



# Star Gazer



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### 5 State Exchange.....

The 5-State Exchange – “Renewing Friendships Across the Borders” was hosted by Kansas at the Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview in Wichita on July 23-25, 2021. With 122 registered for the event, all five states - Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa and Missouri were represented.



Sisters and Brothers from Nebraska

Both Friday and Saturday evening started with the Drury Hotel Kick Back Party from 5:30-7 pm. Everyone then adjourned to the Bison Meeting Room and shared the Pledge of Allegiance led by WGP Dennis Reed. Kansas Grand Chaplain Jo Miller delivered a meaningful prayer. A tasty dinner buffet was served.

There was also a cash drawing after dinner – four winners won \$20 each night. It was wonderful seeing Star members from different states visiting, laughing, and enjoying old and new friendships.

Friday evening everyone enjoyed singing the National Anthem, accompanied by Charles Chandler, PGP of West Virginia and candidate for the office of Right Worthy Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter. Following the gathering, some played competitive games of Chicken Foot and others played LCR (Left-Center-Right) and Tensies.



Liz and one of her quilts

On Saturday Liz Granberg-Jerome held an all-day quilting class that was well attended by ladies from KS, MO and SD. A cross stitch class was led by Twyla Bayless with great attendance and several first timers. Twyla had great patience and was awesome getting us “newbies” back on track, while the experienced stitchers just went to town! A noon buffet was served for those that didn’t want to leave the hotel for lunch. Other attendees hopped on the Q-Line bus and checked out the area for shopping, eating, museums, Keeper of the Plains and strolling through the area. Some

men played golf. Others took the time to renew friendships.



Group learning to cross stitch

Saturday evening everyone sang the National Anthem accompanied by KS Grand Organist Charlotte Swaim. Following dinner, each state gave a short skit. There was more laughter and more visiting for an incredible evening. Sunday Morning was the hotel breakfast buffet at everyone’s own leisure and safe travels home. Co-Chair PGM Wanda Ryan and PGM Donna Fagg want to thank all those that helped: Chip and Melanie Marcy, PGP John Ryan, Carrie Turner, Nora Bayless, Liz Granberg-Jerome, Twyla Bayless, Charles Chandler, Charlotte Swaim, Jo Miller, WGM Carol Salmon, and WGP Dennis Reed. We would also like to thank: Visit Wichita, The Drury Plaza Broadview Hotel and their wonderful staff, Corporate Caterers and their hard-working dinner staff for taking care of all of our needs! Kansas was honored to host the event.

SAVE THE DATE!!!! Grand Chapter of Missouri will host the next 5-State Friendship Exchange – July 22 – 24, 2022 in Hannibal, Missouri. Remember- the 5-State Exchanges are for ALL members from the 5 states! It’s a great time to make new friends and see old friends!

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Worthy Grand Matron



Carol Salmon

**Theme:**

“Faithful In Serving Him”

**Aim:**

To be about the work of changing lives for good in our world

**Watchwords:**

Service: Living Our Faith

Truth: The Unchanging Word of God

Harmony: Working Together for a Common Purpose

Gratitude: Giving Thanks to the Lord

**Motto:**

Make time to be a blessing to someone today.

**Scriptures:**

WGM: Psalm 23;

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.  
Psalm 34:3

WGP: Psalm 119:105;

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.  
Matthew 5:16

**Honor Stations:**

Chaplain, Organist, Martha

**Colors:**

Turquoise, Coral, Spring Green, Silver, Yellow

**From the Desk of the WGM.....**

It has been a busy Summer and soon our Fall activities will begin. Our first School of Instruction will be September 7th. Most of the Schools are Friday evening or Saturday during the day, but a few are on the Chapter’s regular meeting night. I hope all of you can get to a School. You will get a cute pin if you attend. I had them specially made for this. I have been to lots of schools over my years of membership and I always learn something new at each one. I try to go to more than one each year because members ask different questions at each one and the discussion is different each time. It is definitely worth your time if you want to know more about Eastern Star and your duties as an officer or member. The District Aides will also have Opportunity Tickets for the drawings at Grand Chapter, Tickets that can only be bought at the Schools of Instruction for two special items, Fifty-Fifty Tickets for the second drawing which will take place on December 4th, pins, Itineraries, and flashlights. Day wear will be the appropriate attire for all Schools.

The Five State Fun Weekend was a great time to get together with old friends and make new ones. There were representatives from all five states, although some had to leave early due to special events being held in their jurisdictions. There were opportunities to go shopping, learn how to do counted Cross Stitch, make a mini-quilt, go to a museum or relax and visit with friends. On Saturday night each state delegation presented a skit for the entertainment. Dennis Reed played Mr. Moose as a take-off on Bullwinkle, the cartoon moose, voice and all. Chip Marcy played the part of a crook and did a great job. Jim Billings made a very convincing Game Warden in another act. Overall, the Kansas Grand Officers rose to the occasion and did a great job with our skit.

Since we don’t know what events may be cancelled, I have changed the deadline for turning in your Star Fish Award papers to March 12, 2022 so that you may use the Spring Fundraiser in Emporia as one of your meetings to attend. Just use the sheet with the guidelines and make a check mark beside the events you attended or the things you did. However, these things must be attended or completed BEFORE you send your sheet in to Brother Chip Marcy. If you attend the Spring Fundraiser, you may give your sheet to Brother Chip at that event.

Here are some meetings that were scheduled or changed after the Itinerary went to the printer, so please add these to your calendar.  
Sept. 16- Pin Presentation at Weir.  
Sept. 20- Official Visit and Pins at Goodland Chapter.  
Missouri Grand Chapter, originally scheduled in Oct. was changed to Nov. 14-17.  
Oct. 28- Derby Official Visit  
Nov. 3- Official Visit and Pins at Ottawa.  
Nov. 22- Official visit and Pins at Emporia.



*Carol Salmon*

## WORDS FROM THE WILD SIDE....

### WELCOME BACK TO OES!!!

It's now September and I hope that you have all had a fun and restful summer! We have now made it through all the Grand Officer receptions, the Alpha-Omega Sewing day, Kansas DeMolay State Conclave and the 5-State Gathering. It was a wild May, June, and July! With just a short slowdown in August, it's time to get back up on the "Wild Moose" and ride to the Official Visits, Schools of Instruction, out of state grand chapters, and my favorite – Pin Presentations! I hope to see you at one or more of these events.

With the current upswing in COVID cases, please stay safe. Be sure to stay home if you are not feeling well. I would love to see all of you, but not at the potential expense of others' health. Please note that several Official Visits were inadvertently left off the Itinerary calendar, in addition there have also been a couple of new pin presentations added as well. The latest calendar of Grand Chapter events is on the Kansas Grand Chapter Website ([www.kansasgrandchapteroes.com](http://www.kansasgrandchapteroes.com)). This calendar is tied into my Google Calendar so if you are unsure about an event, I assure you that the website calendar is up to date.

The Star FISH Award is available. Its purpose is to strengthen our fraternal ties to our brothers and sisters of the order, to encourage fun and fellowship with other chapters, to make new friends, and to remember our sisters and brothers who are no longer able to attend chapter meetings. The exact requirements are posted on the Grand Chapter Website under the "Get Involved!" tab. Everyone completing the programs will receive a special pin from the Worthy Grand Matron. Also, don't forget to purchase the 50/50 Raffle tickets from the appointive Grand Officers or contact one of the CMN committee members. The first drawing was held at the Alpha-Omega sewing day and \$500 was awarded. The second round of tickets are now out and are yellow in color. The green tickets are no longer active, so please throw those away. The next drawing is set for the first weekend in December. Tickets can be purchased from any of the appointive Grand Officers, the CMN Committee members, Sister Carol or myself. All proceeds from the raffle go to CMN and KSDS.

There are still some "Dogs" available for adoption from the Service Dog Committee and the District Aides. Your Chapter might consider purchasing one or more of these dogs and donate them to your local Fire Department or Police Department so that they can be given to children in crisis.

Use the Advice from the Moose:  
Think Big; Eat plenty of Greens; Hold you head up high;  
Keep your nose clean. Its' OK to be a little wild!

Fraternally,  
Dennis Reed, WGP  
2021-2022



*Dennis Reed*

### Worthy Grand Patron



Dennis Reed

#### **Emblems:**

WGM: Open Bible –  
Chaplain's emblem.

Lyre; -

Organist's emblem.

WGP: Broken Column –  
Martha's emblem.

#### **Flowers:**

Roses, Mums, Daisies,  
Dogwood, Lilacs, Queen  
Anne's Lace

#### **Songs:**

WGM: Great Is Thy Faithful-  
ness; Showers of Blessings;  
You've Got A Friend in Me  
(from Toy Story); Happy (Phar-  
rell Williams); Showers of  
Blessings; I Love You A Bushel  
and A Peck; Goodnight Sweet-  
heart (from Three Men and a  
Baby); Stand By Me

WGP: This Is My Father's  
World; My Tribute; Hymn of  
Promise; Don't Worry, Be  
Happy; Rainbow Connection;  
Walking on Sunshine; What A  
Wonderful World (Louis Arm-  
strong); Sixteen Tons (Tennes-  
see Ernie Ford); Turn! Turn!  
Turn! (by The Byrds)

#### **Just for Fun:**

WGM: Crossword Puzzles,  
Post It Notes, Dove Dark  
Chocolate, Lindt Intense  
Orange Chocolate.

WGP: Moose, Deluxe Graham  
Cookies, Peanut M & M's

# Grand Officer Receptions

## Grand Organist

On Friday evening June 4th at the Buck Run Community Center in Ft. Scott, the Grand Reception for Charlotte Swaim, Grand Organist was held.

At 6:00 p.m. a delicious meal of pulled pork and all the fixings was served. Home-made cookies with decorations of music lyres was at each place setting. This was a gift from Sister Charlotte. The decorations were a music theme throughout the whole reception.



Sister Charlotte Swaim, Grand Organist

Guests were from all over the state of Kansas with others from Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. The program for Sister Charlotte was a Mary Poppins Music Ceremony, written by Sister Jo Dean Courtway. Brother Larry PGP, was not left out! He helped by providing the music from Mary Poppins and the Sound of Music movies. Sister Charlotte was presented a beautiful monetary corsage from the Chapter.

After the reception everyone visited and enjoyed punch and other goodies to eat.

## Grand Ruth

Approximately 65 guests, including 17 of the Grand Officers gathered for a delicious Build your own Salad and Sandwich bar at noon. The dining room was festively decorated as a giant Fishbowl, to go along with the WGM's FISH (Faithful in Serving Him) theme. Tables were adorned with beautiful teal

and peach flower arrangements, and nautical as well as moose themed trinkets. A Ruth crossword puzzle, and fish themed table favors.



Sister Carla McKinney, Grand Ruth

Sister Carla was honored and she was escorted around the chapter room. She collected a charm or bead from each officer to build a one of a kind Friendship/Travel bracelet as a gift from the chapter. Each also shared a word of advice or friendship for Sister Carla when she travels around the state. The story of Ruth was then shared by the Worthy Matron as our chapter Ruth displayed the sheaf in the East.

Sister Carla gave her remarks sharing both segments of her Eastern Star journey, and how important it has been her life. Carla then presented a special gift to Sister Courtney, her daughter, for helping out at home and allowing her to pursue this adventure. Kim Dellinger, Worthy Grand Ruth, shared an interesting correlation between Ruth and fish!

We adjourned to the dining room for a refreshing fruit slush and lemon cookies. It was the perfect ending to a perfect day.



**See any Appointive Grand Officer for your "Yellow" 50-50 Tickets!**

## Grand Sentinel

Miriam Chapter #14, Emporia, hosted the reception honoring Brother David (Dave) Hendricks on Saturday, May 22nd.

The day started off rainy, but by time of the reception the day turned out sunny and a beautiful.

The lunch table decorations were bird houses and lanterns as well as Brother Dave's favorite candy scattered on the tables. The luncheon consisted of fried chicken, ham, and all the fixings including cake and ice cream.

There were approximately 100 people in attendance from General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Officers, Grand Chapter Committee Members, escorts, to family and friends in attendance.

Following introductions, the members of Miriam Chapter presented a program in honor of Brother Dave. The Chapter then presented him with a tree. The Grand Officers also presented a program.

Responses were given and the afternoon ended in prayer. Everyone in attendance had an enjoyable afternoon.



Brother David Hendricks, Grand Sentinel

Photos Provided for this issue by: Cathy Zimmers, Donna Fagg, Ronna Kimbrell, Jana Goebel, Glenda Gilpin, and Liz Granberg-Jerome.

THANKS

# Around the State! Grand Marshals at Yates Center!

PGP Pete and Sondra Peterson have lived in Yates Center for 46 years. While both were originally from the Pittsburg and Girard area, the couple moved here in 1975 when Pete had accepted a job at Swope and Son Equipment, where he worked in the parts department. Pete worked in Yates Center for 12 years before moving to lola for the next 25 years to work at J&W Equipment Case IH before retiring.

Sondra began her career at Steiner's Sundries for Bill and Evelyn Steiner, and then spent 10 years at Hi-Way Food Basket for Sue and Lang Martin. She then became the secretary at the Yates Center Elementary School for the next 29 years.

Pete and Sondra have been active members of Golden Rod Chapter #163 OES and have been members for 45 years.

Sister Sondra passed away on Tuesday morning, June 22, 2021. Her funeral was held on Monday, June 28, 2021.



Brother Pete and Sister Sondra Peterson

## Queen Esther Chapter has been busy!

Queen Esther Chapter #32 of Lyons, provided Camp WaJaTo around 30 stuffed animals for their "Royal Family Kids Camp" which is a National Organization in the United States. The camp held here is the only one in the state of Kansas. This camp is for children ages 5-18 who are currently in foster care.

The stuffed animals are placed on the bunk beds and when the kids get to the cabins they are overjoyed to have a "friend" to be with them, especially after it gets dark. After camp they are allowed to take the stuffed animal home with them.

Our Chapter has provided stuffed animals for this camp for several years and enjoy doing the project.



The stuffed animals that were donated



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## Up Coming Events!! Mark your Calendar!

NOTE: Due to Covid restrictions Please know some of the Chapters may require a mask.

### Official Visit and Pins

Clay Center - September 9th

Winfield, Queen City  
September 14th

Goodland - September 20th

Newton - September 28th

Baldwin, Evangeline  
September 29th

Shawnee - Beatrice  
October 5th

Clearwater - Ninnescah  
October 7th

Ft. Scott - Olive  
October 25th

Chanute- Sunflower  
October 26th

Ottawa - November 3rd

Gridley - White Rose  
November 9th

Lindsborg - Felicity  
November 11th

Kansas City - Gladiola  
November 12th

Lenexa - Adda  
November 17th

Emporia - Meriam  
November 22nd

### Official Visits Only

Weir - September 16th

Hutchinson - Silver Leaf  
October 6th

Derby - October 28th

Carbondale - Fidelity  
November 9th

Meriden - November 10th

(There is so much going on...  
We had to continue on pg 6!)

## Around the State! (Continued)

### Queen City Chapter in Winfield has been busy...getting new members!

After patiently waiting through the pandemic, Queen City has finally initiated their three new members and brought back a member by reinstatement.

On May 11, 2021, our officers temporarily switched back to their previous offices and proudly initiated Lori Albert, Patty Howe, and Tristan Brock along with reinstating Ron Howe.

These new members have tolerantly stood by until we were all able to be together. Sisters Donna Fagg, GGCCM & PGM and Carlene Brown stepped in to perform as Adah and Ruth respectively showing that even as

time goes by, the work remains and did a beautiful job.

Not only were we able to perform our work that evening with our highly anticipated new members, but we were able to welcome back Sister Ann Warman for the first time since the pandemic and Sister Marlene Flickinger back since her illness, brightening and invigorating us all.



Tristan Brock, Susan Dennett, Patty Howe, Ron Howe, Don Flickinger PGP, Lori Albert

### Children's Miracle Network Committee Update

The CMN Committee would like to thank the Alpha-Omega Club for its awesome work at the July sewing day. We received a total of 77 pillowcases, 30 crocheted caps and 30 receiving blankets from that event. We continue to receive some individual donations, which are greatly appreciated.

We are now in need of items for older children:

• Caps/turban: Sizes Medium to XL, they should be extra soft for

sensitive skin, knit or terry cloth only please. You can also search for "Knit caps for Cancer Patients" to get some ideas.

• Blankets: twin and full-size blankets (fleece, knit, or other similar material that can be washed) If you have any questions, please contact:

Cindy Reed, Chairman CMN Committee

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ATTENTION!



### A 50-50 Raffle Update



The first 50/50 Raffle drawing was held at the Alpha-Omega sewing day and it was a big success! Right at \$1000 worth of tickets were sold, the first winner was drawn and \$500 was awarded. The winner was present at the sewing day and donated one-half of his winnings to KSDS and CMN charities. After expenses, \$650 was raised for KSDS and CMN!! The committee wishes to thank everyone who purchased tickets for their support.

It's now time to start Round 2! Please discard your "Green" tickets. The Appointive Grand officers are now selling "Yellow" tickets. Please consider purchasing some tickets from any of the Appointive Grand Officers, Sister Carol WGM, or Brother Dennis WGP, at the various Official Visits, pin presentations, or Schools of Instruction. The next drawing is scheduled for the first weekend of December. YOU could be the next big winner!!

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**Up Coming Events!!**  
**Mark your Calendar!**

NOTE: Due to Covid restrictions Please know some of the Chapters may require a mask.

#### Pins Only

Wier - September 16th

Dodge City, St Bernard  
September 25th

Lakin - September 26th

#### Grand Chapters

Colorado  
September 23rd & 24th

Oklahoma  
October 17th - 20th

Iowa  
October 22, 23rd & 24th

Missouri  
November 14th - 17th

Please keep an eye out on the Kansas OES Facebook page or Check with your Chapter Secretary for more information

### Star Gazer Information

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# District Aide Visits

## District #3

District Aide of District #3, Liz Granberg-Jerome, made her visits to the chapters in our district in early June, but only remembered to get a photo at the last visit with Union Chapter on June 2.



Sisters Pat Murry WM, Liz Granberg-Jerome, District Aide #3 and Brother Glen Duvall WP

Lady was adopted by Worthy Patron Glen Duvall and his wife Rhonda and has gone to her new home.

At the conclusion of Liz's visits, only two of the darling stuffed puppies were sold, so she put on her thinking cap and came up with a plan! She presented her chapter members an opportunity to "sponsor" a puppy for a \$12 donation. All sponsored puppies would be donated to local first responders to be given to children during times of crisis. Within a week, all the puppies had been sponsored and are all awaiting transport to their new homes.

## District #11

Sister Glenda Gilpin, District Aide of District #11, made her official visit to St. Bernard Chapter #97, Dodge City on May 25, 2021. It was a fun filled evening.

The evening's program was designed around making a pie, using the WGM's theme for the year. Sister Glenda was conducted to each Star point where a piece of pie was placed on a plate, representing each star point color.

Sister Glenda brought us information regarding the year of activities, new ideas and programs. She also urged members to become more active and reach out to other members.

The evening concluded with a pie contest for those who chose to enter. Seven pies were entered with Sister Linda Odle winning 1st place with her Butterfinger Crème pie. 2nd place was Sister Carol Salmon WGM, Pecan pie. 3rd place was Sister Carol Hamblin, Cherry Crème pie. A fun evening was had by all.



Sisters Nola Vice, WM, Glenda Gilpin District Aide #11, and Brother David Salmon, WP

(The winning pie recipe will be in the next issue of the StarGazer)

## School of Instructions!! Mark your Calendar!

NOTE: Due to Covid restrictions Please know some of the School of Instructions may require a mask.

District #1 - September 7th  
Wathena

District #8 - September 10th  
Haysville Lodge

District #9 - September 11th  
Newton Lodge

District #2 - September 18th  
Gardner Lodge

District #5 October 1st  
Carbondale Lodge

District #3 - October 2nd  
Baldwin Lodge

District #4 - October 15th  
Galena Lodge

District #6 - October 16th  
Independence Lodge

District #10 - November 6th  
Atwood Lodge

District #11 - November 19th  
Liberal Lodge

District #7 - November 20th  
Kiowa Lodge

Please check with you District Aide or Chapter Secretary for more information.

## A Thank You from North Carolina!!

This is a BIG THANK YOU for all the members who came to Topeka on May 2nd, for the reception in my honor hosted by my children for an early 90th birthday (which is 9-14) and Bon Voyage. I moved to my son's home in Asheville, NC on May 4th. Also THANKS for the many cards from members throughout the State.

I'm pretty well settled in and have made appointments with doctors that I might need if

problem arises. I know they will at least have a chart on me.

Paul and Denna have a lovely ranch style home in the Smokey Mountains and things are still green here.

I heard excellent reports on your Five-State get together and my congratulations to your Co-Chair - PGM's Donna Fagg and Wanda Ryan.

I've been asked if I'm coming back for Grand Chapter in April 2022. It is on my calendar so I'll

be there, "The Lord Willing".

I miss you all and please keep safe with this new "Delta Variant" break out!

Star love & hugs,  
Pauline H. Yockey, PGM

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**Surprising History of OES.....**

How much do you know about the Associate Patrons.....

In 1895 the Associate Patron was not a subordinate chapter officer. He was only a Grand Chapter Officer. He did not have a lecture at all in the Initiation.

So guess what...the Worthy Patron did all of the lecture from beginning to end.

The Associate Patron was made an officer in a Subordinate chapter at the 1928 General Grand Chapter Session. Shortly after that the lecture for the Worthy Patron was split.

What else can we find in our history??  
Stay tuned.....