

2017-2018 COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

BULLETIN

The Bulletin Committee will encourage new subscriptions to the Official Bulletin of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Members are encouraged to promote subscriptions for new members, gifts for line officers in the Chapter, etc. They will also encourage members who already subscribe to maintain their subscriptions.

They will encourage Chapters and individuals to send articles for "They Say That". Chapters who put something in "They Say That" at least four (4) times will be recognized at Grand Chapter.

The Bulletin Committee will also encourage members to participate in special Holiday Greetings Pages by purchasing a one or two line greeting for the following holidays:

- Thanksgiving
- Christmas
- Happy New Year
- Valentine's

The cost will be \$10.00 per line. All proceedings will go to the General Fund.

Members of this committee will also participate in a contest for getting the most new subscriptions. There will be a winner from each District. They will be recognized at Grand Chapter. The overall winner will receive an Endowed Membership. The Endowed Membership will be paid for out of the Worthy Grand Matron's Undesignated Funds.

CALENDAR COMMITTEE

The Calendar Committee will have pocket calendars available covering the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter year and encourage members to attend as many events as possible. The calendar, which can be carried in a pocket or a purse, will provide the members with information, including dates for the Eastern Star Schools of Instruction, Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron, Roundups, Chapter Anniversaries, and other pertinent dates of activities of Grand Chapter. This committee will have calendars available for a donation of \$7.50. Proceeds will go to the General Fund.

DO YOU REALLY CARE? - MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Every Chapter must initiate new members and keep them involved if we wish to survive. However, we must also generate renewed enthusiasm in our current active members and our inactive members. This committee will work to assist in these efforts.

This year, each Chapter **MUST HAVE** a membership committee whose duty is to promote membership within their Chapters. They can lead the effort, but it is up to each individual member to bring new members into our organization.

This committee will also be charged with developing strategies so that our members do not feel that their time is wasted. Look at ways to make our events more fun, meetings are not so boring, fellowship is real, friends are supportive, and leaders know their job.

Each District Chairman will report to the General Chairman the efforts made in their District and report on the outcomes. The Sections within each District with the highest percent increase in membership will be recognized at Grand Chapter.

This committee will also assist in selling the Travel Book for a donation of \$7.50 per book. This book will consist of the school schedule and Fraternal Visits. The members of this committee will also promote visitation between Chapters in their Section. Proceeds will go to the General Fund.

DRESS PIN

Although not a committee, The “Ugly Duckling/Beautiful Swan” dress pins will be available to all members. In lieu of, or in addition to, purchasing a dress or jacket, all members will be encouraged to make a donation to support Grand Chapter in our benevolent/charitable purposes.

A donation of:

- Ugly Duckling \$25.00
- Mirror with Ugly Duckling and Swan \$35.00
- Beautiful White Swan \$45.00
- All Three, Ugly Duckling, Mirror with Ugly Duckling and Swan, and Beautiful White Swan \$90.00
(A savings of \$15.00 for all three)
- Black and White Swan \$125.00

Proceeds will go to the General Fund.

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP STAMP

The Endowed Membership Committee will encourage the participation of Chapter members in securing Endowed Memberships. This committee will also promote and make available the stamps and booklets as an easy method for a member to secure an Endowed Membership. Members will be given the opportunity to obtain stamps in increments of \$10.00 each, to be placed in a stamp booklet. An Endowed Membership is a means of continuing the financial support of the subordinate Chapter in which the Endowed Membership was purchased. The interest accrued by the Principal Investment of the \$500 Endowed Membership fee will be forwarded annually to the Subordinate Chapter in which the Endowed Membership was purchased. The Principal Amount of \$500 is never reduced and is an asset of Grand Chapter.

The Endowed Membership Pin is an easy way for others to notice that the member has an endowed membership. The cost of the pin is \$10.00

All proceeds from the sale of the stamps, booklets, and Endowed Membership pin will go to the General Fund.

FOREVER YOUNG

Being “Forever Young” means to be timeless. Not only to exist in various time frames and states, but still have the notion of longevity. Being Forever Young is a mindset. A feeling that propels you to make the most out of life every day. Living life as one who is “Forever Young” does not mean to be oblivious; rather it means to approach every day, every situation with newness. Having expectations that aren’t governed by previous failures in the same, but believing, hoping, and yearning for something new.

The Order of the Eastern Star is blessed to have members who will be “Forever Young”. They have worked and supported our Order for many years. While they may no longer be able to give their physical support to their Chapters or Grand Chapter, they still offer us hope in the belief that the Order can be fresh and new and make a difference in the lives of others.

By sharing their knowledge, expertise, experiences, and love of the Order, they will fulfill their duty as members of this committee.

We should show these special committee members the respect and love they deserve. They are the foundation of our beautiful Order.

FRIENDSHIP 4-STATE EXCHANGE

Texas is part of the 4-State Friendship Exchange Program. This consists of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. The members of this committee will work with the membership on soliciting participation in the Exchange which will be held in September 2017, in Oklahoma City, OK.

Texas will host the Exchange in 2018, so this committee will also be working on planning, along with the Committee for 2018-2019, on the Exchange to be held in our state.

This Committee will also be promoting attendance at the Grand Chapters of these 4 States:

Arkansas, December, 2017

Louisiana, March 2018

Oklahoma, October, 2017

Texas, August, 2018

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PROJECTS COMMITTEE

This committee will work with the General Grand Chapter Appointees in selling items or assist in performing tasks assigned to these General Grand Chapter Committee Members. At the request of the General Grand Chapter Officer or Committee Member, tables may be set up at the Eastern Star Schools to share their programs and items with the membership. This committee will also support our elected General Grand Chapter Officer, Brother Henry S. Martin, as he serves as the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron during the 2015-2018 Triennium.

General Grand Chapter Elected Officer:

Henry S. Martin, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron

Committees of General Grand Chapter Members:

Eastern Star Journal – Bess Caldwell

ESTARL – Trey Smith

Necrology – Joyce Gilbert, Chairman

Regenerative Medicine – Mary Ruth White

Support First Responders – K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., Chairman

Youth – David Dibrell

Hummingbirds – Phyllis Macon and Deborah Foster

NOTE: This is not the entire list of appointments for Texas; however, these are the individuals who will most likely be soliciting help from the committee members.

GIVE A HOOT

The “Give A Hoot” Award is a program to encourage and recognize Chapters for participating in a wide variety of programs. Members of this committee will encourage Chapters in their District/Section to participate in this program.

Chapter Awards will be given at Grand Chapter to those Chapters who achieve the “Give A Hoot” Award.

This committee will have available for sale, an Owl Sun Catcher for a donation of \$5.00 each, and an Owl Night Light for a donation of \$10.00 each. PROCEEDS GO TO the Shriner’s and Scottish Rite Charity.

GRAND ESCORTS, GRAND PAGES, AND APPOINTED SECRETARIES

The Grand Escorts will constitute a committee composed of ones designated to escort the Installed Grand Officers, the General Grand Chapter Committee Members, the Past Grand Matrons, and the Past Grand Patrons of Texas. The purpose of this committee is to support the distinguished members of the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter Year.

The Grand Pages will form a committee of members selected to assist the Installed Grand Officers for whom they were appointed and will assist the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, if needed.

The appointed Secretaries will constitute a committee of members selected to assist the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, and the Board of Directors.

These committees will not give a report at Grand Chapter.

GRAND SOLOIST

The Grand Soloist(s) will share their talent with the membership. Music is the greatest creation of man, which touches the soul, and also helps man to sympathetically manifest unspoken desire and humanity in him. John Denver once said, "Music does bring people together. It allows us to experience the same emotions. People everywhere are the same in heart and spirit. No matter what language we speak, what color we are, the form of our politics, or the expressions of our love and faith, music proves we are the same."

Whether you are a music enthusiast or not, the best way you can express your feelings, anger, love, passion, joy, and other kinds of feelings, is simply through music. It is rightly said that when words and letters fail, the best option is music. You will be able to express the intent of your heart through music which ordinarily may not be possible for you to either do in words or letters.

HELPING THOSE WHO SERVED

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) operates a fleet of vehicles around the country, including Texas, to provide free transportation to VA medical facilities for injured and ill veterans. The DAV stepped in to help veterans get the care they needed when the federal government terminated its program that helped many veterans pay for transportation to and from medical facilities. The vans are driven by volunteers with the rides being coordinated by almost 190 Hospital Service Coordinators around the country.

DAV has purchased 2,967 vehicles, worth nearly \$65.1 million, that have been donated to the Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers nationwide, since the program began in 1987 to ensure that injured and ill veterans are able to get to their medical appointments.

The members of this committee will have pins to sell in the shape of wings with the U.S. and Texas flags joined in the center. They will be available for a donation of \$10.00. Proceeds go to DAV

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

The history of our Grand Jurisdiction is recorded in the Historical Highlights. Books may be purchased for a donation of \$23.50. It is a loose leaf notebook with pages of information in chronological order concerning the history of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

For those who already have the Historical Highlights, additional pages updating the notebooks may be purchased for a \$3.25 donation.

This committee will have a Historical Highlights book on hand and order information. They will be responsible for talking about the book, showing it to the membership, and encouraging them to purchase these interesting and historical memories of our Grand Jurisdiction. All money for this project goes to the General Fund.

KUPS FOR KIDS - YOUTH

Our mission and vision reflect our deep commitment to today's youths. The Cups for Kids will promote the support organizations, the Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Order of DeMolay.

Committee members will identify and visit the nearest Rainbow Assembly and DeMolay Chapter and bring greetings and support from Eastern Star. They will encourage participation by Chapters in Rainbow and DeMolay meetings and events.

This committee will have a travel cup for sale with the Eastern Star and Masonic Logos for a donation of \$15.00 per cup. All proceeds of the sale will be divided equally between the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and the Order of DeMolay.

LET'S GO FLY A KITE

"In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun. You find the fun, and – SNAP - the job's a game!" Mary Poppins

What a fun movie "Mary Poppins" was. This Committee will promote the fun of, and the attitude of, "Mary Poppins" by planning an event to be held in each District on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Just like in the movie, as Eastern Star members, we are sometimes uptight about things that are miniscule in nature. We need to look for the magic and try to emulate the sunny attitude of "Mary Poppins" into our Chapter activities and how we view the Order.

"Let's Go Fly a Kite" is a song from Walt Disney's film Mary Poppins, composed by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman. This

song is heard at the end of the film when George Banks (played by David Tomlinson), realizes that his family is more important than his job. He mends his son's kite and takes his family on a kite-flying outing. The song is sung by Tomlinson, Dick Van Dyke, and eventually the entire chorus.

The "Let's Go Fly a Kite" event will be just for "fun". Perhaps a picnic at the park or a festival with booths where Chapters can sell their wares or whatever meets the needs of the individual Districts. Purpose of this event is to get members to participate in it and to share having fun in a warm, friendly, and supportive atmosphere.

This committee will have a small purse umbrella to sell for a donation of \$20.00. Proceeds go to the General Fund.

MASONIC CONNECTION

The members of this committee will promote and encourage their Masonic Brothers and their families to become members of the Eastern Star.

They will promote good working relationships between the Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star Chapter(s) that meet in their Lodges. These brothers should understand the joys of both fraternal organizations and the benefits of working together.

Both organizations, being charitable in nature, should strive to be a force to be reckoned with when doing work for the better good. The members of this committee should always have an Eastern Star petition with them and make them available to all Masons and their families.

MELISSA'S MELODIES AND RICK'S JESTERS

This committee will be comprised of Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons who have not received any other Grand Appointment. As our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons do so much for their individual Chapters, we want to honor them with this appointment. As leaders of their Chapters, they are the ones who promote the good of the Order, working on projects for their Chapters, and spending a large amount of their time in giving to the organization.

Their only duty will be to support their Chapter in any way they can, look at ways to recruit new members, and encourage existing members to be active in their support of their subordinate Chapter. They will also support Grand Chapter by encouraging the Chapter's participation in the Humanitarian Program, special charitable projects of the Worthy Grand Matron, and encouraging attendance of Chapter members at the 2018 Grand Chapter session to be held in Irving, Texas.

MULTI-STATE

Texas will participate during the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter year in a Multi-State Friendship Exchange Program. This consists of Texas, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. The members of this committee will work with the membership on soliciting participation in the Exchange which will be held on April 7 – 9, 2018 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This Committee will also be responsible for organizing a bus trip to travel to New Mexico, similar to the bus trip we've taken each year to Wyoming's Grand Chapter. Plans are to include some site seeing/touring built into the trip.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

This committee will have the sheet music written for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron marches available for a donation of \$5.00 per copy. Proceeds will go to the General Fund.

PATRIOT PAWS

Patriot PAWS Service Dogs is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization CFC #35710. They are located in Rockwall, Texas. They provide A Service For Those Who Have Served by training and placing quality service dogs at no cost to disabled veterans nationwide. Caring for a service dog in training can cost about \$33,000 over a two year period.

This committee will be dedicated to promoting Patriot PAWS in any way possible. They will have a PAWS pin available for a donation of \$10.00. All proceeds will go Patriot PAWS.

PROFICIENCY COMMITTEE

This committee will encourage the formation of study classes to help prepare for the Proficiency Examinations at each Eastern Star School.

These committee members will also assist the Grand Examiner during the Eastern Star Schools and assist the Grand Examiner with the sale of the Proficiency Stickers to those who earn their proficiency certificates at the Schools of Instruction.

A donation of \$1.00 will be collected per sticker. The Proceeds will go to the General Fund.

REMEMBER WHEN? YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

This committee will promote the 2017-2018 "Remember When?" Yearbook at Grand Chapter, Schools of Instructions, and at Chapters within their own Districts and Sections. They will encourage the membership to place ads in the yearbook along with selling advertising ads to outside entities. Pictures of Chapter activities throughout the year, Grand Chapter, Schools of Instructions, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and business cards can be submitted for publication.

The committee will also be selling pre-orders as no extra books will be published. Only those who pre-order will receive a yearbook.

The yearbook will be available for a donation of \$20.00. It will be printed after the 2018 Grand Chapter Session in order to be representative of the entire 2017-2018 Grand Chapter year.

RITUALISTIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

This committee will be in charge of the Ritualistic Excellence at the Eastern Star Schools. Each member is encouraged to compete, not against any other member, but to strive for perfection in our Ritualistic work within themselves.

Awards will be given to those members who participate in reciting any one of these parts of our Ritualistic Work as follows:

- Any star point: Opening lecture with sign
- Any star point: Initiation lecture
- Any star point: Funeral lecture.
- Any two Prayers: Opening, Closing, Installation, Initiation, Funeral
- Associate Patron: Long lecture from Initiation
- Worthy Matron: Lecture from Initiation
- Installing Officer: Closing Remarks
- Associate Conductress: Lecture to New Candidate in Preparation Room
- Conductress: Lecture to New Candidate upon entering the Chapter Room
- Conductress: Remarks to each Star Point during Initiation

Any member may receive any number of awards at any given school for any given category(s). However, they are encouraged to attend more schools so that they can earn as many awards as possible. THEY MAY NOT GIVE THE SAME CATEGORY(S) TWICE. AT EACH SCHOOL, THEY MUST BE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES FROM THOSE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN.

- Two mistakes will be awarded a gold ribbon pin
- Three mistakes will be awarded a silver ribbon pin
- For participating and making 4 or more mistakes, you will be awarded a bronze ribbon pin

ROB MORRIS CELEBRATION

The members of this committee will handle the Silent Auctions at each Eastern Star School of Instruction and be in charge of the Rob Morris Celebration at Grand Chapter.

Each committee member is responsible for requesting donations for auctions at the Eastern Star Schools and for the Silent Auction that will be held at the Celebration at the 2018 Grand Chapter. These donations may be from businesses, individuals, and Chapters.

Monies collected will be used to defray costs for the Rob Morris Celebration at Grand Chapter and possibly other functions at Grand Chapter. The General Chairman of this committee will also be the Chairman of the Rob Morris Celebration at Grand Chapter.

This committee will be responsible for setting up, collecting the money, and making sure all items are taken home, with remaining items delivered to the next school to be added to their auction.

There will be a contest in each District between the Sections (in that District) for the most successful Rob Morris auction. The Sections who collect over \$1,000.00 will be announced at Grand Chapter and be given special recognition.

Rob Morris Celebration at Grand Chapter – This committee will also be responsible for the Rob Morris Auction at Grand Chapter in 2018. This includes soliciting items for both the silent and live actions.

Donations collected from the auctions not needed to offset the cost of the Rob Morris Function at Grand Chapter, will go to the WGM Un-designated Funds.

SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL AND SHRINERS TRANSPORTATION FUND

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children provides exceptional care to thousands of children every year. TSRHC is not a United Way agency and does not receive state or federal funding. The hospital relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations, foundations, and corporations to continue its mission.

Shriners Transportation Fund. Since the early 1960's, when Shriners Hospitals for Children first began offering pediatric burn treatment, thousands of patients have been given a second chance to lead productive lives, thanks to the expert medical care they received at these state of the art hospitals. When children experience burn injuries, receiving the kind of multidisciplinary pediatric burn care available at Shriners Hospitals for Children is paramount to their overall recovery. Since their injuries can be severe and even life-threatening, burn patients often require transportation to Shriners Hospitals for Children in medically equipped airplanes with medical professionals on board to monitor them. Costs for these medical air flights are rising every year. If transportation is required, the funding has to be there. Proceeds from this committee will help meet this important need. Shriners Hospitals for Children's emergency patient transportation fund helps sponsoring Shriners International Temples cover transportation costs for burn patients when needed. The Section members can purchase our owls to take to a local charity. This is an excellent way to publicize Eastern Star's good work. The owls can also be donated to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, sheriff departments, local police departments, or to other Children's Hospitals. The members of this committee will have stuffed owls and stuffed armadillos for a donation of \$10.00 each. Donations from the sale of the stuffed owls and armadillos will be divided between these two Charities.

SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES

This is an ongoing project for Texas Eastern Star. Getting a new product out for our members to see and know it is available is the first step in selling that product successfully. Even the best product will do little good for our organization if our members do not know it exists. Therefore, we must see that our membership receives the knowledge as effectively as possible.

This committee will visit Chapters, make presentations at Schools of Instruction, and other Chapter meetings, to explain the program and to encourage the membership to participate in this program when registering their car.

TEXAS WHO'S WHO

Because of the success of the Texas Who's Who Book in 2016-2017, we will once again be printing this book. It will be the size of the Directory and printed in the Grand Chapter office. It will contain all the dignitaries and appointments of Texas. It will be in the same format as the 2016-2017 book.

As changes or corrections are made, they will be printed in the Bulletin. This will allow those who purchased the book to make the changes in their Who's Who book.

The names of dignitaries and committee appointments will be listed in the Official Bulletin by name only. No other contact information will be listed in the Official Bulletin.

The members of this committee will promote the sale of the Texas Who's Who Book for 2017-2018. A donation of \$10.00 will be collected per book. The proceeds will go to the General Fund.

TIME AND TALENT COMMITTEE

This committee will use their time and talent to plan and present parties for all those residing in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The committee members will ask Chapters and members in their area to assist in the parties and with the planning and preparing of the decorations, refreshments, program, and any gifts needed for the parties.

The committee members will encourage the membership of the Chapters to plan something special for their shut-ins and local care facilities in their area. What a wonderful way to get the name of Eastern Star out in the community where we each live!

This committee will also encourage Chapters to participate in the Masonic Family Day event held on the grounds of TMRC. Chapters are allowed to reserve a booth to sell their homemade items, food, drinks, as approved and coordinated through the event Chairmen. This is our opportunity to show our support for the Masons of Texas.

The Districts will be responsible for these parties:

District 4	Halloween	Date: October 29, 2017
District 5	Christmas	Date: December 17, 2017
District 3	Valentine	Date: February 16, 2018
District 2	Easter/Spring	Date: April 15, 2018
District 1	Independence Day	Date: July 8, 2018

This committee will have Shawls, with an embroidered white swan, for sale for a donation of \$20.00. The proceeds will go to the General Fund.