



# Star Gazer

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### Star Shines for Bike Across Kansas

PGP Mike Edwards and more than 650 other participants of Bike Across Kansas (BAK) were met by members of our chapters along the route of the event. From June 9-16, these athletic individuals traversed their way across southern Kansas.

Beginning at the Colorado line west of Johnson City, participants made their way across southern Kansas, ending their trip at the

Missouri line, east of Fort Scott.

Along the way, they were met by a variety of groups, organizations, and individuals, including members of our own Eastern Star Chapters. Not everyone who participated traveled the entire route, but Brother Mike braved his way across the entire state.

PGP Mike didn't get very far from the Colorado line before he encountered OES members at the first SAG (stop and go) near Johnson City. Mike found WGP Steve and Vicky, and Chip Marcy waiting to greet him and the other bikers. Joining them was a members of AMBUCS. Members of AMBUCS also helped at the third SAG for the day. That night, PGP Mike was greeted by Norma and Roger Salibury in Montezuma, where they enjoyed a fun dinner together at the end of his first day



The first day was a windy one for riders and volunteers alike!

Photo provided by WGM Mary Hayselden

on the road.

The next day, Monday, found Mike enjoying some pie during a break in Coldwater. Back on the road, he was greeted near mile-marker 47 on Hwy 183, near Greensburg, by WGM Mary and Grand Esther Nancy, who provided oranges and other refreshments to the many riders at the SAG stop. [\(BAK with Mike continued on pg. 15\)](#)



Vicky Boyer, WGP Steve, Charles Marcy, and the AMBUCS representative working the first SAG. Photo provided by Vicky Boyer

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When we follow His Star, we can always find our way - even in the darkest of night!

### John Staton Installed Grand Commander

Early this summer, Brother John Staton of Derby Chapter #493 was installed as the Grand Commander of the [Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas](#).



Pictured from L to R: Rebecca LaPlante, Ruth Ann Staton, Sir Knight John Staton, Rachel Staton, and Sarah Wolf - all members of Derby Chapter #493.

John has been a member of OES since 2001 and has served as Worthy Patron several times over the years. He became a member of Derby Masonic Lodge #365 in 1996 and joined the York Rite in 2002.

He and Ruth Ann have been married for 46 years and have four children and three grandchildren. John worked for Boeing as an aircraft structural engineer for 29 years.

As a leader and member of many Masonic organizations, John is sure to be a great Grand Commander in the year ahead. Congratulations!

Learn more about John on his Kansas York Right [webpage](#).

# Worthy Grand Matron Mary Hayselden



## Our Theme

*The Spirit of Love and Aloha*

## Emblems

Butterflies, Hearts, Star of the East

## Motto

“God, give me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

## Scripture

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In All Thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths.  
*Proverbs 3:5-6*

## Our Honor Stations

Adah, Organist

## Flowers

Hibiscus, Roses

## Colors

Many shades and hues of purple!

## Songs

Here I Am, Servant Song, Humble and Kind, Singin' In the Rain (*Simple Plan*), Beautiful Kauai

# Ready, Set, Go...

*Aloha!*

What a busy and fun first few months. Bike Across Kansas was fantastic, so much OES love and support was shown, not just for our own PGP Mike Edwards, but in manning stops along the way and meeting people from all over the World who were participating in the ride. I had so much fun on my trip to the southwest part of our state.

I have completed four of my Schools of Instruction, and I want to thank all those that attended and participated in sharing their thoughts and feelings for our beautiful order. Working together, we will find the best path forward.

On July 1, the Grand Officers made their annual visit and attended church services at our beautiful Eastern Star Chapel at Kansas Masonic Home (KMH). A day full of sharing, caring and fellowship as we visited with the residents and left gift baskets in each of the houses.

July remained pretty busy. I attended the GGC Triennial Kick-Off weekend in Salt Lake City for the 2018-2021 Triennium. Our next Most Worthy Grand Matron and Patron shared some of their plans for the next three years. I got to meet and catch up with my counterparts in other states, and spend time just chillin' with the Kansas Delegation. It was a great weekend and I am excited for things to come.

If there is one day this summer that sums up our commitment to the Order and our love for each other, it would be July 21. We had events happening on all levels of the Emporia Masonic building. Alpha/Omega were sewing Courtesy Bags in the basement for the 2019 Grand Chapter Session. The Technology team was on the first floor helping chapters build websites. The Grand Officers were practicing for the Kansas/Nebraska Reunion on the 2nd floor. However, the highlight of the day was presenting a 75 year pin to a 94 year old member. Not only was she thrilled to get her pin, she sent a lovely thank you note talking about how special it was to have so many people there. I can't thank everyone enough for coming upstairs at noon and taking the time to honor and recognize her service.



The Five State Fun Event in Omaha at the end of July was amazing. Thank you to the everyone who was able to make the trip north. I stopped by the headquarters for Job's Daughters International on my way home, it was a nostalgia moment for me. I am looking forward to returning to Nebraska for the KS/NE Reunion at the end of August.

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Then it's ready, set, go as we take off again in September with Official Visits and Schools of Instruction. Just writing all this down makes me sleepy, I think I heard I get a nap in April 2019 (LOL).



## Star Love and Aloha!

*Mary Hayselden*

*Worthy Grand Matron*

# Off the Hook Summer!

Greetings Sisters and Brothers! What a thrill to be a part of our exciting new newsletter! I hope you enjoyed our down time and are ready to hit the streets running. I am very pleased to announce that we have over 50 people signed up for our Winter cruise! As you read this, the deadline to sign up will have passed. However, if you have decided you are now interested and able to join us, you probably still can. You will need to contact the travel agency. While you may not be able to fly to Miami with us, the agency will do everything possible to try to make it happen. What a vacation! Swimsuits in January! Cruises are great, but even better with Star sisters and brothers! See our website for info on signing up. Thanks to our committee for getting the word out and helping.

I attended a meeting of one of our charities, Air Capital AMBUCS. They are SO excited that we are helping them. I also attended a function where several trikes were given to their new owners, which warmed the cockles of my heart! I also saw the waiting list, which is about three years old. They have a notebook with the applications in it about an inch thick. Their very first recipient of a trike, who I believe is 14 now, is pictured in their August newsletter. Her therapy trike has helped her to where she has set three records in shot put and javelin in her age group and qualified her to go to the Adaptive Sports International competition in Ft. Wayne, IN. She has outgrown her second trike and applied for a third. She is a shining example of the hope and help these trikes give.

Hats off to those of you that helped with Bike Across Kansas! I heard from one rider that I met at the SAG stop in Johnson City. He was able to track me down to my job at the radio station (of which he is a listener) and told me he was impressed by the OES presence. AMBUCS is grateful as well. Their rider and SAG stop volunteers send a thank you to all who helped. We made a presence, were appreciated and recognized, and made an impression! Time well spent!

I had the privilege of attending Rainbow, Jobs Daughters, and DeMolay conventions with some of our Grand Officers. All three were inspiring to me. They all had great sessions, and I was so glad to represent the Grand Chapter of Kansas OES. They were very gracious to receive us all. I truly appreciate MW Bob Talbott taking time to talk with me. We took the opportunity to sit down and discuss our groups membership concerns and give inspiration to each other.

The Five State Event in Omaha was *off the hook*! Great fellowship, meals, and side trips. The traffic sucked, but what are you gonna do? The hotel was just across the block from where Vicky and I honeymooned 25 years ago! A lot has changed since then. They didn't have chicken fried bacon then. Apologies to the leadership left behind while we were out of state. Mary, myself, and Grand Secretary Christy all travelled in the same car to do some wine tasting. Probably caused some anxiety at home. But we returned unscathed. And, we have chocolate!

It has been great to see so many chapters going "digital". We have seen the need to be electronic for some time and have talked about it. But to see it come to fruition, with the response it has received, is truly amazing! Thank you to all who have set it up, provided training, and especially to the chapters who have come on board with it. The websites I have seen are amazing. I look forward to seeing what is yet to come.

[\*\(Off The Hook Summer is continued on page 6\)\*](#)

## Worthy Grand Patron



**Stephen Boyer**

### Our Aim

#### Fidelity

Dispel whatever spirit of discord that may here arise. Let's be friends!

#### Unity

United we stand. Divided we fall.

#### Nurturing

Give us strength to believe that we shall reap if we faint not.

*And let's have FUN doing our work!*

### Motto

"A noble spirit embiggens the smallest man." - *Jedediah Springfield.*

### Our Watch Words

CHARITY gives us HOPE

Embodies FAITH

### Scripture

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."  
Philippians 4:13

### Emblems

Microphones, Harleys, Mustangs, and Rolo candy

### Flower

Forget Me Nots

### Songs

You Are My Sunshine, It Is Well With My Soul, Sometimes When It Rains, Don't Stop Believin' (*Journey*)

## Getting Caught Up!



Christy Hard, Grand Secretary

Aloha from the Grand Secretary's Office! What a whirlwind summer it has been. Thank you all for your patience as I try to learn as much as I can as fast as I can. I have managed to spend two days a week directly in the office throughout the summer. Since, I am back in school now, I will be visiting the office on the weekends, when needed, As always, I will continue to be always available and able to assist you through telephone or e-mail. Don't hesitate to contact me if there is

something your need. The will continue to be staffed by our great volunteers Monday—Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a break for lunch.

We have endured computer software, hard-drive and telephone issues over the past couple of months, but in spite of that we've managed to stay afloat!

The Annual Report to General Grand Chapter has been submitted and our annual per capita tax paid.

Both the General Scholarship and ESTARL Scholarship committees have met, made their selections, and checks have been sent to recipients. Between the two over \$45,000 was awarded!

The long overdue proceedings are making forward progress. The 2013 proceeding are headed to the printers as soon as the index is complete. 2016's are nearing completion and the proceedings for 2017 have been transcribed and are ready to be formatted. We are even in the beginning stages of transcribing 2018! If you have placed advanced orders for any of

these volumes you WILL receive them as they are completed!

Dues cards for 2019 have been ordered and printed. By now they should be in the hands of your Chapter Secretaries.

Many of our new Chapter Secretaries have requested a Secretary's School, so be looking for information on this later in the Fall. We are also pleased to announce that due to a price break from General Grand Chapter, the 2015 copyrighted rituals are being passed on with savings on to you. Large spiral bound rituals are on sale for \$20 plus tax and shipping. The regular sized hardcover rituals are on sale for \$14 plus tax and shipping.

**PLEASE NOTE: ADDRESS CORRECTION FOR THE GRAND WARDER!** Sister Wendy's mail continues to be sent to Sister Carol Groth's address. Please disregard the address in the itinerary book, and use the following:

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### Kansas Masonic Home Board Meeting Highlights

The KMH Board met on June 15. Here are some of the main topics:

- ◆ The board decided to switch back to Murdock Marketing firm due to ongoing occupancy and cash flow concerns. Raising long-term occupancy numbers to generate revenue is key to their plan to improve finances.
- ◆ The financial consulting firm said that KMH may need to access investments to help with operations at times over the next year while they work to reduce expenses not associated with patient care and give the marketing firm time to increase occupancy, referrals, and revenue.
- ◆ The annual survey in healthcare and assisted living areas of KMH was completed since the last

board meeting. The [CMS Star rating](#) will increase to 3 stars due to good survey results.

- ◆ The kitchen remodeling is in progress.
- ◆ Fund raising for the restoration of Eastern Star Chapel windows has been slow. Chapters or members wishing to donate may contact Hervey Wright, KMH Director of Development and Fraternal Relations, at 316-269-7513.
- ◆ Bell Tower Talk is the monthly newsletter. It is being well received. You can subscribe to it online at the bottom of the [KMH](#) website page.
- ◆ The fall board meeting took place on September 21, look for more information in our next newsletter.

**When WGM Mary is out of state, special deputies are appointed to act on her behalf for anything that might arise!**

#### Here is the fall schedule:

*WGM Work Conference - Florida*  
October 2 - 5: *Donna Fagg*

*Missouri Grand Chapter*  
October 7- 9: *Patti White*

*Oklahoma Grand Chapter*  
October 14 -15: *Sherrel K Heft*

*Iowa Grand Chapter*  
October 18 - 20: *Pam Abel*

*General Grand Triennium, FI*  
Oct 29 - Nov 3: *Kelly Herring*

*\*Note - Feel free to call them just to say "Hi" or "Thank you for being a special deputy"*



## “The Spirit of Aloha” Personal Engagement Award

1. Attend at least 10 chapter meetings
2. Visit two (2) chapters in your District and one (1) outside your District.
3. Attend the District Aides Official Visit to your Chapter
4. Attend at least three of the following:
  - A. School of Instruction in your District
  - B. School of Instruction in another District
  - C. Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron at your chapter or in your District.
  - D. Friendship Night at your chapter or another chapter
5. Help your Chapter achieve its mission by doing five (5) of the following:
  - A. Serve as an officer
  - B. Serve on a committee
  - C. Help furnish refreshments at one meeting
  - D. Participate in the coin march
  - E. Help with a program for a special occasion in your Chapter
  - F. Assist the Worthy Matron in decorating for a special meeting
  - G. Contact a sick member or shut in
6. Make a monetary [contribution](#)\* to three (3) of the following:
  - A. ESTARL
  - B. F.I.S.H. (Friends In Service of Heroes)
  - C. AMBUCS
  - D. Worthy Grand Matron/ Worthy Grand Patron Special Projects
  - E. Any of our Masonic Youth Groups

*\*Any amount of money is a contribution.*

7. Participate in Quilts of Valor, Collecting Tabby Tops for Ronald McDonald House, Special Olympics Bowling, or any Community Service Project sponsored by your chapter.

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Member Name (met requirements)

\*Return to your chapter secretary by **January 31, 2019**.

\*Chapter Secretaries – Please mail all signed forms to the Worthy Grand Matron by Feb. 15, 2019

## Palmer-Bonjour Grand Family Reunion

On August 4 and 5, the Palmer/Bonjour '98/'99 Grand Family Reunion was held in the Downtown Ramada Inn in Topeka. Those present were: PGM Shirley and Ron Palmer, Jo Bonjour, PGM Pauline Yockey, Beverly and Dick Newell, Elaine and Burt Jung, GGCCM Larry and Charlotte Swaim, PGM Kathy and Marion Johnson, Rosmarie and Ken Geisdorf, Edith and Sonny Peterson, and Donna Meister.



*Photo provided by Beverly Newell*

On Saturday everyone checked in, then carpooled to "McFarland's Restaurant" in Gage Center. After dinner, they returned to the Ramada and gathered in their special Hospitality room. The group enjoyed the rest of the evening telling jokes and funny stories on each other, playing "Crazy Bridge", sharing snacks and just plain reminiscing.

On Sunday everyone enjoyed the complimentary breakfast. Afterwards, they returned to the hospitality room, the group attended a worship service prepared by Beverly Newell. A short business meeting followed. Everyone sincerely thanked PGM Kathy and Marion Johnson, Elaine and Burt Jung and Edith and Sonny Peterson for hosting this year's reunion. Everyone had a wonderful time. This was Our Grand Family's 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

*Submitted by Beverly Newell, Reporter*

## Concert and Cream



Valley Center #237 had the privilege of sponsoring the Senseney Music Community Band of Wichita for a summer concert. Those attending the concert were treated to an ice cream social before the concert band. OES' own GGCCM [Kimberly Dellinger](#), and Cindy Smith are long time members of the band. With about 180 people in attendance, the crowd was treated to some outstanding music. The Band has

been performing at community events since 1987. They can be heard at places like Kansas Music Educators Association Convention, and various churches around the area—to name a few. The chapter will host another concert around Christmastime.

Hey, Sister Kimberly, you missed your chance! But we think you'll get another!



### [Off the Hook Summer—continued from page 3...](#)

Hammie is getting restless. I got to spend some quality time with him, and kept him busy. But he has the itch to visit other chapters and other parts of the state and get spoiled again. He made a lot of friends with first responders and radio folk, and sends his love and wishes for safe travels to all.

I look forward to the work ahead. I see we still have many members who will be receiving service awards this year. We still have some schools, and a lot of Official Visits. I am excited to be seeing you in your chapters along with Sister Mary! Be safe, and keep the faith. Oh, and to Vicky, I love you and I

thank you for making the last 25 years of my life the best 25. And I know I couldn't have survived the last couple of years without your love, support, and guidance.

Star love and aloha,  
and may the good news  
be yours!



## Ready to Cruise!

As I sit here today, composing this article, my Carnival Cruise count down is now down to “156 Days, 21 Hours, 31 minutes”. That may seem like a long way off, but really it isn't. It is less than FIVE MONTHS. We will have Christmas and it will be time to spend seven great days on the Carnival Magic and ports of call in the sun, missing the cold and snow! One thing you don't want to forget is all the food that we will be served and ice cream 24 hours a day. The committee is working on several fun things we can do together on the Ship while we sail.



On the first night of sailing, we would like all to wear our Hawaiian wear to dinner. This will let everyone on the Ship to know that we are there to have fun and enjoy the cruise. Also, we would like everyone to create something to put on the cabin door. The reason for this is: 1 - it makes easier for you find your cabin, and 2 - the committee will be judging the decorations and the best door will win a fabulous prize!

As you are getting ready, I know there are several questions. “How many swimming suits do I take?” “Do we have an elegant night?” And many other questions. We are planning a get together closer to the date to go over what to take and any other questions you may have. Date and time will be sent to everyone at a later date.

To answer some of those questions: Take more than one swimming suit as they don't dry fast on the ship. Regarding elegant night, they usually have two. Dress that night can be as formal as you want to be, but remember that you must be able to pack it in your suitcase. The rest of the time is casual attire.

Don't be surprised that you will have your picture taken at every dinner, when we get on the ship or when we go to a port. These pictures are yours to purchase if you would like some. They are very good quality and it is nice to have a picture of your adventure.

One thing I would suggest it that you go ahead and review and pick the excursion's you would like to do in each port on the Magic's website. They fill up fast and I have always found that it is easier and less stressful if you do it ahead of time. If you have any questions, please contact your committee or the Travel agent and they can assist you. Looking forward to seeing you all on the Winter Cruise.

*Submitted by Cindy Wise - Cruise Committee*

## Building our Future!

The Grand Chapter Technology Committee hosted their inaugural website building workshop on Sunday, June 10 at Shawnee Masonic Lodge in Shawnee, Kansas. The website building workshop is an initiative of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to give all interested Chapters an online presence as a tool to help with communication and membership.

Two Chapters were in attendance for the first workshop: Gladiola #459 and Wathena #413 came armed with Chapter information and laptops. It didn't take long to dive into the creation of their websites. Workshop instructors Rebecca Jordan and Danny Newell were kept busy answering questions about building pages, adding photos, and creating calendars for their websites.

Sisters Lynda Franken (Wathena Chapter), Susan McGinnis, PGM and Ruby Barclay (Gladiola Chapter) agreed that, while the site building process could be overwhelming, it was made much easier when there was someone available to answer questions and provide guidance.



A second workshop was held in [Emporia](#) on July 21. Plans are in the works for future workshops. If your Chapter is interested in [attending a workshop](#), please let a member of the Technology Committee know. Workshops can be scheduled as needed in locations around the state, providing a strong internet connection is available and there is interest from Chapters in an area.

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# A Full Day: Alpha–Omega Sewing Day

What's the phrase? A picture is worth a thousand words? The pictures featured here show better than any words could all the fun and activity getting the bags ready for the 2019 Grand Chapter Session. With all the machines, ribbon stringers, and all around helpers, it was a productive and fun day! Nearly 130 bags made!



# 75 Years and Still Going Strong!

In the midst of a busy sewing day, everyone gathered upstairs at the Emporia Masonic Center on July 21 to honor 94-year-old Rosalin Lombard, Union Chapter.

During the lunch break on the



Photo provided by Vicky Boyer

A big congratulations to all those who have received 50 year pins, 60 year certificates, and have been members even longer!

Without your years of dedications, our beautiful order wouldn't be the same!

Alpha-Omega Sewing day, Rosalin was presented her pin by WGP Steve. She was all smiles and overwhelmed by the number of people who were there.

At the chapter's first meeting in September, Miriam Chapter #14 was pleased to not only host the Official Visit of WGM Mary and WGP Steve, but to honor 75 year member Vera Schesser.

Having been presented her pin by WGP Steve, she was escorted to the east and honored.

Vera then shared with everyone about her family history with OES in Kansas and her membership,



which was originally in the Americus Chapter.

The evening ended with some scrumptious cakes downstairs and enjoyed visiting together.

## Grand Day at the Kansas Masonic Home



The bounty of gifts for those wonderful residents at KMH.

Photo provided by Vicky Boyer

Wow! Our baskets of gifts were overflowing. The Grand family did an exceptional job! Cindy White took everyone to the four gorgeous homes and allowed us the privilege of visiting the loved ones living there. It was a moving and humbling experience. A big shout out to Cindy White for graciously hosting our tour. Having worked up an appetite the Grand family went to [Neighbors](#) to enjoy a fabulous lunch. We had an outstanding attendance and everyone left happy and stuffed. Good food! The day was exceptional. Until later, travel safe, stay cool and don't forget the sunscreen!

Star love and Aloha, *Gale Masten, Grand Adah*

Aloha! The summer has been busy! Your Grand Chapter family continued our travels. One highlight was on July 1. We spent the day at the [Kansas Masonic Home](#) in Wichita Kansas. We were truly blessed to be able to attend church services in the Eastern Star Chapel and share in the spirit of our Lord and Savior with several residents.

Many thanks to Chaplain Connie for the fellowship. After Church we gathered in the fellowship hall and prepared our gifts for the residents of the long term care houses.



# Kansas–Nebraska Reunion

It's been a tradition for many years now—the exchange of our degrees between the Kansas and Nebraska Grand Officers.

This year's reunion was held in Hiawatha, KS on August 24 with the Nebraska Grand Officers exemplifying the degrees.

The evening started with a wonderful catered meal. The group then moved into the gymnasium at the Fisher Community Center, where Zenith chapter had set up the chapter room for the evening. A big thanks to everyone who helped move everything to and from the lodge hall for the evening.

The meeting was opened by the Zenith officers, followed by introductions. The special meeting then continued with the Nebraska Grand Officers replacing the Zenith officers in their stations.

The floor work used to do this is beautiful, especially when it has been well practiced in advance. All of the officers did an excellent job with this seldom used floor work and showed their excellence and dedication to our pageantry.

Once the Nebraska Grand Officers had taken their stations, it was time for the exemplification of the degrees. Even though the "candidates" for the evening were



*Kansas and Nebraska Grand Officers for 2018-2019. Photo taken in Nebraska City.*

not new to the order, the Nebraska Grand Officers did their work well.

For those among us who have not seen the degree work done by Nebraska officers or haven't had the opportunity to attend an OES meeting in Nebraska, there are some differences.

The major difference is the use of the square and compass on the Bible. Only two states are allowed to use them at the altar: Texas and Kansas. There is a reason for this - the charter for both states predates the charter for General

Grand Chapter.

The floor work of the star points during the degree work is also a little different. The star point ladies approach their pedestal differently than we do in Kansas. Each star point walks straight across in front of her chair to get the emblem from its pedestal. Then she returns to her chair to speak to the candidate.

Once the degree work was completed, the Zenith officers resumed their stations and the evening ended with refreshments.

The next morning found everyone in Nebraska City, ready for a great lunch at the Masonic hall and a second day of exchanging our degree work.

After lunch, everyone made their way up the stairs to the chapter room and the Nebraska City officers opened chapter.

Once again officers traded places. Everyone was treated to the Kansas Grand Officers doing an excellent job of exemplifying the degrees.

The Nebraska City officers resumed their stations and successful the meeting closed.

Everyone considered it a fun and exciting weekend with lots of stories to be told. Congratulations to all the Grand Officer on your excellent work! Thanks to all who helped make it a successful event!



*There's always time to have a little fun before the big meeting begins. Photo provided by Vicky Boyer*

# Five State Weekend Combined Fun and Service

I had the pleasure to attend the Five State weekend in Omaha Nebraska, July 27, 28, and 29. The event was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Omaha.



Worthy Grand Matrons from Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska! A grand bunch of ladies!  
Picture courtesy of WGM Mary Hayselden

Membership from Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa and a lively trio from South Dakota were represented. Kansas was one of the bigger contingencies there.

A delicious dinner opened the festivities Friday evening followed by the [Tangier Shrine Chanters](#). After a quick trip upstairs to change into comfy clothes, we gathered in a room set up with games and snacks. We enjoyed getting to know each other.

A trip to the [Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children](#) in Fremont was the plan for Saturday, to visit and share in the children's [4-H accomplishments](#).

We entrusted Darren Hard and Carla McKinney from Silver Leaf Chapter with Hammie Gavelette for the day. GGCCM Kim Dellinger, AGM Garrie Opitz, AGP Ron and Doris Kammerer, and Grand Conductress Karen Monteith also attended.

They enjoyed a BBQ lunch, a tour of the beautiful grounds. The celebrated with the children as they were presented awards for their 4-H projects.

WGM Mary Hayselden planned a chocolate and wine tour. She was accompanied by her parents, Grand Esther Nancy and Tom Hayselden, WGP Steve and Vicky Boyer, Grand Secretary Christy Hard and Grand Martha Becky and Charlie Allen. They enjoyed traveling the local Omaha area partaking in chocolate and wine. They didn't bring back any leftovers so the must have had a great time!



My mother and escort, Wanda Dodge, and I decided to explore beautiful downtown Omaha. We were joined by Grand Electa Mary and her husband Gregg Keffer, and Cindy and Larry Wise.

We visited the Farmer's Market and teased Brother Gregg for liking a stand so much that he started bringing customers in to help sales!

We found some wonderful shops and had lunch at a popular local brewery. The boys got tired and left for the hotel but we girls continued to shop, finding some

great antique stores. Mary and Cindy were brave and followed me to a shop in an alley and down into a basement. It was creepy and crowded and we had a blast!



Saturday night's dinner was even bigger than Friday's. The entertainment was a barbershop quartet. One of the members is married to a Nebraska grand officer. We thoroughly enjoyed the show.

After dinner, I dragged my mother and Carla McKinney on a walk by the river to see a huge fountain that kept peeking at us out our hotel window. We also enjoyed the gardens by the pebble stone walkway, the man-made waterfall in the twilight and the reflection of the lights on the water from the marina.



We joined the games and snacks back at the hotel until they closed the doors. Everyone went their separate ways following an inspirational Sunday morning church service. We had a wonderful time in Omaha and we are looking forward to next year in South Dakota!

*Submitted by Cindy Moore, Grand Marshall*



# Chapters Serving Ronald McDonald Guests

North Star Chapter #483, Wichita cooked dinner for the residents of the local [Sleepy Hollow Ronald McDonald House](#) on August 19. The RMH is located near Wesley Medical Center. Those staying in the house were treated to a meal of lasagna, tossed salad and apple pie. The Chapter also delivered toiletry items for the guests staying at the House.



cooking instructions. Also a short message that read, "Our prayers are with you, Gladiola Chapter, No. 459, Kansas City, KS, Order of the Eastern Star."

After we completed the burritos we held our annual Welcome Home dinner. On Saturday the burritos were delivered to Ronald McDonald House and immediately taken over to the hospital for family members to enjoy.

We were given a tour of one of the three homes. They are always looking for various items to help for the families' home away from home.

*Submitted by Nora Bayless, WM*



*North Star members had fun serving dinner to guests of the Sleepy Hollow RMH. (Left to right: Gayle Cousatte, Jennifer Denny, Tom Mason, Carrie Turner, Rosemarie Geisdorf, Deb Linstrom)*

This was the Chapter's first time to provide a meal. The members who helped enjoyed the adventure so much that they are planning on doing it again.

*Submitted by Carrie Turner*

Gladiola Chapter No. 459, Kansas City, got together early before our "Welcome Home" dinner on September 7th to fix breakfast burritos for the Ronald McDonald House located at Children's Mercy Hospital.

We had all volunteered by email, to fix the items we needed to make the burritos. You might be interested to know that this project is not funded by the chapter. Instead, each member offers to furnish the items needed themselves.

Everyone enjoyed the assembly line preparation and chatted while we worked.

After the burritos were filled and folded, they were wrapped and labeled with the ingredients and



*Rose Douglas ladies gather in the kitchen at RMH-Midtown to prepare dinner. (Front Row: Sarah, Daniels, Jennifer Denny, Pat Agnew. Back Row: Elizabeth Clark, Lavetta Shaffer, Cindy Smith, Patti Roberts)*

Rose Douglas Chapter #475, Wichita cooked dinner for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House Midtown, located near St. Francis Hospital in Wichita.

Those staying at the RMH on August 26 were treated to a dinner of chicken casserole, green beans with carrots, coleslaw, and some great homemade cookies. So, far the chapter has cooked for them twice this year. They are looking forward to doing it again!

*Submitted by Cindy Smith*

## WGM & WGP Special Projects 2018-2019

### F.I.S.H

#### *Friends in Service of Heroes*

Focuses on helping Veterans of every age and their families maintain their freedom and improve their quality of life. Many are reluctant to ask for help - even for the benefits they have earned.

Their goals are based on four pillars of support:

HEALTH GUIDANCE RECOGNITION SUPPORT

### Air Capital AMBUCS

#### **American Business Clubs**

AMBUCS is a national charitable service organization consisting of a diverse group of men and women dedicated to creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities.

The fun and freedom of riding your own bike is something everyone should be able to enjoy.

# AMBUCS Presents Bikes to Eagerly Awaiting Kids!

The lives of many are changed because of the generous work of AMBUCS, providing therapeutic [Trykes](#). According to the group, *“The Amtryke Therapeutic Tricycle Program is about abilities, not disabilities. Our goal is to provide people who benefit from our trykes with all the classic advantages of riding a bike: mobility, strength, exercise, coordination, interaction with family and friends, and just pure fun!”*

On the morning of July 7 at the Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview, located in downtown Wichita, the Air Capital AMBUCS group was finishing the preparations on eight new trykes to go home with some amazing children of various ages and differing disabilities. Seven kids' and families' lives were changed by getting the trykes. They still have a long waiting list. Most had been waiting 1 to 2 1/2 years for the trykes they got that day.

Members of the group refer to it as an [AmTryke Rodeo](#), which happens when the group has a large number of trykes to give away all at once. But this isn't the only time that the group gives trykes. Throughout the year fundraisers, charity events, and other occasions will find someone getting a new tryke to take home.

This year WGP Steve Boyer designated AMBUCS Trykes as his special [service project](#). Members who wish to donate to this project and help Kansas GC raise money for more trykes can go to our [website](#), download and print the [form](#). Then send it in with your contribution! You can help change more lives.

Though there is a lot of work involved in such an enormous project, the looks on the faces of the kids when they receive their new tryke is worth all the effort.

The most often asked question of the day, *“Can I take it home?”*



WGP Steve checks out just one of the varieties of trykes that is about to be given to a child.  
*Photo taken by Vicky Boyer*



## Still More Chapters in Service!

For over a decade, ever since the consolidation of Pomona Chapter with Union #15, Ottawa has been giving a scholarship to at least one graduating Franklin County High School senior every year. In some years, donations have allowed the chapter to offer two scholarships to students.

Each year more than 20 students apply. No masonic affiliation is required for the students to submit their name. The recipient of the scholarship is chosen by Rolf's from Baldwin, since they won't know any of the students applying.

When possible, members of the chapter go to the school's award ceremony. But the chapter really enjoys it when the student can come to the chapter meeting, so everyone can congratulate them.



Union Chapter is honored to meet this year's scholarship winner, Amanda Wray.  
Photo provided by Kay Towner

To help finance this scholarship, the chapter sells pecans. Each year the price of the pecans goes up, and the chapter debates whether to continue the program, but they do.

This year, with the help of Karyn Douthat WM and Mike Towner WP the chapter was able to present a scholarship to Amanda Wray, who is attending Allen Community College this fall.

Thanks to all who helped by buying some of the pecans. They are delicious! Your efforts and generosity are helping students continue their education!



Golden Rod #163 and Gilead Lodge #144, Yates Center, put out 270 Eastern Star flags and 220 Mason flags in for Memorial Day.  
Photo provided by Frances Peterson, PGP

Golden Rod Chapter in Yates Center has been putting the Eastern Star flags on the graves of their members in the Yates Center cemetery for over 50 years.

The records are kept on the computer. They then print out maps each year for the members who help with this project.

It takes about 1-1/2 hours to put the flags on the graves on the Thursday before Memorial Day and about an hour on that Monday evening of Memorial Day to collect them all again. They are stored until the next year. The flags are ordered from J. P. Luther.



Frances Peterson, PGP places a masonic flag on one of the many Masonic gravesites in the Yates Center Cemetery  
Photo provided by Frances Peterson, PGP.

On Flag Day in Great Bend, a City Band Concert is a tradition. The community of Great Bend is treated to a wonderful selection of music outside the Barton County Courthouse.

Each summer from Memorial Weekend until mid July, a weekly [free concert](#) is held in the courthouse square band shell at 8:15 pm. The city has been sponsoring the summer concerts for over 100 years.



Photo taken by Carl Anderson

In the crowd enjoying the music and visiting with people is Golden Sheaf Chapter #226. For several summers now, the chapter has engaged in a community service project of selling water to those in attendance. The money from the sales goes to support the band and it's need. Last year the chapter raised enough to buy new music for the band.

On Flag Day the chapter sold 71 bottles of water, each one with an OES tag on it. Six members volunteered more than 13 hours of service just on Flag Day.



Photo taken by Carl Anderson

The band has always been appreciative of their efforts and at the Flag Day concert, they received a big "Thank You" from the stage during the concert. Everyone is looking forward to next summer's concerts!

[BAK with Mike continued from page 1...](#)

The ladies sent Mike on his way to Pratt with love and prayers for a continued safe journey.

Tuesday was probably the most eventful day. Brother Mike was not deterred by a flat tire. It was quickly fixed and he was back on the road to Clearwater, riding a total of 83 miles that day.



Over 100 people were served by Clearwater Chapter and Lodge. They were able to raise nearly \$.

*Photo provided by Jackie Strickland*

That evening BAK riders were given the opportunity of a real treat by Clearwater Chapter and Lodge—a real steak dinner. The food was greatly appreciated, even if many of the participants only had their bikes to take them from the high school back into town to the lodge hall for the meal. In the crowd, enjoying the food, were some of the AMBUCS riders. On Wednesday, the bikers



PGM Donna Berrie Fagg got to spend a short amount of time with PGP Mike on his journey.

*Photo provided by Helen Edwards*

made their way to Winfield, where Mike was greeted by PGM Donna Berrie Fagg. These grand leaders enjoyed a wonderful reunion lunch together at Beidermans. Mike went on to finish the 63-mile day.



The riders stopped that night at the Burden High School. Though the food for dinner and breakfast was provided by the local UM Church, Pat Lundy and Susan Dennett put on their aprons and helped. The riders were given a great OES favor to take with them.

From there it was on to Ft. Scott. Grand Warder Wendy Cunningham delivered a bottle of OES water to Mike and then he was on his way to St. Paul and lunch. At this point, he was on the home stretch.



Mike was met at one of his stops by Associate Grand Conductress Carol Salmon and her husband Dave.

*Photo provided by Helen Edwards*

The next morning, Mike crossed the finish line at about 9:30 a.m., completing the full route for the 2018 Bike Across Kansas. A big Congratulations to Mike, for completing this part of your “bucket list!”



**...A NOTE OF THANKS!**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I want to thank all of you for your love, prayers, words of encouragement and acts of kindness during my first Bike Across Kansas (BAK) tour. The saddle sores are healing, I didn't get dehydrated, I didn't wreck, I slept well, I gained 3 lbs. (muscle), and I missed my wife, but the OES family kept me going. Thank you to all who fed me meals, helped me with laundry, let me use your shower and provided drinks and snacks along the way. Thank you to Steve Boyer, WGP and his wife Vicky for the camelback and solar charger. Both were very useful. Thank you to Mary Hayselden, WGM for encouraging me to attempt to do this and marking it off my bucket list and for presenting me with a “bucket gift” afterwards at Zenith Chapter.

Also thanks to Thurman Miller, PGP for the “interview.” After I completed the BAK I was not able to answer the question “Would you do it again?” Now I can say I might have to look further North on a future BAK. Maybe.

On the “warm” days I recited Psalms 121: 5-8. “The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.”

*Fraternally, Mike Edwards PGP*

# Schools of Instruction



## 2018 Dates and Locations

<i>June 2</i>	<i>District 9</i>	<i>Hoisington</i>
<i>June 9</i>	<i>District 11</i>	<i>Dodge City</i>
<i>June 16</i>	<i>District 1</i>	<i>Atchison</i>
<i>June 30</i>	<i>District 4</i>	<i>Pittsburg</i>
<i>September 8</i>	<i>District 3</i>	<i>Baldwin City</i>
<i>September 15</i>	<i>District 10</i>	<i>Goodland</i>
<i>September 22</i>	<i>District 2</i>	<i>Shawnee</i>
<i>September 29</i>	<i>District 6</i>	<i>Gridley</i>
<i>October 6</i>	<i>District 7</i>	<i>Clearwater</i>
<i>November 10</i>	<i>District 8</i>	<i>Wichita</i>
<i>December 5</i>	<i>District 5</i>	<i>Topeka</i>



*Come to our Schools of Instruction for some time of fun and learning. Together we can discover better ways to do our work and make our ceremonies more memorable, as we desire they should be.*

## School of Instruction

is Fun!



## Coming Events

October 6	District #7, SOI Clearwater
October 7-10	MO Grand Chapter “ <a href="#">Stars in Our Garden</a> ” Jefferson City, MO
October 9	OV & Pins Sunflower #147, Chanute
October 13	OV & Pins St. Bernard #97, Dodge City
October 14-17	OK Grand Chapter Guthrie, OK
October 17	OV & Pins Union #15, Ottawa
October 18-21	IA Grand Chapter “ <a href="#">Heart of the Country</a> ” Cedar Rapids, IA
October 23	OV & Pins Amy #165, Galena
Oct 25-Nov 2	Triennial Assembly “ <a href="#">Precious Memories on the Wings of Love</a> ” Orland, FL
November 6	OV & Pins Wathena #413
November 10	District #8, SOI Wichita
November 13	OV & Pins Queen City #138, Winfield
November 15	OV & Pins Anthony #187
November 17	OV & Pins Silver Leaf #464, Hutchinson
November 21	OV & Pins North Star #483, Wichita
November 22	Happy Thanksgiving!
November 26	OV & Pins Gardner #236
December 8	District #5, SOI Topeka
December 5	District #5, SOI Topeka
December 13	OV & Pins Felicity #371, Lindsborg
December 14	OV & Pins Byington #177, Leavenworth
December 15	Grand Officers Wreaths Across America Ft. Leavenworth Nat’l Cemetery

For more information and a complete calendar of events go the current [Grand Chapter website](#) – or – join our [Facebook page!](#)

# Getting Together– For Service and Fun with Old Friends and New!



The Gang enjoys the variety of the Pizza Ranch buffet and the chance to see each other.  
Photo provided by Cindy Smith

The Over The Hill Gang (also known as our Past Grand Officers) met in Hutchinson on July 11 at the Pizza Ranch. Food, fun, and fellowship was had by all.

The next get together is Wednesday, October 3 at 11:30 am. If you are a past Grand Officer and would like to attend future gatherings, call PGP Don Flickinger at (620)326-2603 for more information!



PGP Robert Ott enjoys the meal and getting to catch up with the rest of the gang.  
Photo provided by Cindy Smith

Taco night is fun for Queen City Chapter #138, Winfield. They like to go before their regular Tuesday night meeting!



Adda Chapter #467, Lenexa enjoys getting together. July 14 they met at [Cascone's Italian Restaurant](#) for a social dinner. The food is great and the gang had fun dining with family and friends.

They're all looking forward to their next chance for food and fun!



Adda Chapter and friends really turned out to enjoy some of the fine food and an evening good conversation and fellowship!  
Photo provided by Greg Keffer

Beatrice Chapter #450, Shawnee combined a fun day with their service project. They spent a summer Sunday afternoon making 80 pillowcase bags.

The bags are given to children when they have to be suddenly removed from their home. Often a child has nothing in which to put what few things they are allowed to take with them. Since they aren't permitted to pack in something hard, officers are often forced to give the child a trash bag to put their things in when they leave.

By providing a pillow case bag, the child has some better to carry into their emergency placement. The cloth bag helps them feel less like they are also being "thrown away."



These productive and caring members of Beatrice Chapter are shown here with the 80 pillowcase bags they made for the children who need them.  
Photo provided by WGM Mary Hayselden

Once the bags were completed, the members gathered around the pool for some ice cream and lots of laughter. Service can also be fun!

In Chanute, a new member was initiated in June. Sunflower Chapter #147 welcomed Trina to our golden chain. Trina is excited to see where Eastern Star will lead her and is anxious to learn more about what it means to be a member and about our beautiful ritual.

Trina attended the District #6 School of Instruction in Gridley and was willing to sit as Marshall for the morning. It was a pleasure to get to meet and new and excited member!



WM and Grand Warder Wendy Cunningham welcomes Trina, pictured here following initiation.  
Picture provided by Wendy Cunningham

Consolidation... is always a time of mixed emotions when two chapters consolidate. In the midst of saying good-bye to what was, there is the hope of what can continue to be.

White City Chapter received its charter on May 20, 1921 from Sister Rebecca May Agers, Grand Matron.

On June 20, White City consolidated with Miriam #14, Emporia; three years short of its 100th Anniversary. The new members were warmly welcomed and are ready to be active members and officers.



White City Chapter members bring their 1921 charter and present it to Miriam Chapter.  
Front row, L-R: Ilene Bolinder, Gaila Sanford, Christie Britt, and Colleen Anderson  
Back row, L-R: PGM Karen Adams, WGM Mary Hayselden, WM Barbara Say, WP Bill McCord

# Grand Representative Travels to Michigan

Lakin #244 Chapter's Worthy Matron, Melanie Marcy and Worth Patron, Chip Marcy spent the first part of July travelling visiting Star counterparts in Michigan (with a vacation visit to Mackinac Island in between).

The very first stop on the trip was to visit with Chip's counterpart, Brenda Chapelle, Grand Representative of Kansas in Michigan. We had a wonderful visit with Brenda, WM, Linden Chapter #176 and her husband, Fred, WP, also of Linden Chapter #176 in her home.



From Left to right: Melanie Marcy, WM, Chip Marcy, WP Lakin, KS #244 & Grand Representative of Michigan in Kansas, Brenda Chapelle, WM & Grand Representative of Kansas in Michigan, Fred Chapelle, WP Linden, MI #176.

We spent the afternoon getting to know each other and comparing notes between Kansas and Michigan. Chip presented Brenda with a Willow figurine holding sunflowers along with some unique Kansas items. Brenda in turn presented Chip with a metal enameled Michigan magnet and Michigander ornament. They are absolutely beautiful. She also presented Chip with some Michigan chocolates and other food items.

Later, Brenda and her husband treated us to a tour of the Linden area. It is a beautiful region of Michigan covered with forest and lakes. Though her chapter is dark during the month of July and August, we were

treated to a tour of Linden's chapter.

A beautiful two story lodge, the chapter room is constructed of rich wood paneling. That evening we were taken out to eat at Lucky's Steak House, a fantastic eatery that Melanie and I can highly recommend to anyone in Linden/Fenton, MI.

Did you know that in Michigan, when the chapter opens, that the American flag begins in the West, is escorted to the altar and saluted, then escorted to the East where the Pledge is recited and National Anthem sung. In Michigan, chapters also pledge allegiance to the Christian flag.

On our return from Mackinac Island, we also stopped to see my counterpart from last year, Marilyn Ivey-Crook, and some other members of Linden chapter we met last December. Marilyn met us and gave us a tour of the East Tawas region of the state. There we saw the Tawas Point lighthouse, Lumberman's Memorial and Canoer's Memorial along with the beautiful Au Sable River!

We had a chance to stop for ice cream in a retro ice cream/soda shop on the bay in Tawas City. We knew that Marilyn loves the Wizard of Oz so we presented her with a special "Dorothy slippers" coffee cup and a Kansas pin. Marilyn left us with some Michigan Blackberry wine and a Tawas lighthouse medallion/key chain.

On the way home, we also had a chance to stop in Traverse City to have lunch with Linden chapter members Marie Sturm and George Wertman with whom we met in December.

Finally, we wrapped up the trip with Melanie catching up with her "Friend of a Feather" counterpart from Michigan, Barbara Hulse under MWGM Barbara Benton (Melanie represented Indiana at the time). We had a wonderful lunch at Cornwell's Turkeyville Shoppe located just south of of Bellevue, MI. This was only the second time in nearly ten years that Melanie and Barbara had a chance to meet since Barbara Benton's triennium.

Though both Lakin and Linden chapter's are dark in July, there certainly was light and fellowship this month as we had a chance to meet new brothers and sisters, forming life-long friendships, and renewing those with other brothers and sisters.

*Respectfully submitted, Charles Marcy*



Chip Marcy, Grand representative of Michigan in Kansas, 2017-18, Marilyn Ivey-Crook, Grand Representative of Kansas in Michigan, 2016-17.



## *Adventures With Hammie Gavelette*

With an official, new name badge as the GC of KS Goodwill Ambassador, our very own Hammie had an adventurous summer travelling around Kansas and beyond, having fun and making many new friends.



Hammie is ready to travel again after a great summer. There are too many stories to tell, as he has been sighted all over the middle of the country. Here are some highlights of his adventures.

Hammie went to South Dakota on a Blackhills camping trip. Ogallala Lake was a great time to sit back and relax. Hammie was glad they use a camper instead of sleeping in a tent.

Hammie made it all the way to



Hammie proudly sports his new name badge hanging out with Mary at their campsite.  
*Photo provided by Mary Elizabeth Allen.*

Dodge City and Boot Hill. As he toured around town, he found Doc Holliday playing cards and wanted to join him, but he seemed a little stiff that day. The drinks on the table, and the cards were solid.

It was then on to Omaha to the Five State Fun Event. Here, he met a lot of new people. Hammie was surprised that some of them already knew who he was. Is Hammie getting a fan club?



Those busy days didn't slow him at all. Hammie spent the morning of August 6 saying "thank you" to the police, fire, and EMS people that serve and protect Valley Center. While he and Steve were at the fire station, the alarms went off for a fire call. Hammie tried to find his ears to cover them, but it didn't help. It was so loud.

Steve tried to get a picture of the truck as they left, but they were too fast. But that was ok, when they got back Fireman Phil was willing to pose with Hammie for a picture next to the fancy Valley Center Fire Truck!

Of course, one of the highlights of Hammie's summer was getting to spend a month with WGP Steve and even go to work with him. The best part was getting to announce the

weather on the radio during Steve's news broadcast. That kind of fame was more than Hammie could have ever hoped for when they went to work together that day! Imagine—getting to share dad's radio broadcast. How many hammers can say that!



Hammie announces the weather on KNSS 98.7 in Wichita.  
*Photo provided by WGP Steve Boyer*

Between all the Official Visits, pin presentations, dinners, parties, and all the trips and fun things, Hammie feels like he nailed the summer fun!

He did mention though, that while Hammie has been enjoying all the people and destinations, he does hope no one makes him ride his own bicycle across Kansas. "I'd never be able to reach the pedals, but I *might* be willing to go along for the ride!"



Follow [Hammie](#) and his adventures as he travels! Could another country be in his future? We'll see!

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## Parading with Star!

Silver Leaf #464 in Hutchinson had lots of fun promoting our Order in Hutchinson's annual Patriot's Parade on July 4. We had several of Chapter members participate, as well as two candidates whom we have balloted on, but haven't initiated yet! We also enjoyed having Gary and Jenny Ayers from Felicity Chapter come and join in the fun. You all are invited to join us for the Christmas parade on November 17 (prior to the Grand Officer's Degree Work).

*Submitted by Christy Hard*





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