

Here's the buzz from the Worthy Grand Matron:

A big "Thank You" to all of the members of this Grand Jurisdiction for allowing Brother Ron and I to represent you in 2019-2020. Another Grand Session year is well underway with Official Visits, Pin Presentations and Receptions. The members of our "Blessings & Bee-Attitudes" Grand Family are looking forward to meeting many of you during our travels across the state.

We are having a Helping Hands Service Award this year. Your District Aides will be giving you the details when they make their official visits to your chapters. This year we are asking each Chapter to participate in making cover-ups (bibs) and fleece blankets for KMH. The District Aides have patterns and details. Our charity this year is KSDS Service Dogs. We will be collecting cash for Cocoa and Copper as a fundraiser for KSDS. Cocoa is my dog and Copper is Brother Ron's dog. We want to see which dog can raise the most cash. My dog is pretty cute. Just saying. Hint. Hint. We are selling Kansas Eastern Star t-shirts as part of our fundraising projects. These can be worn anytime and especially during community service projects so we can get our names and faces out in the public. If there is enough interest we can always order more t-shirts. Please continue to support our charity and other special projects by purchasing pins. Don't forget to continue to save tabby tops for the Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops for Education for your local schools.

The Star Gazer and Email Blast have been great communications tools. Send your articles for the Star Gazer to either Jan Brooks or Cindy Smith and info for the e-mail blast to Leslie Goodyear. And don't forget to sign up to receive both of these great communications.

Brother Ron and I feel all officers are important to make a Chapter work. When we make our Official Visits we are asking that either the Associate Conductress give her initiation lecture outside the door or the Conductress give her initiation lecture inside the door.

During the summer there are many activities going on and we hope that you can join us for some or all of them. Alpha Omega will be making some fun sewing projects on July 20. Bring your machine and come on down to Emporia Masonic Center. The 5-State fun weekend will be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota July 26-28. This event is for everyone not just Grand Officers. It is a great way to make new friendships for other Grand Jurisdictions. August 23rd Kansas Grand Officers will be doing the degree work in Hastings, Nebraska and on August 24th Nebraska Grand Officers will be doing the degree work in Clay Center, Kansas. Please come and support both sets of Grand Officers. It is always interesting to see the differences in the degree work done by each Grand Jurisdiction.

Once again we want to "Thank You" for the honor to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We ask for your continued support and encouragement.

Star Blessings and Hugs,

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Worthy Grand Matron

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Worthy Grand Patron