



Star Notes from Worthington

Order of the Eastern Star

Worthington Chapter #287

January, 2010

Message from WM and WP

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

We hope you all had happy holidays and that you make it through the snow and cold of winter.

We had a great time at our January meeting, beginning with a delicious supper of chili and corn bread. It turned out great!

We also had a "mock" initiation, so that our officers could practice their work. All of the officers did fine work, and we thank **Marjorie Snow** and **Ron Craven** for being our candidates.

In addition, a little birdie told us that **Evelyn Myers**, one of our most faithful members, was celebrating her 90th birthday, so we presented her in chapter where Marjorie Snow extended our congratulations to this special lady. Following the meeting, we enjoyed ice cream and a beautifully decorated cake provided by Marjorie. Evelyn was certainly surprised and very happy.

Fraternally,
Jayne and George Roloson

2009 Grand Chapter Session

Worthington Chapter members were popping their buttons at the 2009 Grand Chapter session, held in September in Dayton.

Our own **Ken Scott** served admirably as Worthy Grand Patron, and other chapter members were very much in evidence!

Crissy Willeke won first prize in the ritual competition, performing the initiatory work of Adah, and **Jennifer Gilbert** performed a beautiful solo at one of the sessions.

Grand Representative **Rita Scott**, Grand Page **Chlois Fletcher** and Grand Aides **Crowell Shane** and **Joe Simmons** participated in the drills, as did our retiring WM and WP, **Marilyn and George Braatz**, and our new WM and WP, **Jayne and George Roloson**.

In addition, the 2010 Worthy Grand Matron, Jan Goerss, has appointed **Ken Scott** as chairman of the Ritual Competition and a member of the Benevolence Committee; **Crissy Willeke** as a member of the Credentials Committee, and **Tim Strawn** as a member of the Grand Chapter Resource Bureau, representing the Ohio Masonic Home. We are so proud of these members!

New Grand Aide Appointment

Congratulations to Worthington Past Patron **John Manker**, who has been appointed Grand Aide to the 2010 Worthy Grand Matron Jan Goerss. **John and Esther Manker** are dual members of Elizabeth Chapter #56, Plain City, where they are serving as WM and WP this year! They meet the first Tuesday of the month. Plan to visit!

Inspection Is May 12

The annual inspection of Worthington Chapter has been scheduled for a regular meeting night – Wednesday, May 12. Linda Ayers, Deputy Grand Matron, will be our inspecting officer. Linda is a PM of Triangle Chapter, where she also serves as Worthy Matron this year.

At the 2010 inspections throughout the state, instead of individual awards given to members who perform perfect ritualistic work, Worthy Grand Matron Janice Goerss has created a *chapter* ritual award in each district. Her goal is to encourage the entire chapter to work as a team.

To qualify for the award, at least 16 of the 18 regularly installed officers must be present at inspection. No rituals are to be used except by the prompters. The work must be performed in a meaningful manner, and officers must wear proper chapter attire.

All members are encouraged to come out and support our 2010 officers, which include four members who have never taken offices in our chapter before. They are already hard at work to learn their parts, and we are excited to see them perform the initiation ceremony.

If you have a friend or relative who would enjoy being a member of our chapter, please see Worthy Matron **Jayne Roloson**, or Secretary **Bonita Shane** for petitions.

District 17/Area Inspections/Visitations

Below is a list of some area inspections (I) and visitations (V). District 17 chapters are printed in bold face. Others are area chapters that will be inspected or visited by Grand Line officers.

March 10	V-- Eugenie	7:30 p.m.
	(by WGM and WGP)	
March 13	I -- Beacon	2 p.m.
March 15	I – Corinthian	7:30 p.m.
April 9	I -- Groveport	7:30 p.m.
April 13	I – Level	7:30 p.m.
April 19	Wahneta-Pataskala	7:30 p.m.
	(by AGM)	
April 22	Grove City	7:30 p.m.
April 28	I -- Chillicothe	7:30 p.m.
	(by 17 th DGM Linda Ayers)	
May 4	V -- Elizabeth	7:30 p.m.
	(by WGM, Plain City)	
May 12	I -- Worthington	7:30 p.m.
May 19	I --Lorraine Chapter	7:30 p.m.
	(by Grand Conductress)	
May 20	I -- Triangle	7:30 p.m.
	(by WGM)	
May 26	I -- Newark Chapter	7:30 p.m.
	(by WGM)	
May 27	I -- Eugenie Chapter	7:30 p.m.

Members Receive Scholarships

Two Worthington members received Eastern Star scholarships recently to assist with their higher education.

Amy Brooks was the recipient of a \$1,700 ESTARL award from the Grand Chapter of Ohio, to assist with her studies at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus.

Faith Latorre was the first recipient of Worthington Chapter's scholarship award of \$1,000. Faith is the daughter of chapter member Carol Latorre, and is a freshman at the University of Cincinnati, majoring in Fine Arts. She has been accepted into the Design, Architecture, Art and Planning program at UC.

Applications for the Worthington Chapter Scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year are due June 1, 2010. This award is offered to Worthington Chapter members, or their children or grandchildren. Please contact the chapter secretary, or the chairman of the scholarship committee, **Nancy Liming** (740) 803-1650, nliming@gmail.com, for an application form.

Rob Morris Jewels Presented

At our October meeting, we were thrilled to present, on behalf of the General Grand Chapter, Rob Morris Membership Awards to four of our members who have invited new members to our Order. The awards, presented by Past Grand Patron **Ken Scott**, were given to: **Marilyn Braatz, Esther Manker, Rita Scott and Bonita Shane**.

Santa Visits Worthington Temple

It was a fun evening for young and old alike as members of New England Lodge and Worthington Eastern Star Chapter gathered with their families for the annual Christmas party on December 12.

After an informal supper in the dining room, everyone went upstairs to the lodge room where there was a decorated Christmas tree, surrounded by a train set operated by its own Engineer. The children formed a ring around the tree -- sitting or laying on their tummies. They were so excited they could hardly keep from touching the train.

Next Santa and his elf paid a visit and Santa had all the children sit on his lap and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Santa gave each child a candy cane and a wrapped gift that their parents had (secretly) provided.

Finally, our very surprised Worthy Matron was asked to sit on Santa's lap and finally agreed, after much coaxing. She received a gift from the jolly old man, too -- a beautiful wooden "clinging cross." Jayne sends her thanks to whoever was responsible for her beautiful gift!

"It was a special night for George and I," she said. "We are sure the children had the time of their lives, and we know the parents did, as they snapped pictures of the event."



Notes On Our Members

Our own **Nancy Liming** has been elected Warden of the Ohio Rebekah Assembly, putting her in line to become statewide president in two years. She will be installed in April. Rebekah is the women's organization related to the Odd Fellows. Nancy is a Past Matron and current Treasurer of our chapter.

Joe and Lorine Simmons have sold their Worthington home and are moving to a Villa on the grounds of the Ohio Masonic Home, Springfield. They join two other Worthington couples who are residing in villas there -- the Lattaners and the Irwins.

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?

The chapter social committee excels in the creative department, bar none! Members are encouraged to sign up for "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?" on Saturday, February 27.

You can be a host and provide the main dish, or you can sign up to be a guest and take a side dish or dessert. People will be told where to go, and randomly mixed together (You won't be split from your spouse, unless you want to be, of course!) The fun part is that you won't know who you will be having dinner with until you get there. It's a great way to get to know chapter members!

The social committee also is working on another bowling outing, probably in April. Watch our e-mails and Web page for details. If you have questions about any event, contact **Jennifer and Todd Jones, Pat and Bill Whittington, or April Lucas**.

Worthington's On The Web!

Worthington Chapter news and updates can be found on the official Web page of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, www.ohoes.org. Once you find the home page, click on "Chapters" on the left side; then scroll down the list to the 17th District to find Worthington's page.

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