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TUESDAY MORNING

Sioux City, Iowa, June 10, 1959

Electa Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation, State of Iowa and Jurisdiction opened its 50th Annual Communication on the above date in the auditorium of the Sanford Center as guests of Harmony Chapter, No. 22, O. E. S.

There were eighteen Chapters represented. By order of the Grand Worthy Patron, Brother John C. Buckner, the officers were invited into the chapter room.

After the Acting Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder had been escorted to the East and presented the gavel, we pledged allegiance to the flag, after which we sang "America" and proceeded to open Electa Grand Chapter in due ritualistic form. Having the desired number of Chapters present, the acting Grand Worthy Matron called for the roll of Officers and vacancies filled as follows:

ELECTIVE

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

APPOINTIVE

Sister Mildred Graves, Grand Adalat
 Sister Hazel Smith, Grand Ruth
 Sister Clemmie Hightower, Grand Esther
 Sister Iver Jean Bailey, Grand Martha
 Sister Lessie Garrett, Grand Electa
 Sister Felice Rhodes, Grand Marshall
 Sister Fannie Morris, Grand Sentinel
 Sister Cora Lee Patterson, Grand Warder



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Grand Worthy Matron

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Sister Lavinia Grayson, Grand Musician
 Brother John Danforth, Grand Chaplain
 Sister Lillian Reed, Christian Flag Bearer
 Sister Catherine Wilder, Acting O.E.S. Flag Bearer
 Sister Ida Conley, Acting American Flag Bearer
 Sister Jessie E. Walker, Grand Historian
 Sister Mary J. Majors, G. C. F. C.

COMMITTEES

CRECIDENTIALS—Sister Orea Buice, Hazel Smith, Vicie Ragland.

RETURNS—Sisters Helen W. Johnson, Gladys Taylor, Julia Collier.

AUDITING—Brother D. O. Bell, DeEdwin White, Sister Mary J. Majors.

JURISPRUDENCE—Sister Odessa Roberts, Chairman and all past Grand Worthy Matrons and Grand Worthy Patrons.

OFFICERS' ADDRESSES—Sisters Mary M. Range, Myrtle Coffman, Brother John Danforth.

FINANCE—Sister Sarah E. Jett, Marietta Payton, Brother Bishop C. Burt.

CHARTERED CHAPTERS—Sisters Helen T. Carter, Katherine Wilder, Fannie Danforth.

APPEALS & GRIEVANCES—Sisters Jessie E. Walker, Hiawatha Potter, Fannie Mae Alexander.

OBITUARIES—Sisters Lillian Reed, Wille Winfrey, Mildred Graves, Jessie M. Jones, Elmira Barnes.

COURTESY—Sisters Mary Green, Ella Mae Evans, Elmyra Benhart, Leona Presley.

RULES—Sisters Myrtle Coffman, Martha Warren, Leona Jordan.

PUBLICITY—Sisters Armetta Butler, Lenora Hayes.

RESOLUTION—Sisters Dorothy B. Bush, Ione Wallace, Marie Maddox, Laurinda Lewis, Maud M. Brewton.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Brother Branham N. Hyde, Sisters Elvira Shortridge, Emma Bell.

Past Grand Worthy Matrons, Sisters Maud M. Brewton, Elizabeth Jones, Mary M. Range, Sarah E. Jett, Dorothy B. Bush, Mary J. Majors and Gladys Taylor are Past Grand Worthy Patrons, Brothers Thomas L. Lighons, M. F. Askey, DeEdwin White, Bishop C. Burt, D. O. Bell, Branham N. Hyde, and John Danforth were all presented and escorted to the M. S. where they were given Grand Honors.

The newly elected Grand Royal Matron, Brother Lady Elsie Garrett and Grand Royal Patron, Brother L. L. Lighons, of the

Royal and Exalted Court of the Armaranth were presented and welcomed.

Minutes of the afternoon journal of 1958 was read by the Grand Secretary and adopted with the necessary corrections.

The annual address of the acting Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder was heard. In spite of the strain under which she had worked, due to the death of our Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder, her address showed she had assumed her responsibility fully. It was moved and recorded that her address be accepted and placed in the hands of the proper committee, motion carried.

Brother John C. Buckner, Grand Worthy Patron gave his annual address complimenting the Grand Officers for their work well done. His address was accepted and placed in the hands of the proper committee.

Both the acting Grand Worthy Matron and the Grand Worthy Patron paid humble tribute in their address to our deceased Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder.

The annual address of that of our Associate Grand Patron, Brother Morris Chipley reported he had fulfilled his responsibilities to the full extent of his duties. His address was accepted and placed in the hands of the proper committee.

The Rules Committee made their report giving us our time for convening, recesses and proper seating in the chapter room.

Sister Orea Buice, Grand Secretary read greetings and felicitations from the Grand Master, Brother Frank B. Robinson of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & A. M. for Iowa and Jurisdiction, which was received and placed on file.

The Courtesy Committee presented thirteen new Worthy Matrons. Recess for lunch.

ACTING GRAND WORTHY MATRON'S ADDRESS

Grand Worthy Patron, Associate Grand Patron, Past Grand Worthy Matrons, Past Grand Worthy Patrons, Grand Officers, members and visitors of Electa Grand Chapter (P.H.A.) of Iowa and Jurisdiction.

Greetings. A full year has passed since we last met together in Electa Grand Chapter, and with it has come many changes. A few short weeks ago I was working in my office of Associate Grand Matron doing the duties that had been requested of me by my superior officer. Today, I am trying to fulfill, as best I can, the duties of her office. When I assumed her place in this station, I realized well the responsibilities that went with it, and the unfinished duties that had to be taken care of. With these things in mind, I went to our Heavenly Father, asking Him to give me enough common sense to know what to do and the ability to be able to do it. Knowing my own shortcomings, I asked that He give me courage to face whatever problems that presented themselves, humbleness of spirit, but most of all patience. Because we are assured that He answers prayer, I feel that He will guide me in my endeavors.

GRAND OFFICERS

To the Grand Worthy Patron, Past and present grand officers of this grand body, my sincere thanks for your support and words of encouragement, without which the program for this year could not have been completed.

BROTHERLY LOVE

As I mentioned before, this year has brought many changes. There has been war and rumors of war; atomic weapons perfected; space satellites launched into orbit, and weeks of travel under the sea. Man has pitted his strength against his brother, both mentally and physically. In some instances, the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God seems to have been forgotten. In John's second epistle, to the Elect Lady, whom we know as Electa, he admonishes her, "And now I beseech thee, lady, that we love one another." How can we, a mere handful of people in this vast world, do anything to help carry out his commandment? We can do so, by each of us, laying aside our personal animosities, if there be any, and do unto others as we would that they do unto us. We can give a hand of friendship to our neighbors, and a word of comfort and encouragement to the poor in spirit. Too often, we realize, too late, that the things we should have done, we have neglected to do. Let us, at the closing of each day, ask ourselves if we have done just one good deed for our fellowman, or have we let the day slip uselessly away?

MEMORIAL

Now, may we pause a moment in silent prayer, for those, our sisters and brothers, who have heard the voice of God, answered the call and departed from our midst this past year. Their bright light has been added to the stars of heaven, and they shine down upon us to light our paths through the darkness of the night. We grieve at their passing, but we know that they rest in the care of Him who watches over all. My deep and sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved families. May they find consolation in the belief that God knows best.

Among those who have departed to that far off land is our beloved Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Elvira Wilder of Excelsior Chapter No. 12 of Marshalltown. Sister Wilder's wife was a full and happy one, and the meetings of this grand body were made the more pleasant and enjoyable by her presence. She shall be greatly missed by all who knew her. I am asking the Obituary committee to kindly prepare a special memorial for our Grand Worthy Matron in our Grand Chapter of Sorgo, and if it is the will of this body, that the good works done in this grand session, be dedicated in her memory.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Sister Wilder had received 11 invitations and had made 4 official visits: the cities receiving her were, Waterloo, Clinton, Burlington and Ft. Madison, and the 4 chapters of Des Moines. Her interest this year lay in the increasing of the membership of the order and her efforts in regard to this was both timely and informative, and beautifully written. It is indeed unfortunate that the other chapters were not able to hear it.

As Associate Grand Matron, I had not planned nor had I made any official visits. As acting Grand Worthy Matron, I had been planned or anticipated. However, on April 26, I was privileged to accept the kind invitation of Naomi Chapter No. 1 of Davenport, the upper chapter of P.G.W.M. Sister Odessa Roberts, G.W.P. Brother John C. Bricker and P.G.W.P. Brother Ebbie Pitts. I was met by the Worthy Matron, Sister Elvira Shortridge and made comfortable in her home until the time of the meeting. Feeling that as many of the members as possible should have the privilege of hearing the address of our Grand Worthy Matron, I presented it to Naomi Chapter, which was well received. This chapter is to be commended on its ritualistic procedure. The Worthy Patron is a new and very young man, but with such a gift of past grand

officers, to spur him onward, he should make rapid progress. Honored Lady Mary M. Range was making her official visit to Linn Court No. 1 R.E.Q.A. at the same time. At the conclusion of both meetings, a lovely chicken dinner was served, and both of us received a beautiful gift.

OFFICIAL ACTS

In going through the files of our Grand Worthy Matron, I found the following list of official acts, which I am incorporating in this report.

July—Delivered in person, greetings and flowers to Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & A.M. in behalf of Electa Grand Chapter.

Appointed Brother B. N. Hyde as chairman of committee to work on ways and means of reducing size of Jurisprudence committee.

January—Telegram of condolence to Keokuk on death of Brother Fielding Johnson, Past Grand Master.

Telegram of condolence to Ottumwa on death of Sister Lecta Davis, Secretary of Esther Chapter No. 4.

Dispensation to Prince Hall No. 25, Centerville to hold election and install out of time.

March—Dispensation to Golden Star No. 310, Ft. Dodge, to hold election and install out of time.

Telegram of Condolence to Sister Cora Crayson, Keokuk, on the death of her husband.

April—Condolence to family of Sister Cora Irving, St. Elmo No. 3, Burlington.

As Associate Grand Matron, my official acts were few.

Sept. 15—Met with G.W.M. at her residence, concerning her plans for the year, at which time I assured her of my full co-operation in whatever she wished to do.

Oct. 19—Attended District school of instruction in Marshalltown, the district including Waterloo and Mason City.

March 22—Met with G.W.M. concerning talks by new Matrons and the Wednesday night program for this session.

As acting Grand Worthy Matron my official acts have also been few.

April 15—Sister Orea Buice, Grand Secretary, being out of the city, I called Sister Sarah E. Jett P.G.W.M. notifying her of the passing of our Grand Worthy Matron, and asked her to please arrange the Grand Chapter burial services for me. She kindly consented to do so.

April 15—Called Sister Buice long distance notifying her of funeral arrangements for Sister Wilder. I would like to express my thanks to Electa Grand Chapter for the beautiful services, and to the members of all chapters for your wonderful attendance and kind expressions of sympathy.

April 22—May 1—Wrote letters to various grand chapters seeking information which would help me complete the work for this grand session.

May 7—Made trip to Sioux City to meet with Harmony Chapter No. 22 to complete program for this session. Sister Orea Buice accompanied me.

June 5—Condolence to family of Sister Maude Woods, Olive Branch No. 32 O.E.S.

I have no recommendations to offer. Of course, recommendations that have been passed by this grand body are not complied with, no doubt through oversight on our part. We would do well to check these recommendations from time to time, as each is of some importance to the advancement of light and knowledge of our order.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I would like to quote to you from this little verse:

May the blue ever keep you faithful and true
To convictions of duty and right
May the yellow remind you to ever be just
And the white on your path shed its light.
May the green keep you trustful
With faith to believe,
And the red give you courage and power
For with these bright rays of our beautiful star
Comes strength for each day and we know

May the blessings of the Heavenly Father be bestowed upon each of you and upon our beautiful order, that we may prosper and grow rich in faith, love and everlasting friendship.

Respectfully submitted,
BERNICE E. WOLDER,
Acting Grand Worthy Matron

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 P.M.

All joined in singing "God will take care of you" followed by prayer offered by acting Chaplain Sister Rosa Bella Sample.

Minutes of the morning journal were read and adopted with the necessary corrections.

Sister Velma Lewis, the Grand Lecturer gave her annual report giving her activities for the past year. Her report was accepted and given to the proper committee. She then proceeded with her School of Instruction, she gave proper regalia, setting up the Chapter room, the procedure for line up, seating and taking the pass. A rising vote of thanks was given to the Grand Lecturer Sister Lewis for the instructions given.

The Committee on Chartered Chapters reported no chapters had been given during the past year. This report was adopted.

Flowers were received from the following: Mr. and Mrs. John Shores; Royal and Exalted Court of the Amaranth by Sisters Lessie Garrett, Helen W. Johnson and Maud M. Brewton; Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & A.M. for Iowa and Jurisdiction by Brother Branham N Hyde.

The Jurisprudence Committee gave a partial report, reporting that they had met in regards to cutting down the expense of this committee. Their decision being that the committee would consist of seven paid members serving three, two and one year terms. The committee was excused until Thursday

Sister Orea Buice, Grand Secretary read the report coming from our deceased Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder of her attendance to the International Conference of Grand Chapters in Chicago, Illinois. It was a very detailed and complete report showing also that she was very observant in her attendance. Sisters Mary M. Range,



MRS. VELMA LEWIS
Grand Lecturer
1959

Dorothy B. Bush, Iver Jean Bailey also gave brief remarks about the Conference.

Grand Registrar, Sister Haley O. Houston read a letter from the International Ways & Means, asking each Grand Chapter to raise \$500.00 in any manner desired

After announcements were made we were called from labor for rest to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East.

PUBLIC RECEPTION

- Sanford Center 8:00 p.m.
- Mistress of Ceremonies Mrs. Aretta M. Butler
- "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Congregation
- Invocation Rev. E. W. Bratton
- Selection Malone A.M.E. Choir
- Presentation of Mayor Dr. M. E. Whitlock, W.P.
- Welcome on Behalf of the City Mayor W. W. Wilson
- Response Mr. DeEdwin White, P.G.W.M., Burlington, Ia.
- Vocal Solo Mrs. Theresa Gilmore, Sioux City, Ia.
- Welcome on Behalf of Decatur Lodge No. 14
- Mr. Joseph H. Jones, W.M., Sioux City, Ia.
- Response Mr. Branham N. Hyde, P.G.W.P., Des Moines, Ia.
- Selection Malone A.M.E. Choir
- Welcome on Behalf of Harmony Chapter No. 22
- Mrs. Fannie Mae Alexander, W.M., Sioux City, Ia.
- Response Mrs. Maude M. Brewton, P.G.W.M., Mason City, Ia.
- Welcome on Behalf of Churches of Sioux City
- Rev. W. Phillips
- Response Mrs. Mary J. Majors, P.G.W.M., Keokuk, Ia.
- Welcome on Behalf of Fraternal Organizations
- Mr. Albert Butler, Sioux City, Ia.
- Response Rev. D. O. Beli, P.G.W.P., Waterloo, Ia.
- Solo Franklin Williams, Sioux City, Ia.
- Presentation of Acting Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Officers
- Presentation of Grand Royal Matron of R.E.O.A. and Grand Officers
- "Now the Day Is Over" Malone A.M.E. Choir
- Benediction Rev. W. H. Burnette, Jr.



MRS. OREA BUICE
Grand Secretary
1959-1961



MRS. HELEN W. JOHNSON
Grand Lecturer
1960-1961

GRAND WORTHY PATRON'S ADDRESS

Grand Worthy Matron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Past and Present Grand Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter of Iowa Jurisdiction.

Greetings:

It is with great pleasure that I have the opportunity to come before you in this 50th communication in the great city of Sioux City, Iowa, as we meet and welcome each other for the purpose to formulate our plans for the future. While we are rejoicing at this opportunity of meeting again, we are also saddened by the loss of those who have passed on to the great beyond, and those who at this moment are experiencing the result of "Man's inhumanity to Man." Nevertheless our work must go on for in God we trust, from whom cometh our strength.

A year has passed since you were kind enough to elect me to the high office of Grand Worthy Patron, again I wish to take this time to thank each and all for the privilege and honor that been bestowed upon me by such a noble group. I have endeavored to do my best at all times and carry out the Christian leadership that my sisters and brothers so desired.

At our last stated Communication in which Naomi Chapter No. 1 of Daventry, Iowa, was host, little did we realize that in less than a year that God would see fit to reach out into our midst and on the 15th of April, 1959, call home our Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder, whom we all loved and cherished. Her earthly presence is greatly missed. Her love and affection for Electa Grand Chapter of Iowa and its jurisdiction will long be remembered. As Grand Worthy Matron she kept very close contact with the office of your Grand Worthy Patron, informing me of the thing that she had proposed and wanted to see accomplished this year. Her personal thoughts pertaining to Electa Grand Chapter, was bring together a more competent Grand Body. In all of my correspondences to her I would remind her to ask the help of God to guide her in all of her undertakings, which she assured me that she would. Sister Wilder had the deepest concern from within that the smaller chapters were not receiving enough recognition, and she wrote to my office pertaining to that matter. She wanted every young Matron to have a three (3) minute talk at Grand Chapter, and to be made more active throughout the Grand Body. On Feb. 25th, 1959, she wrote my office and informed me that she wanted our Assoc. Grand Worthy Patron to carry out the Lodge of Sorrow and that Bro. John Danforth of Des Moines, to carry out the Degree work, and the Administrative Degree. On this request I complied with her desire. Thank God for working in a body where we can take the interests of our sisters and brothers to heart and do something about it. These things Sister Wilder concentrated on and were foremost in her heart. May I say at this time that I am grateful to the very efficient Cabinet of Grand Officers, for they have been responsible for peace and harmony prevailing throughout the Jurisdiction. Sister Orea Buice our Grand Secretary has done a tremendous job with her reports and the efficient manner in which she has carried on, due to the hardships presented by being without our Grand Worthy Matron. Sister Vivian Smith has also shown a great spirit in her tremendous task of keeping the financial records up to date in a very intelligent manner. I cite these fine acts of cooperation due to the fact that our Grand Worthy Matron's office was made happy by them, which in turn made me happy. The other officers are also to be commended for their excellent work in their respective offices. Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, allow me to take this time and commend a courageous lady, known as our Assoc. Grand Matron, who was called on to step in and carry on the work of our Grand Worthy Matron, and who is so gallantly doing so. The point that strikes hardest is the fact that she accepted the responsibilities so readily and in due stride. She contacted my office and asked me various points about what the Grand W. Matron's plans

and I readily submitted to her office the information that I had. So officers and members let your prayers be in a constructive manner by asking God to guide her in her thoughts and acts, so that we might tell her, "A job well done." Bro. Brandon Hyde, Chm. of the Jurisprudence Committee has kept his Dept. intact for the interest of our Great Body.

My deepest regret is that I was unable to go to Marshalltown for the funeral of our Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder, it was due to the tremendously heavy schedule that I have. My heart is heavily saddened by the loss of our loved ones. So let us be prepared when God's chooses to call us to our reward as we know not who will be next or whether or not we will assemble together again as a body for another communication. And now, I ask you to join me in prayer for our departed ones.

No one hears the doors that open
When they pass beyond our call
Soft as the dropping petals of a rose
One by one our loved ones fall
But the memory of each loved one
Like the fragrance of the rose
God sends to linger with us
Till our own life door shall close.

OFFICIAL ACTS

July 6th, I signed a Treasury Bond with the St. Paul Mercury Ins. Co.
Feb. 9th, I wrote the subordinate chapters asking that they consider reducing the Jurisprudence Committee, which I asked the subordinate chapters to talk it over.
March 4th, at the request of our Grand Worthy Matron's office asked me to draft a letter to the Grand Master, Bro. Frank Robinson, that it was her desire to have the two bodies work in closer harmony throughout the Iowa Jurisdiction.

VISITATIONS

Peace and harmony prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction, which made it unnecessary to make any visitations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I recommend that Electa Grand Chapter take steps at this communication in reducing the number of the Jurisprudence Committee to six (6) Senior Grand Matrons and one (1) Senior Grand Patron upon the setting of Grand Chapter. By this I mean select by seniority, whereby it eliminates favoritism and politics.
2. I recommend that Electa Grand Chapter take into consideration to work out a system where our Grand Matron stays in office longer than two (2) years, such as Texas and other states that have this done.

CONCLUSION

May I close by stating, I wish to thank each officer and member for the cooperation accorded this administration. I am very happy to say that God has blessed Electa Grand Chapter to have had at its head such a courageous person as that of our deceased Grand Worthy Matron Sister Evelyn Wilder. I would like to close with this poem:

Things Worth While

Don't ask "Has the world been a friend to me?
 But "Have I to the world been true?"
 Tis not what you get but what you give
 That makes life worth while to you
 Tis the kind word said to the little child
 As you wiped its tears away
 And the smile you brought to some careworn face
 That really lights up your day.

Tis the hand you clasp with an honest grasp
 That gives you a hearty thrill
 Tis the good you pour into other lives
 That comes back your own to fill
 Tis the dregs you drain from another's cup
 That makes your own seem sweet
 And the hours you give to your fellow men
 That make your own life complete.

Tis the burdens you help another bear
 That make your own seem light.
 Tis the danger seen for another's feet
 That shows you the path to right.
 Tis the good you do each passing day
 With heart that's sincere and true,
 For though giving the world your very best
 Its best will return to you.

Fraternally submitted,
 MR. JOHN C. BUCKNER,
 Grand Worthy Patron

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON'S ADDRESS

Grand Worthy Matron, Officers, Members, Electa Grand Chapter, O.E.S., Iowa and Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affld., Convened in Annual Communication, Sioux City, Iowa, June 16th, 1959.

The time has arrived when, I, your Associate Grand Patron, share a moment with your other Grand Officers as we respectfully submit for your considered evaluation a recount of our year's actions, relative to the performance of our duties and the fulfillments of our obligations.

Constitutionally, my station administratively is an alternate which requires only that I be ready to assume duties when and if the occasion requires. Fortunately, the occasion didn't arrive and, resultingly, my active service administratively is negative.

Fraternally yours,
 MORRIS CHIPLEY,
 Associate Grand Patron

COMMITTEE ON GRAND OFFICERS' ADDRESSES

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

We have carefully read and examined the inspiring and instructive address of our acting Grand Worthy Matron and first wish to commend her for the efficient earnest and sincere way she has filled the office of Grand Worthy Matron knowing the difficulties and tremendous strain she has worked under,

we feel that much honor and praise for the efficient way she has shouldered the responsibilities of this office.

We recommend that the portion of her address pertaining to her official acts and recommendations be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

We read the address of our Grand Worthy Patron and find that he has been willing to assist the Grand Worthy Matron and acting Grand Worthy Matron at any time. He too is to be commended for the fine address he brought to our Grand Chapter.

That portion of his address dealing with his official acts and recommendations be given to the Jurisprudence Committee.

The short concise report of the Associate Grand Patron is also due honor and praise. There were no official duties to perform but his willingness to assume the work and responsibilities of the East is worthy of commendation.

The complete informative report brought in by our Grand Lecturer was very enlightening and showed she had spent much time in preparing constructive and instructive work of our Order. Her report is evidence that she visited many Districts and her lectures were well received. Her work is truly a credit to our Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,
 MARY M. RANGE, Chairman
 MYRTLE COFFMAN, Secretary
 JOHN DANFORTH

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 17, 1959, 9:00 A.M.

The acting Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder called Electa Grand Chapter from recreation to labor at the sound of the gavel in the East. The pass was taken and all persons were entitled to be present, after which we sang "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," prayer by our Chaplain Brother John Danforth.

Minutes of the Tuesday afternoon journal was read and adopted with the necessary corrections.

Correspondence was read as follows: a thank you card from Sister Delores Peguese for remembering her during her illness and expressing her regrets for not being able to attend; a telegram greeting from Brother C. A. Richards and Sister Margaret Kinnard. These were received and placed on file.

The Grand Secretary gave us her report on her findings about the rosettes and pins. It was moved and seconded that the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Secretary have the rosettes made for the Iowa Jurisdiction.

Sister Elizabeth Jones was presented a 50 year pin by the acting Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder. Brother M. F. Askew was also given a 50 year pin. All 25 years or more members of Electa Grand Chapter were given recognition by the Grand Body standing. Motion prevailed that the giving of pins to 25 year members be rescinded. Motion Carried.

The Grand Chairman of Foreign Correspondence, Sister Mary J. Majors made her report, showing that she had correspondence with many Sister Jurisdictions. Her report was adopted.

Sister Jessie E. Walker, the Grand Historian gave her annual re-

port which was without question very informative of Electa Grand Chapter and its officers down through the years.

The Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer gave very detailed reports. These reports were accepted and turned over to the Auditing Committee.

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

REPORT OF RULES COMMITTEE

Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron, Grand Officers and members of Electa Grand Chapter, we your committee on rules for the Session wish to report as follows:

Electa Grand Chapter shall be opened at 9:30 a.m. and recess at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 and recess at 4:30. Voting members shall be seated on the south side of the Grand Chapter room. Those not voting shall be seated on the north side. Any member speaking on any subject shall be limited to three minutes unless granted more time by the presiding officer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Chairman—Myrtle Coffman
 Leona Jordan
 Secretary—Martha Warren

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Greetings:

Through the goodness and mercy of the Almighty God, we are again able to meet together in another Grand Chapter, it gives me great pleasure to see again the sisters and brothers who have become so familiar to me in the past years.

On April 15th our hearts have been saddened by the passing of our beloved Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder.

I desire to say the work this past year has been a pleasure instead of a task and I am glad I can truthfully say, everything has moved along harmoniously without one word of misunderstanding from anyone.

New Supplies

1000 Letterheads

General Fund 1958-1959

Balance Brought Forward June 7, 1958 \$ 1,430.19

1958

6-23-'58		
Ways and Means	\$	318.05
Electa No. 17 G.C. Dues		13.50
Naomi No. 1 Rituals		3.00
Due Books		2.00
Record Blanks		1.68
Souvenir Albums		10.00
Received from G.W. Matron		2.00
Issue demit Ruth No. 20		1.00
Leah No. 8 Souvenir Albums		3.50

Codes		1.60
7-22-'58		
Morning Star No. 34, Souvenir Albums		5.25
Prince Hall No. 25 Due Books		.60
10-6-'58		
Princess Zorah No. 10 Codes		4.00
Naomi No. 1 Book of Instructions		6.25
St. Elmo No. 3 Due Books and postage		1.26
Book of Instructions		2.00
Adah No. 18 Book of Instructions		1.50
Morning Star No. 34 Book of Instructions		1.75
11-10-'58		
Olive Branch No. 32 Book of Instructions		2.00
Princess Zorah No. 10 Book of Instructions		2.50
Princess Oziel No. 9 Book of Instructions		9.00
Harmony No. 22 Tax on Degrees		6.00
Codes and Books of Instructions		7.00
Palestine No. 28 Due Books		4.50
12-3-'58		
Excelsior No. 12 Book of Instructions		3.00
Prince Hall No. 25 Book of Instructions		3.60
Princess Zorah No. 10 Due Books		1.00
Fidelity No. 30 Book of Instructions		3.50
Silverleaf No. 5 Ritual, Book of Instructions		15.25
Naomi No. 1 Tax on Degrees		1.00
Princess Zorah No. 10 Book of Instructions		6.25
Leah No. 8 Book of Instructions		2.50
Queen of Sheba No. 19 G.C. Dues		7.75

1959

1-26-'59		
Palestine No. 28 Tax on Degrees		2.00
Morning Star No. 34 Souvenir Albums		1.00
Princess Zorah No. 10 Tax on Degrees		4.00
St. Elmo No. 3 G.C. Dues		28.00
Postage		.33
Silverleaf No. 5 Tax on Degrees		1.00
Golden Star No. 31 Petition Blanks		.70
4-18-'59		
Morning Star No. 34 Tax on Degrees		1.00
G.C. Dues		20.00
Prince Hall No. 25 Due Books, Rituals		5.30
Olive Branch No. 32 Due Books		1.00
Harmony No. 22 G.C. Dues		23.00
Electa No. 17 Petitions Blanks		1.50
Adah No. 18 G.C. Dues		22.00
Due Books		2.40
5-25-'59		
St. Elmo No. 3 G.C. Dues		27.00
Book of Instructions		1.58
Esther No. 4 Book of Instructions		2.50
Tax on Degrees		1.00
Leah No. 8 G.C. Dues		56.00
6-3-'59		
Olive Branch No. 32 G.C. Dues		90.00
Princess Zorah No. 10 G.C. Dues		126.00

Palestine No. 28 G.C. Dues	76.00
Tax on Degrees	1.00
Esther No. 4 G.C. Dues	34.00
Fidelity No. 30 G.C. Dues	30.00
Electa No. 17 G.C. Dues	30.00
Naomi No. 1 Tax on Degrees	1.00
G.C. Dues	84.00
Prince Hall No. 25 G.C. Dues	30.00
Tax on Degrees	2.00
Golden Star No. 31 G.C. Dues	34.00
6-5-59	
Princess Oziel No. 9 G.C. Dues	210.00
Excelsior No. 12 G.C. Dues	54.50
Tax on Degrees	4.00
Morning Star No. 34 G.C. Dues	19.00
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Balance Brought Forward	\$1,481.23
Taken in for the year 1958-1959	\$1,430.19
10% from Grand Relief Dept.	1,481.23
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Grand Total	\$3,085.69

Dishurements

6-18-58	
Expense of Grand Chapter 1957-1958	\$ 836.57
N.A.A.C.F.	150.00
6-24-58	
1/2 page Eureka Grand Chapter Illinois Souvenir program	15.00
Per Capita International Conference (586)	11.72
7-21-58	
G.W. Matron's Contingent	40.00
G. Secretary's Contingent	40.00
Hansen-Murray-Muggs Insurance Co., G. Sec'y Bond	5.00
Whipple & Winterberg Insurance Co., G. Treas. Bond	44.00
G.W. Matron's Expense to International Conference	75.00
Raye Printing Co., 1000 Book of Instructions	51.00
1-29-59	
Macey Publishing & Masonic Supply Co., 24 Rituals	22.16
6-9-59	
Ford Greenhouses & Flower Shop—spray for Sister Evelyn, G.W. Matron	10.20
Duffy Printing Co., 400 proceeding 1957 & 1958	855.25
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Total Dishurements	\$2,155.90
Balance in General Fund June 12, 1959	\$ 929.79

Donations paid for the year 1958-1959

July 24, 1958	
To Mr. William M. Pettigrew account of Sister Carrie B. Bright	\$100.00
August 14, 1958	
To Mrs. Goldie Irving account of Sister Ella M. Hughes	100.00
September 6, 1958	
To Mrs. Zoe Hollingsworth Simpson account of Sister Allie Bowman	25.00
Mr. Neal Bowman account of Sister Allie Bowman	25.00
Mr. Earl Bowman account of Sister Allie Bowman	25.00
Mr. Floyd Bowman account of Sister Allie Bowman	25.00

October 6, 1958	
To Mr. Leon Bland account of Sister Minnie Bland	100.00
December 26, 1958	
To Mr. James L. Page account of Sister Lyda B. Page	100.00
January 26, 1959	
To Mr. Charles Davis account of Sister Leota Davis	100.00
Mrs. Viola Stewart account of Brother E. J. Stewart	100.00
March 7, 1959	
Mr Charles Holmes account of Sister Ollie Holmes	100.00
May 2, 1959	
To Mr. Harry V. Stewart account of Sister Edna V. Brown	100.00
Mrs. Dorothy Cromartie account of Sister Goldie Irving	100.00
June 9, 1959	
To Graves Mortuary account of Sister Gertrude Shortridge Taylor	100.00
Mrs. Cecil Garcia account of Sister Maude Woods	88.00
Olive Branch Chapter account of Sister Maude Woods	12.00
Mr Bedford Wilder account of Sister Evelyn Wilder	100.00
*November 3, 1958	
To Mrs. Geneva Hancock account of Sister Gertrude Moore	100.00
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	\$1,400.00

Grand Charities for the Year 1958-1959

Chapter	Quarter				Total
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
No. 1, Naomi, Davenport	\$ 31.50	\$ 32.75	\$ 33.00	\$ 31.50	\$ 128.75
No. 3, St. Elmo, Burlington	21.75	21.00	21.00	21.00	84.75
No. 4, Esther, Ottumwa	12.75	11.25	11.25	12.75	48.00
No. 5, Silverleaf, Cedar Rapids	38.25	39.75	40.50	40.50	159.00
No. 8, Leah, Clinton	21.00	21.00	20.25	21.00	83.25
No. 9, Princess Oziel, Des M.	80.25	80.25	80.25	79.50	320.25
No. 10, Princess Zorah, Des M.	45.75	44.25	44.25	47.25	181.50
No. 12, Excelsior, Marshalltown	16.50	16.50	16.50	22.00	71.50
					Cr. 1.50
No. 17, Electa Keokuk	13.50	12.75	12.00	12.00	50.25
No. 18, Adah, Mason City	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	66.00
No. 19, Qu. of Sheba, Waterloo	11.25	12.00	11.25	11.25	45.75
No. 22, Harmony, Sioux City	13.50	14.75	17.25		45.50
No. 25, Prince Hall, Centerville	9.75	9.75	9.75	20.50	49.75
					Cr. 9.25
No. 28, Palestine, Waterloo	28.50	28.50	29.25	28.50	114.75
No. 30, Fidelity, Ft. Madison	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.25	45.00
No. 31, Golden Star, Ft. Dodge	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.75	51.00
No. 32, Clive Branch, Des M.	35.25	34.50	34.50	34.50	138.75
No. 34, Morning Star, Council	14.75	14.25	15.00	15.00	59.00
Total	\$434.75	\$433.75	\$436.50	\$437.75	\$1,742.75

Grand Relief Department 1958-1959

Balance Brought Forward June 7, 1958	\$3,768.49
Grand Charities taken in for the year	1,742.75
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Grand Total	\$5,511.24

Disbursements	
14 Donations	
10% to General Fund	\$1,490.00
	174.27
Total Disbursements	\$1,574.27
Balance in Grand Relief Dept.	\$3,936.97
Total Assets	
Balance in General Fund	\$ 929.79
Balance in Relief Dept.	3,936.97
Total Cash	\$4,866.97
1 Time Certificate plus interest	2,143.22
Government Bonds	5,184.00
Grand Total of money, Time Certificate and Bonds in Treasury June 12, 1959	\$12,193.98

CREA BUICE, Grand Secretary

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

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

It is with mixed emotions that I greet you today, happy to see so many old friends again and for the opportunity to make new ones; Thankful to our Heavenly Father for His providence in allowing us to meet again in Grand Communication; but sorrowful for the many loved ones who have broken our chain of friendship.

Financially it has been a fine year and the Worthy Matrons and Secretaries of the subordinate Chapters are to be highly commended for their interest which has been demonstrated by their promptness in meeting Grand Chapter obligations.

Our death toll has been heavy. The angel Death has called fourteen of our brothers and sisters to lay down their burdens.

Because of the press of work after receiving annual reports, recommend that Article XII Sec. 4 and Article XIII Sec. 1, be changed ending the year May 25th rather than May 31st and that the report be received by the Grand Secretary on or before June 1st so the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer may have time to finish their work and forward their books to the Grand Chairman of Auditing before the Grand Session.

GENERAL FUND

Receipts

June 30, 1958	
Ways and Means	
Naomi No. 1, Rituals	\$ 318.05
Due Books	2.00
Record Sheets	2.00
Souvenir Albums	1.63
Grand Worthy Matron	10.00
Debit, Ruth Culberson, Ruth No. 20	2.00
Leah No. 8, Souvenir Albums	1.00
Codes	3.50
Electa No. 17, 1957-58 Grand Chapter Dues	1.60
July 28	13.50
Golden Star No. 31, Souvenir Albums	5.25
Prince Hall No. 25, Due Books	1.60

Oct. 7th	
Princess Zorah No. 10, Codes	4.00
Naomi No. 1, Book of Instructions	6.25
Morning Star No. 34, Book of Instructions	1.75
St. Elmo No. 3, Due Books and postage	4.26
Book of Instructions	2.00
Adah No. 18, Book of Instructions	1.50
Nov. 11	
Olive Branch No. 32, Book of Instructions	2.00
Princess Zorah No. 10, Book of Instructions	2.50
Princess Oziel No. 9, Book of Instructions	3.00
Harmony No. 22, Tax on Degrees	5.90
Codes and Book of Instructions	7.00
Palestine No. 28, Due Books	4.50
Jan. 3, 1959	
Excelsior No. 12, Book of Instructions	3.00
Prince Hall No. 25, Book of Instructions	3.63
Princess Zorah No. 10, Due Books	1.00
Fidelity No. 30, Book of Instructions	3.50
Naomi No. 1, Tax on Degrees	1.00
Silver Leaf No. 5, Rituals, Book of Instructions	15.25
Princess Zorah No. 10, Book of Instructions	6.25
Leah No. 8, Book of Instructions	2.50
Jan. 31	
Palestine No. 28, Tax on Degrees	2.00
Morning Star No. 34, Souvenir Albums	1.00
Princess Zorah No. 10, Tax on Degrees	4.00
St. Elmo No. 3, 1/2 Grand Chapter Dues	28.00
Postage	.33
Silver Leaf No. 5, Tax on Degrees	1.00
Golden Star No. 31, Petitions	.70
April 20	
Morning Star No. 34, Tax on Degrees	1.00
1/2 Grand Chapter Dues	20.00
Prince Hall No. 25, Rituals and Due Books	5.00
Orea Buice refund for Dispensation	1.00
Harmony No. 22, 1/2 Grand Chapter Dues	25.00
Electa No. 17, Petitions	1.50
Adah No. 18 1/2 Grand Chapter Dues	22.00
Due Books	2.40
May 25	
St. Elmo No. 3, Bal. Grand Chapter Dues	27.00
Book of Instructions	1.58
Esther No. 4 Tax on Degrees	1.00
Book of Instructions	2.50
Leah No. 8 Grand Chapter Dues	56.00
Harmony No. 22, 1/2 Grand Chapter Dues	23.00
June 5	
Olive Branch No. 32, Grand Chapter Dues	90.00
Princess Zorah No. 10, Grand Chapter Dues	126.00
Palestine No. 28, Grand Chapter Dues	76.00
Tax on Degrees	1.00
Esther No. 4, Grand Chapter Dues	34.00
Fidelity No. 30, Grand Chapter Dues	30.00
Electa No. 17, Grand Chapter Dues	30.00
Naomi No. 1, Grand Chapter Dues	84.00

Prince Hall No. 25, Grand Chapter Dues	30.00
Golden Star No. 31, Grand Chapter Dues	34.00
Naomi No. 1, Tax on Degrees	1.00
June 11	
Princess Oziel No. 9, Grand Chapter Dues	219.00
Morning Star No. 34, Ba. Grand Chapter Dues	19.00
Excelsior No. 12, Grand Chapter Dues	54.50
Tax on Degrees	4.00
Total Receipts for year	\$1,494.48

Disbursements

June 19, 1958	
Grand Chapter Expense	836.57
NAAOP 2nd Installment Life Membership	130.00
June 27	
International Conference, per capita	11.72
International Conference, Souvenir Program	15.00
July 23	
Exp. for Wilder G.W.M. Contingent	40.00
Grand Lodge G. Sec. Contingent	40.00
Queen Murray Mugg G. Sec. Bond	5.00
Wampler and Winterberg G. Treas. Bond	44.00
W. Wilder, G.W.M. Expense International	75.00
W. Printing Co., 1000 Instruction Books	51.00
Sept. 9, 1959	
Mosby Publishing Co., Rituals	22.16
April 28	
Check Returned NSF (Harmony No. 22)	25.00
June 11	
Food Greenhouses and Flower Shop	10.20
Sp. for Sister Evelyn Wilder	855.25
Duffy Printing Co. 400 1958-59 Proceedings	
Total Disbursements for year	\$2,178.90
Brought Forward June 15, 1958	\$1,423.89
Receipts 6-18-58 to 6-11-59	1,494.48
Total	\$2,918.37
Disbursements	2,178.90
Balance in General Fund	\$ 739.47
10% from Grand Charity	176.97
	\$ 916.44

GRAND CHARITY**Receipts**

July 28, 1958	
Fidelity No. 30, 1st	11.25
St. Elmo No. 3, 1st	21.75
Princess Zorah No. 10, 1st	45.75
Prince Hall No. 25, 1st	9.75
Palestine No. 28, 1st	38.00
Silver Leaf No. 5, 1st	38.25
Princess Oziel No. 9, 1st	89.25

Olive Branch No. 32, 1st	107.95
Esther No. 4, 1st	12.75
Electa No. 17, 1st	13.50
Naomi No. 1, 1st	31.50
Golden Star No. 31, 1st	17.00
Oct. 7	
Fidelity No. 30, 2nd	11.25
Princess Oziel No. 9, 2nd	80.25
Morning Star No. 34, 1st	14.75
St. Elmo No. 3, 2nd	21.00
Harmony No. 22, 1st	13.50
Adah No. 18, 1st	16.50
Nov. 11	
Silver Leaf No. 5, 2nd	39.75
Harmony No. 22, 2nd	14.75
Esther No. 4, 2nd	11.25
Golden Star No. 31, 2nd	17.00
Olive Branch No. 32, 2nd	34.50
Leah No. 8, 1st and 2nd	42.00
Prince Hall No. 25, 2nd	9.75
Palestine No. 28, Balance 2nd	19.00
Princess Zorah No. 10, 2nd	44.25
Electa No. 17, 2nd	12.75
Jan. 3, 1959	
Excelsior No. 12, 1st	16.50
Adah No. 18, 2nd	16.50
Olive Branch No. 32, 3rd	34.50
Naomi No. 1, 2nd	32.75
Queen of Sheba No. 19, 1st and 2nd	31.00
Jan. 31	
Palestine No. 28, 3rd	29.25
Morning Star No. 34, 2nd	14.25
Princess Zorah No. 10, 3rd	44.25
St. Elmo No. 3, 3rd	21.00
Silver Leaf No. 5, 3rd	40.50
Golden Star No. 31, Bal. 3rd	8.50
Princess Oziel No. 9, 3rd	80.25
Fidelity No. 30, 3rd	15.00
Leah No. 8, 3rd	20.25
Prince Hall No. 25, 3rd	9.75
April 20	
Esther No. 4, 3rd	11.25
Morning Star No. 34, 3rd	15.00
St. Elmo No. 3, 4th	21.00
Silver Leaf No. 5, 4th	40.50
Fidelity No. 30, Balance 4th	7.50
Excelsior No. 12, 2nd	16.50
Olive Branch No. 32, 4th	34.50
Naomi No. 1, 3rd	33.00
Harmony No. 22, 3rd	17.25
Electa No. 17, 3rd	12.00
Princess Oziel No. 9, 4th	79.50
Leah No. 8, 4th	21.00
Princess Zorah No. 10, 4th	47.25
Palestine No. 28, 4th	28.50
Adah No. 18, 3rd and 4th	33.00
Golden Star No. 31, Balance 4th	8.50

May 25

Excelsior No. 12, 3rd	16.50
Excelsior No. 12, 4th	22.00
Prince Hall No. 25, 4th	11.25
Esther No. 4, 4th	12.75
Morning Star No. 34	15.00
Harmony No. 22, 3rd	17.25

June 5

Electa No. 17, 4th	12.00
Queen of Sheba No. 19, 3rd and 4th	22.50
Prince Hall No. 25, 1st (59-60)	11.25
Naomi No. 1, 4th	31.50

Total Receipts for Year	
Brought forward June 18, 1958	\$1,769.75
Receipts 6-18-58 to 6-11-59	\$3,774.79
	<u>1,769.75</u>

Total Disbursements \$5,544.54

July 28, 1958

Mr. William Pettigrew for Sister Carrie Bright \$ 100.00

August 30, 1958

Mrs. Goldie Irving for Sister Elie Hughes 100.00

September 19

Mrs. Zoe Hallingsworth Simpson 25.00

Mr. Neal Bowman 25.00

Mr. Earl Bowman 25.00

Mr. Floyd Bowman for Sister Allie Bowman 25.00

October 8

Mr. Leon Bland for Sister Minnie Bland 100.00

November 12

Mrs. Geneva Hancock for Sister Gertrude Moore 100.00

January 9, 1959

Mr. James E. Page for Sister Lyda B. Page 100.00

February 6

Mr. Maggie Davis for Sister Lecta Davis 100.00

Mrs. Viola Stewart for Brother E. L. Stewart 100.00

March 30

Mr. Charles Holmes for Sister Olive Holmes 100.00

April 25

Check returned NFS (Harmony No. 22) 17.25

May 9

Mr. Harry V. Stewart for Sister Edna V. Brown 100.00

Mrs. Dorothy Cronartie for Sister Goldie Irving 100.00

June 11

Greaves Mortuary for Sister Gertrude S. Taylor 100.00

Mrs. Cecil Garcia for Sister Maude Woods 88.00

Olive Branch No. 52 for Sister Maude Woods 12.00

Mr. Bedford Wilder for Sister Evelyn Wilder 100.00

Total Disbursements for year	\$1,417.25
Brought Forward June 18, 1958	\$3,774.79
Receipts 6-8-58 to 6-11-59	<u>1,769.75</u>

Total Disbursements \$5,544.54

Disbursements	17.25
Balance in Grand Charity Fund	\$4,127.25
10% to Charity Fund	<u>176.97</u>
	\$3,950.32

RECAPITULATION

Brought Forward June 18, 1958	
General Fund	\$1,423.89
Receipts	<u>1,494.48</u>
Total	\$2,918.37
Disbursements	<u>2,178.90</u>
Balance	\$ 739.47
10% from G.A. Charity	<u>176.97</u>
	\$ 916.44
Grand Charity Fund	\$3,774.79
Receipts	<u>1,769.75</u>
Total	\$5,544.54
Disbursements	<u>1,417.25</u>
Balance	\$4,127.29
10% to G. Fund	<u>176.97</u>
	\$3,950.32

Assets

Series J Bonds	\$5,184.00
Time Certificate No. 1350	2,080.80
Interest	<u>62.42</u>
Total Assets	\$7,327.22
Total in Treasury June 11, 1959	<u>\$12,153.98</u>

Respectfully submitted,
VIVIAN J. SMITH, Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Present and Past Grand Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, O.E.S., P.H.A., State of Iowa and Jurisdiction, we, the auditing committee have examined the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and have found them correct:

Balance Brought forward June 7, 1958 \$3,768.49
Grand Charities taken in 1958 and 1959 1,742.75

GRAND TOTAL \$5,511.24

Disbursements	
14 Donations	\$1,400.00
	<u>174.27</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$1,574.27

RECAPITULATION

Balance in Grand Relief Department	\$3,936.97
Balance in General Fund	929.79
TOTAL CASH IN TREASURY	\$4,866.76
One time certificate plus interest	\$2,143.22
Government Bonds	5,184.00
GRAND TOTAL OF MONEY	\$12,193.98

Time Certificate and Bonds

Respectfully submitted
 REV. D. O. BELL, Chairman
 Brother D. EDWIN WHITE
 Sister MARY J. MAJORS

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 P.M.

The afternoon session opened at the sound of the gavel in the East, by singing "Jesus is all the World to Me" after which followed with prayer by Sister Lucy Lawrence. It was ascertained that all persons were entitled to be present.

Minutes of the morning journal were read and adopted.

The Auditing committee made its report, which was adopted.

The Obituary Committee reported 13 members of our Jurisdiction passed during the year, and presented the following program for the Chapter of Sorrows:

Song	"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"
Prayer	Brother John Danforth
Solo	Led by Sister Jessie M. Jones "Well Done" in Memory of our deceased Grand Worthy Matron, Sister E. Wilder
Roll Call of Deceased Members	
Eulogy	Sister Elizabeth Jones

Associate Grand Patron, Brother Morris Chipley assisted with the five helms conducted this part of the services.

The Acting Grand Worthy Matron asked for a partial report from the Credential Committee which was given and was accepted.

Appeals and Grievance Committee report there were none.

The Grand Secretary presented certificates of merit to eleven Chapters.

The Committee on Grand Officers Addresses made their report complimenting the Grand Officers, with added remarks for the way the acting Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Wolder, had run the office so efficiently. Motion prevailed that the report be adopted.

Brother John Danforth announced that two 33 degrees Masons, Illustrious Peers have been in our presence during the sessions in the persons of Brothers Brannan N. Hyde and John C. Buckner, who in

turn were presented and given recognition for attaining the highest degrees in Masonry.

We were called from labor to rest to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East.

SERVICE OF RECOGNITION

Honoring

Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Past Grand Worthy Patrons

8:00 p.m.

Mistress of Ceremonies	Mrs. Marjorie L. Lewis
Opening Song	"America" — Congregation
Solo	Mrs. Theresa Gilmore
Guest Speaker	"How Christians Should Love"—Rev D. O. Bell
Solo	Mary Helen Baykin
Ceremony of Recognition	Mrs. Bertha F. Wolder, Acting Grand Worthy Matron
"Blest be the Tie That Binds"	Congregation
Benediction	Rev. D. O. Bell

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

To the Grand Worthy Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Assogate Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, O.E.S for Iowa and jurisdiction.

First, I wish to thank Electa Grand Chapter for sending me as their delegate to the International Conference of Grand Chapters, O.E.S. It is something I will always treasure among my memories of the great work this organization is doing.

I arrived in Chicago Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m., together with Iver Jean Bailey who accompanied me. We went straight to the Masonic Temple, 809 E. 42nd Street Place to register. We were met by the Grand Worthy Matron of Illinois, Sister Hazel Stillwell, who was weary from a heavy day's work but glad to welcome all visitors. Registration was \$3.00. For this, we received a souvenir program with all cuts and greetings from various jurisdictions, a fan, a book with all committees, and a telephone book for names, addresses and phone numbers, also, your souvenir badge which was your admittance to the sessions.

I inquired as to how to get to Greenwood Avenue which was my place of residence while I was in the city. Sister Stillwell said that she would take me to this address, which she did. It was the home of Brother William Mason, who at one time was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. The home was a mansion. It consisted of three floors. Mr. Mason has been ill with a heart condition for the past two years. His home is managed by a Mrs. Broussard who is a practical nurse.

Mr. Mason has spent years collecting antiques and his home is superb. He showed me through his home with charm and grace after which I retired to be ready for Monday morning.

Monday Morning

Grand Session was called to order by Sister Hazel Stillwell, Grand Worthy Matron of Illinois and in ritualistic form by Eureka Grand Chapter, State of Illinois. The passes for the three degrees was taken and the Grand International

Officers were escorted to their stations and presented with the gavel. Roll Call of officers was next with the Grand Worthy Matron of International Chapters who appointed all vacancies. Then we were officially welcomed by the Illinois Jurisdiction, after which response was made by the Associate Grand Matron, Sister Zelma Derrick of Seattle, Washington. The Grand Secretary, Sister Julia Nobel read the Proclamation and minutes of the last session of 1956. Sister Lulu Lewis, Grand Worthy Matron of Washington, D. C., appointed committees. I was appointed on the Presentations Committee, Sister Dorothy Bush was chairman of this committee. The Credential Committee made a partial report after which the delegates were seated. All past Grand Matrons and Patrons were presented, brought to the East and given Grand Honors. Then we adjourned for lunch.

Monday Afternoon

First on the agenda was the address of the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Lulu Lewis. Her address was outstanding. The report showed the labor and effort put forth to better this wonderful organization. It was well received. The address of Grand Worthy Patron, Zack Townsend of South Carolina was next. In my opinion this was not an address but a book review of some 25 books he had read on the Negro. It lasted one hour and twenty minutes and began to be very boring. It was moved and seconded that the discussion be turned over to the proper committee. After this report, I was really proud of Iowa. Our Past Grand Patrons have always given splendid addresses and always right to the point, I began to praise Iowa to all delegates around me as to the businesslike way we carry on our work. The report of the Secretary and Treasurer was next. Their reports tabbed to within 5 cents. The session was called to recreation until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Monday Evening

A public opening was held at St. John's Baptist Temple, 6154 Woodlawn Avenue. Sister Lovina Brown, Grand Conductress was mistress of ceremonies. The program was nice but much too long to hold the interest of the people. However, I think the greeting from Mr. John H. Singstache, Editor and Publisher of the Chicago Defender and the solo by Mrs. Dorothy James Jackson were outstanding.

Tuesday Morning

Meeting opened by taking of the O.E.S. pass after which communications were read. Reading of Monday's minutes were approved and greetings from Jurisdictions were given. I was happy to report that Iowa had 11 persons present, namely:

Dorothy B. Bush, Past Grand Matron
 Mary M. Range, Past Grand Matron
 Mary J. Majors, Past Grand Matron
 Marjorie Lewis, Grand Conductress
 Valma Lewis, Grand Lecturer
 Iven Jean Bailey, Grand Martha
 Sister Bessie Burt
 Sister Maude Wells
 Sister Mary Green

Sister Bush's daughter visited on Monday. I think the outstanding report of Jurisdiction was made by Eugenia Simpson Cooper, Grand Worthy Matron of Liberia, Africa. Her motto for Africa is "In all things Unity, some things Tolerance, all things Quality." She reported 500 members in Liberia.

Tuesday Afternoon

Opened by taking of the O.E.S. pass followed by prayer. The drill team from Missouri under Past Grand Matron Esther Harris demonstrated the Chapter of Sorrow. I have never seen this degree so beautifully demonstrated. Each

one knew her work letter perfect. This will always linger long in my memory. They were given a rising vote of thanks by all members of the International Conference. Jurisdictions that had not reported then completed the afternoon session. The Grand Worthy Matron announced no session for Wednesday, but urged everyone to attend the parade Wednesday afternoon. The parade was spectacular. The only disappointment was that there was nothing from Iowa. For this I put the blame on the Brothers of Iowa as this was Shrine and Isis Day, but I do feel that we of Iowa deserve some recognition, and I only hope when we meet again that we of Iowa put forth some effort to see that our great state is represented.

Tuesday Evening

I attended a garden party at the home of Sister Lovonia Brown, Grand Conductress. The party was supposed to be from 5 to 9 p.m. but everyone was having such a wonderful time getting acquainted and watching the program that it was about midnight before anyone started leaving. The ward was decorated with lanterns and five tables each having a tablecloth made in five colors to represent each point of the Star. In the center of each table was a beautiful punch bowl with the punch being the same color of the tablecloth. Since this was the 50th Anniversary of the International there was a huge cake done in gold and white, baked by one of Eureka's own members. For entertainment, they had a style show, the models being those of our own race. Hats, suits, gowns and furs were modeled. There were dancers and music also to entertain us. Sister Brown went to every length to see that we were comfortable and highly entertained. There was a door prize which was won by Ellen Settles of Roxbury, Mass. I left around midnight, thinking that this one thing alone was well worth the trip to Chicago.

Thursday Morning

The meeting opened by taking the pass and followed by prayer. Reading of the minutes of Tuesday's session. All visitors were introduced and each gave a few remarks. The G.C.F.C. gave her report; also she Grand Lecturer. The Grand Lecturer stressed the uniformity of ritualistic work. Since the Grand Lecturer is the P.W.G.M. of the International Grand Chapter, in the person of Sister Fannie E. Lee, she knows her work well. I think the main thing I gained from this address was the correct secret word given when taking the pass for the degree of the Amaranth. We so many times read things wrong. She tells us to go by the Macoy Ritual and our syllables. If we do this the correct word is "Truth," the sacred being "Amarantus." I made up my mind then and there to always read the fine print. She has six assistant lecturers and they work together mainly to perfect the work of the O.E.S.

Greetings were read from the Daughters of Jericho, and the Daughters of Isis. The Grand Masters of Minnesota and New Jersey were presented, after which they gave very interesting remarks. We were then called to recreation.

Thursday Afternoon

The meeting was opened in due form, after which the Grand Masters Council of International Conferences were presented. We had remarks from Amos Hall, Grand Patron of Oklahoma. He reported there were 30 Grand Lodges in the U. S., Liberia and Canada who belonged to the Grand Masters Council. One of the main things in Brother Hall's remarks was his plea for every Brother and Sister of the Masonic Fraternity to help fight big game Missouri. There are three ways to do this: by education, legislation and litigation. Fitzpatrick of Detroit is head of this bogus organization. A lawsuit filed by the Grand Masters Council and carried on by donations from subordinate lodges of Prince Hall Grand Lodges F & A M is in progress. We know that it takes money to fight these things and hope that Elmer Grand Chapter will contribute something for this cause. Brother Dotson from Macon, Georgia also gave remarks. He referred to the Daisies as Dahlias from a garden, all colors, etc. He

has invited this International Conference to convene in Atlanta, Georgia in 1962. Brother Dobbs does not think it is quite fair for all the meetings to be held in the North. Our greatest potential lies in the South, he tells us, and that we must sacrifice to build life. Sister Lula Lewis showed our life membership certificate in the N.A.A.C.P. The Grand Master from Kansas talked on youth, and teen age delinquency. He stressed the need of leadership for youth. Brother Amos Hall was presented as being the only living member who signed the charter from Texas of the Grand Masters Council.

Sister Eugenia Simpson Cooper presented an ivory gavel to the International Grand Chapter. It was very beautiful and will always be cherished by this body. The Queens contest sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee was next. This was the parade of flags from each state. Some states reported that they didn't even know each state had a flag. I did not know until now that Iowa, as was every other state, expected to contribute to Ways and Means. I gave \$5.00 for Iowa and Sister Bush had collected \$7.00 which made a total of \$12.00 from Iowa. They had asked each Grand Chapter for \$50.00 each. Some of the states that contributed to Ways and Means were: Arkansas, \$50.00; New York, \$170.70; Florida, \$50.00; Illinois, \$406.25; Georgia, \$25.00; Kentucky, \$360.00; Liberia, \$25.00; Mass., \$312.00; and New Jersey, \$225.00. The winner of the contest was South Carolina which brought in \$634.65. The Grand Worthy Matron of South Carolina was crowned queen for two years since this is a biennial session. All states raising \$100.00 or more were given 20% of their money back for their own Chapter. There were 14 states that received these checks. The total amount raised by the Ways and Means Committee was \$4,057.75.

Friday Morning

Opening was in usual form. As there had been no committee reports up until now, all committees had to be heard. Jurisprudence was first. I thought this quite out of order, since this is our lawmaking body. Next was the report on fraternal greetings. They reported greetings from Daughters of Isis, Daughters of Jericho, Grand Masters Council and the Shriners.

The printing Committee reported 712 members were registered at \$3.00 a person. They reported there were 150 pages printed at the cost of \$2,136.00.

The Recommendation Committee reported. They recommend that one thousand dollars be paid to the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund, and \$500.00 to the United Negro College Fund. The Nurses Corps reported \$75.00.

Membership Committee—Florida has 11,632 members, Georgia 5,000, Illinois 4,730, Iowa 586, Liberia 500, Minnesota 349, Missouri 1,890 and Tennessee 7,000. There were 31 jurisdictions at this convention and a total membership of 120,000. The auditing committee reported \$11,851.09. Expenses for this session were \$5,880.85 leaving a balance of \$5,970.24.

The chairman of the Scholarship Fund for Liberia reported some of the following who donated to the fund: President Dwight Eisenhower, Vice-President Richard Nixon, Adam Powell, Jr., Frank P. Bynche, W. C. Handy and many others. Mabel Fritz Taylor, chairman of the fund reported that she had visited Liberia and it would take \$4,000 for a year of intense study for one worthy scholar of Liberia. Here are some of the states who contributed: Alabama \$25, Arizona \$50, Arkansas \$50, California \$50, Delaware \$102.22, Iowa \$35, Kentucky \$232, Liberia \$25. Turned over to the Grand Body at this session a total of \$2,257.67.

The Arts and Crafts gave a financial report. They reported by states, the amount received and the number of articles. They reported 6 articles from Iowa, none of which were sold. With the sale of articles and donations from subordinate chapters, they turned over to the treasury \$843.04.

The Charity Committee reported \$100 voted to Grand Masters Conference to fight bogus Masonry.

The presentation Committee reported by states Iowa reported \$20.25. Total

from all states \$115.25. This money was donated to the International Grand Officers.

Publicity Committee reported it published news in all leading newspapers, giving highlights of this session.

The reports being completed, the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Lula Lewis presented the gavel to the Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Zack Townsend for the purpose of conducting the election. Now here again is where I am really and happy to be a member of Electa Grand Chapter. I have never in my life seen such a disgraceful all-out war as this. There was absolutely no discipline of any kind. Everyone talked out loud and had no respect for the gavel or their superior officers. I even bragged that we of Iowa conduct our elections with much more dignity and respect than this grand body. The election started at 3:15 and at 6:30 had not ended yet. As I had to be in Detroit, I left at 6:30. The only elective officers are those of the G.W.M., G.W.P., A.G.M., A.G.P., and the two conductresses. The rest are appointed. The incoming Grand Matron is Sister Zelma Derrick of Seattle, Washington. The Associate Matron is Sister Lovonia Brown of Illinois; Associate Patron, Rev. A. J. Robinson of Mobile, Alabama; Secretary, Sister Julia Noble, Springfield, Mass.; Treasurer, Hallie Alexander, Cleveland, Ohio; Conductress, Goldie Jones, Fort Worth, Indiana; and Associate Conductress, Mabel Fitz Taylor, Youngers, New York.

Now, in closing, I hope I have brought to you a complete report of this conference. I feel that it was very much worth while, morally, spiritually and fraternally. It shows us that God is always by our side and that He is in all, through all, and over all. I hope I have represented Iowa in a dignified manner, so that the International Conference of Grand Chapters is proud to have the name of Electa Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Iowa as one of its members. I especially want to thank Sister Dorothy Bush for the many little quiet things she did for me and this Grand Body. Also many thanks to those of you who thought enough of Iowa and our Grand Chapter to attend this session. Thanks again to Electa Grand Chapter for sending me as your delegate. It has truly taught me that in Unity there is strength and to always do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Expenses:

Railroad fare	\$18.00
Room for 5 days	45.00
Meals	15.00
Registration	3.00

Total \$81.00

Recommendation: I recommend that at least \$100 be given to the delegate of this International Conference. The \$81.00 spent did not include any transportation to or from meetings, or the many donations which are required. I also recommend that if we are to be a part of this International Grand Chapter, we should contribute our share to these different committees, namely: Ways and Means, Liberian Scholarship, Arts and Crafts, Presentations, and the Charity Committee.

Fraternally yours,
EVELYN WILDER,
Grand Worthy Matron.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg to submit the following report—We wish to thank our Heavenly Father for having spared our lives to meet here in our 56th Annual Communication of Electa Grand Chapter, Prince Hall Affiliation, State of Iowa and Jurisdiction.

Be it resolved we extend:

Our sincere thanks to the entertaining Chapter Harmony No. 22, and its

- Worthy Matron Sister Fanny Mae Alexander for their gracious hospitality shown us.
1. A vote of thanks to Mr. Fred Kelley Councilman who represented Mayor W. W. Wilson for the warm welcome extended to all the delegates and visitors.
 2. A vote of thanks to the churches and the lovely choirs who wonderfully gave us such fine music under the direction of Mr. Albert Williams.
 3. A vote of thanks to the churches who were represented by Mr. Albert Williams of the A.M.E. Church.
 4. A vote of thanks to the press for all the publicity given us during our session.
 5. Be it resolved that we extend a vote of thanks to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Iowa, Mr. Frank B. Robinson, Grand Master for greetings and bouquet of flowers that was presented by Past Master Branham Hyde and other flowers from Mr. and Mrs. John Shores, Court of Calanthe and Royal Order of the Amaranth, Sanford Center and other friends to help make our stay a pleasant one.
 6. Be it resolved that we thank Fisher, the florist for the flowers, vases and urn used during this session. A vote of thanks to Miss Helen Boykin for donating her service for the Recognition program last evening; also Mrs. Theresa Gilmore for the wonderful solo.

Respectfully submitted,
 LAURINDA E. LEWIS
 MARIE MADDOX
 IONE L. WALLACE
 MAUD M. BREWTON, Secy.
 DOROTHY B. BUSH, Chairman.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, O.E.S., of Iowa and Jurisdiction. Greetings:
 We the Members of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances are happy to report that documents of any kind have come to this Committee to bring to this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,
 FANNIE MAE ALEXANDER
 JESSIE E. WALKER, Chairman
 HIAWATHA POTTER, Sec.

GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, present and past Grand Officers, members and visitors 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 throughout the districts. The trust and confidence you have placed in me have been greatly appreciated. Your cooperation and loyalty have been an inspiration that every officer needs in order to give her best service.

On Sunday, October 19, 1936, I drove to Marshalltown, Iowa, for a school of instruction with the second district. Excelsior Chapter No. 12 was the host chapter, and the three other chapters, Queen of Sheba No. 15, Palestine No. 28 and Adah No. 18 were well represented.

I was a little late in arriving at the lodge rooms and when I walked in they were already at dinner so I joined them and was served a delicious meal.

The Chapter was opened at 2:30 p.m. with officers of all four chapters

filling the stations. Sister Guenee, Worthy Matron, and Brother M. T. Bailey presiding in the East. We were honored to have the Associate Grand Matron of Electa Grand Chapter, Sister Bertha Wolder to serve as Associate Matron for this meeting.

Immediately after the opening which was very nicely done, our Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder was presented, escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

I was introduced and escorted to the Lecturers station, in front and to the left of the Worthy Patron, and the Worthy Matron asked that I take charge of the chapter.

I immediately corrected them on escorting me to the Lecturer's station. It was not a mistake on their part—prior we had seated the Grand Lecturer in that position when in attendance at a subordinate chapter, but in our Revised Book of Instructions it so states that a present or past Grand officer in attendance at the meeting of a subordinate chapter, shall be seated in the East.

We rehearsed the introduction and presentation of Grand Officers and the done.

I demonstrated how the pass should be taken up according to our revised instructions.

We rehearsed the introduction and presentation of Grand Officers and the proper place to present each Grand Officer.

We went through the balloting on petitions for membership. The officers and members remembered from our school of instruction the year before just how it should be done, and they did a beautiful job.

I demonstrated how the officers should march in with the flag bearers. A question was asked—When the Eastern Star flag bearer and Marshall marched to their stations they crossed in front of the altar, which they shouldn't do during chapter. I explained that the chapter was not opened until the Worthy Matron declared the chapter opened and ordered the Associate Conductress to attend the altar, and ordered the Warder to inform the Sentinel that the chapter was opened.

Several questions were asked pertaining to the law. I told them I could only answer questions concerning the Ritualistic work, and since our Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder was present she graciously answered their questions.

We rehearsed the Eastern Star procession, and also the funeral service. I was assisted in this by the Associate Grand Matron, Sister Bertha Wolder, who is an expert at this work, and I must say I was gratified to have her present.

There was not too much to be done here. The officers and members were very proficient in their work and there was evidence of great improvement since our meeting in Waterloo the year before.

The Chapter was closed in Ritualistic form.

I was presented a cash donation for my expenses.

Grand Officers presented:

Grand Worthy Matron—Evelyn Wilder
 Past Grand Worthy Matron—Maud M. Brewton
 Past Grand Worthy Patron—William Wiginton
 Past Grand Worthy Patron—Bishop C. Bari
 Grand Associate Matron—Bertha Wolder
 Grand O.E.S. Flag Bearer—Ruth Harper
 Grand Chairman of Returns—Helen Johnson
 Past Grand Chapter—Maybelle Turner

Members present:

No. 12, Excelsior
 No. 18, Adah—5
 No. 19, Queen of Sheba—
 No. 28, Palestine
 No. 10, Princess Zerah
 Total members present—

Sunday morning, April 12, 1959, I drove to Clinton, Iowa, for a school of instruction with District No. 4. There are three chapters in this district: Naomi No. 1, Silverleaf No. 5, and Leah No. 8.

I was accompanied by Sister Sallie Myers, Grand U.S.F.B. of Electa Grand Chapter.

We arrived in Clinton at one o'clock p.m., and Sister Clementine Hightower took us to her home and served us a delicious dinner.

We proceeded to the Hall and found most of the members already there, the Chapter room set up and everyone in their regalia.

The Chapter was opened at 3:00 p.m. with Sister Ella Mae Blackman and Past Associate Grand Patron, Charles Thompson presiding in the East.

We rehearsed the line-up for the opening march, going through it several times.

I demonstrated how the pass should be taken up, how the Associate Conductress and Conductress should attend at the Altar.

We went through the presentation and introduction of Grand Officers, and I was quite thrilled that we had so many Grand Officers present. I might say here that our present and past Grand Officers have definitely shown their interest in these Schools of Instruction. In going over these reports I have found they make up the largest number in attendance.

With the assistance of the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder, we demonstrated the bailing. She, acting as Matron, and I as the Associate Conductress.

I was asked to weave the labyrinth for them, which I did, and prevailed upon Sister Martha Warn to serve as the candidate, which she so graciously did. I explained to them that in the initiation when the patron tells the conductress to take the candidate to the secretary's desk to sign the by-laws they should not cross in front of the Altar, since at this point the ceremonies of initiation have been concluded. They should approach the secretary's desk by way of the West and then East.

We rehearsed the Formation of the Fraternal Chain, and since the hour was growing quite late I turned the Chapter back over to the Worthy Matron.

Our Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder was then presented, and she delivered a wonderful and instructive address which was very well received.

It was a pleasure to attend this meeting. We had questions and answers throughout the meeting. And I complimented them on the performance of their work. We also had some encouraging remarks from Past Grand Worthy Matron, Odessa Roberts, and Past Grand Worthy Matron Gladys Taylor.

I was presented a cash donation for my expenses.

The Chapter was closed in proper Ritualistic order, after which the host chapter Leah No. 8 served coffee and cake.

Grand Officers presented:

Sister Evelyn Wilder—Grand Worthy Matron
Sister Gladys Taylor—Past Grand Worthy Matron
Sister Odessa Roberts—Past Grand Worthy Matron
Sister Vivian Smith—Grand Treasurer
Brother Charles Thompson—Past Associate Grand Patron
Sister Hazel Smith—Grand Martha

Members present:

No. 1 Naomi
No. 5 Silverleaf
No. 8 Leah

Total members present—31

Sunday afternoon, April 26, 1959, I drove to Ottumwa, Iowa for a School of Instruction. This is District No. 3, and is composed of five chapters: Electa No. 17, Fidelity No. 20, Prince Hall No. 2, Esther No. 4, and St. Elmo No. 3.

This meeting was held at the Y.W.C.A. with Esther Chapter 4 as host chapter. Electa No. 17, Fidelity No. 20 and St. Elmo No. 3 were unable to participate

at this time; however, Sister Elmyra Benhart, Worthy Matron and Sister Margaret Kinnard, Secretary of St. Elmo No. 3 accompanied me to the meeting.

I arrived in Ottumwa at 1:00 p.m., just a little late because of a terrible rain storm.

The meeting opened in Ritualistic order at 2:30 p.m., with members of both chapters filling the stations, and Sister Marien Nesbit, and Brother Charles Davis presiding in the East.

This school of Instruction was carried out in the same order that I used for the other districts demonstrating the line-up, and how the pass should be taken.

The presentation of Grand Officers, and the proper place to present each Grand Officer.

I went through the Labyrinth for them, and then two of their new members got up and went through it, and did a beautiful job.

These two chapters, Esther No. 4 and Prince Hall No. 25, have certainly worked hard at their Ritualistic work since our meeting last year. There were only a few minor mistakes made, and I was very proud of them.

Sister Lavenia Grayson, the Grand Organist of Electa Grand Chapter furnished the music for us, and it certainly added a nice touch to our work.

We also had with us at this meeting, the Grand Christian Flag Bearer of Electa Grand Chapter, Sister Lillian Reed.

I was presented a beautiful carnation corsage by the Associate Matron of Esther No. 4, Sister Maxine Crayton, in behalf of the two chapters. I thanked them, for it was a beautiful gesture. Words cannot tell the joy their flowers gave to me. They will fade but their fragrance will live in my memory forever.

The Chapter was closed in proper Ritualistic order and I was presented a cash donation for my expenses.

Members present:

No. 4, Esther—9
No. 25, Prince Hall—5
No. 3, St. Elmo—2

Total members present—16.

I did not receive any communication from any of the chapters in District No. 1, although I did send out letters to them, reminding them of the School of Instruction.

To the officers and members of the Districts, I want to thank each and every one of you for your many kindnesses during the year. My work with you has been a pleasure.

The friendships made and experiences gained are mine forever.

Friends, like jewels, grow dearer with years.
We value their worth beyond measure.

Time but strengthens and tightens each link,
In friendship's gold chain that we treasure.

Total attendance of all districts—55.

Although the total attendance was not as great as last year, I feel much more was accomplished.

The members seemed more deeply interested last year when the Schools of Instructions were started, it was new to them and new to me, your Grand Lecturer, also. They did not know exactly what to expect, and frankly neither did I. But this year, the rough edges have begun to smooth out, and we can see where we are going; and if we continue these Schools of Instruction, we will soon have the uniformity that we have been seeking—a better understanding of each other, and a better and stronger Electa Grand Chapter.

Humbly Submitted,
VELMA L. LEWIS,
Grand Lecturer.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 18, 1959, 9:00 A.M.

At the sound of the gavel in the East, Electa Grand Chapter resumed its labors. Singing "Love Divine" the Grand Chaplin Brother John Danforth offered prayer.

Minutes of the previous session were read and adopted with the necessary corrections.

The Publicity Committee reported that our publicity had appeared in the daily papers and on TV. Papers would be secured for members to purchase.

The Returns Committee reported the status of each Chapter and the total membership of Electa Grand Chapter is 586 members. Harmony Chapter No. 22 of Sioux City had initiated the largest number of members for the year.

Sister Helen W. Johnson on behalf of six members from Excelsior Chapter No. 12, one member from Electa Chapter No. 17 and one member from Silverleaf Chapter No. 5 presented the acting Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Wolder with a gift for the excellent way she had taken up the responsibilities of Grand Worthy Matron.

The Jurisprudence Committee made its report presenting three recommendations and a fourth they had received too late to act upon. They are as follows:

1. That the Jurisprudence Committee consist of all past Grand Worthy Matrons and Past Grand Worthy Patrons with only seven paid members. Vacancies to be appointed by the Grand Worthy Matron should a vacancy occur during the year.
2. That Article 9 Section 4 be changed to read that the \$2.00 per member be in by May 25th.
3. That Article 13 Section 1 be changed to all reports of all chapters work be into the Grand Secretary's office before June 1st.
4. Fifty year members be automatically paid per diem (no action taken). The Jurisprudence Committee report was adopted as a whole.

The Finance Committee made its report and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported that all the business for Electa Grand Chapter had been taken care of for the year.

Invitations were read by the Grand Secretary from Princess Oziel Chapter No. 9; Princess Zorah Chapter No. 10 of Des Moines, Iowa, and Queen of Sheba Chapter No. 19 and Palestine Chapter No. 28 of Waterloo, Iowa, inviting Electa Grand Chapter to hold the 1960 Communication in their cities. It was moved and seconded that we graciously accept the invitation from the two Chapters in Waterloo, Iowa.

By order of the acting Grand Worthy Matron we were called from labor to rest to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS

To the Acting Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and members of Electa Grand Chapter of Iowa and its jurisdiction.

We your Committee on Chartered Chapters wish to report that no Chapters have been given to any Chapter during this year of 1959 and 1960.

Respectfully yours,

HELEN T. CARTER, Grand Chairman

FANNIE DANFORTH

KATHRYN L. WILDER, Secretary

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Sister Bertha Wolder acting Grand Worthy Matron per diem	\$ 18.00
Transportation to Sioux City for checking Grand Charter program	5.00
Transportation to the Grand Chapter	10.00
TOTAL	\$33.00
Sister Crea Buice, Grand Secretary	
Balance of office expenses and salary per diem	\$127.03
	78.00
TOTAL	\$145.03
Sister Vivian Smith Grand Treasurer	
Transportation, office expense, salary per diem	\$ 46.00
	18.00
TOTAL	\$64.00
Brother John Buckner, Grand Worthy Patron, Transportation per diem	\$ 24.00
	13.00
TOTAL	\$47.00
Sister Marjorie Lewis, Grand Conductress, Transportation per diem	\$ 22.11
	18.00
TOTAL	\$40.11
Sister Aimeida Dickerson, Grand Associate Conductress, Transportation per diem	\$ 24.00
	18.00
TOTAL	\$42.00
Brother Morris Chipley, Grand Associate Patron, Transportation per diem	\$ 15.58
	18.00
TOTAL	\$ 33.58
Sister Haley O. Huston, Grand Registrar, Transportation per diem	\$ 10.00
	18.00
TOTAL	\$ 28.00

Sister Velma Lewis, Grand Lecturer, Transportation per diem	\$ 21.50 18.00
TOTAL	\$ 39.50
Brother D. O. Bell, Grand Auditor, Transportation per diem	\$ 12.80 13.00
TOTAL	\$ 50.80
Brother J. M. Danforth, Grand Chaplain, per diem	\$ 18.00
Sister Myrtle Coffman, Grand Warden, per diem	\$ 18.00
Sister Jessie E. Walker, Grand Historian, per diem	\$ 18.00
Sister Fannie Morris, Grand Sentinel, per diem	\$ 18.00
Sister Felice Rhodes, Grand Marshall, per diem	\$ 18.00
Sister Lillian Reed, Grand Flag Bearer, per diem	\$ 18.00
Sister Ida L. Conley, Grand Flag Bearer, per diem	\$ 18.00
Sister Luvena Grayson, Grand Organist, per diem	\$ 18.00
Sister Mildred Graves, Grand Adah, per diem	\$ 18.00
Sister Hazel Smith, Grand Ruth, per diem	\$ 18.00
Sister Clemmie Hightower, Grand Esther, per diem	\$ 18.00
Sister Iver Jean Bailey, Grand Martha, per diem	\$ 18.00
Sister Lessie Garrett, Grand Electa, per diem	\$ 18.00
The following on the Jurisprudence Committee per diem:	
Sister Maude M. Brewton	\$ 18.00
Sister Elizabeth Jones	\$ 18.00
Sister Sarah Jett	\$ 18.00
Sister Mary Range	\$ 18.00
Sister Dorothy Bush	\$ 18.00
Sister Odesa Roberts, Grand Chairman of Jurisprudence, Transportation per diem	\$ 18.00 24.00 18.00
TOTAL	\$ 42.00
Brother R. N. Hyde	\$ 18.00
Brother M. F. Askew	\$ 18.00
Brother Bishop Burt	\$ 18.00
Brother T. L. Ligon	\$ 18.00
Brother DeEdwin White	\$ 18.00
Flowers to the Grand Court Royal Exalted Grand Order of Amaranth	\$ 5.10
Eastern Star Floral Memorial for Chapter of Sorrow	\$ 5.10
For Love Day for International Conference	\$ 1.25
To the typist, Sister Joan Sugler	\$ 15.00
Renting of typewriter	\$ 3.00
Fisher Flowers for 8 corsages, for bout. for recognition service for Past Grand Matrons and Patrons	\$ 14.28
Sanford Center for rent	\$ 45.00
Sister Mary Major, Grand C.C.F.C., Transportation per diem	\$ 24.00 18.00
Postage of cards	5.60
TOTAL	\$ 47.60
Vases for Flowers for Harmony Chapter	\$ 6.51
Sister Helen Johnson, Chairman of Returns, Transportation per diem	\$ 12.38 18.00
TOTAL	\$ 30.38

Sister Ruth Harper, Flag bearer, per diem for two days 12.00

GRAND TOTAL \$1,139.41

Committee

Brother BISHOP BURT, Chairman

Sister MARIETTA PAYTON

Sister SARAH E. JETT

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, present and past Grand Officers, members of Electa Grand Chapter, O.E.S., P.H.A. State of Iowa and Jurisdiction:

It is a privilege and an honor to give account of my stewardship for the past year

I bring fraternal greetings from the following jurisdictions:

From: Bathsheba Grand Chapter O.E.S. with headquarters in Monticello, Miss., Mrs. Beulah Williams, G.C.F.C., we received greetings and information that their youth work was progressing nicely, also that their Grand Chapter was steadily increasing in membership.

From: Queen Bathsheba Grand Chapter with headquarters in Guthrie, Okla., come greetings from the G.C.F.C., M. I. Howard. Sister Howard tells us they are moving along in peace and harmony, showing an increase numerically and financially.

From: Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter of Washington, D. C., Sister Alice Stamps Jackson sends wishes for a successful year for Electa Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Iowa.

Sister Stamps is also G.C.F.C. for International Conference of Chapters and reports death of I.G.W.M. Phyllis Byrd.

From: Electa, Prince Hall, Grand Chapter of Virginia, Sister Letha R. Benson, G.C.F.C. comes greetings and best wishes for this session.

From: Royal G. C. of Arkansas, Sister Willie Jackson, G.C.F.C. comes greetings and best wishes, with the request that she be remembered to Sister Sarah E. Jett.

From: Prince Hall G.C. of Michigan and jurisdiction, we received greetings from the G.C.F.C. Hattie L. Smith.

From: Myra G. Chapter of Maryland, we received their publication, The Myra News, telling of the work of their Grand Lecturer in their School of Instruction. The finale of the work was the portrayal of the Building of the Temple, by Bro. Lewis Moore, age 89, assisted by the Associate Matrons of the District.

From: Alabama Grand Chapter, we received a communication from Sister Lillian Hughes, G.C.F.C., who was pleased to report a successful fraternal year.

From: Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Connecticut, Sister Laura McCoy, G.C.F.C. tells us they too have had a most successful year and invite representatives from Iowa to their Grand Chapter in New Haven, September 17th, 18th, 1959.

From: Unity Grand Chapter O.E.S., Sister Pearl Alleyene, G.C.F.C., Wisconsin—Cooperation between the separate bodies of the whole Masonic family are at a high level, peace and harmony reign in all phases of life within the jurisdiction.

Ritualistic work has been performed in a capable manner.

From: Amaranthus Grand Chapter, Nebraska, in session this week, extend fraternal greetings. They are making great progress and also increasing their scholarship.

From: Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Kansas, Mrs. Letha Clark, Lawrence,

Kansas, G.C.F.C. Celebrated their Diamond Jubilee in Kansas City, Kans., last season. Continuing Scholarships and Awards. Also making progress in Youth Organization.

From Golden State Grand Chapter, California, Annie L. Beavers, G.C.F.C. California has A & B students in colleges and various universities throughout the state, to whom they give \$200.00 yearly.

The Youth Society is steadily growing.

They also maintain a Blood Bank.

From the following Grand Chapters I received letters and cards during the holidays, Eureka Grand Chapter, New York; Bertie Cox, G.O.P.C.; The On-To-Boston Committee (International); Deborah Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Ricks, G.C.F.C.; also, proceedings from several states which you will find on the table in the rear.

It was a pleasure to meet so many G.C.F.C. from other jurisdictions at International in Chicago.

May I express my sincere thanks for giving me the privilege of serving you.

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace

Where there is hatred, let me sow love

Where there is injury, Pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

To be loved, as to love.

It is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

And it is dying, we are born to eternal life."

MARY J. MAJORS, P.C.V.M.

REPORT OF GRAND HISTORIAN

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

Greetings.

For we have seen His Star in the East and have come to Worship Him.

Another year has passed and we are called upon to bring to you an historical report of the office of Grand Historian.

Time marches on and we are happy to report that Electa Grand Chapter is also marching onward and upward and keeping abreast with the Grand Chapters of the Order by its foreign correspondence.

Since the history of no organization can be completed while that organization exists, neither can the historian record all events, but must give outstanding features preference and eliminate no essentials.

Organization. Electa Grand Chapter of Iowa and Jurisdiction came into existence in the City of Burlington, Iowa, in the year of 1907 with six warranted Chapters under the supervision of late Past Grand Master W. H. Milligan of Silverleaf Chapter No. 3, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The first Worthy Grand Matron was Sister Ida Palmer of Burlington, Iowa, and Brother Milligan the first Grand Patron.

The first annual session of Electa Grand Chapter, as a legally constituted body, was held in Ottumwa, Iowa. Thus this noble body was on an upward trend for several years. But as time moves on life brings up periods of lean and periods of fat years. The first years were years of prosperity and happiness and an upward tread. Then came a less of funds in bank failure with

another period of recuperation, then other losses of funds with a great striving for survival of the fittest.

During these times had there not been a loyal, sincere, set of Grand Officers and hard working members there would have been a different history.

But with the help of Divine Providence and with the will to keep the tenets and Christian principles of the order of the Eastern Star, the claims and debts were liquidated and Electa Grand Chapter State of Iowa jurisdiction was again on an upward trend. Time and space will not permit me to give the names of all of the noble women and men who have served the Order as Grand Officers but at this time will record names of some who have given service these later years to date.

Beginning with Sister Ida Paimer, St. Elmo No. 3, Burlington, the first Worthy Grand Matron and passing on next we record Sister Mary P. Bland, Alpha No. 2, Keokuk; Sister Sue M. Brown, Princess Oziel, No. 9, Des Moines; Sister Eva L. Abbey, Pride of the West No. 14, Minneapolis; Sister Maud M. Brewton, Adah No. 18, Mason City; Sister Julia Reed, Silverleaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids; Sister Sarah E. Jett, Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines; Sister Dorothy Bush, Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines; Sister Mary Range, Fidelity No. 30, Ft. Madison; Sister Gladys Taylor, Silverleaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids; Sister Mary Majors, Electa No. 17, Keokuk.

The Worthy Grand Matrons along with others not mentioned have given untiring service to Electa Grand Chapter and all deserve great credit.

We can not proceed further without mentioning some of the Worthy Grand Patrons, for without them there could be no O.E.S. Bro. W. F. Milligan, Silverleaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids; Bro. S. Joe Brown, Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines; Bro. W. C. Buice, Olive Branch No. 32, Des Moines; Bro. W. H. Wiginton, Adah No. 18, Mason City; Bro. Branham Hyde, Princess Zorah No. 10, Des Moines; Bro. DeEdwin White, St. Elmo No. 3, Burlington; Bro. M. F. Askew, Bro. Edward Askew, both of Harmony No. 22, Sioux City; Bro. William Bell, Queen of Sheba No. 19, Waterloo; Bro. M. Whitlock, Harmony No. 22, Sioux City; Bro. John Buckner, Naomi No. 1, Davenport; Bro. John Danforth, Princess Zorah No. 10, Des Moines.

Now for the present history of Electa Grand Chapter we record with much sadness the sudden death of the present W. G. Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder and we say Hail and Farewell.

The Associate Grand Matron, Sister Bertha Wilder was called upon at the spur of the moment to fill the chair of G.W. Matron of Electa Grand Chapter.

This she did with efficiency and modesty. Sister Wilder elected to the office of G. W. Matron at this meeting.

Now a word about the working staff of Officers and all members in general of this great body. It would not be easy to name one without calling the other name at this time. Grand Treasurer Helen Johnson and Grand Secretary Sister Orea Buice and must say what teamwork and what efficiency. The women with all others deserve great commendations.

And so in closing we state briefly that Electa Grand Chapter is now at its best and is moving onward and upward.

Respectfully submitted,
JESSIE E. WALKER,
Grand Historian.

REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to submit the following recommendations for your approval.

Change in Code

Chapter 2, Section 13. Change to read:
The Committee on jurisprudence shall be composed of all Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Past Worthy Grand Patrons, seven whom shall receive per diem. Those seven to be appointed by the Grand Worthy Matron. Five being Past Grand Worthy Matrons and two Past Grand Worthy Patrons. Three to be appointed for three years. Two to be appointed for two years and two for one year.

The appointments of the Grand Worthy Matron at the expiration of the term shall be for three years.

The Chairman to be named annually by the Grand Worthy Matron.

In case of a vacancy the Grand Worthy Matron shall fill, such vacancies being caused by sickness, disability or death.

Five members shall constitute a quorum.

WE APPROVE.

Proposed Change

Article IX, Revenues.

Section 4. Be changed to read for Grand Chapter dues each Chapter the sum of \$2.00 for each member on its roll the 25th day of May each year. At present it reads the 31st day of May. WE APPROVE.

Article XII, Report of Chapters.

Section 1. Be changed to read "Each subordinate chartered chapter shall send to the Grand Secretary on or before the 1st day of June each year a report of its work for the year and be made the 25th." At present it reads "On or before the 5th day of June each year, for the year ending May the 31st. WE APPROVE."

Fraternally submitted,

Odessa Roberts, Chairman

DeEdwin White

Mary Range

Dorothy B. Bush

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

Gladys Taylor

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Greetings:

We the members of the committee on unfinished business beg to make the following report.

That we have contacted the Grand Secretary and find that there is no unfinished business in her office.

Respectfully submitted,

BRANHAM N. HYDE

ELMIRA BELL

EMMA BELL

COURTESY COMMITTEE'S REPORT

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

We, the Courtesy Committee beg leave to make the following report:

The new Worthy Matron present this year for the first time:

Sister Jessie M. Jones, Princess Ozal No. 9, Des Moines; Sister Elizabeth

Barnes, Prince Hall No. 25, Centerville; Sister Jean Wallace, Morning Star No. 34, Council Bluffs; Sister Elmyra Benhart, St. Elmo No. 3, Burlington; Sister Katherine Wilder, Excelsior No. 12, Marshalltown; Sister Fannie Mae Alexander, Harmony No. 22, Sioux City; Sister Fannie Danforth, Princess Zorah No. 10, Des Moines; Sister Marie Maddox, Adah No. 18, Mason City; Sister Emma Bell, Silverleaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids; Sister Leona Presley, Fidelity No. 30, Ft. Madison; Sister Elvira Shortridge, Naomi No. 1, Davenport; Sister Laurinda Lewis, Esther No. 4 Ottumwa; Sister Hiawatha Potter, Olive Branch No. 32, Des Moines.

We have 12 new Matrons and 2 Representatives.

1 new Worthy Patron, Bro. A. W. Patton, Olive Branch No. 32, Des Moines.

Visitors for the first time: Sister Joan Stiegler, Excelsior No. 12, Marshalltown; Sister Willie Mae Fluelynn, Naomi No. 1 Davenport; Sister Betty Reading, St. Elmo No. 3, Burlington.

MARY GREEN, Chairman

ELMYRA BENHART, Secretary

LEONA PRESLEY

ELLA MAE EVANS

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 P.M.

With the sounding of the gavel in the East by the acting Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder, Electa Grand Chapter resumed its labors. All joined in singing "Let the Lower Lights be Burning" followed by prayer offered by Brother John Danforth, Grand Chaplain.

Minutes of the morning journal was read and adopted.

It was moved and seconded that the \$2,143.22 Time Certificate be cashed to make up the deficit in funds. Taking \$500.00 needed and buying another Certificate with the balance. Motion carried.

A telegram was read from Myra Grand Chapter of Maryland and Jurisdiction extending sympathy on the loss of our Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Evelyn Wilder.

The Credential Committee made its final report with the voting strength of 150 votes. Report was adopted as read.

Sister Dorothy Bush presented the acting Grand Worthy Matron, a token on behalf of the Des Moines delegates. Sister Jessie Jones presented the Royal Grand Matron Lady Lessie Garrett, a token from the Des Moines delegates.

Sisters Mary J. Majors and Helen W. Johnson presented Sister Jessie E. Walker a corsage for the wonderful work she rendered as Grand Historian.

The election of officers was held by the Grand Worthy Patron.

Brother John C. Buckner and the following officers were elective and appointive:

ELECTIVE

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| Grand Worthy Matron | Sister Bertha E. Wolder |
| Grand Worthy Patron | Brother Morris Chipley |
| Associate Grand Matron | Sister Marjorie L. Lewis |
| Associate Grand Patron | Brother D. O. Beil |
| Grand Treasurer | Sister Vivian J. Smith |
| Grand Secretary | Sister Orea Buice |
| Grand Conductress | Sister Almeda Dickerson |
| Associate Grand Conductress | Sister Frinzella Shores |
| Grand Lecturer | Sister Helen W. Johnson |
| Grand Registrar | Sister Halcy O. Houston |

APPOINTIVE

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| Grand Adah | Sister Jessie M. Jones |
| Grand Ruth | Sister Iver Jean Bailey |
| Grand Esther | Sister Hazel Smith |
| Grand Martha | Sister Elvira Shortridge |
| Grand Electa | Sister Elmyra Benhart |
| Grand Marshall | Sister Clemmie Hightower |
| Grand Sentinel | Sister Ione Wallace |
| Grand Warder | Sister Marie Maddox |
| Grand Chaplain | Sister Mary Freel |
| Grand Musician | Sister Lavina Grayson |
| Christian Flag Bearer | Sister Fannie Morris |
| O.E.S. Flag Bearer | Sister Ella Mae Evans |

Brother DeEdwin White acting as Marshall and Brother Branham N. Hyde installed all officers.

The members of the Jurisprudence were appointed as follows:

- Sister Elizabeth Jones and Brother M. F. Askew for one year
 Brother Branham N. Hyde and Sister Mary I. Majors for two years
 Sisters Odessa Roberts, Chr., Dorothy B. Bush and Gladys Taylor for three years.

The fraternal chain was formed and with singing "God Be With You" followed by prayer, adjourned to meet and hold our next Communication in Waterloo, Iowa, June 1960.

- Bertha E. Wolder, Acting Grand Worthy Matron
 John C. Buckner, Grand Worthy Patron
 Orea Buice, Grand Secretary
 Halcy O. Houston, Grand Registrar

1959 RETURNS — STATISTICS

Number	NAME AND LOCATION	WORTHY MATRON, WORTHY PATRON AND ASSOCIATE MATRON	Initiated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended	Expelled	Died	Rejected	Members	Relief Fund	Tax on Degrees	G. C. Dues	Total Revenue	Amount Rec.	Balance Due	Balance Last Year	Total Due	Credit
1	Neomi, Dave Park	Elvira Shortridge, Corles Jenkins, Marie Madden	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	128.75	2.00	84.00	214.75	214.75			106.00	3.00
3	St. Elmo, Bur Wright	Elmira Benhart, C. A. Pichard, Betty Jean Reading	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	84.75	2.00	55.00	139.75	139.75				
4	Esther, Ottumwa	Marion Nesbitt, Charles Davis, Maxine Crayton	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	48.00	1.00	106.00	266.00	163.00	105.00			
5	Silver Leaf, Charles Rapids	Erma Beil, Cassie Perkins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	159.00	1.00	34.00	83.00	83.00				
6	Leah, Clinton	Mary Freels, H. A. Stewart, Beatrice Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	83.25	0	56.00	139.25	139.25				
7	Ozark, Des Moines	Jessie Jones, Gus Smith, Luberta Dixon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	320.25	4.00	210.00	530.25	530.25				
8	Zarah, Des Moines	Farmington, W. P. Walker, Mable Weathers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	191.50	4.00	126.00	311.50	311.50				
9	Excelsior, Marshalltown	Catherine Wilmer, M. T. Beil, Jessama Spencer	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	71.50	4.00	30.00	130.00	130.00				
10	Electa, Keokuk	Mildred Hawkins, E. Johnson, B. Beil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	50.25	0	30.00	80.25	80.25				
11	Queen of Sheba, Waterloo	M. Maddox, W. Winton, Ruby Moser	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	66.00	0	22.00	88.00	88.00				
12	Harmony, Stock City	Erma Beil, D. Q. Beil, Pearl Toliver	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	45.75	0	28.00	73.75	73.75				
13	Prince Hall, Centerville	F. Alexander, M. E. Whitlock, L. Hayes	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	45.50	2.00	30.00	81.75	81.75				
14	Palatine, Waterloo	E. Evans, C. Morris, E. Graves	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	114.75	3.00	76.00	193.75	193.75				
15	Golden Star, Fort Dodge	L. Presley, W. Windsor, H. Windsor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	45.00	0	30.00	75.00	75.00				
16	Fidelity, Fort Madison	C. Patterson, D. Lockman, A. Meriwether	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	51.00	0	34.00	85.00	85.00				
17	Olive Branch, Des Moines	D. Peguese, A. Patton, H. Potter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	138.75	1.00	39.00	228.75	228.75				
18	Morning Star, Council Bluffs	H. Wallace, C. Harrison, D. Nixon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	59.00	1.00	32.00	99.00	99.00				
19	Totals		25	2	1	7	0	12	1	1586	1742.75	19.00	1084.25	2846.00	2846.00	144.25	144.25	157.75	

HELEN W. JOHNSON, Chairman
 GLADYS TAYLOR, Secretary
 JULIA GOLDEN

Proceedings of the
FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

ELECTA GRAND CHAPTER, C. E. S.

PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION

STATE of IOWA and JURISDICTION

TUESDAY MORNING

Waterloo, Iowa, June 21, 1960

Electa Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliate, State of Iowa and Jurisdiction opened its 51st Communication on the above date at the Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church with Queen of Sheba No. 19 and Palestine No. 28 as host Chapters.

By order of the Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Morris Chipley, the officers were invited into the Chapter room. The Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder was presented the gavel and prepared for the active duties of the Chapter, in due ritualistic form.

The roll was called and the necessary vacancies filled. Sister Orea Buice, Grand Secretary reported 17 out of 18 Chapters were represented.

Grand Conductresses introduced Past Grand Worthy Matrons, Sisters Maud M. Brewton, Elizabeth Jones, Sarah E. Jett, Mary M. Range, Odessa Roberts, Dorothy B. Bush, Mary J. Majors and Gladys Taylor, who in turn were escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

The Past Grand Worthy Patrons, Brothers M. F. Askew, Thomas L. Lighons, Branham N. Hyde, John C. Buckner, Bishop C. Burt, and D. O. Bell were presented, escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

Grand Royal Matron, Lady Lessie Garrett and Sir Knight D. O. Bell, Grand Royal Patron of the Royal and Exalted Court of the Amaranth were presented and welcomed.

The following Committees were appointed, as follows:

CREDENTIALS—Chr. Sisters Orea Buice, Hazel Smith, Garnett Jackson, Ida Conley and Emma Williamson.

RETURNS—Chr. Sisters Sarah E. Jett, Felice Rhodes, Maxine Watkins, Myrtle Coffman and Brother George Reed.

JURISPRUDENCE—Chr. Sisters Odessa Roberts, Gladys Taylor, Elizabeth Jones, Mary J. Majors, Dorothy B. Bush, Brothers M. F. Askew and Branham N. Hyde.

GRAND OFFICERS ADDRESSES—Chr. Sisters Maud M. Brewton, Clemmie Hightower, Fannie Mae Alexander and Julia Golden.

AUDITING—Brother D. O. Bell Chr., Sisters Helen T. Carter, Mary M. Range and Juanita Newman.

FINANCE—Sisters Helen W. Johnson Chr., Lessie Garrett and Lavern McKee.

CHARTERED CHAPTERS—Sisters Elizabeth Jones Chr., Ruth B. Toomes and Hiawatha Potter.

RULES—Brother John C. Buckner Chr., Sisters Mable Weathers, Ella Mae Blackman and Joan Stiegler.

OBITUARY—Sisters Gladys Brown Chr., Martha Warren, Fannie Morris and Maxine Creighton.

PUBLICITY—Chr. Sisters Valletta L. Fields, Mary Jackson and Clementine Amos.

COURTESY—Chr. Sisters Mary Green, Leona Presley, Laurinda Lewis and Marie Maddox.

APPEALS & GRIEVANCES—Chr. Brother Bishop C. Burt, Sisters Lillian Reed and Dolores Peguese.

RESOLUTIONS—Chr. Sisters Mary Freel, Leona Jordan, Marjorie Garrison, and Brother Gus Smith.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Chr. Sisters Annie Brown, Betty Reading and Luberta Dixon.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE On adding finances to the Treasury: Sisters Mildred Graves Chr., Elmyria Shortridge and Katherine Wilder.

Minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

We then heard the dynamic address coming from our Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder. Her thoughts dwelt upon the financial status of the Chapter and its remedy. She also gave us informative information on subordinate Chapters and their work. Her official acts and visits made during the past year showed that she had performed her duty to its fulfillment. It was properly moved and seconded that the splendid address be received and turned over to the proper Committee. Sister Sarah E. Jett made complimentary remarks on the splendid address and work done by the Grand Worthy Matron.

Correspondences were read from the following: Greetings from William Frank Powell, Consistory No. 46; Mr. Charles Peguese, Commander in Chief, Imperial Deputy for Desert of Iowa, Daughter of Isis, Mrs. Jessie Newsome; Sister Ione Wallace of Morning Star No. 34 Council Bluffs, Iowa, expressing her regrets for not being able to be present; Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Iowa and Jurisdiction, Mr. Frank B. Robinson, Grand Master. All communications were received and placed on file.

A presentation of beautiful flowers was made by Sister Ella Mae Evans of Palestine Chapter No. 28 on behalf of the Sherwood Florist of the City.

The Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Morris Chipley gave his annual

address which was timely and very accurate, showing his cooperation and interest in the work of the Order. His address was accepted and turned over to the proper Committee.

The annual address coming from our Associate Grand Matron, Sister Marjorie L. Lewis showed the fulfillment of her duties and assistance to the Grand Worthy Matron. This address also was accepted and turned over to the Committee on Grand Officers Addresses.

The Associate Grand Patron, Brother D. O. Bell made his annual address, which showed having fulfilled his duties as far as they were required. It was accepted and turned over to the Committee on Grand Officers Addresses.

The Jurisprudence Committee made a partial report at this time, they read the recommendations that had been submitted to them.

Sister Bertha E. Wolder reported that she had been doing a bit of research on the rosettes that we might get them in circulation. Motion prevailed that the rosettes be sold for 50 cent each.

The Rules Committee gave their report for the current session, the report was accepted. (See report.)

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to rest to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East at 1:00 p.m.

GRAND WORTHY MATRON'S ADDRESS

Grand Worthy Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Past Grand Worthy Matrons, Past Grand Worthy Patrons, Grand Officers, members and visitors of Electa Grand Chapter O. E. S. (P.H.A.) of Iowa and Jurisdiction: I bring you greetings on this the first day of the fifty-first session of our grand chapter.

In June of last year, Electa Grand Chapter of Iowa and Jurisdiction bestowed upon me the highest honor it could give any member, that of electing me to the office of Grand Worthy Matron. It has been my constant prayer this past twelve months, that with the help of the Blessed Father, that I be able to fulfill my duties, to deal impartially and fairly in all of my decisions and preside over this grand body in such a manner, that you would not regret having given me that honor. It has been a very great privilege for me to have served you. I have tried to do what I thought best for all concerned and hope that I have succeeded in doing so. The third week of June is always a happy time for me. It is the time for meeting old friends, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. It is the time for the making of reports and to give an accounting of our work for the past year and to make plans for the coming one. But it is not the presiding officer alone who makes a successful year, although she, as the head of the organization usually receives the credit—rather it is the whole-hearted co-operation of the members, the constructive and continuous work of every committee and the advice, support and encouragement of her officers, both past and present that makes it so. I feel that I have had all of these things, and much happiness has been derived from your kindnesses.

GRAND OFFICERS

To my presiding grand officers, my sincere appreciation for your constant and untiring support. Whenever I called upon you, I knew that my call would be answered.

To the Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Patrons, I have come to a number

of you for advice and information and always your council was given graciously and freely. It has saved me hours of research and worry. May you continue your good deeds to all of those who follow me, that we may prosper by your knowledge and experience, and the ties that bind us together grow stronger with each passing day.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

To the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and members of the subordinate chapters of the Jurisdiction, it is and has been your responsibility to carry out the objectives of the order of the Eastern Star. You are the foundation of the order, and without you, the grand chapter could not function. It is your duty to reach toward perfection in this beautiful work, and to disseminate light and knowledge. If you do this, then our Grand Chapter will be sure to move forward and grow greater, as we grow older.

STATE OF THE ORDER

Iowa is a small jurisdiction, and although we have 18 active chapters at present, our membership is also small in comparison to other jurisdictions. While there is a great influx of Negroes into our state, many are not eligible to become members and a greater number are not desirable. Where then does that leave us—with chapters of 15, 20, and 25 members, the majority of which are already past matrons and patrons, and especially if the officers are changed each year. When all finally reach that stage, then they must of necessity start over, but the incentive to do their best work is gone. Therefore, it is up to us, to work among the Master Masons and the female members of their families, to enlighten them as to the beauties and the compensations of the order, that they might have the desire to become a member. Although we do not and should not solicit members, we welcome any who are eligible and desirous of joining our order. A few of the chapters are in a poor state due to the hardship in finding a regular meeting place, illness among the members and laxity in the payment of dues and assessments. Attendance has been fair. Ritualistically, the chapters have been making progress, though slowly. While most of them have no district meetings, they have been having instruction at their own regular meetings. Progress, however slow is still progress, so dear sisters and brothers, keep up the good work and continue to show an interest in your meetings and you will be happy with the results.

As you know, through the correspondence to you this past year, I have placed a special emphasis on the financial condition of our grand chapter and ways of alleviating that condition. While we have not been destitute, the situation has been grave. Some of you who have not been in close touch with the affairs of Electa Grand Chapter may wonder how this situation came to be. It was simply an unfortunate circumstance which developed due to a year of heavy expense, coming at the same time a change was being made in our financial set-up. No one thing can be held responsible for our condition, but it is up to us to see that it does not happen again, and it can only be prevented by carefully watching our expenditures and budgeting our funds, even though it may mean the delay or the canceling of some of our activities for a time. With the increase of our grand chapter tax now in effect, and our expenses for this year somewhat smaller, I feel sure that we will soon be solvent again, and that the Grand Worthy Matrons who follow me can depend upon you to do your utmost to keep it that way. If, however, we find that our present income does not take care of our expenditures, then we will have to find an alternative, one of them being to raise taxes. Higher taxation means dissatisfied members, and that must be avoided if at all possible.

IN MEMORIAM

With bowed heads and a word of reverent prayer, do we the members of this grand body, extend to the families and friends of our deceased loved ones, our heartfelt sympathy and condolences. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh

away. Blessed is the name of the Lord." We have lost 14 members this past year, among them our Grand Christian Flag bearer, Sister Fannie Danforth. They shall be missed but not forgotten. Each has left in our lives some small part of themselves, and we are honored for having known them. May they all rest in peace.

FRATERNAL RELATIONSHIP

My thanks and abiding respect is submitted to the officers and members of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & A M of Iowa and Jurisdiction. Words of encouragement and expression of good will have been given to our grand body by many of them. Brother Frank B. Robinson Most Worshipful Grand Master has readily given of his time and knowledge, when I was in need of assistance in things pertaining to Masonic law. Through their efforts, their fellowship and their love for us as a sister organization, we to, in turn can spread a happy fraternal relationship, for it is our desire, to aid and assist them whenever we are called upon to do so. With this spirit of brotherly and sisterly love prevailing, we are indeed practicing the tenets of sublime masonry.

OFFICIAL VISITS

In the early fall of last year, letters were sent from this office to each of the subordinate chapters of this jurisdiction, asking that each of you strive for financial improvement, ritualistic improvement and a greater feeling of understanding and love for each other. My observations during my official visits have proved that most of you have tried. My deep appreciation to the chapters who have entertained me. Your efforts on my behalf and the gracious courtesies extended to me were very gratefully received. Those of you who were unable to have me, have my best wishes for improvement in all things, and if I can be of any service to you at any time or in any way, I am at your disposal.

On November 22, 1959, Princess Zorah chapter No. 19, of which I am a member, held a tea and reception in my honor at the Y.W.C.A. in Des Moines. Guests are members of Princess Oziel Chapter No. 9, Olive Branch Chapter No. 32 and Grand Master Brother Frank B. Robinson and Mrs. Robinson. The beauty of the surroundings, the splendor of the tea table and the kind hospitality shown, will linger long in my memory. I was presented with a beautiful carnation corsage and the song "To You" was dedicated to me. Colored pictures were taken by Brother W. C. Buice and these too, I shall always cherish. Again, I can only say a very humble but sincere "Thanks."

I made no visits during the fall or winter months, but starting in the early spring, I visited Queen of Sheba No. 19 and Palestine No. 28 of Waterloo. With the Worthy Matron, Sister Ella Mae Evans presiding, we made plans for Electa Grand Chapter, which was to be entertained by these two chapters. From then on, I visited the following chapters:

March 6.—Queen of Sheba No. 19 and Palestine No. 28—Waterloo

March 26.—Princess Oziel No. 9, Princess Zorah No. 19, Olive Branch No. 32, Des Moines

April 3.—Electa Chapter No. 17, Keokuk, and Fidelity Chapter No. 30, Ft. Madison, at Keokuk

April 10.—Naomi Chapter No. 1—Davenport

April 2.—St. Elmo Chapter No. 3, Burlington

April 28.—Excelsior Chapter No. 12—Marshalltown

April 30.—Silverleaf Chapter No. 5—Cedar Rapids

May 22.—Esther Chapter No. 4—Ottumwa, Prince Hall Chapter No. 25—Centerville, at Ottumwa

I was accompanied on some of the visits by Sister Helen Johnson, Grand Lecturer and Lady Lessie Garrett Grand Royal Matron, R.E.O.A. who was en-

tertained at the same time by the courts of the various cities. The Worthy Matrons of the chapters presided at the meetings which were opened in full ritualistic form, and for the most part very well done. My lecture was given and a question and answer period held. I was indeed gratified to see that each chapter was striving to move forward in their work and make their chapters as proficient as they should be. On the social side, delicious dinners were served by each chapter and I was presented with many lovely gifts.

OFFICIAL ACTS

June 18, 1959—Appointed P.G.W.M. Sister Odessa Roberts to install Sister Mary Freels and Sister Clemmie Hightower as Grand Chaplain and Grand Marshal, respectively, at her earliest convenience, as they had to leave the meeting before installation.

June 19, 1959—Sent a letter to Grand Treasurer, signed by the Grand Secretary and Grand Worthy Matron, giving her authority to redeem \$2,000 time certificate and complete arrangements for converting \$500 of said certificate to cash.

July 23, 1959—Sent fraternal greetings from Electa Grand Chapter to Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.&A.M. which was in its 72nd session at Sioux City.

August 3, 1959—Sent condolence and flowers from Electa Grand Chapter to service and family of Sister Fannie Danforth, Grand Christian Flag Bearer—also filled station of W.M. in burial services at the request of Brother Danforth.

October 1959—Sent letters to all subordinate chapters, outlining plans for the years work and requesting their co-operation.

December 1959—Sent Christmas greetings to all chapters in the jurisdiction.

Jan. 13, 1960—Issued dispensation to Electa Chapter No. 17 to elect and install officers out of time.

Feb. 1960—Sent letters to all chapters asking for a voluntary contribution to help refinance grand treasury.

March 6, 1960—Met with committees in Waterloo, and completed plans for grand chapter.

May 26, 1960—Mailed greetings from Electa Grand Chapter to International Conference of Grand chapters, said greeting to be published in their souvenir program—cost of greeting being \$7.00 for ¼ page, and cost to be taken from contingent fund of Grand Worthy Matron. Deadline for ads was June 1, 1960.

During the year, sent cards of condolence to families of various deceased members, as I was notified. Also get well cards to sick.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Can the seal of the grand chapter or a subordinate chapter be placed on a birth certificate or social security application, to verify membership in an O.E.S. chapter?

Ans. No. The seal of both the grand chapter and the subordinate chapters is to be used for official business only, and even if it could be used as requested, it would not prove membership.

2. Is it permissible to issue a demit to a person on an oral request?

Ans. No. An application for a demit shall be in writing and presented to a chapter at a stated meeting. See page 41, Sec. 117 of the code.

3. Is it compulsory for the secretary and treasurer of a chapter to be bonded?

Ans. Sec. 65 (c) of the code states that the treasurer shall give bond in full to be fixed by the chapter, unless the chapter shall excuse the giving of such bond. The secretary is bonded if the by-laws of her chapter so state, and

while it is not always necessary, it is a protective measure for both the chapter and the officer.

4. What is the procedure in re-instating a member who has been suspended—also the procedure to use if the husband also has been suspended from both the chapter and the lodge?

Ans. The questioner was referred to page 46-47 Sec. 136-146 of the code which deals with re-instatement of both male and female members.

5. Can a member be expelled from her chapter for not passing her proficiency test?

Ans. No. If she has been duly initiated into the order, there is no Masonic law that can cause her to be expelled for not learning her work. Just hope and pray that she eventually be inspired to take an interest and learn.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The main concern of this grand office this past twelve months, has been to relieve the pressure on the grand treasury. Therefore, I submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. That the proceedings be edited and printed in condensed form, to cut cost of publication.
2. That the number of proceedings printed be cut by 100 copies, and that only a requested number be issued each chapter, so that there will be none left unused, and that the requested proceedings be sold for a set fee by the G.C.
3. That the suggestion of P.G.W.M. Sister Gladys Taylor, that the ways and means committee be de-emphasized instead of dropped, be re-considered.
4. That the U.S.F.B., The C.F.E. and the O.E.S.F.B., all of which are appointed grand officers and who perform duties only at the opening and the closing of the grand chapter, if so ordered, be appointed prior to the opening of the grand session, from among the official representatives of the subordinate chapters
5. That all printed matter pertaining to the works of the order with the exceptions of the proceedings, be read at two successive grand sessions, before publication, thereby allowing time for further discussion, consideration and correction. This recommendation is made because of some dissatisfaction among the members, in regard to the new book of instructions. More time and thought given to these things create a more complete and comprehensive work by which we can be guided, and those things not fully understood can be further discussed to the satisfaction of all concerned.

CONCLUSION

So, now, we have come to the time to complete a year of Eastern Star work. Mere words cannot begin to convey to you my gratitude for all of the kindnesses given me. We profit by our own mistakes and those of others, and by our own experiences, both good and bad. Let us not fail to realize that the opportunities that have been presented to us and the duties we have performed, were done with the help of the Almighty, and through our busiest hours and our most trying times, let us not forget that the Heavenly Father is our guide, and our strength. With these things in mind, let us all humbly pray that we can fulfill the goals set out for us. Mine are expressed in these few lines:

A little braver when the skies are gray, a little stronger when the road seems long.

A little more of patience through the day and not so quick to magnify a wrong.

A little kinder, both in thought and deed, a little gentler with the old and weak.

Swifter to sense another's pressing need, and not so fast to use the beautiful phrase to speak.

These are my goals—not flung beyond my power, not dreams of glory, beautiful but vain,

Not the great heights where buds of genius flower, but simple splendors which I ought to gain.

These I can do and be, from day to day, along the humble pathway where I plod,

So that at last when I am called away I need not make apologies to God.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

BERTHA E. WOLDER,

Grand Worthy Matron

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:00 P.M.

Electa Grand Chapter resumed its labor at the sound of the gavel in the East by the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder. Allegiance to the American flag was pledged, followed by singing "America." The Grand Chaplain, Sister Mary Freeland offered prayer.

The morning journal was read by the Grand Registrar, Sister Halsey O. Houston which was adopted as read.

The Grand Lecturer, Sister Helen W. Johnson gave her annual report showing that she had made herself available for instructions by her visits throughout the Jurisdiction. She also answered questions that different members would ask. Our minds were greatly refreshed and informed with the detailed explanation of the pentagon given by the Grand Lecturer, assisted by the points on the star who illustrated their work beautifully. Motion that we accept this splendid report.

Adding to the many beautiful bouquets that had been given to Electa Grand Chapter, Sisters Lessie Garrett, Helen W. Johnson and Almeda Dickerson presented some lovely roses on behalf of the Grand Royal and Exalted Order of the Amaranth, this was responded to by Sister Odessa Roberts.

Sister Betty Dabner of Ottumwa favored us with a solo accompanied by Sister LaVina Grayson, the Grand Musician.

The Committee on Grand Officers reports made their report which was accepted and placed on file.

Sister Dorothy B. Bush gave remarks in regards to the International Conference of Grand Chapters. Our Grand Worthy Matron spoke concerning the International Conference wanting to raise the 2c per capita to 4c per capita, so that we can instruct our representative how to vote on this matter.

Brother Braham N. Hyde presented some beautiful carnations on behalf of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa F&A.M. Mr. Frank B. Robinson, Grand Master.

Brother M. F. Askew expressed his thanks for having received his 50 year pin. Sister Elizabeth Jones expressed her thanks and appre-

ciation for all the older members of the Grand Chapter and commending the progress of the Grand Chapter.

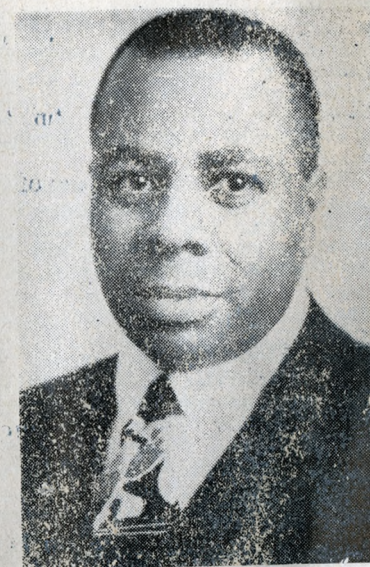
The Chapter was called from labor to rest to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East

PUBLIC RECEPTION — 8:30 P.M.

Mistress of Ceremonies	Jacqueline Ellis
"Lift Every Voice and Sing"	Congregation
Invocation	Rev. I. V. Tolbert
Cappella Choir	Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church
Presentation of Urban Renewal Director	Bishop C. Burt, P.G.W.P.
Welcome on Behalf of the City	George Grierberow
Response	Odessa Roberts, P.G.W.M.
Solo	Palmer Byrd
Welcome on Behalf of St. John Lodge	Russell Burt, W.M.
Response	John C. Buckner, P.G.W.M.
Welcome on Behalf of Palestine Chapter No. 28	Ella Mae Evans, W.M.
Welcome on Behalf of Queen of Sheba Chapter No. 19	Pearl Tolliver, W.M.
Response	Gladyds Taylor, P.G.W.M.
Welcome on Behalf of Eunice Court No. 3	Mary Jackson, A.M.
Response	Mary M. Range, P.G.R.M.
Musical Selection	Cappella Choir
Welcome on Behalf of City Churches	Rev. D. O. Bell, P.G.W.P.
Response	Sarah E. Jett, P.G.W.M.
Solo	James Tanner
Welcome on Behalf of Fraternal Organizations	Robert Burt, P.W.M.
Response	Branham N. Hyde, P.G.W.P.
Presentation of Grand Worthy Matron and the Grand Officers, O.E.S.	
Presentation of Grand Royal Matron and Grand Officers R.E.O.A.	
Musical Selection	Cappella Choir
Benediction	Rev. I. V. Talbert



MRS. MARJORIE L. LEWIS
Grand Conductress
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Associate Grand Matron
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REV. D. O. BELL
Associate Grand Patron
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ADDRESS OF GRAND WORTHY PATRON

Grand Worthy Matron, Officers, Members, Electa Grand Chapter, O.E.S., Iowa and Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affld, Convened in Annual Communication, Waterloo, Iowa, June 21, 1960.

Greetings:

The time again presents itself when I share a moment with your other Grand Officers as we respectfully submit for your considered evaluation a re-counting of our years service, relative to the performance of duties and the fulfillment of obligations.

Some fateful fortnights ago, when standing before you, I joined with the several others as we pledged "in every way within our power to assist in extending the usefulness of the Institution." This re-appearance, this day, is with the same humility, undampened with vanity. It is with the same awareness of the fine tradition which continues to illuminate our emblematic Star. It is, also, with an ever growing conviction that the goodness of warm fellowship—the essence of our Order—is a moving and a powerful force for a better world. Such sentiments are the backdrop as this account of a stewardship of a trust is submitted.

Our beloved Grand Worthy Matron has preceded me in appearance. Her address rightfully keynotes these sessions. Her efforts affords us a comprehensive view as to the State of the Order with attention directed to pertinent matters and, when the case merits, suitable recommendations are offered as a counter-balance. Therefore, any attempt on my part, to deal in those spheres would, at their best, be anti-climactic. Instead, I hold the Patron's duties to be quite unique. He dwells among you not only to aid and assist in the general supervision of the chapter's affairs, but, always, hopeful of imparting some portion of that quality of Freemasonry that has perpetuated the fraternity's growth. His service must be dedicated to those ends which will bend the various elements of the Masonic Family into one, happy, progressive unit. Such thoughts give intent to this effort.

With the aforementioned sentiments and intent, the preparation of this address was frequented with moments of introspection. Perhaps, like my many predecessors, I had a fresh awareness of the inadequacies as the search progressed for the means or the method by which the door might be opened to richer spiritual and moral wealth for the Order. Yet, even the best efforts to focus for depth must, certainly and unavoidably, cover the immediate foreground. It would be foolhardy, indeed, to think that the distant "green pastures" can be reached without passing over the ground immediately ahead. So as we continue to envision an ideal, ever-progressive jurisdiction as our "green pasture," let us face head-on the challenges of the foreground.

My brief presence upon the scene of this Order can serve no better purpose than to invite attention to the ever-present challenge which looms high. This challenge is—TO MAINTAIN THE GOOD NAME OF MASONRY. Use of the term Masonry is to include the Blue Lodge, O.E.S. Chapters, the respective Grand Bodies, etc. And, inter-dependent as we are to each other, we can not, even if we wished, exist apart from the REST of the world. A strongly opinionated public in our favor has long been a valuable asset in our camp. Whenever fraternal groups are mentioned, Masonry is generally termed as the very best. We, certainly, want not to depart from this favorable reaction. Yet, if we permit, the ugly heads of complacency, laxity, and negligence to inject themselves, then surely the reaction will be adverse. Nothing short of our best efforts will hold the respect and the admiration of our many friends.

Commentaries reaching this office are such as to warrant directing the attention of all elements of the Masonic Household to a greater level of proficiency in ceremonials, and most definitely, those events which we generally term as "turn-outs." These rare and richly traditional ceremonials have become distinguishing marks of Masonry. Most communities regard our rare public

appearances as noteworthy occasions. So as they look to us for something better, let us hold close this warm regard and renew our efforts to forever hold that esteem.

Think not, that I am alarmed—it is just concern. Mine is a great faith in our talents and our capacities. And like you, I know, that our constant pursuit of ideals will lead us into those "green pastures."

Were I to add more, this day, this time, it would be a prayer. A prayer that we so expedite the business of this communication that time abundantly will result, permitting all to engage in warm fellowship during these several days in Waterloo. And that the level of that fellowship swells to such proportions as to transcend the limitations of these days and this city and find its way into every corner of the jurisdiction.

OFFICIAL ACTS AND VISITATIONS

July 8, 1959—Received and acknowledged receipt for the endorsement which continued the bond of the Grand Treasurer

August, 1959—Received and acknowledged receipt of the extension of bond for the Grand Secretary.

April 28, 1960—Joined the Grand Worthy Matron at dinner in Marshalltown as the guest of Excelsior Chapter, Number 12.

April 30, 1960—Joined the Grand Worthy Matron as she visited Silver Leaf Chapter, Number 5.

Fraternally submitted,
MORRIS CHIPLEY,
Grand Worthy Patron.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 22, 1960, 9:00 A.M.

Electa Grand Chapter was called from rest to labor at the sound of the gavel in the East by our Grand Worthy Matron. We all joined in singing "Jesus is my All" followed by prayer

The Tuesday afternoon journal was read and adopted with the necessary corrections.

The annual report from the Chairman of Foreign Correspondence Sister Mary M. Range was read, which revealed her correspondence throughout the year had been extensive, interesting information gathered together with greetings from sister Jurisdictions. Report was accepted.

Committee on Charters report there had been no charters issued during the past year.

Sister Orea Buice, Grand Secretary gave her annual report, which was given in complete detail, reporting that the total assets for the year is \$12,507.57.

Sister Vivian J. Smith, Grand Treasurer gave a very detailed report, leaving no questions to the processing of money taken in from the Chapters during the year. These splendid reports were accepted and turned over to the Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee made their reports which were adopted, and the recommendations submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee.

The Returns Committee made their report giving the status of each

subordinate Chapter and the total membership of Electa Grand Chapter is 610.

The Grand Worthy Matron announced that the Administrative Degrees would be administered following the morning session to all new Matrons.

By order of the Grand Worthy Matron the Chapter was called from labor to rest to resume at the so of the gavel in the East.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON'S ADDRESS

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Associate Grand Patron, present and past Grand Officers, and members of Electa Grand Chapter, O.E.S., (Prince Hall Affiliation) State of Iowa and Jurisdiction:

Greetings:

First I want to give humble thanks to our heavenly Father for strength and guidance given me through this trying year. Then I want to express my appreciation to you for the privilege of serving you.

We are indeed blessed with a very competent leader, Sister Bertha Wolder, our Grand Worthy Matron, with the assistance and advice of our honored Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Morris Chipley and the rest of our staff of efficient Grand Officers.

It has been a pleasure to work with Sister Wolder and I hope in my earnest endeavor, I have made some of her work lighter and have been of merit to you.

One of the problems confronting our Grand Worthy Matron was what sort of program to offer for Wednesday night. She asked my advice and I sent her my suggestion. I am honored to say that after asking others for ideas, she chose mine. She gave me permission to write the Chapters in the Jurisdiction and the Talent Program was set in motion. I am truly grateful to these Chapters for the response I received. It seemed to be met with a great deal of enthusiasm, and I was very happy.

It was truly my intention to be with Sister Wolder on several of her official visits, but the Lord decreed otherwise. However, I was privileged to be with her in Burlington, Iowa at St. Elmo Chapter No. 3, and in Keokuk with Electa Chapter No. 17, and Fidelity Chapter No. 30, O.E.S., of Ft. Madison, Iowa, who entertained her jointly.

I want to thank the Chapters and each individual for the lovely cards sent during my illness and for the beautiful Christmas Cards. Words would fail me if I tried to tell you how much they meant.

I sincerely hope what little I have been able to do will meet with your approval and merit in a small way the confidence you have in me by giving me this high office.

It has indeed been a pleasure to serve you.

Sisterly yours,
MARJORIE LEWIS,
Associate Grand Matron

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND OFFICERS ADDRESSES

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past and Present Grand Officers:

We count it a privilege to submit to you the following reports.

First, the Worthy Grand Matron report: we find after carefully examining the beautifully done masterpiece of W.G.M. we approve of the actions taken

by her, especially to the past officers for their experience and cooperation for labouring with her to attain the accomplishments she has achieved.

The third week of June brings happiness to all of us especially renewing old acquaintance and acquiring new ones.

We heartily endorse the actions in the discharge of her duties as W.G.M. We are aware of the results and of the cooperation in the fraternal order. We will continue to grow. The W.G.M. has shown us the fundamentals of the ritualistic work, and our basic principles for the growth of the order.

The statement of our W.G.M. in regard to population. This we have no control, but we suggest whenever possible we meet jointly with our fellow brethren, so our contact will make others seek us for membership.

The close contact with the Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Iowa and its jurisdiction Prince Hall affiliations has been very encouraging.

Many thanks to M.W.G.M. for his timely advice to W.G.M. in person of F. D. Robinson in keeping with our tradition.

We the committee heartily approve of our W.G.M. actions honoring our dead.

Concerning visitation of our W.G.M. to subordinate chapters of jurisdiction who graciously received her, we feel and know these memories will always linger with her. The gifts she will always cherish.

The question and answer periods were very instructive. We feel these answers were given from a store house of knowledge.

We recommend that all recommendations be turned over to proper committee.

The Grand Patrons address was carefully read, and we find him very capable, able and interested patron in helping our G.W.M. in this discharge of her duties and maintaining rules and regulations of the order of Eastern Star.

After reading the report of the Associate G. Matron's address, we find she has been faithful in her assistance to W.G.M. in the discharge of her duties. Helping and assisting wherever she could be of service.

Reading carefully the G.A. Patrons address, we find he has been faithful and was at the patrons call for services divolved upon him at any time.

Respectively submitted,
MAUD M. BREWTON, Chairman
FANNIE M. ALEXANDER
MRS. JULIA GOLDEN
MRS. CLEMMIE HIGHTOWER, Sec.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:00 P.M.

Electa Grand Chapter resumed labor at the sound of the gavel in the East. All stood and joined in singing "I am Thine Oh Lord." Acting Grand Chaplain, Sister Helen T. Carter led us in prayer.

The morning journal was read by the Grand Registrar, which was adopted as read.

Sisters Mable Weathers, Mildred Graves, Klara Kemp, Maxine Watkins and Brother Branham N. Hyde presented to the Grand Worthy Matron a lovely corsage on behalf of Princess Zorah Chapter No. 10, Des Moines, Iowa of which the Grand Worthy Matron is a member. She responded to the presentation with a grateful heart.

The Courtesy Committee introduced the following: Brother George Reed, W.P. Silver Leaf No. 5; Sister Albertha Grace, A.M. Olive Branch No. 32, Sister Maxine Watkins, A.M. Princess Zorah No. 10;

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Sister Jane Thornton, A.M. and Brother E. M. Taylor, W.P. of Palestine No. 28. They were extended a welcome by our Grand Worthy Matron.

The Grand Secretary, Sister Orea Buice reported only seven Certificates of Merit awarded this year which she thinks is the smallest number of Certificates ever given, as follows: St. Elmo No. 3, Burlington; Esther No. 4, Ottumwa, Leah No. 8, Clinton; Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines; Princess Zorah No. 10; Palestine No. 29, Waterloo and Olive Branch No. 32, Des Moines.

The Obituary Committee made their report, we had a bri to prepare for the Grand Chapter of Sorrow, as follows:

- Song "There Is a Mountain"
- Prayer Rev D. O. Bell
- Solo Sister Jessie M. Jones
- Roll Call of Deceased Members
- Eulogy Sister Helen W Johnson
- Song "God be with You"

Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Morris Chipley assisted with five heroines conducted the services. Prayer was offered by Mary Freel, Grand Chaplain. The floral Star be placed on the of Sister Georgia Cheatom, Past Grand Worthy Matron and flower be placed on the grave of Sister Lyda Page, Past Worthy Matron and the rest of the flowers be given our sick members.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances were happy to report that there were none.

The Special Committee on Ways and Means made a partial report stating that \$140.00 had been received so far from the Chapters.

The Jurisprudence Committee made their report which was adopted. (See report.)

The Grand Historian's report was omitted due to the absence of Sister Jessie E. Walker.

\$200.00 was allowed the Grand Worthy Matron's expense to attend the International Conference of Grand Chapters. Sister Odessa Roberts moved and Sister Mary Green seconded the motion, that we vote no against the 4c raise per capita and our delegate was instructed to vote in that manner

Associate Grand Conductress attended the altar and the Chapter was called from labor to rest to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Greetings:
We render heartfelt thanks to our Heavenly Father for the blessings we enjoy for our health, strength and prosperity and for His Infinite goodness to us that we have been allowed to meet again—renewing our friendships—cementing the ties long formed—but while we greet our old friends, let us not forget the stranger within our gates that are here for the first time.

May our hearts be so filled today with the spirit of love, forbearance and kindness towards each other that we will rejoice that we have seen the "Star in

New Supplies

- Letterheads
- 100 Doctors and Petition blanks

G. and Charities for Year 1959-1960

Chapter	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	
No. 1, Naomi Davenport	\$ 32.25	\$ 32.25	\$ 31.50	\$ 30.75	\$ 126.75
No. 3, St. Elmo, Burlington	19.50	19.50	16.75	21.00	76.75
No. 4, Esther, Ottumwa	12.75	13.50	16.50	18.00	60.75
No. 5, Silverleaf, Cedar Rapids	39.00	38.25	37.50	37.50	152.25
No. 8, Leah, Clinton	19.50	19.50	19.50	18.75	77.25
No. 9, Princess Oziel, Des M.	78.75	78.00	75.75	75.75	308.25
No. 10, Princess Zorah, Des M.	47.25	47.25	47.25	47.25	189.00
No. 12, Excelsior, Marshalltown	19.50	11.75	19.50	19.50	70.25
No. 17, Electa, Keokuk	13.50	12.75	12.75	16.00	55.00
					Cr 4.00
No. 18, Adah, Mason City	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75	63.00
No. 19, Qu. of Sheba, Waterloo	11.25	11.25			22.50
No. 22, Harmony, Sioux City	18.00	58.59.			
	17.25	21.75	21.00	21.00	99.00
No. 25, Prince Hall, Centerville	9.00	9.00			18.00
No. 28, Palestine, Waterloo	30.00	30.00	32.25	32.25	124.50
No. 30, Fidelity, Ft. Madison	11.25	11.25	11.75	11.25	45.50
No. 31, Golden Star, Ft. Dodge	12.75	12.75	9.25	17.00	51.75
					Cr 4.25
No. 32, Olive Branch, Des M.	33.75	33.00	33.75	33.75	134.25
No. 34, Morning Star, Council Bl.	14.25	14.25	15.00	15.75	59.25
Total	\$455.25	\$431.75	\$415.75	\$431.25	\$1,734.00

General Fund for Year 1959-1960

Balance Brought Forward 6-12-'59	\$ 929.79
Loan on Time Certificate 6-25-'59	500.00
1959	
July 7, 1959	
Silver Leaf No. 5, G.C. Dues	\$ 106.00
Harmony No. 22 G.C. Dues	24.00
Annals, Syllabus, etc.	4.66
Qu. of Sheba No. 19 G.C. Dues	20.25
Book of Instructions	3.75
October 15, 1959	
Palestine No. 28, Tax on Degrees	3.00

Adah No. 18, G.C. Dues	22.00
Esther No. 4, Rituals, Petitions, etc.	9.42
1960	
January 25, 1960	
St. Elmo No. 3, 1/2 G.C. Dues	19.75
Book of Instructions	4.32
Princess Zorah No. 10, Tax on Degrees	1.00
Harmony No. 22, 1/2 G.C. Dues	28.00
Tax on Degrees	3.00
Morning Star No. 34, Due Books	.50
February 20, 1960	
Esther No. 4, Tax on Degrees	5.00
Due Books	1.02
Electa No. 17, Tax on Degrees	1.00
April 18, 1960	
Olive Branch No. 32, Tax on Degrees	2.00
Due Books	2.00
Morning Star No. 34, Rituals, Due Books	6.44
Silver Leaf No. 5, Tax on Degrees	1.00
St. Elmo No. 3, Tax on Degrees	2.00
Rituals and Postage	4.59
Adah No. 18, 1/2 G.C. Dues	21.00
Prince Hall No. 25, Petitions & Dr Blanks	.84
Leah No. 8, 1/2 G.C. Dues	26.00
Naomi No. 1, Tax on Degrees	1.00
St. Elmo No. 3, Bal. due 1st half G.C. Dues	1.00
May 3, 1960	
Esther No. 4, Tax on Degrees	2.00
Code	.40
Morning Star No. 34, Tax on Degrees	1.00
Postage	.25
Adah No. 18, 1/2 G.C. Dues	21.00
Leah No. 8, 1/2 G.C. Dues	26.00
Palestine No. 28, Tax on Degrees	1.00
Instruction Book	.25
St. Elmo No. 3, 1/2 G.C. Dues	30.00
Harmony No. 22, 1/2 G.C. Dues	28.00
Princess Zorah No. 10, G.C. Dues	126.00
Esther No. 4, G.C. Dues	48.00
June 4, 1960	
Naomi No. 1, Balance G.C. Dues	71.50
Due Books	2.40
Palestine No. 28, G.C. Dues	86.00
Olive Branch No. 32, G.C. Dues	90.00
St. Elmo No. 3, Tax on Degrees	3.00
Due Books, Codes, etc.	4.00
Fidelity No. 30, G.C. Dues	17.00
Excelsior No. 12, G.C. Dues	52.00
Princess Oziel No. 9, G.C. Dues	202.00
	\$1,136.34
Balance Brought Forward 6-12-'59	\$ 929.79
Loan on Time Certificate 6-25-'59	500.00
Taken in for year 1959-1960	1,136.34
10% from Grand Relief Dept.	173.40
	Grand Total
	\$2,729.53

Disbursements	
June 17, 1959	
Expense of Grand Chapter 1958-1959	\$1,139.41
July 6, 1959	
N. A. A. C. P	50.00
G.W. Matron's Contingent	40.00
G. Secretary's Contingent	40.00
Hansen-Murray-Mugg Co., G. Sec'y's Bond	5.00
Whipple & Winterberg Insurance Co., G. Treas. Bond	44.00
	Total Disbursements
	\$1,318.41
Balance in General Fund June 8, 1960	\$1,421.12
Donations Paid for the Year 1959-1960	
Sept. 5, 1959	
To Mr Donald L. Smith account of Sister Lenna Smith	\$100.00
To Mr Paul Danforth account of Sister Fannie Danforth	100.00
October 19, 1959	
To Mr Phillip Hollister account of Sister Ellen Burdine	100.00
January 1, 1960	
To Mrs. Anna Mae Lawson account of Brother Charles Holmes	100.00
To Mrs. Anna Bales account of Sister Lucy Heard	100.00
February 19, 1960	
To Mrs. Beatrice Brown account of Sister Bertha Williams	100.00
To Mr F. A. Pleasant account of Sister Arletha Pleasant	100.00
To Miss Dora Ewing account of Sister Luella Ewing	33.33
To Miss Eloise Ewing account of Sister Luella Ewing	33.34
To Mr John Ewing account of Sister Luella Ewing	33.33
March 7, 1960	
To Mrs. D. Mae Cline account of Brother Clifford Lee	100.00
To Mrs. Flossie Johnson account of Sister Tina May Davis	100.00
March 22, 1960	
To Mr O. J. Smith account of Sister Ora Smith	100.00
April 5, 1960	
To Greaves Mortuary account of Sister Esther Bailey	100.00
April 29, 1960	
To Mr J. Nathaniel Smith account of Sister Willie F. Smith	100.00
	13 Death Donations paid in full.
	1 to be paid
	\$1,300.00
	14 Deaths for the year 1959-1960
Grand Relief Department 1959-1960	
Balance Brought Forward June 12, 1959	\$ 3,936.97
Grand Charities taken in for year 1959-1960	1,734.00
	Grand Total
	\$ 5,670.97
Disbursements:	
13 Death Donations	\$1,300.00
10% to General Fund	173.40
	Total Disbursements
	\$ 1,473.40
Balance in Grand Relief Department	\$ 4,197.57

Total Assets		
Balance in General Fund		\$1,421.12
Balance in Grand Relief Departments		4,197.57
Total Cash on Hand		\$ 5,618.69
1 Time Certificate		\$ 1,704.88
Government Bonds		\$ 5,184.00
Grand Total of Money, Time Certificate and Government Bonds June 8, 1960		\$12,507.57

Respectfully submitted,
OREA BUICE,
Grand Secretary

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Patrons, Officers and Members, Electa Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star:

By God's Grace and favor, I greet each of you at this, our 51st Communication. I give thanks for the progress made in our order during the year, but grieve that some with whom we have fellowshipped are missing from our hall and our ranks.

At the suggestion of several members at our last session, I recommended that one detailed financial statement report be made at the Grand Chapter, either by the distribution of printed or mimeographed copies or by the Grand Treasurer as financial officer of this Grand Body; and that only one be printed in the minutes. (The printed statement could well follow the Grand Secretary's report as the delinquency of a chapter may be in question, and a notation made of the date monies were forwarded to the Grand Treasurer)

At the last communication, I was instructed to transfer \$500 of those funds in time deposit to the General Fund. On the advice of Mr R. W Day, Vice President of Commercial State Bank at Marshalltown, and with the authorization of the Grand Worthy Matron, I negotiated a loan for the sum of \$500, with the Time Certificate as collateral, at 5% interest, to be repaid at the maturity date of the Certificate, July 28th.

Time Certificate No. 1350	\$2,143.22
Interest received	64.30
	\$2,207.52
Loan	500.00
Interest 1 month 8 days	2.64
Balance on deposit	\$1,704.88

GRAND CHARITY

Receipts 1959

July 15, 1959	
Harmony No. 22, 4th	18.00
July 29, 1959	
Princess Oziel No. 9, 1st	78.75
Palestine No. 28, 1st	30.00
Esther No. 4, 1st	12.75
St. Elmo No. 3, 1st	19.50
Naomi No. 1, 1st	32.50

Olive Branch No. 32, 1st	33.75
Fidelity No. 30, 1st	11.25
Princess Zorah No. 10, 1st	47.25
Golden Star No. 31, 1st	12.75
Silver Leaf No. 5, 1st	39.00

Oct. 28, 1959

Princess Oziel No. 9, 2nd	78.90
Fidelity No. 30, 2nd	15.00
St. Elmo No. 3, 2nd	19.50
Harmony No. 22, 1st	17.25
Golden Star No. 31, 2nd	12.75
Electa No. 17, 1st	13.50
Princess Zorah No. 10, 2nd	47.25
Leah No. 8, 1st	19.50
Olive Branch No. 32, 2nd	33.00
Prince Hall No. 25, 1st	9.00
Silver Leaf No. 5, 2nd	38.25
Palestine No. 28 2nd	30.00
Leah No. 8, 2nd	19.50

Dec. 26, 1959

Naomi No. 1, 2nd	32.25
Esther No. 4, 2nd	13.50
Adah No. 18, 1st and 2nd	31.50
Excelsior No. 12, 1st	19.50
partial 2nd	11.75

1960

Jan. 26, 1960

St. Elmo No. 3, bal. 3rd	16.75
Fidelity No. 30, bal. 3rd	8.00
Princess Oziel No. 9, 3rd	75.75
Queen of Sheba No. 19, 1st and 2nd	22.50
Princess Zorah No. 10, 3rd	47.25
Harmony No. 22, 2nd	21.75
Harmony No. 22 3rd	21.00
Leah No. 8, 3rd	19.50
Olive Branch No. 32, 3rd	33.75
Palestine No. 28, 3rd	32.25
Morning Star No. 34, 1st	14.25
Morning Star No. 34, 2nd	14.25

Feb. 23, 1960

Esther No. 4, 3rd	16.50
Golden Star No. 31, 3rd	9.25
Silver Leaf No. 5, 3rd	37.50
Electa No. 17, 2nd and 3rd	23.50
Morning Star No. 34, 3rd	15.00

April 29, 1960

Olive Branch No. 32, 4th	33.75
Silver Leaf No. 5, 4th	37.50
St. Elmo No. 3, 4th	21.00
Naomi No. 1, 3rd	32.25
Adah No. 18, 3rd	15.75
Princess Oziel No. 9, 4th	75.75
Prince Hall No. 25, 1st	9.00
Prince Hall No. 25, 2nd	9.00
Fidelity No. 30, 4th	11.25
Leah No. 8, 4th	18.75
Princess Zorah No. 10, 4th	47.25

May 4, 1960	
Esther No. 4, 4th	18.00
Morning Star No. 34, 4th	15.75
Harmony No. 22, 4th	21.00
Adah No. 18, 4th	15.75
Palestine No. 28, 4th	32.25
June 9, 1960	
Golden Star No. 31, 4th	17.00
Excelsior No. 12, 3rd	19.50
Naomi No. 1, 4th	30.75
Excelsior No. 12, 4th	19.50
Electa No. 17, 4th	16.00
Total Receipts	\$1,744.00
GRAND CHARITY FUND	
Disbursements	
September 24, 1959	
To Mr. Donald L. Smith for Sister Leanna Smith	\$ 100.00
To Mr. Paul Danforth for Sister Fannie Danforth	100.00
November 4, 1959	
Check from Prince Hall No. 25, ISF returned by bank	9.00
1960	
Jan. 4, 1960	
To Mr. Phillip Hollister for Sister Ellen Burdine	100.00
Jan. 5, 1960	
To Mrs. Anna Mae Lawson for Bro. Charles H. Holmes	100.00
To Mrs. Anna Bates for Sister Lucy Heard	100.00
March 4, 1960	
To Mrs. Beatrice Brown for Sister Bertha Williams	100.00
To Mr. Floyd A. Pleasant for Sister Arletha Pleasant	100.00
March 21, 1960	
To Mrs. D. Mae Cline for Bro. Clifford Lee	100.00
To Mrs. Flossie Johnson for Sister Tima May Davis	100.00
April 23, 1960	
To Mr. O. J. Smith for Sister Ora Smith	100.00
To Graves Mortuary for Sister Esther Bailey	100.00
To Miss Dora Ewing for Sister Luella Ewing	33.33
To Mr. John Ewing for Sister Luella Ewing	33.33
To Miss Eloise Ewing for Sister Luella Ewing	33.34
May 14, 1960	
To Mr. J. Nathaniel Smith for Sister Willie L. Smith	100.00
June 12, 1960	
10 per cent of receipts to General Fund	174.40
Total Disbursements	\$1,483.40
Brought forward June 11, 1959	\$3,950.32
Receipts	1,744.00
Total	\$5,694.32
Disbursements	1,483.40
Balance June 12, 1960	\$4,210.92

GENERAL FUND

Receipts

1959

June 25, 1959	
Commercial State Bank Loan	\$ 500.00
July 15, 1959	
Silver Leaf No. 5, Grand Chapter dues	106.00
Harmony No. 22 G.C. Dues	24.00
Rituals, Syllabus, etc.	4.66
Queen of Sheba No. 19 G.C. Dues	20.25
Book of Instructions	3.75
Oct. 28, 1959	
Palestine No. 28, Tax on Degrees	3.00
Dec. 26, 1959	
Esther No. 4, Rituals, Petitions, etc.	9.42
Adah No. 18, G.C. Dues	22.00
1960	
Jan. 26, 1959	
St. Elmo No. 3, 1/2 G.C. Dues	19.75
Book of Instructions	4.32
Princess Zorah No. 10, Tax on Degrees	1.00
Harmony No. 22, 1/2 G.C. Dues	28.00
Tax on Degrees	3.00
Morning Star No. 34, Due Books	.50
Feb. 23, 1960	
Esther No. 4, Tax on Degrees	5.00
Due Books	1.02
Electa No. 17, Tax on Degrees	1.00
April 20, 1960	
Olive Branch No. 32, Tax on Degrees	2.00
Due Books	2.00
Silver Leaf No. 5, Tax on Degrees	1.00
St. Elmo No. 3, Bal. due 1st half G.C. Dues	1.00
St. Elmo No. 3, Tax on Degrees	2.00
Rituals and Postage	4.59
Adah No. 18, 1/2 G.C. Dues	21.00
Prince Hall No. 25, Petitions & Dr. Blanks	.84
Leah No. 8, 1/2 G.C. Dues	26.00
Morning Star No. 34, Rituals, Due Books	6.44
May 4, 1960	
Esther No. 4, Tax on Degrees	2.00
Code	.40
Morning Star No. 34, Tax on Degrees	1.00
Postage	.25
Adah No. 18, 1/2 G.C. Dues	21.00
Palestine No. 28, Tax on Degrees	1.00
Instruction Book	.25
St. Elmo No. 3, 1/2 G.C. Dues	30.00
June 9, 1960	
Leah No. 8, 1/2 G.C. Dues	26.00
Harmony No. 22, 1/2 G.C. Dues	28.00
Princess Zorah No. 10, G.C. Dues	126.00
Esther No. 4, G.C. Dues	48.00

Naomi No. 1, Balance G.C. Dues	71.50
Due Books	2.40
Fidelity No. 30, G.C. Dues	17.00
Excelsior No. 17, G.C. Dues	52.00
Princess Oziel No. 5, G.C. Dues	202.00
Olive Branch No. 12, G.C. Dues	90.00
Palesine No. 28, G.C. Dues	86.00
Elmo No. 3, Tax on Degrees	3.00
Due Books, Codes, etc.	4.00
Total Receipts	\$1,635.34
Disbursements	
June 18, 1959	
Expense of Grand Chapter 1958-1959	\$1,139.41
July 24, 1959	
N. A. A. C. P.	50.00
G.W. Matron's Contingent	40.00
G. Secretary's Contingent	40.00
Whipple & Winterberg Insurance Co., G. Treasurer's Bond	44.00
Hansen Murray-Mogg Co., G. Sec'y's Bond	5.00
Total Disbursements	\$1,318.41
Brought forward June 11, 1959	\$ 916.44
Receipts	1,635.34
From Grand Charity Fund	174.40
Total	\$2,726.18
Disbursements	1,318.41
Balance June 12, 1960	\$1,407.77
Brought forward June 11, 1959	\$4,866.76
Grand Charity fund receipts	1,744.00
General Fund receipts	1,809.74
Total	\$8,420.50
Disbursements:	
Grand Charity	\$1,483.40
General Fund	1,318.41
Total	\$ 2,801.81
Balance in Treasury June 12, 1960	\$ 5,618.69
Assets	
Series J Bonds	\$ 5,184.00
Time Certificate	1,704.88
Total in Treasury June 12, 1960	\$12,507.57

Respectfully submitted,
 VIVIAN J. SMITH,
 Grand Treasurer

O. E. S. TALENT SHOW - 8:00 P.M.

Mistress of Ceremonies	Sister Marjorie L. Lewis
Music	Sister Ihanita Newman
Judges	Sisters Sarah E. Jeti, Mary M. Rangs, Clemmie Hightower, Brother Morris Chipley

Talent was so displayed that it was difficult for the Judges not to give a prize to each participating, however there was one given in Dramatics, Music and Oratorical.

Worthy Matron, Sister Ella Mae Evans of Palestine Chapter No. 28 presented gifts on behalf of the Chapter to Brothers M. F. Askew, Branham N. Hyde, Morris Chipley and Sister Bertha E. Wolder. Having spent an enjoyable and relaxing evening we were dismissed with prayer by Brother Thomas L. Lighons.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 23, 1960, 9:00 A.M.

At the sound of the gavel in the East Electa Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation, State of Iowa and Jurisdiction once more resumed its labors with the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder presiding. We all joined in singing "God Will Take Care of You" followed with prayer offered by acting Grand Chaplain Sister Victoria Hendricks.

The Grand Registrar read the Wednesday afternoon journal which was adopted with the necessary corrections.

A telegram was sent to Sister Jessie E. Walker, the Grand Historian expressing how much we have missed her at this session.

A telegram was read by the Grand Secretary from Brother W. C. Buice, past Grand Worthy Patron. Motion prevailed that correspondence be received and placed on file.

The Special Committee on Ways and Means made their final report that \$177.00 had been received from fourteen Chapters, the Committee was thanked for their effort.

The Finance Committee reported the total expense of this session was \$745.57.

An invitation was read from Esther Chapter No. 4, Ottumwa, Iowa, inviting us to hold our fifty-second annual Communication there, which was graciously accepted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported there was none.

The Credential Committee made their final report, the total number of votes 132.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

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 reports to be accurate as attested by warrants-receipts and checks.

June 12, 1960

Bank Statement	\$ 5,618.69
Time Certificate	1,704.88
Series "J" Bond (Government)	3,024.00
Series "J" Bond (Government)	2,160.00
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	\$12,507.57

We find that the Secretary and Treasurer's report to be accurate.

Notation: We the Auditing Committee recommend the following: That the local secretaries send the right amount with their blanks because we find that \$13.35 which should be in the General Fund is in the Relief Fund. The monies of the Secretary and Treasurer tally after all things have been accounted for but it is a matter of a carry over of \$13.35 left over from the previous year. That this amount has now been transferred to the General Fund because of the various chapters sending in the wrong amount.

Respectfully submitted,
 REV. D. O. BELL, Chairman
 HELEN T. CARTER
 MARY RANGE
 JUANITA NEWMAN, Secretary

GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT

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

Greetings: I am very grateful to a kind and merciful God who in His goodness has permitted me to attend another Electa Grand Chapter. I had a long spell of illness this winter and wish to express my sincere appreciation to my sisters throughout the jurisdiction for their cards and other expressions of sympathy.

At this time I wish to make my annual report of the work I have undertaken through the jurisdiction.

In July I mailed letters to each subordinate Chapter offering my services if I was needed. September 13, I attended the Eastern district school of instruction in Cedar Rapids. This was the Sunday following the Iowa tornado, so only Cedar Rapids and Davenport was present. We met at the Masonic Hall, all stations were filled and we opened in proper form. This is the home chapter of our Grand Worthy Patron Brother Morris Chipley, our Grand Treasurer, Sister Vivian Smith and Grand Esther, Sister Hazel Smith, also our Past Grand Matron, Sister Gladys Taylor. Following my lecture we discussed the proper line of march, the explanation of the Signet and questions on various topics arose. The officers who filled the stations were from the two chapters and each was striving to become more proficient in their work. After the meeting refreshments were served and I was given a cash gift.

Because of matters over which I had no control I was unable to make my

visit to Burlington and to Ottumwa. I wrote the Secretary of these chapters giving my reason and my expression of regret.

April 12th. The Grand Worthy Matron and I visited Electa Chapter and Fidelity Chapters meeting in unison in Keokuk. The Grand Worthy Matron gave a wonderful address and I tell there was little left for me to cover, as she had embodied so much of instruction in her address. This was also a bad Sunday as we had to drive miles out of our way, due to the high waters of the spring. We worked on the professional, at the request of some of the newer members we demonstrated the Labyrinth march, and explained the connection between the points of the star. A question and answer period followed. I was presented with a lovely hostess set and a cash gift in behalf of the Chapters. The Keokuk Chapter is small and is suggesting to keep their chapter, I liked the sisterhood shown between the two chapters.

April 28, The Grand Worthy Matron and I visited Excelsior Chapter in Marshalltown, this is my home chapter and also the chapter in which our G.W.M. first became a member. Again our G.W.M. made a splendid address, following which we had a school of instructions, consisting of the proper way of presenting Grand Officers, use of the Coude rods and proper line of march. Also explained the symbols and emblems on the signet. The Grand Matrons address and the school of instruction was at an afternoon meeting in the hall. At 6:30 that evening the Grand officers were entertained at a buffet, honoring the Grand Worthy Matron and the Grand Worthy Patron, Bro. Chipley. A corsage was presented to each of the Grand officers by the Worthy Matron of the chapter, Sister Katherine Wilder, Sister Joan Stieger on behalf of Excelsior chapter presented gifts to each of the Grand Officers. This is the home chapter of Your Grand Ruth, Iyer Jean Bailey; Your Grand Lecturer, and also the home chapter of the Grand Chr. of Arts of the R.E.O.A. Sister Martha Warren and the Grand Historian Sister Jessie E. Walker.

April 30th. I accompanied the G.W.M. Sister Wolder to Cedar Rapids where she made her annual visit. I want to compliment this chapter on the way in which they carried out the initiation of two members; also the way in which they opened. They have a very young man as their W.P. and on that evening they initiated another young man and a young lady. At the close of the meeting a delicious buffet was served and gifts were presented to the Grand Officers.

May 28, I held a school of instruction in Sioux City, Iowa. I was the house guest of the W.M. Sister Fannie Alexander, who had a delicious supper waiting for me. This chapter is small, but the members are to be commended for the large undertakings they assume. This chapter has beautiful regalia and floor carpet. They are eager to learn and I found this chapter composed of extremely alert and talented women. They have been handicapped because of the need of more male members.

Concert: Breakfast; Esther Day.

In this chapter I found that these women were working on several projects. They were preparing for Esther Day. On the Sunday after our school of instruction I was guest at a breakfast they were sponsoring at Malone A.M.E. church. I was sorry that I was unable to stay for the concert they were sponsoring that afternoon, which Sister Shores has written me was a success. This is the home chapter of P.G.W.M. Bro. Askew, and G.A.C. Sister Frinzella Shores. They are fortunate to have such a very capable W.M. as Sister Alexander. I was presented with a gift and also a cash gift.

In April of this year while visiting my sons and their families in Omaha, I visited Shaffer Chapter No. 17. The G.W.M. Sister Marie Walker was present at this meeting and the chapter was making plans for their Grand Chapter. Omaha has a beautiful Masonic Temple, which is the home chapter of my daughter-in-law, Mrs. George Johnson.

At this time I wish to thank you for electing me to this office, I have tried to do my best and to be of whatever help I could when called on. Some of the

questions that have been asked of me this year are as follows: (In answering them I have referred to either my Ritual or the Book of Instructions.)

Ques.—Does the Candidate have to wear white when she comes for her initiation?

Ans.—Neither our ritual or our book of instructions covers this question, there is nothing wrong that I can see in the candidate wearing white, but she has not yet earned the privilege of being invested in white until she has been initiated. This investiture of white is a symbol of our trial of being washed in the blood of the lamb. Page 31, 2nd mile, to receive the honor of wearing the uniform of the order. See page 30—"The 2nd Mile."

Ques.—Does the Cond., have to hold their rods all during the meeting?

Ans.—See Article No. 6—Cond. rods.—Answer—Cond. will carry rods at all times. That does not say hold. Therefore means Carry them when performing their duty.

Ques.—Does the Conductress remain standing after they have taken up the pass?

Ans.—See page 55 of the Macoy Ritual. At bottom—When the Cond. take up the pass they have been requested to do so by the A.M. not by the W.M. Therefore they perform their duty, return to their seat and report and are seated. When the W.M. addresses them they give their duties and remain standing.

Respectfully submitted,
HELEN W. JOHNSON,
Grand Lecturer

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

Bertha Wolder, G.W. Matron, Transportation	\$ 7.26
3 days service	18.00
Additional expense	39.39
	\$ 64.65
Received from G. Chpt. Contingent Fund	40.00
	Balance due \$ 24.65
Morris Chipley, G.W. Patron, Transportation	3.47
3 days service	18.00
	Balance due \$ 21.47
Marjorie Lewis, A.G. Matron, Transportation	\$ 9.35
3 days service	18.00
	Balance due \$ 27.35
Rev. D. O. Bell, A.G. Patron (G. Chr. of Auditing), 3 days service	\$ 18.00
Vivian Smith, G. Treasurer, Transportation	\$ 3.41
3 days service	18.00
Salary	25.00
Additional Expense	8.90
	Balance due \$ 55.31

Orea Buice, G. Secretary, Transportation	\$ 7.26
3 days service	18.00
Salary	75.00
Office expense	36.68
	Balance due \$ 136.94
Haley O. Houston, G. Registrar, Transportation	\$ 7.26
3 days service	18.00
	Balance due \$ 25.26
Almeda Dickerson, G. Conductress, Transportation	\$ 9.00
3 days service	18.00
	Balance due \$ 27.00
Frinzella Shores, G.A. Conductress, Transportation	\$ 13.48
3 days service	18.00
	Balance due \$ 31.48
Helen W. Johnson, G. Lecturer, Transportation	\$ 4.50
3 days service	18.00
	Balance due \$ 22.50
Sarah E. Jett, G. Chr. of Returns, Transportation	\$ 7.26
3 days service	18.00
	Balance due \$ 25.26
Mary M. Range, G. Chr. of Foreign Correspondence, Transportation	\$ 9.35
3 days service	18.00
	Balance due \$ 27.35
Odessa Roberts, G. Chr. of Jurisprudence, Transportation	\$ 9.00
3 days service	18.00
	Balance due \$ 27.00
Jesse M. Jones, G. Adah, 3 days service	\$ 18.00
Iver Jean Bailey, G. Ruth, 3 days service	\$ 18.00
Hazel Smith, G. Esther, 3 days service	\$ 18.00
Clemmie Hightower, G. Marshall, 3 days service	\$ 18.00
Dorothy B. Bush, Jurisprudence, 3 days service	\$ 18.00
Elizabeth Jones Jurisprudence, 3 days service	\$ 18.00
Mary J. Majors, Jurisprudence, 3 days service	\$ 18.00
Gladys Taylor, Jurisprudence, 3 days service	\$ 18.00
Branham N. Hyde, Jurisprudence, 3 days service	\$ 18.00
M. F. Askew, Jurisprudence, 3 days service	\$ 18.00
Mrs. Albert MaGee, Typist	\$ 15.00
Donation to Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church, 3 days at \$15.00 per day	\$ 45.00
Maud M. Brewton, G. Chr. Officers Addresses, 3 days service	\$ 18.00
LaVina Grayson, G. Musician, 3 days service	\$ 18.00
	HELEN W. JOHNSON, Chr.
	LAVERNE MCKEE
	LESSIE GARRETT, Secy.

GRAND CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Grand W. Matron, Grand W. Patron, present and past Grand Officers of Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S.

It has been a privilege and an honor, to serve Electa Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, as your Grand Chairman of Foreign Correspondence, and a pleasure to compile what other Grand Jurisdictions are doing.

I shall report my findings, along the Eastern Star road. In reviewing the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, to me seems like giving a book review, for each jurisdiction tells a story in itself of fraternal progress, growth and accomplishments.

Mizpah Grand Chapter of Mizpah, Alabama extends fraternal greetings and wish us a harmonious Grand Session. This Grand Chapter has granted six scholarships made nine F. H. A. loans during the year to worthy members whose property was being foreclosed. A charity fund, was named in memory of Past Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Janie M. Balasco, called the Balasco Aid.

Royal Grand Chapter, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, suffered a great loss like we did, in the passing of their Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Annie B. Gilliam, who passed away Nov. 2, 1959. The Grand Asso. Matron, is leading their Grand Jurisdiction on to much success.

Golden State Chapter, of California, reports a youth fraternity of over 200 youths, who are doing wonderful work. This jurisdiction has adopted a new voting system. They register and nominate one day and vote the next day. Booths are prepared, ballots are marked and handed to the proper ones, counted and reported to the committee. If there is a tie, then they re-ballot on the tie only. This they think does not consume so much time.

Prince Hall Grand Chapter, of Connecticut, celebrated their 65th Anniversary. They had visitors from eight sister jurisdictions. They have received a life membership in the N.A.A.C.P. and a special program was given, honoring their Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Patrons.

Prince Hall Grand Chapter, of Massachusetts, extends to our Grand Jurisdiction, best wishes for a successful and informative convocation and a year of continued progress. This Grand Chapter, is busy making plans for the Biennial Eastern Star Convention in Boston. They ask that Iowa be well represented again this year.

Communications were received from Myra Grand Chapter, of Maryland, who report an interesting, peaceful Grand Session. This was one of their most beautiful and outstanding years. Nearly 2,500 persons were in attendance, and a check for \$3,000.00 was presented to the Grand Master, Brother Willard W. Allen, toward the purchase of their new temple. Greetings were also received from Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Minnesota, whose meeting was held in Winnipeg, Canada. They re-elected their Grand Worthy Matron and Patron and under their guidance, are making great progress.

Bathsheba Grand Chapter, of Mississippi, was honored with the presence of the Grand Master, of the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of their Jurisdiction, Brother James C. Gilliam. Several new chapters have been added, and a Law School was set up in their Grand Chapter. A contribution was given, for an air conditioner to the Masonic Temple for their dining hall. Four hundred and seventy-five dollars was contributed on Temple furniture. There were 152 chapters represented at this meeting and a membership of four thousand two hundred and eighty. They have lost 86 members.

Sister Alberta Mae Clark, Grand Worthy Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter, New York, and Bro. Edwin R. Torrence, Grand Worthy Patron were re-elected with a unanimous vote in their Grand Session, this year and report a peaceful, harmonious session. They are continuing their camp fund, which is the queen contest, and they have a \$500.00 membership in the N.A.A.C.P. Three new chapters were made and two are under dispensation. They have fifty chapters in this jurisdiction and report that all are doing good work.

Fraternal greetings were received from Esther Grand Chapter, Lake Charles, Louisiana, who are progressing financially and numerically.

Last August marked the seventieth anniversary of Prince Hall Grand Chapter, of Michigan. Brother William O. Greene, Most Worshipful Grand Master was in attendance. They celebrated Americanism Day, with Mr. Jackie Robinson as their principle speaker. Best wishes were extended to our jurisdiction.

Sessions were largely attended at Harmony Grand Chapter, Missouri Jurisdiction. The Chapter of Sorrow was demonstrated in memory of their deceased members. The King and Queen contest was a success. Amount raised was \$2,817.22. Contributions were made to the following organizations: \$500.00 membership in the N.A.A.C.P. \$100.00 to the National Negro College Fund. Their youth council is making progress. A cordial welcome was extended to us, to visit them at any of their sessions.

Queen Bathsheba Grand Chapter of Oklahoma Jurisdiction, enjoyed a successful session highlighted by a visit of our International Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Derrick. Their Princess Review and Queen Contest brought them nearly \$4,000.00. They too are increasing numerically and financially. At their last report they have \$1,563.15 in their scholarship fund, and \$12,802.00 in their burial fund.

Fraternal greetings were received from Eureka Grand Chapter, of Illinois and their meeting was progressive, constructive and peaceful. The Grand Worthy Matron's Special Effort, was in progress which was to take place in the Crystal Room of the Blackstone Hotel.

Deborah Grand Chapter, of Pennsylvania, enjoyed the visitations from eight sister jurisdictions. Their Ways and Means Committee made a change in their program this year, each chapter was to receive 20 per cent of the amount collected by them after Grand Session. Their Educational Committee, asked that each district have an educational tea. A contribution was presented to the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital. Best wishes was extended to our Grand Jurisdiction.

Highlights of the Grand Sessions of Excelsior Grand Chapter, Tennessee, were the presentation of a trophy to the Matron of the year. This was won by Sister Mattie Morris, So. Chattanooga Chapter No. 6. This effort furthered the Ways and Means Committee toward awarding eight \$100.00 scholarships to worthy boys and girls.

The honorable Dr. Guy R. Taylor, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Ohio, was one of the distinguished guests attending the 45th Session of Electa Prince Hall Grand Chapter of West Virginia. Last year they were fortunate in having Mr. Thurgood Marshall, Attorney for the N.A.A.C.P. as their banquet speaker. Their meeting was quite a success.

The International Conference of Grand Chapters, will meet in Boston, Massachusetts, August 14 to 19, holding the twenty-second Assembly.

Letters mailed--25
Letters received--22
Christmas cards mailed--16
Christmas cards received--6
Minutes mailed--12
Minutes received--4
Miscellaneous programs received--4
Papers received--1.

I thank you for the privilege of serving you, Grand Worthy Matron, officers and members of Electa Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and assure you that I greatly appreciate the trust and confidence you have placed in me.

Fraternally submitted,
MARY M. RANGE, G.C.F.C.

RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, officers and members of Electa Grand Chapter, we the Rules Committee beg leave to submit the following recommendations to Electa Grand Chapter:

1. The boundary for all past and present Matrons and Patrons, Associate Matrons and Patrons will sit on the North side of the Chapter room. The floor members, or non-voting members will sit on the South Side.
2. We recommend that the said hours be set and accepted by Electa Grand Chapter. Starting hour 9:09 a.m. Lunch at 11:30 and Electa Grand Chapter be called on again at 1:00 p.m. and closed at 4:00 p.m.
3. We recommend that all committees have all reports in routine order as designated and appointed by the Grand Worthy Matron.

Respectively submitted by
The Rules Committee
JOHN C. BUCKNER, Chr
MABEL WEATHERS
ELLA M. BLACKMAN
JOAN STIGLER, Secy.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Present and Past Grand Officers, Members and Friends of Electa Grand Chapter We the Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg leave to make the following report:

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances are very happy to report that we have received no Appeals or Grievances. We feel that a spirit of peace and harmony seems to prevail over the entire jurisdiction. We pray that this beautiful spirit will continue through out this year and the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
BRO. BISHOP BURT, Chr.
SIS. LILLIAN REED
SIS. DOLORES B. PEGUESE, Sec.

DISPENSATION AND CHARTERS COMMITTEE

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

We your committee: Dispensation and Charters beg leave to make the following report:

We find careful study that no dispensation has been issued. And no charters granted.

Respectfully submitted,
SISTER ELIZABETH JONES
SISTER RUTH B. TOOMES
SISTER HIAWATHA FOSTER

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Past and Present Grand Officers and members, 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 Waterloo, Iowa.

We offer the following resolutions:

1. Be it resolved that we extend a vote of thanks to Queen of Sheba Chapter No. 19, Palestine Chapter No. 28 and the citizens of Waterloo, Iowa, for the generous hospitality shown us.
2. Be it resolved that we extend a vote of thanks to Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church, also Rev. I. V. Tolbert
3. Be it resolved we extend thanks to all of those who donated beautiful flowers to Electa Grand Chapter.
4. Be it resolved we extend a vote of thanks to the press.

Respectfully submitted,
MARY FREELS, Chr
GUS SMITH
LEONA JORDAN
MARJORIE GARRISON, Secy.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Grand Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter; We your committee on Obituary beg to submit the following:

We regret to report fourteen of our members have been called from labor to rest.

We will have Eulogy by Sis. Helen Johnson, and prayer by Rev. D. O. Bell, a solo by Sister Jessie Jones.

"Friend after friend departs
Who hath not lost a friend?
There is no union here of hearts,
That finds not here an end.
Were this frail world our only rest,
Living or dying, none were blest.

There is a world above
Where parting is unknown—
A whole eternity of love
And blessedness alone;
And faith beholds the dying here
Translated to that happier sphere."

Respectfully submitted,
SIS. GLADYS BROWN, Chr.
SIS. MAXINE CRAYTON, Secy.
SIS. FANNIE MORRIS
SIS. MARTHA WALKER
BRO. THOMAS LIGHTS

REPORT OF WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Present and Past Grand Officers, Sisters and Brothers of Electa Grand Chapter, O.E.S., Iowa and Jurisdiction. We your Ways and Means Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Golden Star No. 31, Fort Dodge, Iowa	\$ 10.00
Naomi No. 1, Davenport, Iowa	10.00
Harmony No. 22, Sioux City, Iowa	50.00

Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines, Iowa	25.00
Princess Zorah No. 10, Des Moines, Iowa	35.00
Excelsior No. 12, Marshalltown, Iowa	10.00
Esther No. 4, Ottumwa, Iowa	
Leah No. 8, Clinton, Iowa	5.00
Olive Branch No. 321, Des Moines, Iowa	5.00
Electa No. 17, Keokuk, Iowa	5.00
Palestine No. 28, Waterloo, Iowa	10.00
Prince Hall No. 22, Centerville, Iowa	2.00
Silver Leaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	5.00
St. Elmo No. 3, Burlington, Iowa	5.00

Total \$177.00

Respectfully submitted,
 MILDRED GRAVES, Chr.
 ELVIRA SHORTRIDGE, Secy
 KATHRYN WILDER

REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Grand Worthy Committee, Grand Worthy Patron, Past Grand officers and members of Electa Grand Chapter, State of Iowa and Jurisdiction.

We the Publicity Committee submit the following report:

We gave the news to the Waterloo Daily Courier and it will be printed in the evening paper.

Respectfully submitted,
 VALLETTA FIELDS, Chr.
 MARY JACKSON, Secy
 MARLYS AUSTIN

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

We the Jurisprudence Committee submit the following report:

Recommendations of Worthy Matron

1. That the proceedings be edited and printed in condensed form, to cut the cost of publication.
2. That the number of proceedings printed be cut by 100 copies, and that only a requested number be issued each chapter, so that there will be none left unused and that the requested proceedings be sold for a fee set by the Grand Chapter.

We recommend that recommendation No. 1 and 2 be combined and that the word "condensed" be eliminated and the word "edited" used instead.

3. That the suggestion of P.G.W.M. Sister Gladys Taylor, that the Ways and Means Committee be de-emphasized instead of dropped, be reconsidered.

We approve

4. That the U.S.F.B., The C.F.B. and the O.E.S.F.B. all of which are appointed grand offices and perform duties only at the opening and the closing of the grand chapter, if so ordered, be appointed prior to the opening

of the grand session, from among the official representatives of the subordinate chapters.

We approve with the exception of the Associate Patron, Musician and Chaplain.

5. That all printed matter pertaining to the work of the order, with the exception of the proceedings, be read at two successive grand sessions, before publication, thereby allowing time for further discussion, consideration and correction. This recommendation is made because of some dissatisfaction among the members, in regard to the new book of instructions. More time and thought given to these things create a more complete and comprehensive work by which we can be guided, and those things not fully understood can be further discussed to the satisfaction of all concerned.

We approve.

Recommendations of P.G.W.P. Bro. John Buckner

1. I recommend that a uniform dress for all Patrons, present Grand and past Grand upon the setting of Grand Chapter shall be dark suits, white shirts, black shoes and white gloves.
2. I recommend that if this uniform dress for all Patrons is accepted that there be no suspending of rules to get around this recommendation, and also it shall be the same in the local chapters.

We disapprove. Let this be a gentlemen's agreement among the brethren.

3. I recommend that Electa Grand Chapter having gone on record as reducing its Jurisprudence Committee to a minimum size to concur with our budget, that beginning June, 1960, each Grand Matron retiring from the Chair be presented with Past Grand Matron's sash, at the expense of the Grand Chapter.

We disapprove at this time.

4. I recommend that Electa Grand Chapter present all Past Grand Officers a card with Gold Seal, certifying that they are Past Grand Officers of Electa Grand Chapter of Iowa, with their year marked upon the card.

We disapprove for the time being.

5. I recommend that the Grand Matron's Office be allowed \$200.00 for expenses to the International, which is in Boston, due to the increase of Rail and Hotel rates.

Doesn't pertain to our committee.

6. I recommend that the month of August be a holiday month for all chapters throughout the Iowa Jurisdiction.

We disapprove.

7. I recommend that Iowa conduct a work shop once a year for all subordinate chapters in a central location.

We approve and recommend that the Grand Lecturer be in charge and that this meeting be at our own expense except for the expense of Grand Lecturer.

8. I recommend that a committee be appointed to study the possibilities of cutting our Grand Chapter meeting down to two days duration, the purpose of this being to curtail expenses.

We approve the study of this idea with decision to be made at next Grand session.

Recommendation

1. We recommend that the Associate Grand Matron serve as Grand Chairman of Foreign Correspondence. This will serve to acquaint her with other Jurisdictions and give her ideas and suggestions which will prove useful to Electa Grand Chapter.

Mary I. Majors
Gladys Taylor

We approve.

Respectfully submitted,

SIS ODESSA ROBERTS, Grand Chr.
SIS ELIZABETH JONES
SIS DOROTHY BUSH
SIS MARY MAJORS
SIS GLADYS TAYLOR
BRO. E. H. HYDE
BRO. THOMAS LIGHONS
BRO. ED ASKEW
BRO. BISHOP EURT

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,

MRS. ANNA BROWN, Chr.
MRS. LUBERTA DIXON
BETTY READING, Secy.

THE COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of Electa Grand Chapter, we your committee on Courtesy wish to introduce the following persons: Sisters Virginia Williams, Esther Chapter No. 4, Ottumwa; Luberta Dixon, W.M. Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines; Mabel Weathers, W.M. Princess Zorah No. 10, Des Moines; Barbara Adams, Palestine Chapter No. 28, Waterloo, visitor; Mlie E. Hammon, Palestine No. 28, Waterloo, visitor; Hiawatha Potter, W.M. Zorah No. 10, Des Moines; Gertrudine Amos, Palestine No. 28, Waterloo, visitor; Maxine Grayson, W.M. Esther Chapter No. 4, Ottumwa; Betty Dabner, Esther Chapter No. 4, Palestine No. 28, Waterloo, visitor; Emma Williamson, Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines; Asso. Matron Frances Wells, Golden Star No. 1, Ft. Dodge, visitor; Pearl Tolliver, Queen of Sheba No. 15, Waterloo, Asso. Matron; Marjorie Garrison, Silver Leaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids; Asso. Matron Theresa Irving, Naomi No. 1, Davenport; Asso. Matron, Brother Oscar Miller, Palestine No. 28, Waterloo, Iowa. Brother Gus Smith, Patron, Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines; Alice Johnson, Palestine No. 28, Waterloo, Iowa.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY GREEN, Chr.
LEANA PRESLEY
LAURINDA LEWIS
MARIE MADDOX

Brother Branham N. Hyde held our election and the reports are as follows:

ELECTIVE

Sister Bertha E. Welde, Grand Worthy Matron
Brother Josh Roberts, Grand Worthy Patron
Sister Marjorie L. Lewis, Associate Grand Matron
Brother George Reed, Associate Grand Patron
Sister Vivian J. Smith, Grand Treasurer
Sister Orea Buice, Grand Secretary
Sister Almeda Dickerson, Grand Conductress
Sister Frinzella Shores, Associate Grand Conductress
Sister Helen W. Johnson, Grand Lecturer
Sister Haly O. Houston, Grand Registrar

APPOINTIVE

Sister Luberta Dixon, Grand Adaa
Sister LaVina Grayson, Grand Ruth
Sister Betty Reading, Grand Esther
Sister Hiawatha Potter, Grand Martha
Sister Elvira Shortridge, Grand Electa
Sister Ella Mae Evans, Grand Warder
Sister Leana Presley, Grand Sentinel
Sister Marie Maddox, Grand Musician
Sister Katherine Wilder, Grand Marshal
Sister Fannie Mae Alexander, Grand Chaplain
Sister Myrtle Coffman, Grand Historian
Sister Maud M. Brewton, Grand Chairman of Addresses
Sister Marjorie L. Lewis,
Grand Chairwoman of Foreign Correspondence
Sister Mary Freel, Grand Chairman of Returns
Sister Mary J. Majors, Grand Chairman of Ways and Means
Sister Sarah E. Jett, Grand Chairman of Reading
Sister Orea Buice, Grand Chairman of Credentials
Sister Dorothy B. Bush, Grand Chairman of Jurisprudence
Brother John C. Buckner, Sister Sarah E. Jett, Brother DeEdwin White, Committee on two days session.

Sister Ella Mae Evans presented gifts to Sisters Odessa Roberts, Mary M. Range and Marjorie L. Lewis on behalf of Palestine Chapter No. 28.

On behalf of Electa Grand Chapter Sisters Sarah E. Jett, Mary

Green, Martha Warren LaVern McKee and Mary M. Range presented to the Grand Worthy Matron Sister Bertha E. Wolder, a cash donation in appreciation for the splendid work performed and the wonderful session held. The Grand Worthy Matron responded with great appreciation.

The Resolution Committee made their report resolving to give thanks to all courtesies extended to Electa Grand Chapter while convening in Waterloo.

Closing remarks were heard from Sister Elizabeth Jones who was in her 30th year in attendance to Electa Grand Chapter

All business being completed, the session was closed in full ritualistic form. The fraternal chain was formed and with the singing of "Blest be the Tie," Electa Grand Chapter closed to meet in June, 1961, in Ottumwa, Iowa, as guests of Esther Chapter No. 4, O.E.S.

Bertha E. Wolder, Grand Worthy Matron
 Morris Chipley, Grand Worthy Patron
 Orea Buice, Grand Secretary
 Haley O. Hobson, Grand Registrar

Dorris D. Wilson

1960 RETURNS -- STATISTICS

Number	NAME AND LOCATION	WORTHY MATRON, WORTHY PATRON AND ASSOCIATE MATRON	Initiated	Reinstated	Suspended	Expelled	Died	Rejected	Members	Relief Fund	Ex on Degree	G. C. Dues	Total Revenue	Amount	Balance Due	Balance Last Year	Total Due	Credit
1	Nacmi, Davenport	Elyza Shorridge, Charles Jenkins, Teresa Payne	1	0	0	0	0	0	43	126.75	1.00	71.50	199.25	199.25				
3	St. Elmo, Burlington	Betty J. Reading, DeEdwin White, Juanita Newman	7	0	0	0	1	1	30	76.75	5.00	50.75	132.50	132.50				
4	Esther, Ottumwa	Maxine Crayton, Charles Davis, Willa Dean Cropp	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	60.75	7.00	48.00	115.75	115.75				
5	Silver Leaf, Cedar Rapids	Celeste Perkins, Geo. Read, Marjorie Garrison	3	0	0	0	2	0	55	152.25	3.00	104.00	259.25	155.25	104.00	104.00		
8	Leah, Clinton	Mary Fraels, C. I. Thompson, Beatrice Brown	3	0	0	0	0	0	26	77.25		52.00	129.25	178.25				
9	Ozark, Des Moines	Lubella Dixon, Gus Smith, Emma Williamson	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	308.25	1.00	202.00	510.25	510.25				
10	Zorak, Des Moines	Kathryn Wilder, M. F. Bailey, Joan Strigler	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	189.00	1.00	126.00	316.00	316.00				
12	Excelsior, Marshalltown	Mildred Hawkins, Emanuel Reynolds, Geneva Bell	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	70.25	1.00	52.00	122.25	122.25				
17	Electa, Keokuk	Marie Maddox, Wm. L. Wiginton, Ruby Maser	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	51.00	1.00	32.00	84.00	84.00				
18	Adah, Mason City	Emma Bell, D. O. Bell, Pearl Tolliver	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	42.75		64.00	127.00	127.00				
19	Queen of Sheba, Waterloo	Fannie Alexander, M. E. Whitlock, Lorene Hayes	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	99.00	3.00	46.25	89.00	89.00				
22	Harmony, Sioux City	Elizabeth Burns, Chas. Morris, Eloise Graves	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	36.00		18.00	182.00	182.00				
25	Prince Hall, Cornserville	Ella Mae Evans, Bishop Burk, Jane Therman	3	0	0	0	0	0	43	124.50	4.00	86.00	214.50	214.50				
28	Palestine, Waterloo	Leola Presley, Wm. Winston, Lurene Woods	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	45.00	2.00	34.00	81.50	63.50	19.00	19.00		
30	Golden Star, Fort Dodge	Coralee Patterson, Dan Lockman, Ann Merrinweather	2	0	0	0	0	0	20	47.50	3.00	40.00	90.50	50.50	40.00	40.00		
31	Fidelity, Fort Madison	Hiawatha Patten, A. W. Patten, Alberta Grace	1	0	0	0	0	0	43	134.25	2.00	90.00	226.25	226.25				
32	Olive Branch, Pe. Moines	Mary Carrett, Chauncey Herndon, Dana Nixon	2	0	0	0	0	0	21	59.25	1.00	42.00	102.50	60.25	42.00	42.00		
34	Morning Star, Council Bluffs		32	2	5	0	14	1610	1764.00	33.00	1238.50	3035.50	720.25	315.25	42.00	315.25	8.00	
Totals																		

SARAH E. JEIT, Chairman
 FELICE RHODES
 MAXINE WATKINS
 GEORGE REED
 MYRTLE COFFMAN, Secretary

Proceedings of the
FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
 of
ELECTA GRAND CHAPTER O. E. S.
PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION
STATE of IOWA and JURISDICTION

TUESDAY MORNING

Ottumwa, Iowa, June 20, 1961

Electa Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliation, State of Iowa and Jurisdiction, opened its 52nd Annual Communication at the Knights of Pythian Hall as guests of Esther Chapter No. 4, O.E.S.

Acting Grand Worthy Patron, Brother George Reed invited the Grand Officers in and presented the gavel to our Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder, who proceeded to open the Chapter in due ritualistic form; all stations having been duly filled. We joined in prayer with our acting Grand Worthy Patron Brother George Reed. The Grand Conductress Sister Almeda Dickerson led us in the signs and passes after which we all joined in singing our opening ode.

Sister Orea Buice, Chairman of Credentials, made a partial report, stating happily that out of our 18 Chapters, 18 Chapters were represented with 60 delegates.

Roll call of officers were called and vacancies filled by Grand Worthy Matron Sister Bertha E. Wolder

ELECTIVE

Sister Bertha E. Wolder, Grand Worthy Matron
 Brother George Reed, Grand Worthy Patron (Acting)
 Sister Marjorie L. Lewis, Associate Grand Matron
 Brother Olen Gibson, Associate Grand Patron (Acting)
 Sister Vivian J. Smith, Grand Treasurer
 Sister Orea Buice, Grand Secretary
 Sister Almeda Dickerson, Grand Conductress
 Sister Hinzella Shores, Associate Grand Conductress
 Sister Helen W. Johnson, Grand Lecturer
 Sister Hailey O. Houston, Grand Registrar

APPOINTIVE

Sister Mary Garrett, Grand Acolyte (Acting)
 Sister Lavinia Grayson, Grand Acolyte

Sister Betty Reading, Grand Esthetic
 Sister Hiawatha Potter, Grand Martha
 Sister Elvira Shortridge, Grand Electa
 Sister Emma Williamson, Grand Warder
 Sister Leona Presley, Grand Sentinel
 Sister Marie Maddox, Grand Musician
 Sister Mary Green, Chaplain (Acting)
 Sister Iver Jean Bailey, Grand Marshall (Acting)
 Sister Clemmie Hightower, American Flag Bearer
 Sister Mable Weathers, Christian Flag Bearer
 Sister Cora Lee Patterson, O.E.S. Flag Bearer
 Sister Myrtle Coffman, Grand Historian

The following Committees were also appointed, as follows:

Addresses—Sisters Maud M. Brewton, Lillian Reed, Gladys White, Emma Williamson and Ruby Maser.

Returns—Sisters Mary Freel, Velma Lewis, Clemmie Hightower, Mary Green and Myrtle Coffman.

Jurisprudence—Sisters Dorothy B. Bush, Odessa Roberts, Gladys Taylor, Mary M. Range, Mary J. Majors, Brothers B. N. Hyde, Bishop C. Burt, and all past Grand Worthy Matrons and past Grand Worthy Patrons.

Credentials—Sisters Orea Buice, Betty Reading, Lavinia Grayson, Beatrice Brown and Jeanita Newman.

Auditing—Sisters Sarah E. Jett, Iver Jean Bailey, Brothers D. O. Bell, Olen Gibson and DeEdwin White.

Two Day Session—Brothers John C. Buckner, DeEdwin White and Sister Sarah E. Jett.

Ways and Means—Sisters Mary J. Majors, Mildred Graves, Ruth Crenshaw and Marian Dorsey

Courtesy—Sisters Martha Warren, Albertha Grace and Ruth Harper.

Rules—Sister Helen T. Carter, Marietta Payton and Tennie White.

Obituary—Sisters Mable Weathers, Ruth Toomes, LeVere McKee, Elvira Shortridge, Gladys White and Marie Maddox.

Publicity—Sisters Bessie Curley and Betty Dabner.

Chartered Chapters—Sister Hiawatha Potter.

Grievances—Brother M. F. Askew, Sisters Mary Garrett and Edith Wilson.

Finance—Brother DeEdwin White and Sister Laurinda Lewis.

Resolutions—Sisters Lessie Garrett, Hinzella Shores, Edith Wilson, Cora Lee Patterson and Gladys Brown.

Unfinished Business—Sisters Felicia Rhodes, Gladys Brown and Garrett Jackson.

Reading of the Thursday afternoon journal of 1960 and a motion

prevailed that the journal be adopted with the necessary correction if any.

Grand Conductress Sister Almeda Dickerson and Associate Grand Conductress Sister Trinzella Shores presented the following past Grand Worthy Matrons, Sisters Maud M. Brewton, Sarah E. Jett, Odessa Roberts, Dorothy B. Bush and Mary J. Majors, who were escorted to the East where they were given Grand Honors.

The following past Grand Worthy Patrons, M. F. Askew, DeEdwin White, D. O. Bell and Bishop C. Burt were honored likewise. Grand Worthy Matron stated that Sister Gladys Taylor, P.G.W.M. would be unable to attend because of work; Sister Mary M. Range, P.G.W.M. would be late due to a death in the family. She read a beautiful letter from Sister Elizabeth Jones, one of our oldest past Grand Worthy Matrons, expressing her desire to be present but because of ill health was unable to be, the letter closed with a poem that only she could pick to express her thoughts.

The Grand Secretary, Sister Orea Buice read correspondence from the following:

Greetings from Zied Court No. 50, Daughters of Isis, Jessie L. Newsome, Acting Commandress; Delores Peguese, Recorder; N.A.A.-C. P. concerning the situation in Mississippi; Brother John C. Buckner, P.G.W.P., Brother Branham N. Hyde, P.G.W.P. stating his regrets because of ill health. Motion and seconded that all correspondence be accepted and placed on file, an amendment to the motion that a telegram be sent to Sister Elizabeth Jones and Brother Branham N. Hyde because of their illness. Motion carried.

Rules Committee made their report and it was adopted.

Flowers were presented to Elceti Grand Chapter from the following:

Hope Court No. 8, by Sisters Alice Hicks and Lillian Reed; Esther Chapter No. 4, by Sisters Sadie Weeks and Betty Dabner; Golden Star Lodge F.&A.M. by Brother Charles Davis; from Sister Gladys Taylor, P.C.W.M.; by Sisters Thelma Price and Edith Wilson; all floral sprays made a beautiful array in the East.

Acting Grand Worthy Patron, Brother George Reed presented our Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Welder who gave her annual address, she explained that the program could be made in the Chapter by the Grand Lecturer and the Grand Worthy Matron making joint visits throughout the Jurisdiction in order to be able to make proper corrections. The address showed that during the past year she had performed her duties well, making visits through the Jurisdiction giving her helpful suggestions and moral support through her addresses. Motion and seconded that the splendid address be accepted and given to the Committee on Grand Officers Addresses.

The Grand Worthy Matron was presented a corsage by Sisters Mabel Weathers, Mildred Graves and Katherine Durden on behalf of

Princess Zorah Chapter No. 10. of which the Grand Worthy Matron is a member. Sister Mable Weathers, sister of the Grand Worthy Matron pinned the corsage on her.

Brother George Reed, acting Grand Worthy Patron gave his address, who expressed his astonishment having to fulfill this office but has done so well proceeding with pride, assisting the Grand Worthy Matron when able to do so. Motion prevailed that this address be accepted and turned over to the Committee on Grand Officers Addresses.

Sister Marjorie L. Lewis, Associate Grand Matron gave her annual address, which showed that through faith and the help of God, she had performed her duties during the past year. Motion and seconded that this address be accepted and given to the Committee on Grand Officers Addresses.

Associate Grand Matron, Sister Lewis called the meeting from labor to rest to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East.

GRAND WORTHY MATRON'S ADDRESS

Grand Worthy Patron, Past Grand Worthy Matrons, Past Grand Worthy Patrons, Present Grand Officers, members and visitors of Elceti Grand Chapter O. E. S. (P.H.A.) of Iowa and Jurisdiction: Greetings.

"The moving finger writes, and having writ, moves on." So it is, that time moves swiftly on, and it has brought us again to this grand chapter, where we give pause and consider our successes, and our failures, and bring to you a report of our work of this past year. God has been my constant strength and my guide, and to Him I am humbly grateful. I am also grateful that I have had a part in the growth and advancement of this beautiful order, and I pray that I may be able to contribute in some small way for years to come. The East has long been called the place of authority, wisdom and information, and that is as it should be. The Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Patrons upon whom I have relied for advice, have been most helpful in making it so. For any errors in judgement that I have made, I ask forgiveness, for to err is human. To all of my Grand officers both past and present, and to each subordinate chapter, for your co-operation, thoughtfulness and good will, I offer a simple "Thank You."

Fraternal Relationship

The relationship between the Masonic lodges and the chapters of this jurisdiction is indeed a close one. They are working together in harmony and love. I trust that this feeling will ever flourish. The Order of the Eastern Star is truly dependent upon the Masonic fraternity, for from its being and its membership spring those who make up the roll of our chapters. May they continue to grow both morally and spiritually. We gratefully acknowledge their interest in our welfare, and offer our assistance to them whenever it is needed.

State of the Order

During the past two years, I have had the opportunity to meet with all but four of the chapters in this jurisdiction, and can say that in the state of the order for the most part is good, and that peace and harmony exists. A few of the smaller chapters have been having hardships, but with prayer, encouragement and firm endeavor, I am sure they will improve as time goes by. Although there has been quite an increase in initiations, there has been some suspensions for non-payment of dues. We do not wish to lose members but neither

do we wish to carry dead weight, it is the duty and responsibility of the Worthy Matron and the Secretary to see that these dues are collected, and some of them have gone far beyond the call of duty to give the delinquent member every chance to take care of these obligations. I feel however, that if a person has to be forced to pay dues in an organization in which she shows no interest, then that organization is better off without them. Ritualistically, progress is being made, and a good deal of that progress is due to the efforts of Sister Helen Johnson, Grand Lecturer. While there have been few district meetings, there have been schools of instruction in the individual meetings. At the invitation of some of the chapters, and at my invitation, Sister Johnson has accompanied me on most of my official visits. Instruction in the work has been given and question and answer periods held. These sessions have helped greatly, in reviving interest in the activities and the work of the order. I would like to suggest however, that every few months an instruction period be held by the Worthy Matron on the laws found in the Constitution and Code for many of the chapters are not familiar with even the most often used laws which govern them, such as qualifications for holding office, filing of reports, procedure for processing a petition, re-instatement etc. My best wishes to those who are making progress. For those who are lagging and are discouraged, there is hope, so let each one put his shoulder to the wheel and work together, for in each of us there is a will to do, and in unity there is achievement.

IN MEMORIAM

Beyond the suns radiant glow, there is a brighter world I know,
Where golden glories ever shine, beyond the thoughts of days decline,
And Jesus bids my soul prepare, to gain a happy entrance there.

May 24—Sent telegram of condolence to family of Sister Jane Thornton, W.M. of Palestine Chapter No. 28.

May 25—To Electa Chapter No. 17, Keokuk—Dispensation to hold meeting other than at the regular time for the purpose of conferring the Queen of the South Degree.

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OFFICIAL VISITS

During the past year, my official visits to the various chapters started early. On several of these occasions, I was accompanied by Sister Helen Johnson, the Grand Lecturer. Each meeting was preceeded or followed with a lovely dinner and social hour, at which time I was presented with a beautiful gift from the members of the entertaining chapter.

Each meeting was opened in ritualistic order, my address given, and questions asked and answered. At the meetings attended by the Grand Lecturer, a school of instructions was held and much interest was stimulated. Some of the chapters have been holding study groups to better acquaint themselves with the work of the order and I was pleased to note a noticeable improvement from last year. New regalia has been purchased by several of the chapters, which also shows an incentive to build for the future and the good of the order.

Visits made during the past year are as follows:

Oct. 15, 1960—Harmony Chapter No. 22, Sioux City

Nov. 12, 1960—Morning Star Chapter No. 54, Council Bluffs

Feb. 19, 1961—Esther Chapter No. 4, Ottumwa

At this meeting plans for the Grand Chapter were drawn up, as Ottumwa was to be the host City for the fifty-second Grand Session of Electa Grand Chapter.

Apr. 16, 1961—Eales Chapter No. 28, Waterloo

Apr. 27, 1961—Excelsior Chapter No. 12, Marshalltown

Apr. 30, 1961—Naomi Chapter No. 1, Davenport

May 20, 1961—Silver Leaf Chapter No. 5, Cedar Rapids

Preceding this meeting, we were taken on a guided tour of the Masonic Museum, Library, and Administration Building of the White Masons of Iowa, by

Mr. H. E. Kunz, Executive Secretary. There we found on file, a drawer of clippings of the activities of Prince Hall Masons of Iowa, together with books and momentos of both the Negro Masons and Order of the Eastern Star.

During my visits, I have met so many lovely people, been entertained so royally, and treated with such graciousness, that I can only hope, I have been able to give in return, in some measure, a bit of wisdom, a bit of helpfulness and a bit of understanding, that your work in the order might be easier and more enjoyable.

CONCLUSION

As I submit this report of the past year, I realize that tomorrow is near, when the cloak of responsibility and authority will mantle on shoulders of another. I am confident that you will give to her the same co-operation, loyalty and fraternal love that you have given me. To my immediate successor, may I say these words:

When things go wrong, please don't forget how many times a day

A little prayer—a loving thought—a warm wish goes your way

When things go well, please always know, the same good wishes too;

The same nice thoughts and little prayers, are in my heart for you.

The world is ours; and great things are yet to be accomplished. We look ahead to a future of greatness for Electa Grand Chapter. As for me, I shall also look back, to this time with sincerest appreciation, for the many happy years just past. May God bless each of you and keep you forever in His care, and may you always be "Fairest among thousands; altogether lovely."

Fraternally submitted,

BERTHA E. WOLDER, G.W.M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:00 P.M.

After the Grand Chapter was properly opened, the Courtesy Committee made a partial report, the new Matrons were welcomed by the Grand Worthy Matron.

Morning journal was read and adopted.

Sister Helen W. Johnson, Grand Lecturer gave her annual report and presented her School of Instructions. After giving us the Eastern Star symbols and teachings as related to the Bible which proved interesting as well as informative, the Grand Lecturer prepared with the Star points, acting Grand Worthy Patron, and other officers to give us the Burial ceremonies. The Grand Lecturer stated that something might be worked out wherein the Chapters might be in one accord as far as the Burial services were concerned.

On behalf of the Iowa Court of the Royal and Exalted Order of the Amaranth, Sisters Almeda Dickerson, Leta Garrett and Gladys Brown presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Electa Grand Chapter.

We heard the splendid report of our Grand Historian, Sister Myrtle Coffman refreshing the memories of some and informing others of the past activities of Electa Grand Chapter. Motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

Brother DeEdwin White, past Grand Worthy Patron read the findings of the Special Committee on the Two Day Session. He brought to

our attention the Code and Constitution giving us the procedure for all business stating that it is a matter of seeing if all business can be accomplished within this period of time, if so the amendments would have to be revised. Time was given to the Chapter for questions and answers.

The Committee on Grand Officers Addresses made their report, in which they highly commend the Grand Officers for their duties well performed with only remarks made that would cause them to carry on. Moved and seconded that report be accepted.

The Grand Conductress Sister Almeda Dickerson attended the altar and by order of acting Grand Worthy Matron Sister Marjorie L. Lewis, called Electa Grand Chapter from labor to rest to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East Wednesday morning.

PUBLIC RECEPTION

A.M.E. Methodist Church — 8:00 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies	Benjamin Grayson
"America"	Congregation
Invocation	Rev. Wm. Ogleton
Solo	Mrs. Ivory Winston
Presentation of City Manager	
Welcome on Behalf of City	Mr. Gordon Bennett
Response	Mr. DeEdwin White, P.G.W.P.
Musical Selection	Jefferson County Farm Bureau Chorus
Welcome on Behalf of Esther Chapter No. 4	
Response	Mrs. Maxine Crayton, W.M.
Welcome on Behalf of Golden Star Lodge No. 4	Mrs. Dorothy B. Bush, P.G.W.M.
Response	Mr. Leahy Grayson, W.M.
Welcome on Behalf of Hope Court No. 8	Mr. M. F. Askew, P.G.W.P.
Response	Mrs. Laurinda Lewis, R.M.
Musical Selection	Mrs. Leona Jordan, P.G.R.M.
Welcome on Behalf of the Churches	Jefferson County Farm Bureau Chorus
Response	Rev. LaVern Morris
Welcome on Behalf of Wapello Elks	Mrs. Maud M. Brewton, P.G.W.M.
Response	Mr. Joseph Smith, E.R.
Solo	Mr. Morris Chipley, P.G.W.P.
Presentation of Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Officers, O.E.S.	Mrs. Ivory Winston
Presentation of Grand Royal Matron and	
	Grand Royal Patron R.E.O.A.
Musical Selection	Jefferson County Farm Bureau Chorus
Benediction	Rev. L. W. Whitley

GRAND WORTHY PATRON'S ADDRESS

Grand Worthy Matron, Officers, Members, Electa Grand Chapter, O.E.S., Iowa and Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affil. Convened in Annual Communication, Ottumwa, Iowa, June 20th, 1961

Greetings:

We are met in this historical session which marks the 52nd Anniversary of Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S. It is with pardonable pride and humble thanksgiving that at this moment we can look in retrospect upon excellent achievements of our past years. However, we cannot glory in these achievements without bowing in reverence before our Heavenly Patron who has so richly blessed us. Ours must, indeed, be sincere gratitude to the Grand Patron of the Universe for the preservation of the lives and the good health of our many fine and upstanding sisters and brothers—all who are persons of courage and vision struggles and sacrifices over the many preceding years has made it possible for us to assemble here today.

While this Grand Chapter and the various Subordinate Chapters have weathered the past years well, our continued effectiveness and successes will be only as we make them. Therefore, I charge you to preserve them well. To gain this end we must continue to adhere to those principles of morality inculcated in the teachings of our Order. Remembering that inasmuch as a fountain can rise no higher than its source, so must the associations, formed through knowledge and the daily application of the principles of our Order, be like the mighty ocean which continues to move regardless of surface storms.

Events so evolved within weeks after the close of our last Annual communication that I was destined to take on the duties of the Grand Worthy Patron. Inasmuch as it is the highest honor available to a brother of the Order, my heart has been warmed with the privilege to serve you. It is left with you to decide how well that I have performed the duties of the office. However, your trust, your help and your co-operation has been a source of much pleasure throughout the fraternal year, and I am pleased to make known my deep appreciation for the kindnesses.

It was with regret that my employment requirements kept me from joining the Grand Worthy Matron in her visitations—except, of course, her visit to my own chapter, Silver Leaf No. 5. She kept me fully advised in her plans and then, later, wrote regarding her visits. I am satisfied that your Grand Chapter has been in good hands. Your Grand Worthy Matron and your other Grand Officers have handled your business without incident. I commend them for jobs well done and I commend you for your excellent selection of personnel.

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE REED
 Acting Grand Worthy Patron

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 21, 1961 — 9:00 A.M.

Electa Grand Chapter resumed its labors at the sound of the gavel in the East. The pass was taken up by the Grand Conductress, Sister Almeda Dickerson and Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Frinzella Shores. All persons were entitled to be present. We all joined in singing "What a Fellowship." prayer was given by the acting Grand Chaplain, Sister Mary Green.

The minutes of the Tuesday afternoon journal was read and adopted.

Since it was the birthday of our Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Frinzella Shores, the members all sang "Happy Birthday" to her. The Grand Secretary, Sister Orea Buice announced that the hus-

band of Sister Albertha Grace, her Worthy Matron, had made the staffs for our flags, charging only a minimum fee, they can be disjoined.

Past Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Bishop C. Burt called on Brother M. F. Askew, a senior past Grand Worthy Patron and the oldest member present for remarks which we all enjoyed.

Sister Crea Buice, Grand Secretary, made her annual report. From her we had all the vital statistics and finance of each subordinate Chapter, the disbursements and the present balance of Electa Grand Chapter was given in very detailed manner. Again the Grand Secretary exemplified her ability to keep perfect the records.

We heard the annual report from our Grand Treasurer, Sister Vivian J. Smith, who reported all monies received from the subordinate Chapters and the total disbursements made. Leaving no question in our minds as to her accuracy in handling the finances. Moved and seconded that these two excellent reports be accepted and turned over to the Auditing Committee.

Brother Morris Chipley, P.G.W.P. was presented and escorted to the East, where he was given Grand Honors.

Sisters Sarah E. Jett, Iver Jean Bailey and Brothers Olen Gibson and D. O. Bell, the Auditing Committee made their report of their findings after examining the books. It was suggested by the Committee the bank balance be taken of \$6,878.79 which was only a total of 53¢ difference between the books and bank. Motion prevailed that report be accepted.

Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder gave us her full report of the International Conference of Grand Chapters, proving as a delightful time was well in attendance. While you listened to her you had a feeling that you were there with her. Sister Wolder refunded to Electa Grand Chapter a total of \$27.10.

Sister Sarah E. Jett complimented Sister Mary J. Majors for being Flag Bearer at the International Conference of Grand Chapters.

Sister Mary M. Range, P.G.W.M. was presented and escorted to the East and given Grand Honors. She expressed her gladness for being able to attend the session.

The Grand Secretary presented certificates of merit to ten Chapters: St. Elmo No. 5, Burlington; Esther No. 4, Ottumwa; Silver Leaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids; Leah No. 8, Clinton; Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines; Princess Zorah No. 19, Des Moines; Palestine No. 28, Waterloo; Fidelity No. 30, Ft. Madison; Golden Star No. 31, Fort Dodge and Olive Branch No. 32, Des Moines.

The Credential Committee made a partial report of 124 votes, to date. Report was accepted.

Associate Grand Matron, Sister Marjorie L. Lewis by order of the Grand Worthy Matron called the Chapter from labor to recreation to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON'S ADDRESS

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Assoc. Grand Patron, Present and Past Grand Officers of Electa Grand Chapter, and members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation:

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I greet each of you today as we meet in our 52nd Communication of Electa Grand Chapter, Prince Hall Affiliation, O. E. S.

I thank our Heavenly Father for giving me Faith, Strength and Health; more to look into the smiling faces of my Sisters and Brothers, to be able to give you a sincere handshake and let you know how very grateful I am first to God, and to you for all the many courtesies and kindness shown to me during my illness.

Seems as if every year for quite some time, I have gone through some crisis, but the Lord has seen fit each time to lift me up and make my Faith stronger, giving me more courage and understanding.

With the competent Leadership of our Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha Wolder, there has been nothing for me to do in this office. However, I have kept in close touch with her and have always been willing to serve.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you another year and I do hope I may be of more service.

Recommendations: I recommend that Grand be the pre-fix to all Grand officers instead of saying Assoc. Grand to some.

(2) I recommend that a contingent fund of \$25.00 at least be allowed this office.

Sisterly yours,
MARJORIE L. LEWIS,
Assoc. Grand Matron

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON — 1:00 P.M.

Electa Grand Chapter was called from recreation to labor by the sound of the gavel in the East by the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder presiding. The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress purged 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 and adopted.

We had a brief recess to prepare for the Grand Chapter of Sorrow.

Prayer was offered by acting Grand Chaplain, Sister Gladys White followed with all singing "Precious Lord" in the ritualistic form. The Chapter of Sorrow was carried out with past Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Morris Chipley presiding. Names of seven deceased members during the year was read. After a moment of silence we joined in unison by repeating the "Lord's Prayer." Each Worthy Matron of the Subordinate Chapter having a death made remarks about their deceased member. Closed by all singing "Well Done."

The Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder asked Sister Laurinda Lewis to be responsible for placing the floral Star on the grave of Sister Mae Clark, a past Grand Worthy Matron.

Sisters Martha Warren, and Helen W. Johnson on behalf of Sisters Bailey, Trumbo, Dorsey and Ragland, Members of Excelsior Chap-

ter No. 12 of Marshalltown presented the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder with a gift, she having started her fraternal career in their Chapter.

A telegram greeting from Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa F.&A.M. Mr. W. V. Windsor, Grand Master was read by the Grand Secretary.

Chairman of Foreign Correspondence, the Associate Grand Matron, Sister Marjorie L. Lewis gave her annual report. It was enlightening to hear about the activities of our subordinate Grand Chapters and from this report we should be able to benefit by the activities of others as given to us. Of 20 Chapters she had corresponded with 18, the Grand Worthy Matron complimented Sister Lewis on the lovely report, questioning the fact how she was able to accomplish so much with the illness she had during the past year.

Sister Gladys White moved that Sister Mary J. Majors be presented with a corsage on behalf of Electa Grand Chapter showing recognition for her office as International Flag Bearer, seconded by Sister Odessa Roberts; Motion carried. An amendment to the motion by Sister Sarah E. Jett that Sister Dorothy B. Bush also receive a corsage for her work rendered in raising money during the past years for the International Conference of Grand Chapters; motion carried.

A discussion followed in regards to uniform. In making public appearances long sleeve uniforms should be worn, for funerals and Chapter of Sorority. This should be done by common consent.

Sister Mary J. Majors, Chr. of Ways and Means and her Committee gave a partial report that \$372.00 had been received so far. The cook books are still on sale. When all expenses are paid and all books are sold their profit will be \$416.93 They were commended for their fine work.

The Committee on Chartered Chapters reported there were no petitions for or Charters under Dispensation issued.

The Returns Committee made their report, giving us the status of each subordinate Chapter.

Sister Orea Buice, Grand Secretary announced that Sister Helen W. Johnson, Grand Lecturer had presented the beautiful urn and sheath to Electa Grand Chapter.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND OFFICERS ADDRESSES

To the G. W. M., G. W. P., Officers and members of Electa Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

We your Committee on the Grand Officers addresses submit our report. After first carefully examining the fine report of our G. W. Matron, we find she as usual, has been on her job discharging the activities of the G. W. M. We find that she has had her hand in God's hand and she found extra strength and guidance to carry on her work which she feels humbly grateful. The Wor-

thy Matron feels very much inspired as she had a very helpful part in the growth and advancement of the order of O.E.S. this past year and trusting God that he may let her still contribute in some small way for the years to come in this beautiful order.

The Grand Worthy Matron realizes the responsibility that goes with this office. She humbly relates that the East has long been called the place of authority, wisdom, and information; this she realizes, is as it should be. She has expressed her thankfulness to the Past Grand Matrons and the Past Grand Patrons for their timely advice which has been a great help to her in this work.

The Worthy Grand Matron has been very careful, even so, may make a few errors in her judgement but she humbly asks your forgiveness for to err is only human.

The Worthy Grand Matron thanks all the Present, the Past Grand Officers and the subordinate chapters for their untiring help, thoughtfulness, good will, and their co-operation and extends a hearty thank you for the same.

The W. G. M. states that the relationship between the Masonic Lodges and the Chapters of this jurisdiction is very close, working together in harmony and love and wishes it will continue to grow both morally and spiritually and will continue to give their interest in our welfare and offer our assistance to them whenever it is needed.

The G. W. M. states she had the opportunity to meet with all the chapters this past two years, except four, and states the state of the order is good and that peace and harmony exists.

The G. W. M. states there has been an increase in membership and some suspensions. She states progress has been made ritualistically through the efforts of the Grand Lecturer Sister Helen Johnson, some schools of instruction, and a few district meetings. She states that Sister Johnson has accompanied her on most of her visits which was very helpful. The G. W. M. urges instruction periods in the chapters. She also urges each one to put their shoulder to the wheel and work together to help bring greater achievement.

W. G. M. states we were blessed by having only 6 deaths this year. She invoked the Blessings of God upon Electa Grand Chapter in all our future endeavors. The recommendations of the G. W. M. were turned over to the Jurisprudence Committee to be worked upon.

We have carefully examined the report of our acting Grand Associate Patron George Reed.

We feel since this task was given our humble servant he is to be highly commended. He has evaluated the past, reflected progress, and looking to our Great Patron on High has shown willingness to suffer and labor for spiritual progress.

We see in him a fountain of great source in the future. Being the grandson of one of our greatest Past Grand Worthy Matrons of Electa Grand Chapter, Sister Julia E. Reed, makes us even more proud of him and our future generation.

We have carefully examined the Grand Associate Matron Sister Marjorie Lewis' address and find her gracious manner both encouraging and she is as ever, willing to give her council whenever needed.

The recommendations submitted by the G. A. M. have been placed in the hands of the Jurisprudence Committee for their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE M. BREWTON, P.G.W.M.,
Chairman

LILLIAN REED, P.G.F.B.

RUBY E. MACER, W.M.

GLADYS WHITE, P.G.E., Sec.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Greetings.

As we stand at the threshold of a new Eastern Star year, we accept with reverence the heritage of high ideals, noble deeds, and lofty aspirations which have been handed down to us by the founders and builders of our Order, so shall they who follow us, profit by accomplishments and our organization grow increasingly great.

In all our deliberations, let us be true to every friendship, loyal to every trust, faithful to every duty and steadfast in our faith in each other.

New Supplies

- 1000 Grand Charity Blanks
- 1000 Letterheads
- 1000 Envelopes
- 500 O. E. S. Rosettes
- 24 Revised Macoy Rituals

Grand Charities for the Year 1960-1961

Chapter	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	
No. 1, Naomi, Davenport	\$ 30.75	\$ 30.75	\$ 30.75	\$ 32.75	\$ 125.00
No. 3, St. Elmo, Burlington	22.50	21.75	22.50	22.50	89.25
No. 4, Esther, Oumwa	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	72.00
No. 5, Silverleaf, Cedar Rapids	39.00	39.75	39.75	40.50	159.00
No. 8, Leah, Clinton	19.50	19.50	20.25	20.25	79.50
No. 9, Princess Oziel, Des M.	75.00	75.00	74.25	73.25	297.50
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No. 10, Princess Zorah, Des M.	47.25	47.25	48.00	49.50	192.00
No. 12, Excelsior, Marshalltown	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	75.00
No. 17, Electa, Keokuk	12.00	12.00	17.50		41.50
No. 18, Adah, Mason City	15.00	14.25	15.00		44.25
No. 19, Qu. of Sheba, Waterloo		1959-1960	10.25	10.00	20.25
No. 19, Qu. of Sheba, Waterloo					
No. 22, Harmony, Sioux City	21.00	20.25	21.00	20.25	82.50
No. 25, Prince Hall, Centerville	8.25	7.50	6.75	7.50	30.00
No. 28, Palestine, Waterloo	33.00	33.75	32.25	32.25	131.25
No. 30, Leah, Ft. Madison	12.75	12.75	11.25	11.25	48.00
No. 31, Golden Star, Ft. Dodge	10.75	15.00	15.75	15.75	57.25
No. 32, Olive Branch, Des M.	35.75	33.75	33.00	30.00	132.50
No. 34, Morning Star, Council Bl.	15.75	16.00	15.75		47.50
No. 34, Morning Star, Council Bl.	15.75	16.00	15.75		47.50
Total	\$433.00	\$436.00	\$450.75	\$402.50	\$1,722.25

Donations Paid Out for the Year 1960-1961

- 8-9-'60 To Mrs. Dargene Washington account Sister Synbleam Baker \$ 100.00
- 11-4-'60 To Mrs. Mary Hobson account of Sister Mattie D. Scott 100.00
- 1-12-'61 To Mr. Roy Pierson account Sister Julia Pierson 100.00
- To Mr. Oscar E. Jones account Sister Marjorie M. Jones 100.00
- 4-3-'61 To Mrs. Albert Rudd account of Brother Russell Johnson 50.00
- To Mrs. Tee Johnson account of Brother Russell Johnson 50.00

4-26-'61

- To Co Ann Williams account of Sister Alberta James 25.00
- To Ronald James account of Sister Alberta James 25.00
- To Raymond James account Sister Alberta James 25.00

5-27-'61

- To Excelsior Chapter No. 12 account Sister Mary Carter 100.00

6-3-'61

- To Nell Mabry account of Sister Jane Thornton 100.00

Total Paid out in Death Donations \$ 300.00

General Fund for Year 1960-1961

Balance Brought Forward 6-8-'60 \$ 1,421.12

1960

7-30-'60

- Ways and Means \$ 177.00
- Due Books, petitions, etc. 3.64
- Prince Hall No. 25 G.C. Dues 24.00
- Fidelity No. 30, G.C. Dues 17.00
- Tax on Degrees 2.00
- Golden Star No. 31, G.C. Dues 40.00
- Electa No. 17, G.C. Dues 28.00
- Queen of Sheba No. 19, G.C. Dues 26.00
- Silver Leaf No. 5, G.C. Dues 104.00

8-9-'60

- St. Elmo No. 3, Record Blanks 1.11
- Silver Leaf No. 5, Tax on Degrees 1.00
- Leah No. 8, Due Books and Code 1.60
- Golden Star No. 31, Rituals, etc. 9.75
- Palestine No. 28 Codes, etc. 3.99
- Tax on Degrees 1.50
- Princess Zorah No. 10, Tax on Degrees 1.00

1961

1-16-'61

- Silver Leaf No. 5, Rituals 9.00
- Leah No. 8, G.C. Dues 27.00
- Tax on Degrees 1.00
- Princess Zorah No. 10, Tax on Degrees 1.00
- St. Elmo No. 3, G.C. Dues 1.00
- Tax on Degrees 7.30
- Fidelity No. 30, Rosettes 2.50
- Due Books 22.50
- Naomi No. 1, Rosettes 41.00
- Esther No. 4, Rosettes 1.00
- Harmony No. 22, Tax on Degrees 19.00
- Esther Ways and Means 1959-1960 28.00
- Harmony No. 22, G.C. Dues 20.00
- Princess Zorah No. 10, Rosettes 7.50
- St. Elmo No. 3, Rosettes 50.00
- Princess Oziel No. 9, Rosettes 5.00
- Electa No. 17, Tax on Degrees Rosettes 12.00
- 4-4-'61 Prince Hall No. 25, Tax on Degrees 2.00
- Silver Leaf No. 5, Rosettes 10.00
- Prince Hall No. 25, Rosettes 5.50

Fidelity No. 30, G.C. Dues		30.00
St. Elmo No. 3, Due Books and Postage		.54
Princess Oziel No. 9, Tax on Degrees		1.00
4-30-'61		
Morning Star No. No. 34, G.C. Dues 1959-1960		42.00
Silver Leaf No. 5, Tax on Degrees		1.00
Harmony No. 22, Tax on Degrees		1.00
Fidelity No. 30 Due Books		2.40
Harmony No. 22, Rosettes		8.50
Due Books, etc.		2.00
Golden Star No. 31, Rosettes		10.00
St. Elmo No. 3, G.C. Dues		29.32
St. Elmo No. 3, Petition Blanks		.68
Princess Zorah No. 10, Tax on Degrees		4.00
5-27-'61		
Esther No. 4, Tax on Degrees		1.00
Code		.40
Palestine No. 28, G.C. Dues	Cr \$1.00	85.00
Tax on Degrees		1.00
Prince Hall No. 25, Petition Blanks		.15
Leah No. 8, G.C. Dues		27.00
Naomi No. 1, Tax on Degrees		2.00
Prince Hall No. 25, Rituals, etc.		2.45
Olive Branch No. 32, G.C. Dues		80.00
Excelsior No. 12, Rosettes		7.00
6-8-'61		
Silver Leaf No. 5, G.C. Dues		114.00
Tax on Degrees		2.00
Princess Oziel No. 9, G.C. Dues		194.00
Naomi No. 1, G.C. Dues	Cr \$ 2.45	86.45
Princess Zorah No. 10, G.C. Dues		140.00
Golden Star No. 31, G.C. Dues		42.00
Due Books		.64
Prince Hall No. 25 G.C. Dues		18.00
Esther No. 4, G.C. Dues		48.00
Due Books		1.00
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Balance Brought Forward 6-8-'60		\$1,690.12
Total Taken in for year 1960-1961		\$1,421.12
10% from Grand Relief Dept.		172.23
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Grand Total		\$3,283.47
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6-20-'60		
Expense of Grand Chapter 1959-1960	\$	745.57
N.A.A.C.P.		50.00
Per Capita to International		12.20
G. W. Matron Contingent		40.00
Hansen-Murray-Mugg Inc., G. Secretary's Bond		5.00
Whipple & Winterberg Ins. Co., G. Treasurer's Bond		44.00
G. W. Matron's Expense to International		200.00
G. Secretary's Contingent		40.00
Raye Printing Co., 1000 Charity Blanks, 1000 Letterheads and Envelopes each		38.25

4-4-'61

Adams & Madison, 500 O.E.S. Rosettes	150.00
Macoy Publishing Co., 24 Rituals	27.60

Total Disbursements	\$1,352.62
Balance in General Fund June 8, 1961	\$1,930.85
Government Bonds	\$5,184.00
1 Time Certificate	\$1,704.88
Interest	51.15
Total Value of Time Certificate	1,756.03
Grand Relief Department 1960-1961	
Balance Brought Forward 6-8-1960	\$4,197.57
Grand Charities taken in for the year	1,722.25

Grand Total	\$5,918.82
Disbursements	
8 Death Donations	\$ 800.00
10% to General Fund	172.23

Total Disbursements	\$ 972.23
Balance in Grand Relief Dept. June 8, 1961	\$ 4,947.59
Total Assets	
Balance in General Fund	\$ 1,930.85
Balance in Grand Relief Dept.	4,947.59

Total Cash on Hand	\$ 6,878.44
Government Bonds	5,184.00
1 Time Certificate	1,756.03

Grand Total of Money, Government Bonds and Time Certificate	\$13,818.47
June 8, 1961	

Humbly submitted,
OREA BUICE, Grand Secretary

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Patrons, Officers, and Members of Electa Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star.

As the seasons change from long days to longer nights, from gray cold rains to bright sunshine, from blue cold to sunny warmth, we are constantly reminded of the infinite love and care our Heavenly Father lavishes on us, and above all, His ordered plan for life.

With thanks to God for His Grace, and with love for our beautiful order knit together with bonds of charity and sincere friendship, I greet each of you today as I submit an accounting of the year's work.

GENERAL FUND**Receipts**
1959

June 22	
Grand Charity—difference in 1959 receipts	\$ 13.35
Aug. 11	
Ways and Means	\$ 177.00
Prince Hall No. 25 G.C. Dues	24.00

Fidelity No. 30, G.C. Dues	17.00
Tax on Degrees	2.00
Golden Star No. 31, G.C. Dues	40.00
Electa No. 17, G.C. Dues	28.00
Queen of Sheba No. 19, G.C. Dues	26.00
Silver Leaf No. 5, G.C. Dues	104.00
St. Elmo No. 3, Due Books	1.20
Codes, petitions, doctor blanks	2.44
St. Elmo No. 3, Record Blanks	1.11
Silver Leaf No. 5, Tax on Degrees	1.00
Leah No. 8, Due Books and Code	1.60
August 29	
Prince Hall No. 25, reimbursement check	24.00
Nov. 9	
Golden Star No. 31, Rituals, etc.	9.75
Palestine No. 28, Tax on Degrees	1.00
Princess Zorah No. 10, Tax on Degrees	1.00
1961	
Jan. 17	
Silver Leaf No. 5, Rituals	9.00
Leah No. 8, G.C. Dues	27.00
Tax on Degrees	1.00
Princess Zorah No. 10, Tax on Degrees	2.00
St. Elmo No. 3, G.C. Dues	30.00
Tax on Degrees	1.00
Fidelity No. 30, Rosettes	7.50
Naomi No. 1, Rosettes	22.50
Princess Ozziel No. 9, Due Books	2.50
March 9	
Esther No. 4, Rosettes	11.00
Harmony No. 22, Tax on Degrees	1.60
Harmony No. 22, G.C. Dues	28.00
Esther Ways and Means 1959-1960	10.00
Princess Zorah No. 10 Rosettes	20.00
St. Elmo No. 3, Rosettes	7.50
Princess Ozziel No. 9, Rosettes	50.00
Electa No. 17, Tax on Degrees	5.00
Rosettes	12.00
April 8	
Prince Hall No. 25, Tax on Degrees	2.00
Prince Hall No. 25, Rosettes	3.50
Silver Leaf No. 5, Rosettes	10.00
Fidelity No. 30, G.C. Dues	30.00
St. Elmo No. 3, Due Books and Postage	.54
Princess Ozziel No. 9, Tax on Degrees	1.00
May 1	
Morning Star No. No. 34, G.C. Dues 1959-1960	42.00
Silver Leaf No. 5, Tax on Degrees	1.00
Harmony No. 22, Tax on Degrees	1.00
Due Books, Instructions	10.50
Fidelity No. 30 Due Books	2.40
Golden Star No. 31, Rosettes	10.00
St. Elmo No. 3, balance G.C. Dues	30.00
Princess Zorah No. 10, Tax on Degrees	4.00

May 28	
Esther No. 4, Tax on Degrees, code	1.40
Palestine No. 28, G.C. Dues	86.00
Prince Hall No. 25, Petition Blanks	.15
Leah No. 8, G.C. Dues	27.00
Naomi No. 1, Tax on Degrees	2.00
Olive Branch No. 32, G.C. Dues	80.00
Prince Hall No. 25, Rituals, etc.	2.45
Excelsior No. 12, Rosettes	1.00
June 8	
Princess Ozziel No. 9, G.C. Dues	19.00
Princess Zorah No. 10, G.C. Dues	140.00
Silver Leaf No. 5, G.C. Dues	114.00
Tax on Degrees	2.00
Naomi No. 1, G.C. Dues	86.45
Golden Star No. 31, G.C. Dues	42.00
Due Books	.64
Prince Hall No. 25 G.C. Dues	18.00
Esther No. 4, G.C. Dues	48.00
Due Books	1.00
June 14	
10% of Grand Charity Receipts	172.23
Total	\$1,899.70
Brought Forward June 12, 1960	\$1,407.77
Receipts	1,529.70
Total	\$3,337.47
Disbursements	1,376.62
Balance June 14, 1961	\$1,930.85
GENERAL FUND	
Disbursements	
1960	
June 23	
Expense of Grand Chapter 1959-1960	\$ 745.57
July 18	
G. W. Matron Contingent	40.00
G. Secretary's Contingent	40.00
Hansen-Murray-Mugg Inc., G. Secretary's Bond	5.00
Whipple & Winterberg Ins. Co., G. Treasurer's Bond	44.00
N.A.A.C.P., 4th Installment Life Membership	50.00
Per Capita to International	12.00
G. W. Matron's Expense to International	200.00
August 21	
Check returned NSF Prince Hall No. 25	24.00
Sept. 6	
Orea Buice, letterheads, envelopes, Grand Charity blanks	38.25
1961	
Jan. 7	
Macoy Publishing Co., 24 Rituals	27.60
April 9	
Adams & Madison, 500 O.E.S. Rosettes	150.00
Total	\$1,376.62

Brought Forward June 12, 1960	\$4,210.92
Receipts	1,722.25
Total	\$5,933.17
Disbursements	985.58
Balance June 14, 1961	\$4,947.59
Brought Forward June 12, 1960	\$ 5,618.69
Receipts	3,521.95
Total	\$ 9,240.64
Disbursements	2,362.20
Balance in Treasury	\$ 6,878.44
Assets	
Series J Bonds (57)	\$ 3,024.00
Series J Bonds (66)	2,160.00
Time Certificate	1,756.03
Total in Treasury	\$13,818.47

Respectfully submitted,
VIVIAN J. SMITH, G. Treasurer

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We the auditing committee have carefully audited the Secretary and Treasurer's books, checks and vouchers and find that they have a balance of \$5,184.00 in Government Bonds and \$1,756.03 in Time Certificate and have \$1,930.85 in the General Fund and \$4,947.00 in the Relief Department, making a total cash on hand \$6,878.44. The bank shows a balance of \$6,878.79 a difference of \$35.

Total in Treasury of all moneys is \$13,818.47. We recommend that the Secretary and Treasurer take the bank balance for the cash on hand of \$6,878.69.

Respectfully submitted,
SARAH E. JETT, Chairman
OLEN GIBSON
REV. D. O. BELL
IVER JEAN BAILEY, Secretary

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 22, 1961 — 9:00 A. M.

Electa Grand Chapter was opened in due form with Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder presiding. The pass was taken up by the Grand Conductress, Sister Almeda Dickerson and Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Frinzella Shores; all persons were entitled to be present. All joined in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" after which prayer was offered by acting Grand Chaplain, Sister Helen T. Carter.

Minutes of the Wednesday afternoon journal was read and adopted as read.

Grand Secretary, Orea Buice read invitations from Excelsior

Chapter No. 12 of Marshalltown including letters from the Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor of the City of Marshalltown and from Fidelity Chapter No. 30 of Ft. Madison, inviting us to hold our 43rd annual communication with them. Tellers were appointed so that we might vote on the two invitations. Majority votes counted ruled the next Grand Session will be in Marshalltown, Iowa.

The Jurisprudence Committee made their final reports (See report)

The Finance Committee made their report giving the expense of this session was \$716.71. Motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

Sisters Gladys White and Frinzella Shores presented Sister Sarah E. Jett with a corsage expressing their admiration for her as one of the great past Grand Worthy Matrons. Sister Jett with her heart full responded to this presentation.

The Resolution Committee submitted their report resolving that a vote of thanks be extended Esther Chapter No. 4 for their generous hospitality, vote of thanks also be extended to the following: Various Chapters and Lodges for their beautiful flowers, A.M.E. Church, Wapella Elks, City Manager. The report was accepted.

The Grand Conductress, Sister Almeda Dickerson attended the altar, the Associate Grand Matron, Sister Marjorie L. Lewis by the order of the Grand Worthy Matron called Electa Grand Chapter from labor to recreation to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Patrons, Officers and members of Electa Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Iowa, we your finance committee herewith present the following sessional expense for your consideration:

G. W. Matron Bertha Wolder, balance due	\$ 22.24
Acting G. W. Patron George Reed, per diem	18.00
Fare	7.35
Total	\$ 25.35
Associate Grand Matron, Marjorie Lewis total due	36.01
Grand Treasurer, Vivian Smith, balance office plus salary	60.85
Grand Secretary, Orea Buice, bal. due office plus salary	110.23
Grand Registrar, Hailey O. Houston, per diem	18.00
Fare	5.78
Total	\$ 23.78
G. Conductress Almeda Dickerson, per diem	18.00
Fare	7.00
Total	\$ 25.00
A. G. Conductress Frinzella Shores, per diem	18.00
Fare	15.84
Total	\$ 33.84

G. Lecturer Helen W Johnson, per diem	18.00
Fare	9.00
Postage	2.20
Total	\$ 29.20
G Chr. of Audit Sarah E. Jett, per diem	18.00
Fare	5.78
Total	\$ 23.78
G. Chr. of Jurisprudence Dorothy B. Bush, per diem	18.00
Fare	5.50
Total	\$ 23.50
G. Chr. of Ways and Means Mary J. Majors, per diem	18.00
Fare	7.00
Total	\$ 25.00
Bisnep Burt, Jurisprudence, 3 days	18.00
Odessa Roberts, Jurisprudence, 3 days	18.00
DeEdwin White, Jurisprudence, 3 days	18.00
G. Musician, Marie Maddox, 3 days	18.00
G. Sentinel, Lean Presley, 3 days	18.00
G. Martha, Hiawatha Potter, 3 days	18.00
G. Electa, Elvira Shortridge, 3 days	18.00
G. Chaplain, Mary Green, 3 days	18.00
G. Historian, Myrtle Coffman, 3 days	18.00
G. Chr. of Grand Officers Addresses, Maude Brewton, 3 days	18.00
Hall Donation	56.25
Elaine Taylor, typist	15.00
Floral Star	7.50
Flowers that were presented to International Officers	6.12
Corsages	3.06
Total	\$716.71

Respectfully submitted,
 DeEDWIN WHITE, Chr.
 TERESA PAYNE
 HAZEL SMITH
 LAURINDA LEWIS

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, present and past Grand officers, members and friends of Electa Grand Chapter, O.E.S., Prince Hall Affiliation:

Greetings:

It has been a pleasure indeed to work in this capacity. I have made many new friends and contacts and it has certainly been an inspiration to receive such cooperation and good wishes from the Sister Jurisdictions.

We have received Fraternal Greetings from Prince Hall Grand Chapter, O. E. S., Jurisdiction of Michigan, who was honored to have as their guest the International Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Zelma Derrick. They held an Occasional Grand Chapter in October, 1960. Contributions are made to the N.A.-A.C.P., Red Cross, United Negro College Fund, T.B., Cancer and Heart Funds. They also conduct two schools of instruction which are conducted in

the Fall and Spring. Their latest project is to establish an O.E.S. Home for the Aged.

Prince Hall Grand Chapter of New England and Jurisdiction, O.E.S., sent greetings and minutes and extended an invitation to visit their 67th Convocation, Sept 14-15, 1961 at Bridgeport, Conn.

Prince Hall Grand Chapter, O.E.S., Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, Inc. sent greetings for a prosperous and progressive year Boston, is where the International Conference of Grand Chapters was held in August, 1960.

Myra Grand Chapter, O.E.S., P.H.A., Maryland and Jurisdiction, have moved into a new temple at 1301-1307 Eutaw Place Corner Lanvale St., Baltimore 17, Md. They are quite proud of this achievement. The Grand Worthy Matron has a private room and each of the Departments of the Women and Men have private rooms. They were compelled to move because of the Urban Renewal. Their new adventure was an O.E.S. Directory which was sent, and a copy of their Myra Grand News.

Golden State Grand Chapter, O.E.S., Prince Hall Rite of Adoption, State of California and Jurisdiction sent a full report, of their Communication in July from the 17th thru the 21st. They had an attendance of over 4,000. They had a wonderful Youth Group that held their Grand Session July 6th. They report it was the finest to date.

Electa Prince Hall Grand Chapter of West Virginia, O.E.S., P.H.A., sent greetings and last year they officially instituted "Queen Esther Day" and the proceeds are used in Civic, Educational and other projects. They sponsor a Popularity Contest, Workshops and observe Palm Sunday.

Deborah Grand Chapter, O.E.S., State of Pennsylvania, P.H.A., have a Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Ruth M. Tucker whose motto for the Grand Body is "Building for a Better Tomorrow."

Oziel Grand Chapter, O.E.S., P.H.A., has a new project in the form of Eastern Star Seals, bearing the name of the Chapter and the year. (New Jersey)

Queen Bathsheba Grand Chapter, O.E.S., P.H.A., Oklahoma Jurisdiction state they have a Chapter in Anchorage, Alaska, which was set up Feb. 18, 1961, with (40) members. They also have a colorful Princess Review and Queen Contest.

Excelsior Grand Chapter, O.E.S., Jurisdiction of Tennessee; Mrs. Katherine Kizer was crowned Tennessee's Queen to the International and a donation of \$300.00 was presented to her, but she only accepted \$250.00. The Ways and Means Committee has an Annual program and this year sponsored a trip to Hawaii honoring all Past Matrons and Patrons.

Esther Grand Chapter, O.E.S., Louisiana Jurisdiction, greetings.

I sincerely hope this report and what I have tried to accomplish will encourage stronger relationships with our Sister Jurisdictions. Thank you for your trust in me.

I sent a letter of our last communication to all of these Jurisdictions, Christmas and Easter Greetings and a telegram to Prince Hall Grand Lodge, P.&A.M. which met in Davenport, last July.

May we continue to work together in Sisterly love and harmony

Respectfully,

MARJORIE LEWIS, G.C.F.C.

REPORT OF GRAND HISTORIAN

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

As we begin another session of Electa Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, with reports for the year 1960-1961, and prepare for the year 1961-1962, I am sure we realize, very clearly, the importance of our Order.

Our deeds, of the past year, are history. You have recorded them because you were there.

It is the duty of the Grand Historian to give a resume of the beginning of Electa Grand Chapter for the benefit of the new chapters, officers, and members, and to refresh our memory of the Past Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons who gave so generously of their time and energy, that we might become a greater part of the Masonic family.

And so it is my privilege, and pleasure, to quote some statistics taken from our 50th Anniversary Album.

I quote: "In 1907 Naomi Chapter of Davenport, Alpha Chapter of Keokuk, St. Elmo Chapter of Burlington, and Silver Leaf Chapter of Cedar Rapids convened in the city of Burlington, Iowa, and organized Electa Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and elected as their first Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron, the late Sister Ida B. Palmer and Brother W. H. Milligan." Unquote.

As we think, today, of the many years, which have passed, since that memorable year, and the many Grand Officers and members of our Order, who are deceased, we must evaluate the progress our Grand Chapter has made. We cannot win back the pages of time nor would we wish to bring back our dead or their physical suffering. But each of us must use the time, we have, to continue to build, brick by brick, the beautiful organization for which they laid the foundation and which we now enjoy. From a few chapters we now have many, and our membership has grown accordingly. Our subordinate chapters are the nerve center, of our Grand Chapter, and it is through the combined efforts of their officers, and members, that we now have financial stability.

During our session, last year, in Waterloo, we looked toward the East and there we saw our Past Grand Worthy Matrons, Sister Maud M. Brewton, Elizabeth Jones, Sarah E. Jett, Mary M. Range, Odessa Roberts, Mary Majors and Dorothy B. Bush. Past Grand Patrons Brothers M. F. Askew, B. N. Hyde, John C. Backner, Bishop Burt and D. O. Bell.

They truly believe, and prove by their presence, that the work in our Grand Chapter is so worthwhile, having labored with us in feast and famine. These stalwarts seemed very proud when our Grand Secretary Sister Orea Buice and our Grand Treasurer Sister Vivian Smith made their financial reports. And they should be, because, some of their administrations meant much hard work, on their part, in order that Electa Grand Chapter might survive.

Our present Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder was called upon to assume the office of Grand Worthy Matron upon the death of Sister Evelyn White. The responsibility of finishing work begun by another, at such a time, requires self assurance and determination. Sister Wolder possessed these assets. Her reward was having been elected our Grand Worthy Matron for the next fiscal year.

We will be adding another name to our Past Grand Patron list, in the person of Brother Morris Childers.

At such times as these, when our Divine right to think is challenged, when Freedom is constantly in jeopardy, when good and honest men hesitate to speak, let us recapture our courage, practice the principles, as taught by our Five Heroines, and do our part to maintain honor in our past, pride in our present, and undying faith in our future.

History is a branch on the tree of knowledge, which records and explains past events. Ours is a history of inspiration, endurance, truth, patience, and labor.

To sow that others may reap; to work and plant for those who are to occupy the earth when we are dead, to project our influences far into the future and live beyond our time, to bless with the glorious gifts of Love, Light, and Liberty; those who will neither know the names of the givers nor care in what

graves their unregarded ashes repose. This is the true office of all members of our Order, and the proudest destiny of all mankind.

May God grant our petitions, as he sees we stand in need of them, for the continued harmony and success of Electa Grand Chapter.

MYRTLE COFFMAN, Grand Historian

OBITUARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Associate Grand Worthy Matron and Patron, other Grand Officers, present and past, and the sisters and brothers of Electa Grand Chapter for the State of Iowa and Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliation.

We the Obituary Committee beg to submit the following report:

As we come to the close of another fraternal year, we find our fraternal chain has been shortened by the falling away of seven links. God in His infinite power has called to rest our beloved Brothers and Sisters:

Sister Symblean Baker, St. Elmo Chapter No. 3, Burlington, July 10, 1960
 Sister Mattie B. Scott, Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines, September 23, 1960
 Sister Julia Pierson, Olive Branch No. 32, Des Moines, November 21, 1960
 Sister Marjorie M. Jones, Prince Hall, No. 25, Centerville, Nov. 27, 1960
 Brother Russell Johnson, Fidelity Chap. No. 30, Ft. Madison, Dec. 27, 1960
 Sister Alberta James, Prince Hall No. 25, Centerville, April 6, 1961
 Sister Jane Thornton, Palestine No. 28, Waterloo, May 21, 1961

Their star is set in this world and they have passed into the lightest is beyond the valley of the shadow of death.

Sisters and Brothers let us be prepared to obey our Heavenly Grand Patron's call, from our labors on earth to everlasting Happiness in the world to come.

Song—"Precious Lord"

Prayer—Rev. D. O. Bell

Remarks—Worthy Matrons from each chapter of the deceased

Song—"Well Done."

Respectfully submitted,
 Sister RUTH TOOMER, Chairman
 Sister LAVERN McKEE
 Sister ELVIRA SHORTRIDGE
 Sister MARIE MADDOX
 Sister GLADYS WHITE
 Sister MABEL WATERS, Sec.

REPORT OF GRAND LECTURER

To the G. W. M., G. W. P., Past and Present Grand Officers, members and visitors:

Through the grace of our Lord I am privileged to attend another Grand session, for which I am deeply grateful.

In September I sent letters to each subordinate chapter offering my services. In late September I accompanied the G. W. M. Sister Bertha E. Wolder to Sioux City, Iowa, where the W. M. gave her official address. We also held a school of instruction and assisted the Harmony Chapter No. 22 in conferring the degrees on a candidate. This is a small chapter, but a working chapter. They are hampered by the fact that only two male members are on their roll. I wrote Brother Charles Hancock in October and asked him to assist the sisters because of Brother Askew's inability to attend some of their meetings and

they badly needed a Patron. I received a gift from the chapter, a lovely buffet was served at the home of Sister Golden.

In October in company with the G. W. M. we visited our baby chapter in Council Bluffs. We found this chapter eager to learn. Their lecturer Sister Mary Garrett had written both the G. W. M. and myself for ritualistic information. We found the W. M. Sister Wallace very interested in the work. And Sister Garrett was really delving for all the information she could find. Much encouragement is due this chapter. The problem they faced at that time was an adequate meeting place. The spirit and co-operation here seemed very good. I was given a gift by this chapter. It was a lovely dinner.

In November I helped a group of floor members, mostly young women organize an O.E.S. study club in my home chapter Sister Marian Dassey, the daughter of our late Past Grand Worthy Matron Sister Evelyn Wolder is the president. The worth of this study group was demonstrated to the G. W. M. on her official visit to Marshalltown in April when we initiated the daughter of our W. M. Sister Jean Bailey. By the May meeting the new member, Sister Barbara Trumbs had memorized the work assigned to her and we were all very proud of our baby member.

I accompanied the G. W. M. on her official visit to Waterloo and was guest in the home of Past Grand Worthy Patron Bishop Burt and family Palestine chapter was our host and Queen of Sheba members were also present. I received a lovely gift from the chapter and a delicious meal was served.

I visited the three chapters in Des Moines the first Sunday in May. In spite of a number of other activities that afternoon we had a lovely meeting. Sister Gladys Browne is the lecturer for the group and she has been doing some wonderful work. This is the home chapter group of our present G. W. M. Sister Wolder, also of P. G. Matrons, Sister Sarah E. Jett, Elizabeth Jones and Dorothy B. Bush. I was presented with a cash gift from the three chapters, and we enjoyed a lovely buffet lunch.

In October the South East District composed of Keokuk, Burlington, Ottumwa and Centerville had a school of instruction in Ottumwa which I attended. The attendance was wonderful and I feel we accomplished considerable. I received a cash gift from the group. We enjoyed a lovely dinner at Lancey's Tea Room. We worked throughout the afternoon on different phases of the work and felt we all were really helped.

I accompanied the G. W. M. Sister Wolder on her official visit to Cedar Rapids where we were guests in the lovely home of the W. M. Sister Thelma Price. The meeting was carried out in good ritualistic form. Following the G. W. M. address we received gifts from the chapter and a lovely buffet was served at the home chapter of P. G. M. Sister Gladys Taylor.

In April the W. M. of Excelsior chapter entertained the local Grand Officers at a lovely 1 p.m. luncheon in her home. At this time I would like to say that so many times our own home overlooks us, but to our W. M. Sister Bailey I want to express thanks for a Valentine Bouquet she and her husband sent me. I think the accompanying note meant more to me than almost anything I have ever received. It said "I am so glad I am your Fraternal Sister," and I am glad I am hers. She and Bro. Bailey also presented me with a gift and corsage at the time of the G. W. Matron's visit.

During my visit to C. R. in company with the G. W. M. we toured the Masonic Library. The gentleman who acted as our guide was Mr. Kubns, executive secretary. He interrogated me on the work. I found his second question worded some different than ours. **For what come you here?** He then gave me the pass and grip and we discussed minor differences in our ritual.

Through a member of Central Chapter O.E.S. in my city I acquired the following ritualistic information:

Robert Morris, the author of the O. E. S. wrote the Eastern Star degrees as individual degrees in the English language. The organization dates back to 1849. He completed his first ritual in 1850 and invited a neighboring Mason and his

wife to join with Mrs. Morris in their parlor to receive the degree. They were the first recipients of now over 125,000 who have seen the signs; heard the words; exchanged the touch; and joined the music of the Eastern Star.

The First signet was painted by the daughter of Dr. Morris, the cabalistic motto and the cabalistic word have remained unchanged although slight changes have been made in the signs and passes.

The order of the Eastern Star is religious in character. Its symbols and teachings are all found in the Bible. Symbolism has been used since the beginning of time. A symbol is a visible object representing something not shown but understood by association. Symbolism teaches Truths by figures and emblems.

There are many biblical quotations referring to the symbols found on our signet. "Behold the Lion of Juda—Rev. 5:5" "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain—Rev. 5:12" "I am the Rose of Sharon, the lily of the Valley." Songs of Solomon verse 21.

The altar with the open Bible and the five points facing East signify "The soul Christened within its five jewels."

The triangle formed by the altar and the two points of the emblematic star nearest the East is inviolate when the Bible is upon the altar. A symbol of Holiness and Light.

From ancient times the triangle has been the basis for ritualistic work. The sun rising in the East and crossing to the West forms the first important arc or angle. The symbolic triangle is found in Man—the cycle of life itself, father—mother and child.

Within our central star the triangle facing East can well be called the Battle triangle. It is formed by Adah's point and the battle to save her father's honor. Esther's battle to save her people from extirpation and electas battle for the cross.

There are three symbols used in winding our labyrinth, the square, the triangle and circle. Symbolic of the earth on which we live, the circle is used only once, the square and triangle several times. The influence of the triangle is felt in many ways. Three words in each pass, and in each three movements.

Winding the labyrinth is symbolic of the journey of life. It is in the labyrinth that the initiate finds the way that leads to the star in the East. And is instructed in signs and passes of the 5 degrees. There are 5 raps at the door:

5 colors, emblems and flowers

5 letters in the cabalistic word

5 words in the cabalistic motto

The lessons of the labyrinth may well be fitted into everyday life of each member

Our five emblems are called emblems of Faith.

HELEN W. JOHNSON

COURTESY COMMITTEES REPORT

Your courtesy committee wishes to introduce to Electa Grand Chapter the newly elected worthy matrons, associate matrons and patrons in attendance for the first time together with visitors present.

Mary Garrett, Morning Star No. 340 Council Bluffs

Ruth Cranshaw, Fidelity No. 30. Fort Madison

Theresa Payne, Naomi No. 1, Davenport

Thelma Price, Silver Leaf No. 3, Cedar Rapids

Ruby Macer, Adah No. 18, Mason City

Albertha Grace, Olive Branch No. 32, Des Moines

Emma Williamson, Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines

Edith Wilson, Silver Leaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids

Marian Dorsey, A. M., Excelsior No. 12, Marshalltown

Olin Gibson, A. P., Silver Leaf No. 3, Cedar Rapids
 Clementine Amos, Palestine Chapter No. 28, Waterloo

Visitors:

Virginia White, St. Elmo No. 3, Burlington
 Barbara Trumbo, Excelsior No. 12, Marshalltown
 Catherine Darden, Zorah No. 10, Des Moines
 Ruth Perry, Silver Leaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids
 Margaret Kinnard, St. Elmo No. 3, Burlington

Courtesy Comm. Chairman,
 Sister MARTHA WARREN
 Sister ALBERTHA GRACE
 Sister RUTH HARPER

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

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

We thank the Almighty God who has spared us to meet again for our 52nd annual communication in the hospitable city of Ottumwa, Iowa. We your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Be it resolved that we extend a vote of thanks to Esther Chapter No. 4 for their generous hospitality.

Be it resolved that a vote of thanks be given Esther Chapter No. 4, Iowa Grand Court Royal Exalted Order of Amaranth, Hope Court No. 8, Royal Exalted Order of Amaranth, Golden Star Lodge No. 4, F.&A.M. and Past Grand Worthy Matron Sister Gladys Taylor for their beautiful floral sprays.

Be it resolved that a vote of thanks be given the A.M.E. Church, the ministers, Wapella Elks, Chamber of Commerce, the city manager and to those that have opened their homes and made us most welcome.

Be it resolved that a vote of thanks be given Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Iowa and Jurisdiction, Past Grand Worthy Matron Sister Elizabeth Jones and Past Grand Worthy Patrons Branham N. Hyde and John Buckner for letters and telegrams and a copy of same be placed in the next proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,
 LESSIE GARRETT, Chairman
 EDITH WILSON, Secretary
 GLADYS BROWN
 FRINZELLA SHORES
 CORA LEE PATTERSON

REPORT OF CHARTERED CHAPTERS

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Grand Chapter:

We the committee of Chartered Chapters wish to make the following report that there has been no petitions for new charters and no charters under dispensation.

Respectfully submitted,
 HIAWATHA POTTER, Chairman
 ELIZABETH CARTER
 MAXINE CRAYTON

REPORT OF RULES COMMITTEE

To the Grand Worthy Matron and members of Electa Grand Chapter:
 We the committee on rules wish to submit the following report:
 That our meeting should start at 9:00 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m., chapter to resume at 1:00 p.m.

We recommend that all past matrons and patrons sit to the right and left of the Grand Conductresses as far as the doors. Floor members on rear rows.

Respectfully submitted,
 HELEN T. CARTER, Chairman
 TENNIE WHITE
 MARIETTA PAYTON, Secretary

COMMITTEE ON TABLED RECOMMENDATIONS

Amendment to Code

At a meeting which was called by chairman John Buckner, Past Grand Worthy Patron, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of conducting Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Iowa and Jurisdiction in two days, rather than in three days.

The following members were present:

Grand Worthy Matron Bertha Wolder
 Present Grand Worthy Patron John Buckner
 Past Grand Worthy Patron John Danforth
 Past Grand Patron DeEdwin White

Grand Secretary Orea Buice and Past Grand Worthy Matron Sarah Jett, at whose home the meeting was held. This amendment was proposed at the last Grand Session, and the motion for its adoption was tabled and this committee appointed by the Grand Worthy Matron to bring in a report at the Grand Session. After a length of discussion which lasted past midnight, it was decided that because of the dire necessity of decreasing our sessional expenses, that despite some drawbacks, it seemed the best solution of several alternatives possible.

The chairman then charged with the responsibility of drawing up the necessary changes in the law and/or additions and mailing them to each member of the committee for our further consideration, before this Grand Chapter convened. The fact that this was not done, does not excuse us, we feel, from presenting to you an opportunity to vote the proposition up or down. We therefore are presenting to you these amendments with our recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,
 DeEDWIN WHITE
 SARAH E. JETT
 OREA BUICE

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron:

We, your Jurisprudence committee beg leave to submit the following report:

1. Recommendation from G. W. M.—that we exemplify the Queen of the South degree, the Initiation and the Burial Service, leaving the choice to the Grand Lecturer as to whether Grand Officers or a Degree team be used.

We approve

Approved by Grand Chapter vote

2. I recommend that the Grand Lecturer work with the degree teams and that each district pay her expenses for at least one meeting.

We approve

Approved by Grand Chapter vote.

Recommendation from Grand Associate Matron that Grand be the prefix of all Grand Officers instead of saying Associate Grand.

Answer—Article 5—Section 7 of the Constitution already contains this provision.

I recommend that a contingent fund of \$25.00 be allowed the office of Grand Associate Matron and Foreign Correspondent.

We disapprove

Our disapproval upheld by Grand Chapter

Recommendation from Sister Betty Reading W. M., St. Elmo No. 3, I recommend that Article 5, Section 1 of the Constitution and Code which reads—The Grand Chapter shall hold one (1) regular communication each year, commencing on the third Tuesday in June at nine o'clock—be changed to read commencing on the third Friday and ending on Sunday—allowing more members to attend.

We disapprove. Our disapproval upheld.

Recommendation of P. G. P. John Buckner, which was presented to the 1960 Grand Chapter and which was tabled and a committee appointed, which was to the effect that our Grand Sessions be conducted in two days instead of three.

We approve.

The recommendation was rejected by the Grand Chapter

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY B. BUSH, Chairman

MARY RANGE

ODESSA ROBERTS

BISHOP BUSH

SARAH E. JETT

DE EDWIN WHITE

MAUD M. BREWTON, Sec.

INSCRIBED IN MEMORY OF OUR
DEPARTED SISTERS AND BROTHERS



MRS. EVELYN WILDER
Grand Worthy Matron

Carrie B. Bright, Queen of Sheba No. 13, Waterloo, June 15, 1958
Ella M. Hughes, St. Elmo No. 3, Burlington, July 26, 1958
Allie Bowman, Princess Zorah No. 10, Des Moines, July 25, 1958
Minnie Bland, Electa No. 17, Keokuk, August 29, 1958
Gertrude Moore, Princess Zorah No. 10, Des Moines, Sept. 27, 1958
Leota Davis, Esther No. 4, Ottumwa, Oct. 21, 1958
Lyda B. Page, Queen of Sheba No. 19, Waterloo, Nov. 26, 1958
E. J. Stewart, Leah No. 8, Clinton, Jan. 2, 1959
Ollie Holmes, Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines, Feb. 22, 1959
Goldie Irving, St. Elmo No. 3, Burlington, April 2, 1959
Evelyn Wilder, Excelsior No. 12, Marshalltown, April 15, 1959
Gertrude S. Taylor, Electa No. 17, Keokuk, April 17, 1959
Maud Woods, Olive Branch No. 32, Des Moines, May 17, 1959
Fannie Danforth, Princess Zorah No. 10, Des Moines, July 31, 1959
Lenna Smith, Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines, Aug. 7, 1959
Ellen Burdine, Harmony No. 22, Sioux City, Nov. 14, 1959
Charles Holmes, Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines, Dec. 22, 1959
Lucy Heard, Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines, Dec. 26, 1959
Luella Ewing, Prince Hall No. 25, Centerville, Dec. 24, 1959
Tina Davis, Esther No. 4, Ottumwa, Jan. 6, 1960
Bertha Williams, Leah No. 8, Clinton, Jan. 14, 1960
Arletha Pleasant, St. Elmo No. 3, Burlington, Jan. 23, 1960
Esther Bailey, Electa No. 17, Keokuk, Feb. 11, 1960
Ora Smith, Silver Leaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids, March 4, 1960
Willie F. Smith, Queen of Sheba No. 19, Waterloo, March 25, 1960
Clifford Lee, Silver Leaf No. 5, Cedar Rapids, Sept. 5, 1959
Mary Carter, Excelsior No. 12, Marshalltown, April 20, 1960
Symbbeam Baker, St. Elmo No. 3, Burlington, July 10, 1960
Mattie B. Scott, Princess Oziel No. 9, Des Moines, Sept. 25, 1960
Julia Pierson, Olive Branch No. 32, Des Moines, Nov. 21, 1960
Marjorie M. Jones, Prince Hall No. 25, Centerville, Nov. 27, 1960
Russell Johnson, Fidelity No. 30, Ft. Madison, Dec. 27, 1960
Alberta James, Prince Hall No. 25, Centerville, April 6, 1961
Jane Thornton, Palestine No. 28, Waterloo, May 21, 1961

THURSDAY AFTERNOON -- 1.00 P.M.

With the sounding of the gavel in the East, Electa Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star resumed its labor and the acting Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Odessa Roberts presiding. Opened by singing "There is a Fountain" followed by prayer. The Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Frinzella Shores attended the altar.

Reading of the morning journal and adopted as read.

There being no correspondence, the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder now presiding in the East, asked for the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, who reported all business of this session had been completed. Motion prevailed that reading be accepted.

The Credentials Committee made their final report, giving the number of votes 127. Motion prevailed that this report be accepted.

The election presided over by Brother DeEdwin White, P.G.W.P. proceeded in due form and the officers were elected as follows:

ELECTIVE

Grand Worthy Matron	Sister Marjorie L. Lewis
Grand Associate Matron	Sister Almeda Dickerson
Grand Treasurer	Sister Vivian J. Smith
Grand Secretary	Sister Orea Buice
Grand Conductress	Sister Frinzella Shores
Grand Associate Conductress	Sister Helen W. Johnson
Grand Lecturer	Sister Lessie Garrett
Grand Registrar	Sister Haley O. Houston
Grand Worthy Patron	Brother George Reed
Grand Associate Patron	Brother Olen Gibson

APPOINTIVE

Grand Acan	Sister Emma Williamson
Grand Ruth	Sister Ruth Cranshaw
Grand Esther	Sister Teresa Payne
Grand Martha	Sister Thelma Price
Grand Electa	Sister Mabel Weathers
Grand Warden	Sister Felice Rhodes
Grand Sentinel	Sister Mary Garrett
Grand Chaplain	Sister Ruth Toomes
Grand Marshall	Sister Maxine Creighton
Grand Musician	Sister LaVinia Grayson
Grand Historian	Sister Iver Jean Bailey
Grand Chr. of Grand Officers Addresses	Sister Maud M. Brewton
Grand Chr. of Ways and Means	Sister Mary J. Majors
Grand Chr. of Credentials	Sister Orea Buice

Grand Chr. of Returns
Jurisprudence Committee

Sister Odessa Roberts
Chr. Sister Mary M. Range
Sister Sarah E. Jett
Sister Dorothy B. Bush
Brother Bishop C. Burt
Brother DeEdwin White

All officers were duly installed by acting Grand Marshall Brother Bishop C. Burt.

Remarks were heard from the newly elected Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Marjorie L. Lewis who said she would try hard to perform her duties well with the help of the other Grand Officers and members.

Fairest Among Thousands Altogether Lovely having met together, dwelled together harmoniously and presided over by the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Bertha E. Wolder with integrity, initiative and temperance performing all the duties that devolved about her were now about to part so the Fraternal Chain was formed and all joined in singing "God Be With You" the altar was attended and the Grand Worthy Matron so declared Electa Chapter Order of the Eastern Star closed to meet the third Tuesday in June 1962 in Marshalltown with Excelsior Chapter No. 12 as host for the 53rd Annual Communication.

Mrs. Bertha E. Wolder, Grand Worthy Matron
Mr. George Reed, Grand Worthy Patron
Mrs. Orea Buice, Grand Secretary
Mrs. Haley O. Houston, Grand Registrar

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 21-21.
- 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.
- 1959 Fiftieth Annual Session, Sioux City, June 16-18
- 1960 Fifty-first Annual Session, Waterloo, June 21-23.
- 1961 Fifty-second Annual Session, Ottumwa, June 20-22.

1961 RETURNS — STATISTICS

Number	NAME AND LOCATION	WORTHY MATRON, WORTHY PATRON AND ASSOCIATE MATRON	Initiated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended	Expelled	Died	Rejected	Members	Relief Fund	Tax on Degrees	G. C. Dues	Total Revenue	Amount Rec	Balance Due	Balance Last Year	Total Due	Credit
1	Noomi, Davenport	Teresa Payne, Carles Jankins, Willella Filcelin	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	125.00	2.00	86.45	213.45	215.90			2.45	
3	St. Elmo, Burlington	Betty Jean Reading, DeEdwin White, Luanita Newman	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	89.25	1.00	59.32	149.57	152.89			3.32	
4	Esther, Ottumwa.	Maxine Clayton, Charles Davis, Willa Desn Cropp	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	72.00	1.00	48.00	121.00	121.00				
5	Silver Leaf, Cedar Rapids	Thekira Price, Olen Gibson, Edith Wilson	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	159.00	4.00	114.00	277.00	277.00				
8	Leah, Clinton	Mary Freels, L. I. Thompson, Beatrice Brown	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	79.50	1.00	27.00	107.50	107.50				
9	Oziel, Des Moines	Emma Williamson, Gus Smith, Myrtle Taylor	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	297.50	1.00	184.00	493.75	493.75				
10	Zorah, Des Moines	Mable Weathans, Wm. T. Johnson, Maxine Watkins	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	192.00	7.00	140.00	339.00	339.00				
12	Excelsior, Marshalltown	Iva Jean Bailley, M. F. Briley, Marion Dorsey	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	41.50	5.00	28.00	112.00	75.00	47.00		47.00	
17	Electa, Keokuk	Laura Clay, Emmanuel Reynolds, Constance Reed	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	44.25	2.00	26.00	99.25	44.25	55.00		55.00	
18	Adah, Mason City	Ruby Macer, Wm. L. Wighton, Maud M. Brewton	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	82.50	2.00	44.00	138.50	112.50	26.00		26.00	
19	Queen of Sheba, Waterloo	Pearl Tolliver, James L. Page, Dorothy Huel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	20.25	2.00	28.00	99.25	46.25	53.00		53.00	
22	Harmony, Sioux City	Fannie Alexander, M. F. Askew, Lorene Hayes	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	30.00	2.00	44.00	75.00	74.00	2.00		2.00	
25	Prince Hall, Centerville	Lillian Reed, Chas. Morris, Alice Hicks	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	30.00	2.00	44.00	75.00	74.00	2.00		2.00	
28	Palentine, Waterloo	Kath Greshaw, Wm. Wixston, Lena Presley	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	48.00	2.00	82.00	136.25	139.25				
30	Golden Star, Fort Dodge.	Rosetta Barcone, Harry Merrifisher, Tennie White	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	57.25	2.00	50.00	210.00	210.00				
31	Fidelity, Fort Madison	Alberta Grace, A. W. Puring, Jennie Smith	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	130.00	2.00	42.00	147.25	89.50	57.75		57.75	
32	Olive Branch, Des Moines	Mary Garrett, Chauncey Harridon, Dana Mixon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	47.50	2.00	42.00	147.25	89.50	57.75		57.75	
34	Morning Star, Council Bluffs		37	1	1	18	0	7	0	659	1721.75	27.00	1130.77	3250.70	2887.54	252.75		252.75	8.02
Totals.			371	1	1	18	0	7	0	659	1721.75	27.00	1130.77	3250.70	2887.54	252.75		252.75	8.02

MARY FREELS, Chairman
VELMA LEWIS
CLEMMIE HIGHTOWER, Secretary