



STAR GAZER

CECELIA DUNLAP GRAND CHAPTER OES OF KENTUCKY INC., PHA



GRAND WORTHY MATRON: Felecia J. Ballard

GRAND WORTHY PATRON: Frank D. Bush

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From the Editor-in-Chief:

*"Good friends are like stars...
You don't always see them,
but you know they are always there."*

Frank D. Bush
Grand Worthy Patron

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From Our Grand Worthy Matron

Grand Worthy Matron's Corner



Felecia J. Ballard
Grand Worthy Matron

Greetings,

Christmas is a special time of the year that brings with it JOY, LOVE and Heartwarming Thoughts, but most of all it is the Celebration of the birth of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ! I am elated to extend Christmas Greetings to all Officers and Members of Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Kentucky, Inc., PHA. Further, I extend greetings to all of your families.

I thank you for your cards, calls, prayers and thoughts during my recent illness. Your thoughtfulness helped me get through this challenging time. Let's us keep all sick, distressed and bereaved members in our prayers during the holiday season.

On November 5, 2016, we had a successful Line Officers' Training at the Grand East in Louisville, KY. By now, the Worthy Matrons should have a report of the Group Activity. Please share with your members.

December 31, 2016, is our next "Shine Your Light Saturday". We ask that you wear your OES apparel.

Moving forward to 2017, we have much work ahead of us. On Saturday, January 14, 2017, is the OES Workshop and the "Kick Off," of the OES Academy. District Meetings will begin in March. 2017 will also allow for the 150th Year Celebration of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Kentucky, Inc. These are only a few of the things ahead in 2017. Let us try to support all upcoming events!

May the gift of love, the gift of peace, the gift of happiness, be yours this Christmas and forever more!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Committed in His Service,

Felecia J. Ballard

Felecia J. Ballard, Grand Worthy Matron

*For unto us a child is
born, unto us a son is
given: and the
government shall be
upon his shoulder: and
his name shall be
called Wonderful,
Counsellor, The mighty
God, The everlasting
Father, The Prince of
Peace.*

- Isaiah 9:6



From Our Grand Worthy Patron



*Frank D. Bush
Grand Worthy Patron*

Wishing all of my Sisters, Brothers and your Families A

Merry Christmas

And

A New Year filled with prosperity, Health and Happiness



Frank D. Bush, Grand Worthy Patron



From Our Elected Grand Officers

Christmas Blessings!!!



Marva A. Harris
Grand Conductress

Sending warm wishes to you and yours
For a holiday season overflowing
With blessings from above.

The magic of *Christmas* is not in the presents
But in *His* presence.

Peace & Love,
Marva Harris
Grand Conductress



From Our Elected Grand Officers



Carla D. Thomas
Grand Associate Conductress

GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!

Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you for allowing the List Serve committee to serve the Jurisdiction of Kentucky. We have kicked off in Grand style and are functioning very well. Please continue to send your information to the list serve point of contact for your district. Please remember to include as much detailed information as you know such as, the complete name, accurate addresses and date and time of any event or occasion. We look forward to sharing your news and keeping you informed.

List Serve is here! Spread the news! Stay informed! List Serve is here!

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**List Serve Chair
Carla D. Thomas
Grand Associate Conductress**



From Our DDGMS



EASTERN DISTRICT GREETINGS:

TO: Grand Worth 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 bring you greetings from the Eastern District. I trust that you all had a Happy Thanksgiving. I pray that each of you will have a very Merry Christmas and a Most Happy New Year.

Eastern District is moving along with their projects and events. During the Court Days of Mt. Sterling, KY, Rose of Chapter No.56 did a "MEET THE STARS". This event was an opportunity for the Stars to be seen out and about in the community. They sponsored a booth/tent with handouts with information about Eastern Stars. Grand Worthy Patron Bush, Grand Associate



Patron Thompson, and myself assisted Rose of Sharon Chapter No. 56.

They are committed to STRENGTHENING and INCREASING their Chapter's membership. Let us all keep them in our prayers and each other throughout the Jurisdiction of Kentucky.

REMINDERS: Chapter elections are to be done by December 27, 2016, with proper paper work send to Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Secretary, and District Deputy Grand Matron immediately following your elections. Quarterly Reports due January 01, 2017.

I (WE) CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENETH ME. Philippians 4:13.

YOURS in F.A.T.A.L.

Carolyn S. Walker, DDGM-Eastern District



From Our DDGMS

Message from the Far Western District

Give us words, O Lord, to counsel those who in all honesty have come to doubt Your mercy, love, forgiveness or your very existence. Help us honor and value their truth and not deprive them of their feelings confident that in good time you will reveal your purpose for their lives. As darkness to light, so doubt is to faith since we cannot know one without the other help us then to humbly offer up even our doubts trusting that when our desert exile ends we will find you awaiting our homecoming. Amen

 Merry Christmas   and Happy New Year   

Deny Gonzalez,
District Deputy Grand Matron
Far Western District



From Our DDGMS

A Christmas Poem from the Western District



Every time someone does something nice for you, make it a point to tell him or her just how grateful you are to them. Western District and the State of Kentucky, I appreciate everything that you have done for me this year. I have learned so much from everyone. To the Western district chapters, keep supporting each other so Western District will continue to grow. You are amazing.

Remember depression may occur at any time of the year, but the stress and anxiety during the holiday session are high. Go visit

love ones and friends to help them through the session.

Amaranth No. 46 has 4 new members: Ashley Jones-Roberts, Tammy Winsted, Carmen Howard and Shanna Martin.

Rebecca No. 7 has two new members Delecia Tyler and Precious Canady.

Some of the Others Members in the Western District that are 90 plus years that are still active: Zilla Chapter #43- Ann Lee 97; Amaranth Chapter #46 - Ruby McFarland 95 and Noai Dearl 95.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

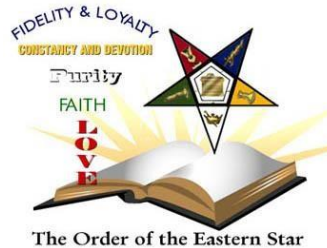
Yours in the Faith,

Alitta Leachman
District Deputy Grand Matron
Western District



From Our Chapters

Rebecca Chapter No. 7 – Seasons Greetings...



Season Greetings from Rebecca Chapter No.7:

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

To be a bright star you must shine in God's light, follow His path and do not worry about the darkness for that is when the stars shine brightest. We must be ever ready to let our light shine.

Rebecca No. 7 is excited to report our chapter has gained a new member, Allah "Precious" Canady. We welcome her with sisterly love and warm embraces. She is an active member in a local church she attends and she has two beautiful children

that keep her entertained with their extracurricular activities.

We recently participated and sponsored Team Velma in Walk for Alzheimer's. In October we made a donation to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk. We came together to fellowship on a Sunday afternoon dinner with Alitta Leachman, DDGM of the Western District. We had prime rib, green beans, baked potato, tossed salad, rolls and tea.

We are continuously praying for the family of Sister Valerie Newsome PGWM. Sister Newsome touched the lives of many and she will be sorely

missed. Also, pray for Sister Shervetta Hodges; she lost her mother in Louisville, KY. Sister Dorothy Morse has not been feeling well; please send continued prayers for her healing.

In closing, we ask our heavenly Father to continue to guide our country; help us to accept His will and allow us to have more love and compassion for one another.

*Respectfully submitted,
Regina O'Neal, reporter
Sister Victoria Brooks-Scott, WM
Brother Clarence E. Fisher, WP*



From Our Chapters

Celestine Chapter No. 9 – Praise God...

Praise God for whom all blessings flow. Praise his holy name.

Greetings: Prayers to all whom are sick and shut in. Prayers for all whom have lost love ones. To God be the Glory! Amen!



Penny Short WM, Celestine #9, Danville, Ky.



From Our Chapters

Mizpah No. 16 – The Stars Closet...



*The Stars Closet**

It's that time of year again...Time to clean out those closets! While going through your Star gear, a glorious opportunity to be a blessing for another Sister. Donate some of those beautiful whites, gently used white shoes and other Star accessories that you no longer use to:



*The Stars Closet**



If you know of a Sister who has transitioned, it's possible to be a blessing to her family and to others by contacting the family to see if they would like to donate their loved one's Star garments, and gently used white shoes and other Star accessories.

**The Stars Closet will be a venue for Sisters who are in need of Star Gear. For additional details, please contact Sister Deborah Wade, WM Mizpah #16 (Deborah.Wade502@gmail.com)*





From Our Chapters

Rising Star Chapter No. 102 – To be a 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 continued to help in the community and shining our light for the order.

We held our Annual Color Tea on the 17th of September and a great time was had by all. We had a blessed message from Evangelist Joyce Hamilton, the co-owner of The Lord's Supper Soup Kitchen. We also had a spoken word artist, Brandon B. Shatter Harrison perform a wonderful poem as well. All that didn't attend should mark your calendars to come out and be blessed next year.

One of the community projects that we work on throughout the year is the Community Health Clinic for Hardin and Larue Counties located in Elizabethtown, KY. We have been collecting and donating supplies for them for several years and this year they have needed our help more than ever. The clinic lost \$70,000.00 in state funding this year and thanks to our help they are still able to help the needy in our community. Our quarterly donations have saved them in operational cost tremendously.



Our chapter participated in the Line Officer Workshop held at the Grand East on November 5th and we were glad to have been in attendance. We also took time to fellowship as a chapter afterwards.



From Our Chapters

cont. Rising Star Chapter No. 102 – To be a Star...

We have a few events coming up; November 12th we will have our Prayer Breakfast at the Vaughn Reno Stark Community Center in Elizabethtown, KY. Then we will host our Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner on November 21st at First Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, KY.

We are sending prayers and strength to everyone under the eyes of this publication.

Humbly Submitted,

Sister Duwanna Watkins,
Star Gazer Reporter



Sister Defriece Williams, Worthy Matron
Brother Shawn Davis, Worthy Patron



From Our Chapters

Fairest Chapter No. 104 –Sis. Lena Sanders...

NEWS FROM FAIREST CHAPTER #104

On December 1, 2016 the Brothers and Sisters of Fairest #104 decided to forego their traditional Christmas Party and paid a chapter visit to the home of Sis. Lena Sanders. Sis. Sanders is 95 years young and has been an Eastern Star for 62 years. She proudly displays her OES plates commemorating her 25th and 50th membership anniversaries, and she welcomed us with open arms. For refreshments we prepared some of her favorites especially her “perked” coffee.

Sis. Sanders is an inspiration to her chapter and supports it in all endeavors. Even though she can no longer attend chapter meetings, she is known for ALWAYS sending her dues and including “extra for whatever you need.” We all strive to emulate our wonderful heroines, and Fairest is blessed to have a heroine right in our midst. God couldn’t be everywhere so He sent us Sis. Lena Conn Sanders. May each of us follow her example.



From Our Chapters

Larue Chapter No. 110 – To be a Star...



Greetings from Larue Chapter No. 110

Larue Chapter No. 110 along with Luckett Lodge No. 137 will be having our Annual Sweetheart Dance on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017 at Camp Carlson. There will be great food, great door prizes, and great entertainment from our DJ. If you have not attended our event before, you won't want to miss it! If you have attended before, we are sure you will want to return! Contact any member of the Chapter or the Lodge for tickets.

Larue Chapter No. 110 will be having our annual Prayer Breakfast on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017 at the Colvin Community Center. Please come join us for an inspirational Word from our guest speaker and a most fulfilling breakfast. Contact any member of the Chapter for tickets.

Word from the Matron: As we embark on this upcoming holiday season, I pray it will be a safe and prosperous season for you. Let's keep in prayer the families who will endure this season without their love ones. Let's reach out in love and deed and be that listening ear when they need it or a shoulder to lean on for We Are Our Sister's Keeper.

On behalf of the Officers and Members of Larue Chapter No. 110 - Have a blessed holiday season.



From Our Chapters

Lilly White No. 132 – Give and it shall be given back to you...

Lily White Chapter No.132's Master and Matrons Banquet was held recently at Valor Hall, in Oakgrove, Ky.

The Banquet, as explained by a chapter member, was held in support of the chapter, with proceeds going to the Chapter.

"GIVE AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN BACK TO YOU"

In Chapter Meeting that very same week, our Secretary had a friend in distress. Lily White No.132, after agreement by the members, provided support for that family.

Perhaps the Chapter cannot financially afford to give money to every needy person or for everything and every time someone comes along needing assistance, but we will certainly make a big difference in many lives.

WE SALUTE ALL THE VETERANS.
MAY GOD BLESS YOU.THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

THANK YOU LILY WHITE VETERANS.
WE ARE PROUD OF THE VETERANS WHO HAVE JOINED LILY WHITE. May you always walk in the light.

Lily White No.132, wishes to thank everyone, including their members, who attended the Master and Matrons Banquet.

Bobbie Jackson
Lily White No.132 Star Gazer Reporter





From Our Chapters

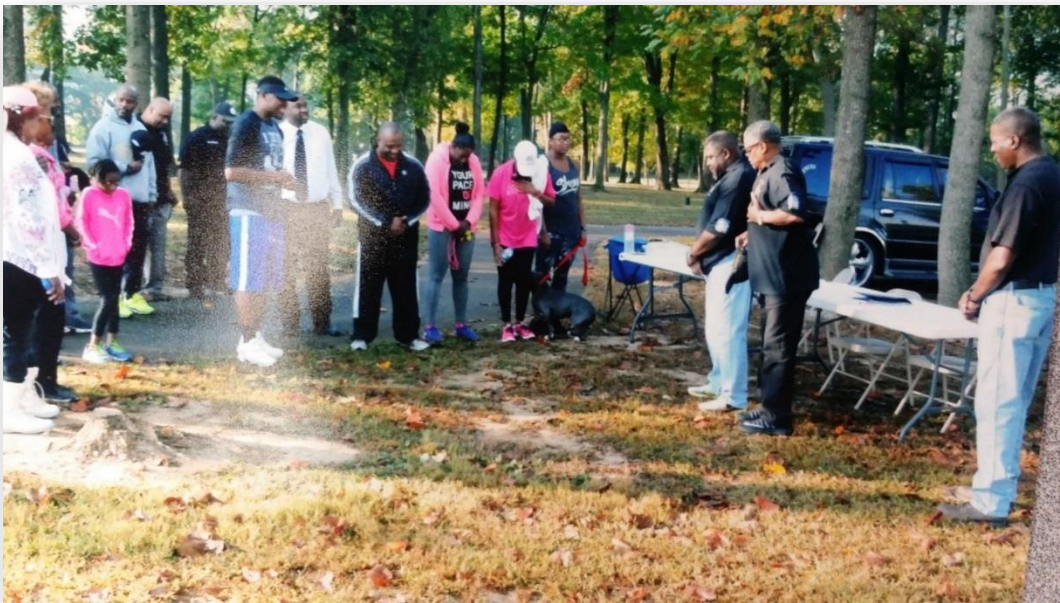
cont. Lilly White No. 132 –Lily White Cancer Walk...

Oh Lord hold my hand while I Run this Race!

For it certainly is a race for a cure for breast Cancer, and almost all of us at one time or another has had someone in our family or a friend, who has had or will experience some form of cancer.

On October 16, 2016, members from Thomas A. Simms and Lilly White did well in support of Breast Cancer awareness walk. The walk began at Walter Garrett Park in Oakgrove, Ky and ended there as well.

Prayer changes things and we opened with registration and a prayer.



Following prayer members started on their way. I certainly appreciate the ones that thought enough about the WALK to come out early, because we know some of us, after working so hard during the week use that day to be with our families. Participation was good, which made for a successful event.

The BROTHERS of Thomas A Simms, made sure there was fruit as well as water for the occasion. The weather was perfect for the walk as most of us wore light jackets.

Several of us did not walk as far as some others but our participation was appreciated.

Thanks to all that came and may we continue to hold on to Gods unchanging hand as well as each other's.

HELP ME LIFT HIM!

Photos: courtesy J Jackson, photographer



New Members Corner

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome...

Mizpah #16 new members 2016

Sharon E.L. Espy Joined Mizpah Chapter No. 16 on April 16, 2016 and writes:

I have been blessed with 3 children 2 boys 1 girl and 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. I enjoy spending time with them and my family. Also I enjoy singing and praising the Lord.

Name: Keisha Zeigler

Chapter: Fairest #104

District: South Central

Date Initiated: June 6, 2015

Sis. Keisha Zeigler is our newest member. She was born in Passaic, New Jersey to Mr. & Mrs. Henry R. Zeigler, Jr. She has lived in a number of states and has sought out Prince Hall Affiliates wherever she resided. Her goal was to become an Eastern Star, P.H.A. following in the footsteps of her mother. When her job brought her to Nicholasville, she was finally able to find a P.H.A. Eastern Star Chapter. She felt that God led her here. Her initiation was a happy accomplishment.

Keisha is an Ultrasound Technologist and the Manager of Louisville and Lexington Vision Mobile Diagnostics and SKYY Laboratory. She is an usher and choir member at First Baptist Church, Nicholasville. She is also a member of Sisters Expressing Integrity, a social skate group that helps homeless families and provides community service. We are delighted to welcome Sis. Keisha Zeigler.

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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

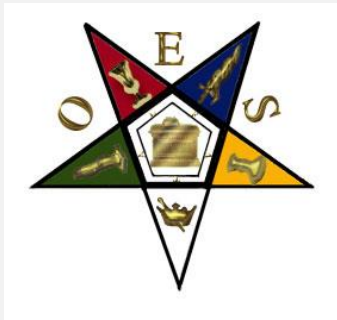


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