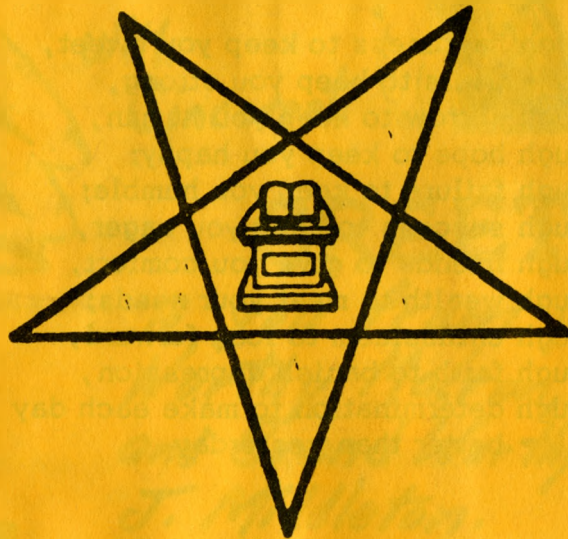


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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

To all Sisters and Brothers of Electa Grand Chapter, O.E.S.

The Grand Worthy Matron has requested that I edit the O.E.S. Newsletter for the ensuing year. In previous correspondence, she has indicated the theme for the year will be "SERVICE", therefore, I will endeavor to serve in this capacity to the best of my ability. However, I solicit your cooperation and participation.

Subsequently, I respectfully request that Secretaries of the various Chapters submit all information legible (typewritten preferred) in order to make certain your news is printed accurately. In our attempt to make the Newsletter a success, your hand of service will be greatly appreciated.

"MAY YOU HAVE"

Enough happiness to keep you sweet,
Enough trials to keep you strong,
Enough sorrow to keep you human,
Enough hope to keep you happy;
Enough failure to keep you humble;
Enough success to keep you eager,
Enough friends to give you comfort,
Enough wealth to meet your needs;
Enough enthusiasm to look forward,
Enough faith to banish depression,
Enough determination to make each day
better than yesterday.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated support.

Fraternally yours,

Elaine C. Williams

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*Another year we
are*

*Lending a
helping*



*With
Sincerest*



GREETINGS

*to you from your Grand
Worthy Matron, Haley O. Houston
and Grand Worthy Patron, Ernest
J. Middleton.*

*Grant that we will ever strive to
strengthen the ties of affection,
promote the prosperity of our Order,
and protect its unity, integrity and
strength by maintaining the truest
fraternal spirit.*



FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND WORTHY MATRON

Greetings Sisters and Brothers:

My heart is filled with gratification and satisfaction from the past year, and I owe it all to those who assumed their responsibilities and duties and performed them well, to those who cooperated fully with this office and to all the many kindnesses, thoughtfulness shown to me. Thanks again to the Host chapters, Palestine #28 and Adah #18 who entertained the Grand Chapter in Waterloo most royally leaving no stones unturned which so beautifully consummated the year.

During the summer, in July I was in attendance at the well planned Masonic picnic which was so well attended at the Birdland Lagoon Shelter House here in Des Moines and at which time fraternal spirit prevailed.

On September 18th & 19th I along with the Grand Worthy Patron, Ernest J. Middleton, Grand Associate Matron, Charlotte Weldon, Grand Secretary, Hattie Middleton, Grand Royal Matron, Barbara Palmer, Grand Associate Royal Matron, Birdie Hayter, Past Grand Worthy Matron, Mildred Graves and sister Jane Brown, past worthy matron of Princess Oziel Chapter #9 attended the Prince Hall Grand Chapter, OES Minnesota and Jurisdiction which was convening in Minneapolis, Minn. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, brother Cleo Morison of Iowa & Jurisdiction joined us financially in making our presentation of flowers to this Grand Session on behalf of Electa Grand Chapter. It was indeed a pleasure being in their midst and enjoying all their gracious hospitality.

The sisters of the Des Moines Chapters joined our brothers in their "Americanism Day" held at St. Paul A.M.E. Church where we heard a most profound dual sermon coming from brother Paul Vest and Rev. Lewis Grady, Jr. on two mighty men, King Solomon and Jesus, which I am sure left an indelible imprint upon the minds of all.

As we go forth into the ensuing year let us do so aggressively with re-dedication and readiness to go forward with the program TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL ENDING.

Congratulations to all newly elected officers of the subordinate chapters. I would appreciate hearing from the chapters who have not yet reported.

We are about to enter into the Thanksgiving season, but let us not wait until then to give thanks, but-----

Thank you, God, for everything - the big things and the small,
For "every good gift comes from God" - the giver of them all -
And all too often we accept without any thanks or praise
The gifts God sends as blessings each day in many ways -
First, thank you for the little things that often come our way,
The things we take for granted but don't mention when we pray,
Then, thank you for the "Miracles" we are much too blind to see,
And give us new awareness of our many gifts from Thee,
And help us to remember that the Key to Life and Living
Is to make each prayer a Prayer of Thanks and every day Thanksgiving.

PRINCESS OZIEL # 9
Des Moines

On September 13, 1980, Princess Oziel No. 9, O.E.S., had a banquet at Union Baptist Church to honor their retiring Worthy Matron, Sister Verona Cheatom. The chapter presented her with a corsage and a "Money Fan" in appreciation for two years of service.

Grand Officers attending were: Grand Worthy Matron of Electa Grand Chapter, Sister Haley O. Houston; Grand Royal Matron of Iowa Grand Court, R.E.O.A., Sister Barbara Palmer; Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Brother Cleo D. Morrison; Grand Associate Matron of Iowa Grand Court, Sister Bertie Hayter; Deputy Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Brother Arthur McCune.

After summer recess, the chapter resumed meetings on September 25, 1980. Prior to the meeting, Sister Cheatom served the chapter a delicious dinner to express her appreciation for their cooperation during her administration. Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Haley O. Houston, who is a member of the chapter, presented Sister Cheatom with a Past Matron Pin on behalf of the chapter. The retiring Worthy Matron presented the chapter with several gifts and also remembered her officers with appropriate gifts. The following officers were elected to serve for the year 1980-1981:

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| Worthy Matron Raoulyn Perry | Esther - Elizabeth Welch |
| Worthy Patron Lawrence James | Martha - Maxine Price |
| Associate Matron Beatrice DeVan | Electa - Rose Johnson |
| Conductress Dorothy Taylor | Sentinel, Myrtle Taylor |
| Associate Conductress Juanita Payton | Chaplain, Verona Cheatom |
| Treasurer Ruby Wilson | Musician, Alma Morris |
| Secretary Emma Williamson | Asst. Secretary, Dorothy Collier |
| Lecturer Barbara Palmer | Marshal, Jane Brown |
| Adah - Murlean Estes | Warder, Evelyn Carter |
| Ruth - Elaine Hughes | |

The next meeting will be held October 23, 1980.

Emma Williamson, Reporter

PRINCESS ZORAH # 10
Des Moines

Members of Princess Zorah Chapter No. 10, O.E.S., met September 9, 1980, to resume their regular meetings after the summer vacation.

Worthy Matron Barbara Robinson presented a very detailed report from the Electa Grand Chapter, 71 Communication, in Waterloo, Iowa, and she was commended for her splendid review. W. M. Robinson advised members of the chapter of receipt of a Certificate of Cooperation on behalf of P.G. W.M. Secretary Mildred Graves reporting chapter activities punctual.

Election of officers for the ensuing year 1980 - 1981 was held as follows:

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Worthy Matron Barbara Robinson | Asst. Secretary, Ollie Sanders |
| Worthy Patron James O'Daye, Sr. | Warder, Albert Durden |
| Assoc. Matron Leatrice Wallace | Sentinel, Joseph Wallace |
| Assoc. Patrol Grant Barber | Marshal, Janice Riddley |
| Conductress Vesta Sloan | Chaplain, Mary Hardaway |
| Assoc. Conductress Elaine Williams | Reporter, Elaine Williams |
| Treasurer Bertie Hayter | Adah, Willa Mae McLendon |
| Secretary Mildred Graves | Ruth, Louise Rollen |
| Lecturer Martha Wheels | Esther, Josie Williamson |
| | Electa, Jacquelyn Collier |

Committee members were appointed by Worthy Matron Robinson at the regular meeting held October 7, 1980. Plans for the upcoming year were discussed and will include having a banquet to honor "25 Year Members" of the chapter and sell Fanny Farmer Candy. The chapter will have their annual Christmas Party at the Ingersoll Dinner Theater on Sunday, December 14, 1980.

The next regular meeting will be held November 4, 1980.

Elaine Williams - Reporter

NOTICE:

All secretaries of subordinate chapter are requested to send news for the O.E.S. Newsletter to the Editor on or before the 15th of each month. This is your newsletter and your cooperation is necessary to make it a success!!

GRAND WORTHY MATRON HALEY O. HOUSTON

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS TAX

PRINCESS OZIEL CHAPTER #9 O.E.S.

SINCE TAXES SEEM TO BE THE STYLE, WE'VE COME UP WITH A DILLY, WE'LL MAKE SOME DOUGH, YOU'LL HAVE SOME FUN, FOR YOUR TAX IS REALLY SILLY. FIGURE UP THE THINGS YOU CAN AND GLADLY PAY YOUR FEE YOU'LL SEE THAT WE ARE TAXING YOUR DEAREST PROPERTY. AND WHEN THE TAX IS FINISHED, AND YOU KNOW JUST WHAT YOU OWE SEND THE TAX RIGHT BACK TO US AND DON'T FORGET THE DOUGH.

| ITEM | TAX | AMOUNT DUE |
|---|-----------|------------|
| I LIVE IN A HOUSE | .10 | ----- |
| I LIVE IN A APARTMENT | .05 | ----- |
| I LIVE IN ONE ROOM | .03 | ----- |
| I HAVE-----RADIO(S) | .04(each) | ----- |
| I HAVE A HI FI OR STERO SET | .10(each) | ----- |
| I HAVE A CAR OR CARS | .10(each) | ----- |
| I HAVE MY CAR AIR CONDITIONED | .05 | ----- |
| I HAVE HOUSE AIR CONDITIONER | .10(each) | ----- |
| I HAVE A ELECTRIC BLANKET | .10(each) | ----- |
| I HAVE A HAIR DRYER | .03 | ----- |
| I HAVE A CLOTHES DRYER | .05 | ----- |
| I HAVE A WASHING MACHINE | .05 | ----- |
| I HAVE A DISH DRYER | .05 | ----- |
| I HAVE A IRON | .05 | ----- |
| I HAVE A TOASTER | .05 | ----- |
| I HAVE A REFRIGERATOR | .05 | ----- |
| I HAVE A FREEZER | .05 | ----- |
| I HAVE---ELECTRIC FANS | .05(each) | ----- |
| I HAVE A PET | .05 | ----- |
| MY FAMILY CONSISTS OF MOTHER | .05 | ----- |
| " " " " FATHER | .05 | ----- |
| " " " " HUSBAND | .10 | ----- |
| " " " " WIFE | .10 | ----- |
| " " " " CHILDREN | .03(each) | ----- |
| " " " " SISTERS | .05(each) | ----- |
| " " " " BROTHERS | .05(each) | ----- |
| MY AGE IS OVER 35 | .20 | ----- |
| MY AGE IS UNDER 35 | .10 | ----- |
| I OWN---WATCHES | .02(each) | ----- |
| I OWN---DIAMOND RINGS | .03(each) | ----- |
| I OWN A FUR COAT | .04 | ----- |
| I OWN A FUR STOLE | .05 | ----- |
| I HAVE WORKED ON MY JOB OVER FIVE YEARS | .10 | ----- |
| I HAVE WORKED LESS THAN FIVE YEARS | .05 | ----- |
| MY ADDRESS HAS---FIGURES IN IT | .02(each) | ----- |

MANY THANKS FOR COUNTING YOUR BLESSINGS TRUE

AND HELPING OUR CHAPTER COME THROUGH.

SISTER JANE A BROWN-WORTHY MATRON

Return before April 27th

Doris D. Wilson

- 1908-1909 Ida Belle Palmer & Brother W.W. Melligan
 (Cedar Rapids)
- 1910-11 Sister Mabel Clark J. W. Blund
- 1912-16 Ruth Bright 1912-16
- 1917-18 Mary Bland
- 1919-20 Sue M. Brown
- 1921-22 ~~Sue L.~~ Came Reeler
- 1923-25 Sis Eva L. Abbey
- 1926 ~~not~~ Sister Maude D. Thompson
- 1928-29 Georgia Cheaton
- 1930-35 ~~Mattie Gould~~ Maude Brewton
- 1936-37 ~~Mattie Gould~~ Mattie Gould
- 1938-1942 Julia Reed
- 1943-45 Elizabeth Jones
- 1946-47 Sarah Jet
- 1948-49 Lenge Delores
- 1950-51 Odessa Roberts
- 1952-54 Dorothy Bush
- 1955-56 ~~Mary Majors~~
- 1956-8 Gladys Taylor
- 1959 Evelyn Wilder
- 1960-61 Bertha Wolde
- 62-63 Maymie Lewis
- 64-65 Almeda Dickerson
- 66-67 Annella Shores
- 68-69 Helen Johnson
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- 1970-71 Mildred Groes
- 72-73 Lessie Garrett
- 74-75 Willetta Schuller
- 76-77 Ruth Cabbesson