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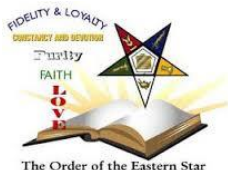
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## Our Mission

*As members of the Order of Eastern Star, our mission is to broaden our ability to love and show love to each other and to the Masonic Family. We will continue to learn and practice the teachings of the Order by letting our light shine through the Word of God, placed on the Altar and surrounded by the Five Heroines. They teach us the meaning of Honor, Dedication, Courage, Faith and Love for ourselves and others. That we may share Charity to everyone and the Community will know us by our Virtues.*

### From the Editor-in-Chief:

*If you don't sacrifice for what you want,  
then what you want becomes the sacrifice.*

*Frank D. Bush*  
Grand Worthy Patron



*"... Joy and Truth shall beam sincere  
from the darkness of the night."*

Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star  
Of Kentucky, Inc., Prince Hall Affiliation  
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Address of  
Felecia J. Ballard  
Grand Worthy Matron



Tuesday, August 2, 2016  
Galt House Hotel  
140 North Fourth Street  
Louisville, Kentucky

To: The Honorable Dwight R. Barnett, Grand Master, Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & AM of Kentucky, Inc., Frank D. Bush, Grand Worthy Patron, Brenda A. Murphy, Grand Associate Matron, Donald E. Thompson, Sr., Grand Associate Patron, all elected, appointed Past and Present Grand Officers, Past Grand Worthy Matrons, Past Grand Worthy Matrons, all Members Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Kentucky, Inc., PHA.

**I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. Psalms 121:1-2**

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who has allowed us to assemble here at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky for the 121<sup>st</sup> Grand Communications. I humbly present myself to you as the Forty-Ninth (49<sup>th</sup>) Elected Grand Worthy Matron of Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter.

It has been my esteemed honor to serve you as Grand Worthy Matron this past year. The journey over the past year has been an educational experience. I am thankful to the Lord and to you our members for allowing me the opportunity to serve you! I have tried to represent you and fulfill my duties to the best of my ability. I thank you for all the invitations I received to attend your Chapter Meetings, Prayer Breakfasts, Color Teas, Luncheons, Banquets etc. I certainly enjoyed traveling throughout the commonwealth to your events. I thank you for your support, acts of kindness, words of encouragement, gifts, cards, calls, hugs, smiles, and guidance. Your support with all of our activities during the year has made this a good year!

Further, I thank those who traveled with us to the Mid-West Regional Conference March 17-20, 2016 in Des Moines, Iowa. The first traveling trophy for the 50|50 Give-A-Way is now at the Stokes, Finley, Mahan Memorial Home. Also, Dwight R. Barnett, Grand Master, was the recipient of the 50|50 Give-A-Way this year.

I thank you for traveling with us to the Conference of Grand Master, Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons in Cherry Hill New, Jersey May 10-15, 2016. We recognize PGWM Donna Hawkins, for the past six years she has conducted the Line Officers Training at the conference. Members of our sister jurisdictions look forward to her workshop. For she shares information that is valuable and can take back to their jurisdictions. We attend these conferences to keep fraternal relations with our sister jurisdictions. Fraternal relations comes to our advantage, when we have to call upon other jurisdictions for assistance. It is good to see what others are doing!

#### **Grand Officers:**

I want to thank you for your support this past year. I know we have stepped out of our comfort zone, I have pushed this year, but you have stepped up and performed your task well. Thank you for embracing the vision God gave me for Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter. Jurisdiction we have an awesome Grand Cabinet, who loves and supports this jurisdiction. We should give a round of applause for their efforts. Likewise, I thank our Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Past Grand Worthy Patrons for your guidance, support, knowledge and wisdom. Whenever, I called upon you, you were there and that means much. For it is your shoulders we stand on, you paved the way for us! We give you a standing ovation!

**District Deputy Grand Matrons:**

First, let me say thank you for the work you are doing in your districts. The job of a deputy is not an easy task, but you have performed graciously. You have been in the field working for the good of your members. You have kept them informed and you have kept them up to date with activities of the Grand Chapter. You planned beautiful district meetings and all of the District Lecturers presented well planned lectures. We also thank you for taking the socks collected at the District Meetings to your local nursing homes. That shows we care about others. This year the District Deputies worked closely with the Grand Lecturer in planning a Joint Administrative Degree that was held March 5, 2016, after the Central District meeting. We had over 20 Matrons and Patrons to receive their degrees. We held monthly conference calls each 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. The monthly conference calls allowed us the opportunity to stay connected and on the same page as we carried out work for the year. Continue with your good work!

**Copeland Grand Chamber of Diamonds:**

The Diamonds are continuing to grow stronger. I am very excited about their willingness to serve. I thank Grand Guardian Tanya Miller and Grand Associate Guardian Kennetha Bryant for the progressive program they have presented this year. We look forward to your future plans! Guardians of the Chambers, thank you for your support and working with our children. We all need to encourage our young people for they are growing up in a troubled world, much more than your and my generations.

**State of the Order:**

Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter is a daily operation. We are assuring that the laws of the Grand Chapter are being followed. We presently have 30 Chapters, 5 Districts. We have 580 sisters and 122 brothers for a total membership of 702. We currently have three chapters who are without local lodges, because their lodges became defunct during the year. We are working closely with the Grand Lodge, District Deputy Grand Matrons, District Deputy Grand Masters and the Worthy Matrons to resolve this situation quickly, and will be resolved in the near future to have these chapters assigned to a new lodge. We currently have all the Grand Chapter Forms on the Grand Chapters Webpage. You are now able to type your reports, print them out and send to the Grand Chapter. For chapter secretaries who do not have computer access, we will still provide you with hard copies of the forms.

We recognize that we have chapters who are struggling. I encourage you reach out to your District Deputy Grand Matron's and let her know your situation. We are all in this together. We are here to help to one another, we are here to strengthen the membership so we can ensure this organization will be in existence for years to come. I want you to know, that I appreciate everything our chapters are doing to support this body.

I encourage all of us to continue to study our rituals and read our By-Laws, attend chapter meetings and School of Instructions. That way we will have a better understanding of the processes and protocols of the Subordinate Chapters and Grand Chapter. No individual knows it everything, but together, we know a wealth of information that can be shared with others.

**Community Involvement:**

Our chapters are involved with community activities throughout the jurisdiction. I encourage you to continue with your good works. This year I, challenge all of us, to become more visible in the community. Let your light shine before men so they can see your good works! We do good things to help others, it is up to us to start telling our story! When people who are not a part of the organization see you doing something that is positive and helping others, they will start to inquire who are they and how can I find out more about them.

**Social Media:**

The Social Media Policy became effective March 1, 2016. While, Social Media can be an effective communication tool, it can have negative effects, as well. I caution us to watch the type of post we post we are the face of the Order of Eastern Star and we always want to portray what we represent in the most positive light. Remember our conduct and behavior as a member is always under review.

**Criminal Back Ground Check:**

The Criminal Back Ground Check became effective March 1, 2016. Now, before persons can be investigated they have to go through a Criminal Back Ground Check.

**Necrology:**

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. The Angel of Death came to visit our jurisdiction 20 times this year. We will forever cherish their memory. We will always remember the contributions that they made to our order. Let us continue to keep their families lifted in prayer. For to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

**Stokes, Finley, Mahan Memorial Home:**

Located at 4200 West Broadway is a beautiful piece of property that was given to Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter by Past Grand Worthy Matron, Hattie Louise Taylor. Yearly, improvements are made to the home. We have a new heating and air condition unit. The outside of the home has been freshly painted and the windows have been washed. The next project for the home is to have the property fenced in. The Open House was a success on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. I thank both the organizers and the members for coming to the home. I really appreciate the dedication (List the board). A special thank you to PGWP Harold Goode and PGWM Ann G. Goode, for the commitment to the home. They take care of our home as though it is their own home. Words cannot express how much we appreciate you!

## THANKFULNESS

As I look back over the last year, my heart is filled with thankfulness!

We have so many wonderful things to thank God for. As we look around at the state of our country, we are experiencing we could be another historical Presidential election. Many of us may have friends and loved one who are overseas fighting for our country. We thank and praise God for keeping His loving arms of protection around them. We can look at society, we witness senseless killings of what seems to be now, on a daily biases. We thank God for his protection. We can look at our local communities and are thankful for our friends, family, homes, food to eat, clothes on our backs and the air we breathe. We are thankful for how the Lord provided us through His creation of flowers, as we gaze at the evergreens, we can look to the hills from whence comes out help, for our help comes from the Lord. That alone is enough to be thankful!

In everything we do we should give thanks. We often complain about things that happens to us. We ask the question “why is it always me,” Things happened and we wonder why. We think how I can be thankful in a challenging situation. First and foremost, we have a God who answers prayer, so we should never be anxious in any situation. Just remember God’s got and he does not put more on us than we ca bare. For we know all things work together for the good to them who love Goad, to them who are called according to his purpose. Rev. Andre Crouch penned, I thank for the mountains I thank Him for the valleys, I thank Him for the storms he brought me through, But, if I never had a problem, I wouldn’t know that He could solve them. I wouldn’t know what faith in God could do. How many of us has God brought through something?

We give thanks for God for His:

Marvelous works      Psalms 9:1

Mercy and Kindness   Psalm 116:1-2

Power                      Psalms 21:13

Word                        Psalms 56:10

I ask the question, who is thankful to God?

I am thankful, because he woke me up this morning and touched me with the His finger of Love.

The Baker is thankful because He is the living Bread

The Educator is thankful because He is the Great Master Teacher

The florist is thankful because He is the Rose of Sharon

The Sheep are thankful because he is the Good Shepherd.

We, the believers and followers of Christ are thankful because He is our all and all.

We have five victorious heroines we are thankful, because we model our lives after theirs:

Sister Adah because of her devotion

Sister Ruth because she was a true friend

Sister Esther because of her wisdom

Sister Martha because of her faithfulness

Electa because of love and hospitality

These were Fairest Among Thousands Altogether Lovely.

We are most thankful for the star in the east that shined so brightly, that wise men came from the east to Jerusalem saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. That bright star is Jesus Christ!

How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me? Things so undeserved yet you gave to prove your love for me the voices of a million cannot express my gratitude all that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to thee.

Committed in His Service,

*Felecia J. Ballard*

Felecia J. Ballard  
Grand Worthy Matron  
Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter  
Order of Eastern Star  
Of Kentucky, Inc., PHA

**Felecia J. Ballard, Grand Worthy Matron  
Itinerary 2015-2016**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
August 8, 2015	District Deputy Grand Matrons Meeting\Training Meeting	Ashler Lodge No. 49 Richmond, Kentucky
August 22, 2015	Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter Grand Cabinet Meeting	Ashler Lodge No. 49 Richmond, Kentucky
August 29, 2015	Diabetes Walk, Ismid Temple No.110	Coldstream Park Lexington, Kentucky
August 24, 2015	Teleconference with DDGM	
September 7, 2015	Winchester Kentucky Labor Day Parade	Winchester, Kentucky
September 12, 2015	Organizational Meeting	Parkland Masonic Temple Louisville, Kentucky
September 13, 2015	Prince Hall Day South Central District	St. Paul A.M.E. Lexington, Kentucky
September 19, 2015	South Central\Eastern District School of Instruction	Georgetown, Kentucky
September 19, 2015	Damascus Ball	Galt House Louisville, Kentucky
October 2-4, 2015	Midwest Les Amies 31st Annual Meeting	Kansas City, Kansas
October 10, 2015	Kentucky State University Homecoming Parade	Frankfort, Kentucky
October 12, 2015	Queen Vashti No. 37 Official Chapter Visitation	Georgetown, Kentucky
October 13, 2015	Grand Cabinet Picture Session	Parkland Masonic Temple Louisville, Kentucky
October 17, 2015	Bluegrass Auxiliary of the Phyllis Society	Stokes, Finley, Mahan Home Louisville, Kentucky
October 18, 2015	Aurora Chapter No. 96 Gospel Explosion Presented 50 Year Pin to Sis. Lacreteria Green Baptized Pentecostal of Holiness	Louisville, Kentucky
October 24, 2015	Ritual Revision Committee Stokes, Finley Mahan Home	Louisville, Kentucky
October 25, 2015	Phyllis Wheatley No. 39, OES Annual Color Tea	Richmond, Kentucky
October 29, 2015	Ashler Lodge No. 49 Community Service Banquet	Richmond, Kentucky
November 7, 2015	Kentucky Les Amis Planning Meeting	Louisville, Kentucky
November 7, 2015	GWM Prayer Breakfast	Parkland Masonic Temple Louisville, Kentucky



November 7, 2015	Lily White Chapter No. 132 Thomas A. Sims Lodge No. 170 Worthy Matron and Worshipful Master Banquet	Valor HALL Oak Grove, Kentucky
November 11, 2015	Madison County African American Veteran Celebration	First Baptist Church Richmond, Kentucky
November 14, 2015	Copeland Grand Chamber of Diamonds Planning Meeting Stokes, Finley Mahan Memorial Home	Louisville, Kentucky
November 24, 2015	Rose of Sharon No. 56	Mt. Sterling, Kentucky
December 5, 2015	Grand Board Meeting	Stokes, Finley, Mahan Home Louisville, Kentucky
January 9, 2016	OES Workshop	Grand East Louisville, Kentucky
	Grand Chapter By-Laws Committee Meeting	Stokes, Finley, Mahan Home Louisville, Kentucky
January 16, 2016	King Solomon Lodge No. 8 Masters Ball	Double Tree Suites by Hilton Hotel Lexington, Kentucky
January 18, 2016	Madison Country Branch of the NAACP MLK Celebration	First Baptist Church Richmond, Kentucky
February 2016	Black History Celebration Naomi No. 6	St. Paul Baptist Guthrie, Kentucky
February 27, 2016	Copeland Grand Chamber of Diamonds State Wide Initiation	Grand East Louisville, Kentucky
March 5, 2016	Central District Meeting State Wide Administrative Degree Planning Meeting Council of Celebration	Grand East Louisville, Kentucky
March 11-12, 2016	Desert Conference	Paducah, Kentucky
March 17-, 20, 2016	Mid-west Regional Conference	Des Moines, IA
March 26, 2016	Far Western District Meeting	Paducah, Kentucky
April 2, 2016	Eastern District Meeting	Covington, Kentucky
April 9, 2016	Western District Meeting	Henderson, Kentucky
April 16, 2016	South Central District Meeting YMCA Black Achievers Banquet	Harrodsburg, Kentucky Embassy Suites Lexington, Kentucky
April 21-23, 2016	Kentucky Council of Celebrations	Ramona Inn Louisville, Kentucky
April 30, 2016	Knight Templar Charity Ball	Hopkinsville, Kentucky
May 11-15, 2016	Conference of Grand Masters, Grand Matrons & Grand Patrons	Cherry Hill, New Jersey
May 28, 2016	Ismid Temple No. 110 Potentate and Charity Ball	Capital Plaza Hotel Frankfort, Kentucky

June 11, 2016	Queen Esther No. 4 Annual Color Tea  Rev. Calvin Coles, Pastor Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, Pastors Pre-Anniversary	Ninth Street Tabernacle Ministries Paducah, Kentucky
June 12, 2016	1 <sup>st</sup> Statewide Copeland Day	Gavin House Bowling Green, Kentucky
June 24-25, 2016	Attend Last Rites and Celebration of Life Services for Melinda R. Evan, PGWM Prince Hall Grand Chapter Indiana Jurisdiction	Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Indianapolis, Indiana
July 7, 2016	Grand Communications Meeting and 150 Year Celebration Meeting	Parkland Masonic Temple Louisville, Kentucky
July 9, 2016	Mizpah Chapter No. 16 1 <sup>st</sup> Prayer Breakfast	Prince Hall Village Frankfort, Kentucky



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**Annual Address**  
**of the**  
**Grand Worthy Patron**

**Galt House Hotel**  
**140 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Louisville Kentucky 40202**  
**Tuesday, August 2, 2016**

To: Grand Worthy Matron, Felecia J. Ballard, Grand Associate Matron, Brenda Murphy, Grand Associate Patron, Donald E. Thompson, Sr. and to all elected and appointed Grand Chapter officers, past and present and to all my Sisters and Brothers.

I bring you greetings from the Office of the Grand Worthy Patron.

It has been a pleasure to serve you for the past year and I would like to say that I appreciate the confidence that you have shown in me by electing me to this prestigious office.

During the past year, in the performance of the duties of the Grand Worthy Patron, I have accompanied the Grand Worthy Matron to numerous subordinate chapter functions, as well as other Masonic PHAmily functions and community events. I would like to thank everyone for their gracious invitations as well as the warm hospitality extended to me by all of my sisters and brothers. Attached to this address is a list of my travels.

As most of you know, I have served as the editor of the Star Gazer for the past year. I would like to thank Sis. Alethea Bernard, No.37 for serving as the Grand Publisher of the Star Gazer. Her dedication and artistic gifts has made my job infinitely easier and the rebirth of YOUR publication a rousing success. I would also like to thank Sis. Aletha Fields, No.20 for joining our staff as Assistant Editor. Just maybe, someday in the near future, I'll be out of a job!

I want to thank every member, every chapter and every Grand Chapter officer who have submitted articles, because without you, this publication could not have succeeded. I look forward to your continuing support of Cecelia Dunlap's official publication.

As I read the articles submitted by you, I am encouraged by the many acts of kindness, charity and goodwill exhibited therein. We truly are an awesome Order. So, continue doing what you do, but do it more often, do it on a grander scale and do it out of love and compassion for all mankind.

We are an Order unlike any other. As declared in part in our Mission Statement, "*our mission is to broaden our ability to love and show love to each other*", "*We will continue to learn and practice the teachings of the Order by letting our light shine through the Word of God*" and "*That we may share Charity to everyone*".

*It is the sum of these components that make our Order unique. We must practice and show love for one another first and foremost. Without love, respect and tolerance for each other our Order is no different than any other organization. We must learn the traditions and rituals of the Order and once learned we should endeavor to teach these traditions to those that are or become members of our Order. This responsibility devolves upon every member of the Order of the Eastern Star, but even more so on our leaders, our Matrons, Patrons and Associate Matrons. It is therefore of the utmost importance that we chose our leaders carefully, based on merit.*

*And lastly, we should practice that greatest of all virtues, Charity, for we will forever be remembered by the good deeds we do. The smallest charitable act is greater than the grandest promise.*

*I close with this simple statement to ALL my sisters and Brothers,*

***If U-R1-B1***

Respectfully Submitted

Frank D. Bush,

Grand Worthy Patron

## Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter Questionnaire Report

Galt House Hotel

140 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Louisville, KY 40202

August 3, 2016

Prepared by:  
Frank D. Bush, GWP

The Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter Questionnaire was developed to provide a platform for the members of this Order to voice their opinions, concerns, likes and dislikes regarding this Order; and to solicit suggestions for improvement.

The questionnaire was sent to every Worthy Matron in the jurisdiction requesting that they see that every member of their chapter received a questionnaire. The questionnaire was also posted on the Grand Lodge website for members to be able to download it.

When creating this document it was my hope that it would serve as a means of creating a dialog between the Subordinate Chapter Worthy Matrons, the District Deputy Grand Matrons and your elected Grand Chapter Officers to address your concerns as well as to consider your suggestions for improving this great Order, increasing membership and making every members voice a part of this discussion.

My goal of this report is to simply report what it is that you the members have said and allow your words to be a starting point for moving our Order forward.

Of the approximately 700 members in the Jurisdiction I have received responses from 44 members representing each of the five districts.

## District summaries

### District

#### Far Western Respondents – 12

Attendance – 0-10% (1); 20-40% (2); 50-70% (1); 75-100% (8)

Chapter Attendance average – 35%. Respondents considered attendance fair

Reasons for attendance: disinterest, Health, Night driving, work.

Dedicated members show up

Ritualistic Opening: 100% (10); 75% (1); 0% (1)

Charity: 11 of 12 stated they participate in charitable endeavors

District Meetings: 9 stated they attend, 1 when they can, 1 no, not a good time,  
1 no, because Matron doesn't.

#### Western Respondents – 16

Attendance – 50-70% (2); 75-100% (14)

Chapter Attendance average – 50%. Respondents considered attendance good

Reasons for attendance: any excuse to cancel, attendees consist of Past Matrons,  
feelings get in the way and people stop coming.

Ritualistic Opening: 100% (10); 80-90% (5); 70% (1)

Charity: 16 of 16 stated they participate in charitable endeavors

District Meetings: 15 stated they attend, 1 no, due to work.

#### Eastern Respondents – 3

Attendance – 75-100% (3)

Chapter Attendance average – 39%. Respondents considered attendance good

Reasons for attendance: no response

Ritualistic Opening: 100% (3)

Charity: 3 of 3 stated they participate in charitable endeavors

District Meetings: 3 stated they attend

#### Central Respondents – 4

Attendance – 75-100% (4)

Chapter Attendance average – 28%. Respondents considered attendance poor

Reasons for attendance: feel they don't belong, waste of time, nothing gets  
accomplished, lack of support for fundraisers, too many side conversations,  
Secretary and treasurer don't attend, too negative

Ritualistic Opening: 100% (3)

Charity: 4 of 4 stated they participate in charitable endeavors

District Meetings: 4 stated they attend

#### SouthCentral Respondents – 9

Attendance – 75-100% (6); 50-70% (3)

Chapter Attendance average – 43%. Respondents considered attendance poor

Reasons for attendance: Church, Bible study, Apathy, Not highest priority, don't  
want to work with new members

Ritualistic Opening: 10% (8)

Charity: 8 of 9 stated they participate in charitable endeavors

District Meetings: 3 stated they attend, 6 stated they do not attend

Reasons cited for not attending District Meetings across all districts was work, transportation and disinterest.

The remainder of this report will consist of responses given to the remaining questions contained in the questionnaire.



### **Member opinions/suggestions:**

1. What is your opinion of District meetings? (i.e. what do you like, dislike, would like to see, etc.).

- Respondents overwhelming said they liked the fellowship with other chapters and meeting new sisters and brothers.
- Teach different things at each district, not same stuff
- Combine districts with 5 or less chapters.
- Would like to see more workshops. More demonstrations, less lectures.
- Need to be on the same page, statewide.

2. What is your opinion of Grand Session? (i.e. what do you like, dislike, would like to see, etc.).

- Respondents overwhelming said they liked the fellowship, seeing other chapter members.
- Officers of CDGC and subordinate chapters need to remember our mission. It is beginning to be all about titles and dress rather than who we are and what our landmarks are.
- Good experience, especially for new members.
- Need broader participation on committees.
- OVERRATED! We can get all our business done in one day. Need to look at better solution.
- Participation in hospitality room, fashion show, banquet and dance need to be evaluated on attendance and least popular eliminated. Leisure time can replace any of these “traditional activities”.
- Close on Wednesday
- Reports are redundant, would rather see more workshops, take time to teach.
- Like to see it move across the state, not just in Louisville.
- Reward chapters who are doing good.
- Bunch of hot air.
- More Patron participation.

3. What do you like about being an OES member?

- Sisterhood, what OES stands for.
- Doing positive things in the community.

4. What do you dislike about being an OES member?

- Too many stuck in their old ways
- Not learning what OES means.
- Vote for friends rather than best person for the job.
- Background checks at cost of individual.
- Same thing over and over; open, business, close.
- Long meetings.
- Disrespecting matron.
- Sisters are against sisters.
- Chapters don't support each other.
- The Order seems more task oriented than people oriented.
- Dislike the cliques.
- Members move up the ranks without learning teachings of OES.
- Chapters allowed to remain active even though they don't have enough members to meet.
- Need more opportunity to know members besides monthly meeting.
- We are resistant to change.
- Restrictions on our chapter.

5. Do you have an opinion as to why membership is declining?

- Financial obligations, dues keep going up.
- No tracking of how money is spent.
- Not enough community involvement, not visible enough.
- Outsiders do not understand the Order.
- We don't teach new members.
- People have more options to serve without the constraints of a ritualistic governing body.
- Initiations are rushed through and are therefore not meaningful.
- Lack of communication within the chapter.
- Strict rules for joining.
- Youth is not interested.
- Meetings rushed through, no time for Q&A, conversations, getting to know each other.
- Old members don't get to know new members.
- Old members ride together to district meetings, and other events, new members get left out.
- Lack of leadership.
- Members down other members thus, new members stop coming.
- Other opportunities to serve.
- Generation gap
- Aging members.
- We would rather our chapters die than to find a way to bring in new members.

6. What do you think can be done to increase membership? By your Chapter, By CDGC

- Have membership drive.
- Eliminate cost of background check.
- Get out into the community and churches and show what we stand for.
- Pray together.
- Attract young adults.

- Decrease dues.
- Teach more, have Q & A nights, stop rushing through meetings.
- Have fundraisers that don't require spending more than we make.
- Seek members locally.
- Ask one to be one.
- Reclaim old members, reach out to them.
- Practice what you preach.
- Forget the past.
- Help new members to become leaders.
- Have a statewide OES day and invite people to see what we are about.
- Matrons/officers need to be more active in visiting/communicating with members.
- Being less colloquial.
- Let go of always having to wear white.
- Start a new member's class and get them involved.
- Focus workshops on building more visibility, strengthening small chapters.
- Provide encouragement rather than "gimme, gimme, gimme".

7. Anything else that you may want to say regarding improving the Grand Chapter, your Chapter, participation, etc.

- More activity at the local level, less money to the Grand Chapter.
- Asking struggling Chapters to adopt a goal of \$5,000 for the Matron and Patron project is insensitive and debilitating. Charity begins at home.
- Stop having individuals pay for their background check.
- Accommodate our older and ill members.
- Elected and appointed officials should know what they are supposed to do, be prepared.
- GC is always asking our chapter to raise money for something. We don't have money for our own chapter.
- Why is GC hoarding money and constantly asking for more? DDGM complain they don't have funds while the GC is sitting on \$40,000.
- Need better communication and organization.
- We need to be doing things the same way.
- Don't play favorites.
- Eliminate the self-importance, jealousy, title seeking in both local chapters and GC.
- Stop allowing members to become matrons within a year or two after joining. They can't lead if they don't know what's going on.
- Promote unity, stop negativity.
- Make time to do things together, ie, movies, dinner, etc., with the chapter and lodge.
- Announce new members, possibly on List Serve.
- The demands can be a hardship, with district mtgs, grand session, MWRC, Conference of Grand Matrons, etc., with transportation, rooms, meals, registration fees. If we're not careful we may price ourselves out of existence.

It is my sincere hope that this document will serve as a catalyst for discussion within the subordinate chapters as well as the Grand Chapter.

May God bless you all,

Frank D. Bush, GWP



# From Our Grand Associate Matron and Grand Associate Patron



*Brenda Murphy  
Grand Associate Matron*



*Donald E. Thompson, Sr.  
Grand Associate Patron*



Hello Kentucky!

Always remember that it does not take much to be kind  
to others, and continue to;

*"Shine like the Stars that you are!"  
If not, "Sparkle like a Diamond!"*

*Brenda A. Murphy,  
Grand Associate Matron*



## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND ASSOCIATE PATRON**

I would like to thank all of the Patrons that participated in the "Patron of the Year" project. Congratulations to Worthy Patron Ron Lewis for winning this year's Patron of the Year award. I encourage every Patron to participate in this year's contest.

I would like to thank all the brothers and sisters that assisted in moving, unpacking and packing the OES furniture during Grand Session. A special thanks to DDGM Garvin Hines and WM Joe Wallace of Southern Cross #39.

*Donald E. Thompson Sr.,  
Grand Associate Patron*

# Line Officer Training



## **CECELIA DUNLAP GRAND CHAPTER, Line Officers' Training**



Greeting To All!

Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter takes this opportunity to cordially invite each of you to participate in our upcoming Line Officers' Training. This training is open to all members, new and old. In addition to our Line Officers' stations, we will have sessions for Marshalls. Time and place will be as follows:

Saturday, November 5, 2016  
Parkland Masonic Temple  
1304 South 28<sup>th</sup> Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40211

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and devotion promptly at 9:30 a.m. Cost will be \$5.00 which will include lunch. Please list all members on registration form who plan to participate and write one chapter check made payable to Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter and memo "Line Officers' Training." Deadline for payments will be Friday, October 21, 2016. Please send registration to the Grand Lecturer at the following address:

M. Denise Watts  
1260 Cobblestone Lane  
Clarksville, TN 37042-5890  
Telephone: (931) 302-6639

Please save the date and we hope to see you in November! Remember to continue to; "Keep Shining Like the Stars That You Are!" If not, "Sparkle Like a Diamond!"

Brenda A. Murphy, Grand Associate Matron

# Copeland Grand Chamber of Diamonds



## Copeland Grand Chamber of Diamonds

**Tonya L. Miller**

**Grand Guardian**

**Kenetha Bryant**

**Assoc. Grand Guardian**

**PGWM Valerie Newsome**

**Grand Advisor**

Copeland Diamond Chamber No. 126 and Evening Star Chapter No. 126 were quite active and visible at the 149th Grand Communication. "To God be the Glory." The Diamond Chamber No. 126 received four grand offices. Philicia Rizer was elected Grand Princess, JaMya Stokes, Grand Maid, MaKayla Smith, Grand Associate Maid and Amya Robey, Grand Euodias.

Our Worthy Matron, Kenetha Bryant was reelected the Grand Associate Guardian, along with Deborah Claypool as Grand Recording Secretary and Watheta Buford as Grand Historian and Cindy Houchins, Grand Esther. The Matron and Patron of the Year Award went to our own Kenetha Bryant, Matron and Ronald Lewis Past RW DDGM, the Patron for Evening Star Chapter No. 126. Brother Lewis also received the most prestigious Honorary Grand Master title from our own Past Grand Master Dwight R. Barnett who is also a member of Evening Star Chapter No. 126. We were so proud to report that Evening Star Chapter No. 126 had 12 members in attendance at the 149th Grand Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Dillard PM

Evening Star Chapter No. 126



# From Our DDGMs



## *EASTERN DISTRICT GREETINGS:*

TO: Grand Worthy Matron Felecia J. Ballard, Grand Worthy Patron Frank D. Bush, Grand Associate Matron, Brenda Murphy, Grand Associate Patron Donald E. Thompson, Sr., all Past and Present Elected and Appointed Officers of the Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13.

First, I would like to thank the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, all Past and Present Elected and Appointed Officers and Members of the Eastern District for a great year. Thank you for all of your support, willingness, and especially your prayers.

We were blessed to come in second for the District Deputy Project. Thank you again for good team work.

We had another successful Grand Communication Session and so far in this new work year, had a good District Deputy Grand Matron Meeting with Grand Matron Ballard at the Stokes, Finley, Mahan Memorial Home, Louisville, KY, and the first monthly conference call. Other types of training will be provided in this calendar year to help all of us in our chapters as well as Districts. The information will be forthcoming.

Plans for visitations and other activities are in the making and looking forward to another great year.

Please, keep in your prayers all of the Sick/Distressed/Bereaved, Eastern District, all Districts, each other, and me.

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose”. Romans 8:28.

Be blessed in His grace.

Sister Carolyn S. Walker,  
DDGM  
Eastern District





# From Our DDGMs

To: Grand Worthy Matron, Felecia J. Ballard

To: Grand Worthy Patron, Bro. Frank Bush

To: All officers past and present, members of Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

Greeting,

I would like to take this time to say thank you for allowing me to serve with you another year as the Western District Deputy. Your generosity did not go unnoticed. I'm very grateful for all your help, encouragement, and especially being patience with me. Thank you so much for all you have done.

The Western District is on the move. We are involved in community activities, volunteer services, and uplifting each other up. The angel of death has called home members of the Western District and their love ones. Keep us and the other District in your prayers.

Thanks to each chapter that worked so hard last year. All your hard work has paid off. Thanks for supporting all the projects in the chapters and on the grand level. Let your works speak for you. Congratulation to Sis. Kenetha Bryant for Worthy Matron of the Year for 2016, Bro. Ron Lewis Worthy Patron of the Year for 2016 and as an Honorary Grand Master and to Sis. Sandra Young for Annie A. S. Perry Grand Gill Queen 2016. Western District I am pride of you. Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. **Proverbs 16:3**

Yours in the faith,

Alitta Leachman,

Western District Deputy

Owensboro, KY



# From Our DDGMs

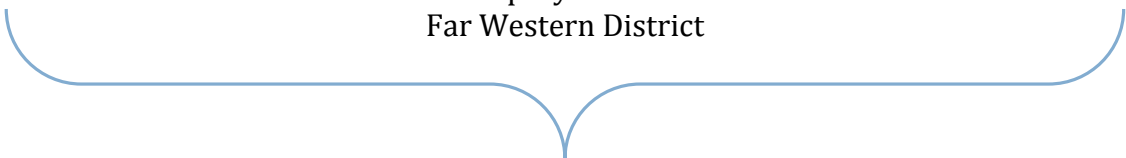
*Greetings....*



## **Message from the Far Western District**

Father, thank You for Your grace that works in every moment of my life. Father, remind me of my worth. Help me to remember the price You paid for my salvation and confidently let others see what You have done in my life. Father, give us the grace to hunger for Your word and to hear Your sweet voice speak to us today. Father I pray that we would be known as Your humble people totally submitting our lives and our wills to You.

Deny Gonzalez,  
District Deputy Grand Matron  
Far Western District



# From Our DDGMs



## Greetings from The Central District



*“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain, that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. Psalm 127:1 KJV*

**This is the first article in which I will publish in the Star Gazer.**

**Let me introduce myself, my name is Darlene Croom, Past Matron of Queen of Nelson Chapter No. 87, Bardstown, Kentucky. I was appointed as the District Deputy Grand Matron of the Central District by our Grand Worthy Matron Sister Felecia J. Ballard.**

**I would like to thank her publicly at this time for the appointment. I will do the best to uphold the position in which I have been appointed to and to abide by the Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations of Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star of Kentucky, Inc. Prince Hall Affiliated.**

**I look forward to reacquainting or meeting with my Sisters and Brothers throughout this Commonwealth. If there is anything that I could do for you please feel free to contact me @ (502) 331-0008, email me @ [darlenesbeauty@yahoo.com](mailto:darlenesbeauty@yahoo.com) or write me at 317 N. First St. Bardstown, KY 40004**

**F.A.T.A.L.**

***Darlene Croom***

**Darlene Croom, PM, No. 87  
DDGM-Central District**

# Perry Mason – Your Sister is Missing...

**Presented by Sis. Nakeyae Street**  
**South Central District Lecturer**  
**April 16, 2016**

About a couple months ago, I had a dream about giving my lecture at the South Central District meeting. I had my back turned to everyone and when I looked up, there was no one there. I heard a voice speak to me saying: “Your Sister is missing you need to go find her”

I turned around to see Perry Mason looking at me...” you know what you need to do” [insert Perry Mason theme song]

•AC – isn’t it you that sets up the room. Why don’t you ask her to join you and make her feel welcome and teach her how our beautiful order should be presented. Remember, the respect you give now, is the respect you will be shown later.

•Conductress – isn’t it you who conducts her through the mazy labyrinth and reinforces the signs and grips. Why don’t you suggest a new member orientation to make sure she has learned what she needs to know?

•AM – While you do sit looking at the East, there is a great work to do in the west. Just like the conductress, you could have offered your help in forming a new member’s orientation. This way when you make your way to the East, you will have a strong knowledge of the Order.

•WM – the East looks good and the gavel may be heavy, but do not let up on what you. You are the one that extends the hearty welcome to the new sister. You are the one new members look to for guidance and strength. Place yourself in the sister’s shoes...you remember when you were new to the Order, a seasoned member took you under her wing and helped you grow.

Yet, there is one person Worthy Matron, I need to bring into question. This person is the one who knows where the missing sister is. This is the person who could have caused the sister to go missing. This person is the one who will give us the truth of what happened. Do you know why the sister is missing? It is not specifically one of these officers but it is YOU. Aren’t you the one who casted your vote in the ballot box? You are the one that had the unkind words to say, who didn’t offer to help your sister to grow. Don’t you think someone had some questionable doubt about you being in the order? Don’t you think there was a member who questioned every deed that was done and undone.

This is not a fly by night organization. It takes hard work and dedication from everyone! It takes us putting away our pride, pettiness and drama to work together.

With this, Worthy Matron, I rest my case.




# Words from Our Chapters

Rebecca No. 7 – Hello and welcome to spring...

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## *A PRAYER IN SPRING*



Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;  
And give us not to think so far away  
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here  
All simply in the springing of the year.  
Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,  
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;  
And make us happy in the happy bees,  
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.  
And make us happy in the darting bird  
That suddenly above the bees is heard,  
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,  
And off a blossom in mid-air stands still.  
For this is love and nothing else is love,  
To which it is reversed for God above  
To sanctify to what far ends he will,  
But which it only needs that we fulfill.

*- Robert Frost*

Rebecca Chapter No. 7 located in Henderson, KY  
of the Western District.

Greetings:

We pray that each subordinate chapter  
is having a successful year.

The members of our chapter found  
their way home safe and sound after the  
journey from Grand Communication. It is always  
a pleasant feeling to be among brothers and  
sisters. Congratulations to all the elected and  
appointed officers for the new year.

Recently our chapter had a car detailing give  
away and the winner of the drawing was  
Ruschelle Merriweather.

On a sad note; Rebecca Chapter No. 7  
lost one of their oldest members, Sis.  
Marguerite Winters Clancey. Please pray for the  
family as they bid farewell until they meet on  
the other side.

As always continue to pray for our  
country, the order and the sick throughout the  
land.

Fatally Yours,  
Sister Regina O'Neal

# Words from Our Chapters

**Phyllis Wheatley No. 39** – Soles for Souls...

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## Soles for Souls

Shoe drive warms the soul. Phyllis Wheatley Chapter No. 39 from Richmond Kentucky 40475 hosted a shoe drive to give back to the community. One week before the shoe drive began flyers were provided to all members to distribute throughout the community. In addition, flyers were made available to the local news station in Richmond, social media, and the Richmond Register Newspaper in an effort to get the word spread to the community.

The flyers asked for donations of gently used to new shoes for children going back to school, adults who needs shoes for work or interviews, and shoes of all styles and sizes. Any and all shoes were welcomed. There were several ways that individuals could contribute to the cause such as, dropping off all donations to Ashler

Lodge No. 49 located at 432 Francis Street Richmond KY, 40475, providing their donations to any member of the order, or arranging pickups for individuals who were unable to drop off donations.

On July 2, 2016 the kickoff began for every Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. until July 16, 2016. All members were encouraged to join in this effort if time permitted. Sis. Eleanor Kavanaugh, Sis. Alicia Johnson and honorary member Donald Spivey Jr. age 2 started the kickoff by waiting for shoe donations to be dropped off. The first week of waiting was slow but as the second week came around the donations started to flow in. Sis. Georgia Goodloe joined in to help with collection and with each Thursday meeting good food and fellowship were provided.



# Words from Our Chapters



As July 16, 2016 arrived the shoe drive had come to an end and with one week before the shoe drive give away Phyllis Wheatley members were excited to see all of the donations that had been collected from members as well as the community and how joining together to make a difference in the community was a success.

On July 21, 2016 Sis. Kavanaugh, Sis. Johnson, Bro. Donald Spivey from Ashler Lodge No. 49 Richmond KY, Ebony and Isiah Spivey and two of their friends starting prepping and sorting all shoes by sizes, and categories of children, adult, men and women. After sorting all shoes the

next phase was cleaning and getting shoes ready to donate. Donations of school supplies from Bro. Donald Spivey and Bro. Scott Ferguson from King Solomon Lodge #8 Lexington KY were also sorted and bagged for approximately fifty school aged children ranging from elementary to high school. After a full evening of sorting, cleaning, bagging, eating and prepping our chapter were excited for July 23<sup>rd</sup> to approach.

Finally, the day had arrived and all members of Phyllis Wheatly joined together to start the shoe give away that was set from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Each member donated items ranging from hot dog buns, hot dogs, ice, drinks (soda, water), chips and ice cream sandwiches. Additionally, donations of hot dogs and buns were donated from Uncle Charlie's Richmond Ky. During the drive we had an excellent turn out and individuals from the community came out and fellowshipped while eating and receiving two pairs of shoes. Not only was there participation from Phyllis Wheatly members with the shoe give away there was the support from the Knights of Pythagoras and Bro. Scott Ferguson and Bro. Keith Brown from King





# Words from Our Chapters

Solomon Lodge #8 Lexington KY who came to help support a great cause.

As the day was coming to a close one of the most memorable rewards came when a humble gentleman blessed us with his spirit and with tears in his eyes he stated how much he appreciates what we were doing and that he has never felt this kind of love in a long time and prayed God would bless us Christians as we have with him. This gentleman came in with holes in his shoes and left with two pairs of shoes, a full stomach, and gift of humbleness and

gratefulness of how people should treat others.

To end out this perfect day with help from the KOP the cleanup began and the remaining shoes were re-boxed and the lodge cleaned. Unused hot dogs and hot dog buns were donated to Salvation Army and water supplies were donated to Compassionate Care. The goal was to collect as many shoes to benefit our community and to show that generosity goes a long way. Sometimes we take for granted what others find rewarding. A Shoe drive really warms the soul.

Submitted by Sis. Alicia Johnson, Phyllis Wheatly No. 39

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# Words from Our Chapters

**Queen of Nelson No. 87** –community service month ...

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QUEEN OF NELSON NO. 87 Bardstown, KY....

Queen of Nelson dedicated August as community service month within Bardstown and the surrounding areas of Nelson County. The Chapter kicked off the month with a joint church visit to Second Baptist in Bloomfield, Kentucky under the leadership of Reverend Joe Marshall. School supplies were donated to the Family Resource Center within the Bardstown Independent School District. The Sisters fellowshiped with the Brothers of Euclid Lodge No. 13 at the local Buttermilk Festival held on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in Bardstown.

# Words from Our Chapters



Queen of Nelson No. 87 continues to flourish in and around Bardstown, Kentucky. We invite you to visit our Homemade Cake Booth on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the Bardstown Arts & Crafts Fair. Also to attend our Worshipful Master, Worthy Matron/Worthy Patron Ball/Banquet on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Queen of Nelson No. 87 would like to wish everyone a Blessed and joyful 2016.



F.A.T.A.L,

Nicole Aydelott-Jones, PM  
Sis. LaShunia Mudd  
Star Gazer Reporters





# Words from Our Chapters

**Rising Star No. 102** – Greetings from the officers and members of Rising Star!...



**Rising Star Chapter No.102  
Order of the Eastern Star  
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701**



*“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” – Romans 8:28*

Greetings from the officers and members of Rising Star!

We pray that all of our Sisters and Brothers are blessed and highly favored. Our chapter has been busy this year. In April we jumped right in with Degree Work and added three new members to our Chapter; Sis Valerie Franklin, Sis Cinnamon Washington, and we Re-Obligated Sis Michele Jones who had been away from the order for many years.

June was full of activity for us, we started the month off by honoring our PWM Ocie

Harrison  
and PWP  
Mark  
Maxwell  
with a  
PM/PP  
Banquet.

A  
wonderful

time was had by all. Then we assisted our brother lodge, Hub City #172, by hosting the St. John's Day Picnic for the Central District in Radcliff City Park. We were put to the test and was able to provide a very enjoyable event.



We had plenty of good food and fun.

Brother Samuel Dorsey and WM Steve McCray did an awesome job on the grills and our chapter members prepared all the side dishes and desserts.



After all of that activity in June, our chapter went full steam ahead into Grand Communications.



# Words from Our Chapters

We had several members to participate in the Valerie E. Newsome Fashion Show; PWM/DDGM Charletta Williams PWM Rhonda Coleman, PWP Robert Harrison, Sis. Michele Jones and Sis. Isa Faulk. They did an outstanding job. We also had a few members that participated in the Clara Bass Choir; Sis. Lenora Lay, PWM Rhonda Coleman and PWM Mary Graves. We had graciously volunteered to spearhead the Grand Communication Banquet committee. We worked hard and were able to provide the Grand Body with a beautifully decorated

banquet. I was so proud of how our members came together to make it possible.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of September we will be hosting our annual Color Tea at the New Hope Family Life Center in Radcliff, KY. All are welcome to attend.

We are sending prayers and strength to everyone under the eyes of this publication. Sister Defiece Williams, Worthy Matron  
Brother Shawn Davis, Worthy Patron

Humbly Submitted,

Sister Duwanna Watkins,

Star Gazer Reporter.



# Words from Our Chapters

## **Lily White Chapter No.132** – "This is what we're all about,"...

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As the Star Gazer Reporter for Lily White No.132, I once again bring news from Lily White #132. During our meeting, the first Thursday of every month Lily White once again exercised our support by donating to a Veteran who was in need. Hearing about it, members immediately agreed to offer their support. "This is what we're all about," expressed one member.

In addition, we are often invited by others to join them in their church services and our members will participate in various duties, for example, choirs etc., not to mention our required scheduled church visits.

Remembering Thanksgiving, a recipient said, "you all are the kindest people", Mostly if someone just mentions someone is in need hands go in their pockets. Lily White's support is ongoing and it is difficult to explain in a few words. Some of us attended Church services at Foston Chapel in Hopkinsville every year for an annual service, which lends support to the local community.

Assistance to someone in need, when funds are available is one of our chapter's main projects.

As communication has been great in the community, members hold an annual Easter Egg hunt and invite the community.

Many of our members are military, and we are thankful to have them also.

In addition, one member assists with an annual toy run given in honor of under privilege children. It's so special that the mayor has joined in the participation and I'm standing right beside her. Oh Happy Christmas for the many children who will receive gifts, for it's all about the underprivileged children.

Until later

Sister Bobbie Jackson, Lily White #132 Reporter





# New Members Corner

## *Welcome, Welcome, Welcome...*

Central District  
Aurora Chapter No. 96 OES, PHA

Bro. Michael Armour - Obligated 9 December 2015 - he is an excellent musician.

Bro. Dante` Steadmon, Sr. - Obligated 9 December 2015 - he has beautiful penmanship, is good on computers and he says that he has a gift of effective Verbal Communication.

Sis. Chandra Peyton - Initiated 31 October 2015 - she is an International Fashion Designer.

Sis. Deborah Peyton - Initiated 31 October 2015 - she has her Master's Degree in Psychology and is currently working on her Doctorate in the same.

*Aurora is very proud of our new members and glad to share this information with the Order.*

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South Central District

We in the South Central District, Celestine #9, Danville, Ky., have 1 new member, Louise Sailor. Louise is a quiet person who loves to cook. Bring on the fish fries!!!

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Mizpah #16 new members 2016

	Name	Initiated
1.	Sharon Espy	April 16, 2016
2.	Margaret Tillman	April 16, 2016
3.	Vickie James	May 13, 2016
4.	Tracy Woodard	July 1, 2016
5.	Aleisha Aaron	September 9, 2016
6.	Dariane' Johnson	September 9, 2016
7.	Monique Mindingall	September 9, 2016
8.	Shanelle Phillips	September 9, 2016

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# New Members Corner

New Members- Phyllis Wheatley

## NEW MEMBERS

Name – Lydia Haskins

Chapter - Phyllis Wheatley No. 39, Richmond, Ky

District - Eastern

Date of Initiation - September 26, 2015

Lydia is a devoted mother and also an expecting mother and currently has two high schoolers who are active with sports and an elementary schooler who also participate in sports, she is supportive of the chapter's projects as well as assist with her son's school activities. She wants to learn all she can about the Order and her responsibilities as a member. She currently serves as Ruth in the Chapter and is a member of the Burial Team. She also serves on the Knights of Pythagoras parent committee of the John W. Freeman Council No. 9 in Richmond, Ky.

Name – Alicia Johnson

Chapter - Phyllis Wheatley No. 39, Richmond, Ky

District - Eastern

Date of Initiation - September 26, 2015

Alicia is a very active participant in all the projects of the chapter. She is eager to learn all about the Order, and its obligation to serve the community, the laws and rules that govern the Order. She is very creative with new ideas for the Order within the community. She spearheaded a very successful **Soles for Souls** project that gave away shoes and back to school supplies in the Richmond Community. She likewise is also a devoted mother and wants to learn all she can about the Order and her responsibilities as a member. She currently serves as Ruth in the Chapter and is a member of the Burial Team. She also assists the Knights of Pythagoras Dwight R. Barnett Grand Council.

*Congratulations to Cecelia  
Dunlap Grand Chapter's*

*2016 - 2017*

*District Deputy Grand Matron of the Year*



**Sister  
Deny Gonzalez**

*Matron and Patron of the Year*



**Sister Kenetha Bryant**



**Brother Ron Lewis**



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