

# Stardust

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### Special dates of interest:

- "Hawaiian Homecoming"  
Stated Meeting, August 22, 7:30pm
- Lodge Stated Meeting Dinner,  
Star Serving, September 3, 6:30pm
- "Back to School/Advance Night"  
Stated Meeting, September 12, 7:30pm
- "Fall Favorites/Budget Meeting"  
Stated Meeting, September 26, 7:30pm
- "Halloween/Elections"  
Stated Meeting, October 10, 7:30pm
- 104th Grand Chapter Session, Fresno
- "Night at the Castle" Farewell,  
Stated Meeting, November 14, 7:30pm



## Greetings from the Grand Family

*By Bill Prentiss, 2013 Grand Warder*

To start, a special THANK YOU to all of my Sisters & Brothers of Scepter Chapter for all the love and support you have shown Ris and I this year. The Grand Warder reception was simply amazing. From the moment we arrived everything was buzzing along smoothly. It was obvious that so many people did so much work to make the night go off flawlessly. That is until I was to start speaking. It seems my sons, Brothers Cap & Rob conspired to have a special video presentation made just prior to my remarks. Needless to say, it took me a little off my game, at least until I could process what had just happened. That too was very special.

I would also like to thank my chapter for the



very special gifts given to me at my reception. The Grand Warder pillow with the names of my entire 2013 Grand Family was wonderful. And the fabulous wall hanging quilt with a piece of each of my Masonic years and my family, all of which are so important to me. Obviously a lot of love, thought and effort went into it. A very special Thank You to Sister Kat Farris, I can tell you put a lot of work, and heart, into making my special quilt.

We just returned

from our Grand Conductress and Conductress' of California reception in beautiful Napa, CA and what a FABULOUS event it was. Our Grand Conductress Martha Peters had all of the men in the audience from the south stand and she systematically eliminated them to eventually reveal Brother Roger Nieder from San Pedro, her Associate Grand Patron designee. Our congratulations go out to Roger and his wife Sandy, we know what a GREAT job they will do and what a wonderful addition they will be to the 2014 & 2015 Grand Family.



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## Would you like to be an Officer next year?



Our 2014 year begins with our Chapter Installation in November 2013 and continues through November 2014. If you've been sitting on our sidelines (or at home) and have been wishing you were an officer, now is your time to speak up! Sister Courtney and Brother Ruben will begin to select their officers for next year very soon, so send them an e-mail, or give them a call right away if you are interested. The election of our Line Officers, Secretary, and Treasurer will take place on October 10, 2013. This is also the time that Courtney will announce the appointive officers for 2014. For more information, please contact Courtney.



by Courtney Pedersen, Associate Matron

## Circle of Concern

**Sister Barbara Stiles, PM**, had surgery for an abscessed appendix. She was in St. Joseph's Hospital and is now home recovering.

**Sister Toni Gardner** has been having some concerns. She saw a surgeon and they are going to take a biopsy to see what they can do to help Toni get better.

With sadness we report that several members of our Chapter and concordant bodies have suffered the loss of a loved one. Patty Meyer, daughter of **Sister Pam and Brother Floyd Nieblas** passed away suddenly. She also leaves behind her Brother and Sister-in-law, **Brother Wes and Sister Melissa Nieblas**, and her Uncle, **Brother Dave Roberts**. Please keep the Nieblas and Roberts families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

**Sister Amanda Whatley's** father, Stephen C. Rains has passed away.

**Sister Thelma Hayes, PM**, has passed away in Greenfield Indiana. Sister Thelma was a 50 year member and mother to **Sister Karen Clark**, who is also a member of our Chapter.

**Sister Nellie Fernandez's** uncle passed away. Please keep Sister Nellie and her family in your prayers.

**Brother Darrell Willoughby, PP**, has been suffering from acute back pain. He is taking some pain medicine and will be seeing a back specialist soon.

**Brother Charles Cameron's**, mother passed away from pancreatic cancer and emphysema.

Please keep all of our ill Sisters and Brothers in your prayers. Don't hesitate to call or drop an email to my self or the Worthy Matron if you know of a Sister or Brother in need of a call, card, or warm thought.

## A Word from our Associate Patron in the West

by Ruben Gallegos, Associate Patron



Greeting Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this letter finds you all in the best of health and good spirits. I hope everyone is having a great summer enjoying camping and traveling, or just some good old home cooked bar-b-que. With Eastern Star being very busy with receptions and official visits up north we only hope that when summer starts to wind down so will the receptions. However, if you check out our Eastern Star calendar you will see there are a few more to come. Maybe we will see you at some of them.

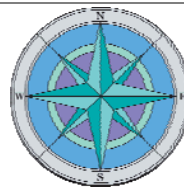
In August we only have one meeting it will be on the 22nd. The theme for this meeting will be "Hawaiian Homecoming." So get those Hawaiian skirts and shirts out, dust them off and come out and join us. So do come out and enjoy a good night with us.



## A Special Note

by Jeani Scott, PM  
2013 Grand Warder Reception Chairman

I wanted to thank the officers and members of Scepter Chapter for all of their diligence and hard work in making the reception for "our" Grand Warder such a success. So many of you went out of your way to do even more and I truly appreciate all the help. A very special shout-out to Mark Allen who tirelessly drove everyone back and forth on the shuttle that evening. Because of our awesome members, Scepter shined! Again, my thanks!!



## A Word from our Dolphin in the North

Hello,

Our month of July had all kinds of celebrations with Patriotic themes. Our July 11th Patriotic meeting went very well. This was our last meeting before going dark and it was just marvelous. Celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with all the colors and memorabilia associated with this Holiday. Thank you Sister Hollie, for stepping in while Ris was away. It was a very nice after meeting get together, with all our Sisters and Brothers to enjoy all kinds of goodies. I especially liked the cupcake flag.

Our next dining room chair people are Mamie and Crystal on August 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Hawaiian Homecoming. I'm sure it will be delicious.

## Star Dates to Remember

All events are held at the Orange Masonic Center unless otherwise noted. For the most up-to-date calendar go to: <http://www.scepter163.org/calendar>



### AUGUST

- 1 Starbright Meeting, 6:30pm
- 3 Linda Hooser, Grand Marshal Reception, 7:30pm, Sebastopol Masonic Center
- 8 Scepter Chapter - DARK
- 11 Myrna Ricarte, DGM Dist. 31 Reception, 2pm, Whittier MC
- 15 September Stardust Newsletter Article Deadline
- 17 Line Officer's Assoc - DARK
- 17 Orange Grove Lodge Luau
- 17 Teresa Ramos, Grand Adah's Reception, 7:30pm, Yolo Lodge, Davis
- 22 Stated Meeting, "Hawaiian Homecoming"/Advance Night, 7:30pm, Dining Room Chairmen: Crystal Moore and Mamie Wilson
- 24 Fred Schulenburg, Grand Treasurer's Reception, 7:30pm, San Jose Masonic Center
- 25 Heidi Bucher-Lamb, Grand Martha's Reception, 1:30pm, Marin Masonic Center, San Rafael

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 *Labor Day*
- 3 Lodge Stated Mtg Dinner, Star Serving, 6:30pm, Chairman: Jeani Scott
- 5 Starbright Meeting, 6:30pm
- 12 Stated Meeting, "Back to School/Advance Night", 7:30pm, Attire: Dressy Casual, School Colors, Dining Room Chairmen: Denise & Sean Womack
- 15 October Stardust Newsletter Article Deadline
- 21 Line Officer's Assoc Breakfast, 9:30am, Laguna MC
- 21 WGM/WGP Reception, 7pm, San Jose Airport Garden Hotel

- 26 Stated Meeting, "Fall Favorites/Budget Mtg", 7:30pm, Attire: Business, Fall colors  
Dining Room Chairman: Elaine Campbell

- 27 2014 Grand Officer Revelation, 7pm, El Segundo MC

### OCTOBER

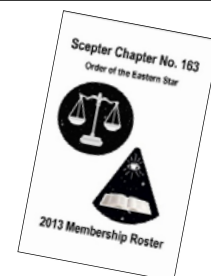
- 3 Starbright Meeting, 6:30pm
- 4-6 Grand Lodge, San Francisco
- 10 Stated Meeting, "Halloween/Elections", 7:30pm, Attire: Halloween Costume or Halloween Colors  
Dining Room Chairman: Pat Pedersen
- 15 November Stardust Newsletter Article Deadline
- 16-20 140th Grand Chapter Session, Fresno
- 24 Star - DARK
- 31 *Halloween*

### NOVEMBER

- 2 Line Officer's Assoc Transitional Brunch, 11am, Brea MC
- 2 Ami Tai Installation, 7pm, Brea Masonic Center
- 5 Yorba Linda Farewell, 8pm, Yorba Linda Masonic Center
- 6 Emerald Star Farewell, 7:30pm, Norwalk Masonic Center
- 7 Starbright Meeting, 6:30pm
- 8 Lodge Calendar Meeting, 7pm
- 11 *Veteran's Day*
- 14 Stated Meeting, "Night at the Castle" Farewell, 7:30pm, Attire: Medieval, Chairman: Rhea Turek
- 15 December Stardust Newsletter Article Deadline
- 15 Installation Practice & Setup, 7pm
- 16 Installation of 2014 Officers, 7:30 pm
- 18 SC/SC Farewell, 7:30pm, Laguna Masonic Center
- 22 Emerald Star Installation, 8pm, Norwalk Masonic Center
- 23 SC/SB Installation, 7pm, Laguna Masonic Center
- 28 *Thanksgiving*

## 2013 Membership Roster Updates

Not Available for public view





## A Member's Travels

by Angie Taylor, Martha

This past May I took a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada. While I was in Las Vegas, I had the opportunity to visit three of the four Eastern Star Chapters that meet in Las Vegas and North Las Vegas. The first chapter I visited was Daylite Chapter #30 in Las Vegas. They are called Daylite Chapter because they are the only chapter in that area that meets in the daytime. After taking the test oath and giving the star point signs and passwords and of course showing my dues card, the Worthy Matron of Daylite Chapter asked me if I was an officer in California. I told her that I am Martha currently and that last year I was Esther. She said that her Esther was at a doctor appointment and asked me if I wanted to fill in as Esther and of course I said "Yes!" The meeting was long form and I still remembered Esther's work. After the meeting I had the Past Grand Patron from Illinois, whose wife is Grand Conductress in Nevada, tell me that "you do a good job at ritual work and you should be proud." I said "Thank you!" The first thing I noticed when I walked into the chapter room is that it was all decorated with Snowmen. I asked if that was the mascot and the Worthy Matron said yes. During the meeting I got to take part in Nevada's flag ceremony. After the Worthy Patron says a quote about the Flag, the Flag Bearer brings the flag from the back of the room to the Altar where the Worthy Patron asks the star point officers if they have anything to say about the Flag of our Country. Electa goes first and says a couple of sentences. Then Esther does the same thing. (Good thing the sentences are written on a piece of paper and are on the pedestals of the star point officers or I wouldn't have known what to say!) Then Adah says a couple of sentences and Martha does the same and finally Ruth says a couple of sentences. Then the Flag Bearer brings the Flag to the East and we say the pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem. It is a very nice Flag ceremony and I wish I could remember the words that each of the star point officers say. As a visitor, the Marshal gave me a visitor gift which was a little Snowman Christmas Tree Ornament.

The second chapter I visited was Park Chapter #26. After showing my dues card and the Grand Conductress vouching for me, I walked into the chapter room and the first thing I noticed was that there were no Snowmen in sight. There were however Wine Glasses and Fairies everywhere. So I asked someone about that and I was told that in Nevada, the Worthy Matron of each chapter gets to pick her own mascot. I thought that if I move to Las Vegas and join a chapter and when the time comes that I might get elected to the line, when I'm Worthy Matron, I would probably have Penguins as my Mascot, just like when I was Worthy Advisor in Rainbow! Why not? I still like and collect Penguins! I met a lady from Park Chapter who said that she was Past Grand Representative of PA in CA in Rainbow in 1997 the Graceful Giraffe year. She was excited when I said I knew what she was talking about when she said Graceful Giraffes of 1997 and I remembered that year and the color of the Grandies dresses. The Marshal of Park Chapter gave me a first time visitors gift of a pencil and paper and envelopes that say Park Chapter #26, so we can be pen pals and also a Snickers Bar!

The last chapter I visited was the one in North Las Vegas called North Star Chapter #33. After showing my dues card and having the Grand Conductress vouch for me again, the first thing I noticed was the mascots for North Star Chapter were Frogs and Daffy Ducks. The Associate Conductress gave me a visitors gift of a hand made Angel that was made by a lady in their Chapter who had passed away at the age of 96. Another thing that is different is that they don't sing to the Bible as they close it. The other thing that the Worthy Matrons of each chapter get to pick the Opening Ode and the Closing Ode. Also, the Worthy Matron of each chapter gets to pick fabric of her choosing and all of the officers have to wear that material. I also had the Grand Representative to Nebraska from Nevada give me one of his pins.

Over all it was very nice! If you ever get the chance to go to another state or even country and visit an Eastern Star Chapter, I say "Go! Do!" I hope to visit Ohio and Pennsylvania Eastern Star Chapters this summer too!



## Puff is having some Summer Fun!

by Cheryl LeFever, Worthy Matron



Woah, what a summer already! We've had a busy go of it with receptions, official visits, and pool parties to name a few.

We gave tribute to our beautiful nation and conducted a re-obligation at our last meeting to remind ourselves of our pledge to each other and this Order. As we closed up for the summer break I took a look back and realized, these wings have carried me through some amazing adventures this year, and soon we'll begin our descent into a lake of flamingos and ducks. Only five more meetings ... where has the time gone. BUT there will be plenty of time for all that soon enough, let's put some speed on our wings and soar into the last half of the year!

Aloooooooha! Welcome to the warmth of Hawaii as we welcome back the chapter at our Hawaiian Homecoming on August 22nd. Though this is usually our advance night, we will be moving advance night to the following meeting so all of the upcoming elected officers will be able to participate. Vacations are big around this time of year before getting all the kids back to school, so it's fair that they make the best of the rest of the summer.

Speaking of back to school; that will be our first meeting in September and, as said, our advance night! I hope to see many of you there to support my little sister as she steps into the 'big pond' and gives those flippers a try in the East. Let's show her that the first day of school can be fun!



### "Summer Fun"

Deputy Grand Matron's Official Visit  
June 27th

Pictured left to right:  
Cheryl LeFever, WM  
Robin Reeves, DGM  
Michael Martinsen, WP



## A Message from the Orange DeMolay Sweetheart

by Aubree Pedersen, Orange DeMolay Chapter Sweetheart

Hello Members of Scepter Chapter. My name is Aubree Pedersen and I am the DeMolay Sweetheart for Orange DeMolay. I would like to invite you to our August fundraiser. Please see the flyer below. I would like to thank you all for the love and support you give to the young men of Orange Chapter.



## In Memoriam



Our Golden Chain has been broken by the passing of Sister

## Thelma J. Hayes, PM

Born on October 8, 1919 in Hot Springs, South Dakota  
Initiated on March 23, 1961 into Scepter Chapter No. 163 of Orange, California

She served her Chapter as Warder in 1963 and 1982, Ruth in 1964, Electa in 1965, Martha in 1966, Adah in 1969 until May, Conductress from May 1969, Associate Matron in 1970 and Worthy Matron in 1971

Sister Thelma received her 50-year recognition in 2011.

She passed away June 27, 2013 at the age of 93 and leaves behind her daughter,

Karen Clark who is also a member of Scepter Chapter.



### RUBY'S DINER

1128 W. Lincoln Ave.  
Anaheim, Ca. 92805  
(714) 635-RUBY (7829)  
(Corner of Lincoln & West)

Come dine at Ruby's and 20% of all food and non-alcoholic beverage sales (when accompanied with this flyer) will be donated to the

## DeMolay

Friday Aug. 2nd & Saturday Aug. 3rd  
7am-11pm

**COME JOIN THE FUN!!!!**  
( Don't forget to bring this flyer with You! )

Remember: Flyers must be passed out prior to your fundraiser and may not be passed out at the restaurant during the event.

*Real Food. Real Good. Real Friendly.*

## Our 100+ Year Young Club!

Scepter Chapter would like to make a Special Birthday recognition to a few of our members who are hitting some amazing milestones in their lives this year.

Reaching 100 years young this year are:

**Sister Bernice Bergman 10/15/1913**  
**Sister Telva Gruwell, PM, 8/15/1913**  
**Sister Leona Kittle 4/24/1913**



And reaching an amazing 103 years young this year is:

**Sister Priscilla Sundstrom 4/9/1910**

Congratulations, from all your Scepter Chapter  
Sisters and Brothers!

## The Members of Scepter Chapter send Special August Happy Birthday Wishes to:

### AUGUST

1	Valerie Saul	15	Telva Gruwell
2	Sandy Murphy	16	June Stokoe
2	Christine Stevens	17	Kathryn Novak
2	Janis Winn	18	Vernon Campbell
3	Carl Nelson	18	Joan Day
4	Alyce Wynn	18	Ramona Richardson
5	Ruben Gallegos	18	Darrell Willoughby
5	Joan Greco	18	Frances Winegar
5	Rudy Greco	19	Diane Jones
5	Rebecca Majoros	22	Earla Collie
7	Grace Egan	23	Sheren Messenger
7	Courtney Pedersen	23	Damaso Sutis
7	Virginia Wilder	23	Peter Voorhies
8	Mae Minick	25	Jack Buffa
8	Frances Strahan	29	Lois Campbell
9	Toni Nelson	30	Shawn Greenfield
11	Delmer Stalker	31	Cheryl Griffin
12	Lucille Telford		

