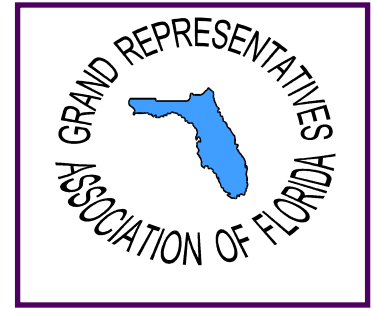


Grand Representatives Association of Florida



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Notes From the President...

Happy fall y'all! That's right, it's fall already. Where did Spring and Summer go! Of course, with Summer came hurricane season and this year it didn't miss us.

Our prayers, thoughts and love go out to all our sisters and brothers affected by Hurricane Ian, in Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page, Florida Eastern Star, and our website, floridaoes.org, for updates on what you can do to help. It has been determined that

supplies for the Disaster areas are not needed at this time. However, monetary donations will be greatly appreciated and are needed for our Disaster Fund since this is **not** a fundraising committee. It totally depends on our donations. Sister Mickey Wise, Worthy Grand Matron, is keeping information updated on our website during this difficult time.

If you have not heard from someone, please carefully, check on them and if you can, mark yourself and others safe on Facebook so we all will know. This will help keep communication lines available for emergencies since it is restricted in several areas.

Those that are traveling, be sure to check out the city or town websites for any restrictions, road closures, etc. due to Hurricane Ian damage and continuing flooding. Please be careful as you travel and don't forget we are approaching the cold and flu season, which includes Covid. Please use your best judgment in protecting yourself and other loved ones.

Please encourage newly appointed Grand Representatives to join our wonderful organization. Our membership form, By-Laws, and other important information can be found on our link, GRA of Florida, on our website, Floridaoes.org. Be sure to check it out.

Wishing you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving day, a wonderful Christmas as we celebrate the born of Jesus, which our shining star guided our way.

Enjoy the poems below written by Helen Steiner Rice.

Star love,

Luanne Burg, President

P.S. Have a happy and safe New Years!

We Ask in Thy Name!

Bless us, heavenly father, forgive our erring ways,
Grant us strength to serve Thee, put purpose in our days.
Give us understanding enough to make us kind
So we may judge all people with our heart and not our mind.
And teach us to be patient in everything we do,
Content to trust Your wisdom and to follow after You.
And help us when we falter and hear us when we pray
And receive us in Thy kingdom to dwell with Thee some day.

Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings of Great Joy

“Glad Tidings” herald the Christ Child’s birth –
“Joy to the World” and “Peace on Earth” –
“Glory to God” – let all men rejoice
And Harken once more to the “Angel’s Voice”...

It matters not who or what you are,
All men can behold "the Christmas Star" –
For the Star that shone is shining still
In the heart of men of peace and good will,
It offers the answer to every man's need,
Regardless of color or race or creed..

So, joining together in brotherly love,
Let us worship again Our Father above,
And forgetting our own little selfish desires
May we seek what "the Star" of Christmas inspires.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 1 John 4:9

Luanne Burg, President

From the Vice President

I would like to say congratulations to all the new Grand Representatives!

What a wonderful opportunity to represent our beautiful state of Florida's Grand Chapter..

Take time to visit your state Grand Chapter with your counterpart...and enjoy the new friendships along your journey..

I was delighted to serve as Grand Representative , and become a part of the Grand Representatives Association.

I am honored to be elected to this position, and I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart..

You are eligible to become officers, and may check the By-Laws if you have an interest ,at <https://floridaoes.org/grafi> to see what the officer duties consist of..

As Vice President, I will be doing the memorial service at our annual Grand Chapter..if you are aware of deceased members this year, you may contact me with full names, birth date, day of invitation into Eastern Star, their chapter name and number and years and state or country they served as Grand Representative..and date of death..

We will need items for our goody bag for our new and visiting Grand Representatives at our Grand Chapter session.

Donations of cookies, crackers, hard candies, water and other items would be greatly appreciated, and thank you in advance..

I want to wish you all a beautiful autumn, with blessings and good health..

Stay safe and happy!!

Star love

Judy Bellomy

Vice President

From the Secretary/Treasurer

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I would like to Thank everyone for having the confidence in me to elect me as Secretary/Treasurer. I will do my best to ensure that things are run smoothly on my end. We have had only a handful of people sign up for tables at the banquet at Grand Chapter. I believe we will need at least 15 and probably more towards 20. If you are interested, please email me or call so that I can get your name on the list.

Grand Chapter is a special event to each of us and as we plan our activities, the Grand Representatives Association will again be selling corsages. Remember, those who have placed an order for a corsage may pick them up at Grand Chapter.

We will also be available to collect dues at the Grand Representative table at Grand Chapter. Dues are \$5.00/year. Please stop by and see us and if we can help you in any way, do not hesitate to ask.

In Star love and service,

Debi Gulbrand
Secretary/Treasurer

Grand Representatives Association of Florida

Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting

April 4th, 2022

Sister Vicki Hunskaer, President, opened our luncheon. Then introduced Sister Charlene Williams, Member of the By-Laws Committee of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Florida , who did an outstanding tribute to the flag of our country.

The flag was presented by Billy Williams , Co-Chairman of

Regenerative Medicine Committee of General Grand Chapter. And Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Florida, with excellence and dignity, and the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem were performed.

The invocation was given by Sister June Johns, Grand Chaplin of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Sister Vicki Hunsaker introduced Donna Schrock, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Florida, who then introduced her officers..

Sister Judy Wilson , Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Florida then introduced the Most Worthy Grand Matron , Glenda Winchester, Most Worthy Grand Patron, F. Lon Lowry, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Billie Bradfield, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, Barbara Ann Holmes, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Arthur Drescher, General Grand Chapter Appointments of Florida were then introduced.

Sisters Lois Casaccia,,General Grand Chapter Co-Chairman of Appeals and Grievances, Margaret Nathurst, General Grand Chapter Benevolence Committee,

Charlene Williams, Gneral Grand Chapter By-Laws Committee
Betty Beasley ESTARL Committee, Linda Rae Every, Youth Committee, and Brothers Billy Williams CO-Chairman
Regenerative Medicine, Michael Harrell Service Dogs Committee,
Triennial Assembly Committee, Rabbi Shafir "Candy" Lobb- Prayer Council...

A nice luncheon was then served in a Luau of Friendship and Love in lovey Luau decorations...

Music was furnished by Sister Loretta Dow, and was very beautiful.

After our lunch, the Introduction of the Grand Representatives of Florida in other Jurisdictions, Grand Representatives of other

Jurisdictions in other Jurisdictions was done. Visiting Grand Representatives of Florida in other Jurisdictions were presented with Honorary Membership and the State of Florida pin..

Love gifts were then presented by Sister Vicki to the Worthy Grand

Matron, Sister Donna Schrock, Worthy Grand Patron, Ormond Van

Arsdale, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Glenda, Winchester, Most Worthy GrND Patron, F Lon Lowry, and the President of the International Grand Representatives Association..

Sister Marilyn Lamber, Past President of The International Grand Representatives Association, thanked everyone for their support and love for the Association.

Greetings were given by Sister Donna Schrock, Worthy Grand Matron..

Sister Luanne conducted the Memorial service honoring those who had been called to their eternal home, and she read a beautiful poem for the following members who passed..

Kathleen Lucas, Bradenton #87 01/02/2021

Darrell Paugh, Panama #102 01/27/2021

Vivian Winner, Pioneer #99, 04/01/2021

Mary Denmark, Micanopy #140, 04/23/2021

Geraldine Maxcy, Iretta Sherman #145. 04/23/2021 George Lampman, Orlando #131, 04/24/2021 seria Sandel. Washington

~~#4304/27/2021, Delorus~~ Woodall, Ruth # 7, 05/23/2021

Paula Cosson Niceville #05/29/2021 254,

Elouise Gruber, Riverside #218, 06/06/2021 Caroline Skidmore Crescent City #200. 7/22/2021

Irma Swain Winter Haven #74, 07/24/2021

Dorothy Rogers New Smyrna Beach #3, 08/29/2021

Mona Evans Washington #43, 09/12/2021 Claire
Phillips Southside# 28, 09/17/2021

Linda Causey, Mayo # 196, 09/21/2021 Elizabeth
Warnck, Barberville, 09/28/2021

Rose Kitchen, Orlando #131, 09/29/2021

Barbara Mannon, Wewahitchka #229, 10/26/2021

Guillermo Carreras, DeSota # 201, 11/13/2021

Esther Gaisford, Inverness #65, 11/15/2021

Janet Devlin, Pioneer # 99, 12/02/2021

Judith N. Simmons, Niceville # 254, 12/02/2021

Diz Best, Palma Ceis #243, 12/13/2021

Coraline Hampson- Wiest, Magnolia # 101, 12/14/2021 Onita
Pauline Carter, Waldo # 120, 12/17/2021 joe Ingram, Pine Castle,
321, 01/16/2022 William "Bill" Smith, Ruth # 7, 02/20/2022

Lester Bramblett, Tampa, # 170, 03/06/2022

A rose was given in memory of each sister and brother..

A prayer was given by Sister Luanne, to end the Memorial, which was very nicely
done..

The Mizpah Benediction was given and members and visitors were invited to stay
for the business meeting..

BUSINESS MEETING:

Sister Vicki called the business meeting to order, and gave a heartfelt welcome to
all..

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the April 4th, 2021 business be approved as published in the proceedings..The motion was approved..

Finance Committee Report:

BUDGET REPORT 2022-2023

RECEIPTS

Dues 200 @ \$5.00	\$1,000.00
Sale of Pins 20@\$5.00	\$100.00
Luncheon Tickets 326@32.00	\$10,432.00
Corsage Sales	\$326.00
Total Reciepts	\$11,808.00

Disbursements

Love Gifts	
Worthy Grand Matron	\$50.00
Worthy Grand Patron	\$50.00
Most Worthy Grand Matron	\$200.00
Most Worthy Grand Patron	\$50.00
Outgoing President	\$100.00
Outgoing Vice President	\$50.00
Outgoing Sec/Treas	\$50.00
Membership Chairman	\$50.00
WGM Special Project	\$200.00
Total Love Gifts	\$800.00

Misc Expenses

Supplies for Corsages	\$200.00
Newsletter Expenses	\$450.00

Luncheon Grand Chapter

Printing Flyers & Tickets	\$90.00
Programs	\$125.00
Bags & Labels	\$225.00

Memorial Supplies	\$75.00
Decorations-Head Table	\$200.00
Luncheon Tickets 359@\$27.00	\$9,693.00
Total Misc Expenses	\$11,808.00

A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget, motion approved..

Treasurer's Report

As of April 4, S, 2022

Beginnig \$ 4,632.68

Receipts \$ 18,759/82

Expenses \$ 2,986.10

Current Balance \$20,406.40

As of April 4, 2022

Beginning \$20,406.40

Receipts \$ 820.00 Expenses \$ 383.70

Current Balance \$20,842.70

Corsage Committee

Sister Tina Polsen sold \$250.00 in corsages before Grand Chapter, and the end of Grand Chapter, there were \$1009.00 in sales for corsages..

New Business

Elections were held and the motion and was made and seconded to move Sister Luanne Berg to President and Sister Judy Bellomy to Vice President.. Motion was approved.

The nominees for Secretary/ treasurer were read, and they were Sister Debi Gulbrand, and Sister Tina Polsen..their resumes were read and the floor was open for nominations, none were received. The candidates were asked to leave the room.. the vote was taken and Sister Debi Gulbrand,,was announced the new Secretary/Treasurer.

Comments were given by our president , which are attached to the minutes.

Sister Vicki introduced her Installing team, Sister Marilyn Lambert, Past President of the Grand Representatives International Association, Sister Sandy Newsom, Installing Marshal, and Sister Carol Hemis installing Chaplin.

The installation of Officers was held with much dignity...

Sister Vicki thanked the Installing Team and she was presented a love gift and thanked for her hard work .

Sister Luanne announced her new Committees.

Finance Committee

Vicki Hunsaker, Chair Colleen Kessler

Judy Bell

Nominating Committee Mary Alice Main, Chair

Nancy Law

Carole Poole

Membership Committees

Terry Justice

Susan Ferrell

Tonya Morrow Geus

By Laws Committee

Mary Ann Holt, Chairman

Marilyn Lambert

Luanne Berg

Handbook Committees

Mary Ann Holt, Chair

Marilyn Lambert Luanne Berg

Corsage Volunteer

Tina Polsen

Sister Luanne closed with a wonderful blessing to all.....

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Bellomy Secretary/Treasurer

2021 TABLE HOSTESS LIST

If you wish to host and decorate a table, you must contact the Association Secretary/Treasurer to get your name on the list. Please do not “assume” because you have hosted a table in the past, you are doing one this year. My contact information is listed on the front of this Newsletter. Thank you, Debi Gulbrand, Secretary/Treasurer