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Season's Greetings!

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A Message From the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron



THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, INC.

Michelle "Mickey" Wise
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To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Chapters of Florida;

It is with grateful hearts that Brother Bill and I along with the entire Wise-Kranz Grand Family extend to you our warmest wishes at this time of year which brings the Peace and Joy of the Holidays.

Whether we celebrate the birth of Christ with the Nativity or the Feast of Dedication with the lighting of the Menorah, we hope you each were able to gather with family and friends to remember the past, give thanks for today, and ask blessings for the future.

During the New Year, we challenge each of you, my Sisters and Brothers, to take the time to reach out and embrace a member of our Order that we have not seen in a while or to someone you know who is alone or less fortunate than yourself. Let us pray for our military, far away from family and friends, that they may feel they are not forgotten.

Let your light shine through to brighten someone's day, if only for a moment. As Francis of Assisi avowed "For it is in giving that we receive." Give of your heart to others, that you may receive blessings a hundred-fold.

Our New Year wish is this: after the glow of the holidays has faded and the gifts unwrapped, we all emerge triumphant in the dawn of a new year filled with the promise of hope and prosperity for all.

Lovingly and Fraternally,

Sister Mickey

Michelle "Mickey" Wise
Worthy Grand Matron

Brother Bill

William "Bill" Kranz
Worthy Grand Patron





Grand Chapter News



In Memoriam

Helen J. Westmoreland

Past Most Worthy Grand Matron

2015 – 2018

Past Grand Matron of Florida

1996 – 1997

"The Hummingbird"

By Harry Hibbard Kemp

*The sunlight speaks, and its voice is a bird:
It glitters half-guessed, half seen, half heard,
Above the flower bed, over the lawn...
A flashing dip, and it is gone,
And all it lends to the eye is this -
A sunbeam giving the air a kiss.*



Our hearts are heavy as we mourn the passing of Helen J. Westmoreland, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Florida on August 13, 2022.

Sister Helen was born on April 3, 1936 in Munson, Florida to the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gordon. After graduating from Red Level High School in 1953, she met Victor Sloan Westmoreland of Charlotte, North Carolina, on a blind date. They married on October 15, 1954 in a small ceremony. Helen committed the next 50 years of her life to him.

Helen began her career as a telephone operator on Eglin AFB. Five years later, Vic was stationed in Bovingdon, England; where she joined him on their first great adventure together. She loved every minute of living overseas. They returned to Florida in 1962 and purchased their home in Valparaiso, where they lovingly raised their daughter, Karen, who was born in 1964, and became the apple of Helen's eye. Helen continued her civil service work and was promoted to Eglin's Communications Squadron. She finished her career working as a comptroller for the Eglin Finance Office. She took great pride in her work and was highly awarded for her many accomplishments as a civil servant. Having a humble upbringing in rural Alabama as the oldest of seven siblings, she was certainly not a stranger to hard work, honesty, and perseverance; these traits were further honed during her thirty-five year civil service career and later as a member of the Daughters of the Nile, the Order of the Amaranth, American Business Women's Association, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, but most prominently as a General Grand Chapter Officer in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Sister Helen was initiated into Niceville Chapter No. 254, Order of the Eastern Star, on February 16, 1968. She served as Grand Marshal for the Grand Chapter of Florida in the Atkins/Massam Grand Family in 1981-1982. In 1993, she was elected as Associate Grand Conductress, going on to serve as Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Florida in 1996-1997 with Brother Robert D. Fiedler by her side as the Worthy Grand Patron. Their Session was named "Precious Memories" Session. With the support of Florida, she was elected at the 2000 Triennial of General Grand Chapter held in November to the position of Right Worthy Grand Trustee. Sister Helen became known as Florida's Hummingbird. She had many years of traveling as she advanced through the line until in 2015 when she was elected and installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter with Brother Robert C. Penoyer as her Most Worthy Grand Patron. During these 3 years, Sister Helen supported a myriad of organizations with regenerative medicine and first responders being particularly near and dear to her heart. She never let an opportunity pass to tell people about the organization which meant so much to her. Orlando was the place to be seen in 2018, as hummingbirds and supporters flocked for the Forty-Ninth General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly, "Precious Memories on the Wings of Love".

Sister Helen is preceded in death by her husband, Victor Westmoreland. She is survived by her daughter Karen Madruga, grandchildren, Jaime Toploff, spouse Josh and Austin Madruga, spouse Abbye, great-grandchildren, James, Benjamin and Peter Topliff, sisters, Faye Dean and Peggy Peabody, brothers-in-law Robert Westmoreland, James Westmoreland and Don Kearns. Visitation was held at McLaughlin Twin Cities Funeral Home in Niceville, Florida on August 19, 2022. Funeral Services were held at Crosspoint Church of Niceville, Florida on August 20, 2022 followed with a reception.

Sympathy is extended to her family, the members of Niceville Chapter No. 254, the Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction, the Westmoreland/Fiedler Grand Family and the Sisters and Brothers of the General Grand Chapter that she loved so dearly.

In tribute to her memory, let this Memorial be read in each Subordinate Chapter at the first stated meeting after its receipt and the Altar be draped for thirty days or two stated meetings.

Michelle "Mickey" Wise
Worthy Grand Matron

Bill Kranz
Worthy Grand Patron

Brenda E. Keepin
Grand Secretary



Eastern Star Continues Its Charity Giving Mission



Worthy Grand Matron Presents \$10,000 Check to Council of Aging of West Florida

October 2022

On Monday, October 17, 2022, the Wise-Kranz Grand Family and other members of the Grand Chapter of Florida gathered in Baghdad (Milton), Florida at the Santa Rosa Council on Aging.

We were greeted by Josh Newby, President/CEO of the Council and Emily Echevarria, Marketing Communications Director. Josh provided us with a lot of information about what the Council does and whom they help.

Council on Aging of West Florida is a local, independent 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization that has served seniors and their families since 1972. Council on Aging of West Florida helps seniors in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties live healthy, safe, and independent lives in their own familiar surroundings by providing community-based, in-home programs and services such as Meals on Wheels and Alzheimer's respite care, which is provided by our Adult Day Care Center. Other programs and services include case management,

the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs, caregiver support and training, and the operation of numerous senior dining sites throughout Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. They currently help about 20,000 people and have approximately 1,000 volunteers.

Sister Michelle "Mickey" Wise, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother William "Bill" Kranz, Worthy Grand Patron presented the Grand Chapter of Florida's donation of \$10,000. It was truly an honor to be able to witness the generosity of our organization and know that we will be helping people who are in need.

— Rhonda Allen, Grand Marshal



Haines City Police Department Presented \$15,000 Check by Worthy Grand Matron for New Canine Officer

November 2022

On Friday, November 18, WGM Michelle "Mickey" Wise, and WGP Bill Kranz, along with nearly a dozen other OES sisters and brothers, presented a check for \$15,000 to Haines City Police Department, Polk County, to purchase a new service dog for their K-9 unit.

Pictured with the check are Officer Goreck, head of Haines City Police Dept, Officer J. Elam with his K-9 Officer, and Officer B. Webster with his K-9.

— Judy Dorn
Pat Cooper, Photographer





Worthy Grand Matron Presents \$10,000 Check to First Baptist Church in Apopka to Feed the Hungry

November 2022

On Friday, November 18, members of the Wise-Kranz Grand Family, and other members of the Grand Chapter of Florida met in Apopka at the First Baptist Church. We were there to present a check for their Monday Night ministry program, "A Message of Hope" where they feed and clothe the homeless.

We were greeted by Pastor David Schorejs, who has been with the church for eight years. He knew taking care of his local community was a priority and wanted to use his spiritual gift of encouragement to help those around him. The church is in downtown Apopka, and the surrounding neighborhood was home to a large population of homeless and destitute people.

Each Monday evening, the church hosts a dinner, where the homeless can come get a warm meal and other needs. They offer each person or family a "blessing bag" which contains snacks and personal necessity items. They then go into the Fellowship Hall, where they are seated and served water, tea or coffee. A warm meal is enjoyed, followed by the evening message. In addition to the meal, the people can also take a shower, get a haircut, and put in a request for clothing items from the church closet which has a good selection of clothing in many sizes. The number one requested need now is blankets as we head into the winter season.

Pastor David told us that they see anywhere from 45 to 60 people each Monday. While some have become familiar faces over the past six years, they have had some success stories. The ministry's goal is to show the people that they deserve a new chance at life. They have helped some reconcile with their families and have been able to help them get home to a family member that is willing to help them.

After touring the Fellowship Hall and facilities, we walked over to the church's Cancer Center, where patients can get needed items that are not provided by insurance. The room contains a multitude of wigs in different shades and styles, and they have some prosthetics and bras available for breast cancer patients. We were told that they have had people come all the way from Jacksonville for assistance.

Sister Michelle "Mickey" Wise, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Bill Kranz, Worthy Grand Patron presented the donation from the Grand Chapter of Florida for \$10,000 to go towards their feeding the hungry program. They were so very grateful and sent messages of appreciation to the Order. Each dinner costs the ministry around \$500, so we will help cover about 20 meals!

This organization continues to amaze and inspire me with its generosity. It was such a privilege to go and see where our help is needed and appreciated.

- Rhonda Allen, Grand Marshal
Photographer - Pat Cooper, Grand Ruth





"Step Back in Time" Special WGM Fundraiser

November 2022

Step Back In Time is an Initiation program from Scotland 1868 version. This program will benefit the Worthy Grand Matron Special Project Fisher House.

Photographer: Pat Cooper







GGC Special Assembly



GGC Grand Family 2021-2024



Glenda Winchester
*Most Worthy Grand Matron
Right Worthy Grand Treasurer Emeritus
PGM South Carolina*



December 2022

Sister Mickey Moore Wise right up front with all the Worthy Grand Matrons attending the Special Session of the GGC. What a wonderful way to start the Christmas Season at our Headquarters with all these WGM's representing their Jurisdictions.

– Heather Earnhardt, PGM




Service Dog News

October 2022



John Pangborn | Service Dog Ruth

U.S. MARINES VETERAN 
LAKELAND, FLORIDA

Six years in the Marines with deployments to Yugoslavia, the Persian Gulf, and Afghanistan affected John's mental health. He was isolating, and night terrors were persistent, so his wife suggested a service dog. Now, he's thrilled with his new buddy, Ruth. "Any kind of bad thoughts that I may have, day or night, she just knows," John says. "She brings happiness."

Ruth was raised by Jocelyn & Carl Hargrove.

Submitted by Geri Rosenthal, PG Ruth

"The Traveling Roadrunners" News

The Traveling Roadrunners Give Annual Contribution to Indian River County Toys For Tots

December 2022

On Sunday, December 4th, 27 members of "The Traveling Roadrunners" met to Celebrate Christmas and to make our annual contribution to the Indian River County Toys-for-Tots.

This is our third year participating in this worthwhile project and our members enjoy sharing with the less fortunate children in the area.

Our membership stretches from Brevard County all the way down to Broward County and we always enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship when we get together!

Watch for details of the upcoming Mardi Gras Celebration we will be hosting to benefit the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project!

— Mary Ann Holt, PG Martha





Grand Representative News



Congratulations to the Newly Appointed Grand Representatives

December 2022

Congratulations to Adrain Dillion appointed Grand Representative of Nevada on December 3 and Dennis Sebelist appointed Grand Representative of New Hampshire on December 9.

Their commissions will begin on January 1, 2023.



WGM Mickey Wise,
Adrain Dillion, GR of Nevada



WGM Patty Loewenkamp of Nevada
with WGM Mickey Wise



WGM Mickey Wise,
Dennis Sebelist, GR of New Hampshire,
WGP Bill Kranz



Susan Sebelist, Grand Electa
Dennis Sebelist, GR of New Hampshire

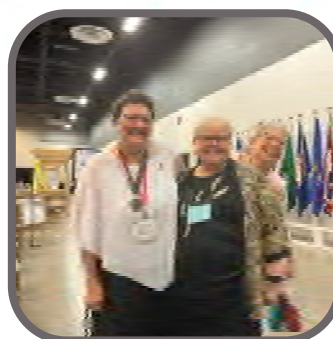


September 2022

*Connie Parks, Grand Representative of Ohio
Myrtle Grove No. 302*

Grand Representative of Ohio in Florida Connie Parks and her husband, Ronald Parks recently attended the Ohio's Grand Chapter Session in September.

*Submitted by Ronald L. Parks,
WP of Ensley Chapter No. 241*



GR of Ohio Connie Parks with two OES
Ohio sisters



Connie Parks, GR of Ohio and Ronald
Parks, WP, Ensley Chapter No. 244



Ohio Grand Chapter's 2022 Theme
"We've A Story to Tell!"



Connie Parks, GR of Ohio with
Trevor Sproul PGP of Ohio

June 2022

John Miles, Grand Representative of North Dakota



North Dakota Grand Chapter Room



Eastern Star items from Fargo Masonic Center. The antique officer jewels are quite beautiful and the Frappe Bowl was \$12 back in 1910.

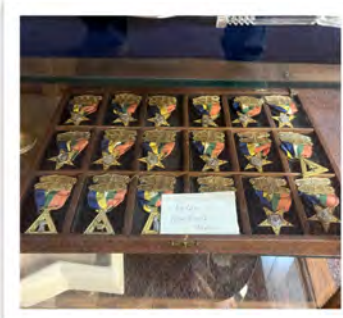


Being introduced as Grand Representative of North Dakota in Florida during the Parade of States.



All the ladies in the beautiful lighter blue are from Minnesota. They came with a large contingent.

— Jolee Miles, PM



July 2022

Carla Girtman, Grand Representative of New Brunswick

My daughter Hilary and I drove to New Brunswick which took about four days. Canada is beautiful and everyone in New Brunswick is wonderful. NB Grand Chapter had a lovely opening with the Starpoints creating the OES Star with ribbons. All the GRs participated in the Friendship courtesy which was fun. The dinners were generous and delicious.

We had a great time shopping at the NB OES "thrift" store. I found a lot of OES pins to add to my collection! Hilary and I also had time to play American tourist in Canada after Grand Chapter was over. But that's a story for another day!



These are mostly GR pins!



New Brunswick OES Informal Opening



My counterpart, Faye Oakley



New Brunswick OES Grand Representative Banquet



New Brunswick WGM & WGP "Angel Among the Stars" Banquet. The Worthy Grand Patron entertains the crowd!



ESTARL Recipients Spotlight

Corben (Corey Young, Matthew MacKenzie, & William (Billy) Beckett

Dear Sisters and Brothers ,

Thank you for your ongoing support of ESTARL. Please remember, while December is the time when we focus on ESTARL we accept donations all year long. It is an amazing charity that truly keeps on giving, as we prepare ministerial leaders of all kinds. A contribution to ESTARL is a great way to acknowledge someone's birthday, an anniversary of any kind, or a memorial. Recognition will be sent to the person whom you are honoring. Currently we have eight ESTARL Recipients. We will feature one or two in each of the upcoming newsletters.


*Michele Guest, Past Grand Chaplain
ESTARL Chairman*

Current ESTARL Recipients and Sponsors

Name	Chapter Sponsor
William Beckett	Wesconnett No. 247
Sarah Brantner	Orange Park No. 226
Wesny Dubnic	Pine Castle No. 321
Matthew MacKenzie	Bellevue No. 122
James W. Peoples II	Ocala No. 29
Noah Smartt	Mandarin No. 292
Anthony Suarez	Leesburg No. 84
Ella Wilkins	DeSoto No. 201
Corben (Corey) Young	Pensacola No 253

In Their Own Words

Corey Young



I grew up with my Sunday school teachers and my parents telling me that I was going to be a pastor in the future. I even taught a few lessons in my Sunday school classes when I was younger. I never put too much stock into being a pastor or working in ministry because I wanted to play professional baseball. But as I grew up and reached high school, I knew that the whole baseball thing was not going to work out. I never thought twice about being a pastor and immediately switched to

becoming a Criminal Psychologist. All throughout high school and into my first two years of college this is exactly what I strived to do. I majored in criminal justice in college and was on track to becoming a Criminal Psychologist.

During the summer of my sophomore year of college, I went on this retreat with the BCM (Baptist Collegiate Ministry) club at my university and was challenged by the speaker that weekend to take some time and get alone with God and search my heart for what God may be speaking to me. So, I went out on the beach at night and spent some time in prayer and the Lord kept bringing up those old conversations with my parents/teachers about me being a pastor. It was undeniable that the Lord was speaking to me, but I continued to make excuses.

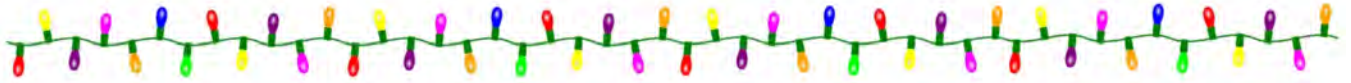
I had already started my degree process for criminal justice and was scared to death to work in ministry. I continued to fight it for a whole year until the next summer when one of the student pastors at my church asked me to speak to the students one night in the fall. I hesitantly said yes, but again was scared to death. That same summer I went on a mission trip to Israel and visited a lot of biblical sites while I was there. One of these sites was the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed for God's will to be done in His life and not His own will be done.

When searching my heart for something to pray at this significant location, I just kept thinking about God's calling on my life and how I had been wrestling with it. So, at that moment, in that location, I prayed for God's will to be done in my life and not my own. I surrendered my life to ministry and have never looked back. God's faithfulness has been put on display time and time again throughout this process. One way that God has provided for my family and me is through the ESTARL organization. When it came time for me to start my Seminary journey, I was very worried about how we were going to pay for it. We have a baby on the way and do not make a lot of money.

We stepped out in faith and that is when I learned about the ESTARL scholarship. This organization has been so gracious to my family and will always be a part of my pastoral journey.

Corey Young





Matthew MacKenzie



I was born and raised in a Christian home. My earliest memories were of going to church with my parents and grandparents. I loved those days, and even then, had a strong desire to know more about Jesus, the Bible, and the church. My parents decided to send me to a private Christian school when I was

four. Once I started kindergarten, I specifically remember Christian Education class. It was then that I decided I wanted to be a priest in our church one day.

In college, I had a different plan and pursued a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of South Florida with the hopes of attending dental school. However, while at USF, I joined The Navigators. My time with them was one of the best experiences of my life. Through the Navigators, God was preparing me for a life of ministry within the church, as had been my desire as a small child. I had no idea what I would do after graduating from college, but I trusted God and struggled not to try to take control and go my own way.

As it turned out, God did have a plan and brought me home to Christ the King Anglican Church as the Youth Minister. I felt so unequipped, which I have found has been a good thing, because it has made me learn to fully rely on Christ. I have grown in many ways during the 12+ years God has had me work with our students.

In the spring of 2020, God called me to begin seminary. After many meetings and prayers, I began my seminary experience in the fall of 2020 at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. It has been a blessing to attend ATS as they have

hybrid campuses in Orlando and Tampa. So, while much of my work has been completed online, I have also had the opportunity to have much class time in person at the local hybrid campuses. Meeting fellow seminary students has been one of the highlights of the past few years.

During this time in seminary, God has deepened my call for parish ministry. I was ordained a deacon in September 2022 and will be ordained a priest in 2023. This last year of seminary has really equipped me for God's call, and that call has become clearer over the past few months. While going through the ordination process with the bishop, it became clear to both of us that after ordination as a priest, I will remain on staff as the assistant priest at Christ the King Anglican Church in Ocala.

It has been amazing to see God at work throughout this seminary experience. I am also even more amazed and blessed that my dream as a four-year-old, of serving as a priest at my childhood church, is becoming a reality. God has blessed my life greatly, and I am so blessed to have the support of so many people. God is good!

Matthew MacKenzie





William (Billy) Beckett



I realized my need for Christ at a young age. I was five years old when the Holy Spirit first convicted me of sin and drew me to a relationship with Jesus Christ. As I was growing up, I often felt the call to serve God. I was scared at first; so I ran from Him and into the world. I was in my mid-teens when God started this beckoning that I should live for Him. I am so grateful He never stopped chasing after me, and that He works all things together for my good. It is amazing what God will

do with a willing spirit because once I surrendered to Him (in my late twenties) my life completely changed.

Even though I found myself caught up in a lifestyle of alcohol and addiction, I never stopped believing, praying, or reading my Bible. One day, about 10 years ago, God really began to deal with my heart. I knew it was time to put away childish things and embrace that for which I was created—to glorify God. I began to seek God with all my heart. I also began to seek freedom from my addictions. God delivered me in a miraculous fashion. He began to communicate with me in dreams and through other people.

After receiving some much-needed discipleship, I started to serve Jesus with all my heart. A few years later, I met my wife. We have been married for four years now. She is the perfect example of a Proverbs 31 wife, and is exactly the woman I prayed about for many years. She loves God more than she loves me, she is pretty and smart, and she was successful before we met. She is the most supportive and loving person I know.

Once I submitted to His lordship, God allowed me to be a children's minister, and then a youth pastor. I have also been blessed to serve with multiple youth ministries along the way, including my current church home where I preach regularly on Wednesday nights. Just recently, I was asked to return to Pruitt Health to continue as their chaplain after a two-year hiatus due to covid restrictions. I believe this journey has just begun and I cannot wait to see what God does next.

I began my academic journey with the intention of becoming a youth pastor. However, through God's direction and provision, I realize that youth ministry is not His purpose for me; but rather, a life spent serving families through hospital chaplaincy.

I now have a very concentrated direction that will help shape me as a Christian and establish a foundation for effective ministry using the gifts and talents given to me by God. After completing my BA in Ministry at BCF, I will attend Liberty University where I will pursue my M.Div. in General Chaplaincy. Following that, I will work toward becoming a board-certified chaplain in order to work in hospital chaplaincy. In addition to the aforementioned goals, I will also seek to earn a D.Min. in Biblical Studies. The D.Min. will open additional doors in ministry, and a potential career in higher education.

William Beckett



"Changing the World Through the Unchanging Word"





News from District 1

Pensacola No. 263 Visits Shut-Ins

December 2022

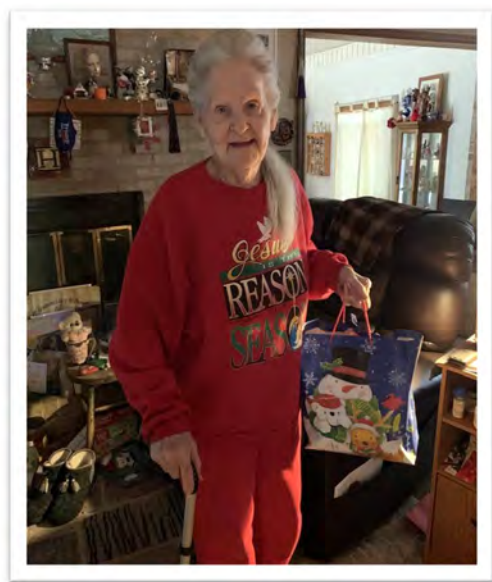
Sister Emma Lou Tucker, Worthy Matron and Sister Wanda Branin, Secretary of Pensacola Chapter No. 253 visited 13 shut-ins.

They were each given a Christmas bag on behalf of the members of Pensacola Chapter No. 253. They appreciated the thoughtful gift. Time spent talking and sharing was enjoyable and a blessing which is evident by the smiles!

Those pictured are Sister Audrey Baldwin, Sister Kathleen McNair, Sister Kaye Peters, Brother Bill Peters, Sister Virginia Hobbs, and Sister Faye Landrum.



— Wanda Branin, Secretary





Florida Chapter No. 9 Welcomes Official Visit by Mickey Wise, Worthy Grand Matron

October 2022

It was a wonderful evening last night at Florida Chapter No. 9 with the Official Visit by Michelle "Mickie" Wise, Worthy Grand Matron of The Grand Chapter of Florida. Good fellowship, good fun, and good Sonny's BBQ for dinner. Lots of fun.

— Alan Bint



Florida Chapter No. 9
Order of the Eastern Star

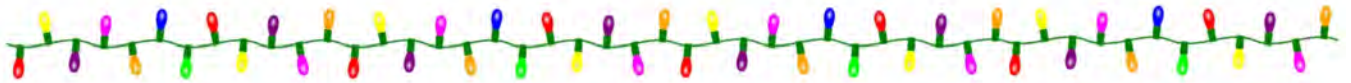


Official Visit
by
Michelle "Mickey" Wise
Worthy Grand Matron
of
The Grand Chapter of Florida

Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

October 18, 2022





Ensley Chapter No. 244 Official Visit by Sister Michelle "Mickie" Wise, Worthy Grand Matron

December 2022

A wonderful home cooked meal was served before the meeting. Oh My, it was delicious.

Entertainment was provided by the Ensley Dancing and Singing Stars. WOW, what fun.

— Alan Bint





News from District 3

AGC Sandy Leduc Warmly Welcomed to Parker Chapter No. 96 for Official Inspection

October 2022

What a totally enjoyable evening for my Official Inspection of Parker Chapter 96. Everything was about dragonflies! The Worthy Matron had special words about the dragonfly for each introduction and the courtesy had me “tear up” with beautiful words related to the dragonfly. This is one of the most friendly, warm and loving evening where I could feel the love of our Order everywhere.

Sandy Leduc, Associate Grand Conductress



Parker Chapter No. 96 Delivers McDonald gift Cards to Children's Advocacy

December 2022

Sister Connie Nieciecki delivering almost \$250.00 worth of McDonald's gift cards to the Children's Advocacy from the Parker No 96 Christmas party. Great job Parker. Thank you Sister Connie. You and Sister Faye rock for such a great idea and party.

— Joann Counterman





News from District 5

Crawfordville Chapter No. 242 Welcomes Official Visit from WGM Mickey Wise

December 2022

Fun and Fellowship at ringing in December Crawfordville No. 242 last night at the Official Visit. Thank you all for a great night

— Mickey Wise, Worthy Grand Matron





News from District 2

Fort Walton Chapter No. 202 Welcomes Official Visit from WGM Mickey Wise

October 2022

Fun and Fellowship at ringing in December Crawfordville Fort Walton Chapter No. 202 Official Visit by Sister Michelle "Mickey" Wise Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Florida Order of the Eastern Star October 17, 2022. Good fellowship, good fun, and a delicious salad dinner provided by the members of Fort Walton 202. It was a very good evening to be at Fort Walton 202.

— Alan Bint



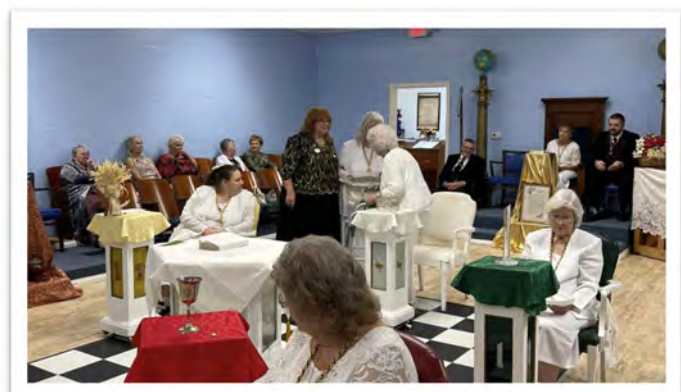


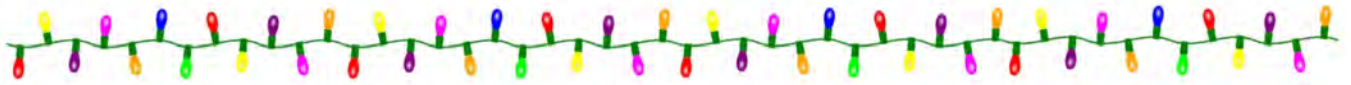
News from District 6

Chiefland No. 251 Welcomes Grand Conductress Debbie Rosenthal for Official Inspection

November 2022

I so enjoyed my time at the Official Inspection with the members of Chiefland Chapter No. 251 on November 7th. I loved the frog-themed courtesy.





Mayo No. 196 Welcomes Associate Grand Conductress Sandy Leduc for Official Inspection

October 2022

What a wonderful evening at the Official Inspection of Mayo 196. Homemade food to die for, members that are just fun to be with and everyone so sincere and friendly

— Sandy Leduc, Associate Grand Conductress





News from District 7

Keystone Heights No. 279 Gives Warm Welcome to Grand Conductress Debbie Rosenthal at Official Inspection

November 2022

I had a wonderful evening at the Keyston Heights No. 279 on
November 7th.

— Debbie Rosenthal, Grand Conductress





News from District 8

Fernandina No. 55 Welcomes GC Debbie Rosenthal for Official Inspection

October 2022

Fernandina No.55, Order of the Eastern Star, had an Official Inspection with Sister Debbie Rosenthal, Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Florida. The theme for the evening was "Welcome to Our Island." Dinner was catered by Callahan No. 154 prior to the meeting.

Following the meeting we were greeted by an authentic Pirate, Marian Philips, and Elvis, Lane Mashburn. After the Pirate found Sister Debbie with the Pot of Gold, Elvis sang several songs.

Refreshments were served afterwards. During refreshments Worthy Matron, Kim Grubbs, announced to everyone, "Good news. Sister Rosenthal says she was very impressed with our Official. She thanks us for our creative hospitality - especially having Elvis sing to her."

*— Norma Storms
AC, Fernandina No. 55*



Fernandina No. 55 Honors Grand Instructor

November 2022

Fernandina No. 55, Order of the Eastern Star, honored Debra Kleinsmith as the chapter's Grand Instructor.

Since Sister Debra Kleinsmith, PG Chaplain served in the Navy for twenty-six years before joining Eastern Star, Kim Grubbs, Worthy Matron, thought the best theme to use in writing the courtesy was the Navy.

As the crew of the Petticoat, made from cardboard boxes, were singing "In the Navy" something happened to the ship. Oh! No! Captain Debra had to be contacted immediately. Naturally, all turned out well.

Dawn Beebee, who is a published author of children's books, wrote the appropriate courtesy. Chapter members applauded with some laughter.

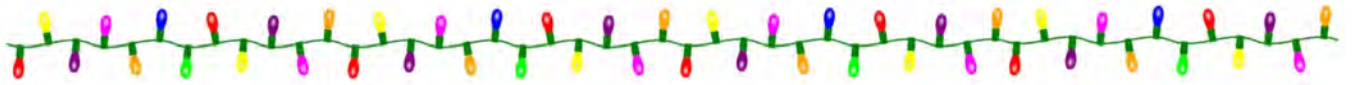
Refreshments followed in the dining area.

*— Norma Storms
Fernandina No. 55*



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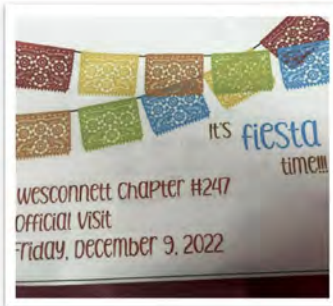
Debra Kleinsmith, Kim Grubbs, Myrtis Jackson, Dawn Beebee,
and Becky Stuart.



Wesconnett Chapter No. 247 Gives Warm Welcome to Worthy Grand Matron Mickey Wise for Official Visit

December 2022

— Pat Cooper, Grand Ruth
Photographer





Riverside Chapter No. 218 Welcomes WGM Mickey Wise for Official Visit

October 2022

Great time at our Official Visit at Riverside Chapter No. 218 as we channeled endless summer with the Tiki Time themed dinner... lots of hugs and smiles as we greeted everyone after the break.

— Mickey Wise, Worthy Grand Matron





News from District 10

Barberville Chapter No. 51 Welcomes AGC Sandy Leduc for Official Inspection

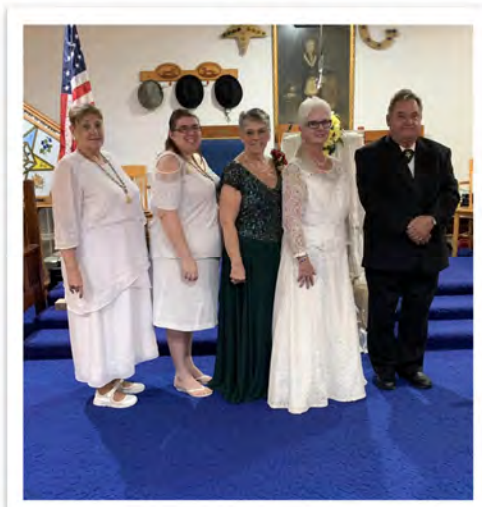
December 2022



What a wonderful, fun-filled evening at my last Official as Associate Grand Conductress with Barberville Chapter. Dinner was all homemade foods and lots of desserts. My corsage was made by Sister Debbie Warkentine and was gorgeous. Worthy Matron, Sister Holly Abbott is a joy in the East. So enjoyed my time with PGM Floye

Hyslop and all the Sisters and Brothers who did a great job this evening. Thank you all!

— Sandy Leduc, Associate Grand Conductress





News from District 11

Bellevue Chapter No. 122 Welcomes Grand Worthy Matron Mickey Wise for Official Visit

December 2022

Bellevue Chapter No. 122 Official Visit by W.G.M. Mickey Moore Wise. Our W.G.P. William Kranz was also in attendance. It was a beautiful evening. We started off with a great dinner. The Bellevue Chapter ESTARL recipient, Matthew MacKenzie, was there for the dinner. He spoke to us about his schooling and work he is currently doing in the Church. It was wonderful having him with us.

The meeting went very well and the Conductress exemplified her work. The Stream of Life award was presented to Beth Strayer by Carolyn Christian Kranz. Our WGM spoke about the night before the attack on Pearl Harbor as tomorrow is Pearl Harbor Day. It was very moving. It was nice seeing Chris Van Dwyne Grand Instructor from Volusia County filling in as the Worthy Matron Donna Gann couldn't fill both positions. The courtesy was lovely.

— Geri Rosenthal, PG Ruth





News from District 12

Clermont Chapter No. 118 Presents 50 Year Pin

November 2022

Clermont Chapter No 118 was asked to present Brother Angus Comerford a member of Myrtle Grove Chapter No. 302 with his 50 year pin. Brother Angus is 97 years young and now lives in Clermont, Florida.



What a pleasure it was to hear the stories and all the years of dedication he has had for our Masonic orders. He was grateful to receive this special honor and enjoyed knowing that this is the best years of his life.

Brother Angus made a point of getting dressed up in suit and tie to receive his pin and pose for photos. He has met so many special people through the many years and are still friends today. Angus told us that "you can't get any higher than that"

because he wanted to know who's signatures were on his membership card, he was very honored to have the signatures of the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Secretary on his card. Brother Angus, with a full heart, was very excited to have this special presentation.

Thank you to Sister Kathy Barlow, Worthy Matron of Myrtle Grove Chapter No. 302 for asking me to do this very special presentation.

Thank you to Leti and Rudy Szanto Clermont Chapter's Associate Matron and Patron for assisting me and it was an honor to meet Brother Angus is daughter Linda and son in law.

– April Blankinship, WM
Clermont Chapter No. 118



Leesburg Chapter No. 84 Initiates New Member

December 2022

Worshipful Master of Leesburg Lodge was initiated last evening at Leesburg Chapter #84.

Geri Rosenthal, GR Ruth



Photo left to right: Bud Wendt, Warder, Linda Rae Every GGCCM Youth, Ann Wendt, Worthy Matron, new member Rick Follette, Mike Desjardins, Worthy Patron.



News from District 14

Pioneer No. 99 Collects Canned Goods and Holds Surprise Bridal Shower

November 2022

In the month of November, Pioneer collected canned goods and non-perishable items for the Thanksgiving Basket Brigade of Central Florida for community outreach. We were able to donate three boxes to the charity.

Also this month we had a surprise bridal shower for Sandra McKenzie after the meeting. We made her queen for the evening and enjoyed the beautiful cake.

— Dianna Williamson, PG Ruth



Pioneer No. 99 Collects for Toys for Tots

December 2022

Pioneer's officers and members once again did a fantastic job collecting toys for our annual Toys for Tots contribution. We filled the West with all the toys everyone brought and loaded them up to be delivered to a Toys for Tots drop off station.

— Dianna Williamson, PG Ruth





Mizpah No. 321 Welcomes Grand Conductress Debbie Rosenthal for Official Inspection

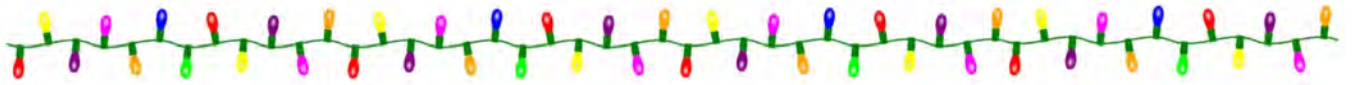
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Official Inspection at Mizpah Chapter by Debbie Rosenthal
Gr. Cond. Wonderful lunch & Meeting. Patrick Biggs A.P.
exemplified the work. Adorable Courtesy for Debbie and
Mike Clevens, Grand Sentinel.

It was fun being Debbie's traveling companion!

— Geri Rosenthal, PG Ruth





Pine Castle No. 321 Welcomes Grand Conductress Debbie Rosenthal for Official Inspection

December 2022

Official Inspection of Pine Castle Chapter No 321, my plural chapter. What a wonderful evening. The dinner, courtesy and fellowship were just outstanding. So proud of the members of my Chapter. They all did an amazing job.

– Debbie Rosenthal, Grand Conductress





News from District 15

News from New Port Richey No. 117 Installs New Officers

March 2022

On March 12, 2022, we held an Installation of officers for 2022-2023. Barbara Marrs was installed as Worthy Matron and Bill Conrad as Worthy Patron.

We had a craft show in April which was a success.

In June, we had four new members join us for which we are grateful for.

— Barbara Marrs, WM
Stargazer Reporter

New Port Richey No. 117 Welcomes Worthy Grand Matron Mickey Wise, for Official Visit

October 2022

On October 28 we had the Official Visit by Sister Michelle “Mickey” Wise, Worthy Grand Matron. Also present was our Worthy Grand Patron Bill Kranz and four Grand Officers. A wonderful evening was had by all. The officers a wonderful job.

New Port Richey No. 117 Hosts WGM “Step Back In Time” Fisher House Fundraiser

November 2022

On November 12, New Port Richey Chapter No. 117 hosted the “Step Back in Time” Worthy Grand Matron’s fundraiser for Fisher House Project.

The kitchen help and servers are pictured below.

— Barbara Marrs, WM
Stargazer Reporter



Barbara Marrs, Worthy Matron
and Bill Conrad, Worthy Patron
for 2022-2023



WGM Mickey Wise, WM Barbara Marrs,
WP Bill Conrad, WGP Bill Kranz

New Port Richey No. 117 Has Second Craft Show

November 2022

We had a craft show on November 18th and 20th which was a huge success. Our annual Thanksgiving dinner was just as successful!

Initiation and Two Dinners Held in December

December 2022

Prior to our meeting on December 9, we held a pot luck dinner followed by the “left to right” Christmas gift exchange. There was much laughter from the game!

We initiated four new members. One of the new members was initiated as a courtesy for Brooksville No. 76.

On December 17, we were treated to a wonderful spaghetti dinner cooked by Rosemarie Blair, PGM of Vermont. She was assisted by our AM Cindy Lucas and Lorraine Smith, Adah.

Bob and Joyce Smoyer performed a skit about getting ready to go to Chapter. St. Nick himself appeared and we had the chance to tell him what we wanted for Christmas. Many wanted “Peace and Good Health.”

— Barbara Marrs, WM
Stargazer Reporter



News from District 16



Worthy Grand Matron Mickey Wise Warmly Welcomed by Tampa Chapter No. 11 for Official Visit

November 2022

Official visit from WGM and WGP at Tampa Chapter 11!
Many pictures from the our luncheon today! What a
wonderful day we had sharing with our brothers and our
sisters! .

— Kimberly Minter





News from District 18



Associate Grand Matron Gail Jerrell Warmly Welcomed by Annie H. Sneider No. 327 for Official Inspection

December 2022

What an awesome time we had at Annie H. Sneider Chapter last night for the official inspection. The Christmas courtesy was so cute, the food and fellowship was wonderful.

– Gail Jerrell, Associate Grand Matron





News from District 20

Associate Grand Conductress Sandy Leduc Warmly Welcomed for Official Inspection at Fort Myers Chapter No. 31

December 2022

What a wonderful evening we had at Fort Myers Chapter Official Inspection last evening. I got to see so many Sisters and Brothers I had not seen in quite a while. The homemade dishes for dinner were delicious and the desserts were yummy as well. So special to see members from Loyalty Chapter and Englewood come to join us for the evening. Thank you all for a great, memorable evening!

— Sandy Leduc, Associate Grand Conductress





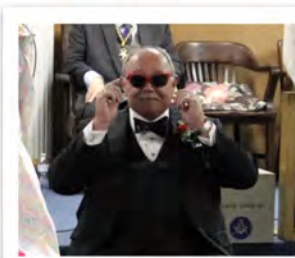
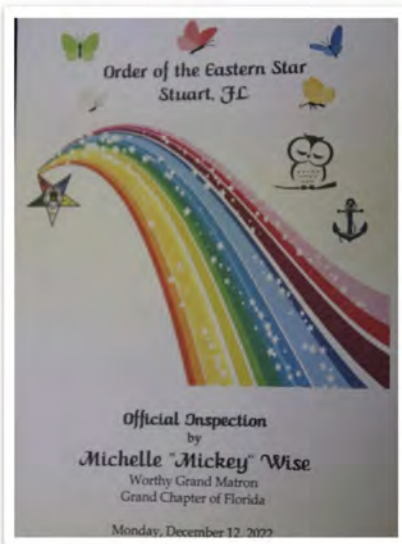
News from District 21



Worthy Grand Matron Mickey Wise Warmly Welcomed for Official Visit at Unity Chapter No. 37 on December 12

December 2022

—Pat Cooper, Grand Ruth
Photographer





Meet the Candidates





Candidate
for
Grand Secretary

Brenda Keepin
Wewahitchka Chapter No. 229



Candidate
for
Grand Treasurer

Margaret Nathurst
Fort Myers Chapter No. 31





Candidate
for
Associate Grand
Conductress

Darlyne Devany
Sebring Chapter No. 126



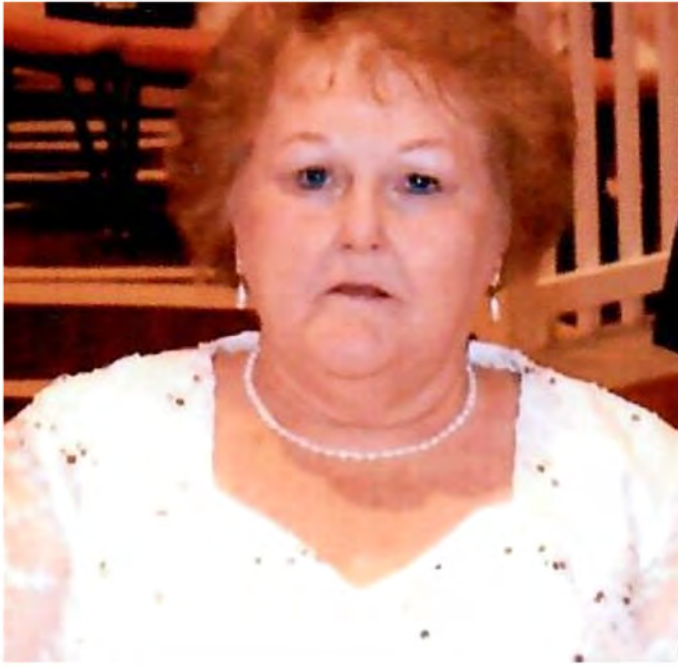
Candidate
for
Associate Grand
Conductress

Mary Ann Holt
Ruth Chapter No. 7



Candidate
for

Associate Grand
Conductress



Alice Faye Marshall
Blountstown Chapter No. 179





**Candidate
for
Grand Sentinel**

Dayle Schrock
Harbor City Chapter No. 263



**Candidate
for
Grand Sentinel**

Bruce Ward
Bethlehem Chapter No. 169





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841 S.W. 25th Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34471

October 29, 2022

Southern Area

Englewood Chapter No. 300
265 Pine Street
Englewood, Florida 34223

January 21, 2023

Registration forms and instructions are available from Chapter Secretaries, Excellency Proficiency Committee Members and from the Florida Web-site.

www.floridaoes.org

Sent with the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron

ROAST & TOAST THE MAN OF THE HOUR BROTHER BILL KRANZ, WGP

Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project
Fundraiser for Fisher House



Saturday, February 4, 2023

Registration 5 pm – Dinner 6 pm

The Masonic Center, 189 Airport Blvd, Pensacola, Florida

50/50

Gift Baskets

Silent Auction

Tickets: \$20 Catered Meal

Make checks payable to: Worthy Grand

Matron's Special Project

Mail to: Scarlett Ehlers

6679 Ravine St

Milton, FL 32570

Phone: 561-386-2103

Deadline: January 31, 2023

Hotel Accommodations

Comfort Inn

8080 N Davis Highway

Pensacola, Florida

850-484-8070

Ask for "Eastern Star Assn Group"

OES rate: \$ 129.10 plus tax

Deadline: January 20, 2023

Roasters If you'd like to "roast" Brother Bill, contact Sister Scarlett Ehlers (561-386-2103 or Scarlett1232@gmail.com) to be included. Spaces are limited so register early. Roasts should be no more than five minutes long and be an amusing story about Brother Bill. Possible topics can be provided if you need one. Embellishment of your story is encouraged.

Program Ads: Full Page \$30; Half Page \$25; Quarter Page \$20; Booster \$5
Submit your ad information to Sister Heather Earnhardt, PGM, at 850-902-2232 or starrunner1@cox.net. Mail your payment to Sister Scarlett Ehlers, 6679 Ravine St, Milton, FL 32570. *Deadline - January 20, 2023*

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Form your "Krewe"* and join the fun

Contact: Marti Gleason to register your Krewe or for information

(772) 692-1046

mkgleason67@att.net

*Google: Mardi Gras Krewe

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The History of "Corky's Cupboard"

In 1990, Coreen "Corky" Brownell, a member of the Masonic Home Service Guild, came up with the idea to hand out donated health & beauty aids and sundry items to residents of the Masonic Home. She was a member of the Masonic Home Service Guild whose members volunteer here and are also Eastern Star members. She initiated a state-wide plea for donations and they started coming in from Lodges and Chapters. Since then, "Corky's Cupboard," named in her honor, opens twice a week for the purpose of supplying the residents with their toiletry needs.

Corky ran the Cupboard for many years until her passing. It continues to be run by the Service Guild and is located inside the "Now & Then" Gift Shop. It is entirely sustained through the kind donations of cash and items (most needed listed below) to supply the residents who need them the most!

Sincere THANKS! from all the residents to all the OES members who have donated.

Send Donations to: The Masonic Home of Florida
 3201 1st St. N.E., St. Petersburg, FL 33704
 Toll Free #: 1-866-868-6749

WISH LIST FOR CORKY'S CUPBOARD

(* indicates items especially needed)

Gift Shop

Corky's Cupboard Cash Donations *
 Nick-nacks for Gift Shop *
 Unique items for Gift Shop *
 Jewelry – earrings, necklaces, *
 Jewelry – rings, and bracelets *
 Masonic Jewelry & Pins

For Men

Aftershave *
 Men's cologne *

For Women

Nail Polish (reds, pinks, neutral colors)
 Lipstick (reds, pinks, neutral colors)
 Face powder and foundation *
 Blush (neutral/pinks) *
 Women's cologne, perfume *
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 Small liquid laundry detergent
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General Personal Use Items

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 Denture cleanser tablets (i.e. Efferdent, Polident)
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 Toothpaste (i.e. Colgate, Crest)
 Hair spray *
 Body lotion
 Depends / Poise / Sanitary Pads *
 Fragrant body spray *

Submitted by Theresa Nelson



2022-2023 Stream of Life Committee
Grand Chapter of Florida
Order of the Eastern Star, Inc.

Give Hope, Give Life, Give Blood

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

You have the opportunity this year to earn special recognition from the Grand Chapter by donating blood or blood products. Why should you donate? Simple: It saves lives. In fact, one in every three people will need a transfusion at some time in their lives. Blood cannot be manufactured and it has a short shelf life; the only source for replenishing supplies is a generous human donor - YOU. You may know someone who needed blood in the past, perhaps you have yourself. So, you know how vital it is to be prepared and keep our blood supplies full, ready for any emergency.

Who needs blood and blood products? The largest users are cancer patients, those undergoing orthopedic or cardiovascular surgeries, and those with inherited blood disorders. In fact, every two seconds of every day, someone needs blood.

After you've donated twice, you'll receive a special lapel pin you can wear to show that you Gave Hope, Gave Life, Gave Blood. Take this form with you when you go to the blood center and have them fill it out to show you donated, then mail the completed form to

Carolyn Kranz
4787 Anna Simpson Rd
Milton, FL 32583

or

ckranz13@att.net

You'll receive your lapel pin shortly after. We hope you'll choose to participate in this important program and Give Hope, Give Life, Give Blood.

Fraternally,
Carolyn Kranz, Chairman
Peg Harriman
Crystel Hill
Corey Jansen
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