



Ladybug Chatter



President's Corner with Grace

Flag day is celebrated on June 14th. Did you know that the American Flag was commissioned by Bro. George Washington. It was sewn by Betsy Ross, whose husband was a member of St John's Lodge of Philadelphia. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States which happened on June 14, 1777.



In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson officially established Flag Day but not until 1949 when President Harry Truman signed an act of congress designating June 14 as Flag Day was it observed as a national holiday.

It was once called the "runty stepchild among

American national holidays". It is a day for all Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag. Our flag is a representative of our independence and our unity as a nation. Our flag has a proud and glorious history. It is at the lead of every battle fought by Americans. Many people have died protecting it. It even stands proudly on the surface of the moon.

SOME NOTES FOR YOUR INFORMATION

If you do not have one of the International Grand Representative Presidents angel pins we still have a few. The large pin can be worn as a pin or put on a chain as a necklace. These are \$6.00. The small pin is a tack and is \$5.00. Our Secretary has these.

Our project chairman is having drawings at each of our meetings this year. She is offering an additional drawing for 2 more prizes. Each of these will be a pair of tickets to the Sunday night banquet. If you have already purchased your tickets you will be reimbursed. We will have a table set up by 10 A. M. at the Fun Day on July 15th where we will have many items for sale. Please stop by and check it out.

Our meeting on July 15th will be our election of officers. This year the Treasurer will come from the northern part of the state. If anyone is interested in starting through the line we have a book that explains the duties of each office.

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VP Notes

Hopefully summer is here, but by the weather who know. It is hard to believe that seven months are gone for this year's officers. I hope the winter treated you well. The flue was brutal this past winter. Sister Grace is getting ready for the summer meeting July 15th, it will be different this year being only one day. The grand officers will have their fun day from 10 - 2 so bring your children your grandchildren and anyone else to a fun filled day. There will be lots of things to do then stay for the grand representative meeting. We will

have the election of 2018 officers.

We will have the boxes for the sisters and brothers that are in the outreach program, if you would like to fill one you can pick one up and then bring it back filled to grand chapter or bring your items to the meeting and I will fix the box for you. If you bring your box back at grand chapter bring it to the Hospitality room or to the Grand Representative Brunch and I will take them.

On page 2 is a list of somethings you can put in the outreach boxes.

Our sisters and brothers that are in the outreach program truly enjoy receiving these boxes. Label the boxes male or female. The five state get together sounds like a lot of fun. I hope you all can go.

*Agnes Maxon
Vice President*

Foot Prints

God Is With Us...

As Our Companion

For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to me and one to my Lord.

The Lord is a lot like a friend. He enjoys walking with us as our companion on life's pathway. And he brings blessings into our lives when we walk closely with him.

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:7

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord.

Psalm 89:15

[The Lord said,] "If you do whatever I command you and walk in my ways and do what is right in my eyes by keeping my statutes and commands...I will be with you."

1 Kings 11:38

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand... with your right hand you save me.

Psalm 138:7

The awareness of God's presence with us is encouraging and heartwarming. It is as if we were two friends seated beside a rippling brook, enjoying a gentle breeze on a warm spring afternoon.

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door. I will come in and eat with him, and he with me," says the Lord.

Revelation 3:20

Come near to God and he will come near to you. James 4:8

I am a friend to all who fear you, to all who follow your precepts.

Psalm 119:6

Even when we are surrounded by family and friends, some problems seem to double in size of their own accord. If we toss and turn in the early morning hours thinking about them, they become ten times as large. Yet, although it may seem the whole world has gone wrong around us, we are not alone—God is with us!

So, do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41: 10

[Jesus said,] "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

John 14:18

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalm 46: 1

All we need to do is trust in God's loving companionship and walk the path he has placed before us.

[Then Jesus said,] "And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28: 20

Margaret Fishback Powers



President's Corner

with Grace ... (continued from page 1)

Computer knowledge is most helpful.

In honor of our members who are Fathers and Masons

KNIFE AND FORK DEGREE

I do not attend the meetings for I've not the time to spare. But every time they have a feast You'll surely find me there. I cannot help with the degrees for I do not know the work. But I can applaud the speaker and handle the knife and fork. I am so rusty in the ritual that But practice makes me perfect in the knife and fork degree.

Anonymous

Hope to see you in Columbia on July 15th.

Grace Sexton

2017 President

Show-Me-State GR Club

Masonic Home Outreach Program Gift Box Suggestions From Sister Agnes Maxon

Brush or comb	Deodorants
Small flashlight with batteries	Forever stamps
Blank Note cards	Hand Sanitizer
Tissue pocket packs	Lotions (travel size)
Pen or pencil	Puzzle books
Shampoo (travel size)	Small notepads
Socks or footies	Sugar free candies
Greeting cards	Microwave popcorn
Scratch pads	Soaps
Individual packages of drink mix	Inspirational reading books (Large print)



Secretary's Pen



What an unusual first week of May! Seventies and eighties in late March and some days in April, then to have down pours of rain all over our state including our surrounding states. I wonder what "Blackberry Winter" will be like.

If you were in an area that flooded, I hope you were safe. The water can look shallow and the current not very swift, but water can create illusions as far as depth and swiftness are concerned. If you had to sandbag, pray that it was successful. Many areas along Missouri's big rivers and creeks were hit hard. It is awful to have to clean up after flood water.

As the sun shines and helps to evaporate the water, grass can be mowed, and the soil will become ready to seed again. Send up prayers for our farmers in those areas whose fields are full of water. The seeded, processed soil won't be able to grow crops. The silt from the flooding rivers may help to enrich the soil, but the effect will not be until next year's planting.

On a happier note, the MSMSGRC welcomes its new members. The Chapter Secretaries have the new list which our Grand Secretary, Sister Debbie Olds, sent out in the last mailing. In addition to the newly appointed Grand Representatives, it also contains much information about our Grand Chapter Session in October in Jefferson City,

Our BIG summer event will be July 15th which is the same day as the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Fun Day at the Masonic Complex in Columbia, Missouri. More information will come out later.

The Grand Representative Club will be there too. Our Project Table will be full, dues can be paid for next year, and the Chatter can be renewed for next year too. The

cost for the dues and Chatter to be mailed is five dollars each. The Centerpiece for our Grand Chapter Luncheon will be on display. You can put your name on a list to reserve one, as well as the ever-popular Grand Representative yearly plate.

With Sister Nancy's travel schedule, the Grand Representative Club will have met in all areas of the state by the time this OES year is over. There is one exception this year. The one in St. Joseph was cancelled by bad weather. Blue Springs comes next followed by Carthage, and finally the Big Summer meeting in July at Columbia.

Hopefully, the district/area clubs have been busy enjoying fellowship with other Ladybugs and Laddybugs. If there is no area/district club in your area, it would be helpful if you could donate hand-made items or Ladybug themed items for the Boutique at Grand Chapter. It will be combined with the Hospitality Room this year and opened two days on Saturday and Sunday.

If you are in Jefferson City for Grand Chapter, stop by, look at our items for sale, have a cup of coffee, and a snack. If you cannot do crafting or sewing, then a monetary donation would be just as nice since the Club will need to purchase snacks and fruit for the Hospitality Room.

Please keep in mind our Club is active, busy, and moving forward to help our Youth and the WGM's and WGP's projects. Some, but not all, are Mo-Chip, Scholarships, and even General Grand Chapter projects such as Regenerative Medicine. Our Brother Bill George, PGP, is the Appointed Committee Member for this project. Last year at Grand Chapter, our Grand Representative Club donated one-thousand-dollars for Regenerative Medicine.

As our veterans return home from the conflict-war zones around the world, Regenerative Medicine is an asset for them. It is like the lizard that loses its tail or the star fish that loses its arm. Both of these animals can regenerate new tissue for a tail and an arm. Wouldn't it be wonderful to regenerate cartilage in our knees or a new tendon in our shoulder? Just think, that may happen in the not too distant future.

New officers will be needed for 2018. Depending on the geographical area, a new Treasurer will need to be elected. Also, the Vice-president, Agnes Maxon, who will become President for 2018, will need a full slate of officers such as Chaplain, Organist, Photographer, Historian, and so forth. The Installation of the new officers will be at Grand Chapter in Jefferson City this year.

Again, welcome new Ladybugs and Laddybugs. To all of us, let us keep a smile in our hearts, a twinkle in our eye, and a hop in our step. It is easier to smile than frown. We are blessed and loved. It is better to smell the daisies than to be covered by them. Go to chapter if you can, and if you can't, dust off the telephone, call a member, and say "Hello!"

Winter is over; hopefully, most of us are returning to health from the flu, colds, and so forth. We are like the horses in the fields, shedding our winter coat. Let us rejoice with the sunny, warmer days, the taste of newly picked and fried mushrooms, and a day that has more light for a beautiful sunrise and an orange/pink sun set.

To all, I wish you safe travels and Blessings.

Phyllis Kolb, Secretary

Cents from the Treasurer

Summer has arrived! Really heating up in Southwest MO. Things are so green, flowers in bloom, and yard work to do. Who knew we would have to clean gutters three times?! After the heavy rains we had a few weeks back, the leaves just kept coming. Hopefully we are done with it now.

Hope you all are planning to attend the FUN DAY at the Masonic complex in Columbia. It promises to be a fun-filled day for you and your friends. For those of you who are Past Appointed Grand Officers, we will also have a PAGO meeting that day. And of course, our Show Me State Grand Representative meeting and meal.

We all have so many blessings we are grateful for. We need to be conscious of this everyday. And we have members who are struggling with health problems, grief

and unknown emotions we are not aware of. We need to think of all our sisters and brothers and include them in prayer. None of us know what tomorrow will bring so we need remember our Obligation and respect it each day.

In the same manner, we need to pray for our Country, our National, State and Local leaders. The world is a different place now and we want to know our children will grow up knowing the meaning of being free. We are "...one nation, UNDER GOD, with liberty and justice for all".

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer doing all the things they love to do.

See you all in Columbia!

Carol Hastings
Treasurer

**CONTINUE TO GET THE
CHATTER BY EMAIL BY
MAILING YOUR
STATE DUES**

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Phyllis Kolb

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Boutique Still needs You!!!!

I must apologize to everyone for not being able to attend any of the meetings so far this year. My hip surgery was scheduled for the first of May but then postponed until the first of June and I have suffered too much to do very much traveling at all. I did have the surgery on June 1 and went home on June 4 and have been making good progress. Hopefully staples will be taken out on the 16th and I will be released to drive again.

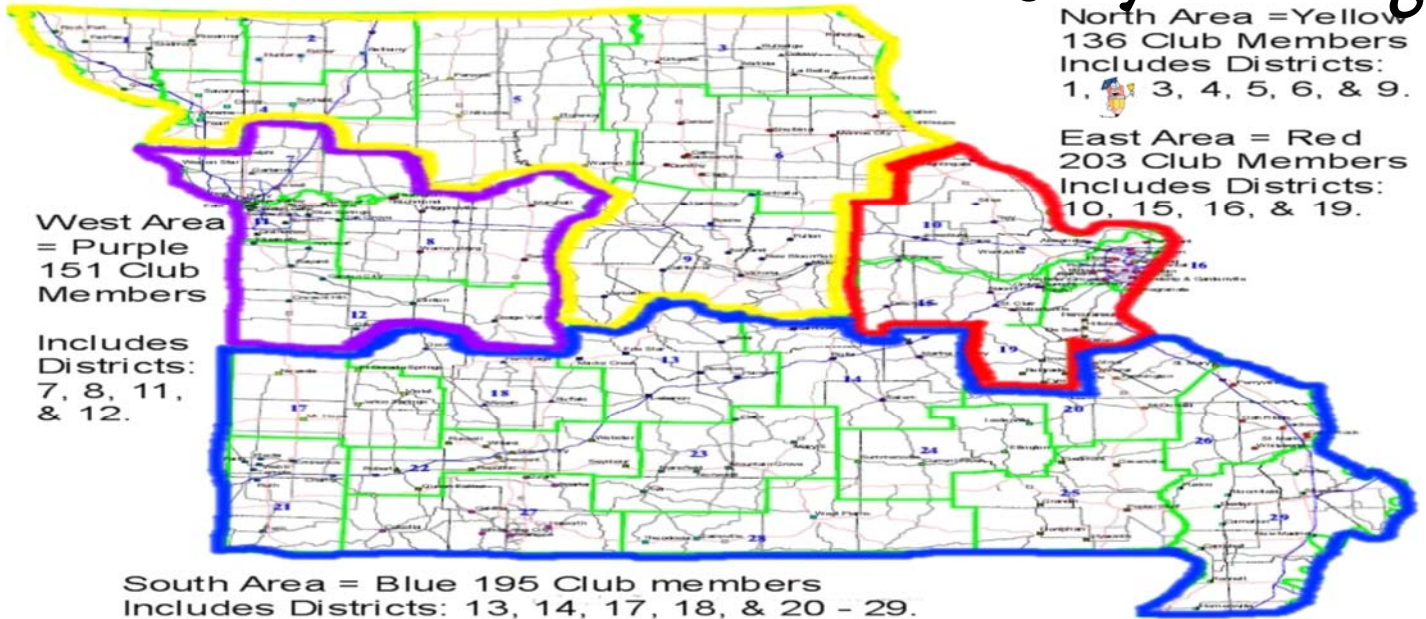
I hope everyone is trying to come up with at least one homemade item to donate to the boutique at Grand Chapter. If every current and past grand representative has at least one item, we should have a nice variety. This can be crafts, food, food mixes, jewelry, clothes, drink mixes, etc. I am really looking forward to the Fun Day at the complex and our meeting that evening. If you have items ready to donate at that time, please bring them with you.

Joyce Smith
Boutique Chairman

New Grand Representative Appointments

<i>Name</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Jurisdiction</i>
Frances Springer	16th	Bolivia
Glennie Kinnett	13th	Tennessee
Claudia Spooner	5th	Maine
Rita Moss	7th	South Dakota
Judy Rhymer	21st	British Columbia & Yukon
Orvella Wright	9th	Nevada
Shawna Wilson	25th	New Brunswick
Marjorie Ward	3rd	Illinois
Susan Underdown	10th	Minnesota
Becky Greer	12th	Sao Paulo
Edra Beach	3rd	District of Columbia
Douglas Reece	7th	California
George Ramsey	22nd	Mississippi
Rosella Swafford	8th	Massachusetts

Club Treasurer to be Elected at July Meeting



The Show-Me-State Grand Representatives will hold their annual election of officers on July 15, 2017. It is an advancing line so the current officers will advance and we will elect a new treasurer. To be eligible to run for the Treasurer position you will need to come from the North part of the state (the area outlined in Yellow) which includes chapters in the districts of 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 9. Sister Grace Sexton represents the Yellow outlined area, Sister Agnes Maxon the outlined area in Purple, Sister Phyllis Kolb the outlined area in Red and Sister Carol Hastings the outlined area in Blue. If you have questions about running for office in the State Club see one of the officers. We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Grand Representative Grand Chapter Brunch 2017

It seems as though we just finished another successful Grand Chapter year, and it's already time to be thinking about 2017. The first planning meeting was held in January in Jefferson City at which time we made our plans. We have had two meetings and we are moving right along with our plans and I am excited to be able to bring our theme to Columbia in July, *Rockin' Round the Christmas Tree*. Our Brunch is scheduled for 10am on Monday October 9, 2017 following our meeting at 9am. I will be asking for table hostesses and help with escorting our distinguished members soon. If you are a current Grand Representative we hope you will host a table at the brunch.

Please come to our meetings and find out what is happening. See you soon.

Linda Graves
Brunch Chairman

Share your news by emailing it to:
showmestarsnetwork@yahoo.com
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU KEEP YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATED WITH THE CLUB AND GRAND SECRETARY TO ENSURE YOU REMAIN INFORMED!

"Rocking Missouri Itinerary"

Nancy Lane
Worthy Grand Matron

Shawn McAfee
Worthy Grand Patron

June

- 16-25 - WGM & WGP trip to Canadian Rockies
- 22-26 Job's Daughters Grand Bethel - Jefferson City
- 23-26 -Rainbow Grand Assembly - Springfield

July

- 15 - WGM & WGP Fun Day at Masonic Complex, Columbia
Grand Representatives Dinner at Masonic Complex, Columbia
- 21-23 - Multi-state in Vicksburg, MS
- 28-30 - Five-state in Jefferson City

August

- 5 - Masonic Youth Day
Location - Masonic Complex, Columbia
- 26 - AGM & AGP announcing 2018 Grand Officer
11:30 lunch
Location - Masonic Complex, Columbia

September

October

- 7 - Honor Night for Sister Amy Wehmeier, Worthy Grand Adah; Sister Helen Westmoreland, MWGM; Brother ; Missouri's General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sister Janice Bledsoe, Public Relations Committee; Brother Larry Decker, Eastern Star Journal Committee; Brother H. Lee Stallings, Jurisprudence Committee Chairman; and Brother Bill George Regenerative Medicine Committee
3:00 - Early arrival required for security clearance
Location - Capitol Rotunda, Jefferson City
Dinner to follow - Tickets required due to limited seating
- 8 - Grand Chapter General Membership Banquet
6:00 - Capitol Plaza Hotel, 415 W McCarty, Jefferson City
- 9 - "Sonrise on the Front Porch" Session of Grand Chapter begins



PSA from Grand Secretary....

The Grand Chapter Office is currently OUT of white initiation bibles and we anticipate a new shipment of rituals arriving by Friday, June 16....HOPEFULLY!

Check Out Missouri O.E.S.'s Web Site: www.missourioes.org

Proof Read First THEN Post /Print!!!!

Things in print that don't mean what the author intended.....

- Did I read that sign right? **"TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW."**
- In a Laundromat: **AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.**
- In a London department store: **BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS...**
- In an office: **WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.**
- In an office: **AFTER TEA BREAK, STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.**
- Outside a secondhand shop: **WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?**
- Notice in health food shop window: **CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS...**
- Spotted in a safari park: (I sure hope so.) **ELEPHANTS, PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR.**
- Notice in a farmer's field: **THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.**
- Message on a leaflet: **IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS.**
- On a repair shop door: **WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK.)**

Proofreading is a dying art, wouldn't you say?

- Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter
 - **This one was caught in the SGV Tribune. The Editorial Room was contacted and asked who wrote this. It took two or three readings before the editor realized that what he was reading was impossible!!! They put in a correction the next day.**
- Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says; **Really? Ya' think?**
- Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers; **Now that's taking things a bit far!**
- Miners Refuse to Work after Death; **No-good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's!**
- Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant; **See if that works better than a fair trial!**
If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile; **Ya' think?!**
- Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures; **Who would have thought!**
- Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges; **You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?**
New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group; **Weren't they fat enough?!**
- Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors; **Boy, are they tall!**
- **And the winner is... Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead**

Did I read that right?

Now that you've smiled at least once, it's your turn to spread the stupidity and show this to someone you want to bring a smile to (maybe even a chuckle).

We all need a good laugh now and then!!!

REMEMBER TO NOTIFY CHEER CHAIRMEN OF THOSE NEEDING CARDS!

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Grand Representative Hospitality!!

"Food, fun, fellowship" are important watchwords for Eastern Star members! We are planning on experiencing all of them at Grand Chapter in Jefferson City in just a few short months.

Since we all have the opportunity to enjoy the Hospitality Room while we are getting settled in for Grand Chapter, I am asking our sisters and brothers to plan on assisting by providing finger foods, cookies, fruit, or money to help provide the food we all will be enjoying.

If you have any questions, call or text me at 618 698 1614. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Martha Foster Hospitality Chairman

Fund Raising Time!!

Spring has come and gone. We are now preparing for summer and all the beautiful flowers in our yards. Of course, there will be a ladybug or two there also.

We had a wonderful meeting at Creve Coeur. We sold many items and are on the way to meeting our goals. The drawing winners were Martha Foster who won an apron and Don Wehmeier who won the ladybug. We will have different items for the drawings at the remainder of the meetings.

I hope everyone is safe after all the heavy rains recently. Continue to drive safely and we will be seeing you at one of our meetings soon.

Liz Musgrove, 2017 Project chairman

**Special Dates
of
Interest for 2017**

- ◆ 7-15 Masonic Complex Columbia
- ◆ 10- 9 Grand Chapter-Jefferson City
 - ◆ Meeting 9am
 - ◆ Brunch 10am