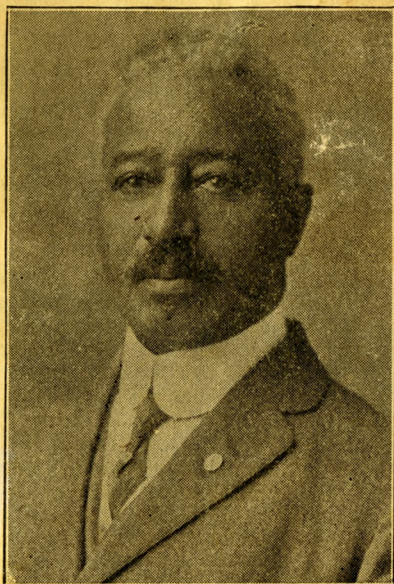


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A. G. CLARK,  
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## WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

A. G. CLARK.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S., for Iowa and Jurisdiction.  
Greeting!

Another year has rolled by and with regularity dropped into the vast eternity, and through God's mercy and loving kindness are we permitted to meet in this our Eleventh Annual Communication. To those faithful ones whose untiring labors and loving devotion to our beautiful order have been instrumental in bringing it up to its present high standard of efficiency, I extend a special greeting and a hearty welcome. I am more than glad to greet you here today. Your presence is not only a pleasure, but an inspiration to me, as I know it will be to those new members whose faces we see among us for the first time. To them I also extend a hearty welcome and express the hope that their zeal for the Order will equal, if not exceed that of your own. It is always a pleasant thought to me to look forward to these annual meetings and the opportunity they afford to meet old friends and to make new ones. It is really living the year over again with its joys and sorrows, its ambitions and disappointments, its successes and failures in the presence of those who will share our joys, sympathize in our sorrows, rejoice in our ambitions and successes and condole with us in our disappointments and failures. Let us enjoy these pleasures in the spirit of true friendship, but while doing so we must not forget that they are only incidental to our meeting here at this time. We have a higher duty devolving upon us to properly perform the work we have been sent here to do. Many matters of importance for the good of the Order will come before us for consideration and action. Our time is precious and should not be wasted. Let us then take heed, and casting our eyes upward to that bright star which shines as bright today as it did on the Plains of Bethlehem or on the morning of the glorious resurrection, and let its influence lead and direct us in the work we have come here to do. Let us take up that work with loving hearts and willing hands and permit nothing to direct our time until those duties are performed and the work laid before us has been fully completed.

### OUR LOVED AND LOST

Leaves have their time to fall,

And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath,

But Thou, Thou hast all seasons for Thine own, Oh Death.

Death has taken during the past year its usual toll from our membership, and each loss has sorely touched the heart of some one or more of our members. Bells are tolling a requiem for them, the last sad rites have been spoken by loving friends and their remains have been tenderly placed beneath earth's friendly sod, while their spirits have returned unto the God who gave them. No longer will they answer to our roll call in our regular meetings; no more will we see their happy faces or grasp the warm hand of cordial greetings at these annual communications. For them it is the priv-

ilege of relatives to erect monuments to their memory and to hold very dear their last resting places, while to us more dearer still is the memory with which we hold them in our hearts, and the privilege which is ours of erecting that best and most lasting memorial by the appointment of an hour in which to recall their lives and to dwell upon our past associations and companionships. An hour when we can think and speak of how much we miss those kindly faces and voices of other days, which we must continue to miss until we too have answered the summons which sooner or later must come to us all. We shall continue to hold this Memorial as has been our custom in the past. Other Grand jurisdictions mourn the loss of loved ones—Illinois, its Worthy Grand Patron, Bro. W. B. Kennedy, who passed to his reward at his home in Chicago on May 1, 1918. I would not pass lightly any of our loved ones. There are two, however, whom I feel I must mention. They were personal friends whose death I have felt most keenly. I refer to Sister Gertrude Culberson, of Leah Chapter, No. 8, Past Grand Matron and Grand Historian for 1916-17, and Bro. Jos. H. Shepard, Grand Worthy Patron of Princess Zorah Chapter, No. 10, and Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Iowa—two of our brightest stars which have gone out, only to re-appear with brighter radiance in realms beyond the sky. Sister Culberson was one of God's special messengers here on earth to spread sunshine and happiness wherever she chanced to be, and her pure womanhood and sweet and loving influence will be greatly missed in the circles where she was most active—the home, the church and the chapter room. We knew her best in her home, and it was there we learned to feel the pleasure of that sweetness of disposition which made her hospitality a lasting memory in the hearts of all who came under its influence. Past Grand Master Shepard was a man beloved of men, a Mason true and tried, a star of the first magnitude. In his death Iowa Masonry has lost one of its brightest lights and staunchest supporters. A man of good impulses, endowed with high ideals and controlled by Christian principles, he was ever found battling for the right as he was given to see the right. His influence was felt and his advice sought in all the circles of his activities, and his death will be keenly felt in all of them.

### Our Constitution and By-Laws.

Two years ago the Grand Chapter ordered the revision of its Constitution and By-Laws, and a committee was appointed to do the work. The Constitution was completed and printed in our 1916 proceedings and the same duly ratified at the 1917 session. At that same session the By-Laws were up for consideration and adopted as far as Section 00 and ordered to be printed in the 1917 proceedings. As those proceedings were not printed, no one has had the benefit of our new laws and our subordinate chapters have almost been without proper laws to govern them. I believe it to be our duty to complete that work at this session and to order the Constitution and By-Laws printed in pamphlet form and placed in our subordinate chapters that they as well as the Grand Officers may have an authentic guide by which to transact the work of this organization.

### The War.

As an organization we stand for justice, truth and love. We

deplorable war and love peace. But when war is forced upon us, when our nation's flag is insulted, our citizens murdered, and our rights invaded, we accept war as a just arbitrator and defender of the severed rights we hold dear and the high ideals we stand for. Our nation is today engaged in such a war—not of its own volition, but because humanity demands it. Rising above every selfish motive, inspired by no unworthy ambition, the mighty power of the great nation has armed itself to fight for democracy and the freedom of the world. To that end it has pledged its most sacred lives, its most sacred honor, highest energy and the last dollar of its resources. Let us then, both as individuals and as an organization, throw ourselves into this mighty struggle, and with strong hearts and willing hands, be ever ready to make every sacrifice and to meet every demand that shall be required of us by our government. Ours is a labor of love. This war is a sacrifice of love. It takes noble women and strong men to do this labor and to make this sacrifice. I know the women and men assembled here are ready to sacrifice their all on the altar of their nation's honor. I do not appeal to you as a race in the name of patriotism. Our record is written in blood upon a hundred battlefields. But I do appeal to you as our organization, in behalf of the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the Liberty bonds issues and W. S. S. If you have not already done so, make it your first duty when you return to your home chapters to put them in the 100% column in all these necessary measures to the winning of the war. Nor shall we stop our efforts until that happy day shall dawn when the joyful message shall be relayed around the world,—Peace, honorable, lasting peace has been proclaimed in all lands.

#### Our Incubus.

By far the greatest menace to the growth and progress of our Order is the wrongful and dishonorable use of the black ball. It hangs as a dark cloud over nearly every chapter in this jurisdiction, threatening its progress and disturbing its harmony. I cannot prevent it; no one can prevent it. Only the real love of God in the hearts of the membership can blot out its pernicious influence and bring a ray of hope to many a crushed heart. If I had my way I would abolish the law of unanimous ballot, at least until our membership had been born anew in the Faith of Martha and the love of Electa and could give to their neighbors the support and justice which every one who has truly seen His star in the East is ready and willing to give to every true and deserving man and woman. In this hour of our country's need, when the noble women and men of our land are making the supreme sacrifice of their lives, let us resolve anew to let no selfish or unworthy motive keep us from doing our utmost to extend the influence and protection which this organization can give to all who are entitled to membership in it. Unless we do do this, so sure as there is a God in heaven we shall be held accountable in that great day for the violation of our sacred pledge to God and to humanity.

#### Conditions of the Order.

At the last session of the United Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. & A. M., the charter of Sumner Lodge, No. 3, at Burlington was revoked. I notified the Worthy Grand Matron of that action and sug-

gested that as St. Elmo Chapter, No. 3, was left without a home and had not reported at the last Grand Chapter, it would be advisable to arrest its charter. She has never advised me what, if any, action she has taken.

I have not visited any of the chapters during the year, as I did not wish to encroach upon the prerogative of the Grand Matron or interfere with the duties of the Grand Lecturer. I do believe, however, that the best way to keep up the interest in the work is to provide some plan by which the subordinate chapters will receive the benefit of a visit by the Grand Officers. I know the excuse is made that it is too expensive. Well, if we expect to perpetuate the principles of the Order, encourage its growth and perfect its work we must spend a portion of the monies raised for that purpose. I think a simple plan, and one that would be least expensive, would be least expensive would be for the Grand Worthy Matron to divide the jurisdiction into three districts, one for herself, one for the Grand Patron and one for the Grand Lecturer, assigning to each the Chapters most easily reached by them and have it understood that no chapter should be visited by the same officers two years in succession except by special invitation of the Chapter. I think this plan could be worked out successfully with but little expense in time and money to either the Chapters or the officers and yet each would have a part in carrying on this important part of our work.

As our 1917 proceedings have not been issued, and as I have not been furnished with the names and addresses of the new officers of our subordinate Chapters, I have not been able to keep in touch with them by correspondence as much as I had hoped to do, and cannot state from a personal knowledge what the conditions of the Order are throughout the jurisdiction, but from what I have been able to glean from indirect sources, I believe them to be good and that peace, harmony and prosperity pervades in most of them.

#### Fraternal Relations.

In March, the Grand Master of Masons for Iowa and jurisdiction notified the subordinate lodges that the Grand Master of Masons of Missouri had issued his edict severing the Masonic relations of the jurisdiction of Missouri with the jurisdiction of Iowa. To what extent this situation might affect the Grand Chapters of the two jurisdictions I did not know, and in order to get some light on the matter I wrote the Grand Patron of Missouri to that effect. He answered me saying he had referred my letter to the Grand Matron of Missouri for an answer and would forward same to me as soon as received. This was in March. At this date I have not received his answer. In April the Worthy Matron of my home Chapter asked me this question: "Can a Missouri Master Mason now residing in Iowa petition for membership in our Chapter?" I answered, Yes, under ordinary circumstances. But under the present relations existing between Iowa and Missouri, No. In order, however, not to be arbitrary in the matter, I afterward wrote the Grand Master and asked him to fix the status of his member in regard to applying for membership in our Chapters. His reply was as follows:

M. W. GRAND LODGE  
of Missouri

and Jurisdiction

A. F. &amp; A. M.

Office of

W. W. Fields, Grand Master  
Phone 149

Cameron, Mo., 4-8-18.

Mr. A. G. Clark, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Dear Sir: In reply to your inquiry of the 6th instant, will say it would be a violation of the Edict promulgated from this office for a member of this Jurisdiction to make application for membership in any Iowa Eastern Star Chapter.

Yours truly,

W. W. Fields, Grand Master.

To this opinion the Grand Master of Iowa has also assented. Then the question was asked: "Is the wife or other female relatives of a Missouri Mason eligible to membership in an Iowa Chapter of the O. E. S.?" I answered "No." For if we cannot recognize the man from whom they claim their rights to be a Master Mason in good standing, we could not consistently receive the petition of his female relatives who claimed their rights to membership from him. To this last decision our Worthy Grand Matron dissented, after I had referred the whole matter to her. It is necessary therefore, that the Grand Chapter should take such action as will place the matter correctly before the subordinate Chapters. In all other respects our relations with Missouri and also with other jurisdictions is very cordial.

## Official Acts

Under this head I feel it my duty to discuss some questions that have come to my notice during the year. The regular official duties of Grand Patron in this jurisdiction are not extensive. The constitution makes it the duty of the Worthy Grand Matron "to execute the executive functions of the Grand Chapter when the same is not in session," and to decide all questions of law and usage which may arise for adjudication. There is but one executive head in the order of the Eastern Star in the Iowa jurisdiction at least, either in the Grand or in the subordinate Chapters. In the Grand Chapter it is the Worthy Grand Matron, in a subordinate Chapter it is the Worthy Matron, and when she is presiding, her decisions on any question is final, and she has the right to preside at all times, except during the initiation of a candidate, when she must turn the Chapter over to the Worthy Patron. She may ask him to preside at any other time she may wish and it is his duty to do so, and when he is presiding his decision is final during that time. In our jurisdiction, as I understand the law, a Worthy Matron has the right to preside during the election of officers and to install the same. I gave this opinion to the Worthy Matron of Eastern Chapter, No. 6, of which I am a member. The Worthy Patron had taken the chair and invited me as Grand Patron to preside during the election of officers. I declined to do so at first, but at the unanimous request of the Chapter, I accepted the invitation, at the same time stating to the Chapter that under our law which prohibits a sitting Worthy Patron being elected to the office of Grand Patron, I doubted the propriety, if not

the legality of the Grand Patron presiding in his own Chapter during the election of officers. I report this incident in order that the Committee on Jurisprudence may consider it and give out the correct interpretation of the law. And in this connection I want to say I believe it is the duty of the Committee on Jurisprudence to interpret the laws regardless of whom their decisions may hit. No officer is greater than the body which creates them.

I have received letters from several of the Chapters seeking information on questions of law and procedure. In reply to these I have endeavored to state the law as I understand it, but in all cases have instructed the writers to refer the matter to the Worthy Grand Matron for final adjudication, and that her decision would be binding upon them. While I believe, as stated above, that the executive powers of the Grand Chapter are lodged in the Worthy Grand Matron, there are duties and authorities lodged by law in the office of Grand Patron. These, as far as I have had opportunity, I have endeavored to do to the best of my ability. There are also duties devolving upon the two officers conjointly. Among the latter are the approval of the bonds of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, the investigation and approval of claims for the Grand Charity Fund and the work of the Committee on Printing. The Grand Patron is also the custodian of the bonds. I am unable to report whether bonds have been given by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, as I have never received them or been asked to approve them. As to the justness of the claims allowed against the Grand Charity Fund I cannot, from a personal knowledge, make report as none of the claims have been submitted to me for investigation. As to the Printing of the 1917 Proceedings, I have inquired of both Grand Matron and the Grand Secretary why the same were not issued sooner, but have been unable to get a satisfactory answer from either. I believe it my duty to call your attention to these matters, not because I feel that this office has been ignored, for I do not, as I think both the Grand Matron and Grand Secretary have simply followed the custom and course of their predecessors, but because I wish to impress upon your minds that custom is not law, and that we must get away from a habit too frequently found in our organizations of following a custom rather than be guided by the law. I have not attempted to interfere in any way with the work of any of the Grand Officers, and they all have been very kind to me, for not in a single instance have they burdened me with any of their troubles.

When I received the stationery issued by the Grand Secretary, I noticed the titles of the G. M. and G. P. were printed G. W. M. and G. W. P. Our Constitution says: Art. 4, Sec. 7, "The titles of the G. M. and G. P. shall be W. G. (naming the office addressed). I called the G. M.'s attention to the error, thinking it was a mistake on the part of somebody. She replied by saying it was not an error or mistake, but was intentional on her part as she differed with me on the position of the work and thought it was an unintentional transposition on my part when I prepared that section of the Constitution. I wish to say to this Grand Chapter that it was not an "unintentional transposition on my part when I wrote that section of the Constitution. I wrote it "Worthy Grand" because I believe it to be the proper title for those two Grand Officers. It is the form used by every

other jurisdiction that I know of, both white and colored, except California colored. It was in the Constitution for two years when you voted upon it and adopted it, and it is still there, and I do not believe the Grand Matron or any other officer has the right to change it. If this Grand Chapter wants those two officers to be addressed as "Grand Worthy" let it say so and so change its constitution. If it wants these two to be addressed as "Worthy Grand" let its stationery so appear. If there is anything that the intelligent men and women of today are getting tired of it is the presumption assumed by the heads of our Fraternal Order under the exploded theory of prerogative to change the solemn enactment in our Constitution and By-Laws to suit their own whims and ideas.

I also had occasion to call the Grand Matron's attention to the Seal being used by our Grand Secretary as it did not contain the correct name of this Grand Chapter, and suggested that she have the same changed, and a cut made with which to authenticate our printed proceedings. To this matter she never replied.

I might have been, and perhaps it was my duty to have been more aggressive in regard to some matters, but I have felt that interference on the part of the Worthy Grand Patron, although fully within his legal right, would have had a tendency to produce friction rather than harmony, and so long as no real injury was likely to be done to any one, I have refrained from doing so. In time, with our laws printed and in the hands of our officers, all of us will have a better knowledge and understanding of our duties to each other, and these matters of which I speak will easily adjust themselves with perfect harmony and good will to all. The work is comparatively new to all of us, and there is much we all can learn. May God grant us first a willing mind which will be acceptable to Him, and then such wisdom from on high that we may do honor to the noble cause we here espouse.

#### Recommendations.

1st. Having discovered that the seal now in use by this Grand Chapter is not correct as to the name of this Grand Chapter, I recommend that the same be changed to read "Electa Grand Chapter O. E. S. for Iowa and jurisdiction," instead of Grand Chapter Iowa O. E. S." as it now reads. Also that cut be made of the impression with which to use in our printed proceedings.

2d. That an hour be set apart during the Grand Session to be known as "Matron's Hour," to be presided over by the Grand Lecturer, in which the Worthy Matrons shall have an opportunity to ask questions and to receive instruction in the work of the Order.

3d. That the Grand Secretary be required by law to get out the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter within ninety days after the close of the session or show good cause for not doing so to the Grand Matron and Grand Patron, under penalty of having her jewel arrested for the balance of the year.

4th. I recommend that the American Flag be displayed in an appropriate place in all our Chapter Rooms.

5th. That all Chapters contribute as liberally as the condition of their Treasury will permit to the Red Cross fund, in their home towns and buy War Savings Stamps; and that this Grand Chapter donate \$25.00 to the Red Cross fund in Iowa, and that the Grand

Treasurer be instructed and authorized to invest \$300 of the Endowment Fund in the next issue of Liberty Bonds.

6th. That the manner of wearing the Labyrinth and the formation of the Fraternal chain be made uniform in our jurisdiction and a description of each be printed in sufficient numbers to be distributed among our subordinate chapters. A plan for same is herewith attached.

7th. That this jurisdiction adopt a test obligation to be taken by all visitors who are not properly vouched for.

(See form attached.)

8th. As our law provides that no Chapters shall be organized in a town where there is not a Masonic Lodge and as the Chapter of Sumner Lodge No. 2 at Burlington has been revoked, I recommend that the charter of St. Elmo Chapter No. 3 at Burlington be revoked.

In conclusion I wish to assure you of my keen appreciation of and my profound gratitude for the honor you conferred upon me when you elected me to serve you during the past year as your Grand Patron. I have not wished or tried in any way to dominate this Grand Order, involving as it does such high principles of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty, but have only endeavored to serve you to the very best of my ability, and now return to you the trust with the sincere hope that my efforts may meet your approval. My heart, my prayers, my services, shall always be with you, and whoever you may select to be your leaders in the coming year are now assured of my continued support as all have received in the past. My only regret is that I have had so little to do, and that no new chapters have been added to our numbers. But wherever opportunity was offered, I have tried to do some little good, believing firmly as I do, that—

True worth is in being, not seeming—  
 In doing each day that goes by  
 Some little good—not in dreaming  
 Of great things to do by and by;  
 For whatever men say in their blindness  
 And spite of the fancies of youth—  
 There's nothing so kingly as kindness,  
 And nothing so Loyal as Truth.

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CLARK,

Grand Patron.

#### TEST OBLIGATION.

I, A. B., do solemnly declare on my honor as a woman (or man) that I have been regularly initiated into a regular and legally constituted Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star; that I do not now stand suspended or expelled from the same and I do not know of any reason at this time why I should not hold fraternal relations withits members.

## REPORT OF THE C. C. F. C.

ADDIE CLARK.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S., for Iowa and Jurisdiction.

Greeting.

When I received my appointment a year ago as C. C. F. C., I was very grateful for the honor that was conferred. At the same time I was surprised that one so inexperienced in the work should have been selected for so important a position. The task at best is a difficult one, however pleasant it may be to be brought in touch with the different jurisdictions in this work and the thoughts of some of our best women and men, and this year it has been more so, because of the fact that Iowa did not issue its 1917 Proceedings. Reciprocity is the underlying principle in this department, and it becomes a very unpleasant task to ask for Proceedings when you have nothing to offer in return. But with the encouragement I have received from our Worthy Grand Patron and to the kindness of my predecessors, Sisters Milligan, Brown and Clark, I have been able to get in touch with a number of jurisdictions and to receive proceedings from eight which I have endeavored to review to the best of my ability, commending with pleasure and criticising with charity. I have sent greetings to Washington, Kansas, New Jersey, Texas, Indiana, and Illinois, and have received greetings from several of the jurisdictions.

One of the pleasant features has been the renewing of acquaintance with two girlhood friends, former residents of Iowa, who have made brilliant records in the Grand East of their home jurisdictions. I refer to Sister Louise Lewis Webb, Past Grand Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter of Illinois and present C. C. F. C., and Sister Lizzie R. Palmer Berry, Past Grand Matron of Oziel Grand Chapter of New Jersey, two brilliant Stars in the O. E. S. of which Iowa will always be proud. Many good thoughts clothed in beautiful language might have been gleaned from the reports of Grand Officers, but space will not permit. If I have been able to encourage any to greater efforts, I shall have been fully repaid and shall ever feel grateful to you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this opportunity. While I had hoped to bring to you a more complete report:

"Full well I know thy patient love perceives,  
Not what I did, but what I strove to do;  
And though the full ripe ears be sadly few  
Thou wilt accept by sheaves."

—Addie Moore Clark, C. C. F. C.

Alabama—1916.

This Grand jurisdiction held its annual session for 1916 at Montgomery, August 15-17, the proceedings of which come to us in a well-printed pamphlet of 190 pages. Don't like the arrangement. The three days' proceedings are condensed in the first seven pages, then follow the officers addresses and reports of standing committees, while the last hundred pages contain a roster of its 352 subordinate Chapters. It still works in the American degree, but calls itself O.



SUE M. BROWN,  
Grand Associate Matron.

E. S. Why? The addresses of the Grand Patron and Grand Matron are of a high order and show that both are kept busy during the year. Few decisions are reported. We quote one for the sentiment expressed in the answer "Can a member who is ill be suspended? Answer No. Let us be glad we can exercise the teachings of charity, which should be the watchword of the Order and the active principles of four lives."

The only report on "Foreign Correspondence" is made by the Grand Matron, who says in her address: "We are in possession of exchanges from a good many jurisdictions." We wonder why they were sent. We are unable to find the P. O. address of any of the officers. Sir I. H. Rose was re-elected R. G. P. and Lady J. M. Balasco re-elected R. G. M. The 1917 meeting was held at Tuscaloosa last August. Number of Chapters, 352; membership, 6,597; Endowment fund received \$9,202.09; paid out, \$8,834.95, balance, \$367.14.

#### California—1917.

Thirty-sixth annual communication held in Sacramento, June 4 to 7, 1917. Opened in the O. E. S. degree, G. W. M. Sister Nettie Croser, presiding. As is the custom in both the white and colored Grand Chapters, the W. G. P. read his address first. It is an able document and covers some twenty pages of the eighty-paged proceedings. He is the executive head of the order, as is the case in several of the jurisdictions, but not in Iowa. He signs himself R. G. P., is addressed in the proceedings as R. G. P., W. G. P. and G. W. P. and finally decides that his title is Grand Worthy Patron. How he arrives at that decision we cannot understand. The heads of a Grand Chapter of O. E. S. is Grand Matron and Grand Patron, and their titles are Worthy Grand and not Grand Worthy. While Iowa stationery has it G. W., the constitution says the titles are Worthy Grand. The Grand Matron's report is condensed in four pages. Visits were made by both officers and much good resulted therefrom. Bro. Johnson was re-elected Grand Patron and Mrs. Hallie B. Saunders was elected Grand Matron. Sister Nell Nelson, C. C. F. C., reviews the proceedings of six jurisdictions, Iowa among those not present. Sister Frances Tyrrel, Grand Secretary, was appointed C. C. F. C. The 1918 Session was held at San Diego, June 2 to 5. Number of Chapters, 17; membership, 569; amount of hand, \$413.25; paid out, \$191.26; balance, \$222.19.

#### Illinois—1917

We hail with pleasure the proceedings of this our Alma Mater which comes to us in a neat pamphlet of 170 pages. The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Louise Webb, opened the 28th Annual Session in the O. E. S. degree at Union Hall, St. Paul, Minn., Tuesday, August 15. Glad to note Illinois has dropped the Royal Purple. The W. G. M. read her address at the first session. Good. It is a splendid document and treats the many subjects in a straightforward and business-like manner. Sister Webb had been Grand Secretary for so long that no one hardly remembers, and she came to the Grand East fully equipped for the work and in her two years' service as G. M. was able to straighten out the many kinks in the chain that had resulted when the change was made from the Amaranth to the O. E. S. She was called on to make many decisions, but she was true to ev-

ery principle of the Order in her answers and was fully sustained by the Jurisprudence Committee. The only report of the C. C. F. C. is to acknowledge receipt of the proceedings of 17 jurisdictions, Iowa included, but does not review any of them. We wish some one would define the duties of the C. C. F. C. in the O. E. S. Iowa's Constitution says it is to review the proceedings of sister jurisdictions and report any matter of interest to the Order. Hence, these remarks. Prince Hall Masonic Home at Rock Island which is maintained jointly by the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter and is managed by a joint Board is in a flourishing condition and is the pride of Illinois Masonry. Bro. L. B. Sheperd, Worthy Grand Patron, presents a good report and gave much time to the work and was of much assistance to the other Grand officers. As the Illinois law limits the time to two years, both G. M. and G. P. retired and were succeeded by Sister Malissa McClure, W. G. M., and Bro. W. B. Kennedy, W. G. P., who was called to his reward in death, May 1, 1918. The 1918 session will be held in Rockford in August. Sister Carrie Lee Hamilton, Secretary; Mrs. Louise Webb, C. C. F. C. Number of Chapters, 78; number of members, 1,762, died, 36. I cannot make the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports agree; one reports cash on hand \$657.49, the other \$669.49. The \$12.00 interest in the hands of the Treasurer may account for it.

#### Indiana—1917.

Twenty-ninth annual communication held in Noblesville, June 26-28, 1917, the guest of Eureka Chapter No. 36, one of the youngest Chapters with a membership of only 13. They surely are "Noble-ites" to undertake such a responsibility. The proceedings show economy, and are condensed in 63 pages, well printed on good book paper and without a cut. Well, Indiana is so well known that pictures are superfluous. The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gertrude B. Hill, opened in the O. E. S. degree, appointed the Committee on Credentials, listened to an address of welcome from Eureka which was responded to by the Associate Grand Matron. Received a report from the Credential Committee, announced the standing committees, ruled that the Grand Chapter would be governed by the rules laid down in the Constitution, read her address and received the address of the Worthy Grand Patron, all before noon of the first's day's session. Now that's what I call business. Why do we waste so much time getting down to work in our Grand Chapters? And we could never understand the need for a Committee on Rules in an organization governed by Masonic usages. The Constitution and By-Laws and the Worthy Grand Matron's will and pleasure are the rules that govern. The Grand Matron's address covers a busy year's work and closes with a word painting of the five heroines of the Order. Her comment on the Ballot is simple, but oh, so true. She says: "In casting the ballot, have the protection of your Charter and remember the Golden Rule." A whole sermon in one sentence. The Grand Patron gave an interesting and instructive address dealing largely with the Eastern Star Home they are working to establish and for which they have a fund of \$633. Sister M. A. Teister, C. C. F. C., makes a splendid report covering twenty-three jurisdictions. Of Iowa she says: "Sent proceedings, did not receive any." Sorry, but we could not send what we did not have. Sister Teister don't like the

idea of the G. P. taking precedence of the G. M. as they do in some jurisdictions, especially those working in the Amaranth degree. Well, we don't either. But as we don't know anything about the Amaranth degree as a working degree for the O. E. S. we let it pass. Sister Medora Powell was elected W. G. M. and E. J. Jones re-elected to W. G. P. Sister M. A. Teister, C. C. F. C., Indianapolis, will have the next session, June 1918.

#### Kansas—Colorado—1916.

The thirty-third annual communication of Prince Hall Grand Chapter, O. E. S., for Kansas, Colorado and jurisdiction was held in the Assembly Hall of the Commercial Club Building in Emporia, Kansas, August 9-11, 1916. The proceedings come to us in a large pamphlet of 111 pages, well printed on book paper. After a welcome address by Judge Madden, the Grand Matron opened in the O. E. S. degree in ample form. The Grand Matron and Grand Patron presented splendid addresses. The Anna J. Holmes case was still in court. One good feature Iowa might adopt with good results is the Matron's Hour, presided over by the Grand Lecturer. The Grand Matron visited nearly every one of the 69 Chapters, located in several states and issued a large number of dispensations. Sister Corinne O'Bryant, C. C. F. C., presents a splendid report, reviewing 17 jurisdictions, Iowa included, in which she says our G. P. don't seem to have much to do. Well, he probably believes in female suffrage as some men look at it. The truth is our law is kind to him and don't require much. This is a big, prosperous jurisdiction with 2,020 members, and \$1,003 in the endowment fund and \$1,324 in the general fund. We fear, however, there is trouble ahead for it. The doctrine of state's rights hold in the O. E. S. as it does in Masonry, and some day Colorado will assert her right to an independent Grand Chapter and then the trouble will start. Better call it Kansas and jurisdiction and not try to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over Colorado. Pauline Freeman was elected G. M., and H. I. Monroe was re-elected G. P.

#### Kansas—Colorado—1917.

Thirty-fourth annual communication held in Colorado Springs, August 8-10. A little more economy in proceedings yet still show merit. The G. M. presented an eloquent address full of gems of thought, and reports the famous Holmes case as settled. Who wins does not fully appear, but it will make somebody more careful in the future and emphasizes the importance of having laws and going by them. Sister Gertrude Clark, G. S. and C. C. F. C., presented a fine report covering two jurisdictions. G. M. and G. S. re-elected and F. D. C. Harvey, G. P.

#### Missouri—1916.

Twenty-sixth annual communication held in Kansas City, July 18-21. The Grand officers having entered the G. C. and the G. A. S., escorted the R. G. Matron to the Grand East. The R. G. P. welcomed the R. G. M., who proceeded to open the United Grand Chapter in "ample form," in the Amaranth degree, we suppose. The R. G. P. takes precedence and read his address first. It is a well-prepared document and shows the writer to be well informed in the Principles of the Order and the need of his own jurisdiction. His discussion

of the Amaranth degree and its place in the Adoptive Rites it timely and good and we quite agree with his conclusion that O. E. S. Chapters should work in that degree and none other. The R. G. Matron's address is a flowery production teeming with poetic quotations and beautiful sentiments that are both inspiring and instructive. Both visited quite generally as did the Grand Lecturer. Contribute 10c per capita to the support of its Masonic Home at Hannibal and maintains a Relief and Burial department, although the assessment for the latter is not based on a good financial principle and is likely to become insolvent at an ytime, hence a special assessment is provided for. The C. C. F. C. reviews 17 jurisdictions, Iowa not included. Why, please? R. G. P., Geo. W. K. Love, re-elected; Virgie L. Walden, R. G. M., Minnie L. Crosthwait, H. G. Sec., Mary F. Woods, C. C. F. C.

#### New Jersey—1916-1917.

The proceedings of the third and fourth annual communications of this young Grand Chapter come to us bound in one volume, and is a very creditable production for so young an organization. The faces of the Grand Matron, Sister L. R. P. Berry, and Grand Patron Rev. J. P. E. Love show at a glance the qualities that have brought about the wonderful success it has attained. Of course, we of Iowa, are not in the least surprised because we know that nothing Sister Berry takes in hand and puts her energy and brains behind is ever a failure. The 1916 session was held at Cape May, June 20-21; the 1917 at Morristown, June 19-20. The same G. M., G. P. and G. S. We found much to commend in the reports and concur in most of the decisions. We do not, however, understand why it was necessary for the Grand Chapter of New Jersey to go over into Pennsylvania and organize the subordinate chapters of that state into a Grand Chapter. We had always thought it was the absolute right of a legl member (three or more) of Chapters located within the geographical boundaries of a State to organize themselves into a Grand Chapter and to exercise absolute jurisdiction over all chapters within it territory. If we are wrong in this we hope Bro. Love (N. J.) will enlighten us. We believe Bro. Love (Mo.) will agree with us. The C. C. F. C. make a good report, reviewing 12 jurisdiction, Iowa 1916 included. Grand Patron Love was re-elected. Mrs. M. M. Bean elected Grand Matron and Sister K. L. Boddy, G. S. 1918 meeting at Mt. Clair, in June.

#### Texas—1917.

The twenty-seventh annual session was held at Fort Worth, July 17-20. Hon. J. C. Scott, G. P.; Mrs. W. E. Thompson, G. M. The Grand Matron opened in the O. E. S. degree according to ritual and declared the Grand Chapter opened in due form for the dispatch of business. Committee on Credentials then appointed and after its report the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. We never could understand the necessity for two or three openings of a Grand Body. The Grand Chapter is a legally constituted body with its own officers and time of meeting fixed by the Constitution. When it meets it opens and if a constitutional number of Chapters are present it proceeds to business. It does not matter how the G. M. ascertains if a quorum be present—by roll call, report of credential committee, or just knows there is. We make a whole lot of fuss about the credential committee. The real purpose of that committee is to

find out and report who are entitled to sit and vote in the Grand Chapter. That's all. The G.P takes precedence and Bro. Scott makes his twenty-third annual report. What a record! And a glorious one, too. He says some mighty good things which space would not permit us to quote. He was a busy man, travelled 15,000 miles, 7,000 in Texas, visiting 210 communities and delivering 140 lectures. His "Trouble Department" kept him quite busy, but he is a diplomat as well as a fighter. Has his eye on Missouri whom he charges with trying to purloin a chapter belonging to Texas in New Mexico. The Grand Matron's address is a fine treatise on the principles of the Order. She left the visiting and most of the work to the Grand Patron. No C. C. F. C. report. They opened a "Model Chapter" (We don't know what that is) and conferred the degrees on over a hundred candidates from all parts of the jurisdiction. By what authority, how they were elected to membership by unanimous ballot, and to what chapters they belong is not stated. We can't subscribe to aht Model Chapter, nor do we believe Model Work can be done on so many candidates at two sessions. Election of officers not reported.

ADDIE CLARK,  
Foreign Correspondent.

Wednesday, 9:30 A. M.—Second Day.

The morning session opened with the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary F. Bland, presiding. The Grand Chaplain, Sister Emma Smith, offered prayer, after which the opening ode was sung. The Worthy Grand Matron then declared the meeting duly opened for the despatch of business.

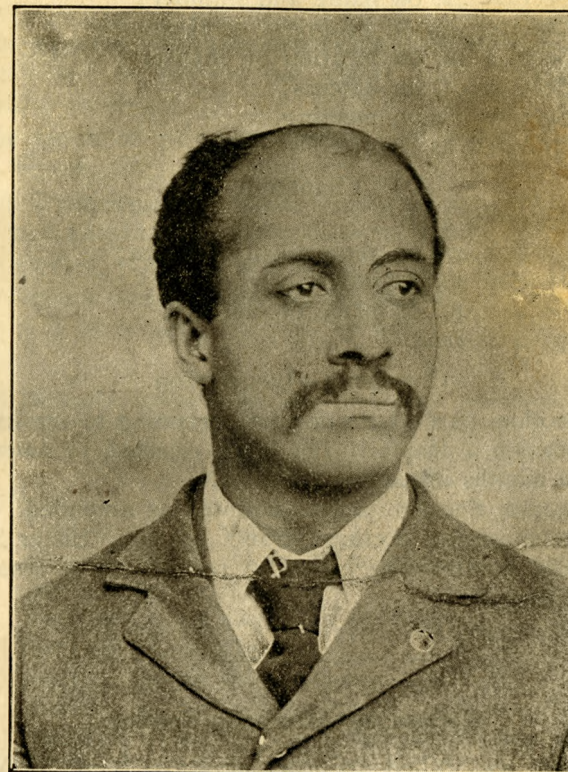
On motion the minutes of Tuesday P. M. session were read and adopted.

Brother J. N. Sellers made an interesting talk on the work of the Order.

At this hour Brother A. G. Clark and Sister Reeler demonstrated the weaving of the labyrinth, and on motion a vote of thanks was tendered Sister Carrie Reeler for her services rendered.

The Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Clark, read greetings from the following jurisdictions. Indiana, Kansas, and Texas.

Greetings from Brother W. W. Gross, Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Iowa, and Sister Jane L. Cox, Interstate Royal Matron, and Brother J. H. Garrison, interstate Royal Patron of the Interstate Conference of Grand Chapters, were received and, on motion, the same will be spread on the face of the minutes.



I. L. BROWN,  
Grand Associate Patron.

The Committee on Revision of the By-Laws and Constitution reported as follows, beginning with chapter 5 of the By-Laws:—

On motion of each

Section 40, on voting;

Section 41, on concurrent vote,

Section 42, on name and number;

Chapter 43, on propriety of chapters;

Section 44, on location of chapters;

Section 45, on officers;

Section 46, on meeting,

were all adopted as read.

#### Chapter 6.

On motion of each

Section 47, on removal of chapters;

Section 48, on votes;

Section 49, on place of meeting,

were adopted as read.

#### Chapter 7—Jurisdiction.

On motion, part of Section 50 pertaining to the length of time to petition a chapter, after being rejected, be amended to read three months instead of six months.

On motion Section 50 was adopted as amended.

By order of the Acting Grand Matron, Sister Sue M. Brown, the chapter was called to recreation, to resume its labors at 2:00 P. M.

#### Wednesday Afternoon Session.

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 P. M. by Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bland presiding. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Sister Emma Smith, followed by singing the opening ode.

The Worthy Grand Matron declared the meeting open for the despatch of business. Minutes of the morning session were read and adopted, with necessary corrections.

The Worthy Grand Matron decided to hold the Memorial Services in the chapter room.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Clark, read greetings from the Grand Chapter of Texas and, on motion, the same will be

spread on the face of the minutes and greetings returned to them from Electa Grand Chapter.

On motion greetings will be telegraphed the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

The Grand Historian, Sister Lulu Horne, reported and, on motion, the report will be spread on the face of the minutes.

The report of the Committee on Grand Officers Addresses was read and, on motion, the report was adopted and the committee excused.

The report of the Committee on Credentials presented as a partial report.

The Committee on Obituary reported and, on motion, the report was adopted and the committee excused.

On motion, that part of Section 51 pertaining to notifying sister chapters was stricken out and was adopted as amended.

On motion of each, Section 52 on invasion was adopted as read.

On motion, Section 53 as read was stricken from the record.

#### Chapter 8.

On motion,

Section 53, on warrant;

Section 55, on eligibility of voters;

Section 56, on officers;

Section 57, on eligibility of officers;

Section 58, on election;

Section 59, on electioneering;

Section 60, on installation;

Sections 61 and 62, on duties of officers,

were all adopted as read.

## REPORT OF GRAND HISTORIAN

LULU HORNE.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Members of Electa Grand Chapter of Iowa and Jurisdiction.

We have again assembled in our eleventh annual session, to review the work of the past year and to record its actions. We are here for the purpose of strengthening ourselves in the ritualistic work and to refresh our memory in the religious principles.

The Order of Eastern Star is one of the grandest and noblest organizations ever founded, its teachings are moral and its lessons are scriptural.

To be a brilliant Star, we must be enthusiastic in the belief that our cause is a just one, then we must implicitly follow the regulations so that our record may entitle us to the appellation of a Star. Where there is lack of interest the significance of the Star is disregarded. Let the word Star, so commonly used as referring to the member of the Eastern Star, be one of power as representing a vast concourse of people—all actuated by the same desire to add pleasure and advantages with a firm determination to scatter seeds of kindness and helpfulness through all the walks of life.

I believe we have the history of this organization up to the ninth annual session.

The Ninth Annual Session met in Oskaloosa, Iowa, May 16, 1916, as the guest of Esther Chapter, No. 6.

Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Ruth Bright.  
Grand Worthy Patron, Brother John Brooks.

New chapters admitted:

Queen Sheba, No. 10, Waterloo.  
Ruth Chapter, No. 20, Dubuque.  
Jeptha Chapter, No. 21, Fort Dodge.

Recommended by the Grand Worthy Matron that a quorum for opening a chapter be five instead of seven. Adopted.

By-Laws and Constitution laid over until the next meeting.

An invitation to attend the Interstate Conference at Chicago, August 21-25, was read and accepted. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Ruth Bright, elected delegate.

Number of chapters represented, 21; amount in treasury, \$1094.57; membership, 500.

On motion, Grand Register be allowed one dollar a day. Carried.

Officers elected: Sister Ruth Bright, W. G. M., and Brother J. H. Garrison, W. G. P.

Our Tenth Annual Session convened at Marshalltown, Iowa, May, 1917, with Excelsior Chapter, No. 12.

By-Laws and Constitution continued.

Report of Delegates to the Interstate Conference: Sister Ruth Bright, W. G. M., and Brother J. H. Garrison, W. G. P.

Annual meeting changed from the third Tuesday in May to the third Tuesday in June.

Owing to some difficulty Naomi Chapter, No. 7, Sioux City, sur-

rendered warrant and name of Harmony Chapter, No. 22, was given to the new organization.

Recommended by Brother S. Joe Brown that land-marks of Masonry be handed down to the O. E. S.

Election of officers: Sister Mary F Bland, G. W. M., and Brother A. G. Clark, G. W. P.

We have had pleasant relations with foreign jurisdictions in such a nature that it has added interest and peace to this Grand Chapter.

May we not forget the first lesson taught in this Order is obedience. We are bade to remember the poor and afflicted. It is indeed delightful to know that to-day our ambitions blend in a desire to be mutually helpful to one another.

"So today may we, like the shepards of old  
And the wise men who traveled afar,  
When we all reach the Heavenly Home,  
We the face will behold  
Of our beautiful 'Eastern Star.'  
When with loved ones we will meet  
And in the Chapters above shall greet,  
For we have seen His Star in the East  
And have come to worship him."

Respectfully,

LULU HORNE,

Grand Historian.

Invitations were received, to hold our annual meetings, from Clinton, Sioux City, and Cedar Rapids. Action was deferred.

By order of the A. G. Matron, Sister Sue B. Brown, the Grand Chapter was called to recreation, to re-assemble on Wednesday, at 8:00 P. M., in a memorial service.

Wednesday, 8:00 P. M.

Electa Grand Chapter opened in a Lodge of Sorrow, in memory of our departed brothers and sisters, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother A. G. Clark, presiding.

Report of Committee on Obituary.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S., State of Iowa and Jurisdiction.

We, your Committee on Obituary, beg to make the following report:

Since last we met the following named loved ones have answered to the roll call up yonder:

ROLL.

- Brother M. J. Jackson of Excelsior Chapter, No. 12.
- Sister Annabel Williams of Leah Chapter, No. 8.
- Brother Harry Horn of Silver Leaf Chapter, No. 5.
- Sister Mary F. Lowery of Silver Leaf Chapter, No. 5.
- Sister Gertrude Culberson of Leah Chapter, No. 8.
- Sister Gertrude Johnson of Princess Zorah Chapter, No. 10.
- Brother J. H. Shepard of Princess Zorah Chapter, No. 10.
- Sister Katie Askew of Harmony Chapter, No. 22.
- Brother T. A. Coleman of Guiding Star Chapter, No. 11.
- Brother Orange Fields of Electa Chapter, No. 17.

We recommend a Chapter of Sorrow be held in this hall at 8:00 P. M. Therefore we lay aside labor at this hour to reverence the memory of our departed sisters and brothers.

Sisters AGNES EDDINGS.

AMELIA G. JACKSON,

SUSIE HOLMES.

Committee.



CLARA P. HARRISON,  
Grand Treasurer.



## In Memoriam

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### Our Dead

	Died.
Brother M. J. JACKSON	September 21, 1917
Sister MARY LOWERY	September 28, 1917
Sister ANNABEL WILLIAMS	October 8, 1917
Brother HARRY HORNE	November 9, 1917
Brother T. A. COLEMAN	November 21, 1917
Sister GERTRUDE JOHNSON	December 3, 1917
Sister GERTRUDE CULBERSON	December 4, 1917
Brother JOSEPH SHEPHERD	March 3, 1918
Brother ORANGE FIELDS	April 6, 1918
Sister KATIE ESKEW	April 20, 1918

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TO SHINE IN SOME FAIRER CLIME,  
THERE IS NO DEATH, THE STARS GO DOWN,  
WHOSE PORTALS WE CALL DEATH.

## Memorial Exercises.

Wednesday Evening. At Masonic Hall.  
A Lodge of Sorrow was declared open.

Invocation,	Brother I. L. Brown
Song by Chapter,	"Nearer by God to Thee"
Scripture Reading,	Mrs. Emma Gardner
Song by Chapter,	"I Would Not Live Always"
Roll Call of Deceased Members,	Emma S. Heron, G. Sec.
Eulogy on the life of Brother T. A. Coleman of Guiding Star Chapter, No. 11,	Sister Roberta Baily
Eulogy on the life of Sister Gertrude Culberson of Leah Chapter No. 8,	Sister Mary Williams
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Eulogy on the life of Brother J. H. Shepard of Princess Zorah Chapter, No. 10,	Sister Daisy Gates
Eulogy on the life of Sister Katie Askew of Harmony Chapter, No. 22,	Sister Irene Sturgis
Eulogy on the life of Brother Harry Horne of Silver Leaf Chapter, No. 5,	Sister Clara Harrison
Eulogy on the life of Sister Mary Lowery of Silver Leaf Chapter, No. 5,	Sister Clare Harrison
Song by Chapter,	"Jesus Savior Pilot Me"
Eulogy on the life of Sister Gertrude Johnson of Princess Zorah Chapter, No. 10,	Sister Daisy Gates
Eulogy on the life of Brother M. J. Jackson of Excelsior Chapter, No. 12,	Brother I. L. Brown
Eulogy on the life of Brother Orange Fields, of Electa Chapter, No. 17,	Sister Daisy Gates
Eulogy on the life of Sister Annabel Williams of Leah Chapter, No. 8,	Sister Mary Williams
Solo, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere",	Miss Berlena Warren

Lodge of Sorrow declared closed.

EMMA S. HERON,  
Grand Secretary.

## Eulogy No. 1.

## Eulogy of Sister Gertrude Davis Culberson.

In behalf of Leah Chapter, No. 8, Clinton, Iowa, I wish to call the attention of this Grand body to the loss we have sustained in the demise of two of our members, namely,

Sister Gertrude Davis Culberson, whom the Lord called from our midst December 4, 1917. She was a kind and loving daughter, a devoted wife and mother and one whose love for her lodge was unexcelled and rarely equalled. She had been an active member and had held the positions of Grand Historian, Grand Martha, and our

past Matron. We mourn her loss though we meekly bow our heads and submit to His will.

"A precious one from us has gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled.  
A place is vacant in our midst  
That never can be filled."

## Eulogy of Sister Anna Cooper Williams.

Sister Anna Cooper Williams passed from our midst as the dew passes to Heaven. Her affliction had kept her from active work for some time before she was called, but when able she was found a ready and willing worker, a devoted daughter and wife and a devoted Christian.

"God in His wisdom has removed  
The boon His love has given.  
And though our ranks are broken here  
We'll meet again in Heaven."

## Eulogy No. 2.

## Eulogy of Brother Joseph Shepard.

Waterloo, Iowa, June 19th 1918.

Since our last Annual Meeting, Death has again knocked at the door of our Chapter and claimed for its victim Brother Joseph Shepard, who was past Patron of Princess Zora Chapter, No. 10, O. E. S.; also past Grand Master of Iowa jurisdiction. Brother Shepard departed this life March 3, 1918. He was a faithful member of Union Congregational Church. The memory of this dear brother still lingers in our hearts, for he was ever ready to lend a helping hand and give kindly advice to the needy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

DAYSE JACOBS GATER.

## Eulogy No. 3.

## Eulogy of Sister Katie Askew.

Sioux City, Iowa, June 18th, 1918.

Since we last met, Death has visited our ranks and borne away Sister Katie Askew of Harmony Chapter, No. 22. She died April 20th. The good we do lives after us, and no good woman lives in vain. In speaking of the life and character of Sister Askew I can truly say, that she was a shining example of friendship, love, and truth. Her deeds of kindness were many and her love for her members and friends knew no bounds. She was held in high esteem by her many friends, and she always had a smile, and pleasant word for everybody.

Not only was Sister Askew a good woman and a lover of her home, but she was a tireless worker in the cause of her Master's Kingdom. Her Christian life was truly a beautiful one, and all who came in contact with her were encouraged to strive for higher things in life. There are many people in the world who need a kind smile, a loving friend to help them over the rough places in life's journey, and if we would just stop for a moment to drop a kind word here and there how many bright faces would there be, and much more friendlier would we all be, and how much better would the world be for our being in it.

Sister Askew lived the life of a good woman and died in the faith of Him who sits upon the throne. She was a faithful member of Harmony Chapter and always loved to meet her members in the Chapter room. She fell into a sleep that knows no awakening, singing "Nearer My God to Thee." She's gone, but not forgotten.

IRENE W. STURGIS.

**Eulogy No. 4.**

**Eulogy of Sister Gertrude Johnson.**

Waterloo, Iowa, June 19th, 1918.

Sister Gertrude Johnson of Princess Zorah Chapter, No. 10, Des Moines, Iowa, departed this life November 13, 1917. Sister Johnson was held in high esteem by her many friends and was a devoted Christian. Thus a beautiful flower has withered, one whom he loved and cherished.

"Life is a vapor, how brief is its stay,  
Banishing, vanishing, passing away!  
Life is a flower that springs in the morn,  
Fading, ah, fading no more to return.  
Lord! may our lives to Thy service be given,  
Fading on earth but immortal in heaven."

DAYSE JACOBS GATER.

At the close of the Chapter of Sorrow the Committee on By-Laws and Constitution resumed their work.

On motion of each,

- Section 63, on duties of a matron;
- Section 64, on duties of secretary;
- Section 65, on duties of treasurer;
- Section 66, on duties of other officers;
- Section 67, on responsibility of officers;

Sections 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, and 83 were each adopted as read.

By order of the G. A. Matron, Sister Sue M. Brown, the Chapter was called to recreation, to resume its labor at 9:00 A. M. Thursday.

**Morning Session—Third Day.**

The morning session opened at 9:30 o'clock, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary F. Bland, presiding. Prayer by Worthy Grand Patron, Brother A. G. Clark, after which the opening ode was sung.

The minutes of Wednesday afternoon and evening sessions were read and adopted, with necessary corrections.

The signs and passes were given by Sister Emma Milligan.



EVA L. ABBEY,  
Grand Secretary.

There being no committees ready to report, the Worthy Grand Matron granted a short recess.

The Chapter being called to order, the Committee on Dispensations and Charters reported, and the committee excused to finish their report.

The report of the Grand Deputy of Minnesota, Sister Eva Abbey, was read and, on motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Grand Officers' Addresses.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported and, on motion, the report was adopted by sections.

On motion, the section which refers to the incubus was stricken out.

On motion, the section which refers to the appointing of deputies be stricken out.

The section which refers to the Worthy Grand Matron, relative to the Missouri Jurisdiction, be sustained.

On motion, that part pertaining to the war relief be deferred until after the Secretary and Treasurer have made their annual report.

On motion, the form of weaving the labyrinth which is used in Illinois be adopted.

By order of the G. A. Matron, Sister Sue M. Brown, the Grand Chapter was called to recreation, to resume its labors at 1:00 o'clock.

#### Thursday Afternoon.

The Grand Worthy Matron called the Grand Chapter to order at 1:30 o'clock P. M. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Sister Emma Smith, after which the opening ode was sung.

Minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The Committee on Visitors reported and, on motion, the report was adopted and the committee excused.

The Grand Secretary, Sister Emma Heron, made her annual report, which was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Grand Treasurer made her report and, on motion, the same was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

On motion, the place of the next meeting be decided by a standing vote.

On motion, by unanimous vote of the Grand Chapter the next annual session will be held in the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Grievances was adopted and the committee excused.

Greetings were received from Sister Ruth B. Bright, Past Worthy Grand Matron, of Electa Grand Chapter of Iowa; Sol C. Johnson, Grand Royal Patron of the Grand Chapter of Georgia; Hattie M. Brown, Chairman of Foreign Correspondence, of the Grand Chapter of New York; Hattie B. Saunders, Grand Representative, of San Diego, California, and Mrs. Elnora B. Currin, Worthy Grand Matron, of Mt. Caroma Grand Chapter.

On motion, a record of the above greetings be spread on the face of the minutes.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Returns be adopted.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Grand Officers' Addresses was adopted and the committee excused.

On motion, the report of the Auditing Committee was adopted as read.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to purchase a trunk to preserve the property of the Grand Chapter.

On motion, the Grand Secretary purchase a new seal for Electa Grand Chapter.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Credentials was adopted and the committee excused.

#### Thursday Afternoon.

On motion, the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws was discontinued at this session.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers, the roll of members of the Grand Chapter was prepared.

Brother A. G. Clark, W. G. P., took charge of the election. Sisters Elnora Cain and Kittie Richardson was appointed as tellers.

**Officers Elected.**

W. G. Matron—Mary F. Bland,	Keokuk, Iowa
W. G. Patron—A. G. Clark,	Oskaloosa, Iowa
G. A. Matron—Sue M. Brown,	Des Moines, Iowa
G. A. Patron—I. L. Brown,	Marshalltown, Iowa
G. Treasurer—Clara P. Harrison,	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
G. Secretary—Eva L. Abbey,	Minneapolis, Minn.
G. Conductress—Lena Booth,	Waterloo, Iowa
G. A. Conductress—Jessie Walker,	Marshalltown, Iowa
G. Chaplain—Mary Williams,	Clinton, Iowa

**Officers Appointed.**

Marshal—Irene Sturgis,	Sioux City, Iowa
Warder—Lulu Horne,	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Adah—Anna Williams,	Fort Dodge, Iowa
Ruth—Daisy Gaiter,	Des Moines, Iowa
Esther—Ollie Gross,	Keokuk, Iowa
Martha—Mable Johnson,	Clarinda, Iowa
Electa—Georgia Cheatom,	Dubuque, Iowa
Sentinel—Pauline King,	Burlington, Iowa
Lecturer—Maud M. Brewton,	Mason City, Iowa

The new officers were then installed.

On motion, Electa Grand Chapter buy fifty dollars' worth of War Savings Stamps, and donate twenty-five dollars to the Red Cross Society of Iowa, and the Secretary, Sister Eva Abbey, be instructed to write an order for same.

On motion, the Treasurer, Sister Clara Harrison, was empowered to buy fifty dollars' worth of War Saving Stamps.

After singing the closing ode, the Grand Chapter closed its Eleventh Annual Session, to meet in the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the third Tuesday in June, 1919.

MARY F. BLAND,  
*Worthy Grand Matron.*

Attest:  
EMMA S. HERON,  
*Grand Secretary.*

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S., State of Iowa and Jurisdiction. We, your Committee on Dispensations and Charters, submit the following report:

There were no charters nor dispensations granted during the year

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA GARDNER.  
FANNIE WILSON.  
BERLINA WARREN.

**REPORT OF GRAND DEPUTY OF MINNESOTA.**

Minneapolis, Minn., June 17th, 1918.

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S., State of Iowa and Jurisdiction. Greetings.

Through the mercy of the Great Supreme Architect of the Universe am I permitted to appear before you in this our Eleventh Annual Session, to report as Grand Deputy of Minnesota.

Once more we have passed successfully through another year in the midst of the cruel and unchristian war now raging in Europe, causing reason to stagger and making our civilization a mockery. But there is one great lesson we can not overlook, that is the lesson of preparedness. Not only should we be prepared in worldly things, but especially in things that are spiritual; and the Grand O. E. S. of Iowa and its jurisdiction inculcates in its teachings the principles that make the greatest of all preparedness, namely, "A soldier of the cross."

On January 12th, 1918, I issued a dispensation to Pride of the West Chapter, No. 14, to initiate for ninety days, for less money than the law allows, for which I received the sum of one dollar

Thanking you for the honor entrusted me the past year,

Yours fraternally,

EVA L. ABBEY

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.**

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, submit the following report:

1st. We recommend that the Committee on Grand Officers' Addresses note on the margin the parts to be referred to the various committees.

2nd. We recommend that the expense of the Grand Matron's visit to St. Elmo Chapter, No. 3, Burlington, Iowa, be borne by the Grand Chapter.

3rd. We approve the Grand Matron's decision on step-daughters.

4th. We recommend that we must follow the 1911 law until we receive a more perfect law.

5th. We approve the action of the Grand Matron in regards to Jephtha Chapter, No. 21, of Fort Dodge, Iowa.

In regard to the Grand Patron presiding in his own home chapter, we consider he has no more authority than any other member, except he is on his official visit or special request from the members of the chapter.

1st. We recommend that a new seal for this Grand Chapter be made, to read: "Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S., of Iowa and Jurisdiction."

2nd. That the Grand Secretary be required by law to get out the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter within ninety days after the close of the session, or show good cause for not doing so to the Grand Matron and Grand Patron.

3rd. That the American Flag be draped in an appropriate place in each Chapter.

4th. In regard to the Liberty bonds and Red Cross donation, refer the same to come before the Grand Chapter.

5th. That the manner of weaving the labyrinth and formation of the fraternal chain be made uniform in our jurisdiction, and a description of each be printed in sufficient numbers to be distributed among our subordinate Chapters. The plan to be decided upon by the Grand Chapter. The Secretary to be instructed to have same printed and distributed, three to each Chapter, or as many more as they wish at ten cents each.

6th. That we be lenient with St. Elmo Chapter for another year, since that have paid three years' indebtedness and in the meantime the Masonic lodge might be revived.

Committee { J. EMMA MILLIGAN.  
J. N. SELLERS.  
ROBERTA BAILEY.

### GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

EMMA S. HERON.

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S., State of Iowa and Jurisdiction.

Accept my greetings and annual report for the year beginning May 21, 1917, and ending June, 1918.

I wish to thank the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Officers and subordinate officers who have in any way assisted me in the work during the year.

#### Recommendations.

1st. That Electa Grand Chapter purchase a set of new books for the Grand Secretary.

2nd. That a fire-proof trunk be purchased, the same to be used for the safe keeping of property belonging to the Chapter.

#### Financial Report—General Fund.

Balance last audit ..... \$ 91.19

#### RECEIPTS—

No. 1. Naomi Chapter .....	14.50
No. 2. Alpha Chapter .....	10.50
No. 3. St. Elmo Chapter .....	7.50
No. 4. Esther Chapter .....	
No. 5. Silver Leaf Chapter .....	14.00
No. 6. Esther (Oska.) Chapter .....	14.50
No. 8. Leah Chapter .....	11.00

No. 9. Princess Oziel Chapter .....	31.00
No. 10. Princess Zorah Chapter .....	28.50
No. 11. Guiding Star Chapter .....	23.50
No. 12. Excelsior Chapter .....	10.00
No. 14. Pride of the West Chapter.....	28.00
No. 15. Star of Bethlehem Chapter.....	7.00
No. 16. Rose of Sharon Chapter.....	11.00
No. 17. Electa Chapter .....	11.00
No. 18. Adah Chapter .....	10.00
No. 19. Queen of Sheba Chapter.....	12.00
No. 20. Ruth Chapter .....	6.00
No. 21. Jephtha Chapter .....	
No. 22. Harmony Chapter .....	10.00
From initiations .....	17.25
From Grand Deputy of Minnesota .....	1.00
Moneys owed from 1916-1917—	
From Grand Matron for Burlington.....	28.50
From Grand Matron for Dubuque.....	16.00
From Grand Matron, from P. G. M., Sister Ruth Bright.....	5.00
From interest .....	1.66
Total.....	\$329.41

#### DISBURSEMENTS—

May 29, 1918. To Van Doren, stationery .....	\$ 5.25
May 11, 1918. To Allen Printing Co., returns .....	8.00
Mch. 25, 1918. To Allen Printing Co., credentials.....	6.50
Total.....	\$ 19.75

#### Endowment Fund—(Quarterly)

	1	2	3	4	
No. 1. Naomi Chapter .....	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$.....	\$ 12.00
No. 2. Alpha Chapter .....	5.25	5.25		10.50	21.00
No. 3. St. Elmo Chapter .....				15.00	15.00
No. 4. Esther Chapter .....		9.50			9.50
No. 5. Silver Leaf Chapter .....	5.75				23.50
No. 6. Esther Oak Chapter.....	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	30.00
No. 7. ....					
No. 8. Leah Chapter .....	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	23.00
No. 9. Princess Ziel .....	13.00	13.00	15.75	15.25	57.00
No. 10. Princess Zora Chapter .....		29.75	14.75	14.00	58.50
No. 11. Guiding Star Chapter .....	8.50	9.00	8.25	8.25	34.00
No. 12. Excelsior Chapter .....	5.00	4.50	5.00	5.00	19.50
No. 14. Price of the West Chapter.....	12.25	12.25	12.00	14.00	50.50
No. 15. Star of Bethlehem Chapter.....	1.75	2.75	3.50	3.00	11.00
No. 16. Rose of Sharon Chapter.....	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.50	20.50
No. 17. Electa Chapter .....	4.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	22.00
No. 18. Adah Chapter .....	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.00	19.25
No. 19. Queen of Sheba Chapter .....	5.25	5.00	5.00	5.25	20.50
No. 20. Ruth Chapter .....	3.25	3.25		6.00	12.50
No. 21. Jephtha Chapter .....	3.75	3.75	3.75		11.25
No. 22. Harmony Chapter .....	5.00	7.00	11.50		23.50
Total.....					\$493.00

## Financial Report—Endowment Fund.

Brought forward from last audit.....	\$904.15
RECEIPTS—	
No. 1. Naomi Chapter .....	\$ 12.00
No. 2. Alpha Chapter .....	21.00
No. 3. St. Elmo Chapter .....	15.00
No. 4. Esther Chapter .....	9.50
No. 5. Silver Leaf Chapter .....	23.50
No. 6. Esther Chapter .....	30.00
No. 8. Leah Chapter .....	23.00
No. 9. Princess Oziel Chapter .....	57.00
No. 10. Princess -orah Chapter .....	58.00
No. 11. Guiding Star Chapter .....	34.00
No. 12. Excelsior Chapter .....	19.50
No. 14. Pride of the West Chapter.....	50.50
No. 15. Star of Bethlehem Chapter.....	11.00
No. 16. Rose of Sharon Chapter.....	20.50
No. 17. Electa Chapter .....	22.00
No. 18. Adah Chapter .....	19.25
No. 19. Queen of Sheba Chapter.....	20.50
No. 20. Ruth Chapter .....	12.50
No. 21. Jephtha Chapter .....	11.25
No. 22. Harmony Chapter .....	23.50
Total collected.....	\$493.00
DISBURSEMENTS—	
To Sister Rose Jackson, acct. Brother N. J. Jackson of Excelsior Chapter No. 12 .....	\$ 50.00
To Mr. James Cooper, acct. Sister Amabel Williams.....	31.50
To Sister Lulu Horne, acct. Brother Harry Horne of Silver Leaf Chapter, No. 5.....	25.00
To Brother Luther Lowery, acct. Sister Mary Lowery of Silver Leaf Chapter, No. 5.....	50.00
To F. P. Johnson, acct. Sister Gertrude Johnson of Princess -orah Chapter, No. 10 .....	50.00
To Brother M. O. Culberson, acct. Sister Gertrude D. Culberson of Leah Chapter, No. 8.....	50.00
To Elvira Shepherd, acct. Brother J. H. Shepherd of Princess Zorah Chapter, No. 10 .....	37.50
To Sister Anna Coleman, acct. Brother T. A. Coleman of Guiding Star Chapter, No. 11.....	50.00
To Sister Sarah Fields, acct. Brother Orange Fields, No. 17.....	50.00
Total.....	\$394.00

## Financial Report—Recapitulation.

From May 17th, 1917, to June 18th, 1918.

To balance last audit, May 17, 1917—	
Endowment Fund .....	\$904.15
General Fund .....	91.19 \$995.34
Total Expense during the year—	
Endowment Fund .....	\$394.00
General Fund (as per statement).....	19.75 413.75
Balance, ———	\$581.61

## Moneys Received during the year—

Endowment Fund .....	493.00
General Fund (as per statement).....	329.41 822.41
Interest .....	20.28
Total in treasury at close of session .....	\$1424.30
Received After Close of Session—	
Esther No. 4, acct. Endowment Fund .....	\$9.00
General Fund .....	9.00 \$18.00
Fort Dodge .....	3.00
Princess Zorah Chapter (at session init.).....	2.75
Amount of moneys on hand up to date.....	
	\$1448.05
Expense of Session .....	258.69
Grand Total to Date.....	\$1189.36

Fraternally submitted,

EMMA S. HERON,

Grand Secretary.

## Bills Allowed.

To Grand Matron, Mary F. Bland—	
Postage and expressage, May 21 to June 12, 1917.....	\$ .95
Postage and stationery for compiling Minutes, June 12 to August 12, 1917 .....	.82
Postage and telegram, August 12 to November 14.....	.67
Postage, November 15 to December 10, 1917.....	.45
Postage and telegram, December 20, 1917, to January 14, 1918 .....	1.40
Postage, March 16 to April 18, 1918 .....	.60
Office supplies and postage, March 16 to April 16, 1918.....	.66
Postage April 18 to May 11, 1918.....	.81
Postage, May 11 to June 13, 1918.....	2.05
Office expenses, ———	\$ 8.41
Visit to Burlington .....	\$3.00
Rent of typewriter for year .....	18.00
Railroad fare to Grand Chapter .....	12.52
Cab .....	1.00
Board .....	6.00
Telephone .....	1.00
Expressage .....	.59
Total, ———	\$42.11
Grand Total.....	\$50.52

## To Grand Patron, A. G. Clark—

Postage .....	\$2.05
Typewriting addresses .....	2.00
Telegram for Grand Chapter.....	1.85
Board for four days.....	6.00
Railroad fare .....	7.99
Total, ———	\$19.89

To G. A. Matron, Sue M. Brown—	
Railroad fare .....	\$6.86
Room and board .....	4.50
Postage .....	1.39
Total, ———	12.75
To G. A. Patron, I. L. Brown—	
Railroad fare .....	\$3.12
Room and board .....	6.00
Total, ———	9.12
To Grand Treasurer, Maude M. Wilkerson—	
Railroad fare .....	\$6.86
Board .....	5.00
For bonds .....	5.00
Carfare, express, draft and stamps.....	4.50
Total, ———	21.36
To Grand Secretary, Emma S. Herron—	
Expenses .....	\$18.11
Salary .....	25.00
Railroad fare .....	9.04
Board .....	4.50
Total, ———	56.65
To Grand Conductress, Betty Anderson—	
Railroad fare .....	\$13.25
Room and board .....	5.00
Auto service .....	.25
Total, ———	18.49
To G. A. Conductress, Jessie E. Walker—	
Railroad fare .....	\$3.12
Room and board .....	5.25
Total, ———	8.37
To Grand Ruth, Mattie Woods—	
Room and board .....	5.75
To Grand Esther, Anna Norris—	
Room and board .....	4.50
To Grand Electa, Maude M. Brewton—	
Room and board .....	5.35
To Grand Sentinel, Thomas Lowery—	
Room and board .....	3.00
To Grand Correspondent, Addie Clark—	
Typewriting .....	\$1.50
Postage .....	.45
Board and room .....	6.00
Total, ———	7.95
Grand Historian, Lulu Horne—	
Room and board .....	3.00
To Eva L. Abbey, Code revision—	
Board and room .....	\$ 4.50
Railroad fare .....	13.24
Total, ———	17.74
To Grand Marshal, Amelia G. Jackson—	
Board for two and one-half days.....	3.75
To Grand Warder, Addie Suter—	
Board for three days .....	3.00

To Grand Registrar—	
One dollar per day for three days .....	\$3.00
Board .....	4.50
Total, ———	7.50
Total expense .....	\$258.69
Total Receipts .....	\$1448.55
Total Disbursements .....	258.69
Grand Balance .....	\$1189.86

Committee { MAYBELLE JOHNSON.  
EVA L. ABBEY.  
I. L. BROWN.

Grand Treasurer's Report  
(Misplaced.)

EVA L. ABBEY.

## REPORT ON GRAND OFFICERS' ADDRESSES

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND OFFICERS' ADDRESSES.

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S., State of Iowa and Jurisdiction.

We, your Committee on Grand Officers' Addresses, make the following report:

We have carefully examined the most excellent addresses of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron and highly compliment them on their splendid addresses in full.

#### Necrology.

As much as refers to our beloved dead be referred to the Committee on Obituary.

#### Recommendations.

We further recommend that the actions of the Grand Matron in behalf of St. Elmo Chapter, O. E. S., No. 3, Burlington, Iowa, be adopted as reported, and so much as pertains to the expenses of the Grand Matron be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

#### Recommendations.

We further recommend that as much as pertains to the official acts of the Grand Matron be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

#### Official Acts.

We further recommend that they be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

#### Decisions.

We further recommend that they be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

#### Recommendations.

We further recommend that they be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We recommend that the action taken by the Grand Matron, in behalf of Jephtha Chapter, O. E. S., No. 21, Fort Dodge, Iowa, be adopted.

#### Constitution and By-Laws.

We recommend that so much as refers to the Constitution and By-Laws be referred to the Grand Chapter.

We endorse the recommendations in behalf of the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the Liberty Bonds, and War Savings Stamps.

The article entitled "Incubus" be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

#### Condition of the Order.

We recommend that portions of the Grand Patron's address, referring to the forming of three districts, one for the Grand Matron, one for the Grand Patron, and one for the Grand Lecturer, to be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.



LENA BOOTH,  
Grand Conductress.

**Decision.**

Insofar as the decision rendered pertaining to the eligibility to membership in an Iowa Chapter, O. E. S., originating from Missouri membership of A. F. & A. M., be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

**Official Acts.**

We recommend the part entitled Official Acts be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence; also his recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee { CORA MOORE.  
MARIE JOHNSON.  
I. L. BROWN.

We, your Committee on Grand Officers' Addresses, beg leave to submit further report.

We have examined the report of the Grand Deputy of Minnesota and commend her on the excellent work she has done, and in our judgment the limitation upon the dispensation issued is now null and void. We recommend the report be adopted.

Committee { CORA MOORE.  
MARIE JOHNSON.  
I. L. BROWN.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.**

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S., State of Iowa and Jurisdiction.

We, the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, wish to make this our report.

Though our hearts are saddened and minds heavily burdened because of the great World War which has so often been mentioned during our present session. Though the lightning has flashed and the thunder roared, rain descended and water flowed, all seemingly expressions of discord and conflicts, we rejoice deep down in our souls because of the fact that nothing of friction or dissatisfaction has come before us, or has been presented to this committee, to mar the pleasant session of the Chapter. Peace and harmony prevails, and the spirit of love reigns supreme throughout this jurisdiction. May it ever be so is the wish of your committee.

Committee { GEORGIA B. CHEATHAM.  
ANNA M. WILLIAMS.  
MARIE WILLIAMS.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VISITORS.**

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S., State of Iowa and Jurisdiction.

We, your Committee on Visitors, beg leave to submit our following report:

With pleasure we make mention of the following Sisters and Brothers who have honored us with their presence during this Grand Session. Following are the names: Anna Wheeler of Mason City, Iowa; Paul Scott, Mason City, Iowa; Lillian Taylor, Mason City, Iowa; A. Bell, Waterloo, Iowa; Marie West, Waterloo, Iowa; Emma

Walker, Waterloo, Iowa; Alice Wolder, Marshalltown, Iowa; Lulu Johnson, S. Mead, Waterloo, Iowa; Hazel Steward, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Carrie Pedigrew, Waterloo, Iowa; Martin and Laura Bright, Waterloo, Iowa.

Respectfully,

Committee { GOLDIE WOLDER.  
KITTY RICHARDSON.  
GEORGIA CHEATHAM.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S., State of Iowa and Jurisdiction.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

Whereas Queen of Sheba Chapter, No. 19, of Waterloo, Iowa, has so royally entertained "Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S., in its Eleventh Annual Communication, be it resolved that we duly appreciate the welcomes and many courtesies extended.

We realize the strenuous conditions resulting from all nations being engaged in this world's great war.

It is further resolved, that we especially appreciate the untiring efforts of the Entertaining Committee of our hostess Chapter, and that we extend our sincere thanks to the Grand Officers for the inspiring and Christian like manner in which they have executed their official duties and exemplified the work of this Grand body

Respectfully submitted,

Committee { MARIE JOHNSON  
ROBERTA BAILEY  
CLARA HARRISON.

**PROCLAMATION**

The Interstate Conference of Grand Chapters.  
Order of the Eastern Star, United States and Canada.

Office of Interstate Secretary,

Long Island City, New York, June 4th, 1918.

To all Grand Chapters affiliated with the Interstate Conference of Grand Chapters, O. E. S., United States and Canada.  
Greeting.

Our country is in the throes of this dreadful world conflict and is calling upon her sons and daughters to aid in this fight for victory. Being members of this great civilization, it is our patriotic duty to respond to her call. Sacrifices are being demanded and it becomes our duty as members of the Grand Order of the Eastern Star to reply

Our brethren, the Sir Knights, have put patriotism beyond all else, President Henry A. Spencer having called off the International Conference of Knights-Templar, which was to have convened in Kansas City, Mo., during the month of August, and as their wives, mothers, sisters and daughters, it devolves upon us to be no less patriotic, as our loved ones are being called to the colors, and women are daily urged to make sacrifices as their duty to their country by conserving

food and fuel, and aiding all matters that will tend to the success of the war.

Our constitution having further provided that we meet at the time and place of the International Conference of Knights Templar, and their meeting being called off, therefore, I, Jane L. Cox, Interstate Royal Matron for the United States and Canada, indefinitely postpone the session of the Interstate Conference of Grand Chapters to be held during the month of August, 1918, to such time and place as may be determined upon by the members constituting this Conference. By order of

JANE L. COX,

Interstate Royal Matron.

Attest:

J. H. GARRISON,

Interstate Royal Patron.

L. R. PALMER BERRY,  
Interstate Secretary.  
May 15th, 1918.

#### GREETINGS

Grand Chapter Rite of Adoption  
For the State of California and Jurisdiction.  
Eastern Star, Queen of the South, and Amaranth.

Office of the Grand Worthy Matron, 21 Hensley St.,  
San Diego, Calif., April 16th, 1918.

To the Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Officers and Members of Electa  
Grand Chapter, Iowa Jurisdiction.  
Greetings.

California and its jurisdiction sends greetings to Iowa Grand Chapter in this your Eleventh Annual Convocation. May the tides of opinion, which ebb and flow, ever be harmonious in your assemblage, nor the troublesome waters of strife retard your prosperity. Open the threshold of a new world, new conditions confront us, let us all have but one motive. Unity in the sisterhood and brotherhood of our fraternal relations one with another, that through the secrets of our art we may be of a high standard for the onward march t o progress in our race.

California Grand Chapter convenes in the City of Oakland, Calif., June 3rd, at which time we would be pleased to have greetings from Iowa Grand Chapter. I am as ever

Yours fraternally

HATTIE B. SAUNDERS,

Grand Representative.

Iowa.

Denver, Colo., June 16th, 1918.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members  
of Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S., State of Iowa and Jurisdiction.  
Greetings.

I regret very much that I cannot be with you this Annual Session, I had planned it with great pleasure. My husband being ill, I find it impossible to leave him. Accept greetings and best wishes for a harmonious session, a more successful meeting than we have ever had, and that each representative on their return home be filled with joy

and inspiration in the grand old work of the beautiful Order of Eastern Star. Asking God's blessings upon your deliberations,

Yours for the cause of the O. E. S.,

RUTH B. BRIGHT,

P. G. W. M., O. E. S.

Western Union Telegram.

Keokuk, Iowa, 1.56 P. M., June 18th, 1918.

The Grand Chapter, O. E. S., Waterloo, Iowa.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge, I tender assurance of fraternal love to all. Good wishes for a profitable communication.

W. W. GROSS,

Grand Master.

Office of Sol. C. Johnson, Grand Secretary of Ancient, Free and  
Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia.

Tribune Buldg., Savannah, Ga., July 24th, 1917.

Mrs. Ruth B. Bright, Davenport, Iowa.

Honored Lady.

Our Grand Chapter meets in Atlanta, Ga., August 7th, 1917, and we would appreciate a few words of greeting from your jurisdiction.

We are sending you a copy of our last proceedings; kindly reciprocate.

Fraternally,

SOL. C. JOHNSON,

Grand Patron.

Eureka Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, State of New York.  
Chm. Foreign Correspondence, Hattie M. Brown, 138 West 136th St.

New York, April 8th, 1918.

To the Grand Chapter, State of Iowa and Jurisdiction.

The Grand Chapter of the State of New York and Jurisdiction, O. E. S., wishes to extend to you these fraternal greetings and pray the blessings of the Heavenly Father may rest upon you in all your deliberations and that session of your Grand Chapter will be the best in the history of your Order. Our Grand Chapter is progressing nicely. We trust that peace and harmony will prevail throughout your jurisdiction this year. We meet June, 1918, the first week—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—a three-day session. Hope to hear from you. Quite sorry to say our proceedings has not as yet come from printers; as soon as they do we will mail you one. With kindest regard to all Sisters and Brothers, I remain

Yours fraternally,

HATTIE M. BROWN, C. F. C.,

P. G. M.

Mt. Tacoma Grand Chapter, O. E. S.,  
State of Washington and Jurisdiction.

Wymer, Wash., May 3rd, 1918.

Mrs. Mary F. Bland, Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Officers, Electa  
Grand Chapter, O. E. S.  
Greetings.

Dear Sisters: This comes conveying our fraternal greetings. I sincerely hope and pray your Grand Session will be harmonious and peaceful, and I trust an abundance of good may be accomplished for our beneficent Order of O. E. S. We meet in Grand Session the second Monday in July, 1918, in the City of Everett, Wash. Would be very grateful to receive greetings from you to read in our Grand Chapter. I am yours sincerely and sisterly,

MRS. ELNORA B. CURRIN,  
Worthy Grand Matron.

Queen Bathsheba, Grand Chapter, O. E. S.,  
Jurisdiction the State of Oklahoma.  
Office of Mrs. Dimple L. Bush. Box 12.

Alderson, Okla., March 2nd, 1918.

L. R. Palmer Berry, 1106 Ripley St., Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sister: As chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, I extend to you greetings from Oklahoma. We are in a prosperous condition and hope that peace and harmony prevail throughout your jurisdiction. If you have not received 1917 minutes will be glad to mail you one when I hear from you.

Awaiting your reply, I am sisterly,

DIMPLE L. BUSH.

Oziel Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.  
Instituted June 24, 1913. Jersey City, N. Y.  
Office of Grand Lecturer

Long Island City, New York, June 10th, 1918.

Greeting.

Sister Mary F. Bland: The great world war has brought many changes to the members of the craft and to the followers of the Eastern Star. Many have been called to the colors and many have passed into the Great Beyond. Our sisters are doing their part in bearing the burden that all women are called on to bear in these trying times, none are slackers.

Oziel Grand Chapter, O. E. S., will convene June 18th, at Montclare, N. J., in its Eighth Annual Session. Sister M. A. Bean of West Cape May, the Grand Worthy Matron, is an energetic, loyal follower of Bethlehem Star and is doing all she can for the O. E. S. in New Jersey. We are anticipating a splendid session. One of the special features will be to demonstrate the fact that a Grand Matron and a Grand Patron of the O. E. S. has the right to issue an edict to the subordinate chapters in our jurisdiction without consulting the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the state, whether they can do so or not.

As your Grand Chapter convenes the same day, June 18th, Oziel Grand Chapter wishes you a pleasant and profitable session, that peace and harmony will prevail, that all said and done will be to strengthen the golden chain of our beloved Order, is the sincere wish of your sister and co-worker.

LIZZIE R. PALMER BERRY,  
P. G. W. M. & G. L. Grand Representative for Iowa  
near the Grand East of New Jersey.

1261 First St., S.E., Washington, D. C., June 17th, 1918.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa.

Greeting.

It is my pleasure to express to you my gratitude at being chosen to represent your Grand Jurisdiction near the Grand East of the District of Columbia. It shall be my highest endeavor to faithfully represent your interests at all points, in promoting the happiness and prosperity of your jurisdiction. The Grand Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia is in a highly prosperous state, both numerically and financially. Our Annual Session was held in January, and the first quarterly meeting in April. I regret my inability to forward our proceedings, as they have not been completed; but will be pleased to receive one of yours.

I take great pleasure in extending my best wishes for a harmonious meeting. May your deliberations be directed by the true spirit of wisdom and love, and when your meeting has been completed may the recollections of this session be fragrant in your memory until time shall be no more.

Yours fraternally in F. A. T. A. L.,

LUCY A. STEWART



Louis D. Wilson  
Princess Oziel # 9



JESSIE WALKER,  
Grand Associate Conductress.