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Mrs. Gladys Taylor.....Grand Worthy Matron
Ebbie W. Pitts.....Grand Worthy Patron
Mrs. Orea Buice.....Grand Secretary

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TUESDAY MORNING

Keokuk, Iowa, June 18, 1957

Elected Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation State of Iowa and Jurisdiction, observing its 50th Anniversary, opened its 48th Annual Communication in the auditorium of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church as guests of Electa Chapter No. 17 O.E.S.

The Grand Officers were invited in by Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Ebbie W. Pitts. The Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Gladys Taylor was escorted to the East and presented the gavel.

We pledged allegiance to the flag after which we sang "America". We proceeded to open Electa Grand Chapter in due ritualistic form.

The following Past Grand Worthy Matrons were presented, Sisters Maud M. Brewton, Mary M. Range, Odessa Roberts, Sarah E. Jett and Dorothy B. Bush and escorted to the East and given Grand Honors. The Past Grand Worthy Patrons were also presented, Brothers Thomas Lighons, Branham N. Hyde, Bishop C. Burt, escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

Roll call of officers were called and vacancies filled by Grand Worthy Matron Sister Gladys Taylor.

Elective

Sister Gladys Taylor, Grand Worthy Matron
Brother Ebbie W. Pitts, Grand Worthy Patron
Sister Evelyn Wilder, Associate Grand Matron
Brother William Burton, Associate Grand Patron
Sister Helen W. Johnson, Grand Treasurer
Sister Orea Buice, Grand Secretary
Sister Clemmie Hightower, Grand Conductress
Sister Bertha E. Wolder, Associate Grand Conductress
Sister Haley O. Houston, Grand Registrar
Sister Marjorie Lewis, Grand Lecturer



MRS. GLADYS TAYLOR
Grand Worthy Matron
1957 — 1958

Appointive

Sister Arleatha Pleasant, Grand Adah
 Sister Thelma Harriford, Grand Ruth
 Sister Lillian Reed, Grand Esther
 Sister Lessie Garrett, Grand Martha
 Sister Felice Rhodes, Grand Electa
 Sister Oley Clark, Grand Sentinal
 Sister Hazel Smith, Grand Warder
 Sister Emma F. Bell, Grand Chaplain (Acting)
 Sister Helen Windsor, Grand Organist
 Sister Ella Mae Blackman, Grand Marshall
 Sister Nina Bragg, Gran Soloist
 Sister Myrtle Coffman, Grand Historian
 Sister Dessie Burt
 Sister Maybelle Turner, Flag Bearers

Committees

Credentials—Sisters Orea Buice, Vennie Warren, Garnet Jackson.

Returns—Sisters Odessa Roberts, Mary M. Range, Vivian J. Smith.

Auditing—Sister Mary J. Majors, Brothers D. O. Bell, DeEdwin White.

Grand Officers Addresses—Sisters Dorothy B. Bush, Clemetine Chipley, Sallie Cheers, Brother William Burton.

Appeals & Grievances—Sister Fannie Danforth, Lillian Reed, Brother James Newsome.

Obituaries—Sisters Mildred Graves, Arleathe Pleasant, Laurinda Lewis, Georgia A. Add.

Jurisprudence—Sister Maud M. Brewton and all Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Past Grand Worthy Patrons.

Rules—Brother Bishop C. Burt, Sisters Martha Warren, Bessie Conley.

Finance—Sisters Helen T. Carter, Hazel Smith, Leona Jordan, Ruth Harper.

Resolution—Sisters Gladys Brown, Elizabeth Jones, Velma Lewis, Mary Green, Brother Morris Chipley.

Publicity—Sisters Oley Clark, Ruth Toomes, Lavenia Grayson.

Courtesy—Sisters Myrtle Coffman, Annie Brown, Dessie Burt.

Ways & Means—Sisters Gladys White, Jessie Newsome, Velma Lewis, Sarah E. Jett, Brother D. O. Bell.

Chartered Chapters—Sisters Lessie Garrett, Clemmie Hightower.

Unfinished Business—Sister Vivian J. Smith, Tennie White, Jessie E. Walker, Rose Johnson.

Minutes of the afternoon journal of 1956 was read by the Grand Secretary Sister Orea Buice and adopted with necessary corrections.

The Rules Committee made their report which was approved as reads.

The Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Gladys Taylor gave her annual address of the past year's work and activities with recommendations. Her address showed she had given much time and study to the work of O.E.S. and its chapters, having its welfare at heart. Sister Gladys White moved and seconded by Sister Maud M. Brewton that this splendid address be received and referred to the Committee on Grand Officers Addresses. Motion Carried.

The Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Ebbie W. Pitts gave his annual address which showed plainly his hearty interest in the O.E.S. Sister Clemmie Hightower moved and Brother Thomas Lighons seconded that address be received and referred to the Committee on Grand Officers Addresses. Motion Carried.

Sister Nina Bragg, our Grand Soloist rendered a solo "It's My Desire" which was well received by all.

The following presentations were made: Brother Branham N. Hyde presented flowers on behalf of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. for Iowa and Jurisdiction—Response by Grand Worthy Patron. Brother Ebbie W. Pitts. Flowers were presented by the Grand Royal Matron Evelyn Wilder of Iowa Grand Court Royal Exalted Order of Amaranth. Response by P.G.W.M., Sister Mary M. Range. Flowers with best wishes were received from florist "Daryl's" of Keokuk and presented by P.G.W.M. Sister Mary J. Majors, who also presented flowers from Electa Chapter No. 17. These beautiful flowers were arrayed very artistically in the East.

We had a brief recess so the photographer could take pictures.

We resumed our labors at the sound of the gavel in the East.

The annual address of Associate Grand Matron Sister Evelyn Wilder was given in which though her duties were few, she proved her heart was in the work of the O.E.S. Sister Marjorie Lewis moved and seconded by Sister Mary Green the address be received and turned over to the Committee on Grand Officers Addresses. Motion carried.

The annual address of our Associate Grand, Brother William Burton was given He displayed his interest in the Welfare of the Order. Brother Branham N. Hyde moved and Brother Thomas Lighons seconded the motion that address be received and given to the Committee on Grand Officers Addresses. Motion carried.

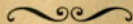
Past Grand Worthy Matron Sister Elizabeth Jones, who is attending Electa Grand Chapter for her 27th time was presented and escorted to the East where she was given Grand Honors.

Past Grand Worthy Patrons Brothers D. O. Bell and John M. Danforth were presented and escorted to the East where they also were given Grand Honors.

Greetings were read by the Grand Secretary, Sister Orea Buice from the following: Past Grand Worthy Patrons, Brothers M. F. Askew and Edward Askew; Brother C. C. Johnson Past Patron of Princess Oziel No. 9; Grand Master Paul Wilson of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.&A.M. for Iowa and Jurisdiction. Motion by Sister Maud M. Brewton and seconded by Sister Leona Jordan they be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

Brother Branham N. Hyde moved and Brother James Newsomme seconded that Sister Sarah E. Jett be given special thanks for work on the Souvenir Program and her Committee. Motion carried.

The Grand Conductress attended the altar and we were called from labor to rest by the Associate Grand Matron to resume at the sound of gavel in the East.



GRAND WORTHY MATRON'S ADDRESS

Grand Worthy Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Past and Present Grand Officers, Sisters and Brothers of Electa Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Iowa.

GREETINGS:

Within a very short time one of the busiest and one of the most eventful years of my life will come to an end. A year made possible by you who entrusted to my care the leadership of our beautiful Order

in the Jurisdiction of Iowa. I accepted this honor and responsibility with a spirit of humility and reverence, and it is in this same spirit that I give to you an account of the affairs of the Grand Chapter during the past twelve months.

No Eastern Star Sister can receive a greater honor than to be elected Grand Worthy Matron. I can find no words of adequate acknowledgement to convey the gratitude I feel for this high position. I am very happy to greet you and to thank the members of Electa Chapter No. 17 of Keokuk who have made preparations to entertain us. I am grateful to the Almighty God for having blessed me with abundant health and strength in carrying out my duties. I am grateful to Him for his watchful care over my husband and family, for the wonderful friends, old and new; for the cooperation of you, my Sisters and Brothers; for the love and devotion that has surrounded me as I earnestly desire has been to render loving service to you, to bring some light into the lives of those with whom I come in contact, and to hold aloft the high ideals of our Order. I hope that this service has been pleasing to you and that you will judge kindly where errors have been made.

As we observe our Fiftieth Anniversary, I hope that more of the true meaning of Fraternalism will come about and that all of us will content in being members in name only and not taking an active part in Chapter work. We are greatly in need of Masonic Brothers to join our Order, Several Chapters are finding it difficult to secure Patrons. I find that in the larger Chapters, ritualistic work is done well, but in the smaller Chapters there is need for assistance. Financially, our Chapter is in very good condition. A portion of our money is invested in bonds, the Relief fund is on sound basis. All death claims for this year have been paid in full. Spiritually, I think that there is a need for all of us to think seriously of the pledge we took upon entering this beautiful Order, and pray to God for help in making us more loving, kind, and tolerant to each other.

VISITATIONS:

In November, I wrote letters to all Subordinate Chapters stating that I would prefer to make my Official visit at their request, on either a Saturday or Sunday, because of my daily occupation. Some Chapters responded, others didn't. To the Chapters that I visited, I would like to thank you again for all your kindness. Your beautiful decorated Chapter Rooms are pictures I shall never forget. Your tables have been heavily laden with all the good things to eat. Your beautiful flowers and gifts have been accepted with deep appreciation and thankfulness. To those Chapters that I didn't have the privilege of visiting, I extend to you my greetings, and hope that you have enjoyed a prosperous and successful year. February — I visited Prince Hall Chapter No. 25, Centerville, Iowa. The meeting was held in the Community Center Hall, with Sister Bessie Conley, Worthy Matron, and Brother Charles Morris, Worthy Patron presiding. A delicious luncheon was served, after which the meeting was held. My address was well received, matters concerning this Chapter were peacefully settled. I was presented with a beautiful costume jewelry set, also, O.E.S. napkins from Sister Ida Conley, the treasurer of Prince Hall Chapter.

March 30, 1957, I made a visit to Electa Chapter No. 17 of Keokuk, Iowa. This is one of our smaller Chapters who is striving to keep the light of Electa Grand Chapter glowing. The Chapter didn't have a regular meeting but entertained the Grand Lecturer, several of the Sister's husbands, and myself at a dinner at the Grand Hotel. After dinner I made a few remarks and was presented with a perfumed Ball

Point Pen. It was a great pleasure to have the Grand Lecture present at this meeting. She gave the sisters present many enlightening and inspirational remarks, and was presented a gift.

March 31, 1957, Made a visit to St. Elmo Chapter No. 3, Burlington, Iowa. I say with pride and satisfaction that this is one of the best Chapters in our Jurisdiction. The Chapter room was beautifully decorated, and all the stations were filled. Ritualistic work was well done, with few books in sight. I would like to point out to the other subordinate Chapters that here you find a good example of keeping your Chapter alive by having interesting and outstanding programs. St. Elmo has an active Past Matrons Council who is doing outstanding work. They can also boast of a social club that really keep things humming in Burlington. After the regular opening, I was escorted to the East and was welcomed, and presented the gavel. I gave my lecture and presented Past Matrons sashes to nine Past Matrons of St. Elmo Chapter. Our Grand Lecturer was present at this meeting, and was presented properly, and gave a very instructive talk. Also present at this meeting were several other Grand Officers. After the meeting a tasty dinner was served, and I was presented with a Fitted Vanity Case. This Chapter is the home of our Grand Adah, and the Grand Chairman of Ways and Means.

April 7, 1957, Official visit to Naomi Chapter No. 1, Davenport, Iowa. Meeting was opened in regular form, with Sister Ella Blackburn, our Grand Marshall, presiding. I was escorted to the east, and given Grand Honors, and then was presented the gavel. I gave my lecture which seemed to be enjoyed by all. It was a great pleasure to enjoy the company of the Grand Royal Matron of the Amaranth Court, Sister Leona Jordan, who was officially received on this same afternoon. After the meeting we were served dinner, and Sister Jordan and I were presented a beautiful crocheted bag. This is home Chapter of our G.W.P.

April 13: Official visit to Leah Chapter No. 8, Clinton. This is the home Chapter of our Grand Conductress, Sister Clemme Hightower. Although small in number, they are still striving to carry on our good work. After a regular opening, I was escorted to the East and given Grand Honors. I presented my lecture and answered questions to the best of my ability. The meeting was saddened by the news of the passing of Sister Charles Thompson. After the meeting a delicious lunch was served. I was presented with a beautiful corsage.

April 14: Official visit to Esther Chapter No. 4, Ottumwa. The meeting was held in the spacious home of Sister Maxine Crayton, at 1:00 P.M. A delicious dinner was served and then we went to the recreation room of Sister Crayton's where the Chapter was set up. I was escorted to the East, and given Grand Honors, and then proceeded to give my address, after which many questions were asked, answered, and discussed. Here I found a Chapter with several very young women who had recently entered and were very anxious to have instructions. I was presented with a beautiful corsage.

April 26: Official visit to Palestine Chapter No. 28, Waterloo, Iowa. The meeting was held in the Hall. Sister Anne Brown presided. They were unable to open in regular form because of absence of members. I gave instructions on Chapter Procedure, after which questions were answered. Present at the meeting were Past Grand Patrons, Rev. D. O. Bell, and Brother Bishop Burt. A luncheon was served after the close of the meeting, and I was presented with a cash gift. I did not have the pleasure of meeting with Queen of Sheba Chapter No. 19 of Waterloo, but received a letter from the Secretary, Sister Valetta

Fields, saying that Queen of Sheba was experiencing a bit of bad luck this year. The Worthy Matron Sister Emma Bell; and many of the brothers and sisters were ill, and they hadn't been having regular meetings. I would like to see these two Chapters consolidate. I am sure that jointly they could raise the standards of our Order in Waterloo.

APRIL 28: I visited Princess Oziel No. 9, Princess Zorah No. 10, and Olive Branch No. 32, in Des Moines. The meeting was held in the Masonic Hall at 3:00 P.M. The meeting was opened in regular form with Sister Felice Rhodes, Worthy Matron of Olive Branch presiding. I was escorted to the East, and given Grand Honors. This meeting looked just like a Grand Chapter, there being so many Sisters and Brothers present. Also present were several Past Grand Matrons, and Patrons, and Sisters from Centerville. After my address and a period of questions and remarks by the Past Grands, we were served a delicious dinner, and I was presented with a stunning house coat, and a beautiful corsage of yellow roses.

May 18: I made my official visit to my own Chapter Silverleaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I am very proud of this Chapter. We are progressing very well under the leadership of our young Matron, Sister Clementine Chipley. After regular opening I was escorted to the East and presented with the gavel. I gave my address which seemed to be well received. At the close of meeting a delicious meal was served, and I was presented a set of pretty lingerie.

RECEPTION AND GRAND OFFICERS PARTY

On July 27, 1957, Silverleaf Chapter No. 5 gave a reception in my honor at Bethel A.M.E. Church. This is an occasion that I will never forget. The church was beautifully decorated, and many of my dearest and closest friends presented the program. I was presented a beautiful corsage, and this beautiful sash which I am now wearing. Many of the Grand Officers Past & Present, and a host of other friends from C. R. and other cities were present. I was also given a lovely pair of nylon gloves from Past Grand Worthy Matron my dearest and closest friends the program. I was presented a beautiful corsage, and this beautiful sash which I am now wearing. I was also presented a lovely pair of nylon gloves from Past Grand Worthy Matron Dorothy Bush and family. Many of the Grand Officers, Past and Present, and a host of other friends, from Cedar Rapids and other cities were present. Time will never dim the wonder of this night, and from a heart too full for utterance, again I say thank you to the Sisters and Brothers of Silverleaf Chapter. I hope that I have proven worthy to them and to all the other Chapters in the Jurisdiction.

May 19: I entertained the Grand Officers at a luncheon at the Masonic Hall, in Cedar Rapids. I was very pleased at the turnout. A big majority of the officers being present. Our Grand Lecturer instructed us in Chapter procedure. The rest of the afternoon was spent in social entertainment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

No. 1. I recommend that Electa Grand Chapter do away with the appointive office of Grand Chairman of Foreign Correspondence, and have the Grand Associate Matron perform the duties of this office as a part of her official duty, and hereafter be known as, Grand Associate Matron & Grand Chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

No. 2. I recommend that the Jurisdiction of Iowa be divided into districts.

No. 3. I recommend that the Grand Lecturer be allowed to visit each district once a year, and that the district bear her traveling expenses.

No. 4. I recommend that Electa Grand Chapter revert to the Relief Plan as set up in our Constitution and Code, Article XVIII.

No. 5. I recommend that Electa Grand Chapter increase the Grand Tax to the amount of \$2.00.

No. 6. I recommend that the fee granted the Grand Worthy Matron for dispensations, be turned over to the treasury of Electa Grand Chapter, like to pay a special thanks to Sister Sarah Jett, the Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Program; who along with several Sisters and Brothers from Des Moines worked so very hard to give us the wonderful program that you now have. A special thanks to our Grand Lecturer, Sister Majorie Lewis, who willingly opened up her home for a special meeting, and gave so freely of advice and ritualistic aid.

As we start the next half century, my prayer is that every Sister and Brother of Electa Grand Chapter will give thought to the great heritage that has come to you from the founders of this Order, and from the principles upon which our Order is founded, help to reflect their beauty by your goodness and kindness; their purpose to make the world better by better living yourselves; make their high and holy teachings the rule and guide for your conduct. Be steadfast in you fidelity, constant in your humility, loyal to your trusts, unswerving in your faith, and, above all, follow, the lesson commanded by the Master and taught by Electa—"love one another."

Faternally yours,

Gladys Taylor, G.W.M.



MR. EBBIE W. PITTS

Grand Worthy Patron

1957 — 1958

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00 P.M.

Electa Grand Chapter resumed its labors at the sound of the gavel in East singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" led by our Grand Soloist Sister Nina Bragg followed by prayer from Brother D. O. Bell. The minutes of the morning journal was read an adopted as read. We the sang "What a Fellowship" after which a very detailed and complete annual report was given by our Grand Secretary Sister Orea Buice. Moved by Brother Ebbie W. Pitts and seconded by Brother James Newsome that report be received and turned over to the Auditing Committee. Motion carried.

Grand Treasurer Sister Helen W. Johnson gave her very complete annual report with suggestions that qualify a good treasurer. Brother Branham N. Hyde moved and Brother Ebbie W. Pitts seconded the motion that report be received and given to the Auditing Committee. Motion carried.

Past Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Mary Majors and Past Grand Worthy Patron Brother DeEdwin White were presented and escorted to the East where they were given Grand Honors.

The Committee on Chartered Chapters then gave their report. Sister Marjorie Lewis moved and Sister Leona Jordan seconded the motion that report be received and motion carried.

The Grand Worthy Matron reported that she had not been able to contact Ruth Chapter No. 20 of Dubuque, Iowa in regards of their charter.

The Grand Secretary read amendments to the law which were submitted by the Past Grand Worthy Patron Brother Branham N. Hyde. It was moved by Brother James Newsome and properly seconded that report be accepted and turned over to the Jurisprudence Committee. Motion carried. Brother B. N. Hyde then presented a grievance in regard to the present form used for recording the financial record of members, he suggested that a more detailed form should be used so that it will simplify checking by the local chapter's Auditing Committee. It was decided that present forms be used until used up.

We then relaxed and listened to the dynamic and inspirational annual report coming from our Grand Lecturer Sister Marjorie Lewis, which was most instructive and certainly gave much food for thought. Sister Maud M. Brewton moved and Sister Clemmie Hightower seconded the motion that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

Remarks from the floor followed complimenting the lovely report. Brother B. N. Hyde moved and Sister Orea Buice seconded the motion that the masterpiece given by our Grand Lecturer be printed in our next proceeding. Motion carried.

Our Grand Soloist the led us in singing "Do Not Pas Me By".

Having no candiates for initiation the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Gladys Taylor announced that we would go through the procedure of initiaton asking the Grand Lecturer, Sister Marjorie Lewis to correct us when necessary.

Sister Bertha E. Wolder brought to our attention that our Book of Instructions were not complete. She was speaking specifically of our line of march. The Grand Worthy Matron said a Committee should be appointed to work on the Book of Instructions. The A.G.M. Sister Evelyn Wilder made a motion which was seconded by Brother James Newsome that the Grand Worthy Matron appoint a Committee at this session to revise the Book of Instruction. Motion carried.

The Grand Worthy Matron turned the meeting over to the Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Ebbie W. Pitts who the took charge of the initiation, after which the Grand Lecturer gave instructions of proper entrance into the chapter room. proper uniform, how the candidate is to be led and she demonstrated how to weave the labryinth.

Grand Secretary Sister Orea Buice presented certificate of merit to the following chapters: St. Elmo #3. Esther #4, Silverleaf #5, Leah No. h, Princess Oziel No. 9, Princess Zorah No. 10. Harmony No. 22, Prince Hall No. 25, Palestine No. 28, Fidelity No. 30, Golden Star No. 31 and Olive Branch No. 32.

The Grand Worthy Matron announced that all are expected to attend the public reception to be held at 8:15 P.M. here at the Church.

We were called from labor to rest by our Associate Grand Matron to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East.

PUBLIC RECEPTION

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church	8:15 P.M.
Song	America
Invocation	Rev. Culpepper
Music	Youth Choir
Welcome on Behalf of Keokuk	Mayor James O'Brien

Response _____ Mr. Branham N. Hyde, P.G.W.P.
 Welcome on Behalf of Electa Chapter No. 17 _____
 _____ Mrs. Oley Clark, W.M.
 Response _____ Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, P.G.W.M.
 Welcome on Behalf of Shilo Court No. 4 _____
 _____ Mrs. Gladys White, P.G.R.M.
 Response _____ Mrs. Odessa Roberts, P.G.W.M.
 Music _____ Inspirational Singers of Ft. Madison, Iowa
 Welcome on Behalf of the Most Worshipful
 Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. _____
 _____ Mr. DeEdwin White, P.G.M.
 Welcome on Behalf of Master of Union
 Lodge No. 1 _____ Mr. DeEdwin White, P.G.M.
 Response _____ Mr. John M. Danforth, P.G.W.P.
 Solo _____ Mrs. Nina Bragg
 Welcome on Behalf of the Churches _____ Rev. D. O. Holmes
 Response _____ Rev. D. O. Bell, P.G.W.P.
 Presentation of Grand Officers _____ Mrs. Gladys Taylor, G.W.M.
 Benediction _____ Rev. Thomas Lighons, P.G.W.P.

GRAND WORTHY PATRON'S ADDRESS

To the Grand Worthy Matron, the Associate Grand Matron and Patron, all Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, Officers, Members, and Visitors of Electa Grand Chapter for the State of Iowa and Jurisdiction.

GREETINGS:

All too soon, another fraternal year has rolled around and it is with mixed emotions that I now give to you an accounting of my stewardship for the year. I thank you sincerely for the honor that you so richly bestowed upon me by elevating me to the office of Grand Patron.

The help and cooperation of the Grand Worthy Matron and other Grand Officers has been a source of pleasure for me throughout the fraternal year. I am deeply appreciative of the same.

We are met in this historical session which marks the fiftieth anniversary of Electa Grand Chapter. For it was fifty years and twenty-eight days ago on the Twenty-first day of May, in the year of 1907, that six local chapters met in the City of Burlington to form our present Grand Chapter.

With sincere gratitude to the Grand Patron of the Universe for the preservation of our lives, good health, and success, We can only deem it proper to thank him for those fine up-standing women and men of vision whose struggles and sacrifices through the preceding years has made it possible for us to be assembled here today.

It is well to consider the past history of Electa Grand Chapter, and try to emulate the virtues of those who have gone on before us. Any organization is only as strong as the rules that are laid down for its governance and the members adherence to the same. For it

is not the mistakes which has been made in the past and which will be made in the future, but how well and graciously We can overcome the same.

With supreme confidence in the fine principles of human behavior inculcated in the work of our Order. We should look forward to the years to come with a sense of pleasure. That our great work of Charity and Benevolence will only be equalled by our work of social intercourse which will place us on the pedestal of leaders and not followers in the pattern of our ever changing world.

Grand Chapters and subordinate chapters will be only what we make them. Therefore let us preserve them well for the next generation. For He who weigh himself well will not be too severe a critic of his fellow man. Let us pray therefore for Divine Grace and the ability to understand others.

OFFICIAL ACTS

On the 25th of June, 1956, I sent a letter to both the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary reminding them of the fact that the Grand Chapter had ordered an increase in the amount of their bonds.

June 27th, 1956, I received a letter from the Grand Treasurer informing me that She was unable to rent a safety deposit box, and rather than keep the property of Electa Grand Chapter in the family safety deposit box, the Bank had graciously consented to keep the same in a separately sealed envelope within their own time vaults, and that it would require the signature of the Grand Worthy Matron, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Secretary to remove the same. I approved of the Bank's receipt and certificate for the contents of the envelope and returned the same to the Grand Treasurer.

On July 13th, I received the bond of the Grand Treasurer which had been increased from \$5,000 to \$8,000. Since it was the express wish of the Grand Chapter that the amount of bonds be increased, I approved of the same.

July 20th, 1956, I received the bond of our Grand Secretary which had been increased from \$500 to \$1,000. I approved of the same.

July 27th, 1956, I was the guest of Silver Leaf Chapter No. 5 of Cedar Rapids, Iowa at a very fine program and dinner that they held in honor of our Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Gladys Taylor. I would be entirely inadequate at attempting to describe to you the very fine program and reception which followed. There was so many members representing so many chapters from our Grand Jurisdiction that it seemed as if Grand Chapter was in session.

On the 27th of October, 1956, the Grand Worthy Matron graciously invited me to be present with her in Fort Madison, Iowa to meet with the committee on "proposed revisions for the book of instructions". We met at the very lovely home of our Grand Lecturer, Sister Marjorie Lewis. Also present was the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, Past Grand Worthy, Sister Maud Spencer, and our G.C.F.C., Past Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Mary Range. Eight proposed revisions was worked out at this meeting to submit to this Grand Chapter for their approval or disapproval as they may see fit.

December the 2nd, 1956, I was invited by the Grand Matron to meet with the Chairman of the anniversary program, Past Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Sarah Jett, and our Grand Secretary, Sister Orea Buice. This meeting was held in the home of our Grand Worthy Matron. Several concrete proposals was worked out for this event.

I am deeply regretful that I was unable to be present at another meeting in May which was held in Cedar Rapids featuring our Grand Lecturer, Sister Marjorie Lewis. How-ever a spot of illness prevented me from attending this event.

Again may I take this opportunity to thank you for elevating me to the office of Grand Worthy Patron last year. I have tried to do my best and have always stood ready to assist the Grand Worthy Matron whenever She called upon me.

And in conclusion, may I say that Electa Grand Chapter will enjoy many fifty years' of prosperity if We build well now. We can reach greater heights by observing well the land-marks of our Order, an unchanging Faith in God, and ability to understand our fellow Human Beings.

Ebbie W. Pitts., Grand Worthy Patron

ADDRESS OF ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Past and Present Grand Officers, Sisters and Brothers of Electa Grand Chapter O.E.S. of Iowa and Jurisdiction.

With sincere gratitude to the Great Ruler of the Universe for the Preservations of our lives and for the success we have achieved. I send you greetings on this happy 50th Anniversary. I deeply appreciate the honor bestowed upon me. I have had no official duties to perform but sincerely hope for this session to be a successful one and that all deliberations may be peaceful and harmonious. I wish that this Glorious Star may ever continue to rise and send its refulgent rays to every corner and nook of the world and we add golden links to our chain.

Now with love in my heart and a prayer on my lips, I remain.

Fraternally yours,
Evelyn Wilder, A.G.M.

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON'S ADDRESS

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

Greetings to you in this 50th Annual Communication. First I want to thank the Grand Patron of the Universe for allowing us to meet again this year in our 50th annual Session of Electa Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Iowa. Because of the good health and capability of our Grand Worthy Patron. My services have not been needed in any official capacity during the Year.

I am deeply appreciative to all of you for this high honor conferred upon me, that of serving you as your Associate Grand Patron. We solicit your prayers that we might forever held high the torch and banner of the O.E.S.

Surely in days like these times is a need for real men and women. Brothers and Sisters we should be proud not only to wear the name but to live the life based on the high virtues so nobly exemplified in the lives of the five heroines of the O.E.S.

Fraternally yours,
William Burton, A.G.P.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND OFFICERS' ADDRESSES

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Past and Present Grand Officers, Sisters and Brothers of Electa Grand Chapter O.E.S. of Iowa.

We, the Committee of the Grand Officers Addresses, beg leave to submit the following report.

We have carefully examined the Grand Worthy Matron's addresses and find that she has earnestly put an effort forward to visiting all the subordinate Chapters, the scope of her labors show her loyalty to our cause. No building is stronger than the material used in it, nor can a building be used beyond the care it receives. This is true in our order. The portion pertaining to recommendations has been placed in the hands of the Jurisprudence Committee.

We have also examined the Grand Worthy Patron's address and find that he has cooperated with the Grand Worthy Matron to the fullest, whenever called on to do so.

The Associate Grand Matron is to be commended for her earnest desire to assist the Grand Worthy Matron in the discharge of her duties.

We have examined the address of the Associate Grand Patron and found him willing to cooperate with the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron if called on to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy B. Bush, Chairman
Sallie Cheers
William Burton
Clementine Chipley

REPORT OF COURTESY COMMITTEE

Members of Electa Grand Chapter.

We, your Courtesy Committee, wish to submit the following report.

At this Grand session, we have introduced and welcomed the following new Worthy Matrons, Patron and visitors:

Sisters: Frinzella Shores-Harmony No. 22—Sioux City
Clementine Chipley-Silverleaf No. 5—Cedar Rapids
Ruth Harper-Adah No. 18—Mason City
Bessie Conley-Prince Hall No. 25—Centerville

Oley Clark-Electa No. 17—Keokuk
 Rose Johnson-Princess Oziel No. 9—Des Moines
 Annie Brown-Palestine No. 28—Waterloo

Patrons Brother Morris-Silverleaf No. 5—Cedar Rapids

Visitors:

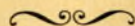
Sisters: Georgia A. Add, A. M. Princess Oziel No. 9—Des Moines
 Charlotte Clark, Electa No. 17—Keokuk
 Vennie Warren, A. M. Silverleaf No. 5—Cedar Rapids
 Edith Wilson, Silverleaf No. 5—Cedar Rapids
 Ruth Cranshaw, Fidelity No. 30—Fort Madison
 Lois Beverly, Princess Oziel No. 9—Des Moines
 Alberta Grace, Olive Branch No. 32—Des Moines
 Ellen Burrell, Olive Branch No. 32—Des Moines
 Fannie Danforth, Princess Zorah No. 10—Des Moines

A beautiful O.E.S. flag made by Past Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Mary J Majors was given to Electa Grand Chapter. A beautiful Christian flag made by Sister Ruth Toomes was also given to Electa Grand Chapter. Both sisters are members of Electa Chapter No. 17 of Keokuk.

Our Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Gladys Taylor very graciously thanked our sister for the flags. Also for the beautiful flowers presented our Grand Chapter on its 50th Anniversary

Respectfully submitted,

Dessie Burt
 Annie Brown
 Myrtle Coffman



RULES COMMITTEE'S REPORT

To the G.W.M.-G.W.P., Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, we, your committee on rules wish to submit the following report.

1. The meeting should start on time which is 9:00.
2. The lunch hour should be from 12 to 1:30.
3. We recommend all Past Grand Officers not filling stations sit in one bar of the first two rows of seats around the room. Then the Matron and Patron. Then the visitors in the last 4 rows.
4. We recommend that no one person be allowed to talk more than twice on the same subject.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bishop C. Burt
 Martha Warren
 Bessie Conley



MRS. EVELYN WILDER
 AAssociate Grand Matron
 1957 — 1958



MRS. OREA BUICE
 Grand Secretary
 1957 — 1958

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 19, 1957, 9:00 P.M.

Electa Grand Chapter resumed its labor at the sound of the gavel in the East. The pass was taken up by Grand Conductress, Sister Clemmie Hightower and Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Bertha E. Wolder. All persons were entitled to be present. A solo rendered by Sister Nina Bragg "Lead On" accompanied by the Grand Organist Sister Helen Windsor. Prayer was given by the acting Grand Chaplain Sister Emma F. Bell.

Minutes of Tuesday afternoon journal was read and adopted.

The committee on Grand Officers Addresses made their reports, after which was moved by Sister Gladys White and seconded by Sister Leona Jordan that report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Obituary Committee made their report, stating that thirteen members had passed this year. Moved by Brother James Newsome and seconded by Sister Myrtle Coffman that report be adopted. Motion carried.

Associate Grand Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder was asked by the Grand Worthy Matron, to introduce the new Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons present:

Sister Clemetine Chipley, Silverleaf No. 5
 Sister Ruth Harper, Adah No. 18
 Sister Oley Clark, Electa No. 17
 Sister Frinzella Shores, Harmony No. 22
 Sister Bessie Anna Brown, Palestine No. 28
 Sister Bessie Conley, Prince Hall No. 25
 Sister Rose Johnson, Princess Oziel No. 9

The partial report of the Credential Committee was given and accepted. Motion carried.

The Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Gladys Taylor brought our attention to the beautiful O.E.S. flag on display which was made by Sister Mary J. Majors.

Questions and discussion lead by our Grand Lecturer, Sister Marjorie Lewis which consisted of proper uniform. Also she reminded us that our charter should be in a scroll on the desk or near the hands of the Worthy Matron. It is permissible for the Worthy Matron to keep the charter even though she is not in city.

The Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Gladys Taylor proceeded to give us highlights of the International Conference of Grand Chapters which she attended in Washington, D.C.

Her impression of this conference left her very disappointed She was seeking greater knowledge of the work but she gained nothing. Moved by Sister Bertha Wolder and seconded by Sister Lessie Garrett and an amendment to the motion by Sister Georgia A. Add that the Grand Worthy Matron be refunded the five dollars she spent. Motion carried.

Sister Rose Johnson gave praise to the report given which was very enlightening as to the work of the Conference. Sister Myrtle Coffman expressed her gratefulness for the knowledge the report revealed. Associate Grand Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder also expressed the same disappointment that she received in attending the International Conference. General discussion comparing ritualistic work and uniformity. Sister Vivian Smith moved and Sister Rose Johnson that Electa Grand Chapter send a resolution to International Conference of Grand Chapters petitioning for uniformity and attempt to get Sister Chapters to join in the petition — an amendment to the motion by Sister Helen Johnson to adhere to the Landmarks. Motion carried.

Our Grand Worthy Patron Brother Ebbie Pitts gave so elaborately enlightening remarks on the significance of the letter five.

We joined our Grand Soloist, Sister Nina Bragg in singing "Lord Lift me Up" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm" accompanied by our Grand Organist Sister Helen Windsor.

The Grand Worthy Matron being excused, the A.G.M. Sister Evelyn Wilder filled the station in the East, asked if the new Worthy Matrons had any questions that might be cleared up, there being none Sister Clemmie Hightower, Grand Conductress for her knowledge we wove the labyrinth. The Grand Worthy Patron Brother Ebbie Pitts explain his Masonic which he did with unquestionable knowledge, this was followed by his explanation of the Signet which was elaborated upon by our Grand Lecturer Sister Marjorie Lewis.

Announcements were made and we were called from labor to rest to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East.



REPORT OF GRAND CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

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

I wish to preface my remarks, with thanks again for reelecting me, your G.C.F.C. Through sickness has prevented me from sending greetings and communications to as many Sister Jurisdictions as I would like, it has surely been a pleasure, to read of the prosperity, peace and harmony existing in our Order generally.

During the year fifteen letters were mailed, ten Easter greetings and eighteen X-mas cards.

We have received letters from Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Minnesota, New York, Wisconsin, Mississippi and Washington.

On July 14th, California will held its 74th Grand Session and will be celebrating their 75th year as a Grand Chapter with a diamond jubilee. A cordial invitation was extended to us. The State of Florida on their 63rd. Grand assembly marked the end of fifty-one years of unbroken leadership for Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Inez T. Boyer, reminding me of the many years service given Electa Grand Chapter, by our own Past Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Maud M. Brewton and Past Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Elizabeth Jones, paving the way, making it possible for us to celebrate this 50th Anniversary today.

Florida has 25 new Matrons, 17 new Chapters and an increase of 500 new members, Wisconsin's project of interest for the year was, a life's membership in the N.A.A.C.P., an organization which has done so much for the progress of Negroes. West Virginia realized two major objections, the purchasing of a \$5,000.00 Government Bond and the rejuvenation of their Youth organization. The State of Ohio notes of interest, were their plans to form an Amaranth Court in each subordinate chapter and later a Grand Court.

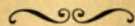
In the nice communication received from Sister Christine Richards, present G.C.F. of Missouri, she praised our jurisdiction for our splendid report and great accomplishments, attributing it to the fine leadership, loyal membership and cooperation.

Illinois has established an Eastern library under the guidance of P.G.W. Matron, Sister Lavonia H. Brown, also a blood bank.

In my communications to our Sister Jurisdictions, I was happy to report the progress of Electa Grand Chapter, the printing of our wonderful Album and the celebrating of our 50th Anniversary

My sincere thanks again Grand Worthy Matron and may God help you to lead us through another successful session.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary M. Range, G.C.F.C.



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:40 P.M.

Electa Grand Chapter resumed labor at the sound of the gavel in the East, the Grand Worthy Matron instructed the Grand Conductress, Sister Clemmie Hightower and Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Bertha Welder to purge the Chapter room. Finding all members entitled to be present the chapter was opened for the afternoon business.

Minutes of the morning journal was read. Motion that

minutes be adopted with necessary corrections. Motion carried.

Committee on Returns made their report with 579 members on roll. Sister Odessa Roberts moved and Sister Mary M. Range seconded the motion that report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Grand Worthy Matron announced that the picnic for the afternoon would be held at Warsaw, Illinois and would leave the church at 4:00 P.M. We had a brief recess to prepare for the Grand Chapter of Sorrow.

Song—"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Prayer—Sister Emma F. Bell

Solo—"When I've Gone the Past Mile of the Way" _____
Sister Nina Bragg

Roll Call of Deceased Members

Song—"Near the Cross"

Eulogy—Sister Elizabeth Jones

Grand Worthy Patron assisted with the five heroines conducted the services. Brother Thomas Lighons closed with prayer.

A motion prevailed that the floral Star and all of our flowers will be placed on the graves of the deceased members of Electa Chapter. Motion carried.

The committee on Appeals and Grievances made their report, no grievances. Moved by Sister Lillian Reed and seconded by Sister Lessie Garrett that report be accepted. Motion carried.

The Grand Worthy Matron suggested that Sister Sarah E. Jett be allowed her railroad fare for her work on the Souvenir program. Moved by Sister Odessa Roberts and seconded by Sister Dessie Burt that she be granted her railroad fare. Motion carried.

Sister Helen Johnson and Lessie Garrett made a presentation to Past Grand Royal Matron Leona Jordan and Sister Emma F. Bell for her faithful work on behalf of the Iowa Grand Court Royal Exalted Order of Amaranth. Each expressed their thanks.

Associate Grand Conductress attended the altar, the acting A.G.M. Sister Bessie Conley called Electa Grand Chapter from labor to rest to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East.

The picnic held at Warsaw, Illinois at 4:00 P.M. was a very enjoyable outing with food, refreshments and socializing.

REPORT OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

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

GREETINGS:

The Committee on the 50th Anniversary Program of Electa Grand Chapter beg leave to make the following report.

Money taken in from greetings and program..... \$1,236.15

Expenses:

Printing of Programs.....	\$674.45
Orea Buice R.R. fare to Cedar Rapids.....	6.35
Sarah E. Jett, R.R. fare to Cedar Rapids.....	6.35
Ebbie Pitts, R.R. fare to Cedar Rapids...	3.72
Barbara Williams, typing.....	4.00
Refund to Mrs. Brewton for ad net in program .	2.50

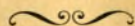
Total Expense \$697.37

Balance turned over to Grand Chapter \$538.78

We recommend that after each Chapter receives a copy of the Anniversary Program and all advertisers who paid for ¼ pages \$7.50 or more and 50 copies be given to G.C.F.C. to be sent to Sister Jurisdictions, the remaining copies to be distributed among the subordinate chapters as many as they desire as long as they last and when sod as 75c each — that 50c be turned over to the Grand Chapter and 25c to the subordinate chapter.

The Ways and Means Committee of this session to be given credit for all money taken in from sale of program.

Respectfully submitted,
Anniversary Committee
Mrs. Sarah E. Jett, General Chairman



REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

To the Grand Worthy Matron; Grand Worthy Patron; Past and Present Grand Officers, members, and visitors of Electa Grand Chapter O.E.S. Iowa and Jurisdiction, (Prince Hall Aff.) Greetings.

On this our 50th Anniversary it gives me great pleasure to be in another Grand Chapter and to once again greet the Sisters and Brothers who have become so near to us, The gift of Fraternal Orders is a great one and each of us should cherish our privilege of membership in the Eastern Star.

I am happy to tell you that Electa Grand Grand Chapter is in excellent condition financially, in fact we have never had such a large treasurer as we have at the present time; For this the credit goes to the originator of the Grand Ways and Means Committee, Past Grand Matron, Sis. Sarah E. Jett, and to the Faithful women who served as Grand Chairman of that committee, also to the committees from the subordinate chapters and the members for their cooperation. From this undertaking I think we can all real realize what cooperation can do.

I want to say that I have enjoyed serving you as Grand Treasurer and that I have used the strictest Fidelity in the care and the preservation of the funds intrusted to my keeping, I have enjoyed seeing the amount grow from the small sum of \$3,118. that was on hand when I took office to well over \$10,000 at the present time. Since I have other plans for 1958, and I wish to say I do not plan to be with you in the 51rd G. Chapter, but that wherever I am Electa Grand Chapter and it's welfare will be very close to my heart. Should my plans be changed I shall certainly be a part of the Fraternal Chain in 1958. Who ever you choose for your treasurer for the ensuing year I hope that you, Electa Grand Chapter will choose not on friendship or because of Chapter membership, but htat you will choose to elect a guardian of your money who has real-estate and persona property of her own that will equal or exceed the amount that will be in her keeping at any particular time, Let us use care & discretion and remember the struggle we have had to amass this amount.

At this time I wish to make my annual report of the monies entrusted to my keeping.

Date	Rec'd	Disb.	Bal.
6-20-56	at time of audit, brought forward		\$10,746.65
			\$5,722.65
6-20-56	Paid G. C. Ex.	\$672.98	\$5,049.67
Received:			
Silverleaf - G. T.....			\$ 38.25
Q. Sheba - 4th. G. C.....			16.00
Q. Sheba - G. T.....			12.00
St. Elmo, 1st. G. C.....			31.00
Ways & Means.			362.00
Codes Etc.....			1.50
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			\$460.75
			\$5,510.42
9-1-56			
Leah, Irst. G. C..			\$ 28.00
Silverleaf, Irst. G. C...			53.00
6-20-56 Balance.....			\$5,722.65
To Mary J. Majors, G.W.M...			23.64
Mayone Jones, A.W.P.....			12.00
Rev. D. O. Bells, G.W.P.			20.42
Mary M. Range, G.C.F.C.....			14.86
Dorothy B. Bush, Juris.....			12.00
Sarah Jett, Juris.....			12.00
Marjorie Lervis, Lecturer			13.20
Jessie Wather, Historian.....			12.00
Clemmie Hightower, A.C.....			19.10
Evelyn Wides, G. Cord.....			21.90
Ebbie Pitts, G. A.P.....			15.57
Gladys Taylor, G.A.M.....			17.23
Odessa Roberts, G. Ch. Return.....			15.47
Orea Buice, G. Sec.....			118.36
Helen Johnson, Gr. Treas.....			50.40
Bertha E. Wolden, G. Reg.....			20.65
Maude M. Spencer, Ch. Juris.....			23.77
Orea Buice - Telegram & Flowers			
for Amaranth.....			8.17
St. Elmo, Ch. Expenses.....			77.59

Mary Greyn, G.O.A.....	12.00	
Thomas Ligbors, Juris.....	12.00	
John Danforth, Juris.....	12.00	
Elizabeth Jones, Juris.....	12.00	
W. L. Mginton, Juris.....	12.00	
Ethelda Robinson, Ways & Means.....	20.65	
Bishop Burt, Juris.....	12.00	
B. N. Hyde, Juris.....	12.00	
M. F. Ashew, Juris.....	12.00	
Mildred Graves.....	12.00	
Helen Baker, Gr. Org.....	12.00	
Jaqueline Randall, Gr. Marshall.....	12.00	
Ed. Ashew, Juris.....	12.00	672.98
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Balance.....		\$5,049.67
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6 - 28 - 56..		\$5,049.67
Received from Grand Secretary		
Silverleaf No. 5, G.T.....	38.25	
Queen of Sheba 4th, G. Ch.....	16.00	
Queen of Sheba, G.T.....	12.00	
St. Elmo 1st, G.C.....	31.00	
Ways and Means.....	362.00	
Codes Etc.....	1.50	
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	\$460.75	\$5,510.42
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7-13-56		
Paid To:		
Helen Wimberley, Loury, G.C.....	\$100.00	
Commerical State Bank Series J., (Bonds Note)	2,160.00	
Gladys Taylor, (Int. Ex.).....	100.00	
Hansen Murry Mugg, Sec. Bond.....	5.00	
Webster Ins., Treas. Bond.....	45.04	
Orea Buice, G. Sec. Cont.....	40.00	
Gladys Taylor, G. M. Cont... ..	40.00	
Int. Grand Tax... ..	11.76	
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	341.80	\$5,168.62
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8-5-56		
Received from:		
Princess arah No. 10, 1st and degree G.C....	\$ 60.00	
Fidelity No. 30, 1st G.C.....	15.00	
Princess Oziel, 1st. G.C.....	106.00	
Electa, 1st. G.C....	16.00	
Palestine, 1st. G.C.....	42.00	
Olive Branch, 1st. G.C.....	42.00	
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	\$281.00	\$5,449.62
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Series J. Bonds.....		\$5,449.62
		2,160.00
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		\$3,289.62

8-10-56

Paid To:

C. Clark, Terrell G.C.....	25.00	
O. Crittendon, Terrell G.C.....	25.00	
C. Brown, Terrell A.C.....	25.00	
O. Simpson, Terrell G.C.....	25.00	
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	\$100.00	\$3,189.62

9-5-56

Received from:

Time Certificate added to renewal.....	\$ 40.00	
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10-16-56

Received from:

St. Elmo No. 3, G.C....	30.00	
Morning Star, 1st. G.C. & Blanks.....	24.30	
Harmony, 1st. G.C. (bal.).....	2.00	
Pr. Oziel, 2nd. G.C.....	104.00	
Fidelity, 2nd G. Ch.....	15.00	
Princess Zorah, 2nd. G.C.....	62.00	
Electa, 2nd. G.C....	16.00	
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	\$253.30	\$3,442.92

10-25-56 to

P. Gilbert - L. Gilbert, G.C.	\$100.00	\$3,342.92
Edna Sounders, H. Spencer, G.C.....	100.00	3,242.92
C. Hancock, L. Hancock, G.C.....	100.00	3,142.92
C. Buckner, W. & M.....	25.00*	3,142.92
* (void)		

9-1-56 from

Leah No. 8, 1st. G.C.....	\$ 28.00	
Silverleaf No. 5, 1st. G.C.....	53.00	
Golden Star, 1st. G.C.....	19.00	
Prince Hall, 1st. G.C.....	13.00	
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	\$113.00	\$3,255.92
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		\$3,255.92

9-26-56 From

Esther No. 4, 1st. G.C.....	\$ 14.00	
Harmony, 2nd. G.C....	19.00	
Naomi, 1st. G.C... ..	43.00	
Adab, 1st. G.C.....	26.00	102.00
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	\$102.00	\$3,357.92

11-7-56

Naomi No. 1, 2nd. G.C... ..	\$ 43.00	
Queen of Theba, 1st. & 2nd. G.C....	32.00	
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	\$ 75.00	\$3,432.92

11-7-56		
Golden Star, 2nd. G.C.....	\$ 19.00	
Leah, 2nd. G.C.....	28.00	
Palestine, 2nd. G.C.....	42.00	
Adah, 2nd. G.C....	25.00	
Olive Branch, 2nd. G.C.....	42.00	
Prince Hall, 2nd. G.C.....	13.00	
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	\$169.00	\$3,601.92
11-13-56		
To: Erma Young, (J. W. Young, G.C.).....	\$100.00	\$3,501.92
1-20-57 To:		
Howard Brown, (L. Brown, G.C.).....	\$100.00	
Julia De Larosa, (M. Johnson, G.C.).....	100.00	
	\$200.0	\$3,301.92
12-22-56 from:		
Harmony No. 22, 2nd. G.C... ..	20.00	
Esther No. 4, 2nd. G.C.....	14.00	
Silverleaf No. 5, 2nd. G.C... ..	54.00	
Olive Branch, 3rd. G.C.....	40.00	
St. Elmo, 3rd. G.C.....	30.00	
Morning Star, G.C. 55 & 56..	15.00	
Morning Star, 2nd. G.C.....	20.00	
Morning Star, Due Books.....	.70	
Rituals & Petitions.....	4.00	
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	\$198.70	\$3,500.62
2-10-57 From:		
Fidelity, 3rd G.C.	\$ 15.00	
Princess Oziel, G.C.....	105.00	
Silverleaf, 3rd. G.C.....	54.00	
Palestine, 3rd. G.C.....	41.00	
Golden Star, 3rd. G.C.....	19.00	
Prince Hall, 3rd. G.C.....	13.00	
Esther, 3rd. G.C.....	14.00	
Electa, 3rd. G.C.....	17.00	
Princess Zorah, 3rd. G.C..	60.00	
Degress	1.00	
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	\$339.00	\$3,839.62
2-12-57 From:		
Adah, 3rd. G.C.....	24.00	
Disp. G.W.M.	2.00	
Harmony, 3rd. G.C.....	20.00	
Petitions	2.80	
Refund Bank Charge.....	.20	
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	49.00	
Bank Charge.....	.20	48.80
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		\$3,887.42

4-5-57		
Rev. C. A. Waters, (M. Waters, G.C.).....	\$ 50.00	\$3,838.42
4-10-57		
Silver Leaf, Ch., (M. Reasby, G.C.).....	14.00	
Heary Reasby, (M. Reasby, G.C.).....	86.00	
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	\$100.00	\$3,738.42
4-22-57 From:		
Esther Ritual.....	3.82	
Leah, 3rd. G.C.....	28.00	
Disp. to Electa.....	1.00	
Morning Star, 3rd. G.C.....	20.00	
Naomi, 3rd. G.C.....	43.00	
Princess Oziel, Petitions.....	4.00	
St. Elmo, 3rd. G.C.....	29.00	
Leah, 3rd. G.C.....	28.00	
P. Zorah, 3rd. G.C.....	62.00	
Silver Leaf, 3rd. G.C.....	53.00	
Excelsion, 1st. G.C.....	25.00	
P. Hall, 4th G.C.....	13.00	
O. Branch, 4th G.C.....	41.00	
Fidelity, 4th G.C.....	15.00	
Esther, 4th G.C.....	16.00	
Degrees	2.00	
Morning Star, 4th G.C.....	19.00	
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	\$402.82	\$4,141.24
5-16-57		
Golden Star, 4th G.C... ..	18.00	
Electa, 4th G.C.....	17.00	
Adah, 4th G.C.....	24.00	
Adah, G.T... ..	18.00	
P. Ozell, 4th G.C.....	106.00	
Tax On Degree.....	1.00	
Harmony, 4th G.C.....	20.00	
Silver Leaf, Rituals.....	11.60	
Palestine, odes.....	7.32	
Petition Balnks.....	.50	
Palestine, 4th G.C.....	37.00	
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	\$260.00	\$4,401.66
5-16-57 To:		
Mrs. Lulu Walker, (G. W. Reed, G.C.).....	\$100.00	\$4,301.66
5-16-57 From:		
Esther, G. T.....	\$ 12.00	
Naomi, 4th G.C.....	44.00	
Golden Star, G. T.....	13.50	
Silver Leaf, G. T... ..	40.50	
Palestine	2.00	
St. Elmo, G. T.....	27.75	
Leah, G. T.....	22.50	

Prince Hall, G.T.	20.25	
Fidelity, G.T.	9.75	
Dispensations	11.25	
Princess Zorah, G.T.	46.00	
Tax On Degrees	1.00	
Olive Branch, G.T.	2.00	
Harmony, G.T.	30.75	
	15.00	
	<u>\$299.75</u>	\$4,601.41
6-1-57 To:		
Leon Abbey, (Era Abbey, G.C.)	\$100.00	\$4,501.41
Charles Thompson, (Mae Thompson, G.C.)	100.00	\$4,401.41
Macoy Pub. Co., (Rituals)	27.60	\$4,373.81
Duffy Printing Co., (400 Books)	650.84	\$3,722.97
6-12-57		
P O. Ziel, G.T.	\$78.75	
Petitions70	
(Final Balance)	\$ 79.45	\$3,802.42
Bank Balance.		\$3,802.42
Series Bonds — 7-16-56	\$3,024.00	
Time Certificate — 7-16-56	2,000.00	
	<u>\$5,024.00</u>	\$8,826.42
7-16-57 — Earning 2%		
on Time Certificate	\$ 40.00	\$8,866.42
Series J. Bonds purchased — 9-5-57	\$2,160.00	
Total Assets and Cash		\$11,026.42

Helen W. Johnson

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8:15 P.M.
PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH

Mistress of Ceremonies	Sister Evelyn Wilder, A.G.M.
Music	Youth Choir
Sermon — "Time"	Rev. D. O. Bell, P.G.W.P.
Music	Youth Choir
History of Electa Grand Chapter	
	Mrs. Myrtle Coffman, G. Historian
Presentation on behalf of husband of Mrs. Sarah E. Jett, her birthday—a lovely corsage.	
Benediction. Closed our 50th Anniversary program.	

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 20, 1957, 9:00 A.M.

Electa Grand Chapter resumed its labors at the sound of the gavel in the East. We opened with singing "Near the Cross", followed with prayer. All members entitled to be present, the Grand Worthy Matron declared the meeting open for dispatch of business.

Minutes of the previous journal was read and motion that they be adopted with necessary corrections.

Prior to the special Committee on the 50th Anniversary program making its report, Sister Sarah E. Jett expressed her thanks to each of the committee from the several chapters for helping to make the 50th anniversary a success. The very splendid report was made and \$538.78 turned over to the Grand Chapter. Moved by Sister Bertha Wolder and seconded by Sister Dessie Burt that the report be adopted and the committee be given a standing vote of thanks. Motion carried.

Sister Sarah E. Jett gave remarks on the progress of Electa Grand Chapter and moved that Electa Grand Chapter take a \$500.00 life membership in the N.A.A.C.P. paying \$50.00 a year. Sister Gladys White seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Sister Rose Johnson moved and Sister Mary Green seconded the motion that we adopt recommendations stated in the special committee's report (see report) Motion carried.

Sister Mary M. Range, G.C.F.C. made her report stating that she had corresponded with many chapters which was interesting to do. She had her letters at the disposal for those who desired to read them. Moved by Sister Clemmie Hightower and seconded by Sister Dessie Burt that report be adopted. Motion carried.

Keeping in mind celebrations Brother B. N. Hyde spoke of Princess Zorah Chapter No. 10, Des Moines, Iowa, is celebrating their 47th Anniversary in May after which he presented Sister Mattie Woods, the only living charter member of Princess Zorah Chapter, who was sent to attend Electa Grand Chapter by her local chapter with expenses paid. Sister Mattie Woods expressed her appreciation for being able to attend the Grand session. Her words of thankfulness and appreciation were responded to by the amiable Sister Elizabeth Jones, P.G.W.M.

The Grand Worthy Matron asked Sister Dorothy B. Bush, International Grand Deputy of Iowa to have a few

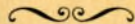
words, at which time she gave a summary of the work of the International Conference. A motion by Brother Branham Hyde and seconded by Sister Maud M. Brewton that a committee of three be appointed to study that of paying 25c per member for International Conference Education fund. After much discussion the motion was moved by Brother Hyde to withdraw his motion and seconded by Sister Clemmie Hightower — motion recended.

We heard the report from the Jurisprudence Committee and a motion was carried that each item be passed upon singularly. After all items were passed and carried Brother DeEdwin White moved and seconded by Sister Mary M. Range that committee's report be adopted as a whole. Motion carried. (See report)

The Associate Grand Conductress attended the altar and we had a brief recess so the photographer could take a picture.

Sister Maud M. Brewton moved and seconded by Sister Ida Conley that we send a telegram to Brother Ed Askew because of his recent illness — motion carried.

Associate Grand Matron called Electa Grand Chapter from labor to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East.



GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers, Delegate, Members and Visitors to the 48th Annual Communication and 50th Anniversary of Electa Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation, State of Iowa and Jurisdiction — Greetings:

Through the Divine Providence of our Father God, we are permitted to meet here in the beautiful city of Keokuk to greet each other with a pleasant word, friendly hand clasp and a genuine smile, where we can transact such business as will promote the growth, prestige and power of our Beautiful Eastern Star. We pray and trust that the purest principals of fairness, justice and tolerance, motivated by understanding hearts and discerning minds, will be practiced here, during this entire session.

December 12, 1956,, attended a call meeting of Grand Worthy Matron at Cedar Rapids, Iowa to help outline program in our Souvenir Album and celebration of 50th Anniversary.

April 26, 1957, attended the funeral of Sister Eva L. Abbey, P.G.W.M. in Minneapolis, Minn.

NEW SUPPLIES

1,000 Letterheads
1,000 Credential Blanks
400 Proceeding 1955 & 1956
2 Dozen Revised Macoy Rituals

GENERAL FUND

Balance Brought Forward June 8, 1956..... \$1,428.34

RECEIPTS

— 1956 —

June 26, 1956

Ways & Means.....	\$362.00	
Total.....		\$1,057.09
Codes	1.50	
Silverleaf No. 5, G.C. Dues.....	38.25	
Queen of Sheba No. 19, G.C. Dues.....	12.00	

July 16, 1956

Princess Zorah No. 10, Tax on Degrees.....	1.00	
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October 13, 1956

Morning Stra No. 34, Rituals & Due Books.....	4.30	
Princess Zorah No. 10, Tax on Degrees.....	2.00	

December 26, 1956

Morning Star No. 34, G.C. Dues.....	15.00	
Morning Star No. 34, Due Books.....	.70	
Rituals, Petition Blanks.....	5.00	

— 1957 —

February 2, 1957

Adah No. 18, Petition Blanks.....	1.00	
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February 11, 1957

Harmony No. 22, Petition Blanks.....	2.80	
Turned over from G. W. Matron..	2.00	

April 8, 1957

Esther No. 4, Rituals.....	3.82	
Received from G. W. Matron....	1.00	
Princess Oziel No. 9, Petition Blanks.....	4.00	
Esther No. 4, Tax on Degrees..	2.00	

May 6, 1957

Adah No. 18, G.C. Dues.....	18.00*	
Princess Oziel No. 9, Tax on Degrees.....	1.00	
Silverleaf No. 5, Rituals & Codes.....	11.60	
Palestine No. 28, Codes, Dues Books.....	7.32	
Petition Blanks.....	.50	

* (Credit 75c)

June 2, 1957

Esther N. 4, G.C. Dues.....	12.00	
Golden Star No. 31, G.C. Dues.....	13.50	
Silverleaf No. 5, G.C. Dues.....	40.50	
Silverleaf No. 5, Tax on Degrees.....	2.00	
Palestine No. 28, G.C. Dues.....	27.75	
St. Elmo No. 3, G.C. Dues.....	22.50	
Prince Hall No. 25, G.C. Dues.....	9.75	

Fidelity No. 30, G.C. Dues	11.25
Received from G. W. Matron... ..	1.00
Princess Zorah No. 10, G.C. Dues.....	46.50*
Princess Zorah No. 10, Tax on Degrees... ..	2.00**
Harmony No. 22, G.C. Dues.....	15.00
Olive Branch No. 32, G.C. Dues.....	30.75
Olive Branch No. 32, Tax on Degrees.....	1.00
Leah No. 8, G.C. Dues.....	20.25
* (Credit 75c) ** (Credit \$2.00)	

June 5, 1957

Princess Oziel No. 9, G.C. Dues.....	78.75
Princess Oziel No. 9, Petition Blanks.....	.70
10% from Grand Relief Dept.	225.10

Total... ..	<u>\$1,057.09</u>
Grand Total... ..	<u>\$2,485.43</u>

DISBURSEMENT

June 21, 1956

Expense of Grand Chapter	\$672.98
Per Capita to Internnational Conference.....	11.76

June 26, 1956

G. W. Matron's Contingent Fund.	40.00
G. Secretary's Contingent Fund	40.00
Hansen, Murray, Mugg Insurance Co., G. Sec'y Bond.	5.00
Webster Insurance Co., G. Treas. Bond ...	45.04
G. W. Matron's Expense to International.....	100.00

May 31, 1957

Macoy Masonic & Supply Co., 2 Dozen Revised Rituals.	27.60
Duffy Printing Co., 400 copies 1955 & 1956 proceeding	650.84

Total Disbursement.	<u>\$1,593.22</u>
Balance in General Fund June 8, 1957..	<u>\$ 892.12</u>

DEATH CLAIMS PAID FOR THE YEAR 1956-1957

June 26, 1956

Mrs. Helen Wimberley account of Sister Margaret Lowry....	\$100.00
Olive Simpson account of Sister America Terrill.....	25.00
Cora Brown account of Sister America Terrill.....	25.00
Cristina Clark account of Sister America Terrill.....	25.00
Omar Crittendon account of Sister America Terrill.....	25.00

October 13, 1956

Mrs. Edna Saunders account of Brother Horace Spencer....	100.00
Mr. Phillip Gilbert account of Sister Mary Louise Gilbert...	100.00

October 27, 1956

Mrs. Erma Young account of Brother J. W. Young.....	100.00
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October 31, 1956

Mr. Charles Hancock account of Sister Leona Hancock.....	100.00
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November 13, 1956

Mr. Henry Reasby account of Sister Mary Reasby.....	86.00
Silverleaf Chapter No. 5 account of Sister Mary Reasby.....	14.00

January 23, 1957

Mr. Howard Brown account of Sister Lilly Brown.	100.00
Julia Dela Rosa account of Sister Mericha Johnson... ..	100.00

April 1, 1957

Rev C. A. Waters account of Sister Marie Waters... ..	50.00
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May 6, 1957

Mrs. Lulu Walker account of Brother W. G. Reed.. ..	100.00
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May 31, 1957

Mr. Leon Abbey account of Sister Eva L. Abbey	100.00
Mr. Charles Thompson account of Sister May Thompson	100.00

Total.....	\$1,250.00
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GRAND CHARITIES FOR THE YEAR 1956-1957

No.	Chapter	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th	Total
		Quar.	Quar.	Quar.	Quar.	
1.	Naomi, Davenport..	\$ 43.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 44.00	\$173.00*
3.	St. Elmo, Burlington	31.00	30.00	30.00	29.00	120.00
4.	Esther, Ottumwa ..	14.00	14.00	14.00	16.00	58.00
5.	Silverleaf, Cedar Rapids. . .	53.00	54.00	54.00	53.00	214.00
8.	Leah, Clinton. . .	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	112.00
9.	Princess Zorah, Des Moines... ..	105.00	105.00	105.00	106.00	421.00
10.	Princess Zorah, Des Moines. . .	59.00	60.00	60.00	62.00	241.00

12. Excelsior, Marshalltown	25.00				25.00
17. Electa, Keokuk. ..	16.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	66.00
18. Adah, Mason City..	26.00	25.00	24.00	24.00	99.00
19. Queen of Sheba, Waterloo	16.00	('55-'56)			
	16.00	16.00			48.00
22. Harmony, Sioux City.....	21.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	81.00
25. Prince Hall, Centerville	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	52.00
28. Palestine, Waterloo.	42.00	42.00	41.00	37.00	162.00
30. Fidelity, Ft. Madison	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	60.00
31. Golden Star, Fort Dodge.....	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.00	75.00
32. Olive Branch, Des Moines	42.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	165.00
34. Morning Star, Council Bluffs..	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.00	79.00
	\$604.00	\$561.00	\$544.00	\$542.00	\$2,251.00
	* (Credit \$2.00)				

GRAND RELIEF DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 1956-1957

Brought forward June 8, 1956.....	\$4,294.31
Grand Charities taken in 1956-1957.....	2,251.00
Total.....	\$6,545.31

Disbursements:

Bonds	\$2,160.00
13 Death Claims.....	1,250.00
10% to General Fund.....	225.10
Total Disbursement.....	\$3,635.10

Balance in Grand Relief Dept. . . . \$2,910.21

Recapitulation

Balance in the General Fund	\$ 892.21
Balance in the Grand Relief Department ..	2,910.21
Total Cash in Treasurer June 10, 1957 .	\$3,802.42
Time Certificate... ..	2,040.00
Governments Bonds.. ..	5,184.00

Grand Total of Money, Time Certificate & Bonds 6-10-57... \$11,026.42

Humbly Submitted,

Orea Buice



MRS. EVA L. ABBEY
Past Grand Worthy Matron
and
Past International Grand Treasurer

DEATHS FOR THE YEAR 1956-1957

- America Terrill, Prince Hall No. 25, Centerville.....June 21, 1956
- Horace Spencer, Adah No. 18, Mason City.. ..August 15, 1956
- Mary Luise Gilbert, Olive Branch No. 32, Des Moines..August 23, 1956
- Julius W. Young, Naomi No. 1, Davenport... .. August 26, 1956
- Leona Hancock, Harmony No. 22, Sioux City.September 3, 1956
- Mary Reasby, Silverleaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids October 7, 1956
- Mericha Johnson, Palestine No. 28, Waterloo.....November 9, 1956
- Marie Waters, Silverleaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids ... December 8, 1956
- Lilly Brown, Adah No. 18, Mason CityDecember 16, 1956
- May Thompson, Leah No. 8, ClintonApril 13, 1957
- W. G. Reed, Silverleaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids.. .. .April 21, 1957
- Eva L. Abbey, Adah No. 18, Mason City.....April 23, 1957
- Ionia B. Andrews, Princess Ozie No., Des Moines.. . . . May 8, 1957

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 P.M.

Electa Grand Chapter was called form recreation to labor by the sound of the gavel in the East, with singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". All Persons entitled to be present. Prayer was given by Grand Chaplain Sister Emma F. Bell, acting.

Minutes of the morning journal was read. Motion prevailed that the minutes be adopted with the necessary corrections.

The Grand Secretary read a greeting received from the Grand Chaplain, Sister Winona Teal.

A Committee on revisions on Book of Instruction was appointed by Sister Gladys Taylor, G.W.M. as follows: Sisters Bertha Wolder, Marjorie Lewis, Odessa Roberts, Gladys Brown, Brother DeEdwin White, with the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron.

Sister Sarah Jett announced that she would place the cuts belonging to the various members in the mail by the end of the week.

The Courtesy Committee present all new Matrons and Patrons and visitors. They also gave recognition to the beautiful O.E.S. flag made by Sister Mary J. Majors and the Christian flag made by Sister Ruth Toomes, both of which were given to Electa Grand Chapter. The Committee expressed their thanks for all the beautiful flowers presented to Electa Grand Chapter during their 50th Anniversary. Sister Odessa Robert moved and Sister Helen Windsor the Courtesy Committee's report be adopted — motion carried.

The entire membership of Electa Grand Chapter gave a rising vote of thanks to Electa Chapter No. 17 for the flag that they gave to the Grand Chapter.

Time was given to P.G.W.M. Sister Elizabeth Jones to make remarks she so desire. From Sister Jones' lips came words as only she express them as she spoke on "I pass this way but once" not forgetting to give praise to the different Grand Officers down through the years.

Following her memorable remarks, the Grand Worthy Matron brought our attention to the beautiful hand embroidered sashes worn by the Past Matrons of St. Elmo Chapter No. 3.

The Finance Committee made their report (see report) Motion by Sister Hazel Smith and seconded by Sister Leona Jordan that the report be accepted — motion carried.

Sister Martha Warren, Chairman of the Art Committee asked that instead of buying things for their committee make them or have something made. She asked the same cooperation from the members, she has had in the past.

The Committee on Auditing made their report which was received with its recommendations. Brother DeEdwin White moved and Brother D. O. Bell seconded the motion that report be adopted with the recommendations — motion carried. The Credential Committee made their final report. Motion prevailed that report be adopted — motion carried.

The Grand Worthy Matron asked if there was an invitation for next year's Grand Chapter. There was none.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made their report, reporting only that the unfinished business was that of a place to meet in the year of 1958. Having no invitation the Grand Worthy will make proper notification at a later time.

Sister Maud Brewton suggested we give our Grand Soloist, Sister Nina Bragg something for her services, Motion prevailed that \$12.00 be given her.

With all other business for the year completed we then went into our election with P.G.W.P. Brother John Danforth in charge and tellers appointed as follows: Sisters Mary Green, Margaret Kinnard and Brother Morris Chipley.

Elective

Sister Gladys Taylor, Grand Worthy Matron
 Brother Ebbie W. Pitts, Grand Worthy Patron
 Sister Evelyn Wilder, Associate Grand Matron
 Brother William Burton, Associate Grand Patron
 Sister Vivian J. Smith, Grand Treasurer
 Sister Orea Buce, Grand Secretary
 Sister Bertha E. Wolder, Grand Conductress
 Sister Marjorie Lewis, Associate Grand Conductress
 Sister Haley O. Houston, Grand Registrar
 Sister Velma Lewis, Grand Lecturer

Appointive

Sister Gladys White, Grand Adah
 Sister Oley Clark, Grand Ruth
 Sister Gladys Brown, Grand Esther
 Sister Lessie Garrett, Grand Martha
 Sister Felice Rhodes, Grand Electa
 Sister Lavenia Grayson, G. Warder

Sister Frinzella Shores, Grand Sentinel
 Sister Helen Windsor, Grand Organist
 Sister Emma F. Bell, Grand Chaplain
 Sister Mildre Graves, Grand Marshall
 Sister Ruth Harper, American Flag Bearer
 Sister Marietta Payton, Christian Flag Bearer
 Sister Fannie Morris, O.E.S. Flag Bearer
 Sister Myrtle Coffman, Grand Historian
 Sister Mary J. Majors, G.C.F.C.
 Sister Odessa Roberts, Returns
 Sister Mary M. Range, Jurisprudence
 Brother D. O. Bell, Auditing
 Sister Clemmie Hightower, Ways & Means
 Sister Sarah E. Jett, Grand Officers Addresses
 Sister Mary Green, Finance

Brother Branham N. Hyde acting as Marshall, Brother DeEdwin White, P.G.W.P. presiding, all officers were duly installed.

A fraternal chain was formed and with singing "God Be With You" followed by prayer, adjourned to meet at our next communication in June 1958.

Gladys Taylor, Grand Worthy Matron
 Ebbie W. Pitts, Grand Worthy Patron
 Orea Buice, Grand Secretary
 Haley, O. Houston, Grand Registrar

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and members of Electa Grand Chapter:

We the Auditing Committee have examined the books, and all of the reports of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer and wish to submit the following report:

We find both the Secretary and Treasurer reports to be accurate as attested by warrents — receipts — and checks.

BANK STATEMENTS

June 13, 1957 Cash.....	\$4,682.14
Time Certificate.....	2,000.00
Series J. Bonds.....	3,024.00
Series J. Bonds.....	2,160.00
Earning on Time Certificate.....	40.00
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	\$11,906.14

Checks out.....	878.44
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Over paying on deposit box.....	\$11,027.70
	1.28
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Balance.....	\$11,026.42
Sessional Expenses.....	587.08
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Balance.....	\$10,439.34

1. The property of Electa Grand Chapter namely, Treasure, should not be turned over to new Treasurer until she has been properly Bonded.

2. We recommend that the time certificate should in hands of the Treasurer at Electa Grand Chapter in evidence for the Auditing Committee and that No. of the Government bonds should be in the records of both the Secretary and Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Mrs. Mary Majors, Chairman
 Mr. DeEdwin White
 Rev. D. O. Bell

REPORT OF GRAND HISTORIAN

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Officers, Members of Electa Grand Chapter, honored guests and visitors:

Historians must, of necessity, refer to the past, in their reports, because the past is our history. But it becomes a joy, when, despite realize great progress has been made. That through faith in God, belief in our fellow man, perseverance and a will to win, victory will be achieved. That has been the philosophy of Electa Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star for the State of Iowa and Jurisdiction.

Brother W. H. Milligan, Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge, of Iowa, organized Electa Grand Chapter in Burlington, May 21, 1907. Six Chapters, five from Illinois and one from Missouri were present. With five, of the six chapters, in accord with Brother Milligan, our Grand Chapter was born.

Delegates at the first communication held in Cedar Rapids, in 1908, were from the following Chapters, Naomi at Davenport, Alpha at Keokuk, St. Elmo at Burlington, Esther at Ottumwa and Silver Leaf at Cedar Rapids. Our first Grand Officers who were elected, at that time, were Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Ida B. Palmer, Grand Worthy Patron, Brother W. H. Milligan, Associate Grand Matron, Sister Mate Clark, Grand Secretary, Sister Flora Walker, Grand Treasurer, Sister Hattie Tiggs. Relatives of these pioneers in the Order of Eastern Star, living today, must be very proud of their heritage.

Our Grand Chapter has come a long way, since that time, and through the untiring efforts of those who believed in the principles, of the order, depicting the lives of great women described in the Book of all books, our Bible, upon which our work is based, we are,

today,, celebrating our Golden Anniversary.

Our membership has grown into the hundreds, our finances into the thousands including cash, bonds and securities. To accomplish all this has meant constant work and worry on the part of our Grand Worthy Matrons and Patrons who must carry the burden of defeat as well as the glory of success in our order.

We mourn for those who have passed on and feel a terrible void in our hearts when we review the work they have done, but, from time to time, as death takes its tool and our fraternal chain is broken, I am sure they are gathered around God's altar just as we are here. It is our task to carry on for them.

We respect and honor our Past and Present Grand Matrons and Patrons who are still with us. They are:—

Past Grand Worthy Matrons, Sister Maud M. Brewton, Elizabeth Jones, Sarah E. Jett, Odessa Roberts, Mary Range, Dorothy Bush, Mary Majors.

Past Grand Worthy Patrons:—

The Reverends S. J. Cauder, A. R. Parks, Thos. Lighons, D. O. Bell, Brothers M. F. Askew, Ed. Askew, Branham Hyde, Bishop Burt, De Edwin White, Wm. Wiginton, John Buckner, W. C. Buice, John Danforth, Wm. Burton.

Our present Grand Worthy Matron Sister Gladys Taylor and Grand Worthy Patron Brother Ebbie Pitts.

Electa Grand Chapter, some years ago, became a member of the International Conference of Grand Chapters for the United States and Canada and our first delegate, to that communication, was Past Grand Matron Sister Sue M. Brown who was elected International Grand Matron. Past Grand Matron Sister Eva L. Abbey, who so recently passed away was, for many years International Grand Treasurer. Past Grand Matron Sister Dorothy Bush is present International Grand Deputy.

Electa Grand Chapter can well be proud of being so capably represented. Much credit must be given to all officers and members, of our organization, who contribute, so much, toward helping our leaders.

Let us all pray that God will further bless our Order and grant our petition for uncontinued years of success. And that we may ever strive to emulate the lives of our Heroines, keep our eyes toward the "Star in the East" which will guide us with love and peace.

Myrtle Coffman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron,, Past and Present Grand Officers,, and members of Electa Grand Chapter of Iowa and Jurisdiction.

We your committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following report.

We give thanks to the Almighty God for permitting us to assemble on this our 50th anniversary.

Be it resolved that we extend Elects Chapter No. 17 a vote of thanks for the excellent manner in which this Grand Chapter has been entertained.

Be it resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Iowa and Jurisdiction, Iowa Grand Court of the Amaranth, Daryl Florist of Keokuk, Iowa and Electa Chapter No. 17 for their beautiful flowers:

Flowers are nature's beauties
They not only cheer us by their fragrance and beauty,
but inspire to the completion of the duties in which
we are engaged

Be it resolved that our commendations and thanks be known to the Mayors, the Chamber of Commerce, Editor of the Daily Gate City, and the citizens of the city of Keokuk for the excellent reception they have accorded our Grand Chapter in their Hotels, their business houses, and Recreation Centers. The city has been a very gracious host.

Be it resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to the Churches of the city, especially to Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, and to the homes who opened their doors and made us welcome.

Be it resolved that Past Grand Worthy Matron, Mary E. Majors be given a rising vote of thanks for the beautiful O.E.S. flag presented to the Grand Chapter. Ruth Toomes Past Matron of Electa No. 17 for the beautiful Christian flag presented to the Grand Chapter.

Be it resolved that the greetings from the Past Grand Patrons, Ed. and M. F. Askew, of Sioux City, Iowa, Brother C. C. Johnson, Past Patron of Princess Oziel Chapter No. 9 of Des Moines, Iowa and Paul Wilson. The most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa, became a part of the next proceedings.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gladys Brown, Chairman
Morris Chipley
Velma Lewis, Secretary
Mary Green
Elizabeth Jones

REPORT OF CHARTERED CHAPTER'S COMMITTEE

We your committee on Chartered Chapters beg leave to submit the following report.

We find that Leah Chapter No. 8, O.E.S., has lost their charter and we recommend after reading Section 31 of the constitution and code that the Grand Secretary be empowered to issue them another Charter and if any fee it be set by the Grand W. Matron.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lessie Garrett
Clemmie Hightower

GREETINGS

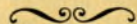
Des Moines, Iowa
June 15, 1957

Worthy Grand Matron, Officers, Past & Present and Members of O.E.S.
Keokuk, Iowa

Greetings:

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F.&A.M. of Iowa
wishes for you a harmonious and successful Grand Communication
during the observance of your Golden Anniversary.

Fraternally yours,
Paul L. Wilson, G.M.



Sioux City, Iowa
June 17, 1957

Grand Officers, Sisters and Brothers of Electa Grand Chapter.

Send greetings, wishing you a happy and prosperous session. Sorry,
we can not be with you this year on account of sickness, Ed Askew is
out of the hospital but still very sick. I beg to remain.

M. F. and Ed Askew, Past Grand Patrons.



Des Moines, Iowa
June 7, 1957

Electa Grand Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star
Iowa Jurisdiction

Greetings:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Grand Of-
ficers and members of Electa Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern
Star.

May the blessings of the Supreme Worthy Patron of the Universe,
guide and direct you in all your laudible undertakings.

Bro. C. C. Johnson,
P. P. Princess Oziel No. 9, O.E.S.



Council Bluffs, Iowa
June 20, 1957

Greetings to Electa Grand Chapter, Sorry I can't be with you.
Best Wishes.

Winona Teal, Grand Chaplain

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and
members of Electa Grand Chapter of Iowa and Jurisdiction. We, your
Obituary Committee, beg leave to submit the following report; whereas
the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind and the
heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

He has entered our chain and removed several links in persons
of the following:

There remaineth a rest to the people of God when this life with
its labor is done, when the end has been reached of earth's last every
mile, and the battle has been won.

We submit the following program:

- Song by the Chapter... .."Precious Lord"
- Invocation... ..Rev. T. L. Lighon
- Solo... ..Sister Nina Bragg
- Roll of Deceased Members.
- Eulogy... .. Sister Eizabeth Jones

Fraternally:

Mildred Graves, Chairman
Laurinda Lewis
Arletha Pleasant
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GRAND LECTURER REPORT

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Present, & Past
Grand Officers, Members & Visitors of Electa Grand Chapter,
O.E.S., of Iowa & Jurisdiction:

First, I would like to thank you for allowing me to be your Grand
Lecturer for another year. There has been a lot of sickness, and death
throughout the Jurisdiction and I am thankful to God that he has
spared me to be here today and I pray that he will bless each and
every one of us and keep us well and safe that we may meet again
next year.

I have tried to be available whenever and wherever needed. I had
the pleasure of visiting St. Elmo Chapter No. 3, of Burlington along
with the Grand Worthy Matron. I am happy to say that this is one
of the best Chapters of the Jurisdiction. The ritualistic work was
beautifully exemplified and I gave a short lecture which was well
received.

I also had the pleasure of visiting Electa Chapter, No. 17, of
Keokuk along with the Grand Worthy Matron. We were entertained
at the Grand Hotel with a delicious dinner and after the Guests were
excused, I gave a short talk which was well received.

I was a guest of Fidelity Chapter No. 30, of Ft. Madison, Iowa
at their Annual Banquet which is held every year. The Grand Worthy
Matron was unable to attend this affair. I felt quite honored that my
own Chapter saw fit to entertain me on this occasion as this is their

largest affair for the year. I gave a short talk which was well received.

I was unable to accept the invitation to Silver Leaf No. 5, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa but I was able to attend the Officers Banquet, sponsored by our Grand Worthy Matron. This was indeed a wonderful affair. It was both social and instructive.

Today, the greatest challenge facing civilization is the ability of all people of all kind to live and work together in this world in peace and harmony. Each one of us must become a Crusader for a society of men and women who can be better adjusted to each other. If we want the world in which we live to be better, we must first begin with ourselves.

The five pointed star is the emblem of the order of the Eastern Star and it would be difficult to find a more appropriate emblem for a women's order. There are millions of members of this great organization and there is a lot of wisdom throughout the Jurisdiction.

It was a Star that heralded the birth of the Christ Child. A Star led the Wise Men to the manager. The Star therefore has a great meaning for womankind.

The five points of the star suggest five principles which can guide us in our efforts to meet this challenge of getting along with each other.

The first of these principles is: Self-Understanding. Most of us are reluctant to take a good look at ourselves. We are quick to find all the faults in others, but fail to observe our own. We are quick to get angry just because the other fellow doesn't think or do things the way we do.

The second principle is: Self-Respect. Before we can demand respect from others,, we must first respect ourselves. We must respect the other individuals rights and try not to hurt anyones feelings. We must not think too highly of our own ability, but realize that there are others who can do just as well if not better than we can.

The third principle is: Self-Control. We must learn to control our tempers. Words once spoken cannot be recalled. We must learn to shed all of our unpleasant, distasteful and childish habits. He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty.

The fourth principle is: Self-Expression. We must have a self worth expressing, then do so. Everyone should learn how to express himself. There is so much hard feeling because some one has misunderstood us. We should always speak the truth. Let us strive to say what we mean, mean what we say and think before we speak.

Finally in addition to Self-Understanding, Self-Respect, Self-Control and Self-Expression, we need Self-sharing. When we are in trouble we always want the other fellow to come to us, but when it is our turn, we are too busy or have some other flimsy excuse to offer. If we except the other individual to help us, then we must find time to share ourselves with him.

If we carefully observe these five principles, they will point the way toward the perfect light of peace and brotherhood.

Our Grand Worthy Matron has asked that each of us carefully observe our work and really get the true fundamentals. I sincerely hope that I have been able to help you understand or that I have been able to bring something to you that has been worthwhile. If so, I feel that I have been a credit to the Grand Body for the two years I have had the privilege of holding this office.

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Lewis

1957 — RETURNS — STATISTICS

Number	NAME AND LOCATION	WORTHY MATRON, WORTHY PATRON AND ASSOCIATE MATRON	Initiated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended	Expelled	Died	Reflected	Members	Relief Fund	Tax on Degrees	G. C. Dues	Total Revenue	Amount Rec.	Balance Due	Balance Last Year	Total Due	Credit
1	Naomi, Davenport.		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	\$ 173.00	2.00	\$ 31.50	\$ 204.50	\$ 173.00	\$ 31.50		\$ 31.50	\$ 2.00
3	St. Elmo, Burlington		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	120.00	2.00	22.50	142.50	142.50	31.50			
4	Esther, Ottumwa.		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	58.00	0.00	12.00	72.00	72.00		38.25		
5	Silver Leaf, Cedar Rapids		2	1	0	0	0	0	0	54	214.00	2.00	40.50	256.50	294.75				
8	Leah, Clinton		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	112.00	1.00	20.25	132.25	132.25				
9	Oziel, Des Moines.		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	421.00	5.00	78.75	500.75	500.75				
10	Zorah, Des Moines.		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	61	241.00	1.00	47.75	293.75	293.75				
12	Excelsior, Marshalltown.		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25.00	1.00	18.25	44.25	44.25				
17	Electa, Keokuk		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	66.00	1.00	12.75	79.75	79.75				
18	Ada, Mason City		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	99.00	1.00	18.00	117.00	117.00				
19	Queen of Sheba, Waterloo		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	48.00	1.00	12.00	66.00	66.00				
22	Harmony, Sioux City		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	81.00	1.00	15.00	96.00	96.00				
23	Prince Hall, Centerville		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	52.00	1.00	9.75	61.75	61.75				
25	Palatine, Waterloo.		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	162.00	1.00	27.75	189.75	189.75				
30	Fidelity, Fort Madison.		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	60.00	1.00	11.25	71.25	71.25				
31	Golden Star, Fort Dodge.		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	75.00	1.00	13.50	88.50	88.50				
32	Olive Branch, Des Moines		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	165.00	1.00	30.75	196.75	196.75				
34	Morning Star, Council Bluffs		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	79.00	1.00	14.20	94.20	94.20				
			10	5	3	9	0	13	0	579	\$2251.00	\$12.00	\$436.45	\$2790.45	\$2648.00	\$196.75	\$54.25	\$196.75	\$6.50
			Totals.																



MRS. HELEN W. JOHNSON
Grand Treasurer
1957



VIVIAN SMITH
Grand Treasurer
1958

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ELECTA GRAND CHAPTER O.E.S.
Prince Hall Affiliation
State of Iowa and Jurisdiction

TUESDAY MORNING

Davenport, Iowa, June 17, 1958

Electa Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation, State of Iowa and Jurisdiction, opened its Forty-ninth Annual Communication at the Bethel A.M.E. Church as guests of Naomi Chapter No. 1 O.E.S.

Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Ebbie W. Pitts invited the Grand Officers in and presented the gavel to our Grand Worthy Matron Sister Gladys Taylor, who asked for the call of the official roster and filled vacancies as follows:

Elective

Sister Gladys Taylor, Grand Worthy Matron
 Brother Ebbie W. Pitts, Grand Worthy Patron
 Sister Evelyn Wilder, Associate Grand Matron
 Brother Morris Chipley, Associate Grand Patron (acting)
 Sister Vivian J. Smith, Grand Treasurer
 Sister Orea Buice, Grand Secretary
 Sister Bertha E. Wolder, Grand Conductress
 Sister Marjorie Lewis, Associate Grand Conductress
 Sister Haley O. Houston, Grand Registrar
 Sister Velma Lewis, Grand Lecturer

Appointive

Sister Naomi Ampey, Grand Adah (acting)
 Sister Gladys White, Grand Ruth
 Sister Bladys Brown, Grand Esther
 Sister Lessie Garrett, Grand Martha
 Sister Felice Rhodes, Grand Electa
 Sister Lavenia Grayson, Grand Warder
 Sister Dessie Burt, Grand Sentinel (acting)
 Sister Emma F. Bell, Grand Chaplain
 Sister Mildred Graves, Grand Marshall
 Sister Ruth Toomes, Grand Organist (acting)
 Sister Myrtle Coffman, Grand Historian
 Sister Ruth Harper, American Flag Bearer
 Sister Marietta Payton, Christian Flag Bearer
 Sister Fannie Morris, O.E.S. Flag Bearer
 Sister Mary J. Major, G.C.F.C.

The following committees were appointed by our Grand Worthy Matron:

Credentials—Sisters Orea Buice, Dorothy Childress, Jessie E. Walker

Returns—Sisters Odessa Roberts, Helen W. Johnson, Maud M. Brewton

Auditing—Brother D. O. Bell, Sister Julia Golden, Mildred Nelson, Laurindia Lewis

Officers Addresses—Sisters Sarah E. Jett, Helen T. Carter, Vennie Warren

Finance—Sisters Mary Green, Cora Lee Patterson, Brother Bishop C. Burt

Ways & Means—Sisters Clemmie Hightower, Haze. Smith, Brother C. D. Herndon

Jurisprudence—Brother DeEdwin White, all past Grand Worthy Matrons, Past Grand Worthy Patrons

Appeals & Grievances—Sisters Bessie Conley, Juanita Hoss, Brother E. M. Taylor

Obituaries—Sisters Mary Freels, Rosabel Sample, Marie Madden

Publicity—Sisters Marietta Payton, Ruth Harper, Stella Edwards, Garnett Jackson

Rules—Sisters Elizabeth Jones, Sallie Cheers, Hiawatha Potter

Resolutions—Sisters Dorothy B. Bush, Fannie Morris, Victoria Hendricks

Courtesy—Sisters Fannie Danforth, Lillian Reed

Unfinished Business—Sisters Leona Jordan, Iona Wallace, Brother Morris Chipley

After ascertaining from Chairman of the Credential Committee, Sister Orea Buice, that there were a constitutional numbers of chapters represent to conduct business, the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Gladys Taylor with the assistance of the Sisters and Brothers, proceeded to open Electa Grand Chapter in ample form.

The Grand Conductress, Sister Bertha Wolder and Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Marjorie Lewis presented the following past Grand Worthy Matrons, Sisters Maud M. Brewton, Elizabeth Jones, Dorothy B. Bush and Mary J. Majors, they were escorted to the East, where they were given Grand Honors.

The following past Grand Worthy Patrons, Brothers

M. F. Askew, Branham N. Hyde, DeEdwin White, Bishop C. Burt, John M. Danforth and D. O. Bell, were then honored likewise.

The elective officers of the Iowa Grand Court Royal Exalted Order of Amaranth were presented to Electa Grand Chapter as follows:

M. F. Askew, Grand Royal Patron
 Lessie Garrett, Grand Associate Matron
 Fannie Morris, Grand Associate Conductress
 Gladys Brown, Grand Lecturer

The minutes of the afternoon journal of the forty-eighth annual session (1957) was read. Motion prevailed that the minutes be adopted with the necessary corrections. Carried.

Fraternal greetings were read from: Mrs. Lyola A. Pillows, G.C.F.C. of State of Minnesota; Life Membership Committee N.A.A.C.P.; International Conference of Grand Chapters O.E.S.; Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.&A.M. for Iowa and Jurisdiction, Frank B. Robinson, M. W. Grand Master. It was moved by Sister Gladys White and seconded by Sister Bertha E. Wolder the fraternal greetings be received and acknowledge in our proceedings—motion carried.

We then heard the dynamic address from our Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Gladys Taylor, which was full of activity during the past year, showing that progress and good will of the chapters had been upmost in her mind.

Moved by Brother Branham N. Hyde and seconded by Sister Mildred Graves that this very splendid address be accepted and given to the Committee on Grand Officers Addresses. Motion carried.

Brother Ebbie W. Pitts, Grand Worthy Patron gave his address, showing that he was not only concerned with the present activities of beautiful Order but looking forward to a progressive and stable future. It was moved by Sister Marjorie Lewis and seconded by Sister Mildred Nelson that address be accepted and turned over to the Committee on Grand Officers Addresses. Motion carried.

The address of Associate Grand Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder, was given. Though brief, she reminded the Sisters and Brothers how to be altogether lovely. Brother Morris Chipley moved and Sister Mary Freels seconded the motion that address be accepted and given to the Committee on Grand Officers Addresses. Motion carried.

Complimentary remarks were given by our beloved Sister Elizabeth Jones for the addresses given after which we all joined in singing "What a Friend we Have in Jesus".

A telegram of greetings was read, accompanied with roses from Brother and Sister Harry Merriweather of Golden Star Chapter No. 31 of Fort Dodge, Iowa, which was well received by all.

The Courtesy Committee presented the following new Matrons and Patrons:

Sister Stella Edwards, Princess Zorah No. 10
 Sister Mary Freels, Leah No. 8
 Sister Julia Golden, Harmony No. 22
 Sister Georgia A. Add, Princess Oziel No. 9
 Sister Garnett Jackson, Naomi No. 1
 Sister Hiawatha Potter, A.M. Olive Branch No. 32
 Sister Jessie M. Jones, A.M. Princess Oziel No. 9
 Sister Marie Madden, A.M. Naomi No. 1
 Sister Vennie Warren, Silverleaf No. 5
 Sister Cora Lee Patterson, Golden Star No. 31
 Sister Anna Brown, Palestine No. 28
 Sister Lillian Reed, Prince Hall No. 25
 Iona Wallace, A.M. Morning Star No. 34
 Sister Vicie Ragland, P.W.M. Excelsior No. 12
 Sister Bettie Jackson, member Princess Zorah No. 10
 Sister Henrietta Alton, member Naomi No. 1
 Sister Mable Weathers, member Princess Zorah No. 10
 Brother E. M. Taylor, P.W.P. Palestine No. 28
 Brother C. D. Herndon, P.W.P. Morning Star No. 34
 Brother Fred A. Judon, P.W.P. Leah No. 8

Past Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Sarah E. Jett was presented at the altar and escorted to the East, where she was given Grand Honors.

The Rules Committee made their report. Moved by Brother B. N. Hyde and seconded by Sister Clemmie Hightower that report be adopted. Motion carried.

Sister Dorothy B. Bush, P.G.W.M. made an appeal on behalf of the International Scholarship Committee of which she is a members, explaining some of the things that were accomplished by the funds from contributions that were made to this Committee.

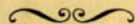
Sister Mary J. Majors, P.G.W.M. made an appeal in behalf of the Arts and Crafts for the International Conference of Grand Chapters, which meets in August in Chicago, Ill.

Our Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Gladys Taylor read

a letter from Eureka Grand Chapter soliciting ads for their Souvenir Album for the International Conference of Grand Chapters. Sister Sarah E. Jett, P.G.W.M. moved and seconded by Sister Mary Green that we take one-half page in the Souvenir Album at \$15.00. Motion carried. Sister Dorothy B. Bush asked permission that her picture appear on same page with our greeting. Permission granted.

A beautiful bouquet of flowers were presented by Brother James Drake from Hiram Lodge No. 19 to which Brother DeEdwin White responded. Brother B. N. Hyde, P.G.W.P. & P.G.M. presented flowers for M.W. Grand Master, Frank B. Robinson, M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. for Iowa and Jurisdiction and responds by Brother John M. Danforth, P.G.W.P.

Associate Grand Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder called the meeting from labor to recreation to be call at the sound of the gavel in the East.



GRAND WORTHY MATRON'S ADDRESS

Grand Worthy Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Past and Present Grand Officers, Members and Visitors of Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S. State of Iowa. (P. H. A.)

GREETINGS:

Again we assemble in accordance with the requirements of our Grand Constitution, to open our Grand Session in this, our 49th Annual Communication. It is with pleasure that I report to you my activities of the past year. After my re-election last year to the honorable position of Grand Worthy Matron. I promised to do my best to keep Electa Grand Chapter on the road to success and progress; as this meeting brings to close another year in the history of the chapter. I hope that we can all say and feel that we are still moving forward to bigger and better accomplishments. The year has been filled with many pleasant memories, inspirations and I hope sincere friendships. There have been some heartaches too, but being a true Eastern Star and a faithful Christian, I have been able to find comfort and solace by going to God in prayer.

Not all has been accomplished that I had hoped for, but the guiding principles of the Order have been uppermost in my mind and I have tried to serve you to the best of my ability.

I want to express my personal appreciation to my fellow officers, each in her own place has done commendable work. To my Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, thanks for your advise and assistance. I want every member to know that their splendid fellowship and loyal cooperation has been encouraging and I am truly grateful for every kind act and thought that you have given me. I hope that you will judge kindly when errors have been made. May these errors be stepping stones for the advancement of my successor.

IN MEMORIUM:

We pause here in tribute to those beloved Sisters and Brothers who one year ago labored with us, but have now passed into the glory and understanding of the Eternal. Since our last session the Fraternal circle in the great beyond has been enlarged and strengthened by the reception of members from our Jurisdiction. Two being Past Grand Patrons. Brother Edward Askew who served the chapter during the years of 1935-1936; Brother Andrew R. Parks who served during 1946-1947.

We mourn their passing and to the families and friends we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

To all we would say:

God hath not promised always for you
Flower strewn pathways, bright skies of blue;
God hath not promised sun without rain
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
But He does promise strength from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

STATE OF THE ORDER:

Electa Grand Chapter is in good condition although there is a great need for much improvement. Numerably there has been a small increase. We have a total membership of 579 belonging to 18 subordinate chapters. Financially we are operating on a very sound basis as you will note from the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. Spiritually, I believe that as a whole, our Jurisdiction is fully aware that our Order is based upon the Holy Scripture and that it is the duty of every member of the Order of the Eastern Star to be a living example of the many beautiful lessons that we are taught.

I feel that the future of Electa Grand Chapter would be much brighter if every member would learn thoroughly the things for which the Order stands; attend chapter meetings; don't be content to just belong. We need active members to stay alive. I feel that Electa Grand Chapter should think seriously of some sort of program to interest our youth, because in them is the future of our beloved Order and that of the Masons.

FRATERNAL RELATIONSHIPS:

The warmest of fraternal relationship exist between the Masons Order of Iowa and the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Frank B. Robinson, the Grand Master, commissioned Past Grand Patron Bronham N. Myde to act as his personal representative at all our affairs and also directed him to report from time to time on the condition and needs of our Order.

The Order of the Eastern Star is dependent upon the growth of the Masonic Order for our own growth and I feel that with the Masons Order under the leadership of their present Grand Master, the Masonic Orders will definitely be on the upgrade in Iowa. We welcome and need Master Masons as members of our Order as we rely upon their aid and counsel in the Eastern Star.

To the Masonic Fraternity we pledge our earnest and interested

support whenever needed. I trust that the delightful association with that Magnificent body of men will never diminish, but become strengthened as the days go by.

OFFICIAL ACTS AND VISITATIONS

June: Appointed the Grand Officers and chairman of Standing Committees.

July: 1. Sent Official Greetings to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. A. M. of Iowa, who were holding their Annual Session in Waterloo.

2. Approved and signed bonds of the newly elected Grand Treasurer, Sister Vivian Smith and Grand Secretary.

3. Signed banks reference cards.

4. Approved purchasing of name stamp for Electa Grand Chapter, by Grand Treasurer.

Sept.: 1. Letter to Naomi Chapter No. 1 of Davenport thanking them for accepting Grand Chapter.

2. Called Mrs. A. R. Parks about funeral arrangements for Rev. A. R. Parks, P. G. P. Sent condolence and flowers to Parks funeral in behalf of Electa Grand Chapter.

3. Wrote letter of thanks to Illinois chapter for their services at the Parks funeral.

4. Attended funeral rites for Rev. Parks in St. Paul, Minn.

5. Official visit to Excelsior No. 12, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Oct.: 1. Letter to all subordinate chapters concerning the districts plans and organization.

2. Condolence message to Sister Mary Range at the passing of her husband.

Nov. 1. Met with the committee on Revision of Book of Instruction.

2. Letter to Western Light Chapter No. 115, P. H. A. of Chicago, Illinois, verifying that Silver Light Chapter No. 5, O. E. S. of Cedar Rapids, was a chapter in good standing belonging to Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Iowa, P. H. A.

Dec.: 1. Sent letter to all subordinate chapters containing news and Christmas Greetings.

2. Received letter from Grand Secretary containing a letter from the Social Security Administration in regard to death donation (paid in 1955) of Sister Genevieve Ashford of Adah Chapter No. 18. Informed Grand Secretary that I thought that she had settled the matter in the right manner.

3. Letter to Grand Chairman of Ways and Means suggesting an idea for Ways and Means funds and urging her to control the chapters.

Jan.: 1. Letter to Eureka Lodge No. 20 F. A. M. of Marshalltown concerning standing of Brother William Burton.

2. Declared Brother Burton suspended because of loss of lodge affiliation.

3. Letter to Grand Secretary informing her of Brother Burton suspension and instructed her to inform him of the action taken.

4. Call to Sioux City confirming death report.

5. Sent telegram of condolence and flowers to the family of Past Grand Patron Edward Askew.

Feb.: 1. Telegram of condolence to the family of Sister Harriet Bell, P. G. M. of Illinois and the international Grand Marshal.

2. Attend District Meeting in Clinton, Iowa. Leah Chapter No. 8 entertaining.

3. Greetings by letter to the Jurisdiction of Kansas. Sister Katruan Valley, G. A. M. and G. C. F. C.

April: Easter Greetings to subordinate chapters.

2. Official visit to Fidelity Lodge No. 30 of Ft. Madison and St. Elmo No. 3 of Burlington.

3. Met with the committee on Revisions of Rules.

4. Trip to Davenport to talk with the Program chairman of Chapter No. 1. (Naomi)

May: Attended District Meeting in Davenport and Waterloo. Official visit to my home chapter Silverleaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

June: Attended Esther Day Service in Burlington, Iowa with St. Elmo No. 3.

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

At our last Grand Session the idea to divide the Jurisdiction into districts was presented and approved. I wrote letters to all the Worthy Matrons telling them of the chapters in their district and asking them to contact one another and to organize. This met with little success and then after a meeting with the Grand Lecturer we decided that she attempt to call the subordinate chapters of the various districts together. This she did and we can proudly say that all of the four districts have met one or more times this year.

I attended the three district meetings held by the chapters of Davenport, Clinton and Cedar Rapids; and the one meeting held by the chapters of Waterloo, Mason City and Marshalltown. At each of these meetings it was amazing and inspirational to see how interested and eager everyone was to learn, refresh in their minds and to practice our ritualistic work. Our Grand Lecturer surely deserves much praise and thanks for her efficient job. She has met with all the districts and her contribution to each has meant much to the welfare of our Order.

If we hope to bring about uniformity and to foster better feelings among our chapter we must strive to keep the district movement alive. The great enthusiasm shown, the fine attendance, the keen interest, and the many expressions of approval received is strong evidence of the lasting and beneficial effect of the District Meetings.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if in each district that we could find some capable and willing sister who would give of her time and service to act as and instructor and keep the district meetings going.

INTERNATIONAL GRAND CHAPTER:

International Grand Chapter will meet in Chicago, Illinois, August 16 to 22, as the guest of Eureka Grand Chapter of Illinois, P. H. A.

Each Grand Chapter is entitled to three official delegates. Present and Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, and Present and Past Matrons and Patrons of Subordinate Chapters are all invited as members of the International Conference of Grand Chapters.

The Meeting Place will be at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 809 E. 42nd Place. More information concerning this meeting will be given to you during the session. Since International Grand Chapter is so close to most of us, I urge everyone to attend if possible.

DISPENSATIONS:

1. Princess Oziel No. 9 to hold November and December Meeting at other than stated time.
2. St. Elmo No. 3. Hold November meeting at other than stated time. \$1.00 paid, turned over to Grand Secretary.
3. January. Golden Star No. 31 to elect and install out of time. \$1.00 paid, turned over to Grand Secretary.
4. April. Princess Zorah No. 10 to elect and install out of time. \$1.00 paid, turned over to Grand Secretary.
5. April. Silverleaf No. 5 to elect and install out of time. \$1.00 paid, turned over to Grand Secretary.

QUESTION AND ANSWERS:

1. What action should be taken when the secretary will not carry out the orders of the Worthy Matron?

Answer: According to our constitution and code, Section 64 (k) the Worthy Matron has the power to arrest her jewel. Each officer, no matter what station she holds, should perform her duties to the best of her ability. In order to have a constitution and harmonious chapter it takes the cooperation of every officer and member.

2. How often should the financial report be read at chapter meeting?

Answer: At each stated meeting the amount received from each member for any purpose should be recorded and read at the time that the Worthy Matron calls for the reading of minutes for correction in our Order of Business. (Sect. 68). In the by laws of some subordinate chapters there is a clause where the Secretary is to call the roll of officers and members stating their financial standing as of that date. Personally I feel that this action should be exercised more freely and more often in all our chapters.

3. Death in a subordinate chapter. The Worthy Patron is a member of the deceased's family; and there is not another male member belonging to chapter, what should be done to secure a Worthy Patron for the funeral service

Answer: The Worthy Matron should go to the Masons of her city, ask one of them to consent to be obligated into our Order so that he could act as Worthy Patron for this service.

4. Where should the O. E. S. Burial Service be held?

Answer: Our ritual states that the service may be performed in a church or at the house of the deceased; however this doesn't rule out Funeral Homes and the Cemetery if the situation calls for it.

Other questions that have come to me this year have dealt with the character of some of our members. During the Lenten Season I read an article I would like to pass it's thought on to you, feeling that it is the only answer to be given when one's character is involved.

Be Still and Know Thy Neighbors Character.

Judge not, that you be not judged. For with Judgement you pronounce you will be judged, and the Measure you give will be the Measure you get.

In our daily lives we must remember that it is our first duty to judge ourselves and let God judge our neighbor. It is our duty to be messengers of our Heavenly Father's word and ways. It is our duty to be helpful, kind, encouraging to everyone, and let God be the judge.

*Grand Tax

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. I recommend that Electa Grand Chapter consider presenting 25 and 50 year service pins to our members.
2. I recommend that all the changes in the constitution and code coming about from the approval of recommendations by the committee be compiled and given to the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron.
3. I recommend that our Relief Assessment be increased back to \$1.00 per quarter if the Grand Body disapproves the Grand tax increase.
4. I recommend that Queen Sheba Chapter No. 19 and Palestine Chapter No. 28 of Waterloo, Iowa consolidate.

CONCLUSION:

I am thankful for the strength which has carried me through to the journeys and as Grand Worthy Matron. I shall never cease to be grateful for the privilege of serving you. I have held my office as a sacred trust, and as I relinquish it, it is with the wish that I may continue to serve in any way that may be asked of me. May God bless and keep all of you.

Faternally yours,

Gladys Taylor

Grand Worthy Matron

We should continue to adhere to those principles of morality inculcated in the teachings of our Order. We should strive to be democratic in our actions and thorough social intercourse, be leaders in the field of fellowship.

And as a fountain can rise no higher than its source, so must associations formed through knowledge and daily applications of the principles of our Order lead us to a higher, a better, and a nobler life.

OFFICIAL ACTS

June 26th and 29th: Received communications from members of the Prince Hall Chapter of Centerville relative to the question of whether or not the Worthy Matron was entitled to hold the charter of the aforesaid chapter while not residing within the corporate limits of that City.

In reply to both letters, I stated that the Grand Worthy Matron had already so ruled that the Worthy Matron could continue in office, and that, as the law is now written, both article ten of the constitution and Code, and section twenty three of Chapter four gives her basis of fact for Her ruling. That any interpretation to the contrary should be ruled on at this Grand Communication.

July 22nd, I received a letter from Brother J. H. Newkirk of Sioux City. He stated that he had written to the Grand Worthy Matron prior to our last annual communication which was held in Keokuk, stating that there were clandestine members of the Order in his town who wished to be healed by this Grand Chapter so that they could form a second chapter in Sioux City.

In reply to the same, I pointed out that Electa Grand Chapter already has one duly authorized chapter in that City, and that any problem of healing would come within their providence since it is their particular territory. That this could be appealed to this Grand Chapter should he so desired.

On the 10th of September, I received a charter from the Grand Matron to be signed by me, and forwarded on to Leah Chapter in Clinton. This was done and on the 30th I received acknowledgement of the same.

On Sunday October 13th, I attended a meeting for the Committee on revision of the book of instructions. This meeting was held in the home of our Grand Worthy Matron, and presided over by its chairman, Sister Bertha Wolders.

December th, I received greetings from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa, Brother Frank Robinson. He informed me of the fact that due to the time consuming job as Grand Master, he was appointing Brother B. N. Hyde, Past Grand Master and Patron to extend greetings in his behalf on any occasion whenever he was unable to attend personally any of the events of Electa Grand Chapter.

On that date also, I received an invitation to attend a party which was given by the Administrative Council of Des Moines. It was with deep regret that I informed them that I would be unable to attend.

I approved of the bonds of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

As Grand Patron for the past two years, I have enjoyed working with the Grand Worthy Matron and her Officers. I have always stood ready to help her whenever the occasion arose.

I shall be forever grateful to the Members of Electa Grand Chapter for having elevated me to this office. It is indeed a great honor to be cherished forever.

And, in closing, may I add that as we continue to grow, we must prepare ourselves, ritualistic and socially and morally for a good Electa Grand Chapter of today, and an excellent Grand Chapter for tomorrow.

Fraternally submitted,
Ebbie W. Pitts, G.W.P.



WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 18, 1958 — 9:00 A.M.

Electa Grand Chapter resumed our labors at the sound of the gavel in the East. The Associate Grand Matron reported that all persons present were entitled to be present. Divine Blessing was invoked by our Grand Chaplain, Sister Emma F. Bell and all joined in singing "Just a Closer Walk with Thee".

The Tuesday afternoon journal was read and adopted with necessary correction. Motion carried.

Sister Sarah E. Jett announced that all money due the Anniversary Committee be turned over to the Grand Secretary, Sister Orea Buice as this Committee had been dismissed.

Our Grand Secretary, Sister Orea Buice made her annual report, which was quite in detail and complete. Motion by Sister Odessa Roberts and seconded by Sister Clemmie Hightower that the report be accepted and referred to the Auditing Committee. Motion carried.

The Grand Treasurer, Sister Vivian J. Smith gave her very accurate and splendid report. Moved by Brother Morris Chipley and seconded by Sister Maud M. Brewton that report be accepted and referred to the Auditing Committee. Motion carried.

The Committee on Grand Officers Addresses made their report, commending the Grand Office for the sincere and splendid reports, given by them. Motion by Brother Thomas Lighons and seconded by Sister Helen Carter that report be accepted. Motion carried.

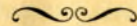
The Credential Committee made a partial report. Motion by Sister Orea Buice and seconded by Sister Jessie E. Walker that partial report be accepted. Motion carried.

Auditing Committee reported that the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary were in perfect order and tallied to the penny. Motion by Brother Morris Chipley and seconded by Brother Thomas Lighons that report be adopted. Motion carried.

Past Grand Worthy Patron, Brother John C. Buckner was presented at the altar and escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

The Grand Secretary stated she had a request for a demit from Mrs. Ruth Arnold Culberson, with a Doctor's certificate, a former member of Ruth Chapter No. 20 of Dubuque, Iowa. By order of the Grand Worthy Matron empowered the Grand Secretary to issue the demit, with a fee of \$1.00.

The Associate Grand Matron by order of the Grand Worthy Matron called the chapter from labor to refreshments to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East at 3:00 P.M.



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3:45 P.M.

At the sound of the gavel in the East, Electa Grand Chapter resumed its labor. All persons are entitled to be present.

Mornng journal was read and adopted with the necessary correction.

The Courtesy Committee presented at the altar Brother A. J. Thornton P.W.P. of Adah Chapter No. 10 of Rock Island, Illinois. G.W.P. Brother Ebbie W. Pitts extended a welcome to the brother on behalf of Electa Grand Chapter.

Certificate of merit were presented to thirteen chapters.

St. Elmo No. 3, Burlington

Esther No. 4, Ottumwa

Silverleaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids

Leah No. 8, Clinton

Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines

Princess Zorah No. 10, Des Moines

Adah No. 18, Mason City

Harmony No. 22, Sioux City

Prince Hall No. 25, Centerville

Palestine No. 28, Waterloo

Fidelity No. 30, Ft. Madison

Golden Star No. 30, Fort Dodge

Olive Branch No. 32, Des Moines

The Grand Secretary, Sister Orea Buice stated that Olive Branch No. 32 of Des Moines, Iowa of which she was a member, had taken in the largest number of members in the Jurisdiction in the past year, a total of six.

At the request of the Grand Worthy Matron, the Grand Secretary read the substance of the recommendation for the increase in Grand Chapter Dues, as follows: That the Grand Charity be reduced to 75c per quarter and that the \$1.00 from the Grand Charity per year be applied to the Grand Chapter dues which would total \$1.75 and that each member be assessed 25c making a total of \$2.00 per year for our Grand Chapter dues. Moved by Brother DeEdwin White and seconded by Sister Sarah E. Jett that the increase in Grand Chapter dues be \$2.00 a year and it be paid in January and May, \$1.00 for each month. Motion carried.

Sister Myrtle Coffman, Grand Historian gave enlightening knowledge of the past and present history of our chapter. Sister Mary Green moved and Sister Mary Freels seconded the motion that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Gladys Taylor turned the gavel over to the Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Ebbie W. Pitts, for the purpose of holding the Grand Chapter of Sorrow.

Prayer.....	Sister Emma F. Bell
Song.....	"Jesus Keep me Near the Cross"
Invocation.....	Brother Thomas Lighons
Roll Call of Deceased Members	
Solo.....	Sister Jessie M. Jones
Eulogy.....	Brother E. M. Taylor

The Grand Worthy Patron assiste with the five heroines, conducted the services. Closed the Grand Chapter of Sorrow with prayer by Brother Thomas Lighons.

Reading the minutes of the morning session was read and a motion prevailed that they be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Sister Gladys White presented from her chapter St. Elmo No. 3 to Sister Velma Lewis our Grand Lecturer, a beautiful corsage for the work she had done during the year and as a token of sisterly love. Response for this presentation by Sister Odessa Roberts for Sister Lewis.

Orders of the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder, A.G.M. called the chapter from labor to rest to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East on Thursday at 9:00 A.M.



MRS. BERTHA E. WOLDER
Associate Grand Conductress
1957
Grand Conductress
1958

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Electa Grand Chapter members attended a lovely banquet sponsored by Naomi chapter No. 1 at Hartman's Restaurant at 7:15 P.M. with Brother Henry G. Fort, Illinois Grand Director of Junior Craft as guest speaker. It was a most enjoyable evening of fellowship with other guests from Illinois.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Past and Present Grand Officers and Member, we, the committee on Resolutions, beg leave to submit the following report.

We thank our Grand Patron of the Universe, who has spared us to meet once again for our annual communication in the beautiful city of Davenport, Iowa.

We offer the following resolutions:

I

Be it resolved that we extend a vote of thanks to Naomi Chapter No. 1, and the citizens of Davenport, Iowa for the generous hospitality shown us.

II

Be it resolved that we extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Harold Thornson, Alderman at large of the city of Davenport for the kind welcome extended to all delegates and visitors.

III

Be it resolved that we extend a vote of thanks to the Churches, who were so wonderfully represented by Rev. John I. Thomas of Bethel A.M.E.

IV

Be it resolved that we extend a vote of thanks to the press for the publicity given us during our session.

V

Be it resolved that we extend a vote of thanks to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Iowa Grand Court of Amaranth Hiram Lodge No. 19 of Davenport, Brother and Sister Harry Merriweather of Fort Dodge, Iowa for the beautiful flowers and Greetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy B. Bush, Chairman
Victoria Hendricks
Fannie Morris, Secretary

Inscribed in the Memory of Our

DEPARTED SISTERS AND BROTHERS

Maud Clay

June 4, 1957; Silverleaf Chapter No. 5, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Narcella Jackson

June 14, 1957; Silverleaf Chapter No. 5, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

W. G. Perkins

June 26, 1957; Silverleaf Chapter No. 5, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Leliah Walker

August 27, 1957; Princess Oziel Chapter No. 9, Des Moines, Iowa

A. R. Parks

August 30, 1957; Silverleaf Chapter No. 5, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Edward Askew

January 6, 1958; Harmony Chapter No. 22, Sioux City, Iowa

Edna Arnett

January 8, 1958; Golden Star Chapter No. 30, Fort Dodge, Iowa

Edna V. Brown

March 1, 1958; St. Elmo Chapter No. 3, Burlington, Iowa

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 19, 1958, 9:45 A.M.

Electa Grand Chapter was opened in due form with Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Gladys Taylor presiding. The pass was taken up by Grand Conductress, Sister Bertha Wolder and Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Bertha persons were entitled to be present. Brother E. M. Taylor led us in prayer after the minutes of the previous session were read and adopted as read.

The Ways and Means Committee made their report. A motion prevailed that this splendid report from this committee be accepted. Motion carried. (See report).

A committee from the Iowa Grand Court Royal Exalted Order of Amaranth brought to Electa Grand Chapter a plea that the chapters be encouraged to give Amaranth Degree in the chapters so as to strengthen their membership. After explanations Brother DeEdwin White moved that the report be received and placed on file it was seconded by Sister Mary Range. Motion carried.

Time was then taken for the Committee on Book of Instruction to exemplify the changes and additions made. With the help of the Grand Lecturer, the Chairman of Committee, Sister Bertha Wolder proceeded to carry out the exemplifications with the Grand Officers present. Sister Wolder moved and Brother Ebbie Pitts seconded the motion the adoption of the report. Brother DeEdwin White moved the Revised Book of Instructions be printed and seconded by Sister Gladys White. Motion and amendment were carried. Sister Bertha Wolder moved and Sister Mary Green seconded that of Book of Instruction is printed that it be sold to members for 25c so as to take care of cost of printing. Motion carried.

Sister Mary J. Majors gave her report as Chairman of Foreign Correspondence which was quite informative giving us the activities of the chapters in different Jurisdictions. Moved by Sister Garnett Jackson and seconded by Brother Thomas Lighons that report be adopted. Motion carried. Sister Majors announced that all material was on display in the hall.

A telegraphed greeting Sister Lula U. Lewis, International Grand Worthy Matron of the International Conference of Grand Chapters. It was moved by Sister Marjorie Lewis and seconded by Sister Iver Jean Bailey that this report be adopted and placed on file. Motion carried.

After bringing attention to the present situation over the country Sister Sarah E. Jett moved that Electa Grand Chapter pay \$150.00 this year on our N.A.A.C.P. life membership instead of the \$50.00. Brother DeEdwin White seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Jurisprudence Committee proceeded to make their report. Each of the 29 Articles were approved, all dispensations were approved and under questions and answers they disapproved the recommendation for the increase in Grand Chapter Dues because they as a committee could not handle until recommendation is voted on. Disapproved consolidation of Palestine No. 28 and Queen of Sheba No. 19 of Waterloo, Iowa. The committee was undecided about the changing of wearing the regalia, after discussion Brother DeEdwin White moved the recommendation of wearing the regalia with the blue next to the face be done this was seconded by Sister Mary Freels. Motion carried. All other Articles under questions and answers were approved by the committee. Brother DeEdwin White moved and Sister Maud M. Brewton seconded the motion the adoption of the report. Motion carried.

Sister Elizebath Jones full of Compliments expressed her happiness for being able to be present, she remarked of all the pictures on her wall the most beautiful picture of all was Electa Grand Chapter. The Grand Worthy Matron expressed our happiness for having her present.

The Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Gladys Taylor asked the Grand body to act on the per diem for Flag Bearers which was not allowed. Moved by Sister Marjorie Lewis and seconded by Sister Mildres Graves that other appointed officers be allowed their per diem-unreadiness stated by Brother DeEdwin White that other appointed officers be named amendment to motion that the O.E.S., Christian and American Flag Bearers be paid their per diem. Motion carried.

Associate Grand Matron called the chapter from labor to rest to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East at 2:00 P.M.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, we, your committee on finance, beg leave to make the following report.

Sister Gladys Taylor, Grand Worthy Matron	
Three day's service.....	\$ 18.00
Railroad fare.....	4.46
Total.....	\$ 22.46

Sister Evelyn Wilder, Associate Grand Matron	
Railroad fare.....	9.67
Three day's service.....	18.00
Total	\$ 27.67
Sister Orea Buice, Grand Secretary	
Three day's service.....	\$ 18.00
Balance, Office expense, Salary.....	102.15
Total.....	\$120.15
Sister Vivian J. Smith, Grand Treasurer	
Three day's service.....	\$ 18.00
Balance, Office Expense.....	38.55
Total.....	\$ 56.55
Sister Bertha Wolder, Grand Conductress	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Railroad Fare	9.57
Total.....	\$ 27.57
Sister Marjorie Lewis, Associate Grand Conductress	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Railroad Fare	4.87
Total.....	\$ 22.87
Sister Haley Houston, Grand Register	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Railroad Fare.....	9.57
Total.....	\$ 27.57
Sister Velma Lewis, Grand Lecturer	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Bus Fare.	\$ 3.69
Total.....	\$ 21.69
Sister Naomi Ampey, Grand Ada	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Sister Gladys White, Grand Ruth	
Three Day's Service.	\$ 18.00
Sister Gladys Brown, Grand Esther	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Sister Lessie Garrett, Grand Martha	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Sister Felice Rhodes, Grand Electa	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Sister Myrtle Coffman, Grand Historian	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Sister Mary J. Majors, Grand Chairman, Foreign Correspondent	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Train Fare.....	\$ 5.50
Stamps and Mailing Expense.....	5.31
Total.....	\$ 28.81

Brother D. O. Bell, Grand Chairman of Auditing	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Railroad Fare.....	8.00
Total.....	\$ 26.00
Clemmie Hightower, Grand Chairman of Ways and Means	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Transportation.....	2.40
Total.....	\$ 20.40
Sister Emma F. Bell, Grand Chaplain	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Sister Mildred Graves, Grand Marshall	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Janice Randell, Typist	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 15.00
Sister Fannie Morse, Grand O.E.S. Flag Bearer	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Sister Marietta Payton, Grand Christian Flag Bearer	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Floral.....	\$ 7.14
Donation to Church.....	\$ 25.00
Sister Dorothy B. Bush, Jurisdiction	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Sister Mary M. Range, Jurisprudence	
One Day's Service.....	\$ 6.00
Sister Odessa Roberts, Jurisprudence	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Brother Branhan N. Hyde, Jurisprudence	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Brother M. F. Askew, Jurisprudence	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Brother John M. Danforth, Jurisprudence	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Sister Maude M. Brewton, Jurisprudence	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Brother Bishop Burt, Jurisprudence	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Sister Sarah Jett, Jurisprudence	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Sister Elizabeth Jones, Jurisprudence	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Brother Thomas Lighons, Jurisprudence	
Three Day's Service.....	\$ 18.00
Total Expense.....	\$836.57

Mary Green, Chairman
Cora Lee Patterson
Bishop C. Burt

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00 P.M.

Electa Grand Chapter resumed ts labors at the sound of the gavel in the East with the Grand Worthy Matron presing. It was ascertained that all persons were entitled to be present. Prayer was offered by our Grand Chaplain Sister Ema F. Bell.

Minutes of the morning journal were read and adopted as read.

Moved by Brother B. N. Hyde and seconded by Brother Thomas Lighons that the Anniversary Programs in the hands of the Grand Secretary be sent to chapters to be given out to members. Motion carried.

Sister Garnett Jackson moved and Sister Clemmie Hightower seconded the motion that the proceedings for the past two years be printed. Motion carried.

A motion by Sister Orea Buice that \$75.00 be allowed for the delegate to the International Conference of Grand Chapters, it was seconded by Sister Dorothy B. Bush. Motion carried.

Committee on Finance made their report and the total expense for this grand session totaled \$836.57. Sister Mary Green moved and Brother Bishop C. Burt seconded the motion that report be adopted. Motion carried.

A discussion followed on the amount due the typist and it was moved by Sster E. Jett and seconded by Sister Helen McCraven that the typist be given \$15.00 as read by Finance Committee. Motion carried. Brother DeEdwin White remarked that amount paid a typist depended upon the town we were in.

The Resolution Committee made their report recognizing all the courtesies received by Electa Grand, Sister Fannie Morris moved and Sister Victoria Hendricks seconded the motion that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

Sisters Odessa Roberts, Helen W. Johnson and Maud M. Brewton made a presentation on behalf of the members of the Jurisdiction to Sister Gladys Taylor, Grand Worthy Matron, who remarked that her heart would still remain with Electa Grand Chapter. Then Sisters Mary M. Range and Lessie Garrett made a presentation to the past Grand Royal Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder on behalf of the Iowa Grand Court Royal Exalted Order of Amaranth, she in turn responded to the presentation.

Brother B. N. Hyde suggested a donation be taken up for our Grand Chaplain, Sister Emma F. Bell, who attended this Grand Chapter in a wheel chair. The members responded wholeheartedly giving her a total of \$32.00. Sister Sarah E. Jett responded to the token for Sister Bell, who was overcome with gratitude because of the wonderful feeling that the sisters and brothers had shown her.

Sister Dessie Burt reported that the Educational fund had collected \$31.50.

The Credential Committee made their report at which time they gave the total voting strength for each chapter. It was moved by Sister Orea Buice and seconded by Sister Jessie E. Walker that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

An invitation was read from Harmony No. 22 to hold the 50th Annual Grand Communication in Sioux City, Iowa. Also telegrams were read from: Mayor of Sioux City, Sheraton Hotels, Chamber of Commerce and Mayfair Hotel inviting us to Sioux City. It was moved by Brother B. N. Hyde and seconded by Sister Leona Jordan that the invitation of Harmony Chapter No. 22, Sioux City, Iowa, be accepted. Motion carried.

Brother Ebbie W. Pitts held our election. Officers as follows:

Elective

Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder
 Grand Worthy Patron, Brother John C. Buckner
 Associate Grand Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder
 Associate Grand Patron, Brother Morris Chipley
 Grand Treasurer, Sister Vivian J. Smith
 Grand Secretary, Sister Orea Buice
 Grand Conductress, Sister Marjorie Lewis
 Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Almeda Dickerson
 Grand Registrar, Sister Haley O. Houston
 Grand Lecturer, Sister Velma Lewis

Appointive

Grand Adah, Sister Mildred Graves
 Grand Ruth, Sister Hazel Smith
 Grand Esther, Sister Clemmie Hightower
 Grand Martha, Sister Iver Jean Bailey
 Grand Electa, Sister Lessie Garrett
 Grand Marshall, Sister Felice Rhodes
 Grand Sentinel, Sister Fannie Morris
 Grand Warden, Sister Cora Lee Patterson
 Grand Chaplain, Brother John M. Danforth
 Grand Musician, Sister Lavenis Grayson
 Grand Historian, Sister Jessie E. Walker

Flag Bearers.

Christian, Sister Ruth Harper
 O. E. S., Sister Lillian Reed
 American, Sister Sallie Cheers
 G. C. F. C., Sister Mary J. Majors

Committee Chairmen

Credential, Sister Orea Buice
 Returns, Sister Helen W. Johnson
 Auditor, Brother D. O. Bell
 Jurisprudence, Sister Odessa Roberts
 Officers Address, Sister Mary M. Range
 Finance, Brother Bishop C. Burt
 Chartered Chapters, Sister Helen T. Carter

P. G. W. P. Brother B. N. Hyde installed the newly elected and appointed officers. Acting Grand Marshal, Brother John Danforth, P. G. W. P., then proclaimed that all officers of Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S., Prince Hall Affiliation, State of Iowa and Jurisdiction were duly installed in accordance with the law.

After briefly addressing the sisters and brothers and there being no further business, the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder, with the assistance of the newly installed Grand Officers, closed Electa Grand Chapter in due form and sang "God be With You" to meet in the city of Sioux City, Iowa, the third Tuesday in June, 1959.

Gladys Taylor, Grand Worthy Matron
 Ebbie W. Pitts, Grand Worthy Patron
 Orea Buice, Grand Secretary
 Haley O. Houston, Grand Registrar

Telegrams and Greetings

Telegram and Greetings to Electa Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Iowa and Jurisdiction were received from the following:
 Prince Hall Grand Chapter O.E.S. of Minnesota & Its Jurisdiction, Mrs. Lyola Pillow, Grand Chairman foreign Correspondence
 M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Iowa, Mr. Frank B. Robinson, Grand Master
 International Conference of Grand Chapters, Mrs. Lula U. Lewis, International Grand Matron; Mr. Zack Townsend, International Grand Patron; Mrs. Alice Stamps, I.C.C.F.C.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morriweather, Fort Dodge, Iowa
 North Star Lodge No. 2 F. & A.M., Des Moines, Iowa, Mr. Charles W. Peguese, W.M.
 Citizens of Sioux City, Iowa, By: Mayor W. W. Wilson
 Sioux City Chamber of Commerce, By: Mr. G. R. Batcheller, Pres.
 Sheraton Hotels, Sioux City, Iowa, By: A. J. Andy Pennella, Gen. Mgr.
 Mayfair Hotel, Sioux City, Iowa, By: Mr. Walter G. Bred, Mgr.



MRS. MARJORIE LEWIS
 Grand Lecturer
 1957
 Associate Grand Conductress
 1958



MRS. HALEY O. HOUSTON
 Grand Registrar
 1957 — 1958

ADDRESS OF ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past and Present Grand Officers, Sisters and Brothers, Greetings:

We have come to the close of another Fraternal year. It has been an Honor and Pleasure to serve you as your Associate Grand Worthy Matron.

Through the kindly providence of the Grand Patron of the Universe, he has kept our Grand Matron in good health, so I have had no official duties to perform; however, it has been a pleasure to serve you, and I hope that Electa Grand Chapter will continue to grow and enjoy good health and prosperity. I hope we will adhere to those principles of morality that are contained in the lives of the Heroines of your Order and uphold the Christian Principles which guide our lives and make us F. A. T. A. L.

Sisterly yours,

Evelyn Wilder, Assoc. Grand Matron



REPORT OF GRAND OFFICERS ADDRESSES

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

We, your committee on Grand Officers Address submit the following report.

We have carefully examined the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Gladys Taylor's address and find it to be exceedingly practical, informative, and instructive.

We commend the Grand Worthy Matron for her sincere and faithful service, her faith in God, in whom she found comfort and solace by going to him in prayer.

It was concise and to the point. Her expressions were from her heart and showed her love and devotion to the Grand Chapter and to God.

Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Ebbie Pitts expressed his pleasure in the service he rendered and complimented the progress we have made. He showed an interest in his work. We have turned over the official act, questions, answers and recommendations to the proper committees.

Grand Associate Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder's address was short and to the point. She showed her willingness to cooperate and serve the Grand Chapter to the best of her ability. We commend her for her earnestness.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah E. Jett, Grand Chairman

Vennie Warn

Helen T. Carter, Secretary

REPORT OF GRAND HISTORIAN

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Past and Present Grand Officers and delegates of Electa Grand Chapter:

Another year has been added to the life of our Grand Chapter, thus another year of history.

Death has claimed two of our Past Grand Patrons in the person of Brother A. R. Parks, and Brother Edward Askew this past year. We mourn the loss of all our brothers and sisters from our Sisterhood and our Fraternal family. We pray that they are at peace with our Creator.

In reviewing our Annual proceedings of former years. I am very pleased to quote some statistics from the History report of Sister Cleota Buckner. I think it is well for us to be reminded of the labor and efforts those who laid the foundation for this great building. Electa Grand Chapter and how those who are following are adding a room each year. Electa Grand Chapter was organized May 21, 1907 at Burlington, Iowa by Brother W. H. Milligan, our first Royal Grand Patron. Our first Annual Grand Chapter was held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Our Grand Chapter was constituted at Ottumwa September 15, 1908. In May, 1909, at Clinton, Iowa, our relief fund was adopted. In 1916, the name, Royal Grand Patron and Royal Matron was changed to Grand Worthy Patron and Grand Worthy Matron. Past Matrons council was recommended at the annual session at Keokuk, May 1914, and the office of Grand Historian was created.

At the tenth Annual session in Marshalltown May 1917, the time for the Annual sessions was changed to the Third Tuesday in June.

The constitution was adopted at Cedar Rapids, June 1919. The committee members were Brother A. G. Clark, Sister Sue M. Brown, and Brother S. B. Moore.

At the fourteenth annual session in Council Bluffs, a recommendation was presented, to assist the local chapter, financially, where entertaining the Grand Chapter. The amount not to exceed \$75.00 and not less than \$50.00.

St. Paul, 1923, Grand Relief dues were changed from twenty-five cents to fifty cents per quarter, and Relief paid upon the death of a member was raised from \$50.00 to \$100.00.

At the twenty-second annual session, the recommendations were accepted and the Grand Treasurer was to receive a salary of \$25.00.

In Mason City, 1944, the endowment dues were raised from fifty cents to seventy-five cents. The \$1.00 assessment was combined for another year \$1,587.00 was paid in death claims that year.

At the 37th annual session held in Cedar Rapids, it was decided that the Queen of the South and Amaranth degrees might be used in the Chapters, if the degrees were conferred lefally.

Early this year, I wrote the secretaries of our subordinate chapters, asking them to write me about some special activity their chapter may have had during the year. A few responded very graciously. I am sure all of our chapters have had a busy year meeting requirements to maintain the life blood of our organization. My first reply to my suggestion was received from Past Grand Matron, Sister Odessa

Roberts of Naomi Chapter No. 1, our host this year. She told me of their plans for a Fraternal Green Tea on Sunday April 30, 1958. I was delighted to receive an invitation and I am very sure it was a grand success with Past Grand Patron, Brother John Buckner as chairman of the event, Past Grand Matron, Sister Roberts, Sister Roseabel Sample, Sister LaVerne McKee and Sis Erma Young as committee members and Sister Payton as committee secretary.

Brother Fred Judon, secretary of Leah Chapter No. 5, Clinton, wrote a very nice letter for his chapter. It was a summation of their special events during the year. His description of their December dinner, held each year must be something which each member anticipates with great joy. Brother Judon described the table decoration so beautifully and closed his report with, I have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him. Sister Valetta Fiel, Secretary of Queen of Sheba No. 19, Waterloo, Iowa, wrote me. This Chapter's Worthy Matron, Sister Emma Bell has been ill since October 1957 and her members have met with her at her bedside in her home. Evidence of loyalty and an interest in Sister Bell's welfare and that of their chapter.

A reply from Sister Helen Johnson, secretary of Excelsior Chapter No. 12, Marshalltown. This is one of our older Chapters chartered in 1913. Sister Emma Flipping is their only surviving charter member.

A reply from Sister Lessie Garrett, Secretary of Princess O'Ziel No. 9, Des Moines. I was particularly impressed with her report on their mother-daughter membership. Sister Dorothy Bush, one of our Past Grand Matrons has three daughters in their chapter. Sister Helen Carter, Past Grand Royal Matron of the Court of Amaranth has one daughter, Sister Lessie Garrett; Sister Haley D. E. Johnson has three daughters, one of whom is Sister Haley O. Huston's chapter Treasurer and Grand Chapter Registrar. Sister Ethel Baxter and Sister Iva Ligons each have one daughter in the chapter. Sister Jessie M. Jones has one daughter, Sister Bertie M. Hogan.

Sister Garrett extends warm greetings to all their sister Chapters.

Thank you so much for writing me. It is my hope that we take particular pride in our chapters, and their activities, and record them. History is the lamp, of recorded experience, to guide those who follow. Give the answers to the five important "W's" who, what, when, where, and why. Do not vaele them to memory. As we each travel down the great path of our Chapter year, will our achievements be recorded or will they be like the footprints on the sands of the beaches, washed away with the tide. All organizations stand on the foundation which they have built. Only by recording our services and activities can we continue to build.

Respectfully submitted,

Myrtle Coffman, Grand Historian

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Present and Past Grand Officers of Electa Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation, State of Iowa and Jurisdiction.

It has been a pleasure to serve you throughout this year's chap-

ter. Out of the 37 greetings and 15 proceedings mailed to our sister jurisdictions—I received cards, invitations proceedings, souvenir booklets, fraternal greetings and highlights from the following:—

ALABAMA—Mizpah G. Chapter. Reports continued growth of the order, both in number and finances. The passing of Associate Grand Patron, Dr. Tobin, also reported. 1958 session, Mobile, Alabama. July 22-24.

ARKANSAS—Royal Grand Chapter reports the loss of the Grand Secretary-Treasurer, Sister H. L. Porter.

CALIFORNIA—Golden State Grand Chapter will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee at Portland, Oregon, July 20-23.

ILLINOIS—Eureka Grand Chapter reports the passing of P.W. G.M., Sister Harriet Bell, who was International Grand Sentinel and P.W.G. Patron Brother Thomas Y. Watson.

Grand Session August 12-14 at Prince Hall Masonic Temple 809 East 42nd Place.

International Grand Chapter meets here in August immediately following the close of Eureka Grand Chapter.

KENTUCKY—Cecilia Dunlap Grand Chapter experienced one of the largest Grand Sessions in its history at Madinsonville. Suffered loss of their Grand Worthy Matron Alice Bynum. 60 Chapters, membership 2,906—awarded 3 scholarships of \$200—\$150—\$100 to high school students of Masonic families.

LOUISIANA—Esther Grand Chapter. Greetings Sister M. M. Bell, Worthy Grand Matron.

MASSACHUSETTS—Prince Hall Grand Chapter is growing both financially and numerically.

MICHIGAN—Prince Hall Grand Chapter reports the passing of brother V. A. Bristol, P.G.P. and International P. G. Associate Patron; Sister Grace Simms, Grand Budget Director; Sister Ella Wingfield, P. G. Martha. International G.W.M., Sister Lula V. Lewis attended their session.

MINNESOTA—Prince Hall Grand Chapter reports the death of Sister Zella Dearing. The State of Minnesota is celebrating its 100th centennial. Grand Chapter will be entertained in the beautiful new Masonic Temple in Minneapolis, September 18-19.

MISSOURI—Harmony Grand Chapter, 68th Annual Communication, July 9-11, Springfield. Numerical and financial growth seen through two new Chapters. Youth Councils have been organized. \$100 each year to Heart Fund and Cancer Research.

MISSISSIPPI—Bathsheba Grand Chapter. Received minutes and official organ-Star of the East. They sponsor an oratorical contest and educational contests: Subject, "Working Together for World Understanding." They have 5 Chapters in the Youth Fraternities.

NEBRASKA—Amaranthas' Grand Chapter is continuing scholarship fund, strenghtening by-laws and endeavoring to meet all requirements of a member of the O. E. S. Grand Session. Omaha, June 17, 18 and 19.

NEW YORK—Eureka Grand Chapter bereaved by the death of Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Charles Quander on May 31. A unit of the Camp at Roscoe, N. Y. was dedicated in Brother Quander's Memory, known as Quander Hall.

OKLAHOMA—Queen Bathsheba Grand Chapter 60th Session—Lawton, Oklahoma.

PENNSYLVANIA—Deborah Grand Chapter. Princess Review sponsored by Ways and Means assisted Urban League in correcting conditions in their area. \$1,000 to education committee. Life membership in N. A. A. C. P. 41st Session will convene in Philadelphia, July 13, 1958 opening with exhibition Tea sponsored by Arts and Crafts committee and Ways and Means.

VIRGINIA—Virginia Grand Chapter recipients of 200 Salk Vaccine Shots from National Foundation of Infantile Parlysis donated to fund \$2,200—third donation making a total of \$6,300. Grand Matron Angeline O. Davidson passed March 18, 1958.

WEST VIRGINIA—Electa Grand Chapter 44th Grand Session on campus of Bluefield College, Bluefield, West Virginia-June 9-11. Notes passing of Past Grand Worthy Patron, Brother T. R. Page.

WISCONSIN—Unity Grand Chapter. Annual Communication. Session June 25-26—Milwaukee at Masonic Temple, 1218 West North Avenue.

FLORIDA—Bethlehem Grand Chapter. M.W.G.M. Inez Boyer is in her 52nd year of service. The loss of her daughter, Sister Clara Von Charlton, who served as Secretary in her Mother's office was quite a shock to all.

COLORADO—Columbine Grand Chapter extends Fraternal wishes and sent minutes. Loss of Past Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Ida M. Payne.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving you. May the bonds between these great sisterhoods remain closely welded together.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary J. Majors, P. G. W. M.

Chairman of Foreign Correspondence



REPORT OF RULES COMMITTEE

This Grand Chapter shall be opened at 9 o'clock a. m. Recess at 12 o'clock noon, and reconvene at 2 p. m. The voting members of this Grand Body shall be seated on the Side. Rules as to moving about and speaking shall be observed as to Section five of the Code.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Jones

Sister Potters

Sister Sallie Cheers, Secretary

ROSTER OF CHAPTERS

Naomi No. 1—Davenport, Iowa

Meets Third Tuesday

OFFICERS

1957

Ella Mae Blackman	W.M.
James Drake	W.P.
Elvera Shortridge	A.M.
Rosabel Sample	Treas.
Odessa Roberts	Sec'y.
Lucy Dickerson	Conductress
Henriette Alston	Assoc. Cond.
Grace Hall	Adah
Garnet Jackson	Ruth
Bertha Davis	Esther
LaVern McKee	Martha
Almeda Dickerson	Electa
Dorothy Childress	Warder
Helen Berry	Sentinel
Evelyn Ford	Chaplain
Mariett Payton	Marshal

1958

Garnet Jackson
James Drake
Marie Madden
Rosabel Sample
Odessa Roberts
Georgia Hall
Marietta Payton
Terese Payne
Henrietta Alston
Almeda Dickerson
Ella Mae Blackman
Erma Young
Evelyn Ford
Paralee Drake
LaVern McKee

MEMBERS

Carrie Alexander, Henrietta Alston, Cleota Buckner, John Buckner, Grace Buckner, Helen Berry, Ella Mae Blackman, Julius Collins, Allean Collins, Alberta Crump, Dorothy Childress, Lucy Dickerson, Almeda Dickerson, Bertha Davis, James Drake, Paralee Drake, Evelyn Ford, Georgia Hall, Olive Harris, Leonard Hackaday, Hazel Green, Pearl Gooding, Garnet Jackson, Mattie Lewis, Thomas Lloyd, Marie Madden, LaVern McKee, Mary Markham, Alberta Massie, Gwendolyn LaVern McKee, Mary Markham, Alberta Massie, Gwendolyn Meadows, Marie Nicholson, Marietta Payton, Teresa Payne, Ebbie Pitss, Odessa Roberts, Josh Roberts, Rosabel Sample, Mabel Smith, Elvira Shortridge, Maryellen Thurman, Thelma Williams, Erma Young.

Suspended 2

Died 1

Present members 42

St. Elmo No. 3—Burlington, Iowa

Meets Second Tuesday

Arletha Pleasant	W.M.	Sally Cheers
DeEdwin White	W.P.	Jake Nelson
Sally Cheers	A.M.	Elmyra Benhart
Velma Lewis	Treas.	Velma Lewis
Wealtha Bowles	Sec'y.	Margaret Kinnard
Betty Reading	Conductress	Jaunita Newman
Jaunita Newman	Assoc. Cond.	Verona Vaughn
Verona Vaughn	Adah	Charlotte Buckner
Mary Baker	Ruth	Mildred Nelson
Placelia James	Esther	Betty Reading
Charlotte Buckner	Martha	Mary Baker
Ethel Mae Ross	Electa	Arletha Pleasant
Margaret Kinnard	Warder	Wealtha Bowles
James Bowles	Sentinel	James Bowles
Goldie Irving	Chaplain	Goldie Irving
Gladys White	Marshal	Gladys White
Birdie White	Organist	Birdie White

MEMBERS

Mary Baker, Symblean Baker, Elmyra Benhart, James Bowles, Wealtha Bowles, Charlotte Buckner, Sally Cheers, Rosa Clark, Anna Griggs, Ella Hughes, Goldie Irving, Placalia James, Margaret Kinnard, Velma L. Lewis, Viola Ray McGowan, Jake L. Nelson, Jewel Nelson, Mildred Nelson, Juanita J. Newman, Arletha Pleasant, Floyd A. Pleasant, Betty Mae Reading, C. A. Richards, Ethel Mae Ross, Verona Mae Vaughn, Birdie White, DeEdwin White, Gladys White, Bessie Woods.

Died 1

Members 29

Esther No. 4—Ottumwa, Iowa

Meets Third Tuesday

Sadie Weeks	W.M.	Marion Nesbit
Charles Davis	W.P.	Charles Davis
Marion Nesbit	A.M.	Maxine Crayton
Laurinda Lewis	Treas.	Laurinda Lewis
Leota Davis	Sec'y.	Leota Davis
Maxine Crayton	Conductress	LaVenia Grayson
LaVenia Grayson	Assoc. Cond.	Willa Dean Cropp
Lucy Taylor	Adah	Barajeau Grayson
Cora Butler	Ruth	Sarah Jones

Betty Lou Dabner	Esther	Gertrude Dabner
Gertrude Dabner	Martha	Betty Dabner
Willa Dean Cropp	Electa	Esther Allen
Esther Allen	Warder	Sadie Weeks
Margarite Beecham	Sentinel	Margarite Beecham
Tina Davis	Organist	

MEMBERS

Willa Dean Cropp, Maxine Grayton, Tina Davis, Leota Davis, Charles Davis, Gertrude Dabner, Betty Lou Dabner, LaVeniia Grayson, Barajean Grayson, Laurinda Lewis, Marion Nesbit, Esther Allen, Margarite Beecham, Sarah Jones, Cleo Thompson, Sadie Weeks, Lucy Taylor.

Suspended 1

Initiated 2

Members 17

Silverleaf No. 5—Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Meets Second and Fourth Thursday

Clementine Chipley	W.M.	Vennie Warren
Morris Chipley	W.P.	Morris Chipley
Vennie Warren	A.M.	Lucille Maupins
Bridie Carlton	Treas.	Bridie Carlton
Edith Wilson	Sec'y.	Edith Wilson
Wineva Haas	Conductress	Vivian Smith
Celestis Perkins	Assoc. Cond.	Clementine Chipley
Naomi Ampey	Adah	Thelma Price
Frances Baker	Ruth	Jeanne Mitchell
Ann Turner	Esther	Mary L. Parks
Vivian Smith	Martha	Irene Guy
Adel Henderson	Electa	Hazel Smith
Hazel Smith	Warder	Ann Turner
Carrie Sturgess	Sentinel	Wineva Haas
	Chaplain	Pattie Caulder
	Marshal	Gertrude Harrison
	Organist	Emma Bell

MEMBERS

Naomi Ampey, Frances Baker, Emma Bell, Howard Bragg, Nina Bragg, Louis Bragg, Bridie Carlton, Pattie Caulder, Stanley Caulder, Catherine Collins, Clementine Chipley, Morris, Leona Clark, D. Mae Cline, Mamie Fuller, Irene Guy, Gertrude Harrison, Wineva Haas, Wilda Hester, Adele Henderson, Naomi Hicks, Earlie Jones, Anna Joyce, Frances

Kennedy, Clifford Lee, Goldie Lewis, Emma Martin, Lucille Maupins, Jeanne Mitchell, Mary Lee Parks, Thelma Price, Eva Perkins, Celestia Perkins, Elmer Smith, Vivian Smith, Hazel Smith, Lulu Smith, Ora Smith, Carrie Sturgis, Emma Tate, S. J. Tate, Gladys Taylor, Beverly Taylor, Ann Turner, Orville Ware, Vennie Warren, Estellar Williams, Almena Wilson, Edithe Wilson, Nina Woodson, Lulu Walker.

Demitted 1

Suspended 1

Died 4

Affiliated from other Chapters 2

Members 51

Leah No. 8—Clinton, Iowa

Meets First Tuesday

Rosie Judon	W.M.	Mary Freels
E. J. Stewart	W.P.	E. J. Stewart
Beatrice Brown	A.M.	Beatrice Brown
Edna Henderson	Treas.	Edna Henderson
Fred A. Judon	Sec'y.	Fred A. Judon
Lucy Mitchel	Conductress	Lucy Mitchel
Ollie Thompson	Assoc. Cond.	Ollie Thompson
Leatha James	Adah	Aline Henderson
Katie Wallace	Ruth	Bertha Perkins
Rosa Smith	Esther	Rosa Smith
Mary Freels	Martha	Annabel Branch
Annabel Branch	Electa	Rosie Judon
Clemmie Hightower	Warder	Clemmie Hightower
Hannah Judon	Chaplain	Hannah Judon
Elizabeth Fisher	Organist	Elizabeth Fisher

MEMBERS

Beatrice Brown, Annabel Branch, Cora Berry, Winifred Blakely, Alice Chelene, Eva Edmund, Mary Freels, Elizabeth Fisher, Emma Heron, Alene Henderson, Edna Henderson, Clemmie Hightower, Fred A. Judon, Rosie Judon, Leatha James, Lucy Mitchel, Bertha Smith, Rosa Smith, Viola Stewart, E. J. Stewart, Ollie Thompson, C. J. Thompson, Essie Triplette, Hannah Judon, Bertha Williams, Vivian Watts, Katie Wallace, Bessie Wallace.

Died 1

Initiated 1

Members 28

Princess Oziel No. 9—Des Moines, Iowa

Meets Fourth Thursday

Rose H. Johnson	W.M.	Georgia A. Add
Gus Smith	W.P.	Gus Smith
Georgia A. Add	A.M.	Jessie M. Jones
Haley O. Houston	Treas.	Haley O. Houston
Dorothy B. Bush	Sec'y.	Lessie Garrett
Jessie M. Jones	Conductress	Luberta Dixon
Luberta Dixon	Assoc. Cond.	Grace Roane
Grace Roane	Adah	Bertie M. Hogan
Bertie M. Hogan	Ruth	Edith Sharp
Louise Ware	Esther	Elnora Duffy
Emma M. Williamsor	Martha	Emma Williamson
Edith Sharp	Electa	Elizabeth Welch
Elizabeth Welch	Warder	Glynderia Williams
Elnora Duffy	Sentinel	Barbara Peoples
Mabel M. Mason	Chaplain	Mabel M. Mason
Alma Morris	Marshal	Alma Morris

MEMBERS

Georgia A. Add, Lillian Anderson, Ethel Baxter, Willa Mae Bell, Lois Beverly, Rubenia Blakely, Thyra Bond, Beatrice Branch, Mattie Branch, Gladys Brown, Jamesena Brown, Ella Mae Burks, Dorothy B. Bush, Lowell Bush, Evelyn Carter, Helen T. Carter, Frances Cason, Frances Coates, Carrie Colbert, Ada J. Coleman, Charles Coleman, Dorothy Collier, Clarabell Cooper, Olivia Cooper, Vega Davis, Luberta Dixon, Elnora Duffy, Mildred Duke, Zola Elliott, Emma J. Evans, Mary Franklin, Dorothy Garrett, Lessie Garrett, Georgia Goggins, Mary Green, Mary Hale, Mary Hawkins, Lucy Heard, Wille B. Henley, Ruby Hirkman, Bertie Mae Hogan, Charles Holmes, Ollie Holmes, Haley O. Houston, Jessie Howard, Henrietta Huggins, Mary Ola Hunter, Ernestye Jackson, Sarah E. Jett, C. C. Johnson, Haley D. E. Johnson, Louise N. Johnson, Rose Johnson, Capitola Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Georgia Jones, Jessie M. Jones, Mary Jones, Wiletta Jones, Lucy Lawrence, Lydia Lewis, Thomas Lighons, Iva Ligens, Helen McCraven, Julien Mason, Mabel M. Mason, Bessie Mathews, Edward Mease, Layther Mease, Clara Miller, Vyola Miller, Alma Morris, Jeanne Morris, Beulah Neff, Lela Parker, Mary F. Parker, Barbara Peoples, Katherine Peniston, Margaret Ramsey, Laura Rhodes, Grace Roane, Jessie Mae Rogers, Mattie B. Scott, Edith Sharp, Katherine Shelton, Anna Smith, Catherine Smith, Gus Smith, Lenna Smith, Mammie Smith, Agnes

D. Snow, Dorothy Taylor, Jacqueline Taylor, Murlean Taylor, Myrtle Taylor, Louise Ware, Elizabeth Welch, Maude Wells, Roxie Wheeler, Annie White, Alyce Wilburn, Flossie Williams, Glyndaris Williams, Emma M. Williamson, Rosa Wilson.

Initiated 3
Reinstated 1
Suspended 1
Died 1
Members 107

Princess Zorah No. 10—Des Moines, Iowa

Meets First Tuesday

Christine Edwards	W.M.	Christine Edwards
James Newsome	W.P.	William Walker
Fannie Danforth	A.M.	Fannie Danforth
Osceola Sims	Treas.	Osceola Sims
Veltirea T. Brown	Sec'y.	Veltirea Brown
Maurine Houston	Conductress	Maurine Houston
Maxine Watkins	Assoc. Cond.	Maxine Watkins
Mabel Weathers	Adah	Josephine Trumbe
Elsie McGee	Ruth	Pauline Duke
Pauline Duke	Esther	Mabel Weathers
Catherine Durden	Martha	Elsie McGee
Josephine Trumbo	Electa	Catherine Durden
Ruth Baskett	Warder	Ruth Baskett
Branham N. Hyde	Sentinel	Branham N. Hyde
Mattie Woods	Chaplain	Mattie Woods
Ethelda Robinson	Marshal	Margaret McCracken
Eva Roper	Organist	

MEMBERS

Corrine Adams, Leola M. Anderson, Henrietta Arnold, Willie Baily, Susan Baily, Ruth Baskett, Allie Bowman, Ethel Bowner, Blondell Brown, Veltirea T. Brown, Thelma Calderon, Ruby Cooper, Isabelle Dacus, Fannie Danforth, John M. Danforth, Jessye B. Davis, Pauline Duke, Catherine C. Durden, Christina Edwards, Blanche Graham, Mildred Graves, Mary Hardaway, Selma Hendricks, Maurine Houston, Branham N. Hyde, Estelle Hyde, Elizabeth Jackson, Phena Jenks, Rose H. Johnson, William T. Johnson, Klara Kemp, Birdie W. Lewis, Margaret McCracken, Elsie McGee, Leona K. McKnight, Nannie McMiller, Carl Mays, Gertrude Moore, James Newsome, Jessie Newsome, Leliah Powell,

Myroeen Rhone, Ethelda Robinson, Eva Roper, Arillia Seymour, Lillian Sims, Osceola Sims, Goletta Trotter, Josephine Trumbe, William Walker, Fern Warren, Maxine Watkins, Mabel Weathers, Olivia Williams, Vera Williams, Bernice Wilkerson, Ethel Winston, Bertha Wolder, Mattie Pauline Yeager.

Initiated 4
Reinstated 1
Suspended 2
Members 61

Excelsior No. 12—Marshalltown, Iowa

Meets Fourth Thursday

Guesner Shaw	W.M.	Guesner Shaw
M. T. Bailey, Sr.	W.P.	M. T. Bailey, Sr.
Marie Johnson	A.M.	Marie Johnson
Vicie Ragland	Treas.	Vicie Ragland
Helen Johnson	Sec'y.	Helen Johnson
Maybelle Gandy	Conductress	Jayne Wilder
Jean Bailey	Assoc. Cond.	Jean Bailey
Martha Warren	Adah	Martha Warren
Evelyn Wilder	Ruth	Jesonna Spencer
Ethel Smith	Esther	Katherine Wilder
Jayne Wilder	Martha	Evelyn Wilder
Katherine Wilder	Electa	Leola Gilliam
Josonna Spencer	Warder	Maybelle Gandy
William Burton	Sentinel	Ethel Smith
Leola Gilliam	Chaplain	Margaret Maxwell
Margaret Maxwell	Organist	
	Marshal	Jane Fields

MEMBERS

Jean Bailey, M. T. Bailey, Sr., Mary Carter, Emma Early, Marbelle Gandy, Leola Gilliam, Agnes Gilmore, Jane Fields, Emma Jackson, Helen Johnson, Marie Johnson, Margaret Maxwell, Lucy Noland, Vicie Ragland, Guesner Shaw, Josonna Spencer, Ethel Smith, Jessie Walker, Katherine Wilder, Jayne Wilder, Evelyn Wilder, Martha Warren.

Suspended 2
Members 22

Electa No. 17—Keokuk, Iowa

Meets First Thursday

Oley Clark	W.M.	Mildred Hawkins
Emery Johnson	W.P.	Emery Johnson
Katherine Ware	A.M.	Geneva Bell
Lulu Mearion	Treas.	Lulu Mearion
Mary Majors	Sec'y.	Mary Majors
Geneva Bell	Conductress	Connie Reed
Katherine Dawson	Assoc. Cond.	Laura Taylor
Ruth Toomes	Adah	Myrtle Mills
Constance Reed	Ruth	Ruth Toomes
Oteriria Carter	Esther	Katherine Ware
Charlotte Clark	Martha	Esther Bailey
Myrtle Mills	Electa	Charlotte Clark
Mildred Hawkins	Warder	John Clay
Cora Crowson	Sentinel	Gertrude Taylor

MEMBERS

Esther Bailey, Minnie Bland, Geneva Bell, Oley Clark, Charlotte Clark, John Clay, Cora Crowson, Katherine Dawson, Emery Johnson, Mary Majors, Myrtle Mills, Lulu Mearion, Constance Reed, Mildred Hawkins, Gertrude Taylor, Ruth Toomes, Laura Taylor, Katherine Ware.

Reinstated 3
Members 18

Adah No. 18—Mason City, Iowa

Meets First and Third Tuesdays

Ruth Harper	W.M.	Ruth Harper
Wm. L. Wiginton	W.P.	Wm. L. Wiginton
Marie Maddox	A.M.	Marie Maddox
Maybelle Turner	Treas.	Maybelle Turner
Corrine Wiginton	Sec'y.	Wm. L. Wiginton
Ruby Macer	Conductress	Ruby Macer
Maud M. Brewton	Assoc. Cond.	Coma Page
Clementine Parker	Adah	Clementine Parker
Estella Schuler	Ruth	Estella Schuler
Coma Page	Esther	Maud M. Brewton
Irma Garwood	Martha	Corrine Wiginton
Mary Johnson	Electa	Mary Johnson
May McAllister	Warder	May McAllister
Leona Ewing	Sentinel	
	Organist	Marie Maddox

MEMBERS

Eloise Bates, Maud M. Brewton, Elnora Brown, Leona Ewing, Lydia Greenup, Ruth Harper, Ella Higbee, Lena Johnson, Mary Johnson, May McAllister, Ruby Macer, Marie Maddox, Berlina Martin, Edward C. Martin, Norma Owens, Coma Page, Clementine Parker, Geneva Parker, Estella Schuler, Maybelle Turner, Corrine Wiginton, William L. Wiginton.

Suspended 1
Died 3
Members 22

Queen of Sheba No. 19—Waterloo, Iowa

Meets First Tuesday

Emma F. Bell	W.M.	Emma F. Bell
D. O. Bell	W.P.	D. O. Bell
Pearl Tolliver	A.M.	Pearl Tolliver
Lyda Page	Treas.	Lyda Page
Vaeletta L. Fields	Sec'y.	Vaeletta L. Fields
Carrie Bright	Conductress	Carrie Bright
Allie B. Harmon	Assoc. Cond.	Allie B. Harmon
Helen Baker	Adah	Helen Baker
Dorothy Huell	Ruth	Dorothy Huell
Mary Roby	Esther	Mary Roby
Charlotte Parker	Electa	Charlotte Parker
	Warder	Alice Hickey
Hattie Cox	Sentinel	Hattie Cox
Helen Baker	Organist	Helen Baker

MEMBERS

Helen Baker, Emma F. Bell, D. O. Bell, Carrie Bright, Hattie Cox, Peter Everhart, Vaeletta L. Fields, Allie B. Harmon, Alice Hickey, Dorothy Huell, James Page, Lyda Page, Charlotte Parker, Mary Roby, Willie Smith, Pearl Tolliver.

Reinstated 1
Members 16

Harmony No. 22—Sioux City, Iowa

Meets Second and Fourth Thursday

Frinzella Shores	W.M.	Julia Golden
	W.P.	M. E. Whitlock

Julia Golden	A.M.	Fannie Alexander
Thelma Harriford	Treas.	Ellen Burdine
Ellen Burdine	Sec'y.	Thelma Harriford
Fannie Alexander	Conductress	Willie Winfrey
Jessie Forbes	Assoc. Cond.	Jessie Forbes
Willie Winfrey	Adah	Frinzella Shores
	Ruth	Minnie Whitlock

MEMBERS

Fannie Alexander, M. F. Askew, Edward Askew, J. N. Boyd, Flossie Bell, Georgia Baker, Inez Bean, Fred Baker, Jessie Forbes, Ellen Burdine, Larine Harp, Charles Hancock, Thelma Harriford, Julia Golden, Frinzella Shores; Willie Winfrey, Rosa B. Workcuff, Minnie Whitlock, M. E. Whitlock.

Initiated 1
Suspended 1
Died 1
Members 19

Prince Hall No. 25—Centerville, Iowa

Meets Second and Fourth Tuesdays

Bessie Conley	W.M.	Lillian Reed
Charles Morris	W.P.	Charles Morris
Lillian Reed	A.M.	Elizabeth Barnes
Ida Conley	Treas.	Ida Conley
Fannie Morris	Sec'y.	Berniece Sanders
Berniece Sanders	Conductress	Fannie Morris
Elizabeth Barnes	Assoc. Cond.	Alberta James
	Adah	Eloise Graves
	Ruth	Bessie Conley
	Esther	Cleo Coley
	Martha	Luella Conley
	Electa	Marjorie Jones

MEMBERS

Elizabeth Barnes, Ida Conley, Cleo Conley, Bessie Conley, Luella Ewing, Eloise Graves, Alberta James, Marjorie Jones, Charles Morris, Fannie Morris, Lillian Reed, Berniece Sanders.

Suspended 1
Members 12

Palestine No. 28—Waterloo, Iowa

Meets Second and Fourth Fridays

Annie Brown	W.M.	Annie Brown
E. M. Taylor	W.P.	Bishop Burt
Bertha Pugh	A.M.	Ella M. Evans
Matilda Smith	Treas.	Matilda Smith
Mary Jackson	Sec'y.	Mary Jackson
Maggie Johnson	Conductress	Janice Thornton
Zellee Burt	Assoc. Cond.	Clementine Amos
Adeline Jefferson	Adah	Emma Ross
Emma Ross	Ruth	Havana Butler
Ella Mae Evans	Esther	Letty Lee Anderson
Mary Sanders	Martha	Augustine Ambrose
Eller V. Saddler	Electa	Addie Jefferson
Mary Hayes	Warder	Mary Sanders
Letty Lee Anderson	Sentinel	Oscar Mallett
Marjorie Anderson	Chaplain	Mamie Hellins
Marthenya Austin	Marshal	Leora Barnett
Zellee Burt	Organist	Zellee Burt

MEMBERS

Barbara Adams, Clementine Ames, Letty Lee Anderson, Marjorie Anderson, Augustine Ambrose, Leora Barnett, Henrietta Bell, William Bell, Havana Butler, Bishop Burt, Zellee Burt, Annie Brown, Christine Carnie, Alice Causey, Isa Mae Brown, Ella Mae Evans, Ida Fitchne, Mammie Hollins, Addie Jefferson, Mary Jackson, Maggie Johnson, Ruth Lackey, Pearl Madison, Oscar Mallett, Ethel Lee Nettles, Hallie Owens, Bertha Pugh, Emma Ross, Ellen V. Saddler, Mary Sanders, E. M. Taylor, Molly Taylor, Matilda Smith, Jimmie Teague, Jane Thornton, Molly Tolliver, O. B. Wilson, Jacqueline Wright.

Reinstated 2
Initiated 2
Suspended 6
Died 1
Members 38

Fidelity No. 30—Ft. Madison, Iowa

Meets Second Friday

Dessie Burt	W.M.	Dessie Burt
W. V. Windsor	W.P.	W. V. Windsor
Helen V. Windsor	A.M.	Marjorie Lewis

Leona Presley	Treas.	Leona Presley
Nancy J. Marsh	Sec'y.	Nancy J. Marsh
Ionia Anderson	Conductress	Ruth Crenshaw
Ruth Crenshaw	Assoc. Cond.	Ionia Anderson
Marjorie Lewis	Adah	Helen Windsor
Lovetta Carter	Ruth	Lovetta Carter
Lurena Woods	Esther	Lurena Woods
Mary E. Range	Martha	Mary E. Range
Bertha Payton	Electa	Bertha Payton
Gertrude Woods	Warder	Gertrude Woods
Russell Johnson	Sentinel	Russell Johnson
	Chaplain	Catherine Payne
	Organist	Helen Windsor

MEMBERS

Ionia Anderson, Dessie Burt, Ruth Crenshaw, Lovetta Carter, Russell Johnson, Marjorie Lewis, Nancy J. Marsh, Leona Presley, Bertha Payton, Catherine Payne, Mary E. Range, Helen Windsor, William Windsor, Gertrude Woods, Lurena Woods.

Members 15

Golden Star No. 31—Fort Dodge, Iowa

Meets Second Tuesday

Tennie White	W.M.	Cora Lee Patterson
Daniel Lockman	W.P.	Daniel Lockman
Anne Merriweather	A.M.	Anne Merriweather
Agnes Patterson	Treas.	Agnes Patterson
Cora Lee Patterson	Sec'y.	Frances Wells
Malisa Howard	Conductress	Malissa Howard
Rosetta Barcony	Assoc. Cond.	Rosetta Barcony
Frances Wells	Adah	Myrtle Coffman
Gloria Hazelwood	Ruth	Jeanette Gates
Myrtle Coffman	Esther	Lulla Johnson
Jeanette Gates	Martha	Hattie Martin
Lulla Johnson	Electa	Gloria Hazelwood
Edna Annette	Warder	Tennie White
Lillian Lewis	Sentinel	Lillian Lewis

MEMBERS

Rosette Barcony, Lenna Carter, Myrtle Coffman, Jeanette Gates, Gloria Hazelwood, Malisa Howard, Lulla Johnson, Lillian Lewis, Daniel Lockwood, Harry Merriweather, Anne Merriweather, Hattie Martin, Agnes Patterson, Cora

Lee Patterson, LeRoy Patterson, Franres Wells, Tennie White.

Died 1

Suspended 1

Members 17

Olive Branch No. 32—Des Moines, Iowa

Meets Fourth Monday

Felice Rhodes	W.M.	Delores Peguese
W. C. Biuce	W.P.	W. C. Buice
Delores Peguese	A.M.	Hiawatha Potter
Victoria Hendricks	Treas.	Jacqueline Randall
Geraldine Ayers	Sec'y.	Geraldine Ayers
Hiawatha Potter	Conductress	Alberta Grace
Ada Humburd	Assoc. Cond.	Jesserean Dixon
Helen Wade	Adah	Helen Wade
Ellen Burrell	Ruth	Vivian Brent
Jesserean Dixon	Esther	Willie Mae Fowler
Henrietta Coates	Martha	Lauvenia Henderson
Anna Brooks	Electa	Anna Brooks
Delores Baring	Warder	Margaret Lewis
Thelma Cavil	Sentinel	Henrietta Coates

MEMBERS

Arminta Anderson, Geraldne Ayers, Delores Baring, Vira Mae Brown, Orea Buice, W. C. Buice, Laura Bundy, Anna Brooks, Ellen Burrell, Vivian Brent, Inice Carter, Henrietta Coates, Virginia Coulter, Thelma Cavil, Ellore Clinton, Essie Davis, Jesserean Dixon, Mildred Dysart, Helen Ewing, Agnes Eppright, Willia Mae Fowler, Verdella Fylytz, Virginia Gaither, Alberta Grace, Lauvenia Henderson, Victoria Hendricks, Leola Hubbard, Ada Humburs, Bessie Lawson, Mattie Lawson, Margaret Lewis, Christine Martin, A. W. Pattern, Dolores Peguese, Pauline Patrick, Julia Pierson, Hiawatha Potter, Jacqueline Randall, Felice Rhodes, Willa Mae Rowe, Olive Redmond, Jennie Smith, Maude Woods, Helen Wade. Beatrice Washington, Josephine Stewart, Leona Jordan.

Initiated 6

Suspended 1

Died 1

Members 47

Morning Star No. 34—Council Bluffs, Iowa

Meets First and Third Tuesday

Josephine Carbins	W.M.	Josephine Carbins
C. D. Hernden	W.P.	C. D. Hernden
Ione L. Wallace	A.M.	Ione L. Wallace
Dana Mixon	Treas.	Dana Mixon
Jeanne Banks	Sec'y.	Jeanne Banks
Edna Wiggins	Conductress	Edna Wiggins
Leona Baker	Assoc. Cond.	Leona Baker
Wenona Teal	Adah	Wenona Teal
Emma Turner	Ruth	Emma Turner
Malice Stewart	Esther	Malice Stewart
Pearl Givens	Martha	Pearl Givens
Mary Garrett	Electa	Mary Garrett
Ollie Duncan	Warder	Ollie Duncan
George Garrett	Sentinel	George Garrett
Minnie Hernden	Chaplain	Minnie Hernden

MEMBERS

Josephine Carbins, Jeanne Banks, Leona Baker, Ollie Duncan, Pearl Givens, Mary Garrett, George Garrett, Rose Griffin, Estelle Jackson, C. D. Herndon, Minnie Herndon, Maude Lowry, Malice Stewart, Wonon Teal, Emma Turner, Dana Mixon, Ione L. Wallace, Edna Wiggins, Eva Jean Waites.

Initiated 2

Suspended 2

Members 19

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF BOOK OF INSTRUCTIONS

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter O. E. S. GREETINGS:

We, the committee on the revision of the Book of Instructions beg leave to submit the following report.

We have carefully checked the ritual and former book of instructions and have completed and made such changes and additions as we felt necessary. We sincerely hope we have made such changes and additions to the satisfaction of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

Bertha Wolder, Chairman
Odessa Roberts
Gladys Brown
DeEdwin White
Velma L. Lewis

OBITUARY COMMITTEES REPORT

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

We the committee on Obituary beg leave to submit the following report for the years of 1957-1958.

Program

Prayer.Sister Emma F. Bell
Scripture..... Rev. Thomas Lighons
Solo.. Sister Jessie M. Jones

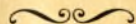
Roll of Deceased as follows:

- Maud Clay, Silverleaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. .June 4, 1957
Marcella Jackson, Silverleaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids, Ia..June 14, 1957
G. W. Perkins, Silverleaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids, Iowa..June 26, 1 57
Leliah Walker, Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines, Ia.. .Aug. 27, 1957
A. R. Parks, Silverleaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. .Aug. 30, 1957
Edna Arnett, Golden Star No. 31, Ft. Dodge, Iowa....Jan. 8, 1958
Edward Askew, Harmony No. 22, Sioux City, Iowa....Jan. 6, 1958
Edna V. Brown, St. Elmo No. 3, Burlington, Iowa..March 1, 1958

EulogyRev. E. M. Taylor
Benediction..c.....Grand Chaplain, Emma F Bell

Committee,,

- Sister Mary Freels, Chairman
Sister Marie Madden, Secretary
Sister Rosabel Sample



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

We, a committee appointed by the Royal Grand Matron of Iowa Grand Court, R. E. O. A. ask your indulgence. We have a problem in our Grand Court which we feel you as our sister Grand Body can help us to solve. As you all know the Amaranth degree is the third degree of the Rite of Adoption but is independent in action. During the past few years, our attendance and membership has come to a standstill. We feel that if we could combine with or become in some way closer knit to the O. E. S., we could begin to rebuild.

Since it is impossible for us to unite at this time, we feel that a start could be made if the first two degrees were given on consecutive meetings, we would have a better chance of recruiting some new members while the work was new and fresh in the minds of the candidates.

We ask your kind consideration in this matter,

- Fraternally submitted,
DeEdwin White
Evelyn Wilder
Bertha Wolder
Mary M. Range

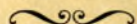


MRS. VELMA LEWIS
Grand Lecturer
1958

REPORT OF APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

To the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, the committee on Appeals and Grievances are happy to report that we have received no appeals or grievances and that we hope that this spirit will continue to prevail throughout the entire jurisdiction for the ensuing year.

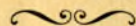
Respectfully submitted,
Bessie Conley, Chairman
Rev. E. M. Taylor
Wineva Hass



COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Past and Present Grand Officers and Members of the Electa Grand Chapter, we, the committee on unfinished business, beg leave to submit this report: There is no unfinished business for this session.

Respectfully submitted,
Leona Jordan, Chairman
Ione Wallace



REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF WAYS & MEANS

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron and Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter. We, the Ways and Means Committee, beg leave to make the following report.

Naomi No. 1.....	15.50
St. Elmo No. 3.....	29.00
Esther No. 4.....	10.55
Sliver Leaf No. 5.....	20.00
Leah No. 8.....	26.00
Princess O'Ziel No. 9.....	25.00
Princess Zorah No. 10.....	50.00
Excelsior No. 12.....	22.00
Electa No. 17.....	18.00
Harmony No. 22.....	19.00
Queen of Sheba No. 19.....	5.00
Palestine No. 28.....	25.00
Fidelity No. 30.....	15.00
Golden Star No. 31.....	17.00
Olive Branch No. 32.....	10.00
Morning Star No. 34.....	11.00
Total.....	\$318.05

Respectfully submitted,
Clemmie Hightower, Chairman
Hazel Smith
C. A. Herndon

GRAND TREASURER

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

GREETINGS:

Our Heavenly Father, with divine wisdom has again permitted us to meet together to strengthen our bonds of Charity and friendship.

It is with humility and thanks to you for the honor of confidence and help and to God for His great mercies that I have privilege of tendering aa report on my first year of stewardship.

Brought forward		
June 16, 1957.....		\$3,802.41
Grand Chapter Expense.	671.55	3,130.87
JULY 15 —		
Refund Safety		
Deposit Box.. .. .	\$1.28	\$3,132.15
Ways and Means... ..	538.78	
Leah No. 8—		
New Charter... ..	2.50	
Electa No. 17.	12.75	
Morning Star No. 34 —		
Tax on Degrees		
Grand Chapter Dues	20.00	
Queen of Sheba No. 19		
3rd and 4th.	32.00	
Excelsior No. 12, 2nd and		
3rd Grand Chapter		
Dues.	50.00	18.75
St. Elmo No. 3—1st... .	31.00	
Olive Branch No. 32—1st	30.75	
Excelsior No. 12—4th..	25.00	
Naomi No. 1—		
Grand Chapter... .		31.50
Electa No. 17—1st. . .	19.00	
Morning Star No. 34—1st	18.00	
Princess Oziel No. 9—1st	79.50	
Tax on Degrees....		2.00
Fidelity No. 30—1st....	15.00	
Prince Hall No. 25—1st.	13.00	
	\$951.53	\$4,083.68

	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
	G.C.	G.F.	G.C. G.F.
JULY 23 —			
Silver Leaf No. 5—1st..	\$51.00		
Golden Star No. 31... .	18.00		
Palestine No. 328—1st.	37.00		
Naomi No. 1—1st.... .	42.00		
Ways and Means.....		7.50	
	\$155.50		\$4,239.18

AUGUST 7, 1957 —

Mrs. Beatrice Neal.....		\$100.00	
Mrs. Gladys Taylor —			
Contingent.			40.00
Mrs. Orea Buice —			
Contingent.			40.00
Hansen Murray Mugg Ins.			
Co., Grand Secretary's			
Bond.			5.00
Geo. H. Cockburn Ins. Co.			
Grand Treasurer's			
Bond.			44.00
Mrs. Sarvilla Jones. . . .		100.00	
Laurence Jones.....		100.00	
Mrs. Nadine Blakey....		100.00	
			<u>\$529.00</u> \$3,710.68

SEPTEMBER 3 —

Harmony No. 22—1st... \$14.25			
Esther No. 4—1st..... 16.00			
Princess Zorah No. 10—			
1st. 60.25			
Book of Instructions....		1.00	
		<u>\$91.50</u>	\$3,801.68

OCTOBER 29

Palestine No. 28—2nd... \$17.75			
Adah No. 18—1st..... 17.25			
Olive Branch			
No. 32—2nd..... 30.00			
Silver Leaf No. 5—2nd.. 50.00			
Electa No. 17—2nd... 18.00			
St. Elmo No. 3—2nd... 14.75			
Princess Zorah			
No. 10—2nd..... 30.50			
Fidelity No. 30—2nd. . 11.25			
Princess Oziel No. 9—2nd 79.50			
Leah No. 8—1st and 2nd 54.00			
Golden Star No. 31—2nd 18.00			
Naomi No. 1—2nd... 42.00			
Prince Hall No. 25—2nd 13.00			
Harmony No. 22—2nd.. 14.25			
		<u>\$410.25</u>	\$4,211.93

DECEMBER 12 —

Mrs. Mary Lee Parks....		\$100.00	\$4,111.93
DECEMBER 24 —			
Morning Star No. 34			
Bal. 2nd..... 5.00			
Souvenir Programs..		.50	
Esther No. 4—bal. 2nd..		7.20	
Grand Worthy Matron..		1.00	
Adah No. 18—2nd . . .		17.25	
St. Elmo No. 3—3rd....		22.50	

Souvenir Programs..		1.50	
Esther No. 4—Rituals-			
Codes Postage.....		3.87	
		<u>\$58.82</u>	\$4,170.75

DECEMBER 30 —

Mrs. Ardonia Hadley....		\$97.50	
Princess Oziel No. 9....		2.50	
		<u>\$100.00</u>	\$4,070.75

JANUARY 2, 1958 —

Mrs. Maud M. Brewton,			
Refund.		\$4.50	\$4,066.25

JANUARY 27 —

Princess Oziel No. 9—3rd	\$80.25		
Tax on Degrees....		1.00	
Palestine No. 28—3rd... 29.25			
Tax on Degrees.....		2.00	
Prince Hall			
No. 25—bal. 3rd.... 6.50			
Electa No. 17—bal. 3rd.. 4.25			
Harmony No. 22—3rd... 12.25			
Silver Leaf			
No. 5—bal. 3rd..... 12.25			
Leah No. 8—bal. 3rd.. . 6.75			
Princess Zorah			
No. 10—3rd..... 44.25			
Queen of Sheba			
No. 19—1st & 2nd.. 24.00			
Adah No. 18—3rd... 15.75			
Fidelity No. 30—3rd... 11.25			
Golden Star			
No. 31—bal. 3rd. 9.00			
Olive Branch No. 32—3rd 33.75			
Princess Zorah			
No. 10—Due Books..		1.20	
		<u>\$294.95</u>	\$4,361.20

MARCH 18 —

Silver Leaf No. 5—			
Rituals - Postage...		\$11.45	
Esther No. 4—			
Bal. 2nd and 3rd....	\$13.55		
Tax on Degrees—			
Bal. Rituals... ..		2.50	
Naomi No. 1—3rd.....	32.50		
Olive Branch			
No. 32—Rituals.....		4.50	
		<u>\$64.50</u>	\$4,425.70

APRIL 3 —

Mrs. Ethel Coleman		\$100.00	
M. F. Askew.....		100.00	
		<u>\$200.00</u>	\$4,225.70

of fairness, justice and tolerance, motivated by understanding hearts and discerning minds, will be practiced here during the entire session.

GENERAL FUND 1957-1958

Balance Brought Forward June 10, 1957..... \$ 892.21

1957

7-14-'57

Ways & Means.....	\$ 538.78
Charter Leah No. 8.....	2.50
Electa No. 17, G.C. Dues.....	12.75
Morning Star, No. 34, G.C. Dues.....	14.25
Tax on Degrees.....	1.00
Naomi No. 1, G.C. Dues.....	31.50
Queen of Sheba No. 19, G.C. Dues.....	12.00
Excelsior No. 12, G.C. Dues.....	18.75
Princess Oziel No. 9, Tax on Degrees.....	2.00

7-22-'57

Ways and Means.....	7.50
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8-31-'57

Books of Instructions.....	1.00
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12-23-'57

Morning Star No. 34, Souvenir Album.....	.50
Received from G. W. Matron.....	1.00
Esther No. 4, Ritual & Codes.....	3.87
St. Elmo No. 3, Souvenir Album.....	1.50

1958

1-27-'58

Princess Oziel No. 9, Tax on Degrees.....	1.00
Princess Zorah No. 10, Due Books.....	1.20
Palestine No. 28, Tax on Degrees.....	2.00

3-17-'58

Silverleaf No. 5, Rituals & Postage.....	11.45
Esther No. 4, Bal. due on Ritual.....	.50
Tax on Degrees.....	2.00
Olive Branch No. 32, Rituals.....	4.50

4-19-'58

Leah No. 8, Tax on Degrees.....	1.00
Due Books.....	1.20
Princess Zorah No. 10, Tax on Degrees.....	1.00
Adah No. 18, G. C. Dues.....	16.50
Fidelity No. 30, Souvenir Album.....	2.50
Due Books.....	1.25

5-19-'58

Received from G. W. Maron.....	1.00
Leah No. 8, G. C. Dues.....	21.00
Princess Oziel No. 9, Due Books.....	1.20
Princess Zorah No. 10, G. C. Dues.....	45.75
Naomi No. 1, G. C. Dues.....	42.00 Cr. 10.50

6-1-'58

Olive Branch No. 32, G. C. Dues.....	35.25	
Tax on Degrees.....	6.00	
Prince Hall No. 25, G. C. Dues.....	9.00	
Queen of Sheba No. 19, G. C. Dues.....	12.00	
St. Elmo No. 3, G. C. Dues.....	27.00	Cr. 5.25
Silverleaf No. 5, G. C. Dues.....	38.25	

6-5-'58

Esther No. 4, G. C. Dues.....	12.75	
Princess Oziel No. 9, G. C. Dues.....	80.25	
Harmony No. 22, G. C. Dues.....	36.00	Cr. 21.75
Tax on Degrees.....	1.00	
Code and Due Books.....	1.80	
Palestine No. 28, G. C. Dues.....	28.50	
Excelsior No. 12, G. C. Dues.....	22.00	Cr. 5.50
Morning Star No. 34, G. C. Dues.....	14.25	
Golden Star No. 31, G. C. Dues.....	16.25	Cr. 3.50
Fidelity No. 30, G. C. Dues.....	11.25	

Total.....	1157.50	Cr. 46.50
Balance Brought Forward June 10, 1957.....	\$ 892.21	
Taken in for year 1957-1958.....	1157.50	

Grand Total.....	\$ 2049.71
10% Grand Relief.....	184.25
	\$ 2233.96

6-19-'57

Expense of Grand Chapter.....	\$ 621.55
N. A. A. C. P.....	50.00

7-18-'57

G. W. Matron's Contingent.....	40.00
G. Secretary's Contingent.....	40.00
Hansen Murray Mugg, G. Secretary's Bond.....	5.00
Geo. H. Cockburn, G. Treasurer's Bond.....	44.00
Refund Sister M. M. Brewton Souvenir Album Ads.....	4.50
Total Disbursements.....	805.05

Balance in General Fund June 7, 1958..... \$ 1428.91

GRAND CHARITIES FOR THE YEAR 1957-1958

No.	Chapter	1st Quar.	2nd Quar.	3rd Quar.	4th Quar.	Total
1	Naomi, Davenport.....	\$ 31.50	\$ 31.50	\$ 32.25	\$ 31.50	\$ 126.75
3	St. Elmo, Burlington..	23.25	22.50	22.50	23.00	91.25
	Credit \$ 2.00					
4	Esther, Ottumwa.....	12.00	12.00	12.75	12.75	49.50
5	Silverleaf, C. R.....	38.25	37.50	37.50	38.25	151.50
8	Leah, Clinton.....	20.25	20.25	20.25	21.00	81.75
9	Princess Oziel, D. M... ..	79.50	79.50	80.25	80.25	319.50
10	Princess Zorah, D. M. .	45.00	45.75	44.25	45.00	180.00
12	Excelsior, Marsh.....	'56-'57 23.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	
			17.25	16.50	16.50	148.25

Credit \$ 5.75

17 Electa, Keokuk.	14.25	13.50	13.50	12.00	53.25
18 Adah, M. C.	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	66.00
19 Queen of Sheba. . . '56-'57			16.00	16.00	
Waterloo.	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	80.00
22 Harmony, S. C.	14.25	14.25	13.50	13.50	55.50
25 Prince Hall, C'trville..	9.75	9.75	9.75	13.28	42.53
Credit \$ 3.53					
28 Palestine, Waterloo ..	27.75	27.00	29.95	29.25	113.25
30 Fidelity, Ft. M.	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.25	45.00
31 Golden Star, Ft. D. . . .	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	54.00
32 Olive Branch, D. M. . . .	30.75	30.00	33.75	33.75	128.25
34 Morning Star, C. B. . . .	13.50	14.25	14.25	14.25	56.25
Credits \$ 11.28					
	<u>\$436.25</u>	<u>\$453.25</u>	<u>\$474.50</u>	<u>\$478.53</u>	<u>\$1842.53</u>

Grand Relief Department for Year 1957-1958

Balance Brought Forward June 10, 1957.....	\$2910.21
Grand Charities taken in for year 1957-1958..	1842.53
Grand Total ..	\$4752.74
Disbursements: 8 Death Donations..	\$ 800.00
10% to General Fund.....	184.25
	<u>\$ 984.25</u> <u>\$ 984.25</u>

Balance in Grand Relief Department, June 7, 1958. ..\$3768.49

Total Assets

Balance in General Fund.	\$ 1428.91
Balance in Grand Relief Department.....	3768.49
Total Cash in Treasury	\$ 5197.40
1 Time Certificate.....	2080.80
Government Bonds.....	5184.00
Refund on Safety Deposit Box.....	1.28
Grand Total of Money, Time Certificate & Bonds, June 7, 1958	\$12463.48

Humbly submitted,
Orea Buice

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron and Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter. We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the books and all the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and wish to submit the following report.

GRAND RELIEF DEPARTMENT FOR YEAR 1957-1958

Balance Brought Forward June 10, 1957....	\$2,910.21
Grand Charities taken in for year 1957-1958....	1,842.53
Grand Total.	<u>\$4,752.74</u>

Disbursements:

8 Death Donations.....	800.00
Balance in Grand Relief Department, June 7, 1958.....	\$3,952.74

RECAPITULATION

Balance in General Fund.....	\$1,244.66
Balance in Grand Relief Department.....	3,952.74
Total Cash in Treasure.	\$5,197.40
1 Time Certificate	2,080.80
Government Bonds.	5,184.00
Refund on Safety Deposit Box.....	1.28

Grand Total of money, Time Certificate & Bonds,
June 7, 1958..... \$12,463.48

Submitted by the Auditing,
Rev. D. O. Bell, Chairman
Sister Mildred Nelson
Sister Laurindia Lewis
Sister Julia Golden, Secretary

REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter O. E. S.—P. H. A. Iowa and Jurisdiction.

We, Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to submit the following report.

Official Acts and Visitations of Grand Worthy Matron

1. Appointed the Grand Officers and chairman of Standing Committees. **We Approved.**
2. Sent Official Greetings to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. A. M. of Iowa, who were holding their Annual Session in Waterloo. **We Approved.**
3. Approved and signed bonds of the newly elected Grand Treasurer, Sister Vivian Smith and Grand Secretary. **We Approved.**
4. Signed banks reference cards. **We Approved.**
5. Approved purchasing of name stamp for Electa Grand Chapter, by Grand Treasurer. **We Approved.**
6. Letter to Naomi Chapter No. 1 of Davenport thanking them for accepting Grand Chapter. **We Approved.**
7. Called Mrs. A. R. Parks about funeral arrangements for Rev. A. R. Parks, P. G. P. Sent condolence and flowers to Parks funeral in behalf of Electa Grand Chapter. **We Approved.**
8. Wrote letter of thanks to Illinois chapter for their services at the Parks funeral. **We Approved.**

9. Attended funeral rites for Rev. Parks in St. Paul, Minnesota. **We Approved.**

10. Letter to all subordinate chapters concerning the districts plans and organization. **We Approved.**

11. Condolence message to Sister Mary Range at the passing of her husband. **We Approved.**

12. Met with the committee on Revision of Book of Instruction. **We Approved.**

13. Letter to Western Light Chapter No. 115, P. H. A. of Chicago, Illinois, verifying that Silverleaf Chapter No. 5 O. E. S. of Cedar Rapids, was a chapter in good standing belonging to Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Iowa, P. H. A. **We Approved.**

14. Sent letter to all subordinate chapters containing news and Christmas Greetings. **We Approved.**

15. Received letter from Grand Secretary containing a letter from the Bureau of Old Age and Survivors Insurance in regard to death donation (paid in 1955) of Sister Genevive Ashford of Adah Chapter No. 18. Informed Grand Secretary that I thought that she had settled the matter in the right manner by informing the Board that the donation was paid to her daughter. **We Approved.**

16. Letter to Grand chairman of Ways and Means suggesting an idea for Ways and Means funds and urging her to contact the chapters. **We Approved.**

17. Letter to Eureka Lodge No. 20 F. A. M. of Marshalltown, Iowa concerning standing of Brother William Burton. **We Approved.**

18. Declared Brother Burton suspended because of loss of lodge affiliation. **We Approved.**

19. Letter to Grand Secretary informing her of Brother Burton suspension and instructed her to inform him of the action taken. **We Approved.**

20. Call to Sioux City confirming death report of Brother Edward Askew, P. G. W. P. **We Approved.**

21. Sent telegram of condolence and flowers to the family Past Grand Patron Edward Askew. **We Approved.**

2. Telegram of condolence to the family of Sister Harriet Bell, P. G. M. of Illinois and the international Grand Marshal. **We Approved.**

23. Attend District Meeting in Clinton, Iowa. Leah Chapter No. 8 entertaining. **We Approved.**

24. Greetings by letter to the Jurisdiction of Kansas. Sister Katruan Valley, G. A. M. and G. C. F. C. Easter greetings to subordinate chapters. **We Approved.**

25. Official visit to Fidelity Chapter No. 30 of Ft. Madison and St. Elmo No. 3 of Burlington. **We Approved.**

26. Met with the committee on Revisions of Rules. **We Approved.**

27. Trip to Davenport to talk with the Program chairman of Chapter No. 1. (Naomi) **We Approved.**

28. Attended District Meeting in Davenport and Waterloo. **We Approved.**

Official visit to my home chapter Silverleaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

29. Attended Esther Day Services in Burlington, Iowa with St. Elmo No. 3 **We Approved.**

Dispensations

1. Princess Oziel No. 9 to hold November and December meeting at other than stated time. **We Approved.**

2. St. Elmo No. 3. Hold November meeting at other than stated time. \$1.00 paid, turned over to Grand Secretary. **We Approved.**

3. January. Golden Star No. 31 to elect and install out of time. \$1.00 paid and turned over to Grand Secretary. **We Approved.**

4. April. Princess Zorah No. 10 to elect and install out of time. \$1.00 paid, turned over to Grand Secretary. **We Approved.**

5. April. Silverleaf No. 5 to elect and install out of time. \$1.00 paid, turned over to Grand Secretary. **We Approved.**

Questions and Answers

1. What action should be taken when the secretary will not carry out the orders of the Worthy Matron?

ANSWER: According to our constitution and code, Section 64 (k) the Worthy Matron has the power to arrest her jewel. Each officer, no matter what station she holds, should perform her duties to the best of her ability. In order to have a constitution and harmonious chapter it takes the cooperation of every officer and member. **We Approved.**

2. How often should the financial report be read at chapter meeting?

ANSWER: At each stated meeting the amount received from each member for any purpose should be recorded and read at the time that the Worthy Matron calls for the reading of minutes for correction in our Order of Business. (Section 68). In the by-laws of some subordinate chapters, there is a clause where the Secretary is to call the roll of officers and members stating their financial standing as of that date. Personally I feel that this action should be exercised more freely and more often in all our chapters. **We Approved.**

3. Death in a subordinate chapter. The Worthy Patron is a member of the deceased's family; and there is not another male member belonging to chapter, what should be done to secure a Worthy Patron for the funeral service?

ANSWER: The Worthy Patron should go to the Masons of her city, ask one of them to consent to be obligated into our Order so that he could act as Worthy Patron for this service.

WE DISAPPROVE: If there is no Worthy Patron in the Chapter, a Patron should be invited from some other O. E. S. Chapter for this service.

4. Where should the O. E. S. Burial Service be held

ANSWER: Our ritual states that the service may be performed in a church or at the house of the deceased; however this doesn't rule out Funeral Homes and the Cemetery if the situation calls for it. **We Approved.**

5. Other questions that have come to me this year have dealt

with the character of some of our members. During the Lenten Season I read an article I would like to pass it's thought on to you, feeling that it is the only answer to be given when one's character is involved.

BE STILL AND KNOW THY NEIGHBOR—CHARACTER

Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the Judgement you pronounce you will be judged, and the Measure you give will be the Measure you get.

In our daily lives, we must remember that it is our first duty to judge ourselves and let God judge our neighbor. It is our duty to be messengers of our Heavenly Father's word and ways. It is our duty to be helpful, kind, encouraging to everyone, and let God be the judge.

ANSWER: We feel that this is not a question for the Grand Worthy Matron to decide. According to Chapter 16 of the Code, Trials and punishment should be the prerogative of the Subordinate Chapter.

Recommendations

1. I recommend that Electa Grand Chapter consider presenting 25 and 50 consecutive years service pins to our members. **We Approve.**

2. I recommend that all changes in the constitution and code be compiled and given to the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron and to each Subordinate Chapter. **We Approve.**

3. I recommend that our Relief Assessment be increased back to \$1.00 per quarter, if the Grand Body disapproves the Grand tax increase.

WE DISAPPROVE.

4. I recommend that Queen of Sheba Chapter No. 19 and Palestine Chapter No. 28 of Waterloo, Iowa be consolidated.

WE DISAPPROVE: This should be done as stated in the Code Chapter 5, Section 39-46.

Official Acts of the Grand Worthy Patron

June 26th and 29th: Received communications from Members of the Prince Hall Chapter of Centerville relative to the question of whether or not the Worthy Matron was entitled to hold the charter of the aforesaid chapter while not residing within the corporate limits of that City.

In reply to both letters, I stated that the Grand Worthy Matron had already so ruled that the Worthy Matron could continue in office, and that, as the law is now written, both article 10 of the constitution and Code, and section 23 of Chapter 4 gives her basis of fact for her ruling. That and interpretation to the contrary should be ruled on at this Grand Communication. **We Approve.**

July 22nd, I received a letter from Brother J. H. Newkirk of Sioux City. He stated that he had written to the Grand Worthy Matron prior to our last annual communication which was held in Keokuk, stating that there were Clandestines Members of the Order in his town who wished to be healed by this Grand Chapter so that they could form a second chapter in Sioux City.

In reply to the same, I pointed out that Electa Grand Chapter

already has one duly authorized chapter in that City, and that any problem of healing would come within their providence since it is their particular territory. That this could be appealed to this Grand Chapter should be so desired. **We Approve.**

On the 10th of September, I received a charter from the Grand Matron to be signed by me, and forwarded on to Leah Chapter in Clinton. This was done and on the 30th I received acknowledgement of the same. **We Approve.**

On Sunday, October 13th, I attended a meeting for the Committee on revision of the book of instructions. This meeting was held in the home of our Grand Worthy Matron, and presided over by its chairman, Sister Bertha Wolders. **We Approve.**

I approved of the bonds of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer. **We Approve.**

Recommendations

REGALIA

Section 150 (1) Be Changed to read:

The official regalia of all sisters, except the Associate Matron, Worthy Matron, Past Worthy Matron and the five Heroines, shall be a five colored sash to be worn from the right shoulder to the left side, the blue to be worn next to the face. The Committee was undecided. **A Tie. Approved by Grand Chapter.**

Section 150 (6)

Badges or rosettes be used for burial service and Chapter of Sorrow, as instructed in McCoy Ritual (page 279-4) instead of present regalia for uniformity with sister jurisdictions, these to be purchased through the Grand Chapter. The Chaplain shall wear a white sash or stole. **We Approve.**

Due to the fact of higher travel expense and lodging rates, we recommend that portion of Code which reads "and \$4.00 per day for attendance upon each meeting of Grand Chapter be changed to read and \$6.00 per day for attendance upon each meeting of the Grand Chapter." Retroactive at this meeting. **We Approve.**

Should an Associate Matron fail to advance to Worthy Matron should she continue to wear the purple sash or convert to the five colors. See Section 150, Regalia—She should convert back to five colors.

Fraternally submitted,

DeEdwin White, Chairman
Odessa Roberts
Mary Range
Dorothy B. Bush
Bishop C. Burt
D. O. Bell
M. F. Askew
Thomas Lighons

Branham N Hyde
Maud M. Brewton
Elizabeth Jones
J. M. Danforth Sr.
Mary J. Majors
Sarah E. Jett, Secretary
John C. Buckner

REPORT OF GRAND LECTURER

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Present and Past Grand Officers and members of Electa Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, State of Iowa and Jurisdiction.

GREETINGS:

I thank you for the privilege of serving you, and for the many courtesies shown me.

This being the first year for our District Schools of Instruction, I fully realized the responsibility of accepting the office of Grand Lecturer.

In assuming the duties of this position, I accepted the token of your confidence as a sacred trust, and pledged to give you my best efforts for the welfare of our order.

I hope that I may be judged not by what I have done, but what I have tried to do.

Sunday, October 13: In company with Past Grand Worthy Patron DeEdwin White and Grand Associate Conductress Marjorie Lewis, I went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa to attend a meeting of the committee on the revision of the book of Instructions.

This meeting was called at the request of the chairman of the committee, Sister Bertha Wolder, and was held in the home of the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Gladys Taylor.

Those present were:

Past Grand Worthy Matron—Odessa Roberts
 Past Grand Worthy Patron—DeEdwin White
 Grand Worthy Matron—Gladys Taylor
 Grand Worthy Patron—Ebbie Pitts
 Grand Conductress—Bertha Wolder
 Grand Associate Conductress—Marjorie Lewis
 Grand Martha—Gladys Brown

On Saturday evening February 8, I again motored to Cedar Rapids. I was accompanied by Past Grand Worthy Patron, Brother DeEdwin White and Sister Gladys White, Grand Ada.

This meeting was with the Grand Worthy Matron, and was held for the purpose of outlining a program to be followed in our District Schools of Instruction.

On February 24th, I sent out communications to all 19 chapters in the jurisdiction, in which I outlined the plans we would follow. I asked each chapter to contact the other chapters in their district and let me know the date, time, and place they wanted to hold their meetings; and that I would be ready to start out the last week-end in March.

And thus the ball was started rolling for our first District School of Instruction.

On April 27th, I drove to Centerville. I was accompanied by Sister Sallie Cheers, Worthy Matron, and Sister Arletha Pleasant, Past Matron of St. Elmo Chapter No. 3.

We arrived at the Community Center on North Twelfth Street where the district meeting was to be held at 12:30 p. m. We were greeted by Sister Ida Conley, who assured us that the other members would be arriving shortly.

After a delicious pot luck dinner we went into our meeting.

The chapter was opened at 3:30 p.m. with the members of Prince Hall No. 25, Esther No. 4, and St. Elmo No. 3 filling the stations.

Sister Lillian Reed, Worthy Matron of Prince Hall No. 25, and Brother Charles Davis, Worthy Patron of Esther No. 4 presiding in the East.

Immediately after the opening, I was introduced and escorted to the East.

The Worthy Matron turned the gavel over to me and asked that I take charge of the meeting.

We proceeded to have a second opening so that the officers could form a line, and march into the chapter room which was very nicely done with only a few minor corrections.

I demonstrated how the pass should be taken up and the correct place for the Signet.

We rehearsed the introduction and presentation of grand officers and the proper place to present each grand officer.

We went through balloting on petition for membership. I demonstrated how it should be done; then the officers, with Sister Maxine Crayton as Matron of Esther No. 4 went through the work, doing it very well.

We went into the initiation with Sister Marion Nesbit, Worthy Matron of Esther No. 4 presiding. I served as Marshal with Sister Sallie Cheers, Worthy Matron of St. Elmo No. 3 acting as the candidate.

We went through as much of the work as the time would permit, going through the labyrinth several times, permitting members who desired to rehearse it.

Next the chapter was called from labor to recreation to prepare for the Chapter of Sorrow. I had the Conductress, Associate Conductress, and the Star points to march in. They remarked that they had never seen it done this way.

I told them that according to our new Ritual, when the Chapter of Sorrow is conducted during a regular chapter meeting, the Star points and conductresses march in and drape the altar. I would like to commend Brother Charles Davis, Worthy Patron of Esther No. 4, on the way he conducted the Chapter of Sorrow. His work was splendidly done.

The members of the three chapters were very attentive and interested in doing their work properly. This was my first District meeting for Instructions. I feel much was accomplished, as each member approached me after the meeting and told me how much they had gotten out of it. A number of questions were asked concerning the work.

The meeting was closed in proper Ritualistic form at 5:30 p. m.

I was presented a cash donation for my expenses.

Members present: Prince Hall No. 25—8

Esther No. 4—4

St. Elmo No. 3—2

Total members present — 14.

Sunday morning, May 4, 10:00 a.m.: Four cars with members from Princess Oziel No. 9, Princess Zorah No. 10, and Olive Branch No. 32, left Des Moines for Fort Dodge. I rode with Sister Bertha Wolder, Grand Conductress. Also in the car with us were Sister Lessie Garrett, Grand Ruth, Sister Felice Rhoades, and Sister Oceola Sims.

We arrived in Fort Dodge about 12:30 p.m., and proceeded to the YMCA where the School of Instruction was to be held in conjunction with Golden State No. 31, and Harmony Chapter No. 22.

Everyone had been instructed to bring a basket so that we could

have lunch before we started our meeting.

What a variety of food, and so much of it!! One didn't know what to select, everything tasted so good. I'm sure most of us ate too much. Sster Bush, Past Grand Worthy Matron, brought a dish of greens, and everyone tried to get a little taste of them. I don't know whether there were any left for Sister Bush or not.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. and opened in Ritualistic form with Sister Felice Rhoades, Past Matron of Olive Branch No. 32, and Rev Leroy Patterson, Golden Star No. 31, presiding in the East.

I had asked the Host Chapter Golden Star No. 31 to open, bpt they did not have enough of their members present to fill all of the stations, and they were also unfamiliar with the opening line-up and march, so I asked the members of the three Des Moines Chapters if they would open, so that Golden Star No. 31, and Harmony No. 22 could see just how it should be done. They were very impressed, for it was very beautifully done.

The three chapters from Des Moines brought their Degree Team to do the initiation, and the Chapter of Sorrow, so right after the opening and the presentation of the Grand Officers (which we rehearsed quite a little bit) they proceeded to go right into the initiation.

Filling the stations were these officers:

Worthy Matron—Felice Rhoades
 Worthy Patron—Marcus McCraven
 Associate Matron—P. W. G. Matron Dorothy Bush
 Conductress—Grand Conductress Bertha Wolder
 Associate Conductress—Lessie Garrett Grand Martha
 Marshal—Mildred Graves Grand Marshal
 Adah—Josephine Trumbo
 Ruth—Helen McCraven
 Esther—Mabel Weathers
 Martha—Gladys Brown
 Electa—Helen T. Carter
 Warder—Betty Jackson
 Treasurer—Oceola Sims

The officers are to be commended on the beautiful and impressive way the initiation was conducted, and a special commendation for Brother Marcuc McCraven on the patrons work—not a book was in sight.

The Chapter of Sorrow was next with the same officers filling the stations, with the exception of the patron's station—Past Grand Worthy Patron John Danforth filled this station. Again I repeat that the work was beautifully and impressively done, and a special commendation for Brother John Danforth on the patrons work.

Golden Star No. 31, and Harmony Chapter No. 22 seemed very impressed with the work of the Des Moines Chapter, and I know that they learned a lot from seeing the work done as it should be done.

I was very disappointed that no one from Morning Star No. 34, Council Bluffs, Iowa, was in attendance.

We did not have time to go into the Burial Service, as the hour was growing late and we had to be out of the hall by 6:00 o'clock. I also had to be back in Des Moines in time to catch the 9:00 o'clock train for Burlington.

We had questions and answers throughout the meeting.

It was a pleasure to attend this meeting, and I complimented

them on the performance of their work.

We closed about a quarter of six, after which the host chapter served coffee and cake.

Members present: Golden Star No. 31—7
 Harmony Chapter No. 22—6
 Princess Oziel No. 9—7
 Princess Zorah No. 10—9
 Olive Branch No. 32—7

Total Members present: 36

Saturday, May 17th: I left Burlington at 5:30 p. m. for Davenport, Iowa. I arrived at the Bethel Methodist Church about 7:15 p.m. Sister Ella Mae Blackman, Past Matron, was there to greet me, and had the chapter all set up. A few minutes later, Past Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Odessa Roberts came in, and I was very happy to see her.

This District, consisting of Naomi No. 1, Silverleaf No. 5, and Leah No. 8, had met several times prior to this District meeting, and had organized themselves with officers from the three chapters to fill the stations, which was a very good idea.

The meeting was opened about 8:30 p. m. with members of the three chapters filling the stations. We rehearsed the proper introduction of Grand Officers.

Grand Officers presented:

Sister Gladys Taylor—Grand Worthy Matron
 Sister Odessa Roberts—Past Grand Worthy Matron
 Brother John Buckner—Past Grand Worthy Patron
 Sister Vivian Smith—Grand Treasurer
 Brother C. I. Thompson—Past Grand Associate Patron
 Sister Vivian Smith—Grand Treasurer

We rehearsed balloting, and we went through the entire initiation, and I served as marshal. We rehearsed the labyrinth a number of times. I also mentioned when the signs and passes should be given. 'As the hour was growing quite late, we did not have time to go into the Chapter of Sorrow, but I did take the time to explain that the chapter be opened and closed the same day when conducting a funeral or the Chapter of Sorrow.

This was a very interesting meeting. A number of questions were asked, and I felt that the members were truly interested. We closed at 11:00 p. m. I was presented a cash donation for my expenses.

Members present: Naomi No. 1—5
 Silverleaf No. 5—7
 Leah No. 8—8

Total Members present—20

We left Davenport about 12:00 p. m. for Cedar Rapids; the Grand Worthy Matron riding in the car with me so that I wouldn't be alone. I certainly did appreciate this, because I got pretty tired. I hadn't done too much driving since my accident, about three weeks before, but after she saw how tired I was she took over the wheel, and drove us on into Cedar Rapids. I was truly grateful.

I spent the night in the home of our Grand Worthy Matron. We got to bed about 2:00 a. m. After a wonderful night's sleep we were up about 8:00 a. m., as we had to be in Waterloo at 1:00 p. m. We had a lovely breakfast, after which we got dressed.

The Grand Worthy Matron's husband, Brotherr Beverly Taylor, Past Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge, said that he would

drive us to Waterloo, and we were both so very grateful to him for being so kind.

We left Cedar Rapids about 10:30 a.m. and arrived at the Masonic Hall on Mobile Street at 12:00 p.m. The Hall was open but on-one was there, so we waited, and shortly afterwards the members began to come in.

Each of them had brought baskets and soon the tables were spread with the most delicious food, and drink; it was a real feast.

The meeting was opened at 3:00 p.m. with the members of Queen of Sheba No. 9, Palestine No. 28, Excelsior No. 12, and Adah No. 18, filling the stations. Sister Annie Brown, Worthy Matron of Palestine No. 28, and Past Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Bishop Burt presiding in the East.

After I had been presented and escorted to the East, the Worthy Matron asked that I take charge of the meeting.

I proceeded to show them how the pass should be taken up, also how the Associate Conductress should attend at the altar. We rehearsed the presentation and introduction of Grand Officers. Also balloting—all necessary corrections were made.

We rehearsed the initiation—spending considerable time on the labyrinth.

The Grand Worthy Matron stated that since the Past Grand Organist Sister Helen Baker was present she should play for us. We all agreed that having music while going through our work makes it much more impressive, and easier to do, too. Many thanks to Sister Baker.

By this time it was getting quite late, and I had a long drive back to Burlington—also some of the members had quite a distance to go, so we did not go into the Chapter of Sorrow, but I explained the procedure for funerals and Esther Day.

The chapter was closed in Ritualistic form with the Grand Worthy Matron presiding in the East.

I was presented a cash donation for my expenses.

Many questions were asked during the instructions. The members expressed their appreciation for the instructions received.

This was a lovely meeting and the members were very attentive.

Grand Officers presented:

Grand Worthy Matron—Sister Gladys Taylor
Associate Grand Matron—Evelyn Wilder
Past Grand Worthy Patron—Bishop Burt
Past Grand Worthy Patron—Rev D. O. Bell
Past Grand Organist—Helen Baker

Members present: Queen of Sheba No. 9—6
Palestine No. 28—7
Excelsior No. 12—4
Adah No. 18—2

Total members present—19

May 25th, 12:10 p. m., I left Burlington for Keokuk, Iowa, in company with Sister Sallie Cheers, Worthy Matron, Sister Margaret Kinniard, Past Matron of St. Elmo Chapter No. 3, and Sister Roxie Wheeler, Princes Oziel No. 9.

We arrived in Keokuk at 1:00 p. m. and we went directly to the Masonic Hall. The Hall was open, and the chapter set up, but no one was there. We waited, and in a short while Past Grand Worthy Patron, Brother DeEdwin White, and Sister White, Grand Adah, arrived.

The rest of the members arrived later; each one had brought a basket, so a table was spread and we sat down to a delicious pot luck dinner, which we enjoyed very much.

The meeting was opened at 3:00 p. m. with 11 members present; and I must say that I was quite disappointed, because of the 11 present, all were past or present Grand Officers, with the exception of 3. As these meetings had been called specifically for the matrons, patrons, conductresses, and associate conductresses benefit, it was quite disturbing when only a few of them showed up.

We proceeded to open up with all of the Grand Officers filling the stations—Sister Sallie Cheers, Worthy Matron of St. Elmo Chapter No. 3, presiding in the East.

There was not much to be done here since all present except 3 were present or past Grand Officers.

However, we did rehearse the introduction of Grand Officers, and had a general discussion of the work, including the labyrinth.

I was presented a beautiful crystal and chrome chip and dip bowl by Past Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Mary J. Majors, in behalf of Electa Chapter No. 17, Fidelity Chapter No. 30, and St. Elmo Chapter No. 3. Sister Marjorie Lewis, in behalf of Sister Lessie Burt, Worthy Matron of Fidelity Chapter No. 30, presented a lovely hand-made Eastern Star tea apron to me. Sister Dessie Burt was unable to attend because of sickness in the family.

I thanked them for the lovely gifts, and even though we didn't have a large attendance, I felt that we did accomplish something, and that the afternoon was not a loss.

Grand Officers presented:

Past Grand Worthy Matron—Mary E. Majors
Past Grand Worthy Matron—Mary E. Range
Past Grand Worthy Patron—DeEdwin White
Grand Associate Conductress—Sister Marjorie Lewis
Grand Ada—Sister Gladys White
Past Grand Sentinel—Ruth Tomes
Past Grand Martha—Margaret Kinniard
Past Grand Martha—Ionia Anderson

Members present: Electa No. 17—3
Fidelity No. 30—3
St. Elmo No. 3—4
Princess Oziel No. 9—1

Total members present—11

I am very happy to report that every chapter in the jurisdiction was well represented at these district meetings, with the exception of Morning Star No. 34. I received no communication from them whatsoever.

To the chapters of the district; My work with you has been a pleasure. How largely the success of this year belongs to you. Accept my sincere appreciation and gratitude for your splendid co-operation.

Total attendance af all districts—100.

Recommendations

1. I recommend that the chapters of each district elect their own district deputy, and each district deputy will receive her instructions from the Grand Lecturer, which will eliminate a lot of correspondence; and the district deputy can instruct them in their work throughout the year.

June 10th, 1958: I was guest of my own chapter, St. Elmo No. 3—an unforgettable night in my life—and the first time that I have ever been late to a chapter meeting.

They say there is a reason for everything, so I suppose that the reason for my being late was because the members had planned such a wonderful surprise for me. When I entered the chapter room, I noticed that every member was present, with the exception of one or two. It really made me feel proud and also humble to belong to such a wonderful organization.

I was presented in the proper position, given grand honors, and escorted to the East. Other Grand Officers presented:

Brother DeEdwin White—Past Grand Worthy Patron
Sister Gladys White—Grand Adah

After the regular business of the chapter had been taken care of, the Worthy Matron presented the gavel to me and asked that I take charge.

My lecture on the Signet was very well received, and I also gave them a brief summary on the Schools of Instruction held throughout the districts.

I was presented with a beautiful night gown by the Conductress, Sister Juanita Newman, in behalf of the officers and members of the chapter. Sister Verona Vaughn, Associate Conductress, and Sister Mary Baker presented me personal gifts—a beautiful bracelet and broach.

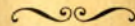
The chapter was closed in Ritualistic form, followed by a social hour held in the chapter room.

Sabers were set up and an abundance of ice cream and cake was served; one of the cakes baked by the husband of Sister Newman was delicious.

My sincere thanks to St. Elmo Chapter.

It is not the mighty deeds achieved that make life sweet, but just the little acts of kindness to those we meet.

Fraternally submitted,
Velma L. Lewis, Grand Lecturer



Place of Meeting of Electa Grand Chapter O. E. S.

- 1907 Organized at Burlington, May 21.
- 1908 First Annual Session, Cedar Rapids, May 19-21.
- 1908 Inaugurated under Missouri at Ottumwa, September 15.
- 1909 Second Annual Session, Clinton, May 18-20.
- 1910 Third Annual Session, Ottumwa, May 17-19.
- 1911 Fourth Annual Session, Davenport, May 16-18.
- 1912 Fifth Annual Session, Des Moines, May 21-23.
- 1913 Sixth Annual Session, Buxton, May 20-22.
- 1914 Seventh Annual Session, Keokuk, May 19-21.
- 1915 Eighth Annual Session, Minneapolis, May 18-20.
- 1916 Ninth Annual Session, Oskaloosa, May 16-18.
- 1917 Tenth Annual Session, Marshalltown, May 15-17.
- 1918 Eleventh Annual Session, Waterloo, May 18-20.
- 1919 Twelfth Annual Session, Cedar Rapids, June 19-21.

- 1920 Thirteenth Annual Session, Des Moines, June 15-17.
- 1921 Fourteenth Annual Session, Council Bluffs, June 21-23.
- 1922 Fifteenth Annual Session, Burlington, June 20-22.
- 1923 Sixteenth Annual Session, St. Paul, Minn., June 19-21.
- 1924 Seventeenth Annual Session, Davenport, June 17-19.
- 1925 Eighteenth Annual Session, Keokuk, June 16-18.
- 1926 Nineteenth Annual Session, Waterloo, June 15-17.
- 1927 Twentieth Annual Session, Cedar Rapids, June 21-23.
- 1928 Twenty-first Annual Session, Des Moines, June 19-21.
- 1929 Twenty-second Annual Session, Mason City, June 18-20.
- 1930 Twenty-third Annual Session, Sioux City, June 17-19.
- 1931 Twenty-fourth Annual Session, Marshalltown, June 16-18.
- 1932 Twenty-fifth Annual Session, Mason City, June 21-23.
- 1933 No Annual Session.
- 1934 Twenty-sixth Annual Session, Waterloo, June 19-21.
- 1935 Twenty-seventh Annual Session, Des Moines, June 18-20.
- 1936 Twenty-eighth Annual Session, Cedar Rapids, June 16-18.
- 1937 Twenty-ninth Annual Session, Davenport, June 15-17.
- 1938 Thirtieth Annual Session, Burlington, June 21-23.
- 1939 Thirty-first Annual Session, Keokuk, June 20-22.
- 1940 No Annual Session.
- 1941 Thirty-second Annual Session, Cedar Rapids, June 17-19.
- 1942 Thirty-third Annual Session, Des Moines, June 15-17.
- 1943 Thirty-fourth Annual Session, Des Moines, June 15 (one day).
- 1944 Thirty-fifth Annual Session, Mason City, June 20-22.
- 1945 Thirty-sixth Annual Session, Cedar Rapids, June 19-21.
- 1946 Thirty-seventh Annual Session, Cedar Rapids, June 18-20.
- 1947 Thirty-eighth Annual Session, Burlington, June 17-19. Fortieth Anniversary Electa Grand Chapter.
- 1948 Thirty-ninth Annual Session, Davenport, June 15-17.
- 1949 Fortieth Annual Session, Waterloo, June 20-22.
- 1950 Forty-first Annual Session, Keokuk, June 20-22.
- 1951 Forty-second Annual Session, Sioux City, June 19-21.
- 1952 Forty-third Annual Session, Mason City, June 17-19.
- 1953 Forty-fourth Annual Session, Des Moines, June 16-18.
- 1954 Forty-fifth Annual Session, Cedar Rapids, June 15-17.
- 1955 Forty-sixth Annual Session, Centerville, June 21-23.
- 1956 Forty-seventh Annual Session, Burlington, June 19-21.
- 1957 Forty-eighth Annual Session, Keokuk, June 18-20.
- 1958 Forty-ninth Annual Session, Davenport, June 17-19.

1958 — RETURNS — STATISTICS

Number	NAME AND LOCATION	WORTHY MATRON, WORTHY PATRON AND ASSOCIATE MATRON											Relief Fund	Tax on Degrees	G. C. Dues	Total Revenue	Amount Rec.	Balance Due	Balance Last Year	Total Due	Credit
			Initiated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended	Expelled	Died	Rejected	Members											
1	Naomi, Davenport.	Garnet Jackson, James Drake, Marie Madden.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	\$126.75		\$42.00	\$168.75	\$200.25			\$31.50	\$10.50
3	St. Elmo, Burlington.	Sadie Cheers, Jake Nelson, Elmore Benhart.	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	29	91.25		27.00	128.25	120.25					5.25
4	Esther, Ottumwa.	Martin Nesbit, Charlie Davis, Maxine Crayton.	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	17	49.50	2.00	12.75	184.25	184.25						
5	Silver Leaf, Cedar Rapids.	Vernie Warren, Morris Chipley, Lucille Maupin.	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	56	151.50		38.25	189.75	189.75						
8	Leah, Clinton.	Mary Freeds, E. Stewart, Beatrice Brown.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	81.75	1.00	21.00	103.75	103.75						
9	Zorah, Des Moines.	George Add, Gus Smith, Jessie M. Jones.	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	107	319.50	3.00	80.25	402.75	402.75						
10	Excelsior, Marshalltown.	Christina Edwards, Wm. Walker, F. Danforth.	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	61	180.00	1.00	47.75	228.75	228.75						
12	Zorah, Des Moines.	Gueneer Shaw, M. T. Bailey, Sr., Mary Jackson.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	53.25		22.00	170.25	170.25						
17	Electa, Keokuk.	Mildred Hawkins, Emory Johnson, Geneva Bell.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	18	53.25		13.50	66.75	66.75						
18	Adah, Mason City.	Ruth Harper, Wm. Wigninton, Marie Maddox.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	23	66.00		16.50	82.50	82.50						
19	Queen of Sheba, Waterloo.	Emma T. Bell, D. O. Bell, Pearl Tolliver.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	16	80.00	1.00	12.00	92.00	92.00						
22	Harmony, Sioux City.	Julia Golden, M. E. Whitlock, F. Alexander.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	19	55.50		36.00	92.50	92.50						
25	Princess Hall, Centerville.	Lillian Reed, Charles Morris, E. Barnes.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	12	42.53	2.00	9.00	51.53	51.53						
28	Palatine, Waterloo.	Annie Brown, Bishop Burt, Ella Evans.	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	38	113.25		28.50	143.75	143.75						
30	Fidelity, Fort Madison.	Dessie Burt, Wm. Windsor, M. Lewis.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	45.00		11.25	56.25	56.25						
31	Golden Star, Fort Dodge.	Cora L. Patterson, Daniel Lackman, G. Merritweather.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	54.00	6.00	16.25	70.25	70.25						
32	Olive Branch, Des Moines.	Delores Peguese, W. C. Butce, Hiwatha Potter.	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	47	128.25	1.00	35.25	169.50	169.50						
34	Morning Star, Council Bluffs.	Josephine Corbin, C. D. Herndon, Ione Wallace.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	19	56.25	1.00	28.50	85.75	85.75						
Totals			17	6	1	15	0	1	8	0586	\$1842.53	\$17.00	\$497.75	\$2323.78	\$2337.28	\$13.50	\$153.75	\$13.50	\$55.78		

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