October 14, 1902

Many Thanks to Betty Benham P.G.M. for letting me photograph her copies of our Proceedings. I have photographed these and have taken every precaution to protect the books as the pages are very fragile so some pages are slightly skewed.

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PROCEEDINGS
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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MASONIC TEMPLE,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, OCT. 9, 1894.

The Grand Matron, Mrs. Pauline C. Harris, called
the Grand Chapter to order at 2 p.m.

Roll of Chapters was called by the Grand Secretary,
and a constitutional number being represented, the
Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain Hicks.

GRAND OFFICERS:
Grand Matron .......................... Mrs. Pauline C. Harris
Grand Patron .......................... Tom Murrah
Asso. Grand Matron, pro tem .......... Mrs. Rachel M. Swaim
Asso. Grand Patron ........................ D. Ludlow
Grand Secretary ........................ J. D. Slawson
Grand Treasurer, pro tem ............ Mrs. Kate Birch
Grand Conductress, pro tem .......... Mrs. Mae Gentry
Asso. Grand Conductress, pro tem, Mrs. A. A. Garrison
Grand Chaplain ........................ A. F. Hicks
Grand Adah ............................. Miss Jennie Moore
Grand Ruth, pro tem .................. Mrs. Annie Johnson
Grand Esther, pro tem ............... Mrs. W. N. Wiggins
Grand Martha .......................... Mrs. Sadie Hoskins
Grand Electa, pro tem ................. Miss Ruth Irwin
Grand Warden, pro tem ............... Mrs. Pauline Baugh
Grand Sentinel ........................ John S. Morton
Sisters Laura B. Hart and E. J. Talbot, Past Grand Matrons and A. F. Hicks, Past Grand Patron, were accorded the Grand Honors.

An address of welcome was made by Mrs. Lillie T. Rector, of Tirzah Chapter, as follows:

Address of Welcome.

To the Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the O. E. S., of the State of Texas.

Upon this, the occasion of your twelfth annual convocation, it is my cheerful duty, as District Deputy Grand Matron, and member of Tirzah Chapter, No. 134, O.E.S., of this city, on behalf of the members of this Order and the Masonic Fraternity of Austin, to extend to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, its officers and members a cordial and hearty welcome to our pleasant and hospitable city of the hills, and to this elegant Temple, our Masonic home.

While the Order of the Eastern Star is no part of the ancient institution of Masonry, it is, I presume, possessed of some of its secrets, yet it is a necessary adjunct. Its object, aims and purposes are largely the same; its inspiration identical; its thought moulded by the same influences, and directed in the same channels. "The great cause of Humanity," and to promote the material welfare and prosperity of our beloved Order, brings us together in the annual meetings where the interchange of views expands and advances our ideas, broadens our horizon of thought, cultivates the social nature, stimulates us to greater effort and enlarges our field of usefulness. New ideas bud, blossom and ripen into the real fruit of improvement.

The seeds of intellectual advancement which we sow here fall upon rich and productive hearts and minds elsewhere, and beautiful grains of truth, progress and love spring forth to bless our race, enable our being and recommend our beloved Order.

The critical eyes of future generations are upon us and our work. Their approbation, commendation, criticism or censure, will be hereafter bestowed as we merit the one or the other. What we do here today is not done for ourselves, or our day alone, but is to be perpetuated and engraven as an image upon the comparatively infant institution which we are now building.

May Divine grace fill our hearts and Divine wisdom guide all of our deliberations in channels of love, truth and usefulness.

Sisters and Brothers, once more I bid you welcome.

This was answered in behalf of the Grand Chapter by Past Grand Matron, Laura B. Hart, by ex tempore remarks of which the following is the substance:
Reply to Address of Welcome.

Sister Rector, Members of Tirzah Chapter:

It is my pleasurable duty to extend our thanks to you who have made our coming together so joyful. We have unbounded faith in your words of welcome. The reputation of your citizens is too well known and too thoroughly established to leave any doubt in our minds while we remain your guests. I am sure that we are all glad that a common interest has guided our steps to where your fair city lies smiling today in the October sunlight. From all parts of this great state we have come proud to meet in Austin, that name which is a symbol of the purest patriotism and a noble self-sacrifice. May our deliberations here be as lofty and unselfish.

To my mind there is nothing grander or purer than human sympathy and confidence, and in the terrible times that have come upon our country since last we met, there has been urgent need for the exercise of these; sorrow, distress and bitter poverty have entered the homes of many; let us not in the pleasure of this meeting forget these sorely tried ones. We are but few as compared to the great mass, but the principles of this order are sublime; let us by adhering to them do what we can to quell the strife, the unrest, the selfishness and greed that are running rife in this great nation.

On the other hand, this grand body is assuming such proportions that it behoves us to conduct these sessions on a strictly business basis, ever keeping in view "The greatest good to the greatest number."

Again dear friends, we thank you from our hearts.

Appointment of Committees.

The Grand Matron announced the following committees.

CREDENTIALS—J. D. Slawson, Mrs. Anna Johnson, M. C. Granberry.

GRAND OFFICERS' REPORTS—L. S. Garrison, Miss Jennie Moore, Mrs. Anna Johnson.

FINANCE—L. S. Garrison, S. D. Moore, Mrs. Marie A. Sherburne.

JURISPRUDENCE—A. F. Hicks, Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Mrs. Kate Birch.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS—J. K. Bowman, Mrs. Clara Walters, M. C. Granberry, R. S. Graves, L. S. Garrison.

CHARTERED CHAPTERS—Mrs. Pauline Baugh, Mrs. W. N. Wiggins, Mrs. Marie A. Sherburne.
Chapters U. D. — Mrs. Pauline Baugh, Miss Jennie Moore, D. Ludlow.

Constitution and By-Laws of Subordinate Chapters — Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner, John S. Morton, R. S. Graves.


Work — Mrs. Laura B. Hart, A. F. Hicks, Mrs. E. J. Talbot.

Transportation — Tom Murrah, J. D. Slawson, D. Ludlow.

Printing — Tom Murrah, J. D. Slawson, A. F. Hicks.

W. and O. Fund — A. F. Hicks, J. H. Kipp, J. D. Slawson.

The Grand Matron then presented her annual address, which was referred to the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports.

Address of Grand Matron.

To the Officers, Members and Visitors of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Texas.

It is with mingled feelings of responsibility and pleasure, that I bid you a sincere and fraternal greeting, and a cordial welcome to our twelfth annual session, in the beautiful City of Austin, and to present for your consideration and approval, or correction, the various acts connected with the office, to which I was so unexpectedly and unanimously elected.

We have come here today from all parts of our state to review the work of this year, and legislate on the future of this Order, and I sincerely trust, that our deliberations may be marked by wisdom. Time has flown so rapidly that it does not seem like it has been a year since we have met together, but the year passed has been one of work and pleasure for me, in a cause and for a people I love. If I have succeeded in any degree, I will be only too happy, and if I have failed you shall be the judges.

During this year, I have written nine hundred and sixty-three (963) letters, and if my mail is lighter than usual, I feel as though something was lacking, and when I return home from this gathering, I know I shall miss my daily communications, and the fervent "God bless you," which were always so welcome and which I have always taken a pleasure and pride in answering promptly, and with all of my official duties have not allowed "my husband to wear shingle nails in lieu of buttons."

We all know this year has been one of unusual financial depression, but now the prospects are so much brighter that I pre-
PAULINE C. HARRIS,
DALLAS, TEXAS.
dict unheard of success in our Eastern Star. Notwithstanding all the disadvantages that we had to contend with we have had unparalleled success. Our wonderful growth has been almost phenominal. Thirty-six (36) new Chapters, eight revived Chapters, and one thousand three hundred and eighty-seven new members.

APPOINTMENTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS.

As early as possible I appointed the following Sisters to work in thirty-seven (37) Districts.

Nov. 25, '93............Mrs. Anna Johnson, Tirzah Chapter, District 31
Nov. 25, '93...........Mrs. W.S. Hoskins, Olive Chapter, Dists. 29 & 30
Dec. 4, '93.............Mrs. A. F. Hicks, Southern Social Chapter, Dist. 34
Dec. 4, '94.............Mrs. Agnes Young, Big Springs Chapt., Dists. 43 & 45
Dec. 9, '93.............Mrs A. A. Garrison, Dallas Chapt., Dists. 17, 18, 19 and 44.

Dec. 19, '93.............Mrs. Rachel M. Swaim, Mast Chapt., Dist. 25
Dec. 19, '93.............Miss Iona Ross, Weatherford Chapt., Dist. 37
Dec. 19, '93.............Miss Jennie Moore, Ransford Chapt., Dist. 12
Dec. 8, '93.............Miss Parma Fisk, Adah Chapt., Dist. 33
Dec. 22, '93.............Mrs. M. L. Johnston, Occidental Chapt., Dist. 38
Dec. 22, '93.............Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner, Border Chapt., Dist. 45-6
Dec. 26, '93.............Mrs. Mary E. Gregory, Killeen Chapt., Dist. 26
Jan. 3, '94.............Miss Sallie Jones, Brady Chapt., Dist. 46
Jan. 3, '94.............Mrs. M. A. Sherburne, Gate City Chapt., Dist. 21
Jan. 3, '94.............Mrs. Mande McMahon, Olive Chapt., Dist. 51
Jan. 3, '94.............Mrs. Bell DeR Moon, Lone Star Chapt., Dist. 22
Jan. 5, '94.............Miss Ruth Irwin, Mooreville Chapt., Dist. 15
Jan. 11, '94...........Mrs. Rosa Day, Allie Davis Chapt., Dist. 41
Jan. 11, '94...........Miss Idah Shuler, Joshua Chapt., Dist. 23
Jan. 11, '94...........Miss Eugene Hughes, Southern Social Chapt., Dist. 35.

Jan. 11, '94...........Mrs. J. F. Poe, Polk County Chapt., Dist. 10
Jan. 11, '94 Miss Cora Weatherbee, Queen Esther Chapt., Dist. 13
Feb. 15, '94............Mrs. Minnie Crist, Blanco Chapt., Dist. 47
Feb. 15, '94............Mrs. Mary S. Brann, Whitney Chapt., Dist. 24
Feb. 15, '94...........Mrs. Lida Lee Barnes, Blue Ridge Chapt., Dist. 20
Feb. 15, '94............Mrs. F. N. Fouty, Wortham Chapt., Dist. 14
Feb. 18, '94............Mrs. Margie Tisdale, Wolf City Chapt., Dist. 7
Mar. 5, '94.............Mrs. Lillie T. Rector, Tirzah Chapt., Dist. 32
Mar. 19, '94...........Miss Annie Hinds, Baird Chapt., Dist. 55
April 18, '94...........Mrs. Mattie Denton, Luling Chapt., Dist. 32
May 11, '94...........Mrs. A. G. Hayter, Nacigdoches Chapt., Dist. 2

Seven of these deputes never acknowledged the receipt of their commissions. Sister Maude McMahon returned her commission, not being able to attend to the duties.
I earnestly thank the Sisters for their willing co-operation with me in all the year’s work. They have indeed been earnest helpers.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

Sister Iona Ross, of District 37, reports that she found Lipan Chapter in good condition, and that Acton and Granberry expected to organize soon. Weatherford Chapter has been deprived of meeting several times and is now in a sleepy condition and the members refuse to pay their dues.

Sister Anaa Johnson, District 31, and Sister Mary Gregory, District 26, have written many letters. Have not been able to organize any Chapters.

Sister Ida Shuler, District 23, hopes she leaves the field in a better condition than she found it.

Sister Maggie A. Poe, District 10, has had no success, the Blue Lodges complaining of hard times.

Sister M. E. Braun, District 24, on account of ill health has not been able to do much. Found all the Chapters in her District dormant except Whitney.

Sister M. L. Johnston, District 38, has written every lodge in her District. Has reviewed the work with three Chapters. Our Graham Chapter is not working as it should.

Sister Jennie Moore, District 12, reports that no actual results have been attained, but hopes the seeds have been sown which will bear fruit in the future. Ransford Chapter speaks for herself, sixty new members this year.

Sister Ruth Irwin, District 15, finds three dormant Chapters. Has received responses from all Blue Lodges, except one. They all speak favorably of our Order.

Sister Lillie T. Rector, District 32, received some favorable replies.

Sister Rachel M. Swain, District 25, sent an appeal to every Lodge where there were no Eastern Star Chapters. Lorena was in very good working condition, and a faithful few of Moody were laboring for the success of their Chapter. On April 10th, assisted by Bro. J. K. Bowman, she organized a Chapter at Kopperl with thirty-two Charter members. Her home Chapter, Mast, is doing good work without the aid of Ritual.

Sister A. A. Garrison, Districts 17, 18, 19 and 44, wrote quite a number of letters, but only one favorable reply, that from Ennis, where on April 21st, with the assistance of the Grand Matron and D. G. Patron, L. S. Garrison, Winnie Chapter was organized with thirty-seven members.

Sister M. A. Hicks, District 34, with the assistance of our
ty. May we never lose sight of the fact that we are all of one family, and are commissioned by the Grand Patron on High to contribute our might individually towards peace, harmony and good will.

We are reminded that another year in the history of our order has its record in eternity. The past is beyond recall, the future with its many anticipations is not yet ours. The present is the only allotted time for work. Let us then be patiently attentive to the work before us, serious in our deliberations, frankly sincere in our expressions concerning measures and policies to be adopted, and charitably considerate of one another's opinions that the Chapters throughout the State may be benefitted by our acts and strengthened for the responsibility resting upon them.

We are pleased to notice among our number here to-day some who have met with us for the first time. To all such we heartily offer our fraternal love and shall rejoice to find you excelling in zeal our most earnest members.

May the light of the Star of Bethlehem shine upon this family re-union to-day and fill our hearts with wisdom and charity, that we shall forget self-interest and strive only for those things which shall bring to our order the greatest amount of harmony and prosperity. In behalf of Dallas Chapter No. 1 again let me say to you, sisters and brothers, welcome, thrice welcome.

(Signed) MISS MARION E. ROMANS,
Worthy Matron, Dallas Chapter No. 1.

Which was responded to by Brother S. D. Moore, Past Patron of Ransford Chapter, with the following extempore remarks:

DEAR SISTERS AND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF DALLAS CHAPTER NO. 1, O. E. S.

To reply to the words of welcome so beautifully expressed on behalf of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Texas is a pleasant duty for one gifted with words of poetry, but being denied these, I can only offer you in return hearts overflowing with love for each and every member of your chapter. And when I look around and see the labor that has been performed, at the suggestion of hearts filled with love for the fair name and fame of your city and our order, who can wonder at the success achieved.

The hospitality of your city is well known, and needs no words of praise from me, but when that hospitality is dispensed by the fairest of the fair women we can only open the windows of our souls that you may see how gratefully we appreciate the honor you have bestowed on us, and may the remembrance of this day
Dervlin Chapters, and have assurance that I can organize and receive them. On June 29th, I organized Pearl Chapter at Eureka school house, Lamar county, and assisted by Bro. J. H. Nowell. On July 9th I organized Winston Chapter at Whitesboro, assisted by Bro. F. M. Sewell. On July 19th, I organized Dalby Springs Chapter at Dalby Springs, assisted by Bro. J. H. Heath. On July 21st I organized DeKalb Chapter at De Kalb, assisted by Bro. Wm. Petis. On Sept. 17th, I organized Pittsburgh Chapter at Pittsburgh, assisted by J. W. Thomas. On June 23rd I revived Queen City Chapter No. 6, at Queen City, assisted by Bro. J. C. Hutchinson. On Aug 23rd I revived Quitman Chapter No. 97, at Quitman, assisted by Bro. J. L. Robbins. On August 25th, I revived Linden Chapter No. 75, at Linden, assisted by Bro. J. J. Fowler. On Sept. 8th I revived Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 6 at Kildare. Assisted by Bro. J. L. Evans, on Sept. 11th I revived Mount Pleasant Chapter, No. 83, at Mount Pleasant, assisted by Bro. W. H. Chaney. On Sept. 14th I revived Mineola Chapter No. 90, at Mineola, assisted by Bro. J. L. McDaniels. I can't close without telling you that at Dalby Springs, Brother and Sister Oliver, aged respectively 88 and 89 years, came to receive the O. E. S. degrees. And I may tell you also of three old ladies that became members of Border Chapter this year; the youngest one was 76 years old; they were found on the streets of Texarkana in destitute circumstances. They had their diagrams of the Masons Wife and Daughters degree, and their certificates of Widows of Masons in good standing. I arranged so they could take the obligation at the same time, and since have found each of them a good home. In my own Chapter, Border, there has been one death. For the honor you conferred on me, I sincerely thank you."

Sister S. A. Hoskins, District 29 and 30, with the assistance of D. G. Patron, Bro. W. S. Hoskins, organized Violet Chapter at Victoria on April 2nd, 1894, with fifty-four charter members. On April 6th, 1894, they organized Evergreen Chapter at Goliad, with forty members. They were accompanied on this trip by twenty-five members of Violet Chapter. On official visit to this Chapter on September 7th, found everything in good condition and assisted in the initiation of seven candidates. "On May 26, 1894, with twenty-five members from Violet Chapter and fifteen from Evergreen Chapter, we organized Ellis Chapter at Beeville, with sixty-four members. Paid an official visit on September 13th and found them very interested in the work. On June 28, 1894, accompanied by forty members of Violet Chapter, we organized Port Lavaca Chapter with twenty-four members. On September 19th paid them an official visit, found them doing
well and assisted in conferring the degrees on two candidates. This is the most southern Chapter in the state. On July 28, 1894, I received a dispensation for a Chapter to be held at Gonzales, but owing to the illness of the Worthy Patron-elect the work has not been completed yet. Hope we will soon organize it. On September 20, 1894, I received a dispensation for a Charter at Blanconia, Bee County, to be known as Elizabeth Chapter. I have arranged to set this Chapter to work on Oct. 1st. I have organized six Chapters during the year, and hope that some good may result therefrom.”

Since writing the above, Sister Hoskins has informed me she has completed the work at Blanconia with twenty-two Charter members. “They went to work in a way that would indicate that they meant business.”

From the above reports of the D. D. G. M., it will be seen that each and every one has labored faithfully for the good of our Order. Some of them, however, have made no reports. Of Sister Berliner and Hoskins I take great pleasure in making special mention. If they were competing for premiums at our Dallas Fair, they would each be entitled to Blue Ribbons. We also have a No. 1 Deputy in Bro. Orchard, of Luling Chapter, who has added seven bright Chapters to our list; but his report belongs to our Grand Patron, so we will leave it to him. If they keep on doing such good work Texas will be one large Eastern Star.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

Nov. 25, 1893. Granted Olive Chapter, No. 137, leave to elect and install new officers.

Dec. 25, 1893. Granted Olive Chapter, No. 137, special dispensation to elect and initiate Mrs. Estelle Daniels.

April 5, 1894. Granted special dispensation Mooreville Chapter, No. 147, to change time of meeting.

April 30, 1894. Granted special dispensation to Garland Chapter, to change time of meeting.

Sept. 4, 1894. Granted Cedar Bayou Chapter, No. 11, Special dispensation to elect and install officers.

Sept. 22, 1894. Granted special dispensation to Dallas Chapter, No. 1, to install their officers in public.

SPECIAL LEAVE.

Feb. 4, 1894. Issued special leave to District Deputy Grand Matron, Mrs. Anna Johnson, to install our Grand Organist, Mrs. Madge Spivey, and Grand Marshal, R. S. Graves, of the Grand Chapter, and under the supervision of Tirzah Chapter, No. 134.
DISCIPLINE.

Feb. 22, 1894. Learned that Fleming Chapter, No. 138, had held an election and installation of officers in January without special dispensation. I declared their election illegal.

DECISIONS.

As is usual, I have been called upon to decide many questions. The majority were answered by the Constitution and Ritual. The following I think are all that are necessary to report to the Grand Chapter.

Q. If a demitted member pays his per capita tax to the Grand Chapter, does it entitle them to visit the Grand Chapter, or any Subordinate Chapter?
A. No, they must be a contributing member of a Chapter.

Q. Is a demitted member of the Order of the Eastern Star eligible to organize Chapters?
A. No, they must be in good standing in a Subordinate Chapter.

Q. If a Master Mason is expelled for unasonic conduct, does it effect his standing in the O. E. S.?
A. Yes, if he forfeits his standing in the Blue Lodge he forfeits his right in the O. E. S.

Q. Is any sister in good standing eligible to the office of Worthy Matron?
A. Yes.

Q. Is a step daughter of a Master Mason, who has been married and now a widow eligible to receive our degrees?
A. If she has been legally adopted she would be.

Q. Can the treasury be called on to furnish banquets?
A. No, the money is sacred for charitable purposes and the absolute expenses of the office.

Q. How long a time shall elapse before a charter member not initiated shall be deprived of that privilege?
A. Twelve months.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

That this Grand Body appoint a committee of three to formulate a circular to send to the Blue Lodges and for the Deputies, giving information of the Order of the Eastern Star, its objects, its aims, its benefits in a community and to its members, with full
instructions how to proceed to organize a Chapter, from the beginning to the close. Also to give an estimate of the expense, etc.

That the fee for initiation to the Grand Chapter be charged from twenty-five (25) cents to fifty (50) cents.

That an assessment of ten (10) cents be levied on each and every member of this Order in this jurisdiction, for the purpose of reimbursing our depleted treasury. This to be collected by the Secretary of each Chapter and forwarded to the Grand Secretary by January 30, 1895, Chapters using their own discretion whether they will pay out of their treasury or collect from each member.

That the Committee on Work be required to inspect the exemplifications of the work by the Grand Chapter without the use of the Ritual.

That the office of Grand Lecturer be abolished; the work to be done by the Grand Matron and her Deputies.

That this Grand Body limit the number of times a petition may be received after having been rejected.

That Chapters be required to have their By-laws read in open Chapter at least twice a year, for many of us are unfamiliar with our own rulings.

That this Grand Chapter frame a code of By-laws for Chapters U. D.

That the incoming Grand Secretary be instructed to call in all property of demised Chapters. It has come to my knowledge that one of these Chapters is conferring the degrees, and charging three ($3.00) dollars for fees. Another one has issued a demit as late as Feb. 26, 1894, and the property of another is in the possession of a demitted member and he refuses to give it up.

That we adopt the mode of taking up our "Cabalistic Word" as recommended by Sister Herrich, Grand Matron of Wisconsin, and used in a number of other jurisdictions; a copy of which I herewith submit and ask that it receive consideration.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

I am happy to state that the troubles existing between the members of the Order in Minnesota have been amicably adjusted. On May 10, 1894, the two Grand Chapters consolidated, thus uniting the broken link.

Also that on June 14, 1894, a Grand Chapter was duly instituted in North Dakota.

APPOINTMENTS OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have made the following appointments of the Grand Chapter of Texas, near the Grand Chapters of the jurisdictions named.
have exchanged letters from each of the Grand Matrons and appreciate their sisterly regard and earnest wishes for the prosperity of our Order.

Mrs. Ida Beloat, Grand Matron, Arkansas.
Mrs. Elizabeth Margie, Grand Matron, Kansas.
Mrs. Clara A. McBride, Grand Matron, Indian Territory.
Mrs. Carrie Reef, Grand Matron, Colorado.
Mrs. Georgia A. Matfield, Grand Matron, California.
Mrs. Libbie J. Provine, Grand Matron, Massachusetts.
Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, Grand Matron, Minnesota.
Mrs. Rebecah J. McClintock, Grand Matron, Ohio.
Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, Grand Matron, Maine.
Mrs. Rosa J. Wilson, Grand Matron, Oregon.
Mrs. Emma K. Herrich, Grand Matron, Wisconsin.
Mrs. Elizabeth Raymond, Grand Matron, New York.
Mrs. Helen E. McComber, Grand Matron, Indiana.
Mrs. Maria Jackson, Grand Matron, Iowa.

RECEIVED APPOINTMENTS.

I have been honored with appointments as Grand Representative of the following jurisdictions.—Minnesota, Arkansas, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Maine, Oregon, California, Massachusetts and Colorado, and have filed my authority with our Grand Secretary.

INVITATIONS.

I have received invitations to attend the annual meetings of eighteen Grand Chapters. Also, an invitation to attend a banquet on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Grand Chapter of New York.

In response to invitations sent to attend our annual session, I have received many replies expressing their inability to attend owing to distance, etc., but with the best wishes for our welfare.

THANKS.

I wish to express to Sister Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, for the many courtesies extended me, and my sincere appreciation of a complete file of the General Grand Chapter’s proceedings.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

On April 24th, I assisted D. D. G. M. Sister Garrison and D. P. Bro. L. S. Garrison to to organize Winnie Chapter at Ennis with thirty-eight Charter members, and I know that with such a Worthy Matron, and with such a corps of officers they will be successful. We were entertained at the home of the W. M., Mrs. Maud Gatewood.
On May 8, 1894, accompanied by our Grand Patron, Bro. Murrah, Sister and Brother Garrison, I went to Fort Worth and after three days of arduous labors, we succeeded in organizing Tarrant Chapter. I shall never forget, and always remember with love and gratitude, the loyalty and fidelity to our Order, and to me as Grand Matron, in this work, by Bro. Murrah and Bro. and Sister Garrison. This Chapter was started with only 18 members, but they have gone to work with a determination to succeed, and I sincerely trust they will. To Bros. Alvord, Hoge, and Barrager, and Sisters Alvord and Blake, I return my sincere thanks for their assistance.

VISITS.

I visited Garland Chapter, No. 150, three times this summer, having assisted at its organization a year ago, I have felt quite an interest in its welfare. I found it in a flourishing condition. On one of my visits I assisted in initiating two candidates. On my third visit I installed their officers, with Sister Garrison as Grand Marshall. We were the guests of the Worthy Patron and our expenses defrayed by the Chapter.

On August 30th, I visited Big Springs Chapter, No. 67, by special invitation. I expected to see good work, and my expectations were fully realized. An elaborate banquet followed, and it is needless to say that ample justice was done it. On the evening of Festival Day they had the Floral Work, which I guess was rendered in a very impressive manner. A heavy rain storm almost drowned their voices. I installed their officers with our Grand Conductress, Sister Ellis as Grand Marshall. At the conclusion of the ceremonies a handsome Eastern Star jewel was presented to the retiring Worthy Matron, Mrs. Agnes Young. I was the guest of your Past Grand Matron, Sister Laura B. Hart, and during my visit was sumptuously entertained at many of the homes of the members, and I want to say that "Big" springs is not the only "big" thing they have there. They have "big" hearts (Harts), a "big" Chapter, and I think "big" bank accounts from the way they entertain. The recollection of my visit will always be a bright spot in my memory. After my return home a check was sent me covering my expenses. I wish to thank the Sisters Fishers, Secretary and Treasurer, for the beautiful souvenir I received from them.

On September 27th, I visited Dallas Chapter, No. 1, and installed their officers with Sister Garrison as Grand Marshall. An elaborate banquet and a musical entertainment followed. This Chapter is in a very healthy condition and I trust it will remain "A No. 1" Chapter.
EXPENSES.

I have incurred the following expenses.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER.

That the question of a salary to the Grand Matron, and the increase of salary of the Grand Secretary, be considered at this meeting. The work of this Grand Chapter is sufficient to warrant the paying of a good salary, and as our Grand Chapter is now out of debt, and the work increasing, I would recommend that each of these officers should have a fair remuneration.

It has been my experience that when a Chapter is in a failing and demoralized condition, that if some competent and authorized officer could visit and work with them, the Chapter might be induced to go to work again; the expense of this work to be paid by the Grand Chapter.

As our Constitution is very defective and incomplete, I would recommend that a committee of three be appointed to thoroughly revise and remodel the same, and that such committee be required to report in full before the close of this session.

That the expenses of the Grand Patron, for the Fort Worth work, be refunded him.

That we limit the number of Charter Members to twenty.

I want to take this opportunity to pay a tribute to our venerable Grand Patron, Bro. Murrah, who has always under any and all circumstances given me the most profound respect, answering all my questions with promptness and solicitude. Has ever been kind, patient, courteous and Grand. Without his counsel and constant fealty and care, I never could have accomplished what I have.

Our Grand Secretary, Bro. Slawson, has been a staunch friend and adviser, always prompt, accurate and painstaking. I wish all I have said of our Grand Patron to apply to him, except the word venerable, for he likes to be called young yet.

With all of the officers of the Grand Chapter with whom I have been associated with, and particularly Sister Hart, Bros. Hicks and Garrison, have always extended a universal and loving help that I never can forget. With the fullness of my heart, I thank them, and trust that my successor will receive the same kind consideration, courtesies and forbearance.
Electa.

Check to cheek, all counsel good be ever welcomed from Sister or Brother,
And let thy generous hearts respond, by giving counsel to each other
On warnings that may a sister save, from shame or grief, or a silent grave.

Standing by yonder altar, that solemn vow you took
And remember it was taken upon God's Holy Book.
Of your own free will you took it and you should forget it never,
But stand by this, and this, and this, forever and forever

Thus oftentimes Sisters you should ponder what it is you are pledged to do
As you stand before our altar, and vowed as members to be true.
Foot and Knee, Breast, Hand and Check—listen to them—hear them speak.

Standing by yonder altar, these solemn vows you took.
And remember they were taken upon God's Holy Book.
Of your own free will you took them. Forget them you should never
But stand by Love, Relief and Truth, forever and forever.

PAULINE C. HARRIS,
Grand Matron.

The Grand Patron then presented his annual address which was referred to the appropriate committee.

Address of Grand Patron.

Grand Matron and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Texas.

How swiftly the years that measure human life go sweeping by. It seems but yesterday that out of love for our Order and in response to the call from refreshment to labor of this Grand Body, we left the ties and pleasures of home and the never ceasing cares of daily life, to journey to the city of magnolias beside the Bayous. And yet, since then, one year of signal failures, or successful efforts have passed away.

In the good Providence of our God, and the ever onward march of time, the constitutional period of the twelfth stated convocation of the Grand Chapter of Texas, has arrived.

It is with profound pleasure that I fraternally greet you and all in attendance here to-day.

These meetings of the Grand Chapter of Texas, have been marked by scenes of pleasure, and sometimes otherwise. It is the ardent desire of your Grand Patron, that this session may be singularly harmonious. And as a result of this intercourse, may there go out from this meeting a strong fraternal feeling among its members that shall abide with increasing force throughout the entire grand jurisdiction. And to this end may infinite wisdom so guide us in this session that unselfish loyalty to our beautiful Order may mark every word and deed. Let gratitude flow from
TOM MURRAH
AUSTIN, TEXAS.
GRAND PATRON, 1893-1894.
every heart to God, who has so tenderly cared for us and blessed us since the days of our last meeting; and who in His kind providence without a broken link in the Golden Chain that binds the officers of this Grand Body together, permits us this day to assemble around our holy altar to offer the incense of grateful hearts to Him who hath called us to follow the Star in the East, till we shall see Him as he dazzles amid the glorified hosts, and Angelic throng in that Great Grand Temple above not made by hands.

HEAVEN.

I hope and confidently trust that in the near future, linked hand in hand with every Masonic Lodge in the State, will be found a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Then will our Masonic Brothers, in the practice of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, find helping hands in their good work; find by Adah’s lesson their fidelity to all moral obligations strengthened; find in Ruth’s example a lesson of obedience to the demands of honor and justice; find in Esther’s lesson the courage to support the weak against the tongue of slander, to live an upright life, spreading, light purity and joy about them; find in Martha’s lesson a trustful faith and a hope of immortality; and in Electa’s lesson find a renewal of their zeal in the cause of truth, which can outlive persecution, and a charity as broad and boundless as the needs and wants of poverty and distress, and finally in our Order of the Eastern Star, find as true and faithful a guide as the seven wise men of the East found in the star that led them to Bethlehem.

The Grand Chapter has very wisely ordered that its executive officers shall make a report of their stewardship at the close of their term of office. In cheerful obedience to this constitutional requirement, I have the honor to herewith submit for your consideration, a report of my official acts during my term of office. The important interests of the Order pertaining to the office of Grand Patron, have received my earnest and constant attention, and if I have failed (and failed I have) in any part of my work to fulfill the expectations of the kind friends, who by their generous suffrages elected me to this honorable station, it must be charged to my inability and lack of power, and not to my want of appreciation of the high honor conferred, and my earnest desire to do my part to promote the highest interests of our noble Order.

In a great state of vast distances like ours, the work of extending, building up and caring for our Order has to be done largely by special deputies of the Grand Patron and District Deputies of the Grand Matron.
And as announced to this Grand Chapter one year ago, when I was inducted to the office of Grand Patron, that I would first give the Grand Matron and her deputies an open field in this Grand Jurisdiction to do this work this year. I have faithfully pursued that policy, and on the second day of January, present year, I wrote an "open letter" to the fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction and published one thousand copies of it and sent them all over the state, repeating the same statement. How well this work has been done, I will let the number of dormant chapters which have been revived and new chapters organized answer, and yet the good work has scarcely been begun.

Notwithstanding the large districts in various parts of our state that have suffered from continued droughts, and the most severe financial pressure known in the history of this country, besides other serious occurrences too numerous to name here, which brought general stagnation to every department of interest throughout our country.

This I believe has been the most prosperous year in the history of this Grand Body, and is a demonstration that women, the better part of our noble humanity, never fails. God bless woman.

By the Grand Matron's special request I have approved the appointment of twenty-seven of her District Deputies.

DEPUTY APPOINTMENTS BY THE GRAND PATRON

To assist the District Deputies of the Grand Matron in instituting charters in their respective Districts.

Nov. 22, '93, W. S. Hoskins in Districts 29 and 30.
Nov. 27, '93, J. D. Slawson in District 26.
Jan. 18, '94, L. S. Garrison, in Districts 17, 18 and 19.
Feb. 21, '94, Bird Berliner in Districts 4, 5 and 6.
May 31, '94, John Orchard in District 32.
June 12, '94, C. C. Hawkins in District 15.
July 24, '94, Jno. S. Morton, in District 36.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL DEPUTY.

Feb. 10, 1894, J. L. Miller in any District in Texas where there is no District Deputy Grand Matron, by his own request.
The reports from these Deputies to the Grand Patron have been very meager, with one exception, viz., that of Bro. John Orchard of District 32, who was assisted in part by District Deputy Lilla T. Rector, in organizing seven chapters.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Under this head I have little to offer. I think the practice of changing the Constitution or By-laws, except in cases where error exists or injustice is done, is a wrong one and should be indulged in with great care. I recommend that in each case where the By-laws are amended, the minutes shall be made to show that the amendment was proposed in writing, referred to and reported upon by the Jurisprudence Committee, and concurred in by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Chapter.

In compliance with the resolution passed by this Grand Chapter at its convocation, relative to the case of Queen Esther Chapter, No. 104, vs. A. S.

On the 8th day of February, 1894, I officially notified the Worthy Matron of Queen Esther Chapter, and Sister A. S. of the action of this Grand Chapter touching the case, and requested them to notify me soon as they were ready for trial. After much correspondence upon the question, and at the proper time I notified the Worthy Matron of the Zion Chapter, No. 102, of the case, and requested her to let me know when her Chapter would be ready to let me try the case, and on the 6th day of August, 1894, Zion Chapter, No. 102, tried the case and found the defendant guilty, and assessed the penalty at one year's suspension.

Queen Esther Chapter, took an appeal, which I presume will be presented to this Grand Body at this meeting.

The correspondence had by myself in this case is at the disposal of this Grand Chapter.

DECISIONS.

I have received several letters asking information upon various subjects of minor importance, most, if not all of them having been ruled upon; all of which I have answered to the best of my ability, but they are not of sufficient interest or importance to incorporate them in this report.

I was made glad by these inquiries, because it indicates a desire to be accurate and law-abiding and to conform to the established usage of the Order.

EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS.

I have paid out for Stationery, etc. $20.35
For Traveling Expenses 32.50

Total. $52.85
Received for instituting Two Chapters.......................... $30.00
For reviving Chapter........................................... 5.00

Total. $35.00

Leaving a difference in favor of Expenditures of............ $27.85
The disposition of which is in the hands of this Grand Body.

CONCLUSION.

To my associate Grand Officers I wish to express my profound gratitude for your kindness and valuable assistance and advice throughout the entire year.

One year ago you honored me with this high position, a position which will be to me while life lasts, a source of pride and gratification.

As I resign my office into more worthy hands, I pray you to permit me to declare that I part not with one atom of my love and zeal for our beautiful Order.

In conclusion, before returning to you the important trust which you so generously committed to my keeping one year ago, permit me to assure you of my appreciation of the high honor so freely conferred and to express my heartfelt thanks for the courtesy and uniform kindness shown me by the fraternity during my tenure of office, and now dear sisters and brothers, there are two sad words in our language which I do not like to say, viz. "good-bye” and “farewell,” and which I will not say now. But in lieu thereof there are other words that I do love to say, namely, “be good to yourselves,” and “God be with you till we meet again.”

TOM MURRAH,
Grand Patron.

Report of Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary then read his report which was referred to the proper committee.

AUSTIN, TEX., OCT. 9, 1894.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Texas.

I herewith submit my report as Grand Secretary.

As soon as possible after the close of our last annual session five hundred copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter were printed as by direction and distributed as usual to the Subordinate Chapters and other Grand Chapters.
As per resolution of the Grand Chapter I have written to many persons and collectors of Masonic literature in search of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Texas, from its organization in 1884 to the annual session in 1887 inclusive, and have succeeded in finding all except the Proceedings of 1885. Copies of the organization and adjourned meeting in 1884, were secured from Bro. James W. Staton, Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky, with the promise from your secretary that they be returned in good condition. A letter from Bro. Staton and his bid on the printing of the minutes of this session of the Grand Chapter and the reprinting of the Proceedings of 1884, is before the Committee on Printing. The copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter in 1886 and 1887, were borrowed from Bro. W. H. Holt, Grand Secretary of R. A. Masons, of Sioux Falls, S. D., under the promise that they be returned in good condition. The Proceedings of 1885 I have been unable to locate.

I have issued the following Grand Chapter Dimits:

Nov. 23, 1893, to Mrs. Cecelia Levy, of San Angelo Chapter. No. 101, demised.

Dec. 7, 1893, to C. L. Spooner, Waco Chapter, No. 57, demised.

July 30, 1894, to Mrs. M. J. Purkiss, Esther Chapter, No. 5, demised.

Sept. 15, 1894, to Mrs. Elmira Foley, Fort Worth Chapter, No. 8, demised—Past General Grand Matron.

**STATEMENT—TOTAL RECEIPTS.**

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DATE AND LOCATION OF NEW CHAPTERS.

Itasca Chapter, No. 152, was granted a Dispensation Nov. 22, 1893, and was organized at Itasca, Hill Co., Tex., by Tom Murrah, Grand Patron, with 72 members.

Zephyr Chapter, N. 153, was granted a Dispensation Nov. 28, 1893, and was organized Dec. 16th at Zephyr, Brown Co., Tex., by J. D. Slawson, Deputy Grand Patron, 51 members.

Maggie Hearn Chapter, No. 154, was granted a Dispensation Jan. 4, 1894, and was organized Jan. 19th at Whitesboro, by Mrs. M. A. Sherburne, D. D. Grand Matron, 46 members.

Luling Chapter, No. 155, was granted a Dispensation Feb. 23, 1894, and organized Mar. 12th at Luling, Caldwell Co., Tex., by J. L. Miller, D. Grand Patron, 50 members.

Kopperl, Chapter, No. 156, was granted a Dispensation Mar. 5, 1894, and organized at Kopperl, Bosque Co., Tex., 1864, by Mrs. Rachel M. Swaim, D. D. Grand Matron, with .... members.

Evergreen Chapter No. 157, was granted a Dispensation Mar. 20, 1894, and organized April 6, at Goliad, Goliad Co., Tex., by Mrs. S. A. Hoskins, D. D. Grand Matron, 35 members.

Violet Chapter No. 158, was granted a Dispensation Mar. 27, 1894, and organized April 2, 1894, by Mrs. S. A. Hoskins, D. D. Grand Matron, at Victoria, Victoria County, Texas, 46 members.

Bethesda Chapter, 139, was granted a Dispensation Mar. 27, 1894, and organized April 14, at Snyder, Scurry Co., Texas, by D. D. Grand Matron, Mrs. Agnes Young, 22 members.

Winnie Chapter, No. 160, was granted a Dispensation April 10, 1894, and organized April 21, 1894, at Ennis, Ellis County, Texas, by Mrs. A. A. Garrison, D. Deputy Grand Matron, 37 members.

Marble Falls Chapter, No. 161, was granted a Dispensation May 10, 1894, and organized at Marble Falls, Burnet County, Texas, by Mrs. M. A. Hicks, D. D. Grand Matron, 46 members.

Martha Ellis Chapter, No. 162, was granted a Dispensation May 17, 1894, and organized May 26, 1894, at Beeville, Bee County, Texas, by Mrs. S. A. Hoskins, D. D. Grand Matron, 40 members.

Lockhart Chapter, No. 163, was granted a Dispensation June 6, 1894, and organized June 17, 1894, at Lockhart, Caldwell County, Texas, by Jno. Orchard, Deputy Grand Patron, 22 members.

Lytton Springs Chapter, No. 164, was granted a Dispensation June 6, 1894, and organized at Lytton Springs, Caldwell Co., Texas, by D. Grand Patron, 22 members.
Live Oak Chapter, No. 165, was granted a Dispensation June 6, 1894, and organized June 17th, 1894, at Kyle, Hays County, Texas, by D. Grand Patron, Jno. Orchard, 32 members.

“Eastern Star” Chapter, No. 166, was granted a Dispensation June 6, 1894 and organized June 1894, at San Marcos, Hayes Co., Texas, by Jno. Orchard, D. Grand Patron, 24 members.

Tarrant Chapter, No. 8, was granted a Dispensation May 7, 1894, and organized at Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, by Mrs. Pauline Harris, Grand Matron, 18 members.

Hubbard City Chapter, No. 59 was granted a Dispensation Nov. 22, 1894, and organized at Hubbard City, Hill County, Tex., by Tom Murrah, 23 members.

Prairie Lea Chapter, No. 168, Dispensation granted June 6, 1892, organized at Prairie Lea, June 17, 1894, by Jno. Orchard, with 13 members.


No. 169, Fairview Chapter, Dispensation granted June 19, 1894, organized at Graybill, Collin County, June 23, by I. H. Wysong, D. D. G. M., 27 members.

Pearl Chapter, Dispensation granted June 9, 1894, organized by Mrs. S. L. Berliner, D. D. Grand Matron at Sumner Lamar County, June 23, 39 members.

No. 171, Port Lavaca Chapter, Dispensation granted 7, 1894, organized at Port Lavaca, Calhoun County, by Mrs. S. A. Hoskins, D. D. G. M, June 28, 1894, 35 members.

No. 172, Blooming Grove Chapter, Dispensation granted June 27, organized at Blooming Grove, by J. L. Miller, July 4, 1894, 95 members.


No. 175, Harwood Chapter was granted Dispensation July 2, 1894, organized at Harwood, Gonzales County, by Jno. Orchard, D. D. G. P., July 18, 1894, 32 members.

No. 175, Winsboro Chapter, was granted Dispensation, July 4, 1894, organized at Winsboro, Wood County, by Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner, D. D. G. M., 65 members.

DeKalb Chapter No. 176, Dispensation granted July 24, 1894, organized at DeKalb, Bowie Co., by Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner, with 28 members.

Gonzales Chapter No. 179, Dispensation granted July 25, 1894, organized at Gonzales, Gonzales County, by Mrs. S. A. Hoskins, D. D. G. M. with 14 members.
Alpha Chapter No. 178, Dispensation granted Aug. 11, 1894, organized at El Paso, El Paso county, by Mrs. Agnes Young, with 76 members.

Pittsburgh Chapter No. 179, with a Dispensation granted Sept. 13, 1884, organized at Pittsburg by Mrs. S. L. Berliner, with 75 members.

Jewell Chapter No. 180, Dispensation granted October 2, 1884, at Collinsville, Grayson County, by Mrs. M. A. Sherburne, D. D. G. M., 32 members.

Elizabeth Chapter No. 181, Dispensation granted Sept. 18, 1894, organized at Blanco, Bee County, by Mrs. S. A. Hoskins with 22 members.

Naomi Chapter No. 182, Dispensation granted Sept. 20, 1894, organized at Marfa, Presidio county, by Mrs. Agnes Young, D. D. G. M. with 14 members.

Carpenter Chapter No. 193, Dispensation granted Sept. 27, 1894, organized at Sherman, Grayson County by Mrs. M. A. Sherburne, D. D. G. M., with 81 members.

RE-ORGANIZED.

Caddo Mills Chapter No. 82, Dispensation granted Aug. 28, 1894, re-organized at Caddo Mills, Hunt County, by Mrs. Margie Tisdale, D. D. G. M., Sept. 12, 1894, with 13 members.

Mt. Moriah Chapter No. 9, Dispensation granted August 30, 1884, re-organized at Kildare, Cass county by Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner, D. D. G. M., 13 members.

Mineola Chapter N. 25, Dispensation granted Sept. 18, 1894, re-organized at Mineola, Wood county, by Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner, D. D. G. M., Sept 14, 1894, with 30 members.

Queen City Chapter No. 6, was granted a Dispensation April 25th and organized June 23rd, 1894, at Queen City, Cass county, Texas, by Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner, D. D. District Grand Matron, 38 members.

New Boston Chapter No. 74, was granted a Dispensation Aug. 2, 1894, and re-organized August 31, 1894, at New Boston, Bowie county, Texas, by Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner, D. D. Grand Matron, 14 members.

Linden Chapter No. 75, was granted a Dispensation August 18, 1894, and re-organized at Linden Cass county, Texas, by Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner, D. D. G. M., 16 members.

Quitman Chapter No. 97, was granted a Dispensation August 11, 1894, and re-organized at Quitman, Wood county, Texas, by Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner, District Deputy Grand Matron, with 61 members.
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS.

STATEMENT—MEMBERSHIP.

Members in 1893. ........................................ 1,879
Initiated .................................................... 229
Affiliated .................................................... 25
Reinstated .................................................... 167

Total, 2,318

DEDUCTIONS.

Died ............................................................ 21
Demitted ....................................................... 59
Suspended ..................................................... 92
Expelled ....................................................... 2

Total .......................................................... 174

Reducing Membership to ..................................... 2,134
Members of New Chapters .................................... 1,387

Grand Total .................................................. 3,521

Number of New Chapters ..................................... 35
Number of Chapters Re-organized ........................... 8
Number of Chapters making Returns ........................ 72

In conclusion I wish to thank the Grand Officers for their kindness in aiding me in the work during the past year, and ask as much for the one that will be elected Grand Secretary for the next year.

Fraternally yours,

J. D. SLAWSON,
Grand Secretary.

Report of Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Treasurer read her annual Report which was referred to the Finance Committee.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., of Texas.

Your Treasurer submits the following report.

Oct. 12, 1893, Cash on hand .................................. $285.30
Oct. 9, 1894, Cash received of J. D. Slawson .............. 202.40

Total ......................................................... $487.70

DISBURSEMENTS AS FOLLOWS.

Oct. 12, 1893, To Mrs. M. J. S. Underhill, Voucher No. 4 ...... 88.75
Oct. 12, 1893, To J. C. Miller, Voucher No. 5 .................. 10.00
Oct. 12, 1893, To Mrs. R. M. Swain, Voucher No. 6 ........... 2.25
Oct. 12, 1893, To Laura B. Hart, Voucher No. 7 ............... 29.50
Dec. 16, 1893, To E. C. Carpenter, Voucher No. 1 ............ 60
Feb. 23, 1894, To Prendergrast, Smith & Co., Voucher No. 2, $157.40
Mar. 1, 1894, J. D. Slawson, Postage on P. P., Voucher No. 3, $20.00
Mar. 5, 1894, J. D. Slawson on G. G. C. Debt, Voucher No. 4, $25.00

Total, $283.50

Oct. 10, 1894, Balance on hand $204.20
Oct. 10, 1894, Received from J. D. Slawson on G. S. $85.00

Balance on hand, $289.20

My expenses as Grand Treasurer and District Deputy Grand Matron have been—Postage and Stationery $4.00
Respectfully submitted,

RACHEL M. SWAIM,
Grand Treasurer.

The following resolution was then offered:

WHEREAS, The recreation of our Grand Matron, to-wit: That a committee be appointed to revise the Constitution and report in full before the close of the session. It is therefore

RESOLVED, That the Grand Matron be authorized to appoint said committee at once, in order that they may have ample time to prepare a report.

LAURA B. HART.

Committee appointed to revise Constitution—Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Mrs. Rachel M. Swaim, L. S. Garrison.

A letter of greeting was read from the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and the Grand Secretary instructed to answer it.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to rest until until 9 o'clock on the following morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MASONIC HALL, AUSTIN, TEX., Oct. 10, 1894.

At 9 o'clock Wednesday morning the Grand Chapter was called to labor by the Grand Matron.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.
Report of Committee on Credentials.

To the Grand Chapter, of Texas:

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that we find the following members of the Grand Chapter present and entitled to seats, and to a voice in our deliberations. This list does not include the Grand officers already named.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner, Miss Jennie Moore. Miss Ruth Irwin, Mrs. A. A. Garrison, Mrs. M. A. Sherburne, Mrs. Rachel M. Swaim, Mrs. Annie Johnson, Mrs. S. A. Hoskins, Mrs. Lilla Rector, Mrs. Minnie Crist, W. S. Hoskins, J. D. Slawson, J. K. Bowman, A. F. Hicks, L. S. Garrison.

No. 1, Dallas—Mrs. Bell Pritchard, W. M.; (Laura Hart, proxy); J. B. Willett, W. P: (L. S. Garrison, proxy); Miss Marion Romans, A. M.

No. 11, Cedar Bayou—Miss Ida Kipp, W. M.; Geo. T. Radamaral, W. P.; (J. H. Kipp, proxy); Mrs. A. E. Harden, A. M.; (Miss Emma Kipp, proxy.)

No. 16, Van Alstyne—Mrs. D. McKinnie, W. M.; Lewis Greer, W. P.; Mrs. M. K. Remicke, A. M.; Mrs. M. A. Sherburne, proxy.

No. 21 Tivoli—Carr Forrest, Worthy Patron.

No. 49 Adah—Mrs. Clara Walters, W. M.; L. A. Heil, W. P.; Mrs. J. A. Price; Mrs. Clara Walters proxy.

No. 67 Big Springs—Mrs. Mae Gentry, W. M.

No. 63 Wolf City—Mrs. L. L. Wolf, W. M.; J. J. Vaughn, W. P. Miss Jamie Royal, A. M.; Mrs. L. M. Hanna; proxy.

No. 77 Gate City—Mrs. Kate Birch, W. M.; Alex Frame, W. P.; Mrs. M. A. Frame, A. M.; M. C. Husteece, proxy.

No. 87 Border—Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner, W. M.; Miss Cora Blythe, proxy. J. V. Winfrey, W. P.; Mrs. S. L. Berliner, proxy; Mrs. S. H. Winfrey, A. M.; Mrs. S. L. Berliner, proxy.

No. 99 Southern Social Circle—Mrs. M. A. Millsaps, W. M.

No. 109 Mart—Mrs. Mary E. Townsend, W. M.; L. B. Smythe, W. P.; Miss Annie Swaim, proxy; Mrs. M. J. Punchard, A. M.

No. 110 Killeen—Mrs. Lucy Slawson, W. M.; J. D. Slawson, W. P.; Miss E. McDowell, proxy.

No. 117 Cade—Mrs. Ellen Lamb, W. M.

No. 123 Lorena—Mrs. Mary Frownfelter, W. M.; Miss Mollie Bowman, proxy; H. W. Renfro, W. P.; R. E. Moore, proxy; Mrs. Martha Moore, A. M.

No. 127 Lipan—Jno. S. Morton, proxy for Chapter.
No. 134 Tirzah—Mrs. Anna Johnson, W. M.; M. C. Granberry, W. P.; Mrs. Milton Morris, A. M.

No. 135 Ransford—Miss Jennie Moore, W. M.; Mrs. E. C. McElroy, P. M.; S. D. Moore, P. P.

No. 137 Olive—W. S. Hoskins, proxy for Chapter.


No. 147 Mooreville—Mrs Mollie Jones, W. M.

J. D. SLAWSON,
MRS. ANNA JOHNSON,
M. C. GRANBERRY,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was read and referred to the Committee on Grand Officers Reports.

Report of Committee on Chartered Chapters.

To the Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Texas.

We, your Committee on Returns of Chartered Chapters, would submit the result of their labors. We find the following returns correct.

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Black Jack Chapter No. 45, dues unpaid—no seal—no sign nature.
Wortham Chapter No. 96, no seal.
Zion Chapter No. 102, dues unpaid; no seal.
Queen Esther Chapter No. 104, no seal or signature.
Center City Chapter No. 105, no seal; dues unpaid and date of Charter omitted.
Whitney Chapter No. 111, no seal; date of Charter omitted.
Camp San Saba Chapter, No. 133, no seal.
Ransford Chapter No. 135, no seal.
Fleming Chapter No. 138, no seal.
Banco Chapter No. 140, no seal.
Frost Chapter No. 143, no seal; due Grand Chapter $17.00 instead of $14.75.
Palo Alto Chapter No. 145, no seal; no signature.
Park County Chapter No. 148, no seal.

PAULINE BAUGH.
M. SHERBURNE.

It was moved, seconded and carried, the report as read be adopted, and that those Chapters who are in arrears for dues shall not be entitled to representation until same have been paid.

Report of Committee on Grand Officers Reports.

To the Grand Chapter:

We, your Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Patron, beg to submit the following report.
1st. That so much as refers to the disbursment of funds by the Grand Matron, or her Deputies be referred to the Finance Committee.

2d. That portion referring to decisions be submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

3rd. That the address of the Grand Matron be printed in the Minutes of this session. Our duty in reviewing the address of the Grand Matron was one of pleasure, for in it we find words of wisdom, great research, and full history of an immense amount of work for the good of this Order. The thanks of the Grand Chapter are due for her untiring zeal and devotion exhibited on every page, and it may well be used as an example for future Grand Matrons.

Fraternally yours,
MISS JENNIE S. MOORE,
MRS. ANNA JOHNSON,
L. S. GARRISON.

Adopted.
To The Grand Chapter.

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Patron, fraternally report.

1st. That the address of the Grand Patron be printed in the minutes of this session with the following exceptions, "Chapters re-organized and instituted by Deputies" and "Amendments to By-Laws."

2d. That portion referring to expenditures be referred to Finance Committee.

3rd. That portion pertaining to decisions and Amendments to By-Laws, be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

4th. That the balance of address be adopted as a whole.

MISS JENNIE S. MOORE,
MRS. ANNA JOHNSON,
L. S. GARRISON.

Adopted.

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submit the following: We recommend that the address be adopted as a whole and printed in Proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

MISS JENNIE S. MOORE,
MRS. ANNA JOHNSON,
L. S. GARRISON.

Adopted.

Report of the Grand Secretary on Widows and Orphans Fund.

To The Grand Chapter of Texas:

Your Committee appointed to solicit donations for the Widows and Orphans Fund, beg to report having received from:

Adah Chapter, No. 49 ............................................ $3.00
Cedar Bayou Chapter No. 11 ........................................ 3.60
Joshua Chapter, No. 124 ........................................... 1.00

Total, $7.60

And same paid to Grand Treasurer.

J. D. SLAWSON,
For Committee.

Referred to Finance Committee.

Report of Committee on Finance.

To The Grand Chapter:

Your Committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron, pertaining to
Expenditures, recommend that same be allowed and the Grand Secretary be instructed to draw warrants for the respective sums.

L. S. GARRISON,
J. D. MOORE,
MRS. MARIE A. SHERBURNE.

Adopted.

The invitation of Tirzah Chapter to attend an excursion was received and joyfully accepted.

Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner, D. D. G. M., then presented a special report, the substance of which was that Sam Long Chapter at Paris, in her District, had paid $25.00 to the late lamented Bro. J. B. Snodgrass, for Dispensation and supplies, and that the Chapter now holds receipts for that amount. Bro. Snodgrass having met with a violent death before Dispensation and supplies were delivered, this Chapter now prays that Dispensation be furnished them free of charge. On motion the request was granted and the Grand Secretary instructed to forward Dispensation to Sam Long Chapter at Paris, free of charge. Sister Berliner further reported that Mineola Chapter had paid Bro. Snodgrass in full for supplies, but from the same cause as above noted, the Rituals were never delivered. On motion it was resolved to furnish Mineola Chapter ten Rituals free of charge and the Grand Secretary instructed to forward same.

The following account was read and referred to Finance Committee.

Grand Chapter O. E. S., of Texas, Dr. to

Mrs. S. L. Berliner for postage and stationery used while acting as D. D. G. M. ................................................. $15.00

MRS. SARAH L. BERLINER.

Resolution offered by Bros. L. S. Garrison and S. D. Moore referred to Jurisprudence Committee.

Resolved, that it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that, it is detrimental to its interests to have the Grand Secretary a member of the Committee on Credentials, from the fact that it
consumes too much of his time that should be devoted to his legitimate duties.

S. D. MOORE,
L. S. GARRISON.

Resolution offered by Mrs. Marie A. Sherburne, referred to Jurisprudence Committee.

Resolved, that it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that the custom of providing proxies through the hands of the respective secretaries should be discontinued, and a required form of proxy be printed in the Proceedings each year.

MRS. MARIE A. SHERBURNE.

Report of Committee on Transportation.

To the Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Texas.

Your Committee on Transportation, beg to report that they have arranged for a 1½ fare for the round trip, on the certificate plan, with the following railway companies, viz.: I. & G. N.; T. & P.; H. & T. C.; S. P.; Cotton Belt; Santa Fe; S. A. P., and the "Katy." All Chapters have been duly notified.

S. D. SLAWSON.
TOM MURRAH.

Approved and adopted.

Report of Committee on Chapters U. D.

We, your Committee on U. D. Chapters, beg to report we have examined the Proceedings and returns of the following Chapters and find them correct and recommend that Charters be granted them.

Bartlett
Dalby Springs
Evergreen
Hadassah
Harwood
Jewell
Live Oak
Luling
Lytton Springs
Zephyr

Martha Ellis
Marble Falls
Port Lavaca
Queen City (re-organized)
Violet
Winnie
Maggie Horn
Winsboro
Tarrant
New Boston (re-organized)

We further report having examined the records presented by the following Chapters.

Caddo Mills
Alpha
Kopperl

De Kalb
Fairview
Pearland "Eastern Star."

All having failed to send in returns, we recommend that Charters be not granted until same are made and approved by
the Grand Secretary, provided, that if said returns are not received by the Grand Secretary within the next sixty days, they remain U. D. until the next session of the Grand Chapter.

We further recommend that the following Chapters remain U. D. until errors named in connection with each be rectified.


Bethesda—Officers in returns do not correspond with those shown on the minutes.

Lockhart—Officers fill all stations indiscriminately, members added to Charter after organization.

We further report having examined the books of Naomi and Pittsburg Chapters, organized Sept. 15th and Oct. 2nd respectively. Their work is good, but owing to the short time since their organization, we recommend they be continued U. D. for the present.

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. PAULINE BAUGH.
MISS JENNIE MOORE.
D. LUDLOW.

Adopted.

On motion and under peculiar circumstances a Charter was granted to Lockhart Chapter.

Report of Revision Committee.

To the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Texas.

We, your Committee, appointed to revise the Constitution beg to submit the following report, and offer this resolution in connection therewith.

Resolved, that all laws rules and regulations of this Grand Chapter are hereby repealed and the following adopted as the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, to take effect when promulgated, provided, that such repeal shall not affect any rights, decisions or proceedings heretofore had.

MRS. LAURA B. HART,
MRS. RACHEL M. SWAIM,
L. S. GARRISON.

The Chairman then read the revised copy of the Constitution, and on motion it was adopted as a whole, the Grand Chapter voting by Chapters—31 Chapters represented—(equal 93 votes) the result being a unanimous affirmative.
On motion of Sister Hart a vote of thanks was tendered Bro. W. S. Hoskins for his assistance to the Committee of Revision.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The "work" was exemplified by Tirzah Chapter in a creditable manner, and afterwards by the Grand Officers. Criticisms by Committee on Work.

Adjourned until 9 a. m., Thursday.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MANONIC HALL, AUSTIN, TEXAS, Oct. 11, 1894.

At 9 o'clock the Grand Matron called the Grand Chapter to order.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Minutes of yesterday's session read an approved.

The following polite invitation was read and accepted with appreciation.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, OCT. 11, 1894.

To the Officers and Members of the O. E. S.

You are respectfully invited to visit the Confederate Home during your sojourn in the Capitol City, either individually or collectively.

Yours Fraternally,
C. D. BARNETT Supt.

A polite invitation was received from the Superintendent of the Blind Institute to attend an entertainment given by children and youths under his charge.

Accepted with thanks.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Chapter.

We, your Committee on Credentials beg to further report that we find these additional members entitled to seats, by virtue of newly granted Charters.

No. 171 Port Lavaca—Mrs. S. A. Hoskins, proxy.
No. 158 Violet—W. S. Hoskins, W. P.
No. 157 Evergreen—W. S. Hoskins, proxy.
No. 154 Lytton Springs—E. F. Husband, W. P.
No. 155 Luling—W. P. B. Givins, proxy.
No. 165 Live Oak—Mrs. M. K. McPherson, W. M.; Miss Vance Ware, proxy for A. M.
No. 74 New Boston (re-organized) S. L. Berliner, proxy.
No. 162 Martha Ellis—Mrs. S. A. Hoskins, proxy.
No. 188 Dalby Springs—Mrs. Berliner, proxy.

J. D. SLAWSON,
M. C. GRANBERRY,
Committee.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Jurisprudence.

To the Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Texas.

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, beg to report that we have carefully considered the several decisions of the Grand Matron, and consider them correct and just, and recommend they be confirmed. We have also considered that part of the Grand Patron's address referred to us, recommending Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws, and as the same is provided for in the new Constitution adopted on yesterday, we do not think it wise to take up the time of this Grand Chapter by a report of same. We have also considered the resolution of Bros. Moore and Garrison, pertaining to the custom of making the Grand Secretary chairman of the Committee on Credentials, thereby interefering with the discharge of his legitimate duties, and recommend that it be adopted. We also recommend that the resolution of Sister Sherburne, pertaining to the custom of providing proxies through the hands of the respective secretaries, and condemning the same, be adopted, and a required form of proxy be printed in Proceedings each year, and in the new Constitution.

A. F. HICKS,
MRS. LAURA B. HART.
MRS. KATE BIRCH.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance on Bill of Mrs. Berliner.

To the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Texas.

Your Committee to whom was referred the account of Sister Berliner, D. D. G. M., for expenses, beg to report that owing to there not being any information in the possession of the Committee bearing upon the subject, we respectfully refer same to the Grand Matron, for such action as she may deem proper in the premises.

L. S. GARRISON,
S. D. MOORE.

Adopted
RESOLUTION OFFERED BY BRO. MOORE.

Resolved, that all our D. D. Grand Matrons and Patrons, shall report to the Grand Matron on or before Festal Day, all expenses incurred by them in the discharge of their duties, and same shall be reported by Grand Matron to Grand Chapter with her approval before payment.

S. D. MOORE.

Adopted.


To the Grand Chapter.

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Treasurer, respectfully submit as follows:

We have examined the books, checked the vouchers, counted cash in the treasury, and find same correct.

Owing to the depleted condition of the treasury, we do not recommend the payment of the account of expenses of the Grand Treasurer, as we presume same were incurred in performing the duties of D. D. G. M., and not as Grand Treasurer.

L. S. GARRISON.
MRS. MARIE A. SHERBURNE.
S. D. MOORE.

Adopted.

The following was then offered:

Resolved, that when a D. D. G. M. shall revive a demised Chapter, she shall be permitted to deduct from the back dues of said revived Chapter, a sufficient sum to defray her actual expenses incurred in the work.

LAURA B. HART.

Adopted.

The following was then offered:

That the incoming Grand Matron be instructed to call in, after a period of three months, all copies of the “Secret Work,” and that a Committee composed of two Past Grand Matrons, and one Past Grand Patron, who shall be known as “custodians of the work,” and whose duty it shall be to instruct delegates to the Grand Chapter in the secret work, be appointed by the Grand Matron.

MRS. RACHEL M. SWAIM.

Adopted.

A resolution was then offered by W. S. Hoskins, that The “Texas Freemason” be designated as the official organ of the Order in Texas, and all official notices, circulars, etc., be published therein, provided no charge be made for same.

Adopted.
The resolution to discontinue sending invitations to attend annual sessions was lost.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Grand Matron opened the Grand Chapter.

Report of Grievances and Appeals Committee.

To the Grand Chapter.

We, your Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Matron's address, requesting action upon the alleged conferring of the degrees of the O. E. S. by Masons as a side degree, beg to report as follows: That reliable information has come to us that such is true, and that Mr. Norton Moses has conferred a part of the degree as conferred by the O. E. S. as side degrees, and that he has sold Rituals which he represented to be those as used by this Order, and that he further represented that the degrees, as conferred by him, to be the same as conferred by this Order.

We beg therefore, to conclude from the above, that such acts on the part of Mr. Moses are reprehensible in the extreme, and without authority from any officer of this order, and his action is condemned by every member of the O. E. S. in this State.

That all acts of a similar character by any member of the Masonic fraternity are considered as a gross intrusion and invasion upon this Order, and we call upon the Masonic fraternity of this State, and in general, to raise its voice against such invasion and intrusion.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. BOWMAN,
M. C. GRANBERRY,
MRS. CLARA WALTERS,
R. S. GRAVES,
L. S. GARRISON.

Adopted.

The resolution of A. F. Hicks pertaining to the setting aside of ten per cent of the Grand Chapter income for the W. and O. Fund was referred to the Finance Committee.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, OCT. 11, 1894.

To the Grand Chapter O. E. S., Texas.

We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Secretary, beg leave to submit the following:

We have examined the books and accounts and find

Due the Grand Chapter on open accounts.......................... $127.60

Total income of Grand Chapter for the year ending October 8th, 1894, we find to be as follows:

From sales of supplies................................................. $ 99.27
   " Dues .......................................................... 461.75
   " Special Dispensations ........................................ 5.50
   " Grand Chapter Digits .......................................... 2.00
   " 35 new Chapters organized ................................... 875.00

$1,443.52

DISBURSEMENTS.

Expense of Grand Secretary's office ................................ $138.30
Postage Grand Secretary's office .................................. 55.25
Salary of Grand Secretary .......................................... 150.00
Organizing Chapters .................................................. 335.00
Supplies from G. G. C. .............................................. 385.07
Supplies from W. D. Engle .......................................... 12.00
Printing Proceedings, 1893 ......................................... 187.40
Postage on Proceedings ............................................ 41.55
Expense Past Grand Matron Hart .................................... 29.50

$1,349.07

We find that the late lamentable indebtedness of this Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter, has been fully liquidated.

We also find that the disbursements have been made by the Grand Secretary on receipted bills instead of warrants upon the Grand Treasurer, as required by law. After a careful examination of the books, we find same correct with the above exceptions.

We therefore make the following recommendations:

That the purchasing of supplies and sale of same be for cash only, and the credit system abolished.

That the Secretary make requisition upon the Grand Matron for the supplies needed in the office of the Grand Secretary, and purchases made only upon her order.

That the fee allowed Deputy Grand Matrons and Patrons for establishing Chapters cover their expenses in full, and no res-
ponsibility attach to this Grand Chapter other than that of the $10.00 allowed by law.

That part of the address of the Grand Matron referring to the levying of an assessment on members of 10 cts. each be not approved.

That the recommendation of the Grand Matron increasing the per capita tax from twenty-five to fifty cents be approved.

That reference of expenditures of Deputy Grand Matrons be not allowed.

We also recommend for the purpose of determining the profits arising from the sale of supplies, that the Grand Secretary be required to make, annually, a separate report of the purchase and sale of supplies, with an inventory of supplies on hand, with their cost, on the first day of October of each year.

We further recommend that in view of the fact that the increase of dues to the Grand Chapter by subordinate bodies, will enable us to furnish each Chapter with ten (10) copies of the new Constitution and By-Laws, free of cost, we think it wise to have the Grand Secretary to supply each Chapter with the above number, and all required in excess be charged for at the rate of twenty-five cents per copy.

Having no report from the Committee on Printing, we recommend that the matter of printing the Proceedings for the present session be referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed by the Grand Matron.

L. S. GARRISON, Chairman,
MRS. M. A. SHERBURNE,
S. W. MOORE.

Adopted.

On motion of Bro. Hoskins, the Grand Secretary was instructed to have 1000 copies of the new Constitution printed at an early date, at low cost as possible consistent with good work, in size and form to match the Ritual.

A very cordial written invitation was extended by Dallas Chapter No. 1, to the Grand Chapter, to meet in Dallas next year. The invitation was accepted unanimously.

Election of Grand Officers was next in order, and resulted as follows:

Mrs. Rachel M. Swaim, Grand Matron.
Daniel Ludlow, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Sarah H. Hoskins, Associate Grand Matron.
L. S. Garrison, Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Grand Secretary.
Mrs. Kate Birch, Grand Treasurer.
Miss Jennie S. Moore, Grand Conductress.
Mrs. Lucy Slawson, Assistant Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Pauline C. Harris, retiring Grand Matron, was here presented with a fine basket of flowers by members of Adah Chapter, Bro. Ludlow officiating for the Chapter, in his peculiarly impressive and finished manner.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered all the Deputy Grand Matrons for their services during the past year.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to return to Hubbard City Chapter its old charter.

**EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE.**

Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Chapter be, and they are hereby tendered to Tirzah Chapter for courtesies extended during our session; to Lone Star Chapter No. 6, R. A. M., for use of Lodge Room, and to the railroads for courtesies extended in the way of transportation.

Accepted.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to purchase a set of new books, ledger, record book, etc., as she may deem necessary.

Called from labor to rest until 8 p.m.

***THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.***

The Grand Chapter was called to order at 8 p.m., by the retiring Grand Matron.

On Motion of Bro. Hoskins, the installation of officers was declared public, with Bro. Graves as Grand Marshal. Past Grand Patron A. F. Hicks proceeded to install the following:

Mrs. Rachel M. Swaim, Grand Matron.
Daniel Ludlow, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Sarah A. Hoskins, Associate Grand Matron.
L. S. Garrison, Associate Grand Patron.
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS.

Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Grand Secretary.
Mrs. Kate Birch, Grand Treasurer.
Miss Jennie S. Moore, Grand Conductress.
Mrs. Lucy Slawson, Associate Grand Conductress.
Tom Murrah, Grand Chaplain.
Winfield Scott Hoskins, Grand Marshal.
Miss Ruth Irwin, Grand Adah.
Mrs. Mae Gentry, Grand Ruth.
Mrs. Anna Johnson, Grand Esther.
Mrs. Martha Milsap, Grand Martha.
Mrs. Mary E. Townsend, Grand Electa.
Mrs. Marie A. Sherburne, Grand Warder.
James H. Hogue, Grand Sentinel.
Mrs. Nellie Hubbard, Grand Organist.
The Grand Matron at once appointed the following committees:

Special Committee on Printing—Mrs. Laura B. Hart, L. S. Garrison, S. D. Moore.
Finance—Miss Parma Fisk, Mrs. Minnie Crist, W. S. Hoskins.

Foreign Correspondence—Mrs. Pauline C. Harris.
Jurisprudence—Mrs. Marie A. Sherburne, Mrs. Pauline Baugh, A. F. Hicks.

Transportation—Winfield Scott Hoskins.

At 10 o’clock the Grand Chapter was called from labor to enjoy an elegant banquet set by the ladies of Tirzah Chapter, and which did great honor to their taste and skill. It formed a charming interlude to one of the most harmonious and profitable sessions of the Grand Chapter ever held.

It is needless to say that the guests showed their appreciation in a touching manner.

FOURTH DAY.

MASONIC HALL, AUSTIN, TEX.,
Oct. 12, 1894.

At 9 o’clock on Friday morning, the Grand Chapter was called to order by Grand Matron Swaim.
Prayer by Grand Chaplain Murrah.
Minutes of yesterday’s session read and approved.
On motion, the Printing Committee was instructed to have 500 copies of the Proceedings printed and issued at their earliest convenience, and, as low cost as possible consistent with good work, style and form to be like R. A. M. Proceedings of 1893.

A telegram extending fraternal greetings from the Grand Matron of Michigan, representing that Grand Grand Chapter now in session, was read, accepted, and the Secretary instructed to answer.

By resolution, Past Grand Matron Harris and Past Grand Patron Murrah were duly elected honorary members of this Grand Chapter for life.

**Report of Committee on By-laws and Constitution of Subordinate Chapters.**

*To the Grand Chapter.*

We, your committee, have examined the By-Laws of the following Chapters, and find them in conformity with the law, and therefore recommend adoption of same.

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Also, we have considered the proposed amendment to Adah Chapter By-Laws, and recommend it be granted.

*MRS. SARAH BERLINER.*

*JNO. S. MORTON.*

*R. S. GRAVES.*

Adopted.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to issue a circular letter relative to the W and O. Home Fund, asking the Chapters to contribute to same during the coming year.
At this juncture, Bro. J. D. Slawson, retiring Grand Secretary, was presented with a handsome silver nut bowl (gold lined) by the sisters of the Grand Chapter. Miss Jennie Moore made a neat and appropriate presentation speech in their behalf. Bro. Slawson had served three years as Grand Secretary, and though sorrows and misfortunes had fallen thick and fast around his pathway, yet had he always discharged all duties faithfully, and been ever the prompt and courteous brother and true gentleman. May his life indeed be "lined with gold."

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to issue a circular letter asking aid for Past Grand Patron Kendricks.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

MRS. RACHEL M. SWAIM,
Grand Matron.

MRS. LAURA B. HART,
Grand Secretary.

O. E. S. DISTRICTS,
WITH COUNTIES COMPOSING THE SAME.

No. 1—Composed of Galveston, Brazoria and Matagorda.
No. 2—Shelby, Nacogdoches, Angelina, Sabine and San Augustine.
No. 3—Composed of Panola, Rusk and Harrison.
No. 4—Marion, Cass and Morris.
No. 5—Gregg, Upshur, Camp, Titus, Wood and Franklin.
No. 6—Red River, Lamar and Bowie.
No. 7—Hopkins, Rains and Hunt.
No. 8—Smith and Van Zandt.
No. 9—Cherokee and Anderson.
No. 10—Houston, Trinity and Polk.
No. 11—San Jacinto, Walker, Montgomery and Madison.
No. 12—Harris, Fort Bend and Wharton.
No. 13—Waller, Grimes, Brazos and Robertson.
No. 14— " Leon and Freestone.
No. 15— " Limestone and Falls.
No. 16— " Navarro and Henderson.
No. 17— " Kaufman and Rockwall.
No. 18— " Ellis.
No. 19— " Dallas.
No. 20— " Collin.
No. 21— " Grayson.
No. 22— " Cooke and Montague.
No. 23— " Johnson and Tarrant.
No. 24— " Hill.
No. 25— " McLennan and Bosque.
No. 26— " Bell and Milam.
No. 27— " Burleson, Washington and Lee.
No. 28— " Austin, Colorado and Fayette
No. 29— " Jackson, Victoria, Calhoun, Goliad, Refugio, Aransas and Bee.
No. 30— Composed of Lavaca, Gonzales and DeWitt
No. 31— " Bastrop and Travis.
No. 32— " Caldwell, Gaudalupe, Hays and Comal.
No. 33— " Karnes, Wilson, McMullen, Atascosa, and Bexar.
No. 34— " Williamson and Burnet.
No. 35— " Lampasas, Coryell and Mills.
No. 36— " Hamilton, Erath and Somervell.
No. 37— " Parker, Palo Pinto and Hood.
No. 38— " Clay, Jack, Young, Archer and Wichita.
No. 40— Composed of Willbarger, Baylor, Knox, Dickens, Hardeman, Cottle, King and Motley.
No. 41— Composed of Comanche, Brown, Coleman, Runnels.
No. 42— " Throckmorton, Haskell, Taylor, Jones.
No. 43— " Nolen, Fisher, Stonewall, Kent, Seurry, Mitchell, Tom Green, Coke, Howard, Borden, Garza, Crosby, Lubbock, Lynn, Dawson, Martin, Midland, Hockley, Terry, Yoakum, Cochran, Bailey, Hale and Andrews.
No. 44— Composed of Denton and Wise.
No. 45— " El Paso, Reeves, Presidio and Pecos.
No. 46— " Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Llano, Mason, Menard and Kimble.
No. 47—Composed of Blanco, Gillespie, Kerr, Kendall, and Bandera.
No. 48—Composed of Uvalde, Frio, Medina and Zavallo.
No. 49—Live Oak, San Patricio, Neuees, Duval, Encinal, La Salle, Dimmitt and Webb.
No. 50—Composed of Zapata, Star, Hidalgo and Cameron.
No. 51—Chambers, Hardin, Jefferson, Liberty and Orange.
No. 52—Val Verde, Kinney, Maverick, Edwards.
No. 53—Jasper, Newton and Tyler.
No. 54—Fannin and Delta.
No. 55—Eastland, Stephens, Shackelford and Callahan.

The following Chapters were granted Charters at meeting of Grand Chapter:

No. 153—Zephyr, at Zephyr, Brown County.
No. 154—Maggie Hearn, Whitesboro, Grayson County.
No. 155—Luling, at Luling, Caldwell County.
No. 157—Evergreen, at Goliad, Goliad County.
No. 158—Violet, at Victoria, Victoria County.
No. 160—Winne, at Ennis, Ellis County.
No. 161—Marble Falls, at Marble Falls, Burnet County.
No. 162—Martha Ellis, at Belville, Bee County.
No. 163—Lockhart, at Lockhart, Caldwell County.
No. 164—Lytton, at Lytton Springs, Caldwell County.
No. 165—Live Oak, at Kyle, Hays County.
No. 168—Dalby Springs, at Dalby Springs, Bowie County.
No. 171—Port Lavaca, at Port Lavaca, Calhoun County.
No. 173—Harwood, at Harwood, Gonzales County.
No. 175—Winsboro, at Winsboro, Wood County.
No. 180—Jewell, at Collinsville, Grayson County.
No. 184—Bartlett, at Bartlett, Williamson County.
No. 6—Queen City (re-organized), at Queen City, Cass Co.
No. 7—Hadassa (re-orgzd.), at Georgetown, Williamson Co.
No. 8—Tarrant (with old No.), at Fort Worth, Tarrant Co.
No. 74—New Boston (re-organized), New Boston, Bowie Co.

Since the close of the Grand Chapter Session at Austin, the following Chapters have complied with the law, and Charters have been forwarded them by order of the Grand Matron.

No. 166—Eastern Star, at San Marcos, Hays County.
No. 178—Alpha, at El Paso, El Paso County.
No. 176—DeKalb, at DeKalb, Bowie County.
No. 159—Bethesda, at Snyder, Scurry County.
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Dallas, No. 1. Held at Dallas Masonic Hall, last Thursday of each month.

Officers. Mrs. Belle Prichard, W. M., J. B. Willett, W. P., Miss Isabella B. Romans, Secretary.


Initiated. John C Carpenter, Mrs Anna R Spooner, Mrs Sophia Lopez, Mrs Mary Curry, Mrs M R Stuart.

Re-instated. Mrs Della Hendricks.

Admitted from other Chapters. Mrs Mattie W Kerr, Charles L Spooner, Mrs Mary A Shilling, Miss Jennie McLemore, A G Osborne, Mrs Mary C Osborne.

Dimitted. George H Green, Mrs Carrie W Green, Mrs Eunice L Connor, Mrs Bettie Johnston.

Suspended. J L Clegg, Mrs Ada B Clegg, M R Combs, Mrs A H Combs, Joe Hill, S V Morris, Mrs Charles Barham, Miss Virgie Storey.

Queen City (re-organized) No. 6. Meets at Queen City, Cass County, at Masonic Hall, Saturday after full moon, and Thursday week following regular date of meeting.
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS.

Officers:—Mrs M A Wickham, W M; J E Ellington, W P; Mrs E D Kelley, Secy.


Tarrant, No. 8. Meets at Fort Worth, Tarrant County, first and third Fridays of each month.

Officers: Mrs J W Blake, W M; Jas S Hogue, W P; A J Barrager, Secretary.


Died: C C Leonard.


Officers:—Mrs Mary Chester, W M; J T Jonhs, W P; Miss Sallie Evans, Secy.

Members:—Mesdames Jessie Dodd, Mary Evans, Sarah Goodman, Taralee Gaumille, F G Johns, Nevada Sauls; Misses Mary Childress, Mattie Dodd, Sallie Dodd; Messrs J T Dodd, J J S W Goodman, Mose Gaumill, G T Johns.

Hadassah (re-organized) No. 7. Meets at Georgetown, second Friday night in each month.

Officers:—Mrs E J Talbott, W M; G W Foster, W P; Miss Gertrude Foster, Secy.

Cedar Bayou, No. 11. Meets at Cedar Bayou, Saturday on or before the full moon.

Officers:—Miss Ida Kipp, W M; Geo T Rodamaral, W P; Miss Barnie Milam, Secy.


Dimmitt:—Mrs E E Crain.

Mantau No. 16. Meets at Van Alstyne, Grayson county, last Friday in each month.

Officers:—Mrs. Denney McKinney, W M; Louis Garver, G P; J M Neathery, Secy.


Suspended:—Mrs Martha Bennett, Mrs C Biles, B W Hampton, Mrs Mary Hampton.

Tivoli No. 21. Meets at Forreston, Ellis county, Saturday, on or before full moon.

Officers:—Mrs Henry Palmer, W M; Carr Forrest, W P; Mrs E L Render, Secy.


Died:—Mrs. Ida Worley.

Ottawa No. 27. Meets at Mellissa, Collin county, third Saturday in each month.

Officers:—Mrs. H E Osborne, W M; C H Wysong, W P; W L Osborne, Secy.

Members:—Mesdames D A Bateman, S P Harter, Matilda McAnally, A S Pulliam, M N Reasenonot, Harriet Scott, Rebecca

Died:--Theodocia Nipp.

Suspended:--Samuel Hand, H B Hand, Mrs A Hand, C A Shirley, Mrs. H Shirley, C A Lewis.

**Centennial No. 29.** Meets at Cameron, Grayson county, on or after full moon.

Officers:--Mrs S Blackman, W M; J D Cantrall, W P; A W Doud, Secy.


**Oriental No. 47.** Meets at Tioga, Grayson county, Thursday on or before full moon.

Officers:--Miss Bettie McElroy W M; Andre McElroy, W P; Mrs Tressie Krop, Secy.


Expelled:--Drum Daugherty.

**Brady No. 48.** Meets at Brady, McCollough county, fourth Saturday in each month.

Officers:--Miss J A Harcourt, W M; A Jones, W P; Mrs S A Duke, Secy.

Members:--Mesdames Carrie Benson, C D Burland, B M Bal-

Died:--Mrs M N McShan.

Dimitted--Jno Doty, Mrs S L Doty, J T Wade, Mrs A S Wade.
Adah No. 49. Meets in San Antonio, second and fourth Friday of each month.

Officers:--Mrs. Clara Walter, W M; L A Heil, W P; Miss Parma Fisk, Secy.


Dimitted:--Miss Maggie King, A J McLary.

Wolf City No. 63. Meets at Wolf City first Monday in each month.

Officers:--Mrs. L S Wolf, W M; J J Vaughtn, W P; Mrs. L F Seaman, Secy.


Died:--Mrs M A Bomar, Mrs R B Clark, T B Carder, Miss Sarah Dashner, H C Tiller.

Suspended:--Mrs H R Benge, Mrs Mary, Johnson, Jno Smith, J M Titsworth, Miss Mollie Wyse.

Big Springs No 67. Meets at Big Springs, first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Officers:--Mrs Mae Gentry, W M; W H Homan, W P; Mrs Nettie Fisher, Secy.

Dimitted:—Mrs Cynthia Thorne.

Suspended:—Miss Maggie Duncan, Mrs L J Jordan; Messrs Wm Gunnerson, L J Jordan, Homer Pickett, B E Pickett, Wm Thorne.

**Lone Star No 71.** Meets at Gainesville, first Tuesday of each month.

Officers:—Mrs Maggie McCarty, W M; M Chevalier, W P; Jno Pietyker, Seety.


Suspended:—J H Ball, Mrs J H Ball, J W Chidress, Mrs J W Childress, P B Griffin, Mrs P B Griffin, J E Haworth, Mrs J E Haworth, A D Hays Mrs Kirgie Jackson, W M Johnson, W B Morgan, J R Patterson, H P Ware, Mrs H P Ware, G W White, Harry Wherland, Mrs Harry Wherland, S E Weaver, Mrs S E Weaver.

**New Boston (re-organized) No. 74.** Meets at New Boston first Monday of each month.
Officers:—Mrs Eva Anderson, W M; Jno Anderson, W P; Mrs Celeste Ball, Secty.

Members:—Mesdames Ada Ector, Bertie Fulbright, Belle Fuller, May Helms, Carrie King, Fannie McCright, Lula Sunler, Ella Tyson, Lott Wilson, Sudie Glass; Misses Kate Burrows, Lizzie McCright, Pattie Wilson, Laura Watlington, Sallie Watlington; Messrs Sam C Ball, R T Fulbright, T H Fuller, C P Helms, J J King, W S McCright, J C Tyson, J R Wilson.

Gate City No. 77. Meets in Denison first Friday in each month.

Officers:—Mrs Kate Birch, W M; Alex Frame, W P; Mrs Jeanette L Drake, Secty.


Died:—Miss Leota Jones, Mrs Amanda Murray, Mrs Jennie Tabscott.

Dimitted:—Mesdames A L McAulay, V S Terry and Mattie Terry

Caddo Mills (re-organized) No. 82. Meets at Caddo Mills, Hunt county, Friday on or before full moon.

Officers:—Mrs S E Brisco, W M; J B Brisco, W P; J A Jennings, Secty.

Members:—Mesdames Mary Brisco, Clemie Casey, Julia Du-
gan, Edith Fagg, Nannie Hulsey, Mollie Gray, Minnie Stevenson; Messrs. T G Casey, Alonzo Fagg, G C Bain, I W Turkett, and Miss Mattie Cooper.

**Border No. 87.** Meets at Texarkana, second and fourth Tues-each month.

**Officers:**—Mrs Sarah L Berliner, W M; J V Winfrey, W P; Bird Birliner, Sec'y.

**Members:**—Mesdames Clara Block, A M Cardiff, Lenore Roach; Misses Cora Mifflin, Lou H Winfrey, Mattie Winfrey, Edna Winfrey; Messrs. Henry Brown, G W Casteel, R L Grant, Sam Hillier, Jas R Johnson, A V McDaniels, Lyman S Roach.

**Died:**—Mrs Anna Buissy.

**Dmitted:**—Mrs H S Johnson.

**Suspended:**—Mrs Belle Orr, Mrs M V Williams, Lu Daniels, Bryant Hargate.

**Black Jack Grove, No. 95.** Meets at Black Jack Grove, Hopkins County, Monday after Saturday on or before full moon.

**Officers:**—Mrs Minnie Smith, W M; T R Ousted, W P, Miss Louie Davidson, Secretary.


**Wortham. No. 96.** Meets at Wortham, Freestone County, Saturday before full moon.

**Officers:**—Mrs Amanda Mallard, W M, A J Berry, W P, Mrs Lucinda Weaver, Secretary.


**Died:** F B Bounds.

**Dmitted:** J C Lee.

**Quitman, No. 97** (re-organized). Meets at Quitman, Wood County, first and third Wednesdays of each month.


Southern Social, No. 99. Meets at Copperas Cove, Coryell County, on or before full moon.

Officers: Mrs M A Millsaps, W M, S Arnold, W P, R A Millsaps, Secretary.


Dmitted: J W Slaughter, A F Hicks, Mrs M A Hicks, Miss C E Hicks, Mrs C A Clements, Mrs A L Clements.

Zion, No. 102. Meets at Iola, Grimes County, second Saturday in each month.


Queen Esther, No. 104. Meets at Bedias, Grimes County, fourth Saturday in each month.

Officers: Mrs Sarah Stampley, W M, W Williamson, W P, Miss Cora Weatherbee, Secretary.


**Center City, No. 106.** Meets at Center City, Mills County, on or after full moon,

Officers: Miss Penalie House, W M, C E Street, W P, G W Barr, Secretary.


**Moody, No. 108.** Meets at Moody, McLennan County, Saturday before full moon.


Dimitted: H P Stockton, Margaret Stockton.

**Mart, No. 109.** Meets at Mart, McLennan County, Saturday on or before full moon.

Officers: Mrs M E Townsend, W M, L B Smyth, W P, Miss Cora Swaim, Secretary.


Dmitted: Mrs S A Ingram.
Suspended: J C Mulloy.

**Whitney, No. 111.** Meets at Whitney, Hill County, fourth Saturday of each month.

Officers: Mrs Jennie Frazier, W M, Thomas Hill, W P, Mrs Josie P Harris, Secretary.


Admitted: Mrs Milener.

**Lampasas, No. 115.** Meets at Lampasas, Lampasas County, last Friday before full moon.

Officers: No election; Miss Bettie Long continued Secretary.


Dimmered: Maggie Munger, Maude Quiller.
Died: H H Stockman.

Cade, No. 117. Meets at Cade, Navarro County, Saturday on or before first quarter.

Officers: Mrs Ellen Lamb, W M, A J Smith, W P, Miss Henrietta O'Neal, Secretary.


Dimmered: Mrs Emily Jackson, Mrs. A E Spud, P M Spud.

Burns City No. 120. Meets at Burns City, Cook county, Saturday, after full moon.

Officers:—Mrs F Baringer, W M; M M Baringer, W P: Mrs M E Kenton, Secty.


Lorena No. 123. Meets at Lorena McLennan county, Satur- day on or before full moon.

Officers:—Mrs Mattie Thompson, W M: W R Stewart, W P: Miss Vashti Stanford Secty.


Dimmered:—Mrs Rena McBrayer, J W Whitsitt.
Joshua No. 124. Meets at Joshua, Johnson county, Saturday, on or after full moon.

Officers:—Mrs Mary Frownfelter, W M; H W Renfro, W P; Miss Eunice Frownfelter, Secy.


Died:—Mrs. Bettie Patterson,

Dimitted:—T N Lawson, Miss Josie Lawson.

Occidental No 126. Meets at Graham. Young county, first Friday in each month.

Officers:—Mrs R A Doty, W M; J W Aiken, W P; Miss Bettie Taylor, Secy.


Affiliated:—Mrs Maggie Johnson.

Lipan No. 127. Meets at Lipan, Hood county. Saturday on or before full moon.

Officers:—Mrs M B Doss, W M; Robt Bulman, W P; Miss Ella Sneed, Secy.

Members:—Mesdames P D Ator, P A Aiken, Alice I Blankenship, Lilia Bishop, Mary Beavers, Olivia Blair, Mary E Cook, Mary Compton, S A Compton, C J Cogdill, Susie Cunningham, Lavinia Foster, Ida Gafford, Evelin Gafford, M D Gardner, Marg

Died:—W F Petty.

Dimitted:—Patty White, R S Crawford, F M Mock, W A Ilis, Miss L D Homes.

Camp San Saba, No. 132. Meets at Camp San Saba, McCullough County, Saturday preceding full moon.

Officers: Mrs M E Word, W M: J P Schafer, W P: Thos S Word, Secretary.


Tirzah, No. 134. Meets at Austin, Travis County, second Friday after new moon.

Officers: Mrs Anna Johnson, W M: M C Granberry, W P: Miss M and Roosevelt, Secretary.

Members: Mesdames H R Burt, H E Brehop, G W Briggs, Jno Campbell, H L Carleton, L D Carrington, S E Dilworth, Mary Finnin, R S Graves, Mamie Griffiths, W P Hardeman, J H Housen, S J Holman, M Harlan, Sam Harlan, A J Haber, Jno O Johnson, Jno D Jackson, B J Kopperel, Nan Murrah, Milton Morris, J O Maxwell, C S Morse, G W Mendell, Bert McDonald, A P McCall, Ben McCullough, W B McKay, Geo A Proctor, P W Powell, L Phillipson, J A Roosevelt, Lilla Rector, P H Stein, Felix Smith, Madge Spivey, Geo Thompson, Abe Williams, J H

Dimitted: Miss L Bramin.

Ransford, No. 135. Meets at Houston, Harris County, first and third Thursdays of each month.

Officers: Miss Jennie S Moore, W M: I S Roberts, W P; Mrs Laura E Lopas, Secretary.


Died: Robert Cohen, Mrs M J Kimball.

**Olive, No. 137.** Meets at Beaumont, Jefferson County, second and fourth Friday of each month.

Officers: Miss Katie Rodgers, WM: J B McMahon, WP; Miss Nora Stovall, Secretary.


Dimited: Mrs Sarah Hoskins, W S Hoskins, Miss Anna Morris, J Morris, Mrs B M Cunningham.

**Fleming, No. 138.** Meets at Fleming, Comanche County, Saturday before the first Sunday of each month.

Officers: Mrs Ella Cook, WM: W A Renfro, WP: J E Bean, Secretary.


Suspended: Mrs Rolina Renfro, Mrs Leonora Rice, Mrs V C Stewart, J B Stewart.

**Blanco No. 140.** Meets at Blanco, first Saturday after each full moon.

Officers: —Mrs Minnie Crist, WM; Ben W Palmer WP; Miss Lide Blackwell, Secy.

Members: Mesdames Florence Boon, Dora Bigham, Annie Edwards, Mattie Fulcher, Renie Gillespie, Dora Goar, Emma Hudgins, M A Roan, Bertha Renercher, N M Stubbs, M O Stubbs, Emma West, Maggie West, Laura Woods; Mrs Eva R Parks, Maud Wright, Nellie Wright, Steve A Wright; Messrs C P Boon, W H Bruce, Sam W Brown, R C Crist, T R Clendinin, I T

Dimitted:—Miss Lizzie Rencher, H E Conn, Mrs A E Conn,

Baird, No. 141. Meets at Baird, Callahan County, second and fourth Fridays of each month.

Officers: Miss Emilia Cross, W M; R A Barclay, W P; A J McLaury, Secretary.


Dimitted: W A Hinds, Mrs Lizzie Hinds, Louisa Noell.


Frost No. 145. Meets at Frost, Navarro county, Thursday before third Sunday.

Officers:—Mrs F R King, W M; B A Keitley, W P; Mrs Kate Utley, Secy.


Dimitted:—C B Hightower, Laura Hightower.

Moorville No. 147. Meets at Moorville Falls, county, Saturday on or after full moon.

Officers:—Mrs Mollie Jones, W M; C C Hawkins, W P; Miss Ruth Irwin, Secy.

Members:—Mesdames R E Busby, Louisa Bolton, Belle Bird, Priscilla Clark, M G Clark, N A Clark, J F Griggs, W D Gaines,

Died:—R P Collier.

Dissolved:—Mrs Bettie Shelton, W W Hilbrant.

Polk County, No 148. Meets at Moscow, Polk county, Friday night before full moon.

Officers:—Mrs Maggie Poe, W M; J E Goodwin, W P; J H Johnson, Secty.

Members:—Mesdames Mollie Canon, Ellen Goodwin, Lydia Kennedy, Sallie Goodwin, Nola Kennedy Martha Reebles Lou Polk, Martha Murphy Emma Hill, Eva Rowe, Helen Perkins; Misses Lula Goodwin, Maud Bergman, Pearl Johnson, Mary Poe, Annie Parsons, Ruby Johnson; Messrs. J T Goodwin, J T Poe, H C Peebles, J J Canon, W J Polk, Ed Murphy, A B McGee, G W Davis, R M Perkins, R T Canon.

Mt. Calm No. 149. Meets at Mt. Calm, Hill county, first Saturday after full moon.

Officers:—Mrs Maggie DeBolt, W M; W L Jones, W P; M J Darby, Secty.


Garland No. 150. Meets at Garland, Dallas county, Thursday preceding Blue Lodge meeting.

Officers:—Mrs E A Mewshaw, W M; J C Harris, W P; Sim Bethel, Secty.

Members:—Mesdames Rachel Allen, Lucy Adare, R A Brown, M L Byrd, M J Cherry, S O Castle, Dora Cullom, Lelia Curfman, J A Griffin, S M Jones, E M Lee, P A Martin, O E Ogel, M A Ramsey, H E Ryan, Hattie Ready, M I Smith, E E Turner, M A Ware; Misses Florence Byrd, Jennie Bethel, Dora Harris; Mes-

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**Tarrant, No. 8.** Meets at Fort Worth, Tarrant County, first and third Fridays of each month.

Officers: Mrs J W Blake, W M; Jas S Hogue, W P; A J Barrager, Secretary.


Died: C C Leonard.

**Zephyr, No. 153.** Meets at Zephyr, Brown County, Saturday on or before full moon.

Officers: Mrs M E Bradberry, W M; A R Watson, W P; Miss Dora Turney, Secretary.


Dimitted: Mrs N J Ish.

**Maggie Hearn, No. 154.** Meets at Whitesboro, Grayson County, first and third Fridays of each month.

Officers: Mrs S J Stewart, W M; J H Sperry, W P; F N Puckett, Secretary.

Luling, No. 155. Meets at Luling, Caldwell County, Saturday after new and full moon.

Officers: Mrs M L Denton, W M; Jno Orchard, W P; Miss Mollie Hamilton, Secretary.


Evergreen, No. 157. Meets at Goliad, Goliad County, first Friday in each month.

Officers: Mrs E A Simons, W M; J L Brown, W P; Miss Mollie J Boyd, Secretary.


Violet, No. 158. Meets at Victoria, Victoria County, second and fourth Fridays of each month.
Officers: Mrs Jas Koyer, W M; W S Hoskins, W P; Miss Nellie Ashald, Secretary.


Bethesda, No. 159. Meets at Snyder, Scurry County, Saturday on or before full moon.

Officers: Mrs S S Scarborough, W M; C C Johnson, W P; Mrs Irene Ozier, Secretary.


Distinguished: E A Bush, Mrs I E Taylor.

Winnie No. 160. Meets at Ennis, Ellis county, second and fourth Thursday in each month.

Officers:—Mrs Maud Gatewood, W M; J M Loggins, W P; T L McCarty Secy.

Marble Falls No. 161. Meets at Marble Falls, Burnet Co., Saturday after full moon.

Officers:—Mrs M A Hicks, W M; A F Hicks, W P; S A Traylor, Secyt.

Members:—Mesdames M C Aiken, M L Ball, Lillie Bruce, B Badger, Irene Crownover, J P Draper, Jennie Draper, S Draper, B L Edwards, E C Haygood, M B Hicks, H I McCall, S McCamey, Kate McKee, Mattie Phillips, Lem Pearson, F E Roper, Mary Scaggs, Mollie Starkey, Bettie Traylor; Misses Maggie Aiken, Bettie Banted. Mary Badger, Sallie Draper, Birdie Haygood, E C Hicks, Inez McCamey, May McCamey, Willie Pearson, Minnie Scaggs; Messrs A L Aiken, E G Ball, B Badger, A W Crownover, C T Culberson, J P Draper, L B Haygood, H R Hicks, A W Morrow, Donald McCall, J S McCamey, J C McKee, Louis Phillips, Lum Pearson, J M Roper, T B Scaggs, Mrs M B Hicks.

Martha Ellis No. 162. Meets at Beeville, Bee County, second and fourth Thursdays in each month.

Officers:—Mrs G Flournoy, W M; J C Beasley, W P; Mrs R H Berry, Secyt.


Lockhart No. 163. Meets at Lockhard, Caldwell county, first and third Mondays each month.

Officers:—Miss Lizzie Lockhart, W M; W W Carpenter, W P; Miss Vida Carpenter, Secyt.

Members:—Mesdames E A Allen, Etta Blackwell, Nora Brown, M J Carpenter, Eva Cottingham, M I Davis, B F Dodd, Icy Huber, Jennie Hale, M E Jolley, Jas Looney, M E Lockhard, M A C Laney, M A Lancaster, E J Meyers, Leilia Misenheimer, Mattie Ray, Alice Stovall, Sue Swearingen, D Townsend; Misses Gertie Colp, Etta Carpenter, Mary Davis, Hattie Davis, Leona Dodd, Eva Hale, F WJolley, Alice Lane, Eva Myers, Ophelia Palmer, Mattie Rhodes, Minnie Swearingen; Messrs W S Allen, W J Blackwell, J T Blackwell, J S Browne, J A Cottingham, Eugene Clark, M I Davis, B F Todd, E B Daniels, S L Hershberg-

**Lytton Springs No. 164.** Meets at Lytton Springs, Caldwell county, Saturday on or before full moon.

Officers:—Mrs Lelia Hubbard, W M; J C Bremer, W P; Miss B L Cardell, Secy.


**Live Oak No. 165.** Meets at Kyle Hays county, Fridays before new and full moon.

Officers:—Mrs M K McPherson, W M; J N Houston, W P; Miss Ada Wallace, Secy.


Died:—Dr. J G Barbee.

**Prairie Lee, No. 167.** Meets at Prairie Lee, Caldwell county, Saturday on or before full moon.

Officers:—Miss Carrie Mallock, W M; Robt Smith, W P; Miss Bershe Clandonie, Secy.

Members:—Mesdames Jas Cowley, Sam Eeds, H M Flowers, Jas Eastwood, Hardy Flowers, Mary Izard, J Jones, E Mallock, Robt Smith, T Smith; Misses Maud Daugherty, Jean Mallock, Novie McKinnie, Mary Smith; Messrs Jas Cowley, Jas Eastwood, E Mallock, W N McKinney.

**Dalby Springs No. 168.** Meets at Dalby Springs, Bowie Co., first and third Saturdays.

Officers:—Mrs E M Lash, W M; W P Lash, W P; Miss Mona Dalby, Secy.

Members:—Mesdames, Dora Davis, H M Ellis, Berta Farrier, M L Hardin, M E Hardman, M J Johnson, M C Oliver, S H Oliver, Berthena Oliver, Hettie Walker, B L Weaver, J G Welch, Misses Annie Farrier, Ella Hardman, D A Weaver; Messrs Jno

Port Lavaca No. 171. Meets at Port Lavaca, Calhoun Co., first and third Wednesdays each month.

Officers:—Mrs C T Scott, W M; J H Layless, W P; Miss Mable Bickford, Secyt.

Members:—Mesdames J M Bickford, P A Dowess, E Hatch, J H Layless, F Moore, K Morcloff, Sue Traitor, Adolph Roemer; Misses Kate Coleman, Sue Campbell, Kate Hendon, M Morcloff, J Smith; Messrs A Ashworth, J M Bickford, R B Campbell, E H Deutsch, D W Hatch, J W Hogan, D Morcloff, C Rubert, R D Sterling, C T Scott, W C Sterne, W H Thomas, Adolph Roemer.

Harwood No. 172. Meets at Harwood, Gonzales county, first and third Saturdays of each month.

Officers:—Mrs Mollie E Lum, W M; Geo N Lamkin, W P; Lewis G Lum, Secyt.


Waelder No. 173. Meets at Waelder, Gonzales county, each Tuesday after full moon.

Officers:—Mrs J R Harris, W M; R K Wyatt, W P; J S Fitzimmons, Secyt.


Winsboro, No. 175. Meets at Winsboro, Wood County.

Officers:—Mrs L C McBride, W M; F M Sewell, W P; Miss Etta Mims, Secretary.

Members:—Mesdames Annie Anderson, Julia Azbell, W S Burke, A C Browder, Precia Beggs, Tennie Browning, Mollie Carmadav, M L Douglas, J R Estes, Mamie Forgetson, Amelia Gibson, Anna Gray, Alice Harp, Emma Johnson, G W Knight,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

J M Lankford, S E Lee, R F Mattox, L E McBride, Annie Mims, 
C H Morris, Miles Morris, Etta Morrison, J H Patrick, J W Perkins, 
W C Pierson, J H Pierson, J D Richardson, Sallie Smith, 
Dove Steed, Bettie Steed, Ophelia Skeen, L C Varm. Misses 
Mary Anderson, Mattie Carmaday, Ida McBride, Etta Mims 
Stella Perkins, Eva Pender, Lizzie Pierson, Lona Pierson, Virgie 
Pierson, Nellie Steed, Millie Williams, Ora Williams, J R Wright, 
Alice Wright, Pearl Worthington. Messrs N L Anderson, H N 
Bentley, W S Burke, A C Browder, R C Campbell, S J Carmaday, 
W W Douglas, J R Estes, A L Forgotson, J F Hitt, W H Johnson, 
A J Jordan, G W Knight, J M Lankford, R T Mattox, G W 
Minnick, J B Mims, C H Morris, Miles Morris, P F Ormsby, P L 
Perry, J H Patrick, J W Perkins, W C Pierson, J H Pierson, J D 
Richardson, F M Sewell, W R Stevenson. W F Williams, J V 
Wilson, D M White, J W White, J R Wright.

Alpha, No. 178. Meets at El Paso, El Paso County, second 
and fourth Saturdays of each month.

Officers: Mrs Horace R Chase, W M; Geo F Tilton, W P; 
Horace R Chase, Secretary.

Members: Mesdames J C Baugh, J R Biggs, Mary Booth, 
Helen Gale, G H Higgins, D O Holman, W J Jones, Daniel 
Kelley, J L Klink. J K Lombardy, A C Mast, A Rossiter, Frances 
Sullivan, Mary J Spencer, Mary C Spencer, C Simpkins, A L 
Tilton, A R Thomas, Anna D Teel, T J Woodside, W D Wright, 
A C Wheeler. Misses Alice Den, Lydia Taylor. Messrs J C 
Baugh, J H Biggs, T Booth, Henry Braden. Jno M Donner, G W 
Davis, J C Grayson, D O Holman, W J Jones, O Kletting, Dan'l 
Kelley, J L Klink, J K Lombardy, A Rossiter, Fred Schaefer, 
C Simpkins, S C White, T J Woodside, W D Wright.


Officers: Mrs Olivia Murrah, W M; J M Strayhom, W P; 
Miss T J Dodson, Secretary.

Members: Mesdames Lucy Strayhom, G P Owens. Misses 
Mollie Jarrell, Minnie Jarrell, Mollie Moore, Myrtie Moore. 
Messrs D W Jarrell, J M Strayhom, E Mayo, W M Moore, G P 
Owens, T J Dodson.
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Texas:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence has reviewed the Proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters to-wit:

ARKANSAS; 1893.

The Eighteenth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas met in Little Rock on Monday, November 20th, 1893. All the grand officers present but two; two Past Grand Matrons and five Past Grand Patrons present.

Mrs. M. C. Snedden and Mr. J. R. Donnell, Grand Mater and Pater respectively of the General Grand Chapter were admitted, and accorded due honors.

The Grand Matron issued seven dispensations for charters, twelve specials, and rendered eight decisions.

Reports from seven Deputy Grand Matrons and seven Deputy Grand Patrons are published; all denote earnest labor. One hundred and eleven Chapters represented. Total sum in treasury, $2,440.89.

Mrs. Mattie C. De Vaughan, G. M., Waldo; E. L. Massey, G. P., Eureka Springs; Mrs. Hettie Penn, G. S., Harrison.

CALIFORNIA, 1893.

Her ladyship comes to us in holiday garb; our star in "full dress" on a golden ground—the latter a fit emblem of the sunlight that gilds those snowy peaks and blooming valleys.


The address of the Grand Patron comes first, is quite lengthy, and gives account of much work for the "good of the Order." The G. P. presides at the meetings of the Grand Chapter, and is the Executive Officer—the Grand Matron second best—strange! and your correspondent fain would cry "In these stirring times of numerous movements for the progress and advancement of woman, oh, land of my birth, where art thou?"

But we are forced to acknowledge that even this is preferable to the custom which calls the Grand Matron the Executive, and yet she must do all things "by and with the advice and consent of the Grand Patron." The Californians are what they pretend to be, at least.
The Grand Matron appointed fourteen District Deputies, all of whom present reports. She speaks of certain Chapters that have that "strong Masonic support that insures success;" Aye, "there's the rub."

Total sum in treasury, $2,612.47; salary of Grand Secretary, $900; number of Chapters represented, 70.

Mrs. Emma Hapgood, G. M., Marysville; Allen B. Lemmon, G. P., Santa Rosa; Mrs. Kate J. Willats, G. S., Room 68, Flood Building, San Francisco.

CONNECTICUT, 1893.

The Twentieth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter was held in Bristol, October 11th, 1893. Seven Past Grand Matrons and six Past Grand Patrons present.

The address of the Grand Matron is business-like. She renders sixteen decisions, and has granted fourteen "specials."

She reports no new Chapters organized during the year. What's the matter with Little Conny?

No note is made of the telegram of greeting sent her by Texas during the session of both Grand Chapters.

Mrs. Amelia B. Leeds, G. M., New Haven; Dr. E. M. Ripley, G. P., Unionville; Mrs. Sarah U. Wright, G. S., New Haven.

COLORADO, 1894.

The Grand Chapter of Colorado convened in Second Annual Session in Denver, June 5th, 1894. Nine Grand Officers present; fourteen Chapters represented. Pleasant addresses of welcome and response are published.

The Grand Matron's address is mostly business, still she finds room for a little sentiment toward the last. She renders eleven decisions, all but one confirmed.

The Grand Patron was absent; his address was read by his pro tem. He has signed charters for six new Chapters; says his "duties are limited, as the Grand Matron is the executive head." Very glad to see Colorado has started out right. Amount in treasury, $999.05.

Mrs. Eva J. Aldrich, G. M., Manitou; Calvin E. Reed, G. P., Denver; Mrs. Eliza S. Cohen, G. S., Colorado Springs.

ILLINOIS, 1893.

The Grand Chapter of the banner jurisdiction met in Chicago, Oct. 3rd, 1893, Mrs. Jane M. Ricketts, Grand Matron, presiding. Her address is all business, and lots of it, leaving no room for sentiment. She granted forty-nine special dispensations, and rendered twenty-five decisions. She decides that
"There are objections to the Floral Addenda;" finds "many Chapters much more interested in perfecting themselves in the marches published for this work (that have no connection whatever with our Order) than they are in committing the Ritual work, which is so essential to our advancement, and, when properly presented, far exceeds any innovation which has been introduced."

Good!

The Grand Patron reports twenty-eight Chapters organized. He recommends that Past Matrons, Past Patrons and Associate Matrons have no vote in the Grand Chapter; also recommends that the printed secret work be abolished.

The first was amended to read

Associate Matrons shall have no vote in the Grand Chapter, and adopted.

The second recommendation was adopted as read, and the printed secret work is a thing of the past in Illinois—mark of progress.

The office of District Deputy Grand Matron was abolished, and the following resolution adopted:

"That Schools of Instruction be established to instruct Chapters in the Ritual and Secret Work; such schools to consist of fifteen Chapters and be presided over by the Grand Matron or Grand Lecturer, which last shall be appointed by the Grand Matron."

Total amount in treasury, $6,607.03.

"En-bee-See" writes the correspondence, and gives "Old Tex" one small paragraph; but no offense "Enny," we're little, but we'll "get there" after while.


IOWA, 1893.

The Sixteenth Annual Communication, was held in Newton, October 4, 1893.

The Grand Patron's address comes first and is devoted "muchly" to the ballot-box and black-balls. He deprecates the fact that black-balling should be resorted to.

"For any other ground than immorality; this society, as I understand it, is not a club made up of a select few, but it is an institution framed and fashioned for the purpose of more effectually carrying out the purposes of the Masonic Order. If it is true that instead of being made up of a select few, instead of being a social club, it is a sisterhood and brotherhood, the tendency should be to trample down and cast under our feet, caste and class."

How very true.

The Grand Matron's address is full of good thoughts and records numerous official acts. She attended the General Grand Chapter, but was disappointed in
"— That she did not find the dignity and decorum with which she thinks such an august grand body should be surrounded; though there were many bright and lovely stars shining there, still there was far too much controversy and contention, and entirely too much striving after office."

Human nature "will out" Sister, even in "august grand bodies."

The membership in Iowa is 5,517. Cash on hand $4027.97. The Grand Matron was presented with $100.00 for her services, and well she deserved it.

Mrs. Sarah E Woods, G. M., Mt. Pleasant; Judge Horace S Winslow, G. P., Newton; Mrs. Maria Jackson, G. S., Council Bluffs.

KANSAS, 1894.

The Eighteenth Annual Session, met in Hutchison, May 9th, 1894. Fifteen Grand Officers present.

The Grand Matron's address teems with sound sense and good judgment.

She urges the Grand Chapter to conduct its sessions on a strictly business basis, etc. She speaks of the

"Grand Chapter ward, little Erma Avery, whose dying mother left her to the care of the Order. She has visited her twice and finds her improving and progressing finely in her studies."

Now this is something like; would that all jurisdictions would do likewise. Like several other Executives the Grand Matron recommends that

"Some action be taken in regard to the secret work; either communicate the same or hand it in cipher. It is too careless as now used."

We agree with you sister; the secret work is our only protection against impostors and is used too promiscuously. The Grand Patron is a

"Business man whose time is not his own, but he has endeavored to faithfully and conscientiously discharge the duties of his office."

We believe you sir, and brother, and cannot pass by the following:

"I recommend the continuance of the $3.00 fee, as fixed at last meeting of the Grand Chapter. I am fully aware that it has perhaps prevented some applications for dispensations this year, but notwithstanding I am opposed to reduction. I do not believe in lowering the standard of our Order. If it is right to collect a fee for the degrees, $3.00 certainly seems little enough compared with the minimum fee of $30.00 in the Blue Lodge it certainly does not seem exhorbitant."

Truth on the face of this statement.

We thank the brother for his generous recognition of us, a per quotation in his address.
Correspondence gives Texas kindly notice. Total funds in Treasury $3061.67.
Mrs Lettie Trouslot, Grand Matron, Newton; Jno. C. Postlewaite, Grand Patron, Jewell City; Mrs Myra Mottram, Grand Secretary, Ottawa.

MICHIGAN, 1893.

Grand Chapter met in Twenty-seventh Annual Session at Jackson, October 11, 1893.

Nineteen Grand Officers present.
The Grand Matron’s address is largely a record of official acts. She reports the Order in Michigan as

“Having very nearly reached that perfect harmony we so earnestly desire to attain, and that an unusual degree of harmony exists.”

Happy Grand Chapter.
The Grand Patron

“Commissioned the Grand Matron his General Deputy, empowering him to grant dispensations and institute Chapters anywhere in the jurisdiction. Also, when asked, to render decisions he referred them to the Grand Matron, believing she was the proper officer to answer them.”

He seems to be a thorough “women’s man” and if the sisters of Michigan are not satisfied with that sort of a Grand Patron, they are hard to please.

Total receipts for the year $2474.71. Fifteen new chapters were organized. Proceedings neatly and prettily bound. Texas not forgotten in correspondence.

Mrs. Louise A Turck, G. M.; Alma; Allen S. Right, G. P., Ionia; Mrs. A A Matteson, G. S., Middleville.

MONTANA, 1893.

Grand Chapter met in Fourth Annual Session at Helena, October 13, 1893. Twelve Grand Officers present.
The address of the Grand Matron is replete with good sense and wisdom. As to elections in Chapters, she says:

“I hope that all personalities at the time of selecting officers will be laid aside and that the answers to these questions will decide your actions. 1st. Who will appreciate the responsibilities of the office? 2nd. Who will work for the welfare and prosperity of the chapter?”

The Grand Patron says the

“Duties of his office are neither numerous or laborous, as they are to assist and advise the Grand Matron in the discharge of her duties.”

Just as they should be sir! We are glad to note how well you performed those duties. Twelve Chapters are reported.

Mrs. Edna L Hedges, writes the correspondence, and well written it is. Texas receives “considerable mention.” She
twice refers to the "beauty and chivalry of the Lone Star State." Thank you, sister, we're proud of both, and we are glad you did not take your cue from the caricature of your correspondent that appeared in the Proceedings you reviewed so kindly and generously. We hope to meet you in Boston next year and convince you that at least we are white.

Mrs. Marion L Wood, G. M., Townsend; Chas. W Pomeroy, W. P., Great Falls: Mrs. Emma Fretz, G. S., Helena.

MINNESOTA, 1894.

Grand Chapter met in Eight Annual Session. May 9, 1894, in the city of St. Paul. All the Grand Officers. Due honors were accorded to their Past Grand Matrons, one Grand Patron and to Mrs. M. C. Snedden, M. W. G. M., and to Mrs. L. E. Jacoby, W. G. Electa.

Forty-three Chartered Chapters answered to roll-call.

The address of the Grand Matron is lengthy and full of business; makes interesting reading. We would like to quote largely from it but it is hard to chose from so many good things.

The Grand Patron is chivalrous in the modern sense of that word ("May his shadows never grow less") and quotes from Thackeray as follows:

"All men who avoid female society have dull conceptions and are stupid or have gross tastes and revolt against what is pure."

But the chief item of interest in Minnesota this year, is the fact that the two Grand Chapters have combined and are now one. Let us rejoice! Sister Minnie, Texas is so glad you have all "kissed and made up," and extends you a fraternal greeting. Correspondence gives Texas generous notice.

Membership 3,690. Funds in Treasury, $1022.52. The Grand Matron and Grand Patron, respectively, were presented with elegant jewels of appropriate design.

Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, G. M., Minneapolis; James D. Markham, G. P., Rush City; Mrs. Ida M. Wing, G. S., Minneapolis.

MAINE, 1893.

Grand Chapter met in First Annual Session at Westbrook, September 14, 1893. Thirteen Grand Officers present.

The address of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron are brief but to the point.

Cash in Treasury, $158.45. Fourteen Chapters reported.

Very good for a beginning. Next place of meeting, Hallowell.

Mrs. Annie L Cobb, G. M., Cumberland Mills; Hadley O. Hawes, G. P.; Hallowell; Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, G. S., Biddeford.
The Grand Chapter met in Seventeenth Annual Session, May 19th, 1893, in the City of Fitchburg. Fifteen Grand Officers present.

The Grand Matron appointed eight Deputies, who faithfully and thoroughly performed their duties. She recommends that the Constitution be so amended as to make the Grand Matron the Executive Officer in fact as well as in name—a step in the right direction. Like all self-respecting women, she hates pretense, as her language shows. Twenty-nine chapters make returns.

Texas receives kindly notice in correspondence.

Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, G. M., Orange; Adams Franklin, G. P., Westover; Daniel Seagram, G. S., Worcester.

NEW YORK, 1894.

The Grand Chapter met in Twenty-fifth Annual Session in New York City, June 5th, 1894. All the Grand Officers present, and such an array of Past Grand Officers as the time and space forbids names; an exception to this, however, must be the name of Bro. Robert Macoy, Past Grand Patron and a patriarch of the Order. Ninety-two Chapters were represented.

The Grand Matron's address is instructive. It would seem that this jurisdiction is working for an Eastern Star Orphan's Home. The Grand Matron of the Empire State of the North grants dispensations to form new Chapters, just as the Grand Matron of the Empire State of the Sou—the World—ought to.

This jurisdiction receives any Mason in good standing as a visitor in its Chapters. Wonder if the Masons of New York are so hospitable?

The banquet following the Grand Chapter, and which signalized its twenty-fifth birthday, was a success, but the intellectual feast was more so. The many excellent addresses appear in the Proceedings, and I wish I might include them here.

The correspondence gives Texas kindly notice.

Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson, G. M., Brooklyn; James E. Batsford, G. P., Waterloo; Mrs. Christiana Buttrick, G. S., 22 West Twenty-first Street, New York City.

NEBRASKA, 1894.

The Grand Chapter met in Nineteenth Annual Session in the City of Hastings, June 15th, 1894. The Grand Matron’s address is in “good form.” We find she ordered a seal for the use of the Grand Matron, and think this an excellent idea. She
states in conclusion that she "has, in every instance, done the best she could." An angel could do no more.

The Grand Patron says

"The opposition to the O. E. S. from those who were supposed to stand high in Masonic authority is fast dwindling away, and our beloved Order is growing to be a leading power in Masonic circles."

Sister Olive J. Whitney had been appointed by our own dear Grand Matron to represent Texas, and well did she fulfill her trust. Her report, which is complimentary, takes up three pages of the Proceedings.

The correspondence also reviews us; gives the address of welcome by our gifted young Sister Jennie Moore in full, for which your correspondent is personally grateful.

Mrs. Anna E. Mussulman, G. M., David City; Dr. H. A. Turton, G. P., Lexington; H. A. Guild, G. S., Lincoln.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1893.

The Grand Chapter met in Third Annual Convocation at Laconia, September 12th, 1893. All the Grand Officers present.

The Grand Matron's address is short, but wise and sensible in general.

We do not concur with her in one decision, to-wit:

"A person who has lost an arm cannot become a member of our Order."

Rather unjust, we think. Cash on hand, $448.00. Fifteen Chapters represented.


NEW JERSEY, 1863.

The Grand Chapter met in Twenty-fourth Annual Session in Jersey City, Sept. 26th, 1893. Twelve Grand Officers present, nine Past Grand Matrons, six Past Grand Patrons, and representatives from eight Chapters.

The Grand Matron makes five decisions, and has granted two "specials."

The Grand Patron is convinced that

"Some action should be taken in reference to our German Chapters, as they are not working according to the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, but are using some of the Ritual work of New York Chapters, which, as you know, differs considerably from New Jersey work."

Why not all use the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter, brother, and thus solve your difficulties so easily?

Balance in treasury, $124.08.

Miss Minnie Heller, G. M., Jersey City; Jno. W. Reid, G. P., New Brunswick; Mrs. Mary Martin, G. S., Patterson.
OREGON, 1893.

The Grand Chapter held its Fourth Annual Session in East Portland, June 14th, 1893. Nine Grand Officers present, one Past Grand Matron, and representatives from eleven chartered Chapters present.

The Grand Matron renders six decisions, and has granted four "specials."

The Grand Patron is another "business man," and has had time to visit only a few Chapters. The same cause seems to forbid his presence at the Grand Chapter. His address was read by the Grand Secretary. This last officer sent a circular to each Blue Lodge in the State (where no Chapter existed) setting forth the benefits of the Order. She seems to have been a zealous worker. Total funds in treasury, $659.29.

Texas is noticed in correspondence.

Mrs. J. D. Crocker, G. M., Ashland; N. B. Crane, G. P., Station A, Portland; Mrs. F. A. Helm, G. S., Corvallis.

OHIO, 1893.

The Grand Chapter met in Fourth Annual Session at Garrettsville, October 11th, 1893. Thirteen Grand Officers present.

The Grand Matron, Sister Ada Gaskell, says

"Several places have everything in readiness for the institution of Chapters, but in common with many others, have waited until another year, because of the known probability of action favorable to our Order in the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. This favorable action having now been unanimously passed by them, requests for blank petitions have already been received, and the future of the Order in Ohio has a more hopeful look than ever before. Three Chapters meet in Masonic Halls, an advantage that neither causes a revolution or destroys any of the ancient landmarks of Masonry."

The Grand Patron's address shows that he believes in the Eastern Star as an organization, and not as a side degree.

Total receipts, $669.03; disbursements, $344.61. Number of chartered Chapters, fifteen.

The correspondence is written by Sister McClintonck, Past Grand Matron. Texas receives considerable notice.

Mrs. B. J. McClintonck, G. M. (2nd term), Garrettsville; Jno. M. Broderick, G. P., Marysville; Ella B. Shearer, G. S., Marysville.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1894.

The Grand Chapter met in Sixth Annual Session in Aberdeen, May 22nd, 1894. Ten Grand Officers, one Past Grand Matron, and representatives from sixteen chartered Chapters present.
The Grand Patron was absent, his address being read by the Grand Secretary. He recommends that the powers of the Grand Patron be increased, viz.:

"That he may grant a dispensation to form a new Chapter in a town or city without the consent of Chapters already existing there."

His recommendation was not endorsed by the Jurisprudence Committee; a wise action we think.

The resolution to reduce the Grand dues from 50 to 25 cents was also lost.

A good report on correspondence. Texas receives flattering mention.

Mrs. Sarah J. Clark, G. M., Flandreau; Frank A. Brown, G. P., Aberdeen; Mrs. A. M. McAllister, G. S., Madison.

VERMONT, 1893.

Grand Chapter met in Twenty-first Annual Session St. Johnsbury, June 7th, 1893. All the Grand Officers present, and representatives from twenty-one chapters.

The Grand Patron made six decisions and granted five dispensations. He is the presiding and executive officer, but recommends that the Grand Matron be made such, but even now her office is not a dead letter, her address proves this, and teems with expressions of sound sense and reasoning.

The mileage roll amounts to $103.62. Cash in Treasury at close of convention, $181.12.

The report of a special committee on ritual was received and adopted, and amounts to just this: Vermont has come over at last—discards the Macoy ritual, and arranges to buy that issued by the General Grand Chapter. Better late than never.


WISCONSIN, 1894.

Grand Chapter met in Fourth Annual Session in Milwaukee, February 21, 1894. All the Grand Officers present, also Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. S., and Sister M. W. Martin, W. A. Grand Conductress, who were introduced and received with due honors.

The Grand Matron makes some pertinent remarks concerning the use or abuse of the secret ballot so prevalent, thus

"I cannot see how those who have taken the solemn obligation of the Order, can for pure personal malice, stab in the dark by the use of the black ball."

Same way here, sister.

She recommends that the "Test Oath be printed and a copy sent to each chapter." Texas has none.
The Grand Patron says:

"There is an error committed in the organizing of new chapters, i.e. too many names on the petition. In such cases, the greater part of the material for membership is exhausted, the chapter languishes in interest for want of work, and the officers are less active, efficient, zealous and impressive in the rendition of the work."

Your correspondent has found this "error" to be fruitful of demised chapters in Texas.

Cash received during the year, $1201.25. Disbursements, $1103.11.

Nice report on correspondence—Texas "left."


WASHINGTON, 1894.

Grand Chapter met in Sixth Annual Session in the City of Everett, June 11, 1894. Ten Grand Officers present.

The Grand Matron rendered ten decisions, and attended to all the duties of her office with true Western vim and energy.

The Grand Patron’s address is interesting, and the following we consider worthy of note.

"We, as Patrons, often-times are apt to assume too much; perhaps have been master of a Blue Lodge (or wanted to be) and endeavor to impress the ladies with the magnitude of our knowledge of parliamentary law, and how things ought to be done. It is entirely wrong. Let the ladies take charge of affairs and run the machine. It should be the rule in the chapter to compel the sisters to do the talking, propose notices and debate questions; perhaps it would be rather dull at first, but it would surely get interesting (for somebody) after awhile."

That's just the way we do in Texas, and its "interesting" even at "first." The men have their own lodges, ad-infinitum. Give the women a chance in the O. E. S.

Balance on hand per Grand Secretary's report, $1,252.26.

The following resolution was adopted.

"The Grand Chapter of Washington does not recognize the right or authority of the General Grand Chapter to assess or collect dues from a Sovereign Grand Chapter."

Neither does any other Grand Chapter recognize any such right! The General Grand Body does not levy any "dues." It is self-sustaining.

The correspondence gives Texas kindly notice, which is appreciated.

Mrs. Mary A. Amos, G. M., Colfax; Walter S. Darby, G. P.; Pomroy; Mrs. Libbie J. Demorest, G. S., Tacoma.
Conclusion.

Sisters and Brothers:

Your Committee submits the result of her humble efforts in a true fraternal spirit; trusting that from what is written in these pages we may gain some slight idea of the “ways and means” of sister jurisdictions and thus improve our own methods. We have room for improvement, in more ways than one. Let us persevere with a zeal and energy worthy of so excellent a cause until the top round of the ladder shall be ours.

Fraternally submitted,

LAURA B. HART,
Committee.
Grand Chapter of Texas,
ORDER of the EASTERN STAR.

PROXY.

Hall of ................................................. Chapter, No. ............................................

-County, Texas.

I. ................................................. Secretary of .................................................

Chapter No. ................................................. do hereby certify that ................................................. is the ................................................. of said Chapter, duly elected and installed.

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of said Chapter, this ...... day of ................................................. A. D. 189

................................................. Secretary.

I. ................................................. of said Chapter, hereby appoint my Proxy at the approaching session of the Grand Chapter.