

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
NEWSLETTER
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This is the first of the newsletters I intend to publish during the next three years. I hope it will be fun to read, informative, and most of all – bring some unity to our chapters. Because of the distance separating us, I felt a vehicle such as this newsletter would be a good first step in shortening those miles.

Eastern Star chapters throughout the state have installed their 2007 officers. My best wishes for a successful year! Attached is a list of the Worthy Matrons and Secretaries, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses. Visiting other chapters is a great way to get to know each other, to share and spread Eastern Star goodwill, and the Worthy Matrons LOVE having visitors.

Articles and information from you, our members, are requested. I'm looking for items that would be of interest to the membership such as special events in your chapters, memorable events for members, upcoming events, etc. The following have graciously agreed to be "reporters" for their chapters: Juneau #7, **Georgene Brookman**; Anchorage #8, **Ginger Pinion**; Kodiak #13, **Lois Stover**; Matanuska Valley #14, **Kathleen Bowen**; Denali #16, **Betty Prentice**; and Star of the North #17, **Cheryl Smith**. Reporters for Valdez #5, Midnight Sun #6, Naomi #9, and Fairbanks #18 are needed. Please volunteer! My goal is to publish a newsletter every two months. **Melodee Monson, Denali #16**, is setting up an Alaska Eastern Star Web Site where this newsletter will be available. Watch for news of its opening!

Does anyone have a suggestion for the newsletter name? Creativity genes missed me!

Triennium in Minneapolis was just wonderful. An important first occurred: **Claudia Johnson**, then Worthy Matron of Star of the North #17, Soldotna, opened the first session. This was the first time a Worthy Matron of a subordinate chapter was invited to open a session of General Grand Chapter. She did an excellent job and was right up there with Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons! We were all so proud of her!

The Alaska Breakfast was a huge success with over 30 attendees. Sister **Joan Morgan** was presented a gift from her sisters and brothers honoring her for her years as Deputy in Alaska.

Plan to attend the Choctaw Triennium Session in Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 30 through November 5, 2009 – "The Place to Shine in 2009".

Denali #16, Anchorage, gave a reception for **Joan Morgan**, 2000-2006 Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Alaska, on Saturday, April 21. The event was well attended. **Lois Stover**, Kodiak #13, arranged an eye appointment to coincide with the reception so she could join Joan's sisters and brothers in

thanking her for her many years of service to Alaska Eastern Star. Sister **Barbara Kennedy** chaired the event and presented Joan with gifts purchased with money given by all Alaska chapters.

Star of the North Chapter #17, Soldotna, held a dessert auction after their April meeting and raised over \$400! Eastern Star members there really love their sweets, especially a certain kind of fudge!

Sister **Carlene Sanders**, Matanuska Valley Chapter #14, recently celebrated her 90th birthday!

Anchorage Chapter #8 is planning a Spring Fling on June 9 at the Masonic Center in Anchorage. Contact **Elizabeth Schefers**, 336-9049, for more information.

Upcoming events: Initiations: May 11, Midnight Sun, Fairbanks, 8:00 pm; May 15, 7:30 pm, Star of the North #17, Soldotna. Official Visits: May 9, Valdez #5; May 20, Naomi #9, Skagway; May 22, Juneau #7, Juneau. NOTE: The Official Visit date for Kodiak #13 has been changed to September 25.

Deputy Doings: I attended the Informal Opening of Grand Lodge in Anchorage, held Schools of Instruction in Palmer, Anchorage, Soldotna, and Fairbanks from February 7 through March 9. On March 27 I visited Triune Chapter #344 in Toledo, Ohio on my way to a cross stitch retreat in Archbold, Ohio. I was very warmly welcomed and invited them to visit Alaska. My first Official Visit was April 4 at my home chapter of Matanuska Valley #14. I've visited Anchorage #8, Denali #16, Matanuska

Valley #14 (I'm Secretary there), and Star of the North #17. I've put 2,300 miles on my car. I've enjoyed each and every one and look forward to traveling to Skagway, Juneau, Kodiak, and Valdez. Please consider traveling with me! I would just love it.

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Star love,

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