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From the Editor-in-Chief:

*"All the beautiful sentiments in the world
weigh less than a single lovely action." -
James Russell Lowell*

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

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

Greetings from the Office of Grand Worthy Matron,

I wish to thank the Jurisdiction for your support of our 2017 District Meetings. I thank you for traveling and taking the time to be in attendance and your participation! I truly believe each of us gleamed something from the lectures and instructions that were given during this time. I thank all District Deputy Grand Matrons for your planning and preparation for the meetings.

This year we implemented the OES Academy. We had 18 members to participate. The instruction for the Academy was giving at the District Meetings. I wish to thank the OES Academy Committee for your development and leadership of the Academy. I thank all of our presenters, your presentations were outstanding!

I wish to thank all who traveled with us to Indianapolis, Indiana March 17-20, 2017, for the Midwest Regional Conference. Likewise, thanks to all who traveled with us May 17-21, 2017, to Dallas, Texas for the Prince Hall Conference of Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons, Order of Eastern Star. The Lord shielded us with His traveling grace to and from both destinations. We thank you for your well wishes and prayers during our time away from the jurisdiction.

Please adhere to all deadlines for the projects and reports.

We are eagerly preparing for the 122nd Grand Session of Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter. This is July 29- August 3, 2017 at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. The registration forms and Souvenir Journal Ad Contract Forms for Grand Communications are available at <http://www.phglky.com/>. We are requesting that Chapters place an ad in this year's Journal. We hope to see as many of our sisters and brothers as possible in attendance at this year's Grand Communications as we celebrate with the Grand Lodge on 150 Years of service.

I ask that we keep one another lifted in prayer. There has been much sickness and bereavement throughout the jurisdiction, we all stand in the need of prayer. A family that prays together stays together! Let us, as a Jurisdiction, continue to work together in a spirit of peace and harmony.

Lastly, I thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and general concern during my most recent illness. You do not know how much it means to me. Again, thank you!

Committed in His Service,

Felecia J. Ballard

Felecia J. Ballard, Grand Worthy Matron



From Our Grand Worthy Patron

Sisters and Brothers,

I bring you greetings from the office of the Grand Worthy Patron. In the previous issue of the Star Gazer, as well as my remarks during the various District Meetings, I have stressed the importance of our Chapter officers performing their respective duties to the best of their abilities and in a manner that will bring honor to themselves and to their Chapters.

At this time, I would like to shift my focus to the membership. As a member of your Chapter you have an even greater responsibility than your elected officers. Officers can be replaced, but you are indispensable to the success of your Chapter.

As a member you must choose your officers wisely and without regard for personal relationships. Your choice must be based on merit. At each election you must decide who is most capable rather than who is next in line. Once chosen, you are now obligated to support those officers, even the ones you may not have voted for. If you can muster the courage to do this, your Chapter will be strong and viable.

As a member, you must be willing to adhere to the rules and regulations of the Order and your Chapter. You must learn to accept the consequences of your actions. No one is above the law and as a member, it is your responsibility to ensure that the law is applied to everyone, and is enforced in a just and equal manner. This means that you **MUST** know the law. If you think a law unjust, endeavor to change it, rather than disobey it. This is your right and your duty.

As a member you must be willing to work. Endeavour to eliminate the term, "The faithful few" and instead become the "Faithful Many"! It takes a village to raise a child and it take an **entire** Chapter to administer to needs of our members, our communities and the many others whom may lay claim to our Charity.

Every member has a responsibility to attend your meetings. We need everyone to be active and engaged. We can make a difference if we all work and if we all work together.

So in closing, I say to you, my Sisters and Brothers all, let's make a difference for the betterment of our members and mankind and let GOD be the judge of our just reward.

Frank D. Bush

Grand Worthy Paton



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

Brothers,

I want to remind all the Worthy Patrons that time is drawing near for the Patrons Project. The deadline is May 30, 2017. I want to thank every Patron for their participation.

Donald E. Thompson Sr.,
Grand Associate Patron



From Our Elected Grand Officers



Greetings!

Congratulation to Miss Nianna Adyletott, for being selected to represent Kentucky as a candidate for the Conference of Grand Masters, Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons Scholarship. Nianna will be graduating from Bardstown High School and attending Eastern Kentucky University majoring in Biology. The winner of the Scholarship will be announced at the conference to be held May 17-21, 2017 in Dallas Texas. Let's all send prays for Nianna!



*Brenda Murphy
Grand Associate Matron*

We would also like to congratulate those who participated in Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter's OES Academy during our District Meetings. There are eighteen members waiting to take the final step of testing to be awarded a certificate of completion during Grand Session! We applaud those members who participated and those who will be receiving certification. Last but not least, a special thanks to those who were demonstrators and those that helped in any way to make the Academy a great success! Kudos!

Brenda A. Murphy, GAM



From Our Elected Grand Officers



*Marva A. Harris
Grand Conductress*

I pray that each of you are in good spirits and being blessed by our heavenly father.

Grand Communication is just a few months away I am excited about who will be crowned District Deputy Grand Matron of the year, all monies are to be turned in by May 30th 2017. I look forward to seeing each of you as we Celebrate this Wonderful and Blessed Event.

Let your light so shine before others that they might see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

Blessings,

Marva A. Harris

Grand Conductress





From Our Elected Grand Officers



Have you heard?

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Carla D. Thomas
Grand Associate Conductress

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We want to make the 150th Anniversary a memorable tribute to those early pioneering individuals who made it possible for us to Honor Our Legacy.

Tuesday, August 1, 2017
7:00 p.m. Sesquicentennial Banquet

Galt House
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Louisville, KY 40202

Black Tie Formal Affair

Guest Speaker

Roland Martin



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Grand Associate Conductress





From Our DDGMS

EASTERN DISTRICT SOCK DRIVE FOR NURSING HOME

April 22, 2017, the Eastern District Meeting held at the Madison Middle School 101 Summit Street, Richmond, Kentucky, hosted by Phyllis Wheatley Chapter No. 39.

Although we had heavy rains this day, we were blessed to have persons that traveled many miles across the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Ohio to be in attendance and support us. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. During each District Meeting, GWM Ballard asked us to bring socks to be donated to nursing homes. Socks from the Eastern District were donated to the Madison Manor Nursing Home, Meadowlark Drive, Richmond, Kentucky.

Thank you Eastern District for sharing and showing love to others. To God Be the Glory.

Carolyn S. Walker, DDGM-Eastern District





From Our DDGMS

EASTERN DISTRICT PALM SUNDAY SERVICE FARRISTOWN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH REVEREND RAY REED, PASTOR ELECT ECHOES FROM EASTERN DISTRICT 4.2017



This is the day that the Lord has made and we rejoiced and was glad in it. The Male Chorus provided music, Rev. Ray Reed delivered a sermonette, after which we shared a great fellowship with one another.



The Palm Sunday Ceremony was led by PWP, Brother George Thompson-Patron-Rose of Sharon Chapter No. 56, Sister Bertha Smathers WM-Rose of Sharon No. 56-Adah, Sister Charlene Hawkins PM-Phyllis Wheatley No. 39-Ruth, Sister Paula Garrett PM-Phyllis Wheatley No. 39-Esther, Sister Georgia Parks AM-Phyllis Wheatley No.39-Martha, Sister Christine Chadwell PM-Phyllis Wheatley No. 39-Electa, Sister Tonya L. Miller

PM, PDDGM-Newport No. 105-Associate Conductress, Sister Gladys Miller PM, WM-Phyllis Wheatley No. 39-Worthy Matron, and Sister Georgia M. Goodloe PM-Phyllis Wheatley No. 39-Conductress.

It was a beautiful day for being in service one more time lifting up our Lord and Savior. Thanks again to our District for your participation and willingness.

God bless you and keep each of you.

Carolyn S. Walker, DDGM
Eastern District



From Our Chapters

Zorah No. 20 – Zorah donates to Divine steps half way house and made strides for Cancer...

Zorah No. 20 donated personal hygiene goods to the 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.

In addition, members of Zorah No. 20 participated in the “Making Strides for Cancer” walk. We didn't get to take a group picture, but other ladies of Zorah were also there. We just couldn't find each other. This was our day to let our light shine. My tee shirt has OES and Zorah No. 20 on the back.



We also donated money to Making Strides Cancer Walk.

Pamela Wright, Worthy Matron



From Our Chapters

Progressive No. 63 – Create in me a pure heart...

Create in me a pure heart, God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10

Greetings from Progressive Chapter #63



Progressive #63 has had eventful year so far starting with a fish fry in Pembroke, KY. The Brother of Jethro #45 Pembroke KY where there to help us out. Our sister chapters stopped by with donations. To you all we say thank you. This fish fry was a success.



From Our Chapters



In the mist of this most of our sisters were attending THE OES ACADEMY!!!! Enjoying not only the learning phase but seeing the overall sisterhood. The Saint Bethlehem Baptist church had a community Easter egg hunt and we were able to donate food and snacks. Our Brothers were on the scene once again to do the grilling.



From Our Chapters



Our main event the Mother & Daughter Tea was simply awesome. Most chapters have a faithful few but we are a chapter of a faithful many. Some sent what was needed, some couldn't stay but came to help set up. I appreciate that, and it lets me know you are dedicated to your chapter. The attendance of Grand Worthy Patron, Frank Bush DDGM Deny Gonzalez and Mother Long was greatly appreciated, we enjoyed your company.

Our upcoming events are our Alzheimer's walk; breast cancer awareness walk as well as a senior night at the nursing home in Pembroke KY.

To the sister of Progressive chapter #63 words cannot express how proud you ladies make me feel. Keep finding ways to let your Light Shine until next time Progressive chapter #63 will continue to be on the move to be a Blessing in someone's life

Progressive Chapter #63

W.M. Lori Tyler Baker



From Our Chapters

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



W.P.
Wright

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

Michael



"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. After having a very successful 2016, we plan to continue to work hard at making 2017 just as successful for our chapter.

Rising Star No. 102 started off 2017 by showing support to the Central District. We attended and participated in the CDGC Workshop demonstration in January. Our very own Associate Matron, Schelequia Davis, walked the Mazy Labyrinth with ease, showing us all how a little practice can make all the difference on your first impression of new candidates. Central District also collected socks during the District meeting this year and Springhaven

Women's Shelter in our community was selected to receive some of them. We delivered the socks and the donation was well received.



We supported Queen of Nelson #87, Aurora #96 and Larue #110 by attending all three Prayer Breakfast events. Each enriched our soul in their own way. We were glad to be able to fellowship with other chapters in our district.

Our chapter is moving forward and shining our light whenever possible. We had two successful Soul Food Dinner Sales in February and April. The first one went so well that we did it again after so many were asking for another one. We had people from Fort Knox, Radcliff, Elizabethtown and Louisville come by for a plate or sandwich.

For Easter we went out to visit with one of our senior members, PM Elaine Jackson, who is currently in a rehabilitation center.

She was so excited to see all of us and we had a great time of fellowship with her.



The 5th Sunday of the month has been deemed Brother/Sister Fellowship Sunday and we had church visitation with our Brother Lodge, Hub City #172. We enjoyed a wonderful service with Second

Baptist Church in Greensburg, KY where Rev. James Jackson is Pastor. They welcomed us with open arms and were glad to have us there.

After church we all took Pastor



Jackson to dinner, to show our appreciation for him opening his church up to us.

We are continuing our work in the community. Along with donating supplies to Community Health Clinic for Hardin and Larue Counties and Springhaven Women's Shelter, we have also started volunteering with Feeding America every last Tuesday of the month. Feeding America is a non-



From Our Chapters

profit organization that distributes donated food, grocery items and government commodities throughout almost 16,000 sq. miles of Kentucky. This branch serves 42 of Kentucky's counties.



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

Sister Defiece Williams, Worthy Matron
Brother Leon Faulk, Worthy Patron

"Life's most persistent and urgent questions is, what are you doing for others?"
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Humbly Submitted,

Sister DuWanna Watkins,
Star Gazer Correspondent

Our upcoming event will be June 10th for our Annual Prayer Breakfast at the Vaughn Reno Stark Community Center in Elizabethtown, KY. All members have tickets available. Our guest speaker this year will be Sis JoAnn James, First Lady of Elim Baptist Church.

Finally, we are asking our OES family to keep one of our faithful members, PM Deborah Randall, in prayer as she leaves us headed to Kuwait for a year. We wish her the very best and will miss her deeply. We had a farewell reception for her after our April meeting, to send her off with love.





*Congratulations to
Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter's
2016 - 2017*

District Deputy Grand Matron of the Year

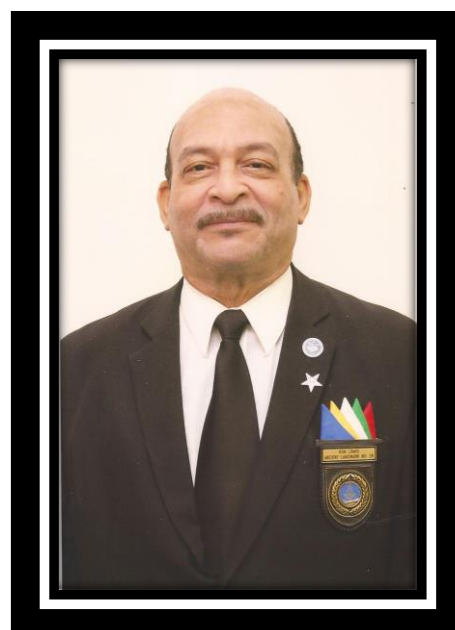


**Sister
Deny Gonzalez**

Matron and Patron of the Year



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