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## A Fabulous Time in 2009

*by Ris Prentiss, Worthy Matron*

My Sisters and Brothers, I hope everyone is having A Fabulous Time! What a great month! It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Chapter Birthday and Awards. What a treat it was for all of the officers to sit on the sidelines and watch all of the Past Matrons and Past Patron fill every station. It was awesome!

Congratulations to all our 50 Year Pin Recipients, our 25 Year Pin Recipients, and our Service Award Recipients. It was an evening to celebrate for all. A special thank you goes to Denise for all your hard work, and for putting on a spectacular evening. It was really nice to see so many members there to share in the celebration.

Our Orange County Party night season has begun with two already over, and our own Party Night coming this month. It's wonderful to see so many of you coming out to the Party Nights and supporting our Orange County Associates as well as our own Scepter Officers. I hope to see you all at our Party Night this month. Mamie and Jim, along with their committee, have been working very hard to put on a Scepter Style Party Night that you won't want to miss.

Welcome to our new affiliate Jalaria Hall. We are so happy to have you as a part of Scepter. You have joined an Absolutely Fabulous Chapter. We hope to see you often, enjoying time with your new Sisters and Brothers here at Scepter. Come out and join us and you are sure to have *A Fabulous Time in 2009!*



Ris Prentiss, WM; Jalaria Hall; Bill Prentiss, WP

## What a FABULOUS TIME in 2009 we're having now!

*by Bill Prentiss, Worthy Patron*

Our Chapter's 111th Birthday and Awards Night was an OVERWELMING SUCCESS! We saw many of YOU for the first time and we even had some old friends from other chapters stop by for the festivities. Denise Gallegos, PM did an OUTSTANDING job choosing courtesy officers to fill the stations, and preparing for the evening. And how about all those Sideliners!? What a FABULOUS turn out to have our sidelines filled with all those smiling faces, supporting all of our Past Matrons and Past Patrons filling the chairs. You are all so very very special to us.



A special THANK YOU goes to Sharon Jazwiecki, PM and the Awards Committee for all their time and dedication in selecting our "Service Award" recipients this year. Danna Willoughby, PGM; Karley Sue Price, PM; and Jeani Scott, PM are all shining "Star" examples of the good within our organization. Each of them has dedicated their lives to the principles Eastern Star represents, to each other and their communities. I know our lives are richer knowing these three ladies and we are honored to call them our Sisters.

Now that the weather is warming up and spring is finally upon us, we look forward to seeing YOU. We'll be having some exciting events, meetings, and just generally fun times in the next few months. Make a point to mark your calendar and join us, because it'll be even more fun with YOU. We're having a FABULOUS TIME in 2009. Come join us.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF  
FABULOUS FUN INCLUDING  
DINNER AND GAMES  
SATURDAY, MAY 9TH**



## From Our DGM

*Judy Edgmon,  
Deputy Grand Matron, District No. 40*

Congratulations to the new service award, 25-year pin, and 50-year pin recipients. It was a beautiful awards and birthday meeting. If you were not able to attend, we are very sorry that you missed such an exciting evening. It was such fun seeing the Past Matrons in their gowns and the Past Patrons in their vests for their year of service.

April is an exciting time of renewal. The earth begins to spring forth in growth and beauty. The hillsides are covered with color. New growth is evident everywhere. Our Chapter is no exception. We are growing and the new life adds vigor and strength to a solid base. I look forward with anticipation to a full and exciting Chapter.

May the glory and the promise  
Of this joyous time of year  
Bring peace and happiness to you  
And those you hold most dear



## Circle of Concern

*by Mamie Wilson, Associate Matron*

**Elaine Campbell, PM, and Bernice Hiles -**

Please keep Elaine and Bernice in your prayers and thoughts as they deal with the recent loss of their husbands, and our brothers, Charley Campbell, PP and Max Hiles. A memorial service was held on March 23rd for our Brother Charley. A memorial service has been scheduled for April 11, 2pm, at the El Bekal Shrine Center for our Brother Max.

**Mary Kay Curtis**, our Esther - has suffered the loss of her Mother-in Law. Please keep her and her husband in your thoughts and prayers.

**Richard "Dick" Sappington, PP-** had Heart Valve Replacement at St. Joseph's Hospital in March. Brother Dick came through the operation just fine and will be back in chapter very soon.

**Dottie Sellers** -- Is still recovering from a broken hip at Town and Country Manor in Santa Ana. She is doing well, but it is a slow recovery of about 6 to 8 weeks. Dottie loves visits, but tires easily, so visits should be short. Cards and flowers are very special to her.

**Carol Massey** -- has been in the hospital with pneumonia.

**Ruben Gallegos** -- had out-patient surgery on his eye.

**Jerry Murphy** -- Has a blood clot in his leg. He has spent some time in the ER but was released and is supposed to stay off his leg and rest.

**Peggy, PM and George Lawson, PP** -- have fallen again, but are doing okay.

If you know of anyone who is in need of our prayers, cards, or calls, please let me know. I can be reached by email or phone (see our 2009 Membership Roster). Everyone needs to know that we are here to support them in any way we can in times of Sickness and distress.

## From the Bandit in the West

*by Mamie Wilson, Associate Matron*



I turned around, and we had Marched right into April. And what a great March it was!

We started off the month by heading over to Yorba Linda Chapter for a "Rockin' Poodle Party". The night was full of Rock and Roll and poodle skirts. Scepter Chapter should be very proud, as we had 22 Scepter Members present, serving and on the sidelines. We Rock!

At our March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, we celebrated Chapter Birthday and Awards night. Congratulations to the 2009 Service Award recipients, Danna Willoughby PGM, Karley Sue Price PM, and Jeani Scott PM. You three are very special ladies, and are so deserving of this award. To the 25 and 50-Year pin recipients, all I can say is WOW. You are the ones that have, as they say, "weathered the storms," gone through the changes, and maintained your memberships to keep our chapter strong. I can only hope to see as many years, and stay as young as all of you.

On the 19<sup>th</sup>, we set sail to Seaside Chapter for "A Boston Tea Party." This was our 2<sup>nd</sup> Orange County Party Night for this month. The Indians were out in their finest buckskins.

On the 26<sup>th</sup>, we initiated five new members. HOORAY!! We welcome you to our family. The Chapter just keeps growing. If it has been a while since you have been in Chapter, we urge you to come and meet your new Sisters and Brothers.

The 28<sup>th</sup> was the next big event with the reception for Betty Walker, Grand Representative of Texas. The reception was held at Ami Tai chapter, and was a fun time for all. Congratulations Betty, you represented your state well.

So April has arrived and we are not going to slow down at all. The April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be honoring Martha, the fourth point of our Emblematic Star. Please join us and wear your green for the color station of Martha.

Did you think we were done with Party Nights? Guess again. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of April Emerald Star Chapter is planning a "Roaring Twenties" night. Pull out those flapper dresses and boas, suits and derby hats, and get ready to Charleston the night away. The party begins at 7:30 PM at the Norwalk Masonic Center in Norwalk.

After we have roared through the twenties, the night we have all been anticipating will be upon us! The Forest of Scepter Chapter will come to life on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM with "WILD TIMES IN THE WILDERNESS." Please join us in the forest for a fun filled night around the camp fire. Jim and I, with the help of the Party night committee, have been working hard to make this an evening you'll remember!

The meaning of APRIL according to Mamie:

A - Associate Matron, (that's me)

P - Principles of the Order. The things that are so important to our Members.

R - Respect. Something that is so important in our lives; to give respect and be respected.

I - Integrity. One of the most important qualities a person can possess.

L - Laughter. It is said a person will live longer if they have a good laugh once a day.

Hope all your days are Rosy!

## Star Dates to Remember

All events are held at the **Orange Masonic Center** unless otherwise noted. For the most up-to-date calendar (and details) please go to: <http://ormc.us/star> and click on the Eastern Star Calendar on the left side of the page.



### APRIL

- 2 **PMs/PPs BYOD/Meeting, 6:30 pm**
- 3-7 Grand Assembly IORG, Fresno
- 4 Job's Daughters Bethel 337 Stated Meeting, 8:30 am
- 5 Grand Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Noon, Fresno
- 5 Job's Daughters Bethel 337 SCGCA Grand Guardian's Official Visit, 4:30 pm
- 7 Orange Grove Lodge Dinner 6:30 pm and Stated Meeting 7:30 pm, "Western" Theme, DeMolay serving
- 8 Orange DeMolay Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 9 **Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm, "Martha's Night" theme Honoring the fourth point of our Emblematic Star, Christine Sandhoff-Dining Room Chairman**
- 11 **Memorial Service for Max Hiles, 2 pm, El Bekal Shrine Center, Anaheim**
- 13 Rainbow Meeting, 7 pm
- 15 **Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Waterfront Café, 12902 Brookhurst, Garden Grove (north of the 22 fwy on the right) 714.636.8152**
- 15 **May Stardust Newsletter Article Deadline**

15 Orange County Party Night "Roaring 20's", Emerald Star Chapter, 7:30 pm, Norwalk MC, **Scepter Courtesy Officers – Associate Matron, Conductress, and Esther**

17 Job's Daughters Bethel 337 Stated Meeting, 6:30pm

- 18 Line Officers Assn Breakfast/Meeting, 9:30 am Emerald Star Chapter Hosts, Brea Masonic Center
- 18 Rainbow Charity Project
- 19 "Celebration of Life" Lura Rae Dales, PGM, Seaside Chapter, 1 pm, Huntington Beach Masonic Center
- 20 Rainbow Meeting, 7 pm
- 22 Orange DeMolay Meeting, 7:30 pm

23 **Stated Meeting, Orange County Party Night "Wild Times in the Wilderness", 7:30 pm, Mamie Wilson, Chairmen**

24 Masonic Family Movie Night, Food 6:30pm; Movie 7:30pm; Bring your camping chairs

### MAY

- 2 Job's Daughters Bethel 337 Stated Meeting, 8:30 am
- 4 Rainbow Meeting, 7 pm
- 5 Orange Grove Lodge Stated Dinner 6:30 pm and Stated Meeting 7:30 pm, "Cinco de Mayo" Theme, Scepter Chapter cooking/serving, Judy Edgmon, Chrman
- 7 **Starbright, 7:30 pm**
- 8 Orange County Party Night, "Hawaiian" theme, Whittier Star Chapter, 8 pm, Whittier Masonic Center **Scepter Courtesy Officers –WP and Marshal**

## Membership Roster Updates

Not available for Public viewing





## Greetings from Chippy in the West

by Jim Harnett, Associate Patron

April is here already! \*Don't get fooled, and take care with those colored eggs!\*

I bring you news from our Masonic Family here in Orange. Let us make sure we all know what's happening with our concordant bodies.



- **Orange Grove Lodge** has their meetings every Tuesday with dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30. At their stated meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>, the dinner will be served by our DeMolay Chapter and will have a Western theme. They will also be hosting a Movie Night on Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.



- **DeMolay** meets Wednesdays at 7:30. These young men are really growing their Chapter. They have initiated four new members in the last 30 days.

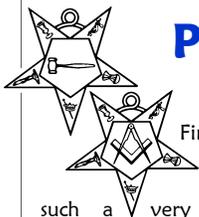


- **Job's Daughters** have their meetings on the first Saturday at 8:30am, and the second Friday, in the evening at 6:30pm, each month. They will be having their SCGCA Grand Guardian's Official Visit on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.



- **Rainbow Girls**, in April, will have their regular meetings Mondays April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, with "Activity Nights" on the other Mondays during the month. Also our Rainbow Girls will be traveling to Grand Assembly April 3<sup>rd</sup> thru the 7<sup>th</sup>. They will also be holding a Charity Project on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>.

We all appreciate the support these groups give us, and in turn we should do our best to support them in their efforts. They are building the foundation and future for our order and our Masonic Family.



## PMs/PPs

by Denise Gallegos, Jr. PM

First, allow me congratulate all of you who so wonderfully filled a station at our March Birthday and Awards Night. You all did an amazing job. I felt so proud to be part of such a very special group. I heard many compliments from some of our newer members, so I know we did a fine job of showing just how important Eastern Star has been for all of us. I also must thank you all for being so willing to brush up on old memory work and come out and shine! A couple of you even came through for me at the very last minute, and I absolutely appreciate knowing I can always count on the support of all our Past Matrons and Patrons. I had no idea the night would be so awesome, so thank you to everyone who attended; I was proud of the way it all came together.

Secondly, I want to again extend an invitation to those PM/PPs who haven't been out to a PM/PP meeting in a while. Our next meeting is April 2, that's no April fool, and it's BYOD. We've decided that since we are all so busy running from work, and the gym, and other such things in our lives, that it would be easier on all of us to just bring dinner for ourselves. So when you come, just make sure to pick up some dinner for yourself; no need to prepare a potluck meal.

Come on out and hear what we have in the works! It's some pretty fun stuff!!



## Hello from the South

by Barbara Klungreseter,  
Conductress & Starbright President

We have had a very busy month with all the youth groups and the lodge events. The most exciting thing for me this month was the initiation of five new members. I'd like to welcome all of our new members, especially one very special new member.

We currently have several fundraisers going on that I would like to remind everyone about. Our garage sale is moving along nicely. Also, we are still taking orders for our earthquake kits. Then sisters and brothers, keep May 9<sup>th</sup> available because we are going to have a dinner and game night. Mark your calendars, and come and join in the fun.



## In Memoriam

Our Golden Chain has been broken by the passing of Sister and Brothers

### Evelyn J. Revis, PM

Born on May 21, 1916 in Boston Massachusetts  
Initiated on March 6, 1949 into Germania Chapter No. 111 of Watertown Massachusetts where she served as

Worthy Matron in 1965

She affiliated with Garden Grove Chapter #483 which through consolidation became Scepter Chapter #163 She became a fifty-year member in 1999

Sister Evelyn passed away November 11, 2008 at the age of 91

### Charley Mack Campbell, PP

Born on June 14, 1939 in St. Charles, MO  
Initiated on September 24, 1998 into Scepter Chapter No. 163 of Orange, California where he served as

Associate Patron in 1999 and  
Worthy Patron in 2000

He also received the Service Award in 2005

Brother Charley passed away March 16, 2009 at the age of 69 and leaves behind his beloved wife Elaine who is also a member of Scepter Chapter

### Max Eugene Hiles

Born on October 31, 1921 in Dunkirk, Indiana  
Initiated on March 11, 1980 into Harbor Star Chapter No. 568 of Newport Beach, California, which through consolidation became Scepter Chapter No. 163 of Orange, CA

Brother Max passed away March 16, 2009 at the age of 87 and leaves behind his wife Bernice who is also a member of Scepter Chapter



## Bits and Pieces

*Members of Scepter Chapter*

Congratulations to our members who were presented with their **50 year pin/certificate:**

**Bob Huggins, PP; and Barbara Stiles, PM; and 25 year pin/certificate: Ed Roberts, PP, Madeline Gallegos, and Rob Scott, PP;** at our March 12th meeting.



L-R Ed Roberts, PP; Ris Prentiss, WM; Madeline Gallegos; Bill Prentiss, WP; and Rob Scott, PP

Other recipients who could not be with us included

**50 year pin/certificate:**

**Judith Borden; Exie May "Ginger" Fillman; Alena Jamar; Patricia Madson;**

**Deloris McInnes; and Ruth Miller**

**25 year pin/certificate: Ray Anderson, PP; Loretta Anderson, PM; Joan Day; and Sandy Morrey, PM**

◆◆◆ Congratulations to **Karley Sue Price, PM, Danna Willoughby, GGCCM/PGM, and Jeani Scott** the recipients of our 2009 Service Awards. They are certainly deserving.



L-R Bob Huggins, PP; Ris Prentiss, WM; Bill Prentiss, WP; Barbara Stiles, PM

◆◆◆ Via email from **Connie Check-Hamilton**...I have been attending Star here in Deming [New Mexico]. They are a very small and struggling Chapter, but such warm and loving ladies. They have a Worthy Matron who is a Past Worthy Grand Matron who drives 45 miles each way to conduct the meetings. I have been asked to be the Marshal next year and so I am giving it some thought, but I would have to take dual membership and I really don't want to do that. Maybe by summer I will have made up my mind. Last evening I attended the official visit of the present Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. The meetings here are the same, but the officers are allowed to read from their ritual for initiation work which seems so foreign for me. Their thought is it is better to have officers who are willing to serve than not have officers because they cannot or don't care to learn the memory work. They also do not dress up very much as we are used to. Different in many ways, but keeping the chapter going and having the fellowship is the most important.

◆◆◆ A note from **Telva Gruwell, PM**...Hi! It sounds like the Chapter is doing O.K. I enjoy the newsletter. I would love to be able to attend Chapter. I think I'll be able to get my 50-year pin next year. I joined Santa Ana Chapter in 1960. I'll be 96 in August and doing great.

◆◆◆ Congratulations to our members who were installed as Elected Officers of other organizations: Past Patrons, **Bill Sizemore**, High Priest and Prophet and **John Rider** Assistant Rabban on Saturday, January 10th at El Bekal Shrine, Anaheim. In March, Past Matrons **Barbara Rider**, Princess and **Pat Allen**, 1st Ceremonial Lady, were in installed into Ra-Ma Court No. 95, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Inc., Santa Ana. Also in March, **Doris May Parrish, PGM**, was installed Queen, Merret Temple No. 103, Daughters of the Nile.



L-R Karley Sue Price, PM; Ris Prentiss, WM; Danna Willoughby, GGCCM/PGM; Bill Prentiss, WP; and Jeani Scott, PM

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Thu, Apr 23, 2009 7:3

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## The Secretary's Desk

by Brian Messenger, PP, Secretary



Salutations! I coasted last month and figured I would give everyone a break from my nagging about dues. Well, I'm all rested up and ready to go at it again. Scepter enjoys some of the lowest dues around and I gotta say, the benefits far exceed the cost. First, if you live near enough to come to meetings, you know about the refreshments....top notch! And the activities....the best around. If you are too far away to enjoy the meetings themselves, the Stardust offers some of the best, most descriptive articles around. Makes you feel like you were here. Written by so many talented folks, its like having a subscription to a newsstand-quality magazine. Well, close. And for all this value, you are only charged \$22/year for dues. Pretty remarkable huh?

And that's not all. Right now, the Starbright Club is holding a Garage Sale Fundraiser where you can close your eyes, wander though someone else's virtual treasures, send us a check and never have to worry about the items you chose getting dusty, broken or cluttering up your own garage. WHAT A DEAL!

Spring is right around the corner and what better time to clean the cobwebs outta your wallet then by paying your dues while I have your attention. Thank you for allowing me to prod you along. Speaking of prodding, I ordered new batteries for the ole' cattle prod. Next month I might have to use it.

## Emergency Kit Fundraiser

Do you have a child or grandchild for whom you must put together an Easter Basket?

Are you tired of the same old Easter Basket?

Are you annoyed by your inability to control cellophane?

Do you have trouble with your cat eating the plastic grass?

Then do we have an offer for you!

Let Scepter Chapter do the work for you with a handy, helpful Emergency Kit. Instead of giving sugar and sweets, why not give something truly useful? We will be preparing Earthquake preparedness kits for young children to take to school and have in their classroom. This is a requirement for many elementary students. The kits will include: fruit bar, Vienna sausages, glow in dark pen and paper, band aids, towelettes, washrag, lip balm, two pieces hard candy, and a water bottle (not shown). All for the low price of just \$5.00.

But wait! What if your children are grown adults, or you have another adult for whom you'd like to prepare a basket? We have something for you too! We will also be preparing Emergency Kits that can be kept in your garage, trunk of your car, at work, or any other place you might be when "The Big One" hits. The adult emergency kits will include: small box for storage, electrical tape, gloves, crescent wrench, screwdriver, utility knife, flashlight with batteries, tuna packet, energy drink, whistle, and wash rag. All for the low, low price of just \$15.00.

Contact Allison Cassiday (Project Chairman) or any Scepter Chapter Line Officer to take advantage of this amazing offer!

See photos in March Stardust.

## Scepter Chapter ROCKS!

by Ris Prentiss, Worthy Matron

Scepter Chapter once again had a Fabulous showing at the latest Orange County Party Night at Seaside Chapter in Huntington Beach. We had 23 members in attendance, filling 7 of the officer stations as well as showing our support on the sidelines. Thank you to all of you for making Bill and I look good and supporting all of the Orange County Chapters. We have shown everyone at all the Party Nights this year that our officers and members are always willing to step up and fill any of the positions needed. There is no doubt that Orange County knows that they can count on Scepter. You are all truly **Fabulous!**



Brian Messenger, PP, Secretary



Karley Sue Price, PM and Robbi Bryant, PM



Jim Harnett, AP



Cynthia Rootes and Cheryl LeFever

## Got Email?



Scepter Chapter currently has three (3) active e-lists that we use to communicate with our members. **Scepter Member**--for notification to our members regarding our Chapter or it's members (may be several times a month); **Stardust E-Newsletter**--to receive our newsletter via email (once a month); and **Roster Updates**--to receive an updated roster via email (once a month). If you'd like to be added to any of these lists, please email Sharon Jazwiecki, PM (her email address is in the 2009 Membership Roster). You should also add her email address to your contacts list so that these emails won't be rejected by your internet provider as spam. If you know you are on these lists but are not receiving email from Sharon, check your junk/spam folder.

## The Members of Scepter Chapter send Special Happy Birthday Wishes for the Month of APRIL to:



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|----|---------------------|----|----------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1  | Jacqueline Lampley  | 14 | Earlynn Albright     | 25 | Helen Province     |
| 1  | George Lawson       | 14 | Kathleen Davis       | 26 | John Edgmon        |
| 3  | Joanne Gitmed       | 14 | Jacqueline Matzenger | 27 | Janel Graham       |
| 3  | Thomas Olson        | 14 | Ruth Waterman        | 28 | Virginia Dowling   |
| 3  | Laura Porter        | 16 | Bernice Hiles        | 28 | Eliane Taylor      |
| 3  | Irma Shaw           | 16 | Robert Hill          | 29 | Suzanne Biddlecome |
| 3  | April Yee           | 16 | Angie Taylor         |    |                    |
| 5  | Mary Kay Curtis     | 21 | Donna Ogilvie        |    |                    |
| 6  | Miriam Sickman      | 22 | Pam Ball             |    |                    |
| 9  | Clelia Ibello       | 22 | Anita Greco          |    |                    |
| 9  | Priscilla Sundstrom | 23 | Bill Prentiss        |    |                    |
| 9  | Julie Winkler       | 24 | Gladys Gross         |    |                    |
| 12 | Marjorie Sylvester  | 24 | Leona Kittle         |    |                    |
| 13 | Floyd Nieblas       | 25 | Dell Childs          |    |                    |

