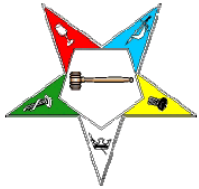


Star Moments



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Worthy Matron's Address

Sister Connie O'Brien

As newly retired Grand Rep. of Vermont, I am still in contact with my counterpart in Vermont and through our conversations we have come to the conclusion that the membership problem is not restricted to just our states but nationwide. I would like to share some thoughts with you.

As Eastern Star members, we need to stress the value of pride - pride in our ritual work, pride in our appearance at meetings, and pride in the accomplishments of our chapter. It's a combination of many small things that

add up to the fact that we all individually care about the future of our chapter. If we are proud of who we are and what we as Eastern Star members do, it will be apparent to the community. Our attitude will create enthusiasm and others will be enticed to join us.

Now at the beginning of another year, we should all consider renewing our commitment to the Order and our Chapter. There is much that can be done to improve our progress, but it seems that as each year goes by there are fewer who step up to the plate

and meet the challenge.

We have so much to be proud of, our charities continue to be well supported, our members travel and enjoy each other, we participate in community service, we have many fine ritualists ready to assist and oh yes, we have some of the best cooks going. If you haven't had Ruth McCormack's apple dumplings your are missing out.

Take a new outlook in 2008. Be optimistic, be active and above all be proud of your membership in Eastern Star!

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July & August

Dark for the Summer

September

September 13

The new District Deputy for the 27th District is Jayne Wills, New Bloomfield #138.

Election of the 2007-08 officers.

October

October 8-10

Grand Chapter in Cape Girardeau. The members that were able to attend commented on the fun they had in Cape Girardeau touring and picking

cotton at a local farm.

November

November 8

Installation of the 2007-08 Officers.

November 22

Thanksgiving Day - no meeting but we hope everyone enjoyed family and friends.

December

December 13

Balloted on 2 petitions for Degrees.

December 27

Balloted on 1 petition for Degrees. Our Chapter's Christmas party/gift exchange. Everyone had fun participating in the "Chinese" gift exchange where you get to steal a gift from someone or have your gift stolen. I don't believe Clayton had ever done this before but he seemed to have a lot of fun.

*"Sewing Kindness,
Spreading Love"*

Remembering the Lessons from our Star Points



Adah - Jephthah's Daughter

The scene of the first Star Point is laid beyond the Jordan River in Mizpah, the home of Jephthah, and the surrounding country, some 90 miles northeast from Jerusalem and 30 miles southeast of the Sea of Galilee. The countries east of the Jordan beginning with the Land of Moab, toward the north are Ammon and Gilead.

At the very beginning nowhere in the Bible do we find the name of Jephthah's daughter. She is only mentioned by the phrase "Jephthah's daughter." Modern usage; however, attaches the name of Adah, and as such she is known to the members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The vow that Jephthah made unto the Lord is considered by some writers as an extremely unfortunate one, and the great error of his life.

He doubtless wanted to have every assurance of success and thus vowed a vow unto the Lord, which cost him the life of his daughter. Viewed from the human point of view he many have been incomprehensibly rash in making such a covenant or vow, yet when once made and success had crowned his efforts, he could not well turn back, notwithstanding the efforts that were made by the elders of Gilead to save him from making so great a human sacrifice. His daughter was perfectly willing that her life should be sacrificed and thus fulfill her father's obligation unto Jehovah. And after all, if Jephthah's vow was to be fulfilled by a human sacrifice, whom other than his own daughter would you suggest for its fulfillment? In conclusion to quote President McKinley's final words; "It is God's way. His will be done."

"God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And ride upon the storm.
Deep in unfathomable mines,
With never-failing skill,

He treasures up his bright designs,
And works His gracious will."

Jephthah's Daughter

Father, the joyful minstrel sung- -
Lo, glad I come with timbrel and
with dance;
Hail, father, hail! Thine arm in God
was strong.
Hail, God of Israel, Israel's sure
defense.
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Thus the minstrel sung.
Father, father! The astonished
daughter cried- -
What grief is this? What means this
sign of wo?
Dust on thy head! Thy grey hairs
floating wide!
That look of horror on each
soldier's brow- -
Bewailing, bewailing- -
Thus the daughter cried.
Father, father! The maid devoted
said- -
If thus I'm doomed, if thus thy vow
has gone.
Oh turn not back! There's hope
amidst the dead.
None for the perjured- - let thy will

be done.
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Thus the maiden said.
Father, father! The doomed one
meekly spoke- -
Be strong thy hand, be resolute thy
heart- -
To heaven' re-union I will joyful
look,
And with a blessing on thy head
depart.
Farewell! Farewell!
Thus the Doomed One spoke.

To Adah "Obedience"

Our Star life's not always easy,
We do need rare courage now,
Like that of young, heroic Adah,
Keeping her father's awful vow.
We obey, as she has taught us,
Sometimes cry o'er life's ills;
But steadfast we turn our faces
Far from Adah's lonely hills.
This world has obedient daughters,
Carrying out a hard command;
We must seek them- -weary,
troubled,
Lift them with a true "Star" hand.
Their quiet trust and true obedience

Are example naught can mar.
Bring a candle of rare courage
To the first point of our Star.

Written by Mark Keller/Dianna Gillard (Mass. Grand Chapter).

Upcoming Events:

*Jan. 24—District Deputy
Official Visit*

Mar. 27—Official Inspection

Apr.—Go-To-Church Sunday

Apr. 24—Friendship Night

Apr. 26—DDGM Reception

*May 22—Honor Mason/
Youth Night*



Stormy Skies

Mary Margaret Bloomed passed away August 17.



Star Smiles

Sister Susan Davis has a new grandson.

Sister Connie O'Brien has a new daughter-in-law.

Membership

It is that time of the year to renew our memberships.
Please take this time to send in your dues. Our
members are very valuable to us.

Also as a reminder, the dues were increased in 2004 to
\$12.00.

Please send your membership dues to:

Betty Brennan, Secretary
Fulton Chapter #35
9 W. Reed St.
Fulton, MO 65251

Calling All Members—

Our Chapter is in need of an Adah and Esther,
anyone who is willing to fill one of these positions
please contact either Connie O'Brien, Worthy
Matron; Betty Campbell, Associate Matron; or
Betty Brennan, Secretary. We really need your
help.