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Ferrell-Jordan Grand Family



A Song in Your Heart



A Message From the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

On behalf of Brother Kevin and myself, we would like to thank each of you for the Honor of serving as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and we look forward to our session in 2024, the One Hundredth and Eighteenth session, "A Song in Your Heart" Grand Session.

The aim this year is to promote Harmony and Love among our members. By being kind to one another, we can retain our current membership and attract new members.

Making others aware of our organization should be the goal of everyone. This is important for us to continue our membership. By participating in social events and public awareness is one of the ways to do this. The Stream of Life Committee is one way that members can help to promote Eastern Star. If you are having an event, contact our Committee Chairman and arrange for a Blood Mobile to be at the event. Then submit articles to the Stargazer or the local newspaper. Each one of us must do our part.

The Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project this year is The Moffett Cancer and Research Center. The Moffett Center is the top destination for comprehensive cancer treatment and treats

more than 100 types of cancer. This year donations are earmarked for research, because only through research can we find a cure.

Several Fundraising events have been scheduled throughout the state to help with this project.

Please support the WGMSP by attending one of the events or by donating to the fund. Check the website for the location of events in your area.

We look forward to seeing you during the year as we travel. Be safe and Remember that Life is a Journey, Enjoy the Ride, Tell Someone You Love Them, and Always Keep a Song in Your Heart.

Lovingly and fraternally,

Gail Jerrell
Worthy Grand Matron

Kevin Jordan
Worthy Grand Patron

Grand Chapter of Florida Order of the Eastern Star

2023-2024 Session

"A Song in Your Heart"

Scriptures: Philippians 4:13, Psalm 46:10

Aim: To promote Harmony and Love Among Our Members

Watchword: Live Life to the Fullest

Motto: Always Keep a Song in Your Heart

Honor Stations: Esther and Marshal

Emblems: Crown & Scepter and Baton

Flowers: Lavender Violets, Pink Roses, Magnolias

Colors: Lavender, Pink, Mauve, Purple

**Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project
Moffitt Cancer and Research Center**



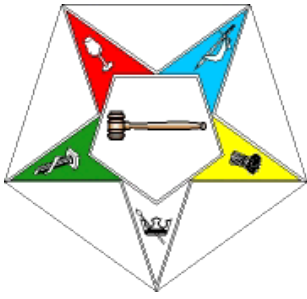


*Meet the Ferrell - Jordan
Grand Family!*



A Song in Your Heart





Gail Jerrell **Worthy Grand Matron**



Congratulations, Sister Gail!

Thank you! It is indeed an honor and privilege to serve as the Worthy Grand Matron for Florida and I thank the membership for their loving support.

Can you give us a snapshot of who Gail Jerrell is?

I was born and raised in Florida and lived in High Springs, a small town where everyone knew everybody (and still does!) I went to Santa Fe College and University of Florida (go Gators!). My working career began at Santa Fe College and I later retired from Alachua County School Board. After 37 years I retired and love every minute of it.

Can you tell our readers what else keeps you busy?

I was a devoted volunteer, advocate and County Coordinator for Special Olympics for 20 years. I still try to attend local events when I can. Special Olympics is very dear to my heart.

I am a member of Forest Grove Baptist Church, having served as Church Treasurer, Sunday School Director and on various committees. My travels with Eastern Star have limited my time with appointments for the Church, but my Church Family is a very important part of my life.

How did you become involved in Eastern Star?

I became involved in Eastern Star through my parents. My Mother and Father were very active and like a lot of people, Star was an outlet for them and became an important part of their lives. As a child growing up, I would watch my parents going to Star meetings and I knew that I wanted to be a part of that. I remember one year the Worthy Grand Matron was making her Official Visit to Santa Fe Chapter and the members did a courtesy which was about Friends Around the

World (I think this was in the 50's), but they allowed me to watch them practice and "help." The Worthy Grand Matron was so impressed with the courtesy that she asked the Chapter if they would do the same courtesy at Grand Chapter that year. Of course, I didn't get to go but I will never forget the excitement and enthusiasm that was generated in the Chapter with the members.

What a sweet memory! So us more about your Star life. I know you are very active.

Well, fast forward, I am a 50 year member of Santa Fe Chapter No. 105 and Eastern Star is my life. I served as Grand Esther with the Peters-Denman Grand Family in 2007-2008. I have served on various committees throughout the years and have been Grand Instructor twice. I look forward to serving the membership as Worthy Grand Matron. It's going to be a busy year!

Any last thoughts?

I want to thank the membership for electing me to serve this wonderful Grand Jurisdiction of Florida.

Life is "truly a journey."

Thank you for sharing a little bit about yourself, Sister Gail. We look forward to supporting you in your upcoming year.

Thank you. It's my pleasure.



Kevin Jordan **Worthy Grand Patron**



Congratulations on your election as Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kevin!

Thank you. I look forward to serving with the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family.

Can you let our readers know a little bit about yourself: family, work life, hobbies?

Sure. My wife, Shyre and I have been married for 42 years. We have two children, Michelle and James. We are proud grandparents to our three grandchildren: Liam who is eight, Amelia is seven, and our youngest, Madelynne, is five.

Challenging ages!

Don't you know it! I could go on and on about my grandkids! Anyway, I worked for Publix Supermarkets for 17 years as a Human Resources Director for Non-Retail Operations before retiring 2017. Prior to working with Publix, I was employed by PPG Industries for 20 years in the field of Human Resources in manufacturing facilities in Texas, Minnesota, Washington and Florida.

What about hobbies?

I love playing golf and pickleball and I'm a Corvette enthusiast. I own my third Corvette, a white C7 Grand Sport. I've attended two performance driving schools and have tracked Corvettes at road race courses in Sebring, Florida Daytona, Ohio, Kentucky, and Nevada.

Pickleball?

(laughs) Yes. It's tennis, badminton, and ping-pong all rolled into one fun sport invented in 1965. You can play it in- or outdoors on a badminton-sized court or a modified tennis court. You use a paddle with a plastic ball similar to a wiffle ball and anyone, young or old at any skill level, can play it. Legend has it that the game was named after a dog named Pickles.

Interesting! Maybe you should start some Eastern Star leagues!

Who knows?

How long have you and your wife have been OES members ?

Over 25 years. Shyre and I have been members of the Order of the Eastern Star and have served as officers in our local chapters every year for the past 24 years.

We were with the Gulf Beach Chapter No. 241 from 1997 to 2001 before joining Lakeland Chapter No. 26 in 2001. and I have been Worthy Patron eleven times: once at Gulf Beach Chapter and ten times with Lakeland Chapter.

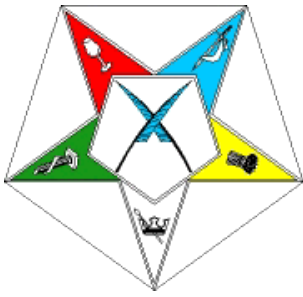
I am Past Grand Representative of Oregon in Florida, District Chair for REST, as well as a member of the Credentials Committee.

Impressive. So What makes Eastern Star special to you that you are willing to serve eleven times as Worthy Patron?

What I think is so special about Eastern Star is it is an organization that allows a husband and wife to serve alongside each other. It teaches us moral lessons based on Scripture, provides an avenue for us to serve our communities, and gives us the opportunity to socialize with some of the best women in the state of Florida.

Brother Kevin, I appreciate you taking time out of your day to share yourself with our readers. Good luck in the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family year!

Thank you. It's been a pleasure.



Brenda Keepin Grand Secretary



Congratulations on your reelection to Grand Secretary! Welcome to the Jarrell-Jordan Grand Family!

Thank you. I'm very happy to be able to continue to serve Grand Chapter and to join the Jarrell-Jordan Grand Family.

What do you want our readers to know about you?

I was born in Fort Knox, Kentucky, and raised an Army brat. During that time we lived in Kentucky, Colorado, Germany and Georgia. When my father retired, we moved to Wewahitchka, Florida. I attended the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Florida and stayed in the area after I graduated. I met my husband, Rich when I started to work at Naval Air Station. We have been married for 46 years and home was wherever the Navy sent us. We raised two girls while traveling the world to our many different homes which included New Jersey; Norfolk, Virginia; Key West; Mayport, Florida; Scotland; England and Germany. We settled in Panama City once Rich retired. I worked for the Bay District Schools for the next 25 years, then I retired too.

We now have 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. I am a family-oriented person, so they are very special to me.

What things do you like to do in your spare time?

I love to sew and watch movies. When I have some spare time, I spend it in my sewing room watching scary movies.

Was Rainbow part of your life?

I was not involved with Rainbow until I was an adult. My 2 girls joined Rainbow and I was a member of the Board. After the Mother Advisor left, I became the Mother Advisor until Panama No 18 closed. When Lynn Haven No 147 was formed, I joined the Board a few years later and have been working with them ever since.

What about your Eastern Star life?

I joined Wewahitchka Chapter when I turned 18. My first station was Martha. Next, I served as the Associate Conductress, and was honored to conduct my Father when he was initiated. When I served as Worthy Matron for the first time, my Father served with me. During the time we were moving and raising the girls, I was not very active; but once we settled in Panama City, I have held a station every year. When I retired, I started working in the Grand Secretary's office for Sister Brenda Hendricks. When Sister

Brenda resigned, Sister Heather appointed me to finish out her term. No one knew that the title pro-tem would stick for 1½ years.

What is/are your favorite/fondest memories of Eastern Star?

I have always enjoyed attending our Grand Chapter Sessions and visiting other Grand Jurisdictions. It's interesting to see how other states do the floorwork.

What makes Eastern Star special to you?

I continue to swell up with pride when I hear of the programs we are supporting. We all should be so proud of our Organization being able to support the communities and really making donations that can make a difference to people.

What is it like being Grand Secretary?

Grand Secretary is a very challenging job, but I enjoy this position. I love the learning process and working with the Subordinate Chapter Secretaries. They work so hard for our Order and their Chapter. It is truly an honor for me to serve with them.

Thank you for sharing with us. It has been wonderful getting to know you better. Good luck with your Grand appointment!

Thank you. You are certainly doing a very good job with the web-based Stargazer. I have enjoyed them.

Thank you for your kind words!



Margaret Nathurst, PGM

Grand Treasurer



Congratulations, Sister Margaret, on your reelection to Grand Treasurer. I understand you have held this position since 2001.

Thank you. I am grateful to the members of Grand Chapter for the opportunity to serve as Worthy Grand Matron in 1997 and their support to continue serving as Grand Treasurer for the last 20 years. I am thankful that I have the accounting background and the knowledge to serve in this capacity. I take my responsibility seriously and will serve to the very best of my ability. I look forward to working with our Grand Secretary.

What can you tell our readers about you?

My life is like an open book! So many members are already aware that I am a native Floridian, born in Pensacola, raised mostly in the Orange Park-Jacksonville area and have lived in Fort Myers since 1957 except for four years in Tennessee. I attended Florida Southern College in Lakeland, married and had three children. I lost my son, Chris, in an accident at age 22 in 1981 and my youngest daughter, Karen, in 2006 at age 43, to breast cancer. The members of the Grand Chapter of Florida have shared these life experiences with me and thousands of fraternal memories. You all know how much I love my daughter, Sheryl, and grandson, Logan. They are the light of my life and I love them dearly with all my heart.

Didn't your journey to Eastern Star started with Rainbow?

Yes. When I was a teenager, living in Orange Park, attending Robert E Lee High School in Jacksonville, I was initiated as a charter member into Temple Assembly No. 46, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Thus, began my fraternal experience which has influenced my life to this day. The training I received and the wonderful experiences gained gave me the confidence to seek the fulfillment of many dreams. The advisory board of our Assembly had many distinguished Sisters and Brothers who served The Grand Chapter of Florida as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patrons. As a teenager, I also had the privilege of working at the Darling Shop for Sister Betty Snell, and was again privileged to work with her at the 1970 Session when she was Associate Grand Matron as I served as Grand Escort for the Grand Conductress. Isn't it strange, maybe coincidence, how people who influenced you in your younger life come back into it later?

It does seem that way. When did you join Eastern Star?

On November 4, 1963, I was blessed to have been initiated into Fort Myers Chapter No. 31 Order of the Eastern Star. This was the beginning of a journey that has brought so many

blessings into my life. I was fortunate to be a third-generation family member to join our Order and to have such wonderful examples of service and dedication to guide me throughout the years. My mother, Sister Minnie Lee Peek, was serving as Grand Martha of The Grand Chapter of Florida when I was initiated and, of course, I shared many experiences with her throughout the years.

You have served with so many Grand Families. What has that been like for you?

The honor I felt to serve in the Walsingham-Erickson Grand Family in 1991-1992 as Grand Marshal is indescribable. Sister Marion was such an inspiration to all who knew her, her graciousness and kindness truly shined throughout her life. We always felt that she was one who could correct you in your work in such a way that you would think she was praising you. It was her special gifts of love, freely given, that live in the lives of all who knew, admired and loved her.

In 1997-1998, I had the privilege of serving this Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Matron, with Brother Burt Brim by my side as Worthy Grand Patron. Our motto was "TLC", Touch Others with Love and Compassion" and I hope that some small way, I have been able to do that. Times have changed, as we had 201 chapters with a membership of over 29,700. Yet, even though we may be smaller in number, the principles of our Order are just as strong as ever. As Grand Treasurer, I have had the privilege of serving Grand Chapter since 2001. This is a position that I thoroughly enjoy and trust that I have been able to, and continue to, fulfill the duties of this position to the highest of expectations of our members.

I have been honored to have served General Grand Chapter three times as a General Grand Chapter Session Page, and as Chairman of the Ritual Committee for Sister Helen J. Westmoreland, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron. To have been asked to serve this 2021-2024 Triennial by Sister Glenda Winchester as a member of the Benevolence Committee was so unexpected and such a surprise and additional honor.

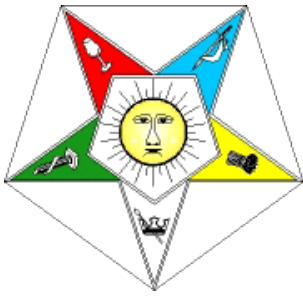
Any last words?

Over the years, I sincerely hope that I have been able to serve the members of our beautiful Order to their satisfaction and to be, in some small way, an inspiration to others. Thank you for all the love and inspiration that you give to all and for the many special memories that are yet to come.

Thank you so much for taking time to share with us, Sister Margaret! It has been a pleasure.

Thank you. It's been all mine.





Debbie Rosenthal Associate Grand Matron



Hello, Sister Debbie! Congratulations on your election to Associate Grand Matron. I know you have to be every bit as excited as I am to have a chapter sister join the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family!

Thank you. I sure am excited. I am still riding the wave of "Wow, I can't believe it!"

Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

The Cliff Notes are that I was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, graduated from Ursuline College with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1989, and worked in the Intensive Care Units of several hospitals for over 15 years. I loved nursing, but had to retire in 2004 due to health issues.

I married the love of my life, David, on November 11, 2007. We have two daughters, Jacqueline and Cynthia. We have five-year-old granddaughter, Sophia and our first grandson, Liam, who was born in September. David and I live in Orlando, Florida and are active members of Mount Dora Chapter No. 103.

By the looks of your bio, I would say active is an understatement! When did your involvement with Eastern Star begin?

Being part of a Masonic family it was easy to get involved! I became active in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls Cleveland Assembly No. 2 in Ohio and served as Worthy Advisor in 1983, appointed as Grand Lecturer to District 3 West in 1984-1985 and received the Grand Cross of Color in 1985. I joined the Denison Chapter No. 436, Cleveland, Ohio, Order of the Eastern Star in June 1984. My mother, Jeanne Hastings, was Conductress for my initiation. In 1988, I served as Hostess for Denison Chapter in 1988 when my parents were Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

In 2004, I moved to Lehigh Acres, FL to be closer to my parents and joined Lehigh Acres Chapter No. 291. By this time, my parents, Jeanne and Bill Hastings, were 25 year members of the Order and were thrilled to see my future mother-in-law, Gerri Rosenthal, Past Grand Ruth, install me as Worthy Matron in 2006. Sadly, my parents passed away that same year, but I know they were smiling from heaven above when I became Grand Warder for the Covey/Earnhardt Grand Family in 2013/2014.

I served for seven years as Secretary at Mt. Dora Chapter

No. 103. 2012 was a busy year for both David and me. We served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. David served as Worshipful Master of St. Petersburg Lodge No. 139 and I was appointed Grand Instructor for District 14. Additionally, I was the Treasurer for Past Grand Patron Carl Hargrove's support group, Carl's Clue Seekers."

I am not a stranger to working for the Grand Chapter. I was a member of the Stargazer Committee both in 2011/12 and 2018/19. After serving as Grand Warder in 2013/14 for the Covey/Earnhardt Grand Family, I served on the Grand Chapter Credentials Committee from 2014-2017, State Chairman for the Youth Committee in 2017-2018, and District Chairman of Perpetual Membership 2019-2021. I was also a Past President of the Florida OES Secretaries Guild. Since 2019, I have a plural membership with Pine Castle Chapter No. 321 where I am currently serving as the Starpoint Electa.

Other Masonic memberships I belong to include Daughters of the Nile, Amaranth, Ladies Oriental Shrine, and I served on the advisory board of Largo Assembly No. 86, I.O.R.G. for six years.

What is your vision for the Order of Eastern Star?

Two of my primary goals for the Order are increasing membership and membership retention. I grew up in a Masonic family and married into another. It has always been my belief that we need to reconnect with our Masonic Brothers to grow our order to return it to its former glory. Eastern Star is a way to involve your whole family in the Masonic fraternity and we also need to support our future, our Masonic youth.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy day to speak with us!

It's been my pleasure!



Sandy Leduc Grand Conductress



Congratulations, Sister Sandy, on your election as Grand Conductress. Welcome to the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family!

Thank you. I still can't believe it's real and I've been so busy!

I can only imagine! Can you give us a snapshot of who Sandy Leduc is?

I was born in Lowell, Massachusetts and am the youngest of four children. We moved to Nashua, New Hampshire when I was just 4 years old. I attended and graduated from Rivier College in 1984 with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. I started out as an Administrative Assistant for Lockheed Martin and worked my way up the chain to be a Contracts Manager.

I met my husband, Gerry, when I was 16. We married in 1965 and have been together for 56 years. We have two daughters four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Is it true you and your husband retired on the same day?

Yes. (laughs) Same place, same day. We both retired from Lockheed Martin on December 19, 2014.

Are you involved with Rainbow Girls?

Oh yes. When I moved to Orlando, I was Mother Advisor to Rainbow Assembly No. 9. I enjoyed working with the young ladies, who are grown women with children of their own today.

When did you join Eastern Star?

In March of 1992, both of us joined the Order of the Eastern Star, Pilgrim Chapter No. 55 in Nashua, New Hampshire. I served in the station of Martha for several years.

When we moved to Orlando in 1997, Gerry and I joined Composite Lodge No. 293 which is now Orlando Chapter No. 131 and served in several stations there. I moved up the line and was proud to be Worthy Matron with my husband in 2016. I pluraled with Pioneer Chapter No. 99 and served as their Conductress in 2017. Later, I pluraled with both Mizpah Chapter No. 190 and Clermont Chapter No. 118.

I have been appointed to a few Committees for Grand Chapter and was appointed Grand Martha for the Strosnider-Williams Grand Family.

We appreciate you for taking time to share a little about yourself with our readers.

It's been my pleasure. I am looking forward to the next step in my journey in the Order of the Eastern Star!



Michael Clevens **Associate Grand Patron**



Congratulations on your election as Associate Grand Patron, Brother Michael!

Thank you. I look forward to serving with the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family.

Can you let our readers know a little bit about yourself: family, work life, hobbies?

My wife Sandy and I live in Davie which is just outside of Fort Lauderdale in South Florida. We have two daughters and two grandbabies, both boys.

I am a branch manager for a commercial pest control company that handles a small territory covering Melbourne south to Miami.

What things do you like to do in your spare time?

Lately during my spare time, you can find me on the golf course or watching the Gators on TV.

Tell us about your Masonic life and how you became involved in the Order of Eastern Star.

I honestly was not familiar at all with Masonry or Eastern Star prior to meeting my wife. I did discover that my grandfather was a Mason, but he died when I was 11 and my parents never talked about it. When Sandy and I were talking about marriage way back when she said I needed to become a Mason and then join the Eastern Star. (smiling) And as any smart man who enjoyed sleeping indoors would say, I simply replied "Yes, Dear." I was initiated into Eastern Star in 2001 into Tri-Gate Chapter No. 276.

What are your fondest memories of Eastern Star?

Memories. There have been so many good moments and memories, but being able to travel with my wife Sandy as she spent her year as Grand Martha in the Hyslop-Marshall Grand Family was a fantastic experience. The people I was able to meet across the state made a significant impact and memories that will last a lifetime. This was my first real taste of travelling across the state and getting to meet the membership throughout Florida.

What has Eastern Star meant to you over the years?

I spent the good part of my Eastern Star "youth" getting to know the basics of Star and the members of our chapter. I did a little travelling within the district. Luckily my Chapter is very receptive to new members and encouraged me to try different stations and, above all, they were patient with the learning process.

Any closing thoughts?

The more I learn about how the Order is making a great impact on the lives of those within and without the Eastern Star it makes my heart happy and pushes me to be more involved. I would challenge the membership to ask questions and most of all come back to Grand Chapter. Encourage the new members to attend Grand Chapter to see what is going on firsthand.

It is going to take all of us if we are to continue moving forward in the future. There is something real special happening here and we need to continue to support it and nurture it for it to continue to grow. We can do this together!

Thank you for sharing yourself with us. Good luck in the upcoming year as Associate Grand Patron!

It's been my pleasure! I am looking forward to being part of the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family.



Mary Ann Holt Associate Grand Conductress



Congratulations, Sister Mary Ann, on your election as Associate Grand Conductress. Welcome to the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family!

Thank you. I still can't believe it's real and I've been so busy!

I can only imagine! Can you give the readers some nuggets about yourself, some kind of special story?

I grew up in West Virginia, less than five miles from the college town where I attended West Virginia Tech studying, what else—Secretarial Studies—very popular in the early 70's. I have been a secretary or what they now call "administrative assistant" most of my life. Until my retirement in 2010 I spent thirty-plus years with one company. In addition to my career, I was secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, local Business Development Board, and many of the other volunteer boards and committees I worked with. I have served as secretary in two different Chapters in OES – 25 years in one Chapter and working on my 3rd year in my now Primary Chapter, Ruth No. 7. I guess you could say being a secretary will always be in my blood.

You and I must have used the same playbook. I grew up in West Virginia, went to business college in Parkersburg, and spend most my working life as an admin too. Small world! What else can you tell our readers about yourself?

I was widowed March 2, 2020, when I lost the love of my life, Richard Holt. He was an extremely dedicated 33 degree Mason who was set to retire at the end of the month. We never got to enjoy the plans of retirement together.

I'm so sorry.

Thank you. We have two sons, Gregory and his wife Debi, who live near me and Jeffery and his wife, Chris, who reside in LaBelle, FL. Our only grandson, Mason and his wife Amy gave us our first great-grandchild, Archie, and they live in Melbourne. This "Gigi" is very fortunate that Archie spends many weekends with his Gramms and Pops on their "farm" here in Okeechobee. My parents are both deceased and I lost my youngest sister to breast cancer in 2004. I have two sisters and a brother and their families who still reside in West Virginia and I look forward to visiting with them at every opportunity. My sister, Norma Parker, is Past Grand Esther of WV and was a Hummingbird for Sister Helen

Westmoreland, PMWGM, my own Past Grand Matron. And, of course, I cannot forget my Fraternal Family, the girls of the Westmoreland-Fiedler Grand Family.

When did you join Eastern Star?

I joined Eastern Star in January 1984 as quickly as I could after my husband became a Master Mason. I knew when he was studying to become a Mason that I wanted to be able to wear the formal gowns that I would see the ladies wearing as they entered the Lodge. I was installed into the station of Ruth in February and haven't stopped yet!

What makes Eastern Star special to you?

The friendships that I have gained over my 39 years in this Order have been the best part of being a member. For the most part, you never meet a stranger in the Eastern Star. With social media so prevalent in most of our lives today, we pretty much know one another before we have the opportunity to meet face-to-face. I have friends in many states now and, although I may never get the opportunity to meet them in person, their friendship and kindred love for the Order of the Eastern Star make them very special to me. The membership in Florida are some of the best people you will find anywhere. I am proud to call them my Sisters and Brothers.

Any closing thoughts or advice for our readers?

As the Associate Grand Conductress, I look forward to the next four years as I continue this journey. I am humbled by the tremendous amount of support I have received from my Sisters and Brothers. My primary goal as I travel our state and visit your Chapters is to bring enthusiasm to our meetings while remaining true to the principles and precepts that define our heritage. As members, we can and we should have fun but we must also be dedicated to our work in the Chapter Room.

We appreciate you for taking time to share a little about yourself with our readers.

It's been my pleasure. I am looking forward to the next step in my journey in the Order of the Eastern Star!



Dayle Schrock Grand Sentinel



Congratulations, Brother Dayle on your election as Grand Sentinel and welcome to the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family!"

Thank you. It is my honor to serve as Grand Sentinel for our beautiful chapter.

Can you give us a snapshot of who Dayle Schrock is?

I married my wife Donna on November 10, 1974 in Leesburg, Florida. We spent the next 18 years traveling all around the world and finishing my Air Force career in Las Vegas.

What can you tell our readers about your family?

I was born in Goshen, Indiana and moved to Ocala, Florida when I was 13. My family moved to Leesburg during my senior year. I graduated from Lake Sumter Community College with an AS Degree in Business. I lost my older brother who is buried in Leesburg. My older sister and twin sisters reside in Eustis.

Can you give the readers some nuggets about yourself, some kind of special story?

The 20 years in the United States Air Force was the best decision I ever made. My last assignment was at Nellis Air Force Base, where I flew to work on Mondays and came home Thursday nights, from Tonopah Test Range which was 200 miles North of Las Vegas, supporting the F117-A Stealth Fighter. Then I got a Contractor job with NASA and supporting the Shuttle program which I enjoyed for another 20 years. I am currently retired.

What are your Masonic roots? Tell us about when and how you became involved with Eastern Star.

When I married Donna, she introduced me to some friends who were Shriners. I was initiated into Masonry in 1978 and then Eastern Star. My Masonic career continued with Scottish Rite, Shrine, York Rite and the many associated Invitation bodies.

I was initiated into the Eastern Star Melbourne Chapter No. 106 in 1979 and demitted to Harbor City Chapter No. 263 in 1993. I served at Worthy Patron nine times at Harbor City and have served as its Treasurer since 2018.

I also belong to the Order of the Amaranth Ida E. Banks court No. 51 since 1999 and have served as its Treasurer since 2020.

Were you involved with Rainbow Girls or DeMolay?

Yes. I served several years as an Advisory Board member for Rainbow both in Melbourne, Florida and California. In 2013, I became a member of Florida Preceptory No. 1 DeMolay Legion of Honor.

What other activities have you done with Eastern Star and Masons?

I have been the Webmaster for FloridaOES.org since 2004 (except for 2006, 2013, and 2019). From 2016-2018, I was Webmaster for the General Grand Chapter website EasternStar.org.

I have been active with Masonry since I was initiated as a Master Mason in 1978. I served as Worshipful Master & President for District 23 Masters & Wardens in 1999, joined Scottish Rite in 1978 where I have been a member of the 24th Degree Team for 20 years, initiated in the AZAN Shrine in 1994 and was its First Ceremonial Master from 2000-2002.

Additionally, I have held many offices in the York Rite since I was initiated in 1998 where I am currently the Secretary/Recorder of Melbourne York Rite Bodies. In 2013 I was honored be installed as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal & Select Masters of Florida.

What makes Eastern Star special to you?

Family is everything. That's how Masonry and Eastern Star feel to me. As a member of the Order of Eastern Star for 43 years, I pledge 100% support to our membership and Grand Chapter.

Any closing thoughts for our readers?

The many years I spent traveling with Donna allowed me to meet some great Sisters and Brothers. They all have touched my heart and I look forward to maintaining this close relationship with all our Sisters and Brothers.

Brother Dayle, thank you for taking time to let our readers know a little more about you.

It has been my pleasure. I look forward to being part of the Jerrell-Jordan Family.



Appointed Grand Officers





Mickey Brown

Grand Chaplain



Congratulations on your appointment of Grand Chaplain, Brother Mickey! Welcome to the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family!

Thank you!

Can you tell us a little about yourself?

Many great men were born in humble places. One was born in a manger, one was born in a log cabin, but I, however, was born in Sweet Home Alabama. After a few days, I left the hospital to go home with my parents in Jay, Florida. I lived in my parent's house until I got married, then I lived in my grandfather Brown's house and now I live on my grandfather Nixon's farm. He died when my mother was eight years old.

I graduated from Jay Elementary School, Jay High School (Go Royals!), Pensacola Junior College (Go Pirates!) and the University of West Florida with a degree in Systems Science (Go Argos!). I began my 41-year working career with the Santa Rosa County School District in 1972 as a math teacher at Jay High School. After 15 years, I was able to transfer to the Data Processing Department in the district office for the final 26 years.

What about your immediate family? Any children?

I met my wife Roberta at a bowling alley. I was 22 and she was 19 but I did not believe her. She looked like she was too young to have a driver's license. I had her prove it by showing me her license. She still looks younger than her age even after 48 years of marriage. The weekend we got married, Brewton Alabama had one of its worst floods ever. The bowling alley was destroyed. We have two adopted daughters who have given us four grandsons.

Tell us about your Masonic and Eastern Star life.

Growing up I didn't know if any of my relatives were Masons. My dad was a member of the Lions Club. It wasn't until Covid hit that I learned that my great-great-grandfather Nelson Nixon was a Mason. I found a picture of his grave in a cemetery in Alabama on Find-A-Grave. There was the Masonic symbol. My exposure to Masonry came through Roberta and her family. Her father, mother and twin sister were Eastern Stars. After we got married, she moved her membership from her Alabama chapter to Jay Chapter No. 208. Past Grand Matron, Anita Atkins, took her under her wing. They traveled together everywhere. One time, they went on a bus trip to Miami to an honor night for Pat Williams. She told me some cockamamie story about how the bus broke down and they had to get another one which made them late getting there. So, I began asking questions about why this guy Pat Williams was so important. She told me if I was so curious, I should become a Mason. I did and then immediately joined the Order of the Eastern Star. Never have I made so many new friends so fast. Finally, I met Patricia Williams before she became Worthy Grand Matron.

Thank you for taking time to speak with us!

My pleasure.



Merry Berry Grand Marshal



Congratulations on your appointment as Grand Marshal, Sister Merry! Welcome to the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family!

Thank you! I am excited!

Can you let our readers know a little bit about yourself: family, work life, hobbies?

Well, I grew up in a Masonic family. Dad was Past Master of Arlington Lodge and Past Grand Officer of Grand Lodge. Mom is Eastern Star and was Past Matron of Tallahassee. All of us kids belonged to DeMolay and Rainbow.

My family moved to Tallahassee in time for me to go to FSU and get my Bachelor's and Masters in Special Education.

I wanted to meet a great DeMolay whom I married, Steve Berry. He is Past Master of Jackson Lodge #1, Past District Deputy Grand Master of Grand Lodge and went through the chairs with me at Tallahassee Chapter.

I retired in 2016 after teaching 35 years. I don't miss any of the paperwork but I dearly miss the children!

Hobbies?

I love the beach (my favorite place to be), traveling, gardening, and our Scottish history. Believe it or not, I listen to bagpipe music!

Were you involved with Rainbow Girls or DeMolay?

I was Worthy Advisor and Grand Confidential Observer in Rainbow. I loved traveling all three weeks during the summer and really appreciated those wonderful advisors giving up their vacation time to drive us around.

We are active in DeMolay with our boys. Steve was Executive Officer for the state of Florida for DeMolay for many years. Both our sons, Ian and Gregor, are Past State Councilors. Gregor is also Past Master of Jackson Lodge #1.

Any last thoughts for our readers?

I am so blessed to be given this honor of being appointed Grand Marshal. To meet and spend more time with my sisters and brothers is a God-given treat! Thanks be to God, Sister Gail, and Brother Kevin!

Thank you for sharing with us. It has been wonderful getting to know you better.

It's been my pleasure!



Katrina Keith

Grand Organist



Congratulations on your appointment as Grand Organist, Sister Katrina! Welcome to the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family, Sister Katrina!

Thank you so much and what an honor to be a part of the Jerrell/Jordan Grand Family!

What do you want our readers to know about you?

Eastern Star is very important to me and I have been around Masonic functions my entire life!

Can you give us a snapshot of who Katrina is?

I am a deeply caring individual whose family and close friends mean everything! I am very protective of those I love. I am a daughter, sister, Mama and Nana.

What can you tell our readers about your family?

I come from a Christian home with two wonderful parents and one sister, Sjahn. I have three grown children, Brock, Gill and Meghan and five grandchildren: Brailey, Shaylyn, Adison, Maddux and Palmer.

Can you give us some nuggets about yourself for our readers?

I grew up in Panama City. My parents were born and raised in Panama City and I am a third generation native Floridian (which is an "endangered species"). I am a Florida Cracker!

What do you do for fun?

I enjoy reading, playing the piano, embroidery, spending time with my family, and picking up seashells on the beach.

What are your Eastern Star / Masonic roots?

My Grandparents, Aulred and Opal Gill, were 60+ year members. My Granddaddy performed my initiation. I have a wonderful Masonic heritage in my Dad, grandparents and aunts and uncles. I was a part of my Grandparents' Installation in 1976 and was awestruck (at the age of 12) at the beauty of the ceremony. I knew I wanted to be a member from then on.

When did you join the Eastern Star?

I was initiated in 1999. I have been in the Eastern Star for almost 25 years. I have served at several stations and in the East twice. I am a member of Parker Chapter No. 96!

What makes Eastern Star special to you?

I am so proud to be a part of the Eastern Star and am honored to be a part of an organization that cares about others and helps in so many ways. It is my hope for our beautiful Order that we stay true to our original intent and focus and continue to care about not only our membership but all those with whom we come in contact.

Good luck with your appointment as Grand Organist! It's been a pleasure finding out a little more about you. Thank you for sharing your time with us today.

Thank you, it's been my pleasure! I look forward to being part of the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family.



Shyre Jordan Grand Adah



Congratulations on your appointment as Grand Adah and welcome to the Jerrell-Jordan Family, Sister Shyre!
Thank you.

Can you give us a snapshot of who Shyre Jordan is?

I grew up on a farm in Berlin Pennsylvania, Somerset County. I was very avid in 4-H where I showed cattle in county and state fairs. In my junior year of high school I won Grand Champion Showman with my steer, Flash, which I raised from a calf. One of my 4-H leaders was Fern Bitner (Okeechobee Chapter) which I reconnected with years later at a Grand Chapter Grand Representatives Luncheon. She was sitting across the table from me, we were amazed after all the years to be reconnected, first a mentor and now a sister!

What can you tell our readers about your family?

Kevin and I will be married 42 years as of August 29th. We have two children Michelle and James and three grandchildren, Liam (8), Amelia (7) and Madelynne (5) who all keep us very busy with sleepovers, soccer, dance, and everything that goes with being a grandmother!

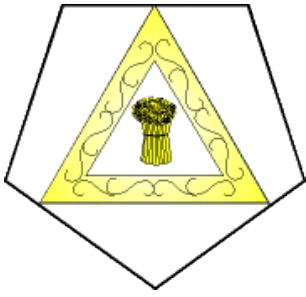
When did you join Eastern Star?

Pat and Chuck Milnes of Gulf Beach Chapter No. 241 is the reason Kevin and I became members of OES 25 years ago. Our daughter was in Rainbow, Sister Pat was Mother Advisor. After Rainbow meeting she would always bring up Star. It took a few months, but we finally decided to fill our the application for membership she gave us. We were initiated together starting our OES life.

OES is something Kevin and I can do together. I love the fact the we help so many with our charitable organization.

Thank you for taking to time to share yourself with us.

Thank you. It's been a pleasure sharing with you a little about myself and I look forward to being a part of the Jerrell-Jordan family.



Patty Lyles Grand Ruth



Congratulations on your appointment as Grand Ruth, Sister Patty. Welcome to the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family!

It's my honor to be appointed to serve as Grand Ruth for 2023-2024 and look forward to being part of the Jerrell/Jordan Grand Family.

What can you tell our readers about you and your family?

I was born in Youngstown, Ohio where I lived most of my life. I met my husband in 1972 and we married in 1973. We will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary on July 14.

Congratulations! It's a rare milestone these days to reach 50 years of marriage!

So true!

What about your children? Grandchildren?

We have two children: a son and a daughter. Our son is an engineer for Motorola and our daughter-in-law is a teacher in Painesville, Ohio. We have three beautiful grandchildren and one step grandson whom we love dearly and that we are so proud of. Our daughter is a Doctor of Information Technology Focusing on Syber Security Assurance and is retired.

What led you to Florida?

Our dream was always to live in Florida after we retired. So, in 2005 my husband retired from Penn Power, and we built a house in Cape Coral, Florida on December 2005. But we also purchased a manufactured home in Horizon Village and decided to sell our house and move back here where all our friends are. I worked at Lee County Permitting for almost 12 years working at a job I loved, and it was closer to drive to work from here with less traffic.

What do you do for fun?

We have a RV and travel about in the summer. An interesting fact is we never know where we are heading. We might have a general idea, but we stop and sightsee along the way. Sometimes we make our destination but sometimes we find something that interests us along the way. So, we stop and stay.

Sounds fun!

It is! You never know what's going to turn up in our travels.

When did your involvement with Eastern Star begin?

I was initiated in The Order of the Eastern Star on February 4, 1987 at East Palestine Chapter #381 in East Palestine, Ohio. My husband Dave joined The Masonic Lodge in 1985. I could hardly wait to join Star. Dave's Uncle was a Mason, and his Aunt was an OES member in Chicago, IL. After initiation, as a new member, I accepted the position of Associate Conductress and was installed as WM in 1991. I am currently serving as Worthy Matron with Fort Myers Chapter No. 31 for the second time.

What makes Eastern Star special to you?

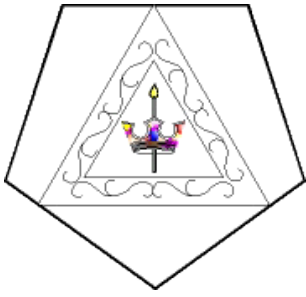
Star is very special to me because I have met so many wonderful people and have made long lasting friendships. I enjoy the symbolism and wonderful stories of our Heroines. I have always identified with the story of Ruth. Her depth of devotion, pity, and compassion that she portrayed in her story, has always touched me.

Any closing thoughts?

Being appointed as Grand Ruth this year, I can spread goodwill amongst our sisters and brothers throughout the state of Florida. I am excited to greet the members of Eastern Star in their Chapters and to associate a name with a face as we travel around the state.

It's been wonderful getting to know you a little better.

Thank you it's been a pleasure and for allowing me to share a little bit about myself and my family.



Linda Barton

Grand Esther



Congratulations Sister Linda on your appointment as Grand Esther. Welcome to the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family!

Thank you! I am so excited and it is still hard to believe!

What do you want our readers to know about you?

I was born on December 23 in the small town of Baker County, Macclenny, Florida and at that time was one of the moonshine capitals of the United States.

I worked as a phlebotomist until I met my husband, Buddy.

I had four beautiful children and was a stay-at-home mom. When the children all got in school, I went to work and back to school myself.

What about hobbies?

In my spare time I love to sew and make jewelry.

Tell me more about your Star life.

Buddy had been a Mason for over 30 years and spoke to me about how the Eastern Star ladies who would cook and help at his lodge.

We decided we wanted to be part of Eastern Star were initiated together into Lake Butler Chapter. With Buddy at my side, I have served as Worthy Matron of Lake Butler chapter, Grand Instructor of District 7 and now am honored and proud to serve as Grand Esther for the Jerrell/Jordan Grand family.

Any closing thoughts?

I am looking forward to a busy year filled with fun, laughter, and love.

It's been a pleasure getting to know you, Sister Linda! Congratulations again!

Thank you. It's been wonderful getting to know you as well!



Kim Grubbs Grand Martha



Congratulations on your appointment to Grand Martha, Sister Kim! Welcome to the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family!

Thank you! It's my honor to be a part of the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family.

Can you give us a snapshot of who Kim Grubbs is?

I'm a southern girl who was born in New Orleans, raised in South Louisiana in a strict Southern Baptist family. I am an only child and my family is extremely close. The majority of my family roots is in the Louisiana-Mississippi area. I am a cousin to Bonnie Parker of "Bonnie and Clyde." My husband Kerry and I were high school sweethearts and we have been married since June 23, 1979 and we have two daughters and six grandchildren. I have owned my own florist in Fernandina Beach.

How interesting! What about your interests and hobbies?

I raise butterflies as a hobby. I love to camp with my grandchildren and sometimes I'll invite my husband Kerry to join us. I fulfilled some of my bucket lists by flying to California to be one of the many floral designers who decorated one of the Rose Bowl parade floats and decorated the Louisiana Governors mansion. Every year I travel back to Louisiana to ride in my Mardi Gras parade.

A little birdie told me you are a great fan of Donny Osmond.

Oh, yes! have been a fan of Donny since I was 12. I attended my first concert in 1972 and I've seen him in concerts in New Orleans, Las Vegas, Miami and St Augustine as well as seeing him many times with back stage passes and private autograph signings. At one signing, I was talking to his sister, Marie Osmond, and mentioned our boat was named Paper Roses. (My husband is an Engineer in Pulp and Paper and I owned a florist shop, so the name was perfect.) She took it as a nod to her hit "Paper Roses" and had me send her a photograph of our boat. Every time my girlfriends and I see Donny Osmond, he remembers us. Here's one of my favorite pictures of us for your readers!



How did you become involved with Eastern Star?

While in high school around 1976, I was a Rainbow Girl. After reaching majority, I got married and started a family. In 2014, my 28 year old cousin, Jory, was the Worshipful Master of his Louisiana Lodge. He was killed in a ATV accident. Attending his funeral, I felt I needed to go back to my Masonic family. I petitioned Fernandina and was initiated. My first station was Martha. The death of a person in their vigor of life was the reason I returned and now I am Grand Martha else.

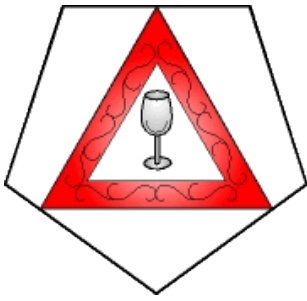
What does Star mean to you?

I love the history of Eastern Star and after my meetings when I was the Worthy Matron of my chapter for three years, I would ask trivia questions about Eastern Star for prizes. I'm very passionate about Eastern Star. I love my sisters and brothers you get out of what you put into it.

When I attend any Eastern Star event, I feel the biggest excitement. Being with Sisters and Brothers who share the same interest and a love for our order. There's an unbreakable bond. I look up to our Past Grands for guidance and look to them to lead by example. I have deep admiration and respect for my sisters and brothers. Learning and sharing our history, the good deeds we provide for others in need, and the dedication we have for each other. I value my sisters and brothers and what Eastern Star stands for.

It sounds like you are living life to the fullest! Thank you for taking to give our readers know a little more about you. Again, congratulations on your appointment!

Thank you for taking the time to interview me and I look forward to serving as Grand Martha for the Grand Chapter of Florida.



Donna Stowers

Grand Electa



Congratulations, Sister Donna on your appointment as Grand Electa. Welcome to the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family!

Thank you!

What do you want our readers to know about you?

I live in the panhandle of Florida, about ten miles north of Milton, Florida and about fifteen miles from the Alabama State line. (I'm just a good ole country girl.)

I was married to my husband Arnold for forty-eight years. We were blessed by two children, my son Travis and my daughter Megan. I have three beautiful granddaughters, Elisabeth, Addie and Allie and one handsome grandson, Payton. I spend my free time watching them play baseball, softball and volleyball. I love them "BIG TIME."

What is your experience with Eastern Star?

I was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star on November 21, 1983. I'm a retired RN of thirty-two years and had the pleasure of serving as the Grand Nurse several times. I have held numerous stations in my primary and plural Chapters, including serving as Worthy Matron twice. I was honored to serve as Grand Representative of Tennessee in Florida as well as receiving other Grand Appointments. I have made many life long friends through Eastern Star.

Any closing words?

I would like to thank Mia and Papa Kevin for honoring me with a Grand appointment. I will do my best to make them proud.

Thank you so much for sharing a little bit of your story with us! It has been wonderful getting to know you better. Good luck with your Grand Electa appointment!

It's been my pleasure. I look forward to being part of the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family!



Richard Henderson

Grand Warder



Congratulations, Brother Richard on your appointment as Grand Warder and welcome to the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family!"

Thank you. I am so excited to be part of this Family!

What do you want our readers to know about you?

I was born and raised in Wisconsin, in a little town called Foxboro. My parents owned and operated a Dairy Farm. After graduating from high school, I went to a community college for two years and trained to be an electrician. This was my trade all my life, which took me to different states for employment.

When did your involvement with Eastern Star begin?

I met my deceased wife in Colorado and she and her parents were very involved in Eastern Star. After a few years of watching her come and go to Star meetings, I asked her how I could become a member. She said first you must become a Mason. Not coming from a Masonic family, I didn't have a clue as to what to do. One day at church I mentioned it to a friend and asked him how I could become a Mason. He got the application to me, and it took off from there.

Over the years, I have been Master of the Lodge in Duluth Minnesota, President of the Shrine Club in Fort Myers and various other positions, Worthy Patron in Duluth, Minnesota, and Fort Myers Florida. I have been a member of Eastern Star for thirty-five years. My wife passed away in 2016.

In 2018 I served as Grand Warder of Minnesota, served as Grand Representative to Florida in Minnesota and filled various positions in Minnesota and Florida.

How did you meet Sister Gail?

In 2018 I met Gail on a cruise. She was running as a candidate for Associate Grand Conductress and she basically told me to get lost, that I was a distraction for her.

What did you do to make her change her mind?

I didn't give up. We were married in June 2020 and the rest is history.

Any closing thoughts?

I enjoy serving as Grand Warder of Florida and being able to travel around the state to make new friends and of course, being able to assist my wife, the Worthy Grand Matron.



Grand Chapter News





Grand Chapter News

Jerrell-Jordan Grand Officers Installed April 20, 2023



WGM Guest Speaker at Grand Court of Amaranth

May 2023

On May 18th, our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail Jerrell, had the opportunity to speak about The Order of the Eastern Star at the Informal Opening of the 2023 Grand Court Session of the Order of the Amaranth. She represented our Order with pride and introduced the Grand Officers who accompanied her for the evening.

— Valerie Tooma Gray,
Reporter, Stargazer Committee



Left to right:
Linda Barton, Grand Esther; Debbie Rosenthal, AGM; Donna Schrock, PGM;
Sharon Strosnider, PGM; Gail Jerrell, WGM; Roslyn Heath, Grand Royal Matron;
Richard Henderson, Grand Warder; Dale Schrock, Grand Sentinel

WGM Represents Order of the Eastern Star at Grand Lodge of Florida

May 2023

As is customary with the Grand Lodge of Florida during their Annual Grand Communication, the appendant bodies are invited to attend a specific session to be recognized. On Monday, May 29, Grand Lodge acknowledged the appendant bodies, allowing the state leaders of those respective bodies to introduce their distinguished members who accompanied them. Our Worthy Grand Matron did a wonderful job representing our Order.

— Valerie Tooma Gray
Reporter, Stargazer Committee



Row 1: Donna Schrock, PGM;
Gail Jerrell, WGM
Row 2: Linda Barton Grand Esther;
Mary Ann Holt, AGC; Sandy Leduc, GC
Row 3: Henderson, Grand Warder;
Dale Schrock, Grand Sentinel



WGM & WGP Homecoming

Some Enchanted Evening Honoring Sister Gail Jerrell, Worthy Grand Matron & Brother Kevin Jordan Worthy Grand Patron

Saturday, May 13, 2023

Registration 4:00 pm Dinner 5:00 pm

\$25 Catered Meal

Trinity United Methodist Church

4000 NW 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

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Some Enchanted Evening Homecoming for WGM & WGP

May 2023

Saturday, May 13th, was a very special night for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as it was their Homecoming (*honor night*) in Gainesville. The Toast Mistresses were Sister Joy Feit, Triennial Other Assembly Committee (Personal Page to Right Worthy Grand Trustee) and Sister Floye Hyslop, PGM (a/k/a "Great Grandma and Grandma" respectively to the Grand Officers).

Those in attendance included the 2023-2024 elected and appointed Grand Officers, some of our General Grands and Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, and many

members from around the state. There were "opportunities to own" which included several baskets, "grab" bags, and of course the infamous "50-50."

The food was excellent and the fellowship fantastic. The Grand Officers performed a skit for their "Grand Mom and Dad," (aka Sister Gail Jerrell, WGM and Brother Kevin Jordan, WGP). The participants all wore masks with feathers as they were representing songbirds. Sister Gail and Brother Kevin were each given a mask to wear during the skit as they were the "prince and princess" birds who protected the songbirds.

— Valerie Tooma Gray
Reporter, Stargazer Committee



L to R: Floye Hyslop PGM; Gail Jerrell, WGM; Kevin Jordan, WGP; Joy Feit, Triennial Other Assembly Committee (Personal Page to Right Worthy Grand Trustee)

Some Enchanted Evening Homecoming for WGM & WGP



Remember,
That Life is a Journey,
Enjoy the Ride,
Tell Someone You Love Them,
and
Always Keep a Song in Your Heart.



For more pictures, visit Florida Eastern Star Facebook page and Florida Eastern Star webpage at floridaoes.org



WGM Visits Minnesota's Grand Chapter

May 2023

Gail Jarrell, WGM accompanied by her Grand Officers Sandy LeDuc, Grand Conductress and Richard Henderson, Grand Warder and other Eastern Star members PP Jerry LeDuc, PM Joan Gilmore of Ft. Myers Chapter #31, and PG Marshal Judi Dorn of Freedom Chapter #291, arrived in St. Cloud, Minnesota Wednesday afternoon in time for a fun get-together where the out-going Grand officers were "roasted."

MWGM Glenda Winchester, PGM of Nevada, along with RWAG Conductress Barbara Holmes and WG Marshal Susan White, PGM of California who were also attending the Minnesota Grand Chapter session.

PMWGM Pat Rasmusson invited everyone Mexican restaurant a block away for lunch. Good socializing!

The session started formally on Tuesday, running through Saturday afternoon for installation of 2023-24 Grand Officers.

Minnesota's membership is smaller than Florida, so everyone recognizes friends. There were 287 registered for Grand Chapter, from 33 chapters. Three chapters didn't attend, because they are in the process of consolidating or demitting.

Friday evening's meeting included an initiation of ten new

members, and the Grand Officers did a beautiful job! The Grand Officers love to officiate at initiations at their Official Visits, and even did one two days after they were installed!

Grand Chapter honored Grand Families from 10 and 25 years ago, and even honored Brother Glen Carlson, PGP 50 years ago. Most of the sisters still fit into their dresses!

The Grand Chapter meetings, including legislation and election, went very smoothly, due in part because members are giving proposed legislation beforehand and so it is not read, and the voting on elected officers went smoothly because there was only one candidate for Associate Grand Conductress and for Grand Sentinel.

A charity told about is a trust fund called "Jack's Basket." A Mason and his wife had a baby, which the nurse told them had Down's Syndrome and then left the room. The new parents of course had no clue how to handle this. This charity now provides the parents and nurses materials to help them understand what to expect and how to handle a child with Down's Syndrome so the child will be grow up with love and acceptance.

— Joby Gilmore
Ft. Myers Chapter No. 31



GWM Gail Jarrell, PMWGM Pat Rasmusson (PGM MN), G Warder Richard Henderson

It's GAME TIME at AGM & AGP Honor Night



Barn Dance at Grand Conductress & Grand Sentinel Honor Night



For more pictures, visit Florida Eastern Star Facebook page
and Florida Eastern Star webpage at floridaeas.org



Grand Officers Schools of Instruction

April 2023

First Grand Officers School of Instruction Hosted by Grace Chapter No. 8

First Grand Officer School [was held] at Grace Chapter tonight. The meal was good, the room was packed, and the officers did a great job. A wonderful evening with so many sisters and brothers.

— Beth Bergmann

It was a wonderful evening. Great food and wonderful fellowship and the officers did beautiful exemplification.

— Joy Feit

*Triennial Other Assembly Committee
(Personal Page to Right Worthy Grand Trustee)*



May 2023

Deland Chapter Hosts Grand Officers School of Instruction

Had a great time and a good group at our Grand Officers School of Instruction at Deland Chapter last night.

— Gail Jerrell, WGM





What Are You Doing For the Good of the Order?

An Essay

Little is known about the actual drafting of the Declaration of Independence, except that Thomas Jefferson wrote it in two weeks, that he turned neither to book nor pamphlet but drew upon his own knowledge of political philosophy.

Along this same line of thought, let's reflect for a minute upon the Order of the Eastern Star. With chapters giving up their charters, chairs being left vacant, and membership declining in just about every area, we hear members commenting that Eastern Star is old-fashioned, what we need are new ideas and new blood. I'll buy the new ideas and the new blood theory, but never the thought that Eastern Star itself is old-fashioned. Who can be so brazen and so wanting in wisdom as to think that the Golden Rule is outdated? Well, isn't our Order based upon those same principles?

The growth and strength of every Chapter depend upon its members. No one person can do it alone. Just as the Worthy Matron is instructed regarding her duties during the installation, there is also definite action

and direction given for every member being installed.

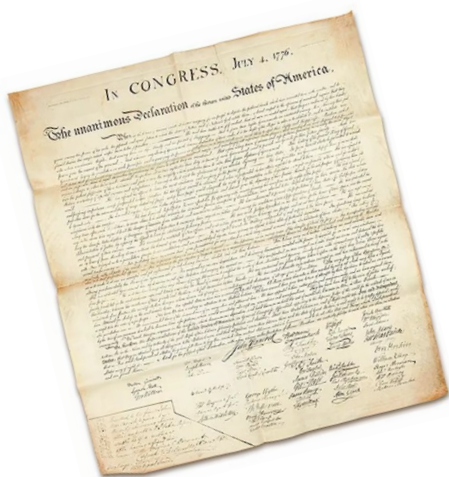
In every Chapter, there must be unsung heroines (granted their names are not recorded as Past Matrons or Patrons) in the back of the Chapter Bible or in the Secretary minutes; however, they are the true strength of the Chapter.

Thomas Jefferson concluded his masterpiece with these words:

"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

We too, as members of the Order of the Eastern Star, have a war to win. Think about the dedication of our forefathers and the time you are about to find fault with someone or something or when you are requested to help out or put in the line, ask yourself, "Just what am I doing for the Good of the Order?"

*Submitted by Gail Jerrell
Worthy Grand Matron*





OES Community





District 1



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

March 2023

Pensacola Chapter No. 253 Celebrates Special Eastern Star Sisters

It was an exciting day on March the 3rd as four Extremely Old Eastern Star Sisters and Friends celebrated their birthdays and shared some Eastern Star memories.

Pictured at the right are

Fay Landrum, 97, born March 12 and a member of Florida Chapter No. 9; Inez Gilley, 94, born November 18 and a member of Pensacola Chapter 253; JoAnn Maxwell, 88, born February 25, and a member of Florida Chapter No. 9; and the youngster of the group is Emma Lou Tucker, 87, born on February 3, and a member of Pensacola Chapter No 253.

Together their ages total 366 years total on the planet which is an equivalent to a leap year. When you get these four together the stories go on forever!

— Ronald L. Parks, PP
Pensacola Chapter No. 253



L to R: Fay Landrum (97), Inez Gilley (94), JoAnn Maxwell (88), Emma Lou Tucker (87)

June 2023

Milton Chapter No. 189 Gives Warm Welcome to AGC Mary Ann Holt for Official Inspection

My very first Official Inspection is in the books! A huge thanks to the Officers and Members of Milton Chapter for a wonderful night! Such a warm and friendly Chapter- the decorations were beautiful, the food was delicious and the courtesy was great! It was an awesome evening fill with fun and fellowship. And thanks to Brother Bill Kranz, PGP, for assisting me in the East! !

— Mary Ann Holt
Associate Grand Conductress





District 5

Crawfordville, Tallahassee, Washington



Congratulations to District 5 New Grand Instructor

April 2023

Congratulations to our 2023-2024 District 5 Grand Instructor, BethAnn Dillon!

– Joyce Defibaugh, PG Adah Reporter, Stargazer Committee



Left to right: Joyce Defibaugh, Lois Berry, Merry Lynne Berry, Eileen Bramblett, Tawanna Hays, Jane VanArsdall, BethAnn Dillon, Zoe Mansfield, Susie Tooke, and Ormond VanArsdall

May 2023

Tallahassee Chapter No. 119 Welcomes AGM Debbie Rosenthal for Official Inspection

I so enjoyed the evening. So happy I got to see my Grand sister Jeri Gibson! Thank you so much to Tallahassee Chapter for all the wonderful hospitality shown to me and my traveling companion Elizabeth Eldridge!

– Debbie Rosenthal
Associate Grand Matron



May 2023

Washington Chapter Gives Warm Welcome to WGM Gail Jerrell for Official Visit

Official visit at Washington chapter tonight. What a wonderful chapter. Members were real friendly, food delicious and courtesy was cute!

– Gail Jerrell
Worthy Grand Matron





District 6

Branford, Chiefland, Grace, Mayo, Sante Fe



March 2023

Grace Chapter No. 8 Holds Closed Officer Installation

After postponing their Open Installation due to lots of heartache within the Chapter Grace Chapter #8 held a closed installation at their regular stated meeting Monday March 20, 2023 welcoming Worth Matron Patty Taylor Roach and Worth Patron Robert Skipper to the East.

Installing Officers were Associate Grand Matron Gail Jerrell and Richard Henderson. Other installing officers were Installing Marshal Ruth Ann Gresham, Installing Chaplin Marlene Phillips and Installing Organist Sue Taylor.

Grace Chapter would like to thank Sister Robin Kimbrell for a great year, and Sister Patty—we can't wait to see what you have planned for this year. Let's let the Old Crows Sing.

— Paula Jenkins, Marshal
Grace Chapter No. 8



May 2023

Branford Chapter No. 112 Welcomes GC Sandy Leduc and Grand Sentinel Dayle Schrock for Official Inspection

Grand Conductress Sandy Leduc and Grand Sentinel Dayle Schrock, at the Official Inspection of Branford Chapter #112. Fellowship, friendships, and delicious food were enjoyed by all. It was definitely a wonderful and enjoyable meeting!

— Rose Marie Ogo



June 2023

Chiefland Chapter No. 251 Welcomes WGM for Official Visit

Last night's official at Chiefland Chapter. Meeting was wonderful and such good food. Cute courtesy with angels

— Gail Jerrell
Worthy Grand Matron



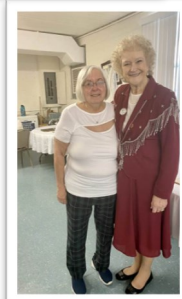
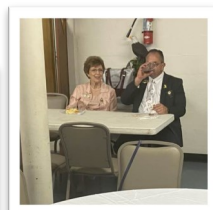
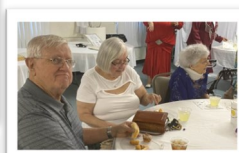
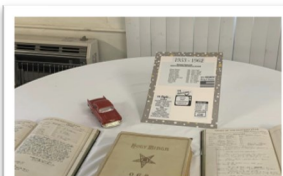
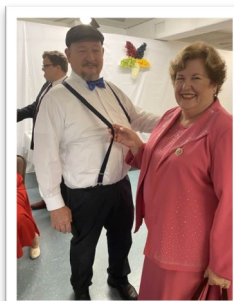


District 7

Keystone Height, Lake Butler, Micanopy



Micanopy Celebrates One Hundred Years!



April 2023

Ruth Ann Gresham: Thank you all that came to make this day special!

Nancy Robinson Brandlein: Micanopy #140 on a successful birthday celebration! It was interesting looking at the Secretary and Treasurer's books thru the years. Belleview 122 and Ocala 29 members truly enjoyed themselves.

Bonny Dionne: Tina Polsen put this together for the 100 year anniversary. She did an awesome job at it.





District 7 (cont.)

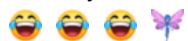
Keystone Height, Lake Butler, Micanopy



June 2023

Micanopy Chapter No. 140 Welcomes AGM Debbie Rosenthal for Official Inspection

Official Inspection of Micanopy Chapter No 140, wonderful evening with the officers and members of this Chapter. WM Tina really put a lot of thought into the Disney Princess theme of the evening. Brother Hillary Cowart Jr. made princess balloons that were just precious. From beginning to end just an enjoyable evening. The courtesy was one I won't ever forget....Tinker Bell was just



— Debbie Rosenthal, AGM





District 8

Callahan, Orange Park, Riverside, Wesconnett



March 2023

Fernandina Chapter No. 55 Hosts Tea to Honor Susan Sebelist, Grand Electa

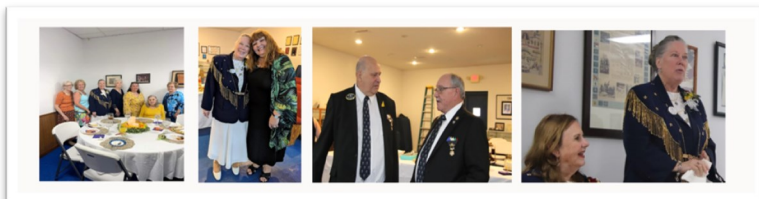
On March 5, Brother Dennis Sebelist, Past Patron of Fernandina Chapter 55, organized a lovely Tea party to honor his wife, Grand Electa Susan Sebelist.

Everyone had a wonderful time.

– Susan Sebelist, Grand Electa

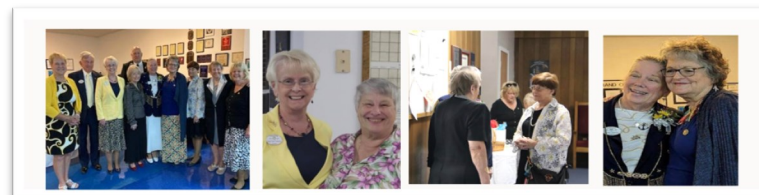
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- Picture 1: Joann Wilder, Annette Acosta, Susan Sebelist, Sandra Ingram, Maria Milton, Betty Matthews, Annette Myers
 Picture 2: Susan Sebelist, Tina Mazzola
 Picture 3: Dennis Sebelist, Bill Kranz
 Picture 4: Mickey Wise, Susan Sebelist



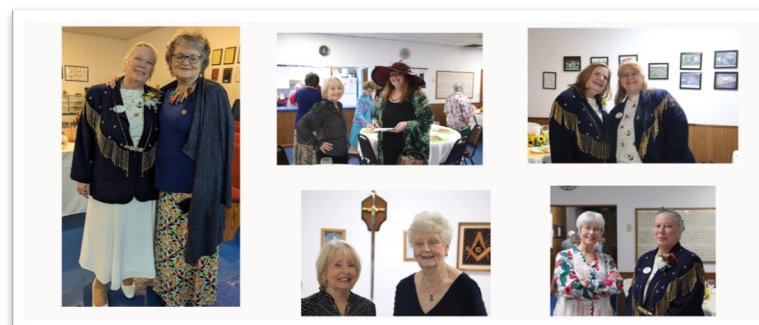
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 Picture 2: Suzie Ruskosky, Candy Haddix
 Picture 3: Catherine Miller-Thomas-Miller (back), Jean Starke, Joy Feit, Tina Mazzola, Candy Haddix
 Picture 4: Jean Starke, Lucy Hickox
 Picture 5: Carolyn Kranz, Susan Sebelist



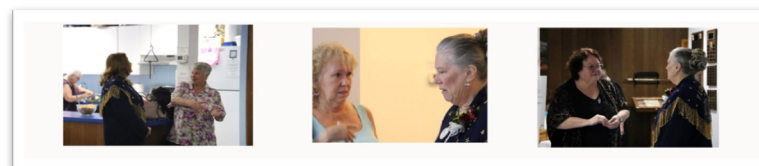
3rd Row

- Picture 1: Susan Sebelist, Rosann Parr
 Picture 2: Jeanne Lannon (back), Jean Starke, Joy Feit, Tina Mazzola, Candy Haddix
 Picture 3: Mickey Wise, Rhonda Allen, Grand Marshal
 Picture 4: Jean Starke, Lucky Hickox
 Picture 5: Carolyn Kranz, Susan Sebelist



4th Row

- Picture 1: Mickey Wise, Candy Haddix
 Picture 2: Annette Acosta, Susan Sebelist
 Picture 3: Jeanne Lannon, Susan Sebelist





District 10

Barberville, Daytona, Deland, Deltona, New Smyrna



April 2023

New Smyrna Welcomes Newest Grand Representatives

Congratulations to Florida's newest Grand Representatives. At tonight's meeting on April 10 at New Smyrna #3, Sister Floye Hyslop, PGM, announced Sister Chrissy Runyan, PM of Daytona #1 as the new Grand Representative to West Virginia and Sister Karen Leedham, PM of New Smyrna #3, and Past Grand Marshal of NJ, as the new Grand Representative to Iowa.

— Linda Waltz



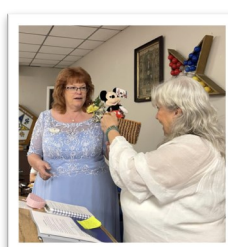
Chrissy Runyan, Grand Representative of WV, Floye Hyslop, PGM, Karen Leedham, PM Grand Representative of Iowa

May 2023

Daytona Chapter No. 1 Welcomes AGM Debbie Rosenthal for Official Inspection

Absolutely lovely evening with the Sisters and Brothers of Daytona Chapter No 1 for their Official Inspection. The dinner was absolutely delicious and my compliments to the chef, their AP Pat who served as WP last night. Courtesy was so enlightening and a lot of thought was put into it by WM Wally. So enjoyed having Sisters Floye Hyslop PGM and Sharon Strosnider PGM joins us. Thank you so much to the members of Daytona for amazing evening .

— Debbie Rosenthal
Associate Grand Matron





District 11

Bellevue, Inverness, Ocala



May 2023

Bellevue Adds New Chapter Members

We at Bellevue Chapter #122 are very pleased to say we are growing again. May 2nd 2023, following a delicious meal, Bellevue welcomed five new members to our chapter. Officers did a fantastic job and new members were very impressed. New sisters and new brother are from left to right front row of picture. BJ Johnson, Sonja Greer, Thomas Wade, Patricia Wade and Kesarin Ketpara.

— Kimberly Fiscus



New Bellevue Chapter Members in front row left to right .
BJ Johnson, Sonja Greer, Thomas Wade, Patricia Wade and Kesarin Ketpara

June 2023

Bellevue Welcomes AGC Mary Ann Holt For Official Inspection

A great evening at Bellevue NO. 122 last night. Linda Every was my traveling companion. Great to see Sister Joann Inzer Green and Brother Gus. Thanks to our Grand Conductress, Sister Sandy Leduc and Brother Gerry for attending. A very friendly Chapter, made me feel so welcome. Santa and Mrs. Claus showed up to escort me through the Christmas courtesy - I love Santa, he's my fun emblem.

— Mary Ann Holt
Associate Grand Conductress





District 12

Clermont, Leesburg, Mount Dora



May 2023

WGM Gail Jerrell Attends Leesburg Chapter No.84 for Official Visit

Leesburg Chapter No. 84, had their Official Visit by Sister Gail Jerrell, WGM accompanied by Brother Kevin Jordan, WGP, on May 26th , with several of their Grand Officers also in attendance. This evening was a "special" meeting, so no business of the chapter was discussed.

Prior to the meeting, dinner was served, and it was enjoyed by all. Two officers voluntarily exemplified their lectures for those in attendance. Refreshments were served in the dining hall following the close of the meeting.

– Valerie Tooma Gray
Reporter, Stargazer Committee



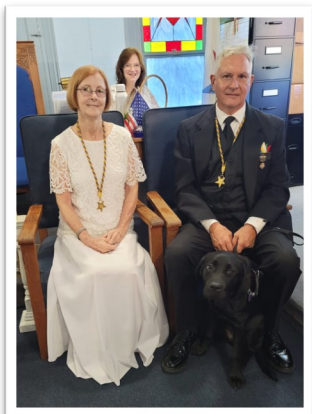
Left to right
Donna Stowers, Grand Electa; Kim Grubbs, Grand Martha; Linda Barton Grand Esther; Patricia Lyles, Grand Ruth; Shyre Jordan, Grand Adah; Mary Ann Holt, Associate Grand Conductress; Sandy Leduc, Grand Conductress; Margaret Nathurst, GGCCM (Benevolence), Grand Treasurer; Debbie Rosenthal, AGM; Gail Jerrell, WGM; Gerri Rosenthal, Past Grand Ruth, Worthy Matron, Leesburg No. 87; Worthy Patron, Leesburg Chapter No. 87; Kevin Jordan, WGP; Mickey Brown, Grand Chaplin; Richard Henderson, Grand Warder

March 2023

Puppy Esther Visits Mount Dora Chapter No. 103

We had a wonderful visitor this evening at Mount Dora Chapter #103 Order of the Eastern Star. Puppy Raisers for the Southeastern Guide Dogs in Palmetto FL. Jocelyn Hargrove and Carl Hargrove brought Puppy "Esther" with them, who is now 6 months old, to our meeting. She is in training and we are blessed to have Sister Jocelyn and Brother Carl as part of our Chapter. They have trained over 49 dogs. We are very proud of them & delighted that our Chapter can be included in "socializing with others training." She was very well behaved. Several times during the meeting our members had applauded others and Esther never barked. Also pictured is Elizabeth Carlson our Chapter Secretary.

– Gerri Rosenthal, Past Grand Ruth



April 2023

Mount Dora Celebrates 105 Years

Mount Dora 103 had a wonderful birthday meeting last night, celebrating 105 fantastic years of fellowship and family!

We were honored to welcome sister April O'Connell Blankinship's mom and dad - PGP and Past Grand Marshal from out of state, as well as our own Linda Every, GGCCM in Youth. It was so nice to have sideliners!!

– Kelly Boeder





District 14

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



April 2023

Pine Castle No. 321 Initiates 6 New Members

On April 10th Pine Castle Chapter No. 321 initiated 3 new members into the Chapter. Welcome Tashaumbea "Hunter" Hunter, Anna and Ravi Sonny! Brothers Hunter and Ravi are members of the Pine Castle Lodge No. 368.

— Michele Guest
Worthy Matron



Left to right: WM Michele Guest, Hunter, Anna, Ravi, WP Jim Guest

June 2023

Mizpah Chapter No. 190 Welcomes WGM for Official Visit

Mizpah's Official Visit on June 8 was so wonderful. The decorations, food and fellowship was outstanding. The WM did a great job. The courtesy was written by Sister Joan Schwebel, a song which had the audience participation. So cute and original.

— Gail Jerrell
Worthy Grand Matron



L to R: PGM Sharon Strosnider, PGM Lynda Wingate, WGM Gail Jerrell, WM Carla Girtman, WP Patrick Biggs



WGM Gail Jerrell,
WM Carla Girtman, WP Patrick Biggs



L to R:
Michele Guest, PG Chaplain; Marcia Burk, WM; Lynda Wingate, PGM;
Patty Lyles, G Ruth; Gail Jerrell, WGM; Carla Girtman, WM;
Patrick Biggs, WP; Bob Hanky, WP; Dave Lyles, WP; Jim Guest, WP



District 15

Bethlehem, Brooksville, Gulf Beach, Magnolia, New Port Richey, Queen Esther



May 2023

Queen Esther Chapter No. 4 Welcomes WGM Gail Jerrell for Official Visit

First official Visit of the year as WGM at Queen Esther Chapter last night. Such a warm friendly chapter. Sister Judy Covey PGM and WM of the chapter and her officers did an outstanding job in their work. So proud of the chapter.

— Gail Jerrell
Worthy Grand Matron



May 2023

Bethlehem Chapter No. 169 Holds Friendship Night

On May 15, 2023, Bethlehem Chapter No 169 held Friends Night. Members from Gulf Beach Chapter No. 241, Queen Esther Chapter No. 4, and New Port Richey Chapter No. 117 attended as the Friends of Bethlehem's officers. Everyone had a wonderful time!

— Maggie Pankonie, WM
Bethlehem Chapter No. 169



Left to right

1st Row: Janet Taylor; Judy Covey, PGM; Rosemarie Pignataro, PG Chaplain; Lorraine Smith; Cindy Lucas, WM, New Port Richey No. 117; Nancy Burnett

2nd Row: Judy Smedile, PM; Sharon Marshall, PG Adah; Allison Blanchett, PG Marshal; Martha Buono, PM; Doreen Hilts, PM; Pat Mossburg, PM

3rd Row: Barbara Marrs, PM; James Moore, PP; Barbara Moore, PG Warder; Steve Johnson, PP; Charles Bailey, PP

June 2023

Gulf Beach No. 241 Welcomes AGC Sandy Leduc for Official Inspection

June 13 was most rewarding evening for me to hold the Official Inspection of Gulf Beach No. 241 with a first time Worthy Matron at her first Official. You would never have known she had not done this for years as she was just perfection. The Associate Patron gave the long lecture, word perfect, and was such an honor for me to hear. Many sideliners, my family, attended and we all had a wonderful evening. Thank you Gulf Beach!

— Sandy Leduc
Associate Grand Conductress





District 17

Annie H. Schneider, Crescent, Desota, Plant City



April 2023

OES and Masonic Chapters Adopt Burney Elementary School

OES Plant City Chapter No. 81 partnered with Olin S. Wright Chapter No. 79 to adopt Burney Elementary School. On April 28, Burney hosted an appreciation breakfast for their volunteers and partners. Such a wonderful morning with great networking! We are excited to be helping the community.

— Michelle Wilson
Reporter, Stargazer Committee



April 2023

Plant City Chapter Celebrates New São Paulo Grand Representative

Plant City Chapter No. 81 congratulates Sister Linda McCool for her position as Grand representative of São Paulo, Brazil.

— Michelle Wilson
Reporter, Stargazer Committee



Mike McCool, WP and Linda McCool, Grand Representative of Sao Paulo



District 17 (cont.)

Annie H. Schneider, Crescent, Desoto, Plant City



April 2023

Desoto Chapter No. 201 Installs First Time Worthy Matron

Desoto Chapter No. 201 congratulates first-time Worthy Matron Kimberly Ledford and Worthy Patron Daniel Allen. We are excited for the next year and wish both of them much success!

— Michelle Wilson
Reporter, Stargazer Committee



April 2023

Plant City Chapter No. 81 Installs First Time Worthy Matron

Congratulations to first-time Worthy Matron Sheila Perin and returning Worthy Patron Mike McCool. We are excited for the next year and wish both of them a wonderful year!

— Aimee Jones-Pippin
Plant City Chapter No. 81



District 18

Bradenton, Englewood, Sebring



Bradenton Chapter No. 87 Welcomes Sandy Leduc, Grand Conductress for Official Inspection

May 2023

On May 25th, Bradenton Chapter No. 87 had their Official Inspection by Sister Sandy Leduc, Grand Conductress as Deputy for the Worthy Grand Matron. She was accompanied by Brother Dale Schrock, Grand Sentinel. Prior to the meeting the Chapter gave a wonderful dinner prepared by the local Amish Community. It was truly delicious. The meeting went well, and a courtesy was given. Dragonflies were abundant and Brother Dale was given a bag with a dragonfly imprint on the outside to carry for Sister Sandy as they visited the Star Point Officers to collect the various dragonflies. The courtesy was enjoyed by all, and cake was served following the meeting.

— Valerie Tooma Gray
Reporter, Stargazer Committee



Left to Right:
Dale Schrock, GS, Sandy Leduc, GC, Leslie Ainslie, Conductress, Bradenton Chapter No. 87, Sherry Willhite, Electa, Bradenton Chapter No. 87

Sebring Chapter No. 126 Welcomes Debbie Rosenthal, AGM for Official Inspection

June 2023

Official Inspection of Sebring Chapter No 126. What a lovely evening, so enjoyed all the hospitality and warmth of the members of this Chapter. One of the best parts was getting to see my Grand sister Ida Mary Spears

— Debbie Rosenthal,
Associate Grand Matron





District 20

Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres, Peace River



May 2023

Fort Myers No. 31 Hosts District 20 School of Instruction

District 20 held their District School of Instruction, May 6, at the Fort Myers Chapter No. 31. Sister Dee Steeb, Grand Instructor, informed us of the WGM, Gail Jerrell's instructions, by providing us with general information and guidelines for this upcoming year. Those present were Peace River Chapter No. 30, and Fort Myers Chapter No. 31. Lehigh Acres Chapter No. 291 held their School at a later date.

— Patricia Lyles
Grand Ruth



March 2023

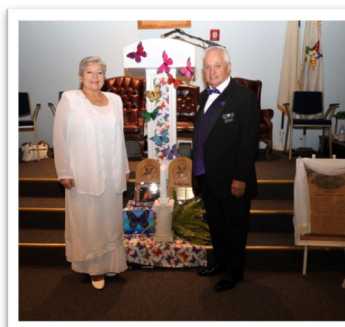
Fort Myers Chapter No. 31 Holds 115th Officers Installation

Fort Myers Chapter No.31 held their 115th Installation of Officers on March 11, 2023. Those installed as their new core of Officers as shown in the picture below.

Worthy Matron Patricia Lyles and her Worthy Patron decorated East promoting this year's Theme, "Be Your Own Kind of Beautiful." Honoring Martha's Station, Fun Emblems, Apron and Butterfly, with their Watchwords, Grow, Evolve and Transform. Scripture Romans 12:2. Her Motto, Butterflies can't see their wings; they can't see how truly beautiful they are, but everyone else can. People are like that as well. (Unknown)

Sister Margaret Nathurst, GGCCMB, PGM, wrote and narrated our very impressive Addenda.

— Patricia Lyles, WM
Grand Ruth



Patricia Lyles, Worthy Matron,
David Lyles, Worthy Patron.



From left to right

1st Row: Karen Charlebois, Esther; Terry Elizando, Associate Conductress;
Ellen Brasseur, Conductress; Pamela Leever, Associate Matron;
Patricia Lyles, Worthy Matron; David Lyles, Worthy Patron;
Phillip Leever, Associate Patron, Patricia Benedict, Secretary;
Franciel Williams, Treasurer; Joan Gilmore, Martha; Pat Cooper, Ruth
2nd Row: Ron Tice, Sentinel; Laura Belle Daniels, Adah; Beth Tice, Warder,
David Wolfe, Organist.



Star Point Sisters from left to right,
Sisters Pamela Leever, PGR, Bible Bearer; Melinda Crites, Electa; Joan Gilmore,
Martha; Patricia Benedict, Esther; Franceil Williams, PGC Ruth; Sue Smedley, Adah;
Margaret Nathurst, Narrator



District 21

Okeechobee, Ruth, Sebastian, Unity



May 2023

District 21 School of Instruction

Just a few pictures of our District 21 School of Instruction with Grand Instructor Brother Frank Woodall. Great food, lots of beautiful fellowship and a great School. We are blessed to have such a wonderful District.

– Mary Ann Holt, Associate Grand Conductress



Left to right: Laz Trejo WM, Carol Hemmis, PM; Karen Howell, DES; and Mike Miskew Director of HFSSF

May 2023

Unity Chapter No. 37 Welcomes Associate Grand Matron for Official Inspection

Official Inspection of Unity Chapter No 37 on May 25, 2023. Wonderful evening full of lots of love and laughter. We so enjoyed dinner at Luna Italian restaurant in downtown Stuart that we had to do the photos after the meeting. How adorable is everyone in the Minnie and Mickey ears!

– Debbie Rosenthal Associate Grand Matron





District 22

Iretta Sherman, Lake Worth, Lakeside, Star of Jupiter, Tri-Gate



March 2023

Eastern Star Chapters Present Check to Honor Flight SF

Tri-Gate Chapter No. 276 and Doric Lodge No.140 presented a \$200.00 check to Honor Flight South Florida.

Present were Laz Trejo WP, Carol Hemmis, PM; Karen Howell, OES; and Mike Miskew, Director of HFSF.

— Carol Hemmis, PM



Left to right: Laz Trejo WM, Carol Hemmis, PM; Karen Howell, OES; and Mike Miskew Director of HFSF

June 2023

Lakeside No. 271 Welcomes Grand Worth Matron for Official Visit

Wonderful night at Lakeside Chapter last night. So much fellowship and good food

— Gail Jerrell, Worthy Grand Matron



Announcements & Classifieds

Grandest Roast and Toast

Guest of Honor

Sister Gail Jerrell

*Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Florida*



Hosted by OES Districts 9, 10 & 11

Saturday-September 30, 2023

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Event at 7:00 p.m.

Orange Park Chapter No. 226

**511 Kingsley Avenue
Orange Park, FL 32073**

Toastmaster: LoraMac Kraynick, PGE



Dinner is \$20.00 (\$18.70 + \$1.30 tax)

Special Basket Raffle

Proceeds Benefit the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project

By RSVP Only by September 10, 2023; No walk-ins will be accommodated

RSVP to: LoraMae Kraynick (904)707-1466/loramae@comcast.net

Checks Payable to Southside Chapter #28

Lodging By Reservation

Courtyard by Marriott Jacksonville Orange Park

610 Wells Road, Orange Park FL 32073

(904) 854-1500

\$129/per night. Must book by September 10, 2023. Rate Code:Order of Eastern Star

**Southside #28
10934 Lippizan Dr.
Jacksonville, FL 32257**

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GRAND OFFICERS SCHOOL of INSTRUCTION



When: Saturday, October 7, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Where: Ensley Chapter #244, OES, Pensacola, FL

(Ensley Masonic Lodge #278, 8640 N. Palafox St.)

Meal (RSVP by 9/23/2023)

Lunch served at 12:30 p.m.

\$ 11.16 + .84 tax = \$ 12.00

Check payable to Ensley Chapter No. 244

SSAE to Patricia A. Brune, Secretary.

2328 Belleflower Road, Pensacola, FL 32526 or
paid tickets held at desk in chapter lobby

Lodging

Country Inn & Suites by Radisson

2607 Wilde Lake Blvd.

Queen Beds - \$ 108.00 +

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**Gail Jerrell, Worthy Grand Matron
Kevin Jordan, Worthy Grand Patron**

Hosted By

**Fort Myers Chapter No. 31
South West Florida Masonic Center
10868 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers, Fl. 33916
Saturday, October 21, 2023**



**Dinner 5:45 P.M.
Meeting 7:00 P.M. EST
Catered Dinner \$20.00**



**RSVP date October 4, 2023
Checks payable to Fort Myers Chapter No.31
Mail payment to: Pat Benedict
2248 Sunrise Blvd, Fort Myers, Fl. 33907
239-939-5363**



Hotel Deadline September 21, 2023

**ask for OES rate Hampton Inn
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Fort Myers, Fl. 33916
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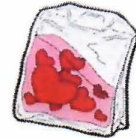
*Fort Myers Chapter No. 31 cordially invite you to attend our
Trifecta of All Stars
Honoring our very own
Margaret Nathurst, General Grand Chapter Committee Member
Patricia Lyles, Grand Ruth
&
Richard Henderson, Grand Warder*

*Sunday, October 22, 2023
11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

*Southwest Florida Masonic Center
10868 Metro Parkway
Fort Myers, Florida 33966*



2023-2024 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.

What is your incentive?

Not only do you help save lives but you also help your Chapter and District earn bragging rights as top Donors and a Party will be given to the #1 chapter and #1 district!

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:

Patty Roach
16011 27th Road
Lake City, FL 32024 or pattyroach@hotmail.com

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,
Patty Roach, Chairman
Rose Ogo
Katie Mason
Carol Hemmis
Debra Bussell

Name _____ Address _____

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