



Scepter Chapter No. 163, Orange, California, OES

# Stardust



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## A Fabulous Time in 2009

by Ris Prentiss, Worthy Matron

Sisters and Brothers, are you having a *Fabulous Time*?

As we move into the month of May we will be honoring the last point of our Emblematic Star, Electa. We began by honoring Adah, the first point of our Emblematic Star, then Ruth, our second star point. We then honored Esther, along with initiating five new members. This past month we honored our Martha, the fourth point of our Emblematic Star, and were honored by a visit by our Grand Martha. What a treat that was!

Once again, this year we have had another Fabulous Initiation. The officers really did a Fabulous job. Thank you again to Rob Scott for your help and also a special thank you to Brian Messenger for stepping in as Associate Patron. It was a true treat to have such Awesome Ritual work from both of you! Thank you for all the support



Pictured Left to Right: Ris Prentiss, WM; Christine Sandhoff, Martha; Deborah Winn, Grand Martha; and Bill Prentiss, WP

that evening from so many of you who willingly stepped in and filled whatever station I needed you to. You are an awesome family.

Welcome to our five new members, Hollie Mann, Elise Mann, Laura Patrick, Patricia Holmes, and John Klungreseter. You have become a part of a truly Fabulous Order and an Absolutely Fabulous Chapter. We hope to see you often. The more you get to know your new Sisters and Brothers here at Scepter, the more fun you'll have. Come out and join us and you are sure to have *A Fabulous Time in 2009!*

[We've got more pictures! Click here](#)



L-R: Ris Prentiss, WM; Mamie Wilson, AM Attending Emerald Star's OCPN in Norwalk



Pictured Left to Right: Patty Holmes, Laura Patrick, Ris Prentiss, WM; Hollie Mann; Bill Prentiss, WP; Elise Mann; and John Klungreseter



## Spring, a new beginning

by Bill Prentiss, Worthy Patron

Spring is here with all its wonder and beauty. Spring is a time of new beginnings. That's what we have with all our new Sisters and Brother. We welcome your addition to our Scepter family and we look forward to you joining in on a **FABULOUS TIME in 2009.**

At our last meetings we initiated 5 new members and honored our Sisters Esther & Martha, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> points of our Emblematic Star.

Loyalty is a trait that seems to have diminished in our society today, but the lessons we learn from our sister Esther are ones we as a fraternal organization hold dear and important: being loyal to your friends, to your family, but most of all to yourself. Esther's loyalty – even in the face of imminent danger, to herself and her people – is the loyalty to which we should all aspire.

Martha was a woman of faith, the faith in that which you cannot see. She had a faith that required believing without absolute proof. That's faith; the faith that our Sister had in our Lord. Faith in her family, according to later Christian legend, Martha left Palestine in 48 AD, and went to Provence, in France, with Mary Magdalene (believed to be her sister) and Lazarus; she settled in Avignon and died nearby in Tarascon, where you can visit her tomb in the Collegiate Church of Tarascon.

The next and final point of our Emblematic Star is Electa, our Sister of Love. Electa is the most difficult to historically research because she never is identified in the bible. The most enigmatic of the star heroines, her name appears to have been invented by Rob Morris as an appellation for a lady referred to by John in his second epistle as "the elect lady". Her actual name is lost in the mist of time. Her story is not biblical; it occurs long after the other bible stories come to a close. The traditional Star story of her martyrdom does not appear in the bible, but appears to have been passed down as a Masonic tradition. The epistle is generally estimated to have been written between 90 and 100 AD. She appears to have been a very influential lady in her community and spent most of her means relieving the poor, opening her house to travelers, and the poor and distressed. Her charity, benevolence, and generous hospitality to the poor entitled her to great distinction.

Finally, we are still looking forward to seeing you at our meetings and other FUN events. It would be so much more fun if you were here. If nothing else, you're missing out on some FABULOUS refreshments after our meetings, meetings that are running smoothly, ending early and leaving lots of time to socialize in the dining room afterwards. The only thing missing is YOU.

We're having a **FABULOUS TIME in 2009.** Hope to see you soon.

## From the Bandit in the West

by Mamie Wilson, Associate Matron



I want to start by saying thank you to the Forest Crew who helped make "Wild Times in the Wilderness" such a great success, and so much fun. Michael Martinsen, Cheryl Lefever, Larry Griffin, Cheryl Leavett, Barbara Klungresetter, Jeani Scott, Becky Messenger, Michele Harnett, and Pam Neiblas all were instrumental in bringing this awesome night together. Jim and I appreciate the work that was done by all of you. A big thank you goes out to our tree couple, Danna and Darrell Willoughby. Danna makes the world of decorations so easy.

There was another Party night in April on the 15th. It was a Roaring Twenty's party at Emerald Star. Associate Matron, Janice Mann put on a Roaring time with food and fun. Scepter Chapter has been well represented on the sidelines at all the party nights. This makes Party Nights so much more fun. Click on the link to our Photo Gallery on page one of this newsletter to see more OCPN pictures.

On May 8<sup>th</sup> we will go Hawaiian at Whittier Star Chapter's Party Night. Our serving officers will be our own Worthy Patron, Bill Prentiss and Marshal, Michele Harnett. This is the second to last Party night; if you have not been to one yet your chance to attend is running out.

Welcome to our new members. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Chapter; we are going to have such fun. Scepter Chapter will be having yet another Initiation! The officers are getting plenty of opportunity to show off our work. I hope this will go on for the rest of the year.

Thank you to all who have been keeping me informed about our Sisters and Brothers who are in need of prayers and cards. I hope that I have not missed anyone.

I wish all the Mothers out there a Happy Mothers Day!!  
MAY you be blessed.  
MAY you have happiness.  
MAY your labors be light.  
And MAY all your days be Rosey!



## Circle of Concern

by Mamie Wilson, Associate Matron

**John Hesford, PP** - passed away April 4<sup>th</sup>. His services were April 11<sup>th</sup> at Westminster Memorial Cemetery. John's daughter Cheryl Almond-Hesford, is a member of Scepter Chapter.

**Darryl Coder, PP** - was in the hospital for a low blood count. He is home and doing better now.

**George Lawson, PP** - older sister passed away. George was very close to his sister and was very upset by her death.

## 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.



### MAY

- 2 **Job's Daughters Bethel 337** Stated Meeting, 8:30 am
- 4 **Rainbow Assembly 86** Stated Meeting, 7 pm
- 5 **Orange Grove Lodge** Dinner 6:30 pm and Stated Meeting 7:30 pm, "Cinco de Mayo" Theme, [Scepter Chapter cooking/serving, Judy Edgmon, Chairman](#)
- 7 [Starbright Meeting, 7:30 pm](#)
- 8 Orange County Party Night, "Hawaiian" theme, Whittier Star Chapter, 8 pm, **Whittier Masonic Center** [Scepter Courtesy Officers -WP and Marshal](#)
- 9 [Scepter Fundraiser, Dinner and Game Night, 6 pm, \(see flyer on page 5\)](#)
- 13 **Orange DeMolay** Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 14 [Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm, "Electa's Night" theme - Honoring the fifth point of our Emblematic Star](#)
- 15 [June/July Stardust Newsletter Article Deadline](#)
- 15 Job's Daughters Bethel 337 Stated Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 16 Line Officers Assn Breakfast/Meeting and Memorial Practice, 9:30 am [Scepter Chapter Hosts Brian Messenger, Breakfast Chairman](#)
- 18 Rainbow Assembly 86 Stated Meeting, 7 pm

20 [Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Lone Star Steakhouse, 1222 Irvine Blvd, Tustin, 714.508.8996](#)

27 Orange DeMolay Stated Mtg, 7:30 pm

28 [Stated Meeting-Memorial, 7:30 pm \(Lady Officers wear white\)](#)

30 Rainbow Assembly 86  
Installation of Officers, 7 pm

### JUNE

- 1 Rainbow Assembly 86 Stated Meeting, 7 pm
- 2 Orange Grove Lodge Dinner 6:30pm/Stated Meeting 7:30pm, Mountain Man Theme, Rainbow serving
- 4 [PMs/PPs BYOD/Meeting, 6:30 pm](#)
- 6 [Sensational Saturday, 9am - 2pm, Rhea Turek, Chairman, SLC Yorba Linda \(see flyer on page 6\)](#)
- 6 Job's Daughters Bethel 337 Installation of Officers
- 6 Orange Grove Lodge Mountain Man 3rd Degree and Steak Fry, Rim of the World Lodge, Twin Peaks
- 7 Jan Mullard, DGM District 41, "Cherish the Memories" Reception, 2 pm **Brea Masonic Center**; ladies-cotton dress; gentlemen-suits
- 10 Orange DeMolay Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 11 [Stated Meeting-Brothers Night, 7:30 pm, "Renaissance Faire" theme, Jim Harnett, Chairman](#)
- 13 [WGM/WGP Official Visit to Districts 40 & 41, 6 pm, Pearson Park, 400 N. Harbor Blvd, Anaheim \(see flyer on page 7\)](#)
- 14 [Fashion Show & Luncheon fundraiser](#)

## Membership Roster Updates

Not available for public viewing





## Greetings from Chippy in the West

*by Jim Harnett, Associate Patron*

Hi Sisters and Brothers, May is here! (April showers should be over, so look for those beautiful flowers in all the colors of our Star!)

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 6:30pm and meeting at 7:30pm. At their Stated Meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> the dinner will be served by our Eastern Star Chapter and will have a Cinco de Mayo theme. They are also having their Sweethearts Program at the Curtain Call Theater on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> and our brother Larry Griffin will be at the Senior Warden's Retreat on May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

**DeMolay** meets Wednesdays at 7:30. These young men are doing well, and rebuilding their Chapter. They will initiate more new members this month.

**Job's Daughters** have their meetings on the first Saturday of the month at 8:30am, as well as the third Friday of the month at 6:30pm.

**Rainbow Girls** have their regular meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays each month at 7pm. Their "Activity Nights" are held on the other Mondays during the month. Also our Rainbow Girls will have their Installation of Officers on Saturday May 30<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.



## Mz Bee Haven in the North

*by Rhea Turek, Associate Conductress*

It's hard to imagine, but the first half of this year has flown by. It has been exciting and such a learning process. As I look out over the Chapter Room, it is so nice to see more people sitting on the sidelines. People we have just initiated are coming the very next meeting and are very excited to be a member of our Chapter. If you have not been to a meeting lately, please come and meet some of our newest members.

I would like to thank all the people who have served in the dining room so far. The refreshments have been great and the dining room has looked great. Again, this provides time for you to meet our newest members and get to know them in a more social environment.

As I go around to the Orange County Party nights, it is fun to see how many of our members are present. Then, to see them step in at the last minute says so much about the Officers and members we have. Come to one and see the fun we have as well as the outstanding work we do.

Once again I am the Chairperson for Sensational Saturday on June 6, 2009. This year's format is different. We will only be collecting canned goods and non-perishables for a local Domestic Violence Shelter. I will have collection boxes for items to be left in the dining room area. I will also accept monetary donations and go shopping for items to donate if needed. Of course you can drop them off yourself at the Senior Living Community that Saturday if it is more convenient. If you have any questions, please contact me.

## From your Secretary

*by Brian Messenger, PP, Secretary*



Once again, I must nag about the outstanding dues. We all know that times are tough and that it may be hard to send that check. Remember that we are a fraternal organization that watches out for each other. While we each have a responsibility to pay our own way, we also have a responsibility to each other when times are hard. If you find that you are in a situation that makes it a hardship to pay your dues at this time, please let me or the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron know. When we lend a hand to a worthy Sister or Brother, the rest of the Chapter does not know who we help, just that we did. Don't let embarrassment keep you from seeking the support of YOUR Chapter.



## In Memoriam

Our Golden Chain has been broken by the passing of Brother

**John Clifford Hesford, PP**

Born on August 18, 1912 in Manchester, England

He was initiated on June 26, 1969 into Garden Grove Chapter No. 483 which through consolidation became Scepter Chapter No. 163

He received his 25-year recognition in 1994

He served our Chapter as Flag Bearer in 1970, Warder in 1971, Associate Patron in 1973 and Worthy Patron in 1974

He served Grand Chapter on the Sound and Lighting Committee for the 1986 and 1987 Grand Chapter sessions

He was also a member of Acacia Grove Lodge No. 351, Garden Grove and now a member of Menifee Valley Lodge No. 289

Brother John served as Stage Electrician for the Valley of Long Beach Scottish Rite for many years and the El Bekal Tin Lizzies

His Daughter Cheryl Almond-Hesford is also a member of Scepter Chapter

Brother John passed away on April 4, 2009 at the age of 96

# SCEPTER CHAPTER DINNER & GAMES NIGHT



Saturday, May 9, 2009

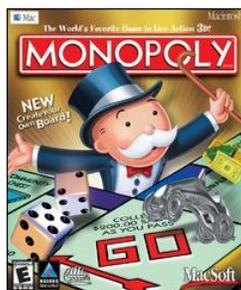
6:00 p.m.

Orange Masonic Center  
71 Plaza Square, Orange

\$10 Donation



Please join us for an evening of food, laughter, fun & games  
Bring your friends. Members & Non-Members are welcome to attend  
This is an adults-only evening as liquor will be served



Yes, I will attend. Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ meals at \$10 each.

No, I won't be able to attend. Please accept my donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **Scepter Chapter No. 163**



**Mail to:** Jeani Scott, PM

# Sensational Saturday!!

Please join with the Residents of the  
*Senior Living Community* as we  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE in our COMMUNITY.



We will be collecting canned goods & non-perishables  
for a local Domestic Violence Shelter.

## PLEASE DONATE

There will be a DROP OFF LOCATION  
at the REAR of the FACILITY  
16850 Bastanchury Road, Yorba Linda, CA 92886

Saturday, June 6, 2009  
OPEN from 9:00 AM—2:00 PM



Please bring your donations  
and have  
a cookie & cup of coffee!





It's a  
**Orange County Country Fair**

Please join  
 Districts 40 & 41  
 for a



***Social Style Official Visit***

Worthy Grand Matron

**Barbara J. Scott**

**Honoring**

Worthy Grand Patron

**J.D. Hammett**

June 13, 2009

6:00 pm

Pearson Park

400 N. Harbor Blvd.

Anaheim, CA 92805



Hosted by:

*Deputy Grand Matrons*

*Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons*



Judy Edgmon, DGM Dist. 40

Janice Mullard, DGM Dist. 41

Ris & Bill Prentiss, Scepter No. 163

Vicki & Richard Jeanson, Ami Tai No. 147

Pat Mann & Richard Marsh, Emerald Star No. 143

Peg Bogard & Chuck Schubert, Seaside No. 259

Ruth Tetley & Romeo Ricarte, Whittier Star No. 144

April & Jim Hannum, Yorba Linda No. 347

Tacy Lee & Alan White, San Clemente/Saddleback No. 524

***Dress: Country Fair Casual***

**BBQ Tri-Tip & Chicken  
 with all the Fixin's @  
 7:00 pm**

**\$5 Dinner Reservation Donation per person**

*Add'l parking the DeMolay Ctr.*

**R.S.V.P. & \$5 Dinner Reservation Donation  
 by 6/1/09 to:**

**Janice Mullard, DGM District 41**

(Please see the Grand Chapter Roster for Janice's  
 address, phone number and email address.)

***Make Checks Payable to:***

***Barbara J. Scott 2009 Association***

## Lunch Bunch

by Elaine Campbell, PM, Coordinator



Lunch bunch was held at Waterfront Cafe in Anaheim. Six people were in attendance. The food was fine and service was good, but not too many people were there, so it was quiet. Next month, May, we will be at the Lonestar in Tustin. This place is Fab for fall-of-the-bone ribs, as well as a great salmon salad, or yummy burgers.

**Hope to see you there!**

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



- |    |                  |    |                      |    |                   |
|----|------------------|----|----------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Madeline Lowry   | 13 | Deloris McInnes      | 24 | Carol Reynolds    |
| 2  | Nancy Lyons      | 14 | Mariann Mills        | 26 | Karley Sue Price  |
| 4  | Jerry Baker      | 14 | Virginia Simmons     | 28 | Danica Allen      |
| 4  | Pat Davis        | 16 | Virginia Wade        | 28 | Virginia Morrison |
| 5  | Dorothy Williams | 17 | Dorothy Kelly-Harper | 28 | Donna Yeaw        |
| 6  | Beatrice Fraser  | 17 | Norma Palmer         | 29 | Barbara Halliwell |
| 6  | Jeannie Nordland | 19 | Janet Carson         | 30 | Dolores Irwin     |
| 6  | Ed Roberts       | 20 | Bertha Pakaski       | 31 | Robin Barnes      |
| 8  | Celeste Griffin  | 21 | Sharon Horn          | 31 | Donna Voorhies    |
| 8  | Kathy Thompson   | 21 | Roberta Knauer       |    |                   |
| 9  | Alice Raymond    | 22 | Marjorie Craft       |    |                   |
| 10 | Norma Branchaud  | 23 | Audrey Feisthommel   |    |                   |
| 10 | Amanda Whatley   | 23 | Jerome Heyl          |    |                   |
| 13 | Eva Beirma       | 24 | Tara Fowlie          |    |                   |

