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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It was once said "There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well."

Having granted us the honor of serving as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the 2022-2023 term, you have allowed us to bring these words from paper to reality.

With the resources made available through Grand Chapter and our Charitable Foundation, we have donated monies to purchase three Canine Officers and provide for their training, stocked the everdepleted stores of food banks, refurbished and updated hospital children's medical care, aided in the care of abused children removed from their homes, and enhanced senior support services.

Through your generous donations, we are able to support active military and veteran families whose love one is being treated at seven veteran and onbase hospitals in Florida through the Fisher House Foundation. Through your subordinate Chapters local Charity efforts, each of you have touch the lives of thousands of our neighbors and friends.

It has been one of our greatest joys to represent you as we presented these funds and experience the pure happiness and humbleness in those receiving them. We hope, in the future, as many of you as possible are able to participate in one or more of the presentations, they are an experience you will never forget.

It is with humble hearts that we thank the members of this Grand Chapter for all your love and support you have shown us this past year. We did our best, and it has indeed been a great honor and privilege to serve our Order, our Grand Chapter and most importantly YOU!

Lovingly and fraternally,

Sister Mickey Worthy Grand Matron Brother Bill Worthy Grand Patron

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Grand Chapter



Social Events

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Angels Around the World

Grand Representatives Association of Florida Annual Meeting and Luncheon

April 17, 2023 Luncheon 11:00 am Meeting following lunch The Renaissance Resort World Golf Village 500 South Legacy Trail St. Augustine, FL 32092

Tickets \$32 per person

Make checks payable to: "Grand Chapter Social Events" Mail to: Mary Ann Holt 903 SW 4th Avenue Okeechobee, FL 34974

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Sent With The Approval Of The Worthy Grand Matron

Join us as we sail away On a Sunset Cruise

As we honor our

Sister Michelle "Mickey" Wise WGM

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Brother William "Bill" Kranz WGP And the 2022-2023 Grand Officers

At 6:00 pm on Monday April 17, 2023 In Banquet rooms A, B, and C

Formal Attire required

Tickets are \$45.00 and can be ordered from the Grand Chapter of Florida Social Event Chairman, form is available on the Grand Chapter of Florida website. Ticket deadline is March 15, 2023

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Melody in the Morning Breakfast Buffet with Gail Jerrell, WGM and Kevin Jordan, WGP and the 2023 – 2024 Grand Officers Friday Morning. April 21, 2023 at 7:30 am

> Price: \$25.00 per person Location: Ballroom Deadline: March 15, 2023

Tickets must be ordered on the Grand Chapter Social Events form which is available on the



Grand Chapter Website (<u>www.floridaoes.org</u>)

Make checks payable to Grand Chapter Social Events and mail with the social events form to: Social Events Chairman: Mary Ann Holt

Mary Ann Holt 903 SW 4th Avenue Okeechobee, FL 34974





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Some Enchanted Evening

Honoring

Sister Gail Jerrell, Worthy Grand Matron & Brother Levin Jordan Worthy Grand Patron

Saturday, May 13, 2023 Registration 4:00 pm Dinner 5:00 pm \$25 Catered Meal Frinity United Methodist Church 4000 NV 53rd Ave Gainesville, Fl 32643 ** Dress is Formal (Attire

Ticket Reservations: Send SASE to: Linda Barton 8177 Myrtis Barton Lane Macclenny, Fl 32063 Checks payable to "Gail's Songbirds" Hotel Reservations: Best Western Gateway Grand 4200 NW 97th Blvd Gainesville, Fl 32606 \$119 per night Code: Order of Eastern Star Cut off Date: April 29, 2023

Escorts: Gerri Rosenthal, PG Ruth pgrfloes@aol.com

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Grand Chapter News

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Southeastern Guide Dogs Gets A "Helping Paw" From Order of the Eastern Star

January 2023

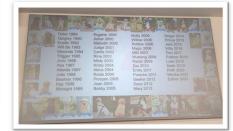
Past Grand Matron Donna Schrock and Past Grand Patron Carl Hargrove presented a check for \$10,391.11 to the Southeastern Guide Dogs on January 7. This represented all the monies collected from various OES fundraisers including the annual Paw-A-Thon.

Brother Carl and his wife, Sister Jocelyn are now raising their 50th puppy for the Southeastern Guide Dogs.



number 50, "Esther."

– Carla Girtman, GR of New Brunswick Worthy Matron, Mizpah 190



WGM MICKEY WISE PRESENTS EMERGENCY CARE HELP ORGANIZATION WITH \$20,000 CHECK

February 2023

Worthy Grand Matron Mickey Wise and Worthy Grand Patron Bill Kranz presented a \$20,000 check to Emergency Care Help Organization (ECHO). ECHO's mission is to assist residents of Hillsborough County in crisis with emergency food and clothing and offer life-stabilizing programs and resources.

Several members from Desoto No. 201 and District 17 attended the presentation and tour of the facility.

- Stargazer Reporter, Michelle Wilson







Past Grand Matron Donna Schrock Presents Check to Moffitt Cancer Center

February 2023

Past Grand Matron Donna Schrock presented a check for \$35,691.70 to Moffitt Cancer Center which represented all the monies collected from various OES fundraisers held during her tenure as Worthy Grand Matron from 2021-2022. Moffitt Cancer Center was her Special WGM project.

> --Carla Girtman, GR of New Brunswick Worthy Matron, Mizpah 190





When I was 17, I began to sense the Lord leading me to go overseas in the future, but never quite knew what that would look like. As the Lord began revealing each next step to me, I faithfully stepped into where He was leading, never knowing what the end goal was. I went to the University of South Florida to study world religions, not knowing that my

time there would prepare me for encounters with religions overseas in the future.

While in college, I served faithfully in a small college ministry, not knowing that my time there would teach me what it looks like to serve where the Lord had placed me, despite constant challenges. As pastors and friends encouraged me to prayerfully consider seminary after graduating college, I was initially hesitant. I didn't think that I would be smart enough or qualified enough for seminary. As I continued to pray about what would be next, the Lord kept opening doors for me to start at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Each time I encountered my shortcomings and doubts, I was constantly reminded that God would give me the strength to take the next steps since He is the one who directs them. I started seminary online while living at home in Riverview, initially being overwhelmed with the experience, but truly loving being in classes where I was learning about the Bible and missions, and more. When I began sensing the Lord leading me to move to Louisville to live on campus, I remember initially being anxious about all the logistics, such as where I would work, how I would make friends, etc.

Now that I've lived here in Louisville for a year and a half and at the halfway point of my time in seminary, I find myself in constant awe over this blessing it is to be here in seminary. Part of this wonder and amazement comes when I think of all the amazing things that I have gotten to do, due to the Lord's leading and guidance on each next step. I spent five weeks this past summer serving in an island country in Southeast Asia, island-hopping through the country to visit missionaries and learn about different religions in the country, focusing on how we can start gospel conversations with people of different religions.

This was an absolutely incredible trip, and the Lord used this to bring a lot of clarity and direction to where He might be calling me in the future after I graduate from Southern, hopefully back to this country Lord-willing! I still think back to this trip daily and the Lord has used the time there to remind me to be in constant prayer for all those who do not yet know Christ, both in the country, we went to and here in the U.S. While there, we had a conversation with the

missionaries about their experience sharing the gospel there, and they shared about how there are so many villages in the country that can get a Coca-Cola, but they do not yet know who Jesus is. I can't help but cry out to the Lord in prayer when I hear these kinds of stories. It's these kinds of stories that push me closer to the Lord in prayer and give me motivation on the hard days, to push on in this journey and to fully lean on the Lord since He is all-sufficient and He is the one who sustains me.

As my church has been going through the book of Romans, the Lord has been using this to not only draw me closer to Him but also to kindle a desire to go to the nations and to serve whenever the Lord may take me in the future. This past year has been full of adventure, but I'm learning that this adventure of being in seminary is truly just the beginning of a much longer and more exciting adventure with the Lord, and I genuinely can't wait to see all that He has in store for the future.

> – Ella Wilkins Southern Baptist Theological Seminary











My name is Wesny Dubic. I have been a member of the Cathedral Church of Saint Luke in Orlando since 2005. The spiritual formation received at the Cathedral shaped me into the person I am today. I was born in Haiti and moved to the United States in 2000. Because of Haiti's lack of education, my parents decided to move to the

United States. My spiritual journey is full of blessings, miracles, and forgiveness. A journey in which I genuinely believe that Jesus paved the way for me to arrive at this process.

My call to ministry has been something I have been fighting for many years. I fought this call because I felt God could not use someone like me to further His gospel. Despite encouragement from family, friends, and clergy, I did not want to believe God was calling me into the priesthood because I am too much of a simple guy for God to want to use me. I wouldn't pay attention to God's call to me. Thoughts filled my head such as, "I am a nobody. People would not want to follow me. People would not want to listen to what I have to say. God, you need people with a great education and great knowledge. I do not have anything to offer to your people."

Three years ago, as Chairman of the Central Florida Honduras Commission for the Diocese, Bishop Brewer asked me to speak at our convention and provide to give an update on our relationship with the Diocese of Honduras. My anxiety and nervousness were at an all-time high. I did not know what I would say to God's people. So, I did what any Christian would do. I prayed for the right words and prepared my speech. When Bishop Brewer asked me to come up to the podium to speak during the convention, I prayed to God before moving forward. As I got to the stage, standing with the Honduras Commission members, I said words that were never written in my speech. I spoke about the Jesus movement among both dioceses. The Holy Spirit strengthened me to give an address that spoke volumes about our diocese's deep connection to the diocese of Honduras. After my speech, I received a standing ovation from the delegates. At that moment, I realized, "I do have something to say," and responded to God, "Ok! I am listening." To this day, I keep listening to His voice and pray for Him to guide me to minister to the people.

I feel like God's role for my life is to further His gospel into the world. Over the past three years, Rev. Soner and I have worked hard to offer a French and Creole service at Church of the Messiah in Winter Garden, FL. My goal is to offer this service for many more years in the Diocese of Central Florida. I am working diligently to make a difference in people's lives through the gospel of Jesus Christ. I continue to serve as the chairman of the Honduras Commission for our diocese. It is a joy for me to extend the gospel beyond our borders. We sent out large boxes with clothes, shoes, and necessary items to reach the poor in hard-reach communities.

I believe serving God must be the highest priority for an ordained person. If there was one aspect in life I do not want to fail at, it would be serving God the proper way. God gave me a gift. My gift is the ability to listen to people. Over the past decade, I could not understand why families, friends, and strangers felt safe sharing their personal stories with me. Over the years, I have helped many people carry their burdens. Why do I do this? In trying to relate, I consider that if I was in the same situation, what would I need in this moment of pain or distress? Someone to listen to me. I believe this is a gift that my heavenly Father gave me. A gift to care for people. A gift to share their burden, pain, and sadness. I have learned to embrace this gift and cherish it. When Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Feed my lambs," "Tend my sheep," and "Feed my sheep," he wanted Simon Peter to be His hands and feet to the people. If my job is to listen to His people and care for them, then that is what I intend to do for His glory.

I will continue to ask for prayers for the courage and the strength to do His will among the people. We live in a world where many brothers and sisters are hurting internally. They are in search of the living water of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, finding the living water that Jesus Christ has to offer is getting harder. In humble obedience, I commit to share the gospel the way Jesus Christ intended for it to be shared.

In conclusion, I officially became a seminarian for the Episcopal Diocese office of Central Florida in August 2022. I thank God for guidance from Dean Kidd, Rev. Justin Holcomb, Rev. Tom Rutherford, and Rev. Soner Alexandre. Each one of them has been a blessing in this process. I am currently in my second semester at Nashotah House Seminary. I am grateful for the sponsorship of Pine Castle Chapter No. 321 and the ESTARL Scholarship. Thank you, and God bless.

- Wes Dubic



To the ESTARL committee, Order of the Eastern Star:



Firstly, I would like to thank you for your generosity in providing me with financial aid to further my college education. This means a lot to me because I am very passionate about fulfilling God's call on my life by serving my community and ministering to God's people in my local church. Because of your generosity, you have helped to give me the financial resources required to further my

education, and thus, carry out those tasks with increased excellence for the glory of God.

Over the past few months, I have seen the very clear and positive impact that my seminary courses have had on me. Since I am working as the Student Ministry Coordinator at my local church while taking my courses, much of what I learn I am able to immediately apply to my job. This has made it very easy to tell just how important these courses are to my future in ministry. Whether it be discipling a student, leading a team, answering a tough theological question, or preaching the gospel, my schooling provides the foundation for doing these things well.

Currently, I am enrolled as a full-time student and am on track to graduate in two years, in December of 2024. However, my savings have been depleted from attempting to pay for school on my own and my income is not able to sustain the demands of tuition. Thus, I am so grateful for the ESTARL scholarship. It has blessed me in many ways.

Sincerely,

- Anthony Suarez









Ensley, Florida, Jay, Milton, Myrtle Grove, Pensacola

Milton Chapter No. 189

WELCOMES WGM MICHELLE 'MICKEY WISE' JANUARY 14 FOR OFFICIAL VISIT

























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Milton Chapter No. 189

HOLDS COFFEE TO HONOR WGP WILLIAM "BILL" KRANZ JANUARY 15





















INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

February 2023

Milton Chapter No. 189 had its Installation of Officers! Officers on February 25, 2023. Congratulations to Susan Covington, Worthy Matron and Jerry Covington, Worthy Patron. It was a good afternoon to be in Milton.

– Alan Bint







MILTON CHAPTER No. 189 R OF THE EASTERN STAR



2023 - 2024 tallation Program And Yearbook







Keystone Height, Lake Butler, Micanopy



Micanopy Chapter No. 195

HOSTS GRANDS AND PAST GRANDS MEETING

January 2023

Micanopy had a wonderful Grand and Past Grand Officers meeting Tuesday night. I was attended by many special people. The Chapter recognized Dan Polsen, Tina's husband, for all his hard work for both the Chapter and the Lodge.

Sister Gloria Smith was presented with her 65 year pin and Sister Bernice Woodard was presented with her 60 year pin by WGM Brother Bill Krantz. They were able to tell stories about their years at Micanopy Chapter. Brother Richard Henderson and I were presented with Honorary Memberships. It was a surprise and greatly appreciated. All of this after a yummy meal of homemade chicken pot pie, salad and delicious banana pudding.

- Patty Taylor Roach





Fernandina No. 55

FERNANDINA NO. 55 CONSOLIDATES WITH CALLAHAN NO. 154

March 2023

After 111 years of serving the Fernandina community, Fernandina No. 55, Order of the Eastern Star, consolidated with Callahan No. 154. Their last meeting was on March 2.

A lot has happened since Kate Mahoney was the first Worthy Matron in 1912. "The Order of the Eastern Star took part in many community events over the years," recalls Worthy Matron, Lucy Hickox has served as Worthy Matron eight times, more than any other member. Sister Lucy continued, "We sold shrimp salad and iced tea at the annual Fernandina Shrimp Festival. One year we entered a float in the annual parade.

Worthy Matron, Linda Kurtz planned a special 100-year Anniversary Celebration in 2012. Past Matron, Norma Storms was the Master of Ceremonies introducing special speakers who recalled the many events over the years. One such memory Sister Norma remembered was having members fill small paper bags with various candies. These candies had names that represented what firemen do such as Life Savers: Saving people's lives. These bags were delivered to all the local fire stations for the firefighters and first responders. She also remembers when Fernandina No. 55 had Santa Claus visit nursing homes, participate in Dickens Night on Center Street, and make baby dresses donated from wedding gowns.

Other members also had special memories. The Chapter Secretary, Judy Campbell, recalled taking clothes to Hope House. Worthy Matron, Kim Grubbs, remembers spearheading a garage sale that raised \$5,000 to benefit K9s United. This money was used to provide bullet-proof vests for the dogs. Grubbs reported, "The Sheriff phoned to let me know that the vests have saved the lives of more than one dog."

Members of Fernandina No. 55 look forward to joining Callahan No. 154 to continue adding new history to the Order of the Eastern Star.

– Norma Storms, PM







Mandarin, Ribault, Southside, St. Augustine

Ribault Chapter No. 195

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

February 2023

Congratulations to Ribault Chapter No. 195 on its Installation of Officers!















Clermont, Leesburg, Mount Dora

Mount Dora Chapter No. 103

WELCOMES WGM TO OFFICIAL VISIT

January 2023

It was a wonderful evening at Mount Dora Official Visit on January 26th. Several presentations were made by our Plural Chapter member, WGM Mickey Moore Wise.

Thanks Rhonda Engelauf-Allen for the pictures of the sheriff's presentations of Honorary Deputies of Lake County, Florida to our WGM & WGP. Our Chapter presented the Sheriff with a batch of stuffed animals for his department.

We also celebrated the birthday of Mickey's Mom, Charlotte Painter Moore, Anchor of Hope.

Leesburg Chapter #84 had the most members in attendance and won the hourglass.

– Gerri Rosenthal, PG Ruth Stargazer, Reporter



INITIATES NEW MEMBERS

February 2023

What a wonderful initiation ceremony last evening at Mount Dora Chapter # 103. Welcome Carolyn and Britton Wayne.

We also had Election of Officers. Kelly Boeder and Carl Hargrove will be in the East.

I look forward to serving in the West with my Hubby Barry and the Installation on March 4th.

– Gerri Rosenthal, PG Ruth Stargazer Reporter









Carnaveral, Cocoa, Harbor City

Harbor City Chapter No. 263

HONORS DISTRICT 13 GRAND INSTRUCTOR

January 2023

Harbor City 263 Chapter honored Mary Jacobs, our District 13 Grand Instructor on January 3. Mary was a great District Instructor and was always there for the entire District. Thank you.

We also had a special visitor, Deb Buxton, Past Grand Matron from Alberta, BC.

Worthy Matron Cindy Harrison presented Cindy Lou Downs with a plaque for 25 years of service with Harbor City 263 as secretary.

-- Michael Harrison





Mizpah, Orlando, Pine Castle, Pioneer, St. Cloud

Pioneer No. 99

HOSTS GRANDS AND PAST GRANDS MEETING

February

On February 2nd Pioneer hosted a Grands and Past Grands at their normal meeting night. The Grands and Past Grands did a fantastic job opening and closing the chapter. It was exciting to see 40 OES in attendance. The Grand Officers serving as Pioneer officers were

| WM: | Donna Schrock, Past Grand Matron |
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| AP: | Kevin Jordon, Associate Grand Patron |
| AM: | Joan Schwebel, Personal Page to MWGM |
| AP: | Michael Blankenship, PG Representative |
| Cond: | Debbie Rosenthal, Grand Conductress |
| Assoc Cond: | Sandy Leduc, Associate Grand Conductress |
| Treasurer: | Linda Periera, Grand Instructor |
| Secretary: | Dayle Schrock, Candidate Grand Sentinel |
| Marshal: | Rhone Allen, Grand Marshal |
| Chaplain: | Michele Guest, PG Chaplain |
| Adah: | Theresa Behe, PG Adah |
| Ruth: | Leta Dickenson, PG Ruth |
| Esther: | Cindy Jaymes |
| Martha: | April Blankenship, Grand Representative |
| Electa: | Theresa Goddard, PG Electa |
| Warder: | Cindy Christoffel, PG Warder |
| Sentinel: | John Miles, Grand Representative of N. Dakota |
| Organist: | Loretta Dow PG Organist |

The meeting closed at 9 pm. Everyone stayed to enjoy the beautiful refreshments the Pioneer officers provided that night. Thank you to everyone that made the evening possible.

– Dianna Williamson







PIONEER FUN TIME AT U PAINT CERAMICS

February

On February 4th, Pioneer headed out of the chapter room once again for some ceramics at U Paint Ceramics in Longwood.

As we sat around and painted our pieces, we got to socialize and catch up on what everyone was doing. We painted a pineapple, bee, vase, cup, and heart jewelry box.

– Dianna Williamson



L to R: Olivia Knight (from Mizpah), Dianna Williamson, Marcia Burks, Spencer Buckley, and Rena Buckley





Mizpah No. 190

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

February 2023

Congratulations to the new Officers of Mizpah Chapter No. 190. Carla Girtman, Worthy Matron and Patrick Biggs, Worthy Patron!

- Sandy Leduc, Associate Grand Conductress













Friendship, Mystic, Palma Ceia, Tampa

Tampa Chapter No. 11

CELEBRATES INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

February 2023

Congratulations to Claudine Rodgers, our new Worthy Matron and Michael Griffin, our new Worthy Patron! Thank you to all who came out to make this day a great one!

- Kimberly Minter













Annie H. Schneider, Crescent, Desoto, Plant City

Desoto Chapter No. 201

PACKS LOCAL RESTAURANT FOR MONTHLY LUNCHEON

January 2023

Every first Monday of the month, members of Desoto No. 201 with other members of from the District, gather for lunch at a local hot spot—Jesse's Steak and Seafood Restaurant. January 2nd proved to be a packed house with 25 attending. Good food, fun, and friendship always!

Stargazer Reporter, Michelle Wilson



178 OES members Attend Official Visit

January 2023

On Saturday, January 28th, Desoto Chapter No. 201 held their Official Visit for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. There was a fantastic turnout with 178 OES members attended.

Dinner was catered and served by the Rainbow Girls and Demolay Walt Fishback Chapter.

Stargazer Reporter, Michelle Wilson















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Annie H. Schneider Chapter No. 327

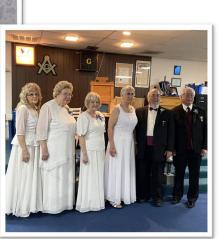
INSTALLS FIRST TIME WORTHY MATRON

February 2023

Congratulations to first time Worthy Matron Katheryn and returning Worthy Patron Larry. May you both have a wonderful year.

– Diane Carter













Lake Wales, Lakeland, Mulberry, Winter Haven

Lakeland Chapter No. 26

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

February 2023

Congratulations to Lakeland Chapter No. 26 on its Installation of Officers!







Okeechobee, Ruth, Sebastian, Unity

Sebastian Chapter No. 204

CHAPTER HOSTS TEA TO HONOR CINDI BURKE, GRAND ESTHER IN FEBRUARY



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Meet the Candidates





Candidate for Grand Secretary

Brenda Keepin Wewahitchka Chapter No. 229



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Candidate for Grand Treasurer

Margaret Nathurst Fort Myers Chapter No. 31



Candidate for Associate Grand Conductress

Mary Ann Holt Ruth Chapter No. 7





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Candidate for Associate Grand Conductress

Alice Faye Marshall Blountstown Chapter No. 179



Candidate for Grand Sentinel

Dayle Schrock Harbor City Chapter No. 263



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Candidate for Grand Sentinel

Bruce Ward Bethlehem Chapter No. 169











SATURDAY APRIL 29,2023 7:00 PM

Hosted by: Grace Chapter #8

Location

Grace Chapter # 8 Wellborn Masonic Lodge 12232 CR 137 Wellborn, FL 32094

<u>Meal</u>

Diner served at 5:30 pm RSVP by 4/24 \$9.35+.65 tax=\$10.00 Check made payable to: Grace Chapter #8 SASE to Patty Roach

16011 27th Road Lake City, FI 32024

<u>Lodging</u> Quilty Inn 285 SW Commerce Blvd Lake City Florida 32025-1501 (386) 758-8440

\$109 + tax

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For more Information: Patty Roach, WM

Call or Text: (386)364-9740 Email: pattytroach@hotmail.com

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Grand Princess Alaska Cruise August 26th- September 6th, 2023

Join us as we embark on an unparalleled journey to pristine Alaska for a 12-day, 11-night adventure by land and seal Our journey begins in *Vancouver, BC.* We will enjoy a day at sea as we travel to *Ketchikan,* known for its Native American totem poles. Next, we sail into *Juneau.* A tram carries visitors 1,800 feet up Mount Roberts to an alpine area with hiking trails, wildflowers and views of Gastineau Channel. Onto *Skagway,* set along the popular cruise route, the inside passage. You just might book a shore excursion for a helicopter landing on a glacier or just enjoy the scenery as we cruise *Glacier Bay* before ending in *Whittier.* Next, we will board the train with glass-domed spectacular views from *Talkeetna* for an afternoon and evening at the *Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge.* The land tour continues to Denali for a two night stay at the *Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge.* Additional Tour options are available for the remainder of the day. The next morning, we will depart for *Denali National Park for a Natural History Tour.* This tour serves as a wonderful introduction to the animals, plants and geological features of Alaska, and your afternoon is free time. Our last tour day will include a cruise on an authentic *Sternwheeler Riverboat* down the Chena River complete with lunch. Finally we will arrive by Motor Coach to the hotel in *Fairbanks* for the last nights stay. Come explore Alaska's great national parks and wildlife preserves on a trip of a lifetime! Itinerary based on current schedule and may modify in 2023.

STATEROOMS FROM: Interior \$2467.00pp Balcony \$3207.00pp ** Suites by Request **

Rates are per person, based on double occupancy. Port charges/taxes/ subject to increase. Cancellation penalties will apply at 120 days prior to sailing. Insurance is strongly recommended. Boarding will be denied unless you have a VALID PASSPORT. (**Passport must not expire 6 months prior to 09-06-23)

RATE INCLUDES

* 12 Day/ 11 Night Cruise Land Tour *

* Port charges & taxes *
* Princess Plus Package Included *
* Crew appreciation gratuities *

* Premium Beverage Package (alcohol drinks \$12
and under & fountain soda, plan does not include
canned soda and juice) *

* WiFi, one device per person *
* Transportation to and from Lodges *

* Scenic train to Lodge *
* Natural History Tour in Denali *

* Stern Wheeler w/Lunch *

* Military onboard credit available with completed
online form prior to departure *





Official Travel Agency for the Cruise Industry Contact: Sherrie Gibson Phone: 407-620-5731 Email: SGibsonfla@aol.com

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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 Pamela Leever

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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 members from all the residents to those 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 * Cold & Facial Cream (i.e. Oil of Olay) *

General Use

Rolls of stamps * Small liquid laundry detergent Unused greeting cards *

General Personal Use Items

Mouthwash (i.e. Scope, Listerine, Lavoris)* Denture cleanser tablets (i.e. Efferdent, Polident) Denture adhesive Room freshener * Tissues (i.e. Kleenex, Puffs) * Toothpaste (i.e. Colgate, Crest) Hair spray * Body lotion Depends / Poise / Sanitary Pads * Fragrant body spray *





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