

STARGAZER

of Florida



Happy Holidays!





Thank you to our December Contributors!

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Norma M Storms
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Brenda Hendricks
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“Tell me a Story” Challenge for March Issue

Think of this challenge as the Reader’s Digest version of “Life in This Order of the Eastern Star.” Stories like the ones you share at dinner or OES pot lucks. Cute stories about your grandchildren they didn’t think you would ever tell!

Send Stargazer your best holiday/travel story. Stories are as long as they need to be, but a suggested length is 50-100 words. Submit your story by January 30 for the next edition of the Stargazer. Email the Editor at FLStargazerEditor@gmail.com or snail mail 247 E Cedarwood Circle, Kissimmee, FL 34743 with questions or information.





A Message From the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron



Wishing you and your families a wonderful, safe
holiday and a Star filled New Year!

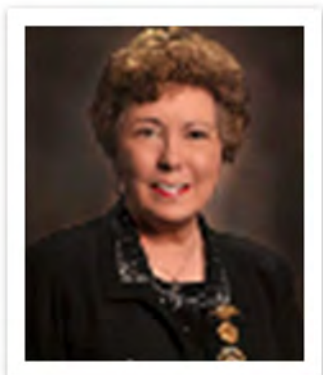




GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER NEWS



General Grand Chapter Officers for 2021-2024



Most Worthy Grand Matron

Glenda Winchester



Most Worthy Grand Patron

F. Lon Lowry



**Right Worthy Associate
Grand Matron**

Billie Bradfield



**Right Worthy Associate
Grand Patron**

Michael Berry



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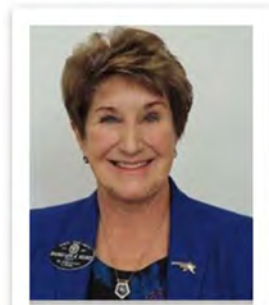
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Deborah Dhayer



**Right Worthy Associate
Grand Conductress**

Barbara Ann Holmes



**Right Worthy
Grand Sentinel**

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**Right Worthy
Grand Trustee**

Helen Delaney



**Right Worthy
Grand Trustee**

Arthur Drescher



GRAND CHAPTER NEWS



2021-2024 Florida General Grand Chapter Committee Appointments

Triennial Appointments

Name	Title
Lois Casaccia	Co-Chairman Appeals and Grievance
Margaret Nathurst	Benevolence Committee
Charlene Williams	Bylaws Committee
Sylvia Morrow	Credentials Committee
Betty Beasley	ESTARL Committee
Patricia Williams	International Headquarters Committee
Billy Williams	Co-Chairman Regenerative Medicine
Michael Harrell	Service Dog Committee
Linda Rae Every	Youth Committee

Triennial Assembly Committee

Rabbi Shafir "Candy" Lobb	Prayer Council
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Triennial Other Assembly Committee—Colorful Note

Joan Schwebel	Personal Page to MWGM
Heather Earnhardt	Assistant to RWGC
Joy W. Feit	Personal Page to TWG Trustee

Triennial Other Assembly Committee—Faithful Note

Elaine Howell

**Ormond VanArsdall, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Florida
Presents Check to Covenant Care—Hospice Tallahassee**

September 27, 2021

Mr. Ormond VanArsdall, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Florida, Order of the Eastern Star presented a check for \$7,500 to Covenant Care-Tallahassee Hospice on September 27, 2021. Several members of the surrounding Eastern Star chapters attended the presentation. The donation was gratefully accepted by the directors of the local Covenant Care Hospice Tallahassee office.

– Ormond VanArsdall, Worthy Grand Patron



Ormond VanArsdall, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Florida Featured in Jackson County Times

September 20, 2021

Partners for Pets in Marianna Receives Donation from Eastern Star of Florida

On Monday, September 20, 2021, Mr. Ormond VanArsdall, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Florida Order of the Eastern Star, presented a check for \$7,500.00 to Partners for Pets. Several members of the local Eastern Star chapters and their husbands also attended the presentation. This donation was gratefully accepted by P4P President, Ken Campbell, along with other members of the Board of Directors who were present.

Hurricane Michael caused substantial damage to the Partners for Pets facility on Maintenance Drive in Marianna, Florida. The building continues to deteriorate with the greatest concern being for the twice shrink-wrapped roof and the electrical wiring. Partners for Pets is diligently working to relocate to 2810 Panhandle Road. It is hoped that the shelter can be operational at the new location by this time next year.

We are seeing an increase in animal surrenders as well as more stray and abandoned ones. At the

same time, Partners for Pets is experiencing a decrease in donations, leaving our animal shelter in a tight bind as we work to provide for the many animals in our care. Keeping pets fed and healthy has become a big concern for animal shelters such as Partners for Pets.

It is generous donations like this one from Eastern Star that sustains our organization.

Please join us on Friday, October 29, 2021, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at Madison Street Park as we continue to raise money for the new facility. There will be live entertainment, prizes to be given away, a silent auction, food and craft booths, and much more!! Bring your pets and children in Halloween costume and enjoy the event while we raise money for the animals! We will also be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the founding of Partners for Pets.

We need sponsors, silent auction items, vendor booths and volunteers for this event. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Judy Peterson at 850.693.0605.

— Partners for Pets

Submitted by Ormond VanArsdall,
Worthy Grand Patron

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Mike Squire/Times

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Grand Officers' Schools of Instruction

Ocala Chapter No. 29 Hosts Grand School, October 16



Photographer – Pat Cooper

Magnolia Chapter No. 101 Hosts Grand School on October 23



Photographer – Pat Cooper

Past Grand Matron Betty Beasley Appointed to General Grand Chapter ESTARL Committee

November 5, 2021

Sister Betty Beasley, PGM, was “pinned” with the insignia rank of “General” when she was appointed as a member of The General Grand Chapter ESTARL Committee for this Triennial. She is very excited to have been selected by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Glenda G. Winchester, for this appointment. It is one that is very special to her and she realizes the need for people to accept a career in the religious leadership roles and the expenses incurred in the pursuit of their educational needs.

It is her goal, as well as General Grand Chapter, to ask each O.E.S. Member to donate \$1.00 for each triennial year (or \$3.00 total) to this committee and help achieve their goal, especially in the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida. There will not be any jewelry or any other items to sell for fund raising purposes, only monetary donations.

Sister Betty has already been assured that her District (District 3) will meet or exceed 100% participation and challenges all other Districts do the same to include active and inactive members. With a little work and publicity this can be an achievable goal with many lasting benefits. Any and all donations, large or small, will be greatly appreciated.

Any contribution can be sent to

Sister Betty Beasley, PGM
413 Clifton Cox Ave
Panama City, Fl 32404

Thank you in advance for your participation.

— Coy Beasley, PGP



Wilson-Feagle Grand Family 20th Reunion

September 25, 2021

The 20th Reunion of the Wilson-Feagle Grand Family was held on September 25th at the home of Past Grand Martha Melvina Letanosky in Lakeland. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all in attendance. One of the interesting topics of conversation was where each of us was when we were asked to be Grand Officers. That topic prompted a lot of memories.

We were missing Past Grand Patron Clarence Feagle, Past Grand Chaplain Jo Ann Wilder, and Past Grand Warder Meredith Glessner. Our Grand Family has been fortunate in that we have only lost one member by death: Past Grand Electa Lucy Crawford. We look forward to our next reunion in 2022 in Lakeland.

*– Loretta Dow, Past Grand Organist
Orlando No. 131*



Members of the Wilson-Feagle Grand Family pictured at their 20th Reunion in Lakeland. Left to right: Melvina Letanosky, Peggy Rouse, Mary Ann Shirbach, Judy Wilson PGM, Millie Stoker, Loretta Dow and Janie Arnold. Not pictured were Clarence Feagle PGP, JoAnn Wilder and Meredith Glessner

Westmoreland-Fielder Grand Family 25th Reunion



Ready for a fresh shrimp feast are Robin Watt, Virginia Beggs, Bob Every, Shirley Watt, Wanda Mitchell, Karen Madruga, David Watt, Joy Feit, Michael Feit, and the photographer, Linda Every.

November 19, 2021

The Westmoreland-Fielder Grand Family held their 25th reunion November 5-8, 2021. It's been 25 years since we served as Grand Officers, and began holding these reunions. We have only missed one year due to illness.

This year arrangements to meet at a lovely condo on the beach at Fort Walton, were made by our hostess, Wanda Mitchell. The condo was just right to accommodate the nine in attendance. Sunny days greeted us, but the nip in the air kept us from dipping even a toe in the sparkling waters of the Gulf. We did enjoy relaxing on the balcony protected from the wind.

Hostess Wanda, treated us to a low country boil on Friday evening. The peel and eat shrimp fresh from the Gulf, was delicious, plus the corn, potatoes, onions and sausage that go along with it. All you can eat shrimp is such a delicacy that we certainly did indulge! As usual there was no shortage of wonderful sweets to enjoy. Each one brought a favorite to share.

We enjoyed a visit to our Worthy Grand Matron, Helen Westmoreland, PMWGM. She was in good spirits and we were all delighted she could share some special time with us. We were also delighted to share some time with her daughter, Karen Madruga.

An early exchange of Christmas gifts, dining at Boshamps Seafood and Oyster House on Saturday, Captain Dave's On the Gulf on Sunday, a visit to the Air Force Armament Museum, shopping, and just enjoying each other's company kept us busy for the weekend.

We missed the presence of Mary Ann Holt, and Gerri and Barry Rosenthal, who were unable to attend. Since our last reunion we suffered the loss of Gordon Mitchell, Wanda's husband, who passed away April 14, 2021. Our prayers are with his family. After 25 years, we share a very special bond.

— Virginia Beggs, Past Grand Organist



TELL ME A STORY



Miracle at Arlington National Cemetery

by Brenda Hendricks

Howard and I went on the Worthy Grand Matron's Bus Trip to Washington, D.C. in August 2021. We met this wonderful couple, Ed and Rosann Parr, who sat in front of us. She is a member of Mandarin Chapter No. 292. When they heard of this trip, they thought this would give them a chance of finding her parents' gravesite in Arlington National Cemetery.

We had the privilege of having dinner with them on the last night. I asked her if she had any luck at finding the gravesite. She shared her story about her parents with us.

Her father was in the Navy and had died of cancer when she was only fourteen. She also lost her mother to cancer when Rosann was 40.

At the time of her father's death, her family was not able to travel to Arlington to lay her father to rest. The Navy took responsibility for taking her father to Arlington and interring him in his final resting place. Rosann said that someone contacted their neighbor who lived near Arlington at the time of her father's death and took pictures and shared them with her family.

When her mother passed, she was able to be laid to rest by her father, since she had never remarried and again the Navy laid her to rest by her father since they were not able to go to Arlington.

On the way to the cemetery I had overheard them talking about how they would love to find her parents' gravesite. Rosann had tried the cemetery app to locate the sites, but it did not work.

When we got to the visitor's center, I watched Ed go to the service desk to inquire how they could locate

the gravesite. After he left the desk I watched him share the news with Rosann, but it appeared that it was not good news.

We were instructed to board the bus to be transported to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to lay the Florida Order of the Eastern Star wreath. I took my seat and watched Rosann staring out of the window desperately looking at all the gravesites wondering if one of them was her parents' as we drove by. She looked so sad. I knew she was thinking the trip would not prove successful.

When we arrived at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, I lost track of Rosann because Donna Schrock, our Worthy Grand Matron, asked if I would video the ceremony for her. I was stressing out over the "once in our Worthy Grand Matron's lifetime of laying the wreath" because all our cellphones were shutting down in the hot sun. The phones went dark and we could not tell if they were recording, and if they were, what was being recorded.

At the dinner, I caught up with Rosann and asked her if she was successful in locating her parents' gravesite. While riding the bus from the visitors center, she said she found the photo her aunt (now deceased) had given her for the number of the tombstone. Rosann also remembered her aunt told her the gravesite was under a tree near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. She said she thought the only chance she would have to locate her parents' gravesite would be after the OES wreath ceremony.

Another member on the bus, Janice Bowers who is also a member of Mandarin Chapter, noticed Rosann leave the walkway running toward the gravesites. She ran after Rosann asking where she was

going. She told Janice what she was looking for and Janice said she would go with her.

Rosann prayed and said to God, "God, there are so many sites. If it is your will that I find my parents, you will have to show me which way to go."

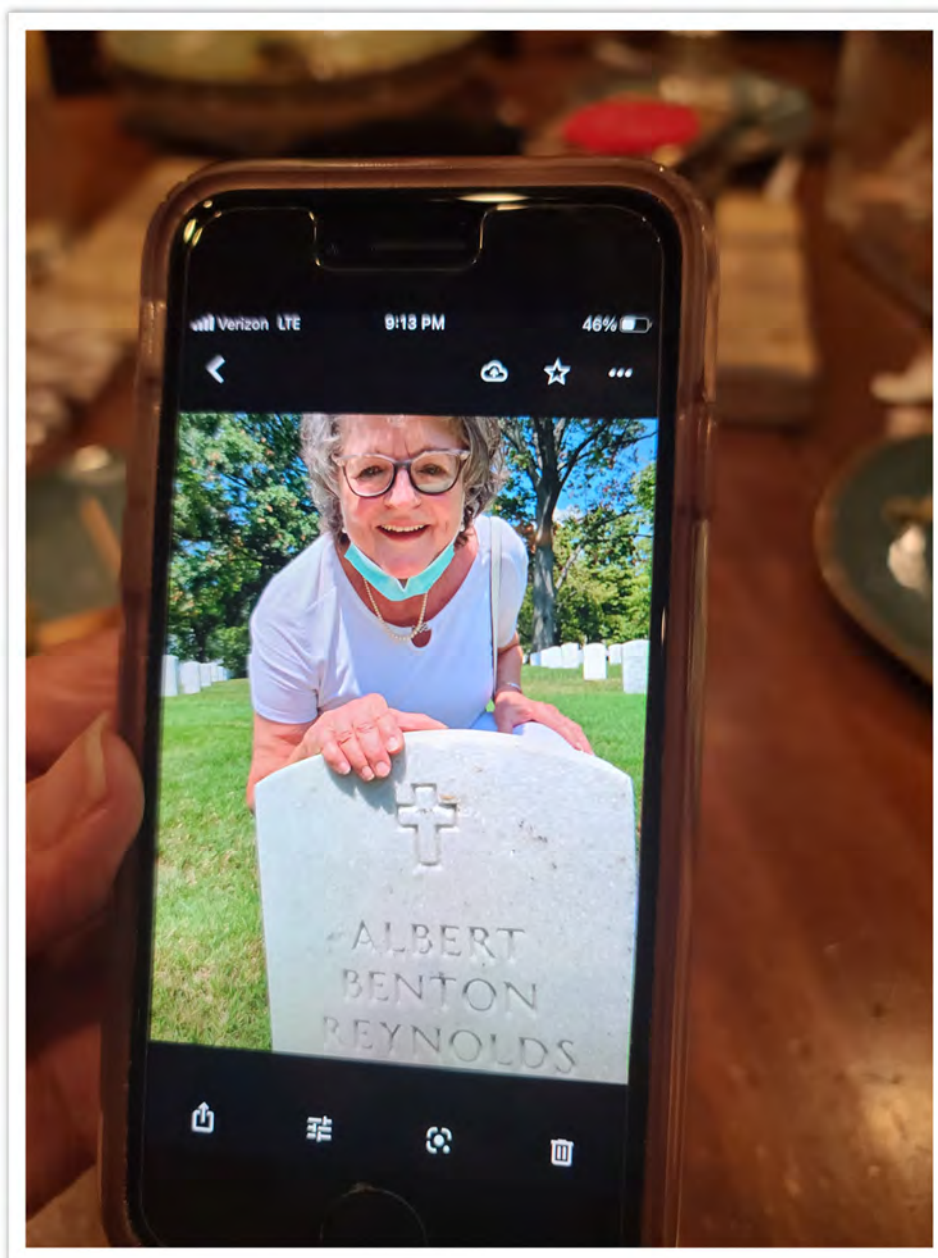
Now there are over 400,000 sites in this cemetery. She and Janice walked only a short distance and found Rosann's parents' gravesite.

Here is the photo I took of her phone that Janice took of her by her father's site. Unfortunately her phone, like all the other phones, timed out due to the heat before she could take a photo of her mother's name on the other side of the grave marker.

This is a true sign of true sisterhood and love of one another in fraternal organization. As we traveled back to Jacksonville, Rosann said she and Ed are proud to be part of this group. She also said she has been truly blessed beyond words for the love of a true sister named Janice Bowers who went with her and will forever be thankful.

I am so blessed to have met this wonderful couple on this bus tour and will be forever grateful for our newfound friendship.

And, yes, God is good all the time! All we have to do is ask God for His Guidance!



Mayo Chapter Hosts District 6 and 7 Proficiency Study Class

September 7, 2021

Barbara Blanton, PGM of Florida, had District 6 and District 7's proficiency study class at Mayo Masonic Lodge. Mayo Chapter 196 had drinks and desserts; everyone brought a bag lunch. She did a fantastic job and everyone loved the search of the lodge for the mistakes. We learned a lot and had a great time.

— Robin Kimbril



Texas Grand Chapter Welcomes Florida Members

August 2021

Our Order gives us the opportunity to form meaningful friendships with Sisters and Brothers around our Eastern Star world! Sister Heather Earnhardt, PGM and Brother Lance Kleinsmith, PGP have had the opportunity to form those bonds with the members of Texas Grand Chapter and were delighted to accompany Sister Sylvia Walsingham, Grand Representative of Texas in Florida in attending the 138th Annual Session of the Grand

Chapter of Texas. This year's session was held at the Grand Lodge of Texas Auditorium in Waco, Texas August 11-14. The Grand Lodge offices also feature a museum that we encourage anyone in the Waco area to visit!

Sister Sylvia enjoyed participating with her counterpart in the Fraternal Correspondence Cavalcade of Flags and Sister Heather was honored to bring the Response to the Welcome given by Brother Henry Martin, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

— Heather Earnhardt, PGM



Florida Chapter Members Presents Check to Southeast Guide Dogs, Inc

September 11, 2021

September 11, 2021 was a great day to go to "The Dogs" as Past Grand Matron, Heather Earnhardt and Past Grand Patron Lance Kleinsmith met Brother Carl Hargrove, Service Dog Committee of GGC and Past Grand Patron of Florida along with Sister Jocelyn Hargrove, Past Grand Marshal at Southeast Guide Dogs in Palmetto, Florida!

Accompanying them were Sister Debra Kleinsmith, Past Grand Chaplain, Sister Nancy See, Past Grand Martha and Brother Bob See, Grand Representative of British Columbia and the Yukon in Florida. All were there to present a check from our Grand Chapter of funds raised by Grand Chapter during the extended 2019-2021 term. A total of \$21,847.26

had been raised by the Service Dog Committee during the term and we were there to present a check for \$19,300.59 to Southeast Guide Dogs and place on the books the names for six puppies!

Sister Jocelyn was excited to meet "Martha" the new puppy she and Brother Carl will be raising! "Martha" was chosen as the first of the six puppies we were honored to name in honor of Brother Joe Chancy, District 6 Chairman who had raised over \$12,000.00 of the total monies for 2019-2021. His wife, Sister Lory serves as Martha at Branford Chapter 112 and Sister Nancy See, Past Grand Martha is also a member of Branford Chapter.

– Heather Earnhardt, PGM



Gail's Songbirds
Celebrate Birthday of Berneice Woodard, Past Grand Matron

November 21, 2021

Gail's Songbirds (Grand Conductress Gail Jerrell's Support Group) celebrated Past Grand Matron, Berneice Woodard's birthday on 11/21/21 at the Pink Flamingo Diner! A wonderful time was had by all!

– Chris Ross



Brother Dave Hurtle Appointed Grand Representative of Florida in Connecticut

December 8, 2021

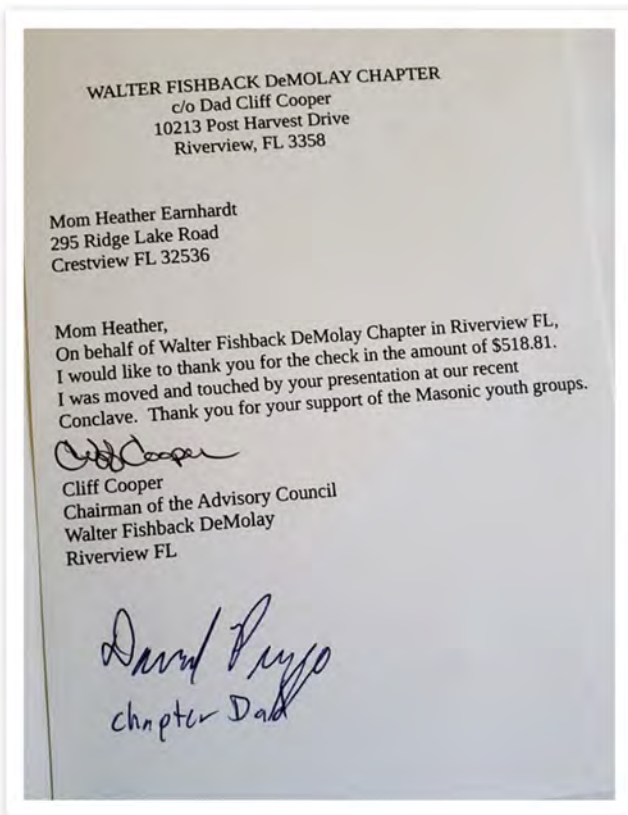
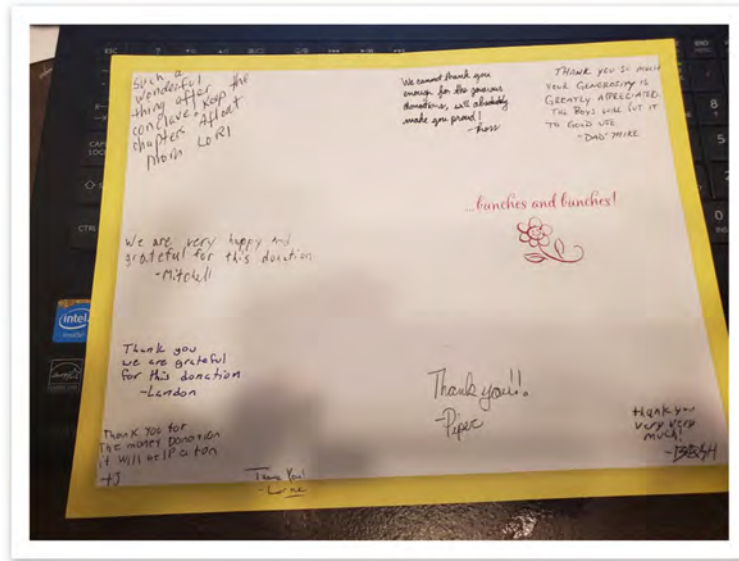
Congratulations to Brother Dave Hurtle for his new appointment as Grand Representative of Florida in Connecticut.

Associate Grand Conductress Debbie Rosenthal presented him his paperwork as the Worthy Grand Matron of Connecticut announced his appointment by phone.

– Pat Cooper



Thank You, Grand Chapter of Florida Order of the Eastern Star For Supporting the Youth Organizations



July 1st, 2021

Heather Earnhardt
Past Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Florida
Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Heather and Lance,

Thank you for the generous gift you presented Florida Rainbow at our 75th Grand Assembly.

This is tremendous and will help each assembly in their expenses during this next year.

The members of OES have out done their selves in the support for our Masonic Youth over the past 2 years with your focus on our Masonic Youth Organizations as your special project.

Each should be commented on their efforts to ensure our youth have funds to support the girls in their endeavors.

Please convey our appreciation to your members for this wonderful gesture of support for each girl in our Florida Rainbow Family.

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Nancy Newton

Supreme Deputy in Florida
International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Dear Mom
Earnhardt

Thank you for
your Donation to
Greater Titusville
DeMolay
Dad Randy
Ben, Zack & Tim



Oleeta West Dade
Order of DeMolay



Oleeta West Dade Lodge - 145 S Royal Poinciana Blvd. Maitland Springs, FL 32751-1207

08/14/2021

To:
Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Florida,
Order of the Eastern Star
C/o Mom Heather Earnhardt
295 Ridge Lake Road
Crestview, FL 32536

Dear Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East and My Sisters All,

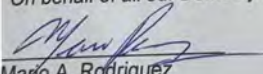
On behalf of the Oleeta West Dade Chapter Order Of DeMolay we wish to sincerely thank you our "Sisters" from the **Grand Chapter of FL, Order of the Eastern Star**, for your generous donation by raising funds for the Masonic Youth Groups, more especially Mom Earnhardt, Past Grand Matron of Florida. "As one of the boys said what a Fantastic way to kick off our fund raising this is going help us a lot" Thank You! Thank You!"

DeMolay is an organization dedicated to civil service, comradeship and brotherhood; our organization has been dedicated to the growth of young men since 1919 and because of your help and generous donation we were able to start raising funds to our chapter grow and carry on our mission.

As the great DeMolay Alumni Walt Disney once said;

"The era we are living in today is a dream coming true"

Sincerely yours,
On behalf of all our DeMolay Brothers


Mario A. Rodriguez
Chairman
Oleeta West Dade Order of DeMolay

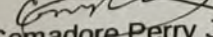
Meeting Dates and times:



First Coast
DeMolay
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mom Heather Earnhardt,

On behalf of First Coast Chapter Order of DeMolay, I would like to thank you for your efforts in raising funds for the Masonic Youth groups of Florida. These funds for our Chapter is greatly appreciated. The members have expressed numerous times how they have been wanting to do numerous activities to promote DeMolay, But we have lacked the funding to do so. This donation will be used to promote and inspire new young men to be a part of this great organization. Thank You again.


Comadore Perry Jr. (Chapter Dad)



OES COMMUNITY



Grace Chapter No. 8

Receives Perpetual Friend Membership

September 2, 2021

Grace Chapter No. 8 was presented with a Perpetual Friend Membership from Wellborn Lodge No. 13. Four Eastern Star Ladies got Perpetual Friend Memberships from Wellborn Lodge No. 13 also. It was a great honor to be included in our Masonic family.



Community Service

September 3, 2021

Grace Chapter No. 8 feed the Masons of Wellborn Lodge No. 13 as they made a handicapped ramp for Eric Lowes, a member of their lodge. Eric is also the son of Robert Skipper, Worthy Patron of Grace Chapter No. 8. Everyone worked hard and there was great fellowship.

— Patty Roach



Ruth Chapter No. 7

Ruth Chapter No. 7 and Pierce 287 Masonic Lodge Collect Toys for Boys & Girls Club

Due to illness and not enough helpers, The Christmas House was unable to collect toys this year. That's when OES Ruth Chapter No. 7 and Ft. Pierce Masonic Lodge members stepped in to help. Together they were able to collect over 100 unwrapped toys. Members of the Boys and Girls Club came and loaded everything in their van to prepare and wrap them for the community event of "Breakfast with Santa" on December 21. There the

toys will be distributed to all children attending this event.

As a result of this community project outreach, Ruth Chapter No. 7 was able to recruit a potential new member, the event coordinator who has several family members who had been both in Eastern Star and the Masons. It was a simple matter of asking her to join which she gladly said "yes." Her petition is now in process and Ruth Chapter No. 7 will have a new member soon!

— Barb Smith, PM

Pensacola Chapter No. 253

Sister JoAnn Maxwell, PGC Featured in Elmcroft's "Here's to Life" Newsletter

September 20, 2021

Sister Emma Lou Tucker, Worthy Matron of Pensacola Chapter No. 253 visited Sister JoAnn Maxwell, PGC on Sunday, September 20th at Elmcroft of Pensacola Senior Living.

Sister JoAnn made the front page in the Elmcroft of Pensacola's newsletter. She was recognized as Resident of the Month and Ms. "Happy Go Lucky" Maxwell.

Sister Emma Lou commented, "I'm sure her Eastern Star family would find this article uplifting and may want to send [Sister JoAnn] 'thinking of you' cards. Our Star members keep shining bright!"

— Wanda Branin, Secretary
Pensacola Chapter No. 253

Send correspondence to: Elmcroft of Pensacola
% JoAnn Maxwell
2310 Abbie Lane
Pensacola, FL 32514



Magnolia Chapter No. 101 Honors Grand Marshal with Tea/Brunch

October 24, 2021

I was so honored by my friends and family that attended and assisted with the Tea/Brunch to celebrate!

Sara Justice, Worthy Matron of Magnolia Chapter No. 101 and my daughter, did an outstanding job — planning and coordinating — to make this day a success. A few members of our chapter and our district helped Sara with food items. We had an amazing variety from breakfast to lunch, including many sweets, punch, and, of course, tea!

I appreciate all who attended, many of which I have known for a very long time through the years we worked together in Rainbow and Eastern Star. My Grand Family and my sisters and brothers who were unable to attend but sent a card too. I thank you for your love and support — you will always hold a special place in my heart!

— Terri Justice, Grand Marshal, 2021-22



Myrtle Grove Chapter No. 302 Honors New 50 Year Member

December 11, 2021

At Myrtle Grove No. 302's regular meeting, Worthy Matron Kathy Barlow and Sister Dorothy Lee, Past Grand Martha were honored to present Sister Ann Peterson with her 50 year Membership Pin! Sister Dorothy and Sister Ann have been friends and worked together for over 20 years.

It was great to see her at our meeting and hopefully she'll get to come more often. Refreshments and Christmas wishes were enjoyed by all.

— Kathy Barlow, WM



Dorothy Lee, Past Grand Martha; Ann Peterson, and
Kathy Barlow, Worthy Matron

District 20 Celebrates Rob Morris



December 10, 2021

60 Year Pin Awarded

Fernandina Chapter No. 55 did something that is rarely done. Mildred Basham Zielinski was awarded a 60 year pin. Worthy Matron, Kim Grubbs, congratulated Sister Zielinski on her many years of service in the Order of the Eastern Star. Grubbs said, "We are so happy that you are beginning your 61st year as a member of Fernandina No. 55. We plan to keep you busy."

— Norma M. Storms



Left to right:
Joy Feit; Kim Grubbs, WM; Mildred Basham Zielinski; Mike Feit, WP

The Tree of Life Wreath Presented to AGM

Fernandina No. 55 - Order of the Eastern Star had its annual Official Inspection by the Associate Grand Matron recently. As a "thank you" courtesy, Kim Grubbs, Worthy Matron, had chapter members help her don "The Tree of Life" wreath with these five commemorative flowers which have special meaning to those in OES: green fern, red rose, white lily, yellow jasmine, and blue violets.

Michelle Wise, Associate Grand Matron, expressed her delight when accepting this wreath. "I am so thankful your members decorated this wreath as we all watched. It is indeed a gift from many hearts to my heart. Thank you."

Sister Kim thanked her chapter members for performing their duties as the chapter passed Inspection.

— Norma M. Storms



Left to right:
Mike Feit, WP; Kim Grubbs, WM; Michelle Wise, AGM; William Krantz, AGP

**Queen Esther Chapter No. 4
Honor Long Time Members
Cindy Brunk and Winnifred Schramm**

November 11, 2021

Members of Queen Esther No. 4 presented two checks to the Salvation Army. The first \$1000 check was donated to honor Cindy Brunk, a long time member who served as the liaison between Salvation Army and Queen Esther Chapter No. 4. The second check, also for \$1000, honored another long time chapter member, Winnifred Schramm, who is an officer with the Salvation Army and just celebrated her 104th birthday!

Laura Lake



**Milton Chapter No. 189
Plays Secret Santa
for W.H. Rhodes Elementary School Families**

December 15, 2021

Members of Milton Chapter No. 189, assisted by members of Santa Rosa Masonic Lodge No. 16, helped make Christmas a little brighter again this year for some students and families from W.H. Rhodes Elementary School in Milton. The group provided gifts for the children in each family, based on the kids' wish lists, and grocery store gift cards so the families could purchase food for the holidays. OES chapter members purchased and wrapped gifts, ready for their delivery to the school. Each child received requested toys and a new outfit of clothing in a festive holiday bag.

The Masonic Lodge and their motorcycle group, Low Twelve, always provides bicycles for the children requesting them and this year there were eight bicycles to make eight boys and girls happy Christmas morning.

The Chapter and Lodge members said they are pleased to be able to serve the Milton community through this project every year. The members of both groups wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

– Carolyn Kranz, Past Grand Marshal



Photo caption left to right:

Charlene Williams PGM, Scarlett Ehlers PG Marshal, Bill Kranz AGP, Sheila Potts PM, Susan Covington PG Esther, Rhodes Elementary Guidance Counselor Tammy Roberts, Ellen King PM, Anne Gunter PG Marshal, Rhodes Elementary Guidance Assistant Kathy Gilley, Santa Rosa Lodge Secretary Dave Danielson, Mickey Brown WP, Roberta Brown WM, and Jerry Covington PP. Not pictured, Carolyn Kranz PG Marshal.

Okeechobee Chapter No. 128 Friendship Night

November 16, 2021

Tuesday night was my first friendship night as Worthy Matron of Okeechobee Chapter 128. Thank you to all of my sisters and brothers, from the other

chapters in the district, who came in as friends to fill in stations, and thank you to everyone who made it such a special evening. It was truly amazing !

— Diane Shelkie, WM



Chiefland Chapter No. 251

November 20, 2021

The Story Behind Chiefland Chapter's New Piano

Chiefland Chapter No. 251, which meets at William T. Carlton Lodge, was given a piano. Yay! We are blessed that Brenda Granruth procured a piano for free from Katherine Warner of Alachua. Brenda Granruth, Robin Kimbril and Patty Roach picked up and delivered the piano. We were blessed by a free inspection for termites by Brad Slaughter, general manager of A1 Pest Control in Trenton. Once we got it to the lodge, we couldn't seem to get the piano off the trailer. The sweet people from DP Design in Trenton (across the street from the Lodge) dropped everything to come to our aid. We cannot thank them enough for their help.

— Robin Kimbril



Lynn Haven Chapter No. 262

December 6, 2021

Had a “grand” time at Lynn Haven honoring Grands and Past Grands. Extra grateful our Worthy Grand Patron who made the trip again after just being here Saturday for the official!

– Cassandra Caswell



OES Chapters Magnolia No. 101 and New Port Richey No. 117 Bring Aid to Athletes in Pinellas County, Florida

December 12, 2021

Local Race Director appreciated our help to hand out water to the athletes that run a 10K or Half Marathon from Maderia Beach to Taylor Park in Largo. It's loads of fun seeing the athletes' costumed in the theme and they are very appreciative also.

– Terri Justice, Grand Marshal, 2021-22



Magnolia Chapter No. 101



New Port Richey Chapter No. 117

Mandarin Chapter No. 292 Starts the Holiday Season

November 27

Mandarin Chapter No. 292, Jacksonville, Florida started the holiday season on Saturday, November 27, 2021 by supporting the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. Numerous chapter members and young men from the First Coast DeMolay participated in this traditional annual Chapter community support activity.

Sisters are Susan Ruskosky Past Grand Esther, Catherine Thomas, Past Matron and Edna Ramsdell, Past Grand Organist. Additional bell ringers were Jean Starke, Worthy Matron; Jeff Starke, Worthy Patron; Rosann Parr, Associate Matron; Janice Bowers, Marshal; Clara Watkins, Warder; and Gale Ruskosky, Grand Representative of Wisconsin in Florida.

— *Gale Ruskosky*
Grand Representative of Wisconsin in Florida



Pine Castle Chapter No. 321

Pine Castle No. 321 Hosts District 14 Proficiency Study Class

August 21, 2021

District 14 Proficiency Study Class was held at Pine Castle Chapter today. A big thank you to all who came out today and to the Chapter for all their assistance. It was great having Sister Grace out and for help. Thank you to Sister Dianna, our Grand

Ruth, for sharing her birthday with us. Another thank you to Sister Norma, our Grand Instructor, for her assistance. For those unable to be with us today, we missed you. Brother John, you followed Sister Cindy's instructions perfectly: air on, door unlocked, and alarm off. Also, thanks for the donut suggestion. Again, thank you to everyone. Our District is the best. I love you all.

— Sharon Strosnider, PGM



Pine Castle No. 321 Initiates Two New Members

September 27, 2021

Pine Castle Chapter No. 321, Order of the Eastern Star, welcomed two new members in September: Sister Tami Horin-Kimmins and Brother Norberto Monnell. Sister Tami's son and his wife are OES members in Louisiana and Brother Norberto is currently the Worshipful Master of Pine Castle Lodge No. 368. Welcome to our Order!

— Jolee Miles, WM

Photographer — John Miles, WP



Crestview Chapter No. 203 Initiates New Member

December 16, 2021

Crestview No. 203 initiated a new member, Sister Julie Chumley and her Service Dog Zoey.

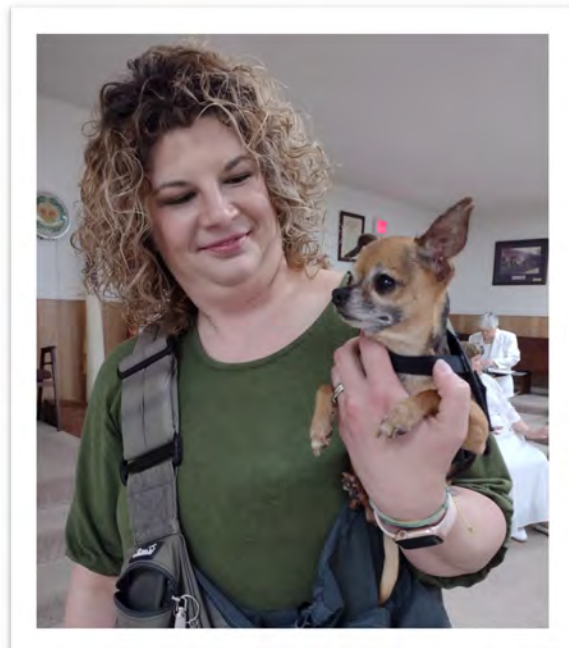
You know the saying: "Sometimes it takes a village?" Well, Crestview had their village of Sisters and Brothers be there for this new member.

It was a great meeting with everyone enjoying a meal prior to the meeting.

– Kathy Barlow, WM



Worthy Matron Peggy Harkness, Julie Chumley and Zoey, Mickey Brown Worthy Patron



Julie Chumley and her Service Dog Zoey

Santa Fe Chapter No. 105 Donates Holiday Money and Toys to High Springs Police Department

December 19, 2021

OES Santa Fe Chapter No. 105 and the Masons of High Springs donated \$345 and toys to the High Springs Police department "Hope for the Holidays" program.

– Chris A Ross





OFFICIAL INSPECTIONS



**Fort Walton Chapter No. 202
Welcomes Associate Grand Conductress Debbie Rosenthal
At Official Inspection**

November 22, 2021

Official Inspection of Fort Walton Chapter No 202, wonderful evening and for me very nostalgic. My father was raised in Alpha Lodge as a Master Mason in 1954. This was also the Chapter of my Fraternal Papa Joseph Earnhardt PGP. Everything was absolutely wonderful. The decorations were beautiful and the fellowship amazing. We even had several members of Alabama join us.

– Debbie Rosenthal, Associate Grand Conductress

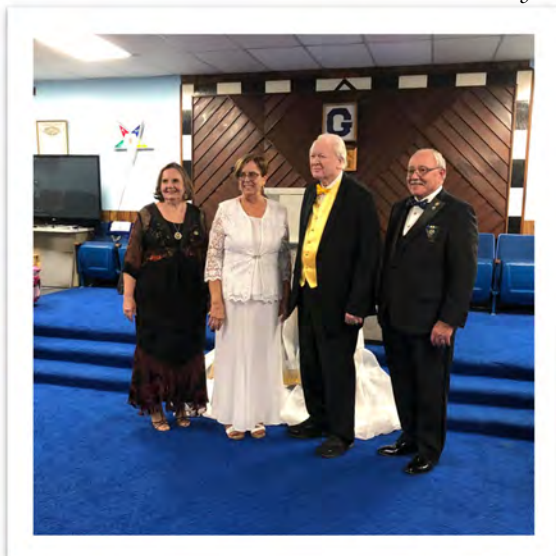


**Okeechobee Chapter
Welcomes Associate Grand Matron Mickey Wise
At Official Inspection**

November 30, 2021

Official Inspection at Okeechobee Chapter with Sister Mickey Wise, Associate Grand Matron. It was a great evening. The officers did awesome!

– Candy Haddix



Lynn Haven Chapter No. 262 Welcomes Associate Grand Conductress Debbie Rosenthal For Official Inspection

December 4, 2021

Another ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING night at Lynn Haven Chapter No. 262 on 12/4/21 as their Official Inspection was held by Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Debbie Rosenthal for Sister Donna Schrock, Worthy Grand Matron. There were approximately 65 members in attendance. A Harry Potter themed courtesy was given and enjoyed by Sister Debbie as well as all in attendance.

Also, a highlight of the evening was the presentation of fifty-year membership recognition to Sister Sue and Brother Charlie Skelton. Both were very proud

and excited to have achieved this milestone in their Eastern Star life. Throughout all these years both have stayed very active and dedicated to the Organization.

Yet another highlight of the evening was the presentation of seventy-year membership to Sister Ann Davis, a member of Panama Chapter No. 102.

The meeting was preceded by a banquet with food beyond belief. You should have been there. Everything from brisket and ham to delicious fruit, pies, and cupcakes. Yes, there were green beans!!

— Coy Beasley, PGP



Photographer — Brenda Hendricks

**Crestview Chapter No. 203
Welcomes Associate Grand Conductress Debbie Rosenthal
At Official Inspection**

December 3, 2021

Crestview Chapter 203 Official Inspection with Sister Debbie Rosenthal, Associate Grand Conductress. It was a wonderful evening, good fellowship, good fun, and good food.

— Alan Bint



Palma Ceia Chapter No. 243 Gives Warm Welcome to Grand Conductress Gail Jerrell For Official Inspection

December 8, 2021

Official at Palma Ceia. What a meeting! The food was delicious and Christmas decorations were beautiful. The "Miracle of Friendship" courtesy was so good, which included a Christmas wreath with birds and a Christmas bucket with golf supplies. Thank you Palma Ceia Chapter!

– Gail Jerrell, Grand Conductress



**Washington Chapter No. 43
Welcomes Associate Grand Conductress Debbie Rosenthal
for Official Inspection**

November 15, 2021

I had a wonderful evening and enjoyed my visit at the Official Inspection of Washington Chapter No. 43. The decorations and the dinner were fabulous.

Debbie Rosenthal, AGC



**Mulberry Chapter No. 57
Official Inspection
With Grand Conductress Gail Jerrell**

December 9, 2021

Mulberry Chapter No. 57 is such a nice friendly chapter. The chapter room was full of Christmas decorations. The courtesy was so cute, dressing myself and Kevin up for Christmas.

Gail Jerrell , Grand Conductress



**Lake Wales Chapter No. 107
Official Inspection
with Associate Grand Matron Michelle "Mickey" Wise**

December 6, 2021

Enjoyed being with the Sisters and Brothers of Lake Wales Chapter at their Official . Thank you all for a beautiful night.

Mickey Wise, AGM



**Deland Chapter No. 16
Official Inspection
With Grand Associate Matron Michelle “Mickey” Wise**

November 15, 2021

Nice evening of fellowship at Deland Chapter No. 16's Official Inspection tonight. We had the Grand Conductress and Grand Sentinel from the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire as a special treat.

– Mickey Wise, AGM



Canaveral Chapter No. 297 Official Inspection with Associate Grand Conductress Debbie Rosenthal



November 20, 2021

Wonderful evening at Canaveral Chapter No 297 Official Inspection. Meeting was very nice, all the decorations were beautiful. Dinner was really yummy and, oh my goodness, the pineapple upside-down cakes made by the Worthy Matron were delicious. I absolutely love the fall wreath they gave me as part of the courtesy. Just an absolutely lovely evening. So enjoyed having June Johns and Theresa Goddard there. The exemplification done by Associate Patron Brother George English was outstanding.

– Debbie Rosenthal, AGC



**Santa Fe Chapter No. 105
Official Inspection with
Associate Grand Conductress Debbie Rosenthal**

October 25, 2021

On October 25, 2021, Santa Fe Chapter No. 105 had its Official Inspection with Associate Grand Conductress, Debbie Rosenthal. just two days after we lost our beautiful Worthy Matron, Paula Stoll.

Our Conductress, Martha Evans, served as Pro-tem Worthy Matron. Paula's husband, Bill, was present and gave the Obligation to exemplify our work. He was a rock and we were all so very proud of his strength.

Please keep Bill and our Chapter in your prayers as we learn to go on without our dear Paula.

— Chris Ross



Barbara Blanton, PGM; Berneice Woodard, PGM; Debbie Rosenthal, AGC, Inspecting Officer; Martha Evans, Protem WM with Bill Stoll, WP; Lance Kleinsmith, PGP

**Barberville Chapter No. 51
Welcomes Grand Conductress Gail Jerrell
At Official Inspection**

November 11, 2021

Thank you members of Barberville Chapter No. 51 for a wonderful official and fellowship. The cute courtesy, "Christmas in Barberville" was written by the Worthy Matron, Sister Holly Abbott. Put us all in the Christmas spirit.

– Gail Jerrell, Grand Conductress





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Wewahitchka Chapter
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Candidate
for
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Teresa Burke
Ribault Chapter No. 195



Candidate
for
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Fort Myers Chapter No. 31



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Associate Grand
Conductress**

Sandy Leduc
Orlando Chapter No. 131



**Candidate
for
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Renee Bearden
Crestview Chapter No. 203



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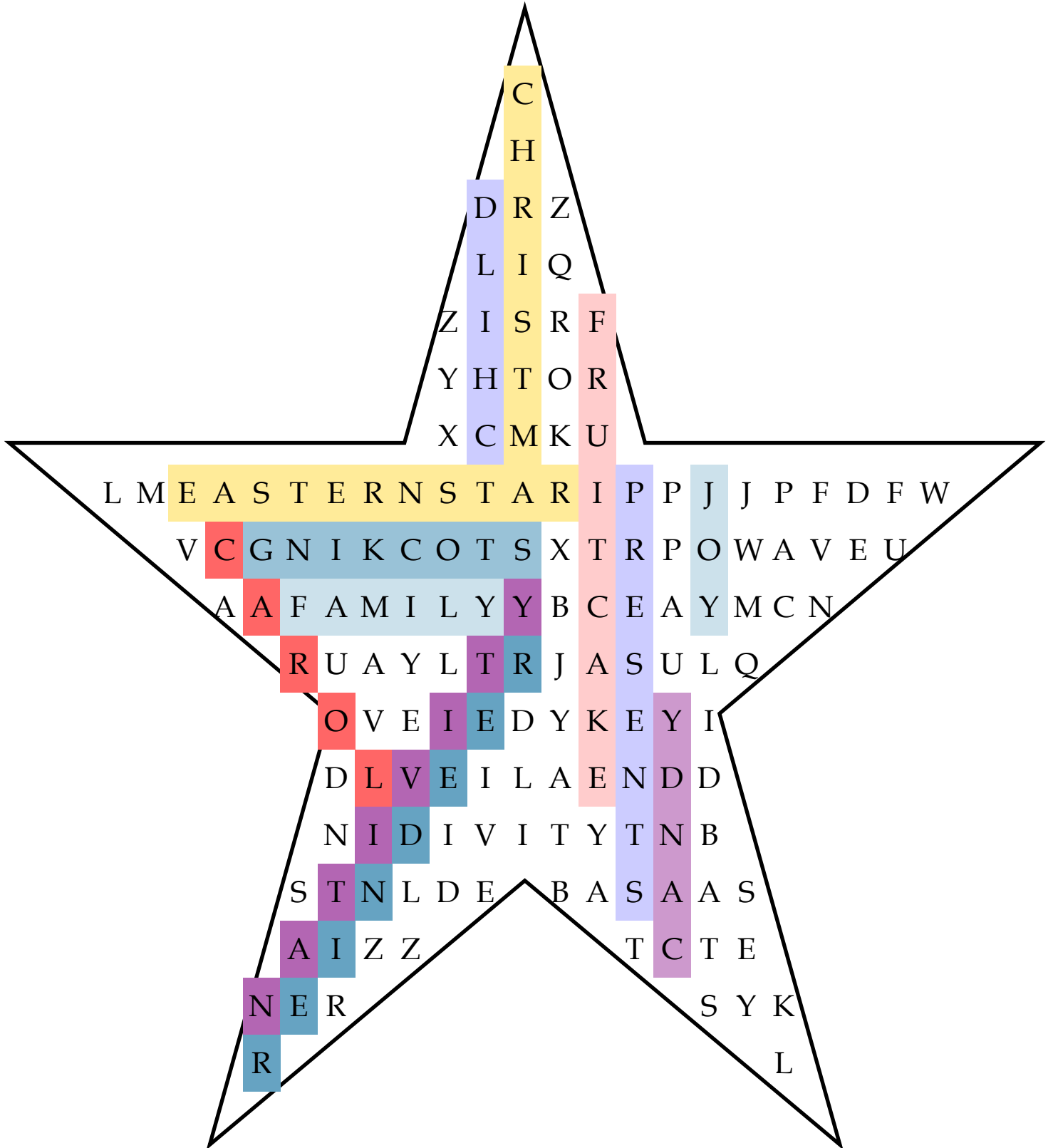
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