strawberry dessert provided by Irene Harpley.

Wednesday, June 24 -- Initiation of new members; Ice Cream Social following the meeting, coordinated by auxiliary officers.

Friendship Night is August 20

The members of Triangle Chapter #592 have invited us to join them for "Friendship Night" on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7:30 p.m. Triangle meets at the Northland Masonic Temple, 5885 Cleveland Avenue.

All Worthington members are urged to mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. Officers, please wear your chapter dresses.

OES Home Open House

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 28**, when the Ohio Eastern Star Home at Mt. Vernon will hold its annual open house.

The day begins with a worship service at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a preview of auction items will begin at 12 noon, with the auction at 2:15 p.m.

At 1 p.m., the new Ohio Eastern Star Home bus will be christened.

At 1:30 p.m., Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge Officers will participate in a groundbreaking and cornerstone ceremony for the new Glenn A. Gallagher Community Centre.

Ice cream and beverages will be available throughout the afternoon.

Milestones

We are sorry to report the sudden passing of our Chaplain, **Ramona McCulty**, who died Tuesday, April 7. Ramona was active with the Cancer Project and will be deeply missed. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her husband, Merrill, and sister, Maxine Jeffers.

In addition, **Ella Mae Dolan** died on March 11 in Spring Hill, Florida, and **Shirley Robinett** died March 24. Eastern Star services for Sister Shirley were performed by Royal Chapter #29, Washington Count House. Our sincere condolences to the Dolan and Robinett families.

Congratulations to our Warder, **Jennifer Jones**, and husband, **Todd**, on the birth of their first child, Christopher David Jones. He arrived at 6:04 a.m. on May 7 weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces, and measured 19 inches long.

It's Time To Pre-Register For 2009 Grand Chapter Session

The 2009 "Star Love" Grand Chapter Session will be held in Dayton from Friday, through Sunday, September 25-27.

We know you will want to be there to see our own **Ken Scott** perform his duties as Worthy Grand Patron. **Chlois Fletcher**, **Crowell Shane** and **Joe Simmons** will be at the door, helping to welcome members and they will perform in the Grand Pages and Grand Aides drills. Don't miss it!

Jennifer Gilbert is taking care of pre-registration this year. The fee is \$15 and is due August 1. Checks should be made payable to Worthington Chapter #287.

If you can't attend the entire session but would like to see the installation ceremony on Sunday, please remember that the 17th District Conductresses are sponsoring a bus to that session. The cost is \$30 per person. See our Conductress, **Crissy Willeke**, for details.

The Winners!

Our congratulations to the winners of recent chapter events.

Jennifer Jones won the chocolate chip cookie baking contest at our March meeting and was awarded a new cookie sheet.

The chapter bowling party on March 28 attracted 17 adults and three children. Awards for high score went to **Marilyn Braatz** and **Jennifer Gilbert**; Low Score – **Amy Jones**; and most strikes – **Tiffany Schreiber**.

Joyful Noisemakers Honored

Each month, the WM and WP recognize members who have made a joyful noise through service to others. Each recipient receives a star-shaped basket of gifts/goodies.

At our March 11 meeting, we honored **Carl Raidiger** for his long-time service as York Lodge secretary and more than 60 years as an usher for OSU Football.

On April 8, we recognized **Pat and Bill Whittington** for their constant care and concern for their family as well as OES Sisters and Brothers.

At our inspection, we gave a Joyful Noisemaker Award to Deputy Grand Matron **Cindy Chadwell**, of Grove City Chapter, for her service to her church and to the Scottish Rite Learning Center for Dyslexic Children.

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

District and State Charities

The annual 17th District Cancer Walkathon will be held Saturday morning, June 6, at Homestead Park in Hilliard. This year's walk will honor the memory of our own Ramona McCulty. See **Darla Bohenko**, our chapter representative, if you would like a walker's pledge form, or want to make a donation.

Also, on June 6, the statewide "Charities Extravaganza" will be held at Villa Milano at 6 p.m. The dinner (chicken or pork chops -- \$22 per person) will be followed by an auction of theme baskets, etc. Reservations are due by May 15. Contact our secretary, or download the reservation form from the Grand Chapter website, www.ohoes.org.

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