

Down the Rabbit Hole with the Hares and Hatters



**MELISSA METZ
OREGON WORTHY
GRAND MATRON**

Sisters and Brothers,

We have begun our curious adventure 'Down the Rabbit Hole'. What a great Grand Installation we had. The Hares and Hatters Grand Family entered the Grand Chapter room through a whimsical tree archway a symbol of family. The white rabbit in front of the tree represented the beginning of a new chapter in our lives while the card soldiers guarded the door. The Cheshire Cat up in the tree reminding us why we are all here, as well as our membership moto, "We are all mad for Eastern Star."

Speaking of membership, we have the Mad for Eastern Star Ice Bucket Challenge on October 21 in Corvallis at 1pm. If we initiate 16 new members that day, I will be ALL WET. I will be inviting a bucket of ice water to be dumped over my head while sporting my grand officer uniform. I know we are really close! We have representation from Marguerite Chapter, Beaver Chapter, Trinity Chapter, and maybe even Mt. Scott Chapter and Barzillai Chapter. Our overarching membership goal this year is to have each Chapter initiate two new members. Those Chapters reaching this goal will be recognized at Grand Chapter in June.

Our ritual is the thread that binds us to the past and to the future. It is our heritage. Ritual proficiency demonstrates we care enough for our traditions that we stand before a candidate and our peers and perform our work with pride and excellence. Remember the future of Eastern Star in Oregon, to a large degree, depends on what we as Star Members do and the way we do it. As we are mediocre or exceptional, so will those who come after us be mediocre or exceptional. Our upcoming regionals are August 18, Esther Chapter; September 15, Mt Scott Chapter; September 29, Josephine Chapter; and October 6, Salem Scottish Rite all starting at 10 am. Attending Grand Initiation on October 21 or one of the Regionals will count toward your Chapter earning its proficiency.

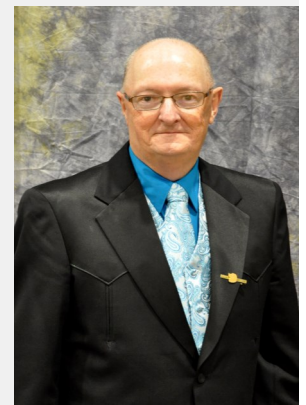
Every Adventure Requires A First Step, Star Love - Melissa Metz, WGM

Well, we are off and running with the conclusion of installation for the "Hares and Hatters" Grand Family. Thus far, it has been a whirlwind and we haven't had much of a chance to catch our breath. Melissa and I have been all over the state working with various chapters as installing officers.

Last weekend we had the pleasure of installing members of Beaver Chapter in the Portland area. The installation went very well and of course the members of that chapter and others were very hospitable. We enjoyed a luncheon after the ceremony which provided us with an opportunity to catch up with a number of our friends that we had not seen for a while.

Susan and I left the metro area that afternoon and by evening found ourselves in Klamath Falls, where we worked as installing officers for Aloha. Melissa once again acted as the installing Grand Worthy Matron, I was the Grand Worthy Patron and Susan, my wife, was the Grand Marshall. We really enjoyed the time we had with the folks at Aloha. They were so accommodating and very friendly and we enjoyed a nice visit prior to leaving. Following the installation they provided a delicious lunch which included berry pie. Yum! Aloha gave Susan and me a very large basket filled with a variety of goodies which we enjoyed on our way home. Susan drove home giving me an opportunity to take a nap. As many of you may already know, when Susan drives it seems that we get to our destinations much sooner. As I have often said, we don't even need to buy tires because they never touch the road way.

The following day after working, I found myself driving back to Portland for another installation at Forest Chapter.



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Susan had to work and could not get off early enough, so I was on my own. I arrived at Forest Chapter around 6 p.m. The installation began at 7:00 p.m. The incoming Worthy Matron Sharon Kelley asked me some time ago to be her installing Worthy Grand Patron. Angie Thompson acted as the installing Worthy Matron. The chapter had a good turn out and there were several sideliners. Once again, we had a great time. They prepared a meal for afterward. Unfortunately, I had to work the next day so I left right away. It takes about four hours to drive from there to my home, so I crawled into bed at 1:00 a.m. My alarm clock sounded very early on Tuesday screaming at me to get up and get to work. That evening was spent at home. Wednesday, Susan and I were scheduled to install Dorothy Louis and Larry Tripp along with their officers at 7:00 p.m. that evening. We were able to see so many of our friends at this installation. They sidelines were packed. We had a terrific time visiting with everyone. Dorothy and Larry are good friends and it was an honor to be asked to preside at this ceremony. My partner, Melissa and I, enjoyed the evening very much.

This coming Saturday Melissa, Susan and I will be in Eugene to install Elizabeth Duell-Smith at Meridian Chapter. We are looking forward to that installation as well. Prior to that Susan and I will be attending the Celebration of Life ceremony for Blanche Davis. Her passing makes us very sad and we will miss her dearly. She was such a good person and the perfect lady. We enjoyed a very special relationship with her. Our sympathy goes to her family and friends and we are asking a special blessing for all of them. Blanche was definitely “Fairest Among Thousands All Together Lovely” she represented her star point “Grand Adah” perfectly. We love you Blanche.

Next week is the Grand Family’s school of instruction. We will be in Cottage Grove beginning Friday. We are excited about the retreat and have planned carefully to ensure that we are prepared for everything that needs to be dealt with. That same week end is the all Masonic Picnic and it will be in Cottage Grove.

Hopefully, we will see many of you there. So, please plan on coming and having a great time. Best wishes to all the “Hares and Hatters” Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and their officers as they begin a new page in the history of their respective chapter. We are looking forward to traveling and meeting with each of you and your members during the ensuing year.

John Wiley Thomas, WGP

***Why does the Hatter take his hat off when
the bible is open?***

***Because he doesn’t want
anything between himself and the
Devine Wisdom which is
imparted when the bible is open.***



WGM & WGP CALENDAR OF OFFICIAL VISITS

AUGUST 2018

- 10 Jennings McCall Birthday Party
- 18 Regional School of Instruction / Esther Chapter #11
- 19 Grand Visit, Golden Rule Chapter #131 w/ Star Chapter #69
- 25 Natal Day, Doric Chapter #53
- 25 OES Excursion Sawdust Theatre / Coquille
- 26 WGM / WGP Reception, SWOCC, Coos Bay

SEPTEMBER 2018

- 8 Grand Visit, Wabanang Chapter #127 w/ Mizpah Chapter #30
- 14 Jennings McCall Birthday Party
- 15 Regional School of Instruction, Mt. Scott Chapter #110
- 16 Grand Visit, @ JMC Forest #42 w/ Tualatin #31 & Home Star Chapter #187
- 28 Grand Visit, Oakland # 91 w/ Roseburg Chapter #8
- 29 Regional School of Instruction, Josephine Chapter #26
- 30 Grand Visitation, @ Medford, Adarel Chapter #3 w/ Rogue River Chapter #186, Reames Chapter #66 & Aloha Chapter #5

OCTOBER 2018

- 5 Grand Visit, Gervais w/ Evergreen Chapter #41 & Laurel Chapter #113
- 6 Regional School of Instruction @ Salem Scottish Rite
- 12 Jennings McCall Birthday Party
- 13 Group Meetings, @ Tualatin Chapter # 31
- 13 Grand Ruth Reception
- 14 Grand Visit, Mt. Scott w/ Friendship Chapter #148 & Daphne Chapter #139
- 20 Associate Grand Conductress Reception
- 21 Grand Initiation, @ Corvallis St. Mary's Lodge



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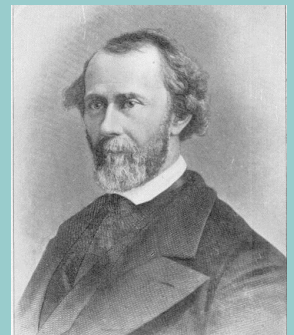
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CELEBRATION

Saturday, August 25th, 2018
Hosted by Doric Chapter #53
at the North Bend Masonic Temple
2002 Union Avenue (at the corner of Union
and Virginia Avenues) North Bend, Oregon



This is a very important celebration this year
since it marks the 200th birthday of our founder-Dr. Robert Morris.

A special program is planned for your enjoyment.

Doors open at 12:00 noon for registration

Lunch at 1:00 p.m.-\$10.00

Meeting and program at 2:00 pm

PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15TH

For more information please call Keryn Frazell 541 888-1118 or

Email kerellcatz@frontier.com.

It is also the day before the Reception in Coos Bay for our 2018-2019 Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Melissa Metz and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Thomas. Come and spend the weekend with us on the beautiful Oregon Coast!

CHAPTER CHATTER



Victoria Chapter #66 — submitted by Deanne Miller, WM

Congratulations to Victoria Chapter #76 one of the 20 chapters winning the Proficiency Award at the 129th Oregon Grand Chapter Session.

Pictured L-R— Stanley Miller WP, Deanne Miller WM, Tracy Harris, Loren Newkirk PGP, Carol Motta, Bill Motta, and Marge Newkirk.

Reames Chapter #66—submitted by Focus Member Dale Boreland

The members of Reames Chapter #66 are excited to delve into our new year having installed a new core of officers under the leadership of Marilyn Pringle as Worthy Matron and Art Borland as Worthy Patron. We are confident the year will present exciting activities for our membership and promote good cheer to all.

Our year is starting off with exciting activities for our Social Club as we gather together over the summer months to create craft items

for the three bazaars that are scheduled. In the tradition of Southern Oregon, collaboration is taking place with Josephine Chapter to make the bazaars even more creative and fun as we prepare for these activities which will be held at Reames Chapter in Medford, Josephine Chapter in Grants Pass and in Eagle Point.

The summer is also being spent with our officers working hard to memorize their ritual work so our initi-

ation on September 12th will duly impress our new member. He is excited to participate in Eastern Star at Reames Chapter and we are looking forward to having this Mason join our ranks.

The Regional School of Instruction is always informative and we look forward to attending that on Saturday, September 29th followed by the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on Sunday, September 30th.

Reames Chapter #66 is excited about its' vote to co-sponsor a new Rainbow Assembly that is in the process of preparing to be instituted. We look forward to collaborating and assisting them as they initiate girls and introduce them to our fraternal life. The intent is to open this assembly by the end of this year with at least twelve members between the ages of 11 and 20. Reames Chapter's decision to co-sponsor this assembly exemplifies our commitment to youth and bettering our community.

Central Oregon Chapter #23—submitted by Focus Chairman Shari Durgan

Central Oregon Chapter #23 had their installation of Officers on July 18th with Sharon Cooke and Robert Elliott being installed as the new Worthy Matron and Patron. Ron Terry, PGP was the Installing Officer. Sharon and Bob's theme this year is centered around books and birds. Sharon is a retired school teacher and Bob enjoys birds.

We are very excited to have 4 new members to our chapter, although they are all long time members of Eastern Star. Sherril Abrell Wallace and Cheryl Sumerlin took out plural memberships with us from Marguerite Chapter, and Kathy Cloninger and John Heddle affiliated with us just before the 2017-2018 year was over. All are taking offices this next year, so we have a full slate of officers, with the exception of Organist. Cheryl Sumerlin asked to run for Associate Conductress and was elected. She is the cousin of Laura Frye, so will be in Laura's group.

Martin Anderson was elected Grand Sentinel at Grand Chapter and will be going through to the Grand East with Leslie Van Etten. Several of our members were given appointments this year: Kathy Cloninger is on the Charitable Giving Committee, Sherril Wallace is co-chair of Youth Awareness, Cathy Thompson is on the Focus Committee, and Shari Durgan is Subscription Chairman of the OES Newsletter.

We are all looking forward to a fun filled year.

CHAPTER INSTALLATIONS



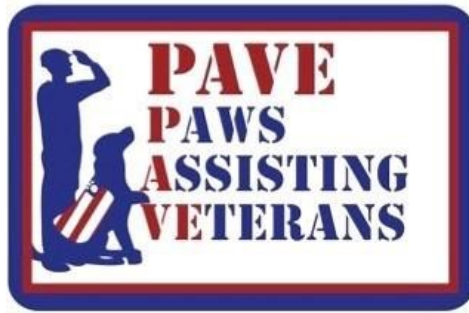
Pioneer Chapter #28 Installation



Rogue River Chapter #186 Installation



Maple Chapter #95 Installation



Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It is very exciting that Grand Chapter of Oregon has officially designated Service Dogs as one of our primary philanthropic charities. WGM Melissa and WGP John have chosen PAVE Paws Assisting Veterans to be their “pet” charity.

Freedom isn’t Free. Thousands of military men and women come back home forever changed by war. Approximately 2.5 million armed services members have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and other places. 17 % of them are suffering from PTSD. 22 veterans are taking their own lives every single day and that number is increasing. For the last few years, here have been more military suicides than combat deaths. I find this information disturbing which is why I am so excited that OES is in a position to help our veterans by supporting PAVE.

PAVE is a small organization that trains service dogs for veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TIP), and other disabilities. Unlike other service dog organizations that mass produce dogs, PAVE must customize each dog to meet the specific needs of the veteran receiving it.

PAVE Paws Assisting Veterans places dogs, at no charge, with disabled veterans with a wide array of disabilities. PAVE operates on donations and grants and receives NO government funding. All of these dogs are trained to provide support in every imaginable social situation. They are trained to wake the veteran from nightmares, redirect the veteran during a PTSD episode, put a barrier between the veteran and the public if needed, reduce hyper-vigilance through teamwork, prevent panic in public. Dogs can also be trained to pick up items, open doors, push elevator buttons, pull a wheelchair, assist with balance, etc. Most importantly service dogs can help to regulate emotional states.

OES has an opportunity to make a big difference in the lives of veterans by supporting PAVE. PAVE is dedicated to raising and training service dogs. PAVE does not have a staff to solicit funds from donors or to send mass mailings requesting donations. All of that takes money and PAVE spends their money on their dogs and veterans. This is where OES can help. If we raise funds on their behalf, PAVE would be able to hire more trainers to train more dogs for more disabled veteran.

Our goal is to raise enough money to sponsor a veteran so that he/she can get a dog. It costs about \$25,000 per year to train a service dog and place it with a veteran. If each chapter could hold a fund raiser and raise \$500, we could make our goal.

As Co-Chair of the Service Dog Committee, along with Ninja, my service dog puppy in training, we are here to help as well as to ask you for your help. If there is anything we can do to help you and your chapter support PAVE, please let us know.

We hope you will support these brave men and women who have done so much for us. They have sacrificed much for you and me. They have worked too hard for the American way of life to be deprived of it themselves.

Star Love & Puppy Kisses,
Lynn Rose & Ninja
Co-Chairs, Service Dog Committee
Daphne Chapter #139

HELP WANTED COME JOIN THE FUN TEAM:

The Service Dog Committee is looking for Animal Control Officers, Licensing Agents or anyone who wants to help. No experience needed. Applications taken through August 10.

Please contact Lynn Rose, Service Dog Committee @ l_rose2000@yahoo.com or 503 358-7179. Ninja, the Service Dog in Training, wants you to know that there will be compensation which in dog talk means there will be treats in it for you.





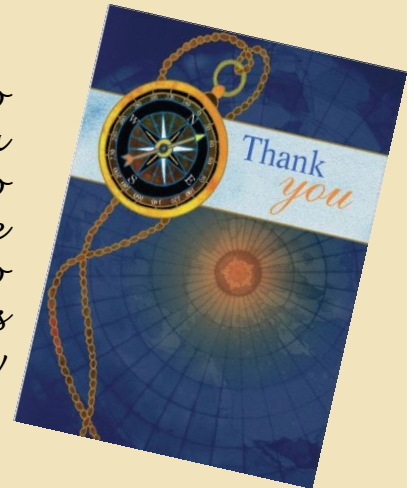
*All Masonic Picnic
Scrapbook
Sunday, July 22, 2018*



Thank you so very very much!

I cannot even begin to try to list out all the folks who lent a hand and helped make the Rendevous Session a success. From Pages to Coordinators, Flower Booth to Ushers, Grand Officers to Grand Choir, Committee Chairs to van drivers, Banquets to Bathrooms, Escorts to Decorations and so many more! Each of you has touched my heart and made this jurisdiction so very proud. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

~ Gloria Varner, PGM



CURIOUS AND CURSIOUSER



You are invited to attend the

School of

Instruction hosted by
Esther Chapter #11
on August 18, 2018

At the Baker City Masonic Temple, 2191
Main Street, starts at 10 A.M.

Lunch costs a delicious \$

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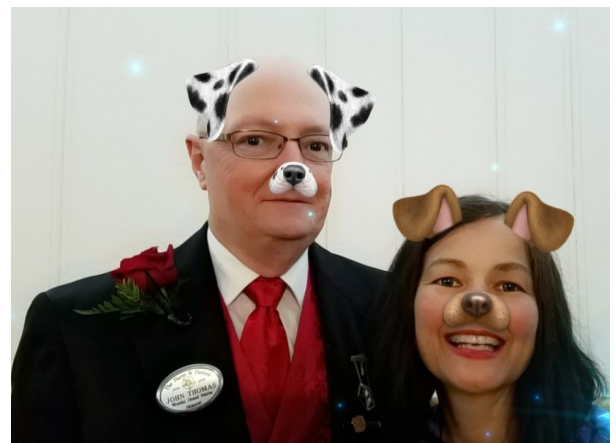
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By order of the Cheshire Cat, licenses will be issued to all...humans. Fail to get a license and see what happens. Come to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron reception on August 26th to find out why you want to get your license. Licenses will be available starting August 25 and will be issued by representatives of the Service Dog Committee.



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Barzillai Chapter #16
Installation



Tualatin Chapter #31
Installation

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