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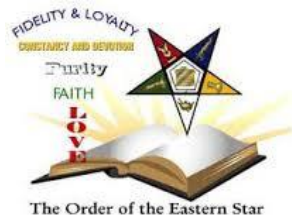
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Our Mission

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 Alter 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.

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From the Editor-in-Chief:

*"How do you change the world?
By one "Act of Random Kindness" at a time."
- "Morgan Freeman in Evan Almighty"*



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

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Words from Our GWM and GWP

Grand Worthy Matron's Corner



Greetings,

I graciously extend greetings to all of our Members. I pray this communication finds you comforted in the Grace of our Lord and knowing all things work together for good to those who love the Lord!

I am appreciative to have been warmly received at all District Meetings. I am encouraged by the activity and community involvement of our Chapters. I thank each District Deputy Grand Matron and Members for your participation. Each District Meeting attendance was good and each program well planned. It has been a long time since we traveled in the snow to attend District Meetings, for that, I "THANK YOU." Additionally, I thank the District Lecturers and Presenters for the OES Academy. Great information and instructions were put forth. A general theme flowed with each presentation, which consisted of Preparation, Purpose and Destiny.

We had a wonderful time at the 46th Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters & Masons 31st Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Chapters and Eastern Stars. This conference met March 15-18, 2018, at Marriot Overland Park, Overland Park, Kansas. We thank our Officers and Members who traveled with us. Make plans now to get on the bus bound for the 2019 Midwest Regional Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The 47th Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters & Masons and the 32nd Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Chapters and Eastern Stars will convene March 21-24, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis Hotel, 1300 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55403 Telephone: 612.370.1234. You can follow the progress of the 2019 Conference on Facebook link, <https://m.facebook.com/MidwestinMinnesota/>.

The New Authorized Rituals of Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter, OES have been ordered. They are scheduled for pick-up the first week of June 2018. We will begin using them immediately across the Jurisdiction. We have ordered a surplus supply. If you did not purchase one and would like to do so, please contact your District Deputy Grand Matron. We will open the 123rd Session using the New Ritual.

I look forward to seeing you at the 123rd Annual Grand Communication of Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter which will convene July 27- August 2, 2018 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Sloan Convention Center in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The registration fee is \$95. Registration forms are located on the Grand Lodge website at <http://phgiky.com/wordpress/>. We encourage as many members who can to attend this years' Session. We will have the Valarie E. Newsome Fashion Show on Monday, July 30, 2018. Please see PDDGM Vicki Penix, if you would like to model.

Let me express my sincere appreciation to the Jurisdiction of Kentucky for your support of my Testimonial Banquet that was held April 14, 2018 in Richmond, Kentucky at Eastern Kentucky University. I also thank the members of Phyllis Wheatley Chapter No. 39 and the General Banquet Planning Committee, for the hard work you invested to make this a successful event. I am deeply overjoyed by the outpouring of the

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Jurisdiction's love. The memories from this special occasion will be etched in my mind for many days to come! I am truly humbled and honored to serve the office of Grand Worthy Matron for such a great Body of God's people.

Let us continue to communicate with each other in a positive manner, with Respect and Love. Remembering always the lessons of our five victorious Heroines: Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love. These are the lessons we learned when we first come into the Order of Eastern Star. These lessons should continue to be evident in our interactions with each other. We must shine brightly so that men can see our good works.

In closing, Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.

—John Wesley

Committed in His Service,

Felecia J. Ballard,
Grand Worthy Matron

Grand Worthy Patron's Corner



Patrons and Associate Patrons, remember the Patrons Workshop coming up on the 9th of June at the Stokes, Finley, Mahan Home at 4200 West Broadway, Louisville, KY at 11:00 am. Dress is casual. If you need more information, please contact me at (859) 986-6075 or GAP Sidney Shouse @ 502-542-2451.

Hoping to see everyone at Grand Session in Bowling Green.

Donald E. Thompson, Sr.,
Grand Worthy Patron

Words from Our GWM and GWP

Great Day of Service

Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc.
Humbly Submitted,
Felecia J. Ballard, Grand Worthy Matron

Saturday, April 21, 2018, members of Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Kentucky, Inc., and Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter, OES, of Kentucky, Inc., PHA was invited by RWSGW Johnny Ware, Executive Director of the T.I.G.E.R. Foundation to participate in the Great Day of Service at the Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc.. The Annual Great Day of Service is a beautification day for all campuses of the Masonic Homes. I wish to thank our members for your participation in this event. The Prince Hall Family had nice representation of its members, we won the award for having the most volunteers! We had the opportunity to tour their facilities and greeted was warmly by their members. It was truly a wonderful day of fellowship. We look forward to participating next year! The Masonic Homes of Kentucky is a strong supporter of the T.I.G.E.R. Foundation.



Masonic Homes of Kentucky

LEARNING & LEADING



"We want our employees to feel happy and fulfilled in their careers so they want to stay and grow with Masonic Homes."

- **Trasee Whitaker,**
*Sr.VP / Human Resources,
Chief Human Resources
Officer*



"It's just moving [students] up and giving them better opportunities in life."

- **Julie Gdowski,**
*Masonic Homes
program mentor*



MASONIC HOMES
of
KENTUCKY

Have Goals!

Education Support Program for MHKY employees

Masonic Homes of Kentucky wants to help you achieve your education goals and is proud to offer education support program called Learning and Leading. This program can help you attain your Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification, Certified Medical Technician (CMT), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Registered Nurse (RN), or Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

Who can apply?

Any full-time employee that has successfully completed the new hire orientation period and is in good standing

What does MHKY pay for?

Fees for tuition, books, necessary supplies and labs. Laptops are also loaned to employees for the duration of the course of study. Employees successfully completing the LPN, RN, and BSN degree programs will keep the laptop at no extra charge.

How do I apply?

Fill out an Education Support Form that can be found on Home Spot or by contacting Human Resources.


What is required of me?

- Complete all enrollment requirements timely and ongoing
- Completion of the full curriculum in the recommended timeframe and with a passing grade
- Achieve state certification and/or licensure in the recommended timeframe
- Fulfill the required service commitment:
 - CNA: 6 months following state certification as a CNA
 - LPN: 2 years following state licensure as a LPN
 - RN: 2 years following state licensure as a RN
 - BSN: 3 years following graduation from program or state licensure as a BSN whichever occurs last

For more information and specific details read the Education Support Policy found on Home Spot.

Acceptance into the program is based on employee performance, current staffing needs, availability of classroom spots and available funding. Class size may be limited and employees may be placed on a waiting list. Employees accepted into the program must meet a required service commitment based on the program to avoid repayment to Masonic Homes.

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 MASONIC HOMES <i>of</i> KENTUCKY	Title of Policy Education Support	Page No Page 1 of 2
Manual	Section	Policy Number
HR Management	100	108
Approved by: Sr. VP of HR/CHRO	Effective Date: 9/6/2016	Date: August 1, 2016 Revised: 2/19/2017

POLICY:

Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc. (MHKY) encourages the professional and personal development of our employees. The following policy establishes education support guidelines for qualified expenses for CNA and CMT certification and LPN, RN, and BSN degree programs. These programs further support the core values of MHKY which are delivery of remarkable service, innovation, growth and passion by providing our employees the opportunity to enhance the quality of direct care and outcomes experienced by those who we serve.

All full-time employees of Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc. are eligible to apply for education support upon successful completion of the new hire orientation period.

PROCEDURE:

Employees must follow the enrollment guidelines of the preferred college or university and be accepted into the program.

MHKY pays for the enrollment fee, tuition, books, necessary supplies and lab fees. A laptop will be loaned to employees to be used during the course of study for CNA, LPN, RN, and BSN through conclusion of course.

Employee should complete a Request for Education Support Form and submit it to their immediate supervisor. The Executive Director at that community will issue the final approval with input from the Director of Nursing and employee's immediate supervisor. All forms approved or denied shall be submitted to the Human Resources representative at the community.

Approval will be based on employee's performance, current staffing needs, availability of classroom spots and funding available. Class size may be limited and employee may be placed on a waiting list. If employee is not accepted they are encouraged to re-apply.

Approved coursework must be completed on the employee's own time.

Employee shall meet the following criteria to avoid repayment to MHKY:

- Complete all enrollment requirements timely and ongoing,
- Completion of the full curriculum in the recommended timeframe and with a passing grade
- Achieve state certification and/or licensure in the recommended timeframe
- Fulfill the required service commitment:
 - CNA – 6 months following state certification as a CNA
 - CMT – 6 months following state certification as a CMT
 - LPN – 2 years following state licensure as a LPN
 - RN – 2 years following state licensure as a RN

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- BSN – 3 years following graduation from program or state licensure as a RN whichever occurs last

Employee will be responsible for repaying 100% of all fees paid for the CNA, LPN, RN and/or BSN programs if employee: -

- drops out of the program prior to completion of the coursework, or
- does not achieve state certification and/or licensure in the recommended timeframe, or
- received an 'incomplete' and does not re-enroll following university or college guidelines, or
- terminates employment voluntarily or involuntarily prior to completion of the course

Employee will be responsible for repaying a prorated amount of the all fees paid for LPN, RN and/or BSN, programs and will be responsible for fees paid for the CNA program as permitted by Medicaid, if employee:

- voluntarily resigns before service commitment is completed, or
- does not properly renew or keep certification or licensure in good standing at any time before the service commitment is completed, or
- is involuntarily terminated before the service commitment is completed

Employee will be responsible for repaying 100% of the cost of the laptop for all programs if any of the above occur.

If the approved course is cancelled, the employee will have the option to enroll in the next offered program.

If the loaned laptop is damaged or infected with a virus employee will be responsible for reimbursing MHKY for the full cost of repair or replacement.

Employees successfully completing the LPN, RN, and BSN degree programs will keep the laptop at no extra charge. All repairs and maintenance not covered by any warranties that might be in place are the responsibility of the employee.

I am willingly participating in the education support program offered by the Masonic Homes of Kentucky. I agree to the terms of the policy.

Employee: _____
Print Name

Course: CMT

Signature

Date

Preceptor: _____
Signature

Date

From Our Elected Grand Officers



Brenda Murphy
Grand Associate Matron



Greetings!

Miss Kailah E. Habib was selected to represent Kentucky as a candidate for the Conference of Grand Masters, Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons Scholarship. The scholarship recipient will be selected during the conference to be held May 17 -20, 2018 in Washington, D.C. Kailah will be graduating from Fort Knox High School with a 4.0 GPA and plans to attend WestPoint Academy. There are eleven states competing for the scholarship! Kentucky has placed 1st for the past two years. Let us all pray that the winning streak continues!

We would also like to congratulate those who participated in Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter's OES Academy during our District Meetings. There are ten 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. A special thanks to those who were demonstrators and those that helped in any way to make the Academy a great success! Can't wait to announce the graduates!

Brenda A. Murphy,
Grand Associate Matron

From Our Elected Grand Officers

A GREAT DAY OF SERVICE



The Prince Hall Family of Kentucky participated in the 2018 Annual Great Day of Service at the Masonic Homes of Kentucky Inc., (Louisville Campus) on Saturday, April 21, 2018. Awards presented on this day included the Volunteer that Travelled the farthest which was presented to Masonic members from Paducah, Kentucky. The Kentucky Prince Hall Family was honored to receive the award for the Most Volunteers. It was a worthy and rewarding experience. Good Job Kentucky! That's the way to shine!

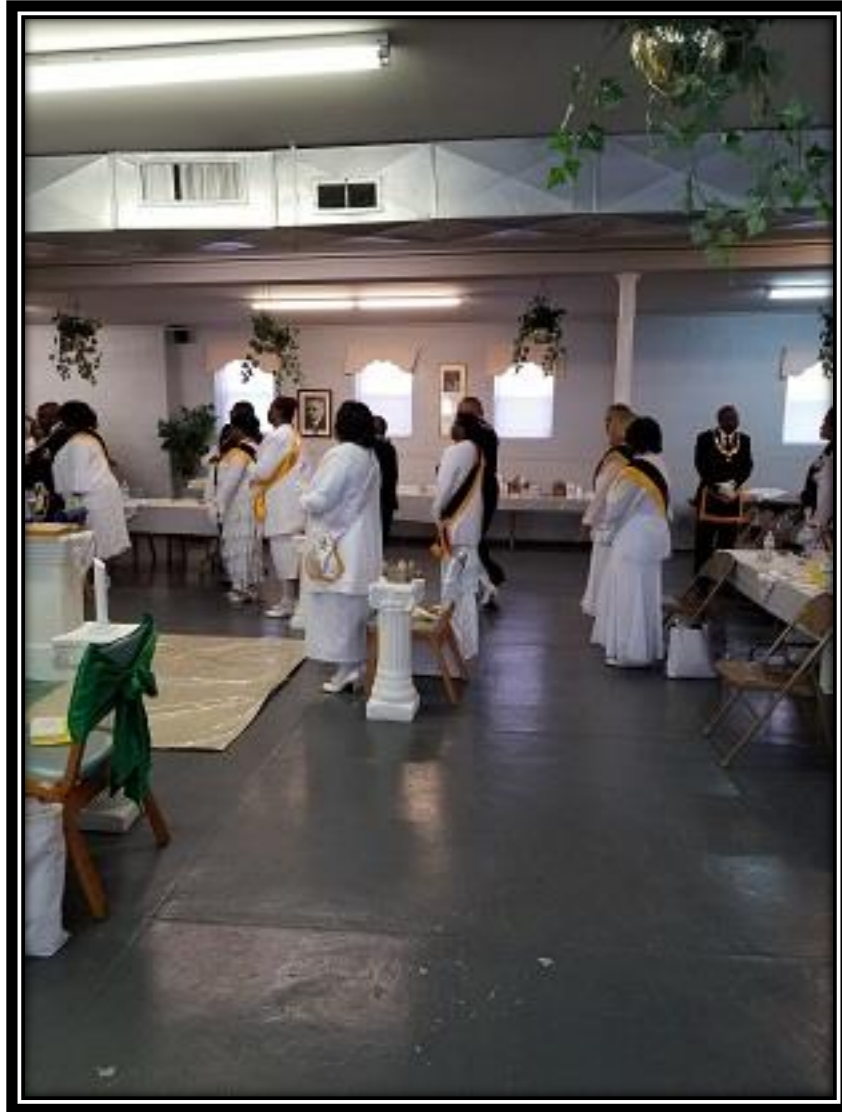
**Carla D. Thomas,
Grand Associate Conductress**



From Our DDGMs

FAR WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING FAIRED WELL

The District meeting was held in Hopkinsville KY for the year of 2018. Supported by different chapters in the surrounding areas it was nothing short of an awesome Ritualistic Opening. There was peace and respect given to all.



When the Grand Worthy Matron made her walk, Eyes were all on her with amazement and excitement. I too felt so honored to have her visit as well as all of the Grand body that was present.

The GWM informed us of the upcoming events etc. Her testimony Banquet is approaching soon as were all are aware of it. She has been on the move quite often and has made several trips here to Hopkinsville, KY. Her associate, Brenda Murphy has indeed been quite visible here in

From Our DDGMs



Hopkinsville too. The GWM testimonial Banquet will probably be over by the time this story reaches the Star Gazer but I wanted this information to be known. The photos that I took will show some of who were present. I did not get to spend as much time as I wanted to talk to some of the Grand member, as one knows, business has to be conducted.

I learned the morning of the meeting that some grand personnel as well as some others arrived the night before the meeting. That's called dedication and they are always appreciated by our brothers and sisters of the chapters, as we try to make them as comfortable as possible.

I was able to say a few words to Carla, our listserv Sister. Many thanks to her, for she provides us with information about upcoming events including funerals.

I was also honored to see the Grand Worthy Patron and speak to him, as well as PGWP Frank Bush.

Grand Lecture Denise Watts is always with us for she is from Lily White # 132. She's ours, as well as Worthy Matron Sister Goulsby and Worthy Patron, Brother Oliver.

Sis Bobbie Jackson,
Lily White #132

From Our DDGMs

South Central District Palm Sunday Service



PM Sharon Bowen, DDGM

From Our DDGMs

**EASTERN DISTRICT SOCK PROJECT
RECEIVED APRIL 14, 2018 EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING
MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL
RICHMOND, KENTUCKY 40475
APRIL 20, 2018**



The socks that were received at the Eastern District Meeting were donated to the Madison Health & Rehabilitation Facility in Richmond, KY. Miss Nina Rosier, Assistant Activity Director took charge of acceptance. They were very thankful and very happy to have been chosen.

Allen Chapter N0. 18

Phyllis Wheatley Chapter N0. 39

Kenton Chapter N0. 40

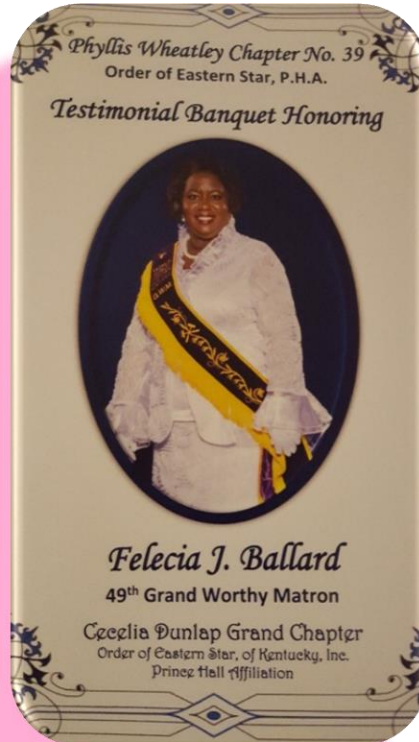
Newport Chapter N0. 105

**Carolyn S. Walker, DDGM
Eastern District**

Words from Our Chapters

**STRATTON BUILDING
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
RICHMOND, KENTUCKY 40475
APRIL 14, 2018 ~7:00 P.M.**

"AN EVENT TO REMEMBER"



Phyllis Wheatley NO. 39 hosted the Testimonial Banquet for our Grand Worthy Matron, Felecia J. Ballard, assisted by the Eastern District Chapters, District Deputy Grand Matrons, and Grand Lecturer. We had stormy weather outside, but on the inside people were mingling and greeting each other.

The room was beautifully decorated with pink and silver flowers. Upon entering, Miss Angelina Hughley and Rev. Bobby Harris entertained us with music. The Campbell Family told us about being Blessed and Highly Favored. The Annie A. S. Perry Grand Guild escorted the Grand Worthy Matron Ballard with Leon Huff playing. Grand Matron Ballard showed us some of her smooth moves. We were blessed to have had a delectable meal prepared for us. Reflections were given from her church, her family, and Order of Eastern Star. Expressions of love, presentations and remarks were given by the Grand Matron and Grand Master. We thank each and everyone for their support towards this wonderful occasion. Thanks to all that assisted in any way. To God be the glory for all the good things he has done.

Words from Our Chapters



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Carolyn S. Walker, DDGM Eastern District

Words from Our Chapters

ECHOES FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT



Saturday, April 14, 2018 members of the Eastern District met at the Madison Middle School in Richmond, Kentucky for their Annual District Meeting. Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, and visitors from other Districts from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Tennessee were in attendance with us. We had a beautiful meeting. Today, we were blessed to have in our presence, Past District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Judy Jones. She stated she just wanted to Serve. During the Visitation from the Grand Master, Sister Jones escorted him to the East.

Each Worthy Matron gave highlights from what their Chapter had or will be doing in the near future. They gave a brief report on what they did with the donation from The T.I.G.E.R. Foundation:

Allen NO. 18~WM Sis. Carolyn J. Hampton: They were able to assist a single mother and her three children with their water bill. She had received a cut off notice. They were also able to help another family with food. Thank you.

Phyllis Wheatley NO. 39:~WM Sis. Gladys T. Miller: The Faith Based Task Force of Madison County, INC. was the recipient of the T.I.G.E.R. Foundation donation. The Task Force helps prevent underage substance abuse, underage tobacco use and alcohol abuse. Thank you for your support.

Kenton NO. 40~WM Sis. Sylvia R. Davis: Thanks to the T.I.G.E.R. Foundation, we were able to help a gentleman and his son who were burned out in a terrible fire. Clothing and bedding items were purchased. They were very appreciative. Thank you again.

Newport NO. 105~ WM Sis. Tonya L. Miller. With this blessing from the T.I.G.E.R Foundation, we were able to bless the Boy's and Girl's Club. They were overjoyed to receive such a gift. Thank you.

My sincere thanks to the Worthy Matrons and Chapters for their continued support.

Carolyn S. Walker, DDGM
Eastern District

Words from Our Chapters

Happy Mother's Day from the Western District,
Alitta Leachman, DDGM

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." Proverbs 31:25-26.

"M" is for the million things she gave me,

"O" means only that she's growing Old,

"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,

"H" is for her heart of purest gold,

"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,

"R" means right, and right she'll always be.

Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER" a word that means the world to me.



Words from Our Chapters

Amaranth Chapter No. 46 Worshipping Together...

Worshipping Together



Fifth Sunday fellowship at Barnes Chapel UMC with Mount Pisgah Lodge, #20, PHA and
OES Amaranth #46, PHA.
The word by Pastor Kenny Riley

Words from Our Chapters

Progressive No. 63 Give thanks to the Lord...



Progressive Chapter No. 63 Order of Eastern Star of Kentucky, P.H. & T. Television Raffle



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD. HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
1st Chronicle 16:34

Greetings to all; Progressive Chapter No. 63 light is still shining.



L to R Associate Matron Likishia Young, **Winner Mr. Corey Jones**, Worthy Matron Tanya Edmond

Since we last communicated we had a Television Raffle which went very well. (Picture)

Words from Our Chapters

Progressive Chapter No. 63 also hosted the Far Western District Meeting, great turn out, with many lessons learned. Shout out to those STAR POINTS. THEY WERE ALL NEW EXCEPT ONE, and didn't miss a beat. The lecture of the day ARE YOU WALKING IN YOUR DESTINY FULFILLING YOUR PURPOSE was simply awesome. Sad to say at the time of this district meeting the city of Hopkinsville was hit with a tragedy. Officer James Decoursey was shot and killed. As the community was expressing its condolences to the police department. Progressive Chapter No. 63 was able to help out by providing lunch to the police department which was accepted and appreciated. (Picture)



On 29 March 2018 the Hopkinsville, Kentucky Community experienced a tragic loss when one of their police officers was killed. To show their love and support for those that “Protect and Serve” our communities, some members of Progressive Chapter No. 63 Pembroke, Kentucky presented lunch to the precinct where the deceased officer was being honored.

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do well to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:10

Words from Our Chapters

We also had a fish fry in the Pembroke community. Our brothers Jethro 45 set up and held out signs. Nothing like brotherly support. PSALM 133:1 Behold how good and how perfect it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. We have unity.
(Fish fry picture)



L to R: Sister Martine Polite and PWM Tylene Baker

Words from Our Chapters

Rising Star No. 102 – And we know that all things work together...
2nd Annual

MOTHER & DAUGHTER TEA 2018

Our main event. The Mother Daughter Tea. Words cannot express how grateful we were to see so many new faces. Entertainment was awesome as well as the food. Our Worthy Matron Tanya Edmond and our Grand Matron Felicia Ballard were Simply Gorgeous. The little girls were dressed as little girls looking so pretty and sweet. The message of the day was PASS THE BATON was right on point and very well needed for this day and time. Teaching us to lead by example. We need to teach our Children Show our children and Guide our Children (Picture)



L to R: WM Tanya Edmond; GWM Felicia Ballard and WP Michael Wright



L to R: WM Tanya Edmond and Guest Speaker 1st Lady Brown of Concord Baptist Church of Clarksville TN

As proven, Progressive Chapter No. 63 is very active and using every opportunity to let our LIGHT SHINE and BE A BLESSING IN SOMEONE'S LIFE.

Humbly Submitted Progressive Chapter No. 63

PWM TYLENE BAKER



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



Words from Our Chapters

"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

Be

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

We pray that all of our Sisters and Brothers are blessed and highly favored. We have started off 2018 at a good pace and plan to continue the year serving others and shining our light.

Rising Star has been faithfully supporting Central District by attending the Larue Chapter Prayer Breakfast in January, CDGL Workshop in February, and had a great turnout for Palm Sunday Service in March, hosted by Queen of Nelson in Bardstown, KY. In true Rising Star fashion, we decided to finish off the day by breaking bread together as a chapter, following the beautiful Palm Sunday service. The food was great and a wonderful time was had by all of us.



It is with great pride that we can report that our very own PP Shawn Davis was ordained on the 27th of April 2018. He answered his call to preach in 2017 and preached his initial sermon in March of the same year.



After his Initial sermon, he was under the tutelage of the late Rev. Dr. B.T. Bishop, (until his recent passing) at First Baptist Church of Elizabethtown. Reverend Shawn Davis is a member of Rising Star, the WM of Hub City Lodge # 172 and a member of the Holy Royal Arch. He was joined by family, friends and his brothers & sisters of the PHA Family for his ordination ceremony. We could not be more proud of him and his accomplishment in serving the Lord!!

We are continuing with the community projects that are near and dear to our chapter, The Community Health Clinic for Hardin and Larue Counties on a quarterly basis and coordinate with Springhaven Women's Shelter, providing them with supplies as they need them. PM Michele Jones took the Central District Sock donations to Hearts of Hope Homeless Shelter. We are still volunteering with Feeding America every last Tuesday of the month. In March our chapter was joined by some nobles from Al-Nahda Temple #247. We truly get great joy knowing that the work we do provides others with the opportunity to have a meal when they otherwise may not have.



Sending prayers and strength to everyone under the eyes of this publication.

Humbly Submitted,

PM Defiece Williams,
Star Gazer Reporter

Words from Our Chapters



Lily White No. 132 -

Congratulations Past Matron Niletta "Rene" Douglas

2018 ZETA IMAGE AWARDS HONROEE

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE LEADER

Rene Douglas, Bettie Morton Chapter 119, Order of the Eastern Star, PHA was recognized by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority INC., Beta Alpha Xi Zeta Chapter, Louisville, KY for her amazing service as Recreation Supervisor of Baxter Community Center. Rene strives to provide services and programs for youth, children and seniors in the Louisville Russell Neighborhood. Her work includes collaborative efforts with City Officials as well as the Masonic Family to organize numerous community events including facilitating Mayor Greg Fisher's State of the City Address, the 1st District National Night Out.

"Another Star Shining Bright in her Community"



CONGRAUTIONS

SISTER CHARICE BALDWIN-TRAYNHAM CPC,CPMA

Sister Baldwin-Traynham, a member of Bettie Morton 119 Order of The Easter Star, PHA earned her Professional Medical Auditor Certification on March 10, 2018.

Charice is an employee of the VA Medical Center for 13 years. In 2010 she earned her Coding Certification from Indiana University-Southeast and in 2011 Sister Baldwin-Traynham passed the AAPC's certification exam and earned the Certified Professional Coder (CPC) certification. September 2017 she was hired as a Coding Compliance Auditor and set a goal to be the first person to obtain a particular certification for auditors. On March 10, 2018 after a 5 hour and 40 minute certification examination, Sister Charice Baldwin-Traynham I passed and earned a new credential as a Certified Professional Medical Auditor (CPMA). We Salute You Sister Charice Baldon-Traynham, CPC,CPMA.

Words from Our Chapters

On Sunday, April 30, Lily White No.132, Thomas A Sims No.170 and other Masonic groups and sororities, gathered at Virginia Street Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, KY to participate in the service.

A Church service of this magnitude is not unique to my Masonic Family, for this is only one of many that we as Eastern Stars and Masons hold, as this is what we are about.

Attracting the attention of many, the spirit was elevated, while many of us joined in during the singing. One in particular that captured my spirit was the song--*the blood will never lose its power*. Noticing some others as well were indeed seemingly moved by this song.

The Blood that Jesus shed from day to day, it will never lose its power. We have to believe this.



Guest introduced themselves giving a brief report of their Organizations and commitment, and to inform the media that they are available to support them at any time.

Those running for office didn't hesitate to familiarize the gathering with their perspective offices.

This was a beautiful evening and we all left, full of the **word**, as well as full stomachs.

O HAPPY DAY!



The Brothers of Thomas A Sims No.170 and Lily White No.132 would like to thank Pastor Fort of Virginia Street Baptist Church and his members, for the hospitality Shown to our Masonic family,

Lily White #132 reporting.

Matron and Patron of the Year

District Deputy Grand Matron of the Year



Sister
Deny Gonzalez

Matron and Patron of the Year



Sister Patricia Goulsby
Lily White #132



Brother Leon Faulk
Rising Star #102

From the Star Gazer Editor's Desk...



From the Editor's Desk...

It has been three years since Sis. Alethea Bernard and myself undertook the task of resurrecting **your** Star Gazer. This will be our last issue. I want to thank, from the bottom of my heart, Sis. Bernard for her expertise, dedication and professionalism as the publisher of this newsletter. I would also like to thank the Grand Worthy Matron, Felecia J. Ballard for allowing us the opportunity to work on such a rewarding project.

To all my Sisters and Brothers who have contributed to the success of this project through their entries and Cover Page designs, I say thank you for allowing the "Good Works" that your Chapters have done to SHINE in the pages of the Star Gazer. Keep showing the world how we love one another.

I wish the best to our successors and may they continue and indeed improve upon what we have done.

Good luck and Best Wishes.

Frank D. Bush,
Star Gazer Editor



From the Star Gazer Grand Publisher's Desk...



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It has indeed been both an honor and pleasure to serve as the Grand Publisher for the resurrection of your Star Gazer. I remember being "voluntold" and the excitement I felt when asked by our Star Gazer Editor, PGWP Frank D. Bush, to serve. Sister "Bless Her Heart" would have the opportunity to not only serve the Order, but also to use my creativity and technical skills to breathe life back into statewide communication. I was super brand new in the Order at the time – I couldn't have been more overjoyed and appreciative to be given such a tremendous charge at the Grand Level!

Nonetheless, regardless of my expertise, none of this would have been possible without the leadership of PGWP Frank D. Bush serving as the Star Gazer Editor and then the wondrous addition of Sister Aletha Fields coming on to serve as the Star Gazer Assistant Editor. Most importantly, **ULTIMATELY**, the Star Gazer could not exist without the contribution of the chapters, Grand Officers, Elected Officers, Diamonds, and everyone else!

I want to thank our GWM Felicia J. Ballard and PGWP Frank D. Bush for believing in me without even knowing what I could do. I thank all my brothers and sisters for believing in me over the years and allowing me creative freedom with their submissions. I thank everyone who took time to read the newsletter. I also appreciate those who took time to provide feedback. Truly, I put my heart into every edition with the pure intent of service.

This will be our last issue serving together, we are now passing the baton to the next team. I too wish the best to our successors and know they will continue and improve upon the work we started three years ago.

My final message as the Grand Publisher of the Star Gazer, please submit, submit, submit!!! Never forget, **YOUR Star Gazer is for YOU and because of YOU!** No matter who sits in these seats, there is no Star Gazer without your submissions.

In Peace and Love,

Sister Alethea Bernard,
Star Gazer Grand Publisher