



# 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:

*"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if  
you want to test a man's character, give  
him power." -Abraham Lincoln*

*Frank D. Bush*  
Grand Worthy Patron

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# From Our Grand Worthy Matron



Felecia J. Ballard  
Grand Worthy Matron

*This is the day which  
the Lord hath made; we  
will rejoice and be glad  
in it. (Psalm 118:24).*

## Grand Worthy Matron's Corner

Greetings!

I am very excited about what 2017 has in store for us! We began our year with an outstanding workshop on Saturday, January 14, 2017. I wish to congratulate M. Denise Watts, Grand Lecturer, and all of our District Deputy Grand Matrons for planning this year's workshop. I thank all who participated, gave presentations and attended. It was truly a beautiful day!

I look forward to seeing each of you on March 4, 2017 at the first District Meeting of the year. This is also the first training day for the OES Academy. Likewise, on that day we will conduct a State- Wide Administrative Degree.

Please remember to bring socks for the nursing homes to your District Meeting. The District Deputy Grand Matrons and Worthy Matrons of each district will work together to distribute the socks in their areas. Below are the dates of the District Meetings:

March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Central District
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	South Central District
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Far Western
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Western
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Eastern District

By now all Worthy Matrons should have received a packet of information from me. Please be sure to read in your Chapter Meetings and govern yourselves accordingly to the deadline for all dates.

The Jurisdiction is now in Amnesty. The Amnesty Program began January 16, 2017 and will end June 1, 2017. Please refer to the communication dated January 9, 2017 for detailed information about Amnesty. Chapters please make a concrete effort to reclaim your Chapter members.

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## From Our Grand Worthy Matron

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I want to encourage our Chapters to submit applications for the Mary E. Howe Educational Assistance Fund. Sis. Carla Vinegar, Chair. Remember, one applicant per Chapter. The application is forth-coming. The deadline date is June 30, 2017.

The 122<sup>nd</sup> Grand Communications of Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter is July 28, - August 3, 2017. Let us make every effort to support the Most Worshipful Prince Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Kentucky, Inc., as they celebrate 150 Years of service. The registration fee is \$150.00. A payment installment plan has been created to assist with the registration fee. The Registration forms and Souvenir Ad Contract are now available on the Grand Lodge website. You are welcome to start making your hotel reservations for Grand Communications.

Chapters, you have been very busy during the year! Your community service has been very noticeable in respective communities. I encourage you to keep up the good work. Continue shining brightly and being a positive influence in your communities.

I request your prayers for traveling grace for our members who will be attending the 30<sup>th</sup> Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Chapters and Eastern Stars. The Conference will convene March 16-19, 2017, Indianapolis, Indiana. May 17-21, 2017, the Prince Hall Conference of Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons will convene at the Dallas/Addison Marriott Quorum Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

Let us, keep Romans 8:28 in our hearts. Let us continue to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us be respectful for all of our sisters and brothers in this jurisdiction. Someone is always watching each of us. Let us keep one another lifted in prayer as we have many members who are dealing with sickness and bereavement.

Remember our Motto: **Teamwork, together we can achieve the extraordinary!**

Committed In His Service,

*Felecia J. Ballard*

Felecia J. Ballard  
Grand Worthy Matron



## From Our Grand Worthy Patron

Sisters and Brothers,

As we embark upon a new year, many of our Chapters are under the guidance of new officers.

To the Chapter officers, old and new, I wish you a productive and harmonious year as you go about your various duties. Your members have shown great confidence in you by electing you to serve them. Remember you were elected to serve, not to be served, to guide, not dictate, to teach, not berate. A title doesn't make you special, it makes you responsible. A title doesn't make you smarter but it should make you more eager to learn.

I have learned over the years that a Chapter is only as good as its' officers. A good secretary will know what forms need to be filed and when and insure that the Matron is aware of impending deadlines. Her meeting minutes will be accurate and always available when some previous action by the Chapter needs to be referenced. A good treasurer will be meticulous in the recording, depositing and reporting of the funds entrusted to her care. You are indispensable to the success of your Chapter. Never waiver in the performance of your duties.

As Matron and Patron, you need to know the law otherwise, you will be unable to enforce the law and that is one of your primary responsibilities. You need to know the ritualistic work or you can never expect your members to learn it. You need to know the duties of your officers and insure that they are performed in a satisfactory manner. Everyone will follow your lead, so lead with dignity, knowledge and enthusiasm.

A Matron must control the Chapter meetings and maintain decorum otherwise chaos will ensue. It may seem minor when a member speaks without being called on by the Matron or walk around the Chapter room during the meeting, but when **everyone** feels that they have this right, chaos will surely prevail. So be vigilant, be consistent and be just.

To the members, these are the persons you have chosen to lead, guide and represent you and I earnestly implore you to support them. If they have shortcomings in their respective duties, aid them, encourage them, teach them but most of all love and respect them. Together we can succeed in all we attempt to do.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to you all for a successful year.

Frank D. Bush

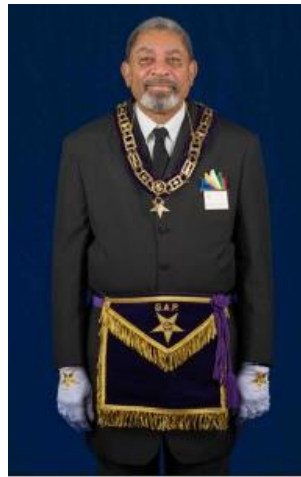
Grand Worthy Patron



Frank D. Bush  
Grand Worthy Patron



## From Our Elected Grand Officers



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

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND ASSOCIATE PATRON

.A reminder that the Worthy Patron Project is off and running and in full swing. Very excited about the participation this year and let's try and support the project. Just a few dollars will go a long way.

Letters have been sent out hoping all patrons received theirs. Don't forget the DEADLINE MAY 30th, 2017.

Thanks in advance.

Donald E. Thompson Sr.,  
Grand Associate Patron



## CECELIA DUNLAP GRAND CHAPTER BLACK HISTORY FACTS

**Mollie Bradley, Past Grand Worthy Matron (1985-1987) and Walter T. Bradley, Past Grand Worthy Patron (1973-1975) owned the first launderette in Midway, Kentucky.** Customers could leave their laundry to be cleaned and folded and it would be ready for pick up later that day. Customers could also do their own laundry. Past Grand Worthy Matron Bradley is the author of “A bright Star” (a biography of Cecelia Dunlap) and has written a number of articles for the Phyllis magazine and is a contributing writer for the Woodford Sun. Past Grand Worthy Patron Bradley was editor of the Star Gazer (1975-1977). PGWM Bradley gave piano lessons to anyone that had a desire to learn whether they had the money or not. The Bradley’s and their sons all played the piano. The Bradley’s purchased the Old Midway Colored School in 1959 and leased space to a number of businesses including lodge hall and lodge offices.

**Our Grand Chapter was named for Cecelia Dunlap, our third Grand Worthy Matron.** Sister Dunlap was short in stature (about 5’2” or 5’3”) and a full blooded Cherokee Indian. She married Simon Dunlap in the state of Georgia and moved to Kentucky in the 1800’s. She was the mother of three children, James, Albert and Carrie. Her son James served several terms as Grand Worthy Patron. Sister Dunlap made the following observation during one of the Grand Sessions: “Our work here should be of such a character and so thoughtfully and well done that it will not only serve the present, but should serve as beacon lights up the rugged hill of progress for guidance for future generations. I hope we do not meet in the Annual Grand Sessions for mere pleasure alone, but as an opportunity for leaving foot prints on the Sands of Time.” Sister Dunlap passed away in 1908. This information was received from the works of previous Grand Historians.

This information can be found in Notable Kentucky African Americans database.

Sister Wathetta Buford

Grand Historian



## BLACK HISTORY

### *WHAT IF THERE WERE NO BLACK PEOPLE IN THE WORLD?*

*Author Unknown*

This is a story of a little boy named Uchechi, who woke up one morning and asked God, "What if there were no Black people in the world?"

Well, God thought about that for a moment and then said, "Son, follow me around today and let's just see what it would be like if there were no Black people in the world. Get dressed and we will get started." Uchechi ran to his room to put on his clothes and shoes but there were no shoes and his clothes were all wrinkled. He looked for the iron, but when he reached for the ironing board, it was no longer there. You see Sarah Boone, a Black woman, invented the ironing board and Jan E. Matzelinger, a Black man invented the shoe lasting machine.

"Oh well," God said, go and do your hair." Uchechi ran in his room to comb his hair, but the comb was not there. You see, Walter Sammons, a Black man, invented the comb. Uchechi decided to just brush his hair, but the brush was gone. You see Lydia O. Newman, a Black female invented the brush.

Well, he was a sight, no shoes, wrinkled clothes, hair a mess without the hair care inventions of Madam C.J. Walker. Well, you get the picture.

God told Uchechi, "Let's do the chores around the house and then take a trip to the grocery store." Uchechi's job was to sweep the floor. He swept and swept and swept. When he reached for the dustpan, it was not there. You see, Lloyd P. Ray, a Black man, invented the dustpan. So he swept his pile of dirt over in the corner and left it there. He then decided to mop the floor, but he mop was gone. You see, Thomas W. Stewart, a Black man, invented the mop.

Uchechi thought to himself, "I'm not having any luck." "Well, son," God said. "We should wash the clothes and prepare a list for the grocery store."

When he was finished, Uchechi went to place the clothes in the dryer, but it was not there. You see, George T. Samoan a Black man, invented the clothes dryer. Uchechi got a pencil and some paper to prepare the list for the market, but noticed that the pencil lead was broken, as well he was out of luck because John Love, a black man, invented the pencil sharpener.

He reached for a pen, but it was not there because William Purvis, a Black man, invented the fountain pen. As a matter of fact, Lee Burridge invented the typewriting machine, and W.A. Lavette, the printing press. Both were Black Men.

So they decided to head out to the market. Well, when Uchechi opened the door, he noticed the grass was as high as he was tall. (remember your high top)? You see the lawn mower was invented by John Burr, a Black man.

They then made their way over to the car and found that it just wouldn't go. You see, Robert Spikes, a Black man, invented the automatic gear shift and Joseph Gammel a Black man, invented the supercharge system for internal combustion engines. They noticed that the few cars that were moving were running into each other and having wrecks because there were no traffic signals. You see, Garrett A. Morgan, a Black man invented the traffic light. Well, it was getting late, so they walked to the market, got their groceries and returned home.

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## BLACK HISTORY

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Just when they were about to put away the milk, eggs and butter, they noticed the refrigerator was gone. You see, John Standard, a Black man, invented the refrigerator. So they put the food on the counter. By this time, they noticed it was getting mighty cold. Uchechi went to turn up the heat and what do you know, Alive Parker, a Black lady, invented the heating furnace. Even in the summer time they would have been out of luck because Frederick Jones, a Black man, invented the air conditioner.

It was almost time for Uchechi's father to arrive home. He usually took the bus, but there was no bus because its precursor was the electric trolley, invented by another Black man, Elbert T. Robinson. He usually took the elevator from his office on the 20th floor, but there was no elevator because Alexander Miles, a Black man, invented the elevator. He usually dropped off the office mail at a nearby mailbox, but it was no longer there because Philip Downing, a Black man, invented the letterdrop mailbox and William Barry a Black man, invented the postmarking and canceling machine.

Uchechi sat at the kitchen table with his head in his hands. When his father arrived he asked, "Why are you sitting in the dark?" Why? Because Lewis Howard Latimer, a Black man, invented the filament within the light bulb. Uchechi quickly learned what it would be like if there were no Black people in the world.

Not to mention if he were ever sick and needed blood Charles Drew, a Black scientist, found a way to preserve and store blood which led to his starting the world's first blood bank. And what if a family member had to have heart surgery. This would not have been possible without Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, a Black doctor, who performed the first open heart surgery. So if you wonder, like Uchechi, What If There Were No Black People?

Well, it's pretty plain to see, we could very well still be in the dark! And that's just a few of their inventions.







From Our DDGMS



## EASTERN DISTRICT NOTES AND NOTICES

“THE LORD HATH DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US;  
WHEREOF WE ARE GLAD”. PSALM 126:3.

Time is quickly approaching for the Annual District Meetings to begin. April 22, 2017, The Eastern District will convene at the Madison Middle School 101 Summit Street Richmond, Kentucky. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. Devotions 9:45 a.m. Ritualistic Opening 10:00 a.m. Again this year, we will be collecting socks to be distributed among area nursing homes. Please, remember to bring your donation of socks to the meeting. Drawing for a \$100.00 Gift Card will be held following the meeting. Bring your stubs. The deadline to turn in monies from the tickets is March 25, 2017.

Eastern District Palm Sunday Services will be held at the Faristown Missionary Baptist Church, 1842 Menelaus Road, Berea, Kentucky. Rev. Ray Reed, Host Pastor. Come share with us in lifting up the name of Jesus.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation”. Psalm 95:1. It is with great pleasure to announce the ReBirth of The Eastern District Choir. Plans are in the making for its debut. More information will be forthcoming. Asking for your prayers as we attempt to praise the Lord in song.

January 2017, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Jonathan A. Bryant appointed Past Master, of Ashler Lodge No. 49, Richmond, Kentucky, Brother Charles Hawkins as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eastern District. Brother Hawkins currently serves as Worthy Patron of Phyllis Wheatley No. 39. To God be the glory.

Prayer concerns: PGWM-Sister Vanda L. Langham,-Kenton No. 40 as she recovers from surgery. Sister Judy Jones, all Sick/Distressed/Bereaved, our District, all Officers and Grand Officers, Chapters, Jurisdiction of Kentucky, and each other.

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

Carolyn S. Walker, DDGM-Eastern District



## From Our Chapters

### Golden Chapter No. 8 – TRIBUTE...

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Golden Chapter No. 8, O.E.S. of Louisville, has suffered a great loss. On Sunday, January 29, 2017, the Lord called one of his valiant soldiers home. Golden's oldest living member, **Sis. Anna Mae Toby** at 95 years old, answered the Master's call and went home to be with the Lord.

Better known as Ann Toby, she was born in Beaumont, TX on May 21, 1921. Sis. Toby became a member of Golden Chapter No. 8 on February 13, 1952. In December, 1966, she was elected Worthy Matron and served for two years.

She also faithfully served as the chapter secretary for more than 15 years. She truly loved the Order and as a Past Matron and secretary, she was always willing to share her knowledge and was not hesitant to **instruct** and **correct** us when we did something wrong.

She was very particular in instructing us about our appropriate OES dress and proper ritualistic work of the Order and we loved her for that. After serving as President of the



North Central District Past Matron/Past Patron's Council, she was appointed District Deputy Grand Matron of the North Central District—currently known as the Central District.

Welborn Guild No. 12, Heroines of Templar Crusade was honored that she served as

Princess Captain and in August, 1996, she was elected Grand Princess Captain of Annie A. S. Perry Grand Guild, H.T.C of Kentucky.

This servant of God was a long time, faithful member of Friendship Baptist Church and was an inspiration to the young and old. Her favorite scripture comes from Psalms 27 which begins with, ***"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid and ends with "Wait on the Lord..."***

Those who knew and loved Sis. Ann Toby will long remember her dedication to the Order. She lived a good, long life and the members of Golden No. 8 and others of the Masonic Family are especially grateful that she passed our way and spent time with us. Cont...



## From Our Chapters

Cont...Golden Chapter No. 8 – TRIBUTE...

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***Memories are treasures none can steal,  
Death is heartache none can heal,  
Some may forget, now that you are gone,  
But we shall remember no matter how long!***

*Barbara M. Cox, Worthy Matron*

*Ralph Hearn, Worthy Patron*

*Willie Pearl Johnson, Reporter*





## From Our Chapters

### Mizpah No. 16 – The Stars Closet...

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### *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

### **Zorah No. 20** – Zorah surprises the Devine Steps ladies...

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On December 23, 2016 Zorah Chapter No. 20 surprised of the Divine Steps ladies shelter with hygiene and paper products to help offset their costs.



Divine Steps half way house. This halfway house is located in the heart of the west end. And it only houses women. The women were so grateful for the donations.

Pamela Wright, WM





## From Our Chapters

### **Amaranth No. 46** – MLK Jr. March...

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#### MLK Jr. March

OES Amaranth Chapter #46 members participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. march on January 16, 2017 in Owensboro, KY.

Members from left to right, newest member Shannon Martin, Lynn Darnes, Secretary and Renee Wright, WM





## From Our Chapters

### Progressive No. 63 – Nehemiah...

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*“The joy of the Lord is our strength” – Nehemiah 8:10*

Greetings from

Progressive Chapter No. 63 Far Western District

The future for the chapter this year is very inspiring. We are looking forward to doing many helpful projects. We have gained several new members ready to work. Arielle Lewis, Antuan Cornelius, Danita Browne, Kimberly Mosley, Ruby Covington, Russhale Croney, and Valecia Largen whom all came in April 2016. Kelly Hailey came in November 2016. We also gained a new Worthy Patron Michael Wright and Associate Patron Donnie Vaughn. They both came in January 2017. They have all been in less than a year and have proven to be dedicated members. It is our goal to be a blessing in someone's life.

Keep Walking in the Light, Masonic Family!!

Until next time, Be Encouraged!!

Progressive Chapter No. 63

W.M. Lori Tylene Baker

W.P. Michael Wright





## From Our Chapters

### Lilly White No. 132 – CDGCWS. (Workshop)...

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CDGCWS. (Workshop)

22:30 - 23:30

Wed, Feb 8, 2017

RECENTLY, ON JANUARY 14, 2017, CECELIA DUNLAP GRAND CHAPTER OES HELD A PROGRAM THAT WAS NOT TO BE MISSED. CHAPTER MEMBERS TRAVELED FROM ALL OVER THE STATE, EAGER TO BE A PART OF THIS WORK SHOP

THE HEAVY RAIN, THE NIGHT BEFORE AND UP INTO THE DAY DIDN'T KEEP THE PARTICIPANTS FROM ATTENDING, AS ALL EYES AND EARS WE'RE SEEMINGLY FOCUSED ON ALL OF THE PRESENTERS.

THE DEMONSTRATIONS GIVEN WERE AWESOME. INCLUDED WERE DRESS CODE, THE PROPER WAY TO WALK THE LABYRINTH AS WELL AS OTHER INFORMATIONAL TOPICS. IF I MAY SAY A HEALING EXPERIANCE ON HOW TO SUPRESS ONES FEELINGS, WHEN ONE FEELS LIKE ONE IS BEEING APPROACHED IMPROPERLY BY SOMEONE IN CHARGE OF AN ORDER OR IN COMMAND.

I TRULY WANT TO THANK THE GRAND PERSONNEL, FOR HOLDING SUCH AN INSPIRING INFORMATIVE WORK SHOP, ONE THAT ALL MEMBERS COULD BENEFIT FROM. THE REMARKS I OVERHEARD FROM SOME, WERE "I REALLY ENJOYED IT."  
"IT WAS INFORMATIVE." I'M GLAD I CAME."

WE WANT TO EXPRESS TO LILY WHITE # 132 MEMBERS, WHO ARE ON ACTIVE DUTY, THAT WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU AND YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS. IN ADDITION, WE'D LIKE TO SAY TO OUR RETIRED MILITARY MEMBERS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

MAY WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT IN, AS WELL AS THE HOMELESS AND THE NEEDY

PGW CHARLOTTE MAY FROM LILY WHITE 132 IS STILL IN RECOVERY.

THE LIST SERVE INFORMATION IS ONE TO BE PROUD OF. OH HOW GREAT IT IS TO RECEIVE FIRST HAND INFORMATION.

THANKS TO GWM AND GWP FOR TAKING TIME OUT WITH US.

#### ELECTION RESULT 2017

WM - PATRICA GOULSBY

WP - BRO ELIJAH OLIVER

ASSOC. MATRON - NICOLE HUNTER-BARNETT

ASSOC PATRON - LAMARKUS SINGLETON

COND - LIKEYER NICOLE BENNETT

ASSOC COND - EMILY GORDNIER

SEC - LEIGHA DAVIS

TREAS - DENISE WATTS

Bobbie Jackson, Lily White #132

Star Gazer Reporter



## New Members Corner

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

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"I HAVE A DREAM"

EVEN IN THE RAIN, AN UNTOLD NUMBER OF PEOPLE, FROM VARIOUS CHURCHES GATHERED AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB TO BEGIN THE UNITY WALK. AFTER PRAYER EVERYONE, DIRECTED BY THE KY POLICE HEADED FOR 1 ST STREET BAPTIST CHURCH FOR SERVICE.



AND THE DREAM CONTINUED

Thanks to 1st Street Baptist church, for lending their support, in addition to the KY police department

LET US KEEP THE LIGHT BURNING!

BOBBIE JACKSON, LW SG Reporter



*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**



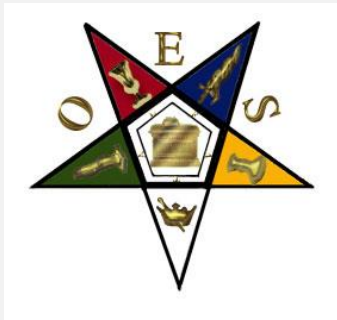
**Brother Ron Lewis**



# Submission Deadlines

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September	September 1st (dedicated to the Grand Chapter Officers)
December	November 10th

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PLEASE NOTE: Submissions received after deadline are published in the next publication. For example, submissions received after February 10<sup>th</sup> are published in the June publication, received after May 10<sup>th</sup> are published in September publication, etc. **Submission Deadlines must be Hard Deadlines due to publishing technicalities.** Thank you for your understanding. – F.A.T.A.L, Sister Alethea Bernard, Grand Publisher