



Special dates of interest:

- Starbright Meeting, October 3, 6:30pm
- "Halloween/Elections", Stated Meeting, October 10, 7:30pm
- 140th Grand Chapter Session, October 16-20, Fresno
- Scepter Chapter DARK, October 24th

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Puff welcomes us into the Fall with the changing winds! *by Cheryl LeFever, Worthy Matron*

Hello Scepter and welcome to fall! I do love this time of year. Autumn is upon us and the winds are a changin'; ever so that we had the pleasure of having a peak into the future during Back to School/ Advance Night. Sister Courtney Pedersen presented herself as if it was the calmest day on the lake. No matter how fast those flippers were treading under water, she stood tall and stayed in control of the 'classroom'. Brother Ruben Gallegos, PP, was the steady and true Bison being there for Sister Courtney and staying in the East with me as Worthy Patron. Sister Madeline Gallegos had a busy night all to herself; however the balloting and full escorts were done with the grace of a dolphin. We couldn't be more fortunate than to have them as a part of our chapter. Congratulations on a successful meeting!

Another piece that made it a great night was the determination of an initiation to be held on September 26th, Fall Favorites. The evening carried a feeling of warmth with many fall colored dresses decorating the chapter room; it was a beautiful way to welcome our newest members. The officers had done another magnificent job and I couldn't have been more proud. 'Thank You' to all who participated. As always there are officers unable to attend meetings and it's the support of our members that help Scepter provide such memorable meetings and initiations.

The winds of change also brought Grand Officer Revelations held on September 27th in El Segundo. This felt to

me as if it were the start of a crescendo to this amazing term. If you've never been, imagine sitting in a room of finely dressed people with smiles and eager anticipation on their faces as they wait for the announcement of the 2014 Grand Officers and Deputy Grand Matrons. Then, the excitement and cheers become contagious as the unveiling of the new core of officers are presented. Congratulations to the 2014's elected and appointed!

Our only meeting this month will be on October 10th which will be our own kind of 'Revelations' as the results of new Scepter Chapter elected and appointed officers are announced right here at home. The theme is Halloween so dress to enjoy yourself, it's sure to be a fun evening!



Magical words from Poof in the East

by Michael Martinsen, Worthy Patron
Hello Sisters and Brothers!

It's good to write to all of you, and I hope that the seasons are finding you "magical".

I've always liked this time of year, and this year is no different, however I have the added fun of including our mascot, "Mr. Wizard", in my thoughts.

So now, this time of year has a little more flavoring like the mixing of a potion:

Add a little "kids go back to school", with a splash of "businesses gear up", add seasonal decorations to houses, mix until there is thorough caroling, and VOILA! Christmas.

But don't worry! First, at least, we have pumpkins, candy and Oktoberfest! With that in

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mind, recently, I had the opportunity to join in with one of our Starbright committee meetings. They are a great planning team and one of the ideas that was discussed was participating in the City of Orange's Treats in the Streets program. It may or may not happen this year, but it spawned a conversation and was very exciting. They meet on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm on the second floor, usually in the dining room. If you want to meet the people who "make it all happen", come out, get to know them and join in The Magic Plans!

October plans to be a busy month for our chapter, while Cheryl and I begin to gear up for Grand Chapter on October 16th through the 20th in beautiful downtown Fresno. We've heard rumors that many of you may come up for the whole time or may come up for a day, but either way, let us know that you're coming so that we can save you a seat. Maybe we'll get lucky and many of us will be there for the group "Photo-Op".

I do hope to see you soon at some of the many exciting events and opportunities coming up. And for those of you that are, or have been, shut-ins, or are very far away, please keep us and the chapter up to date. Your emails and cards are very important to us.

So, until next month, happy holidays and Beware of Zombies!!!



Greetings from the Grand Family

By Bill Prentiss, 2013 Grand Warder

Greetings from the Grand Family:

By the time the next Stardust comes out we will have attended Grand Chapter and my term as Grand Warder will have come to an end. What a ride. The people we've met and the places we've been are absolutely FABULOUS.

It seems like yesterday we awaited our reveal and the excitement of a new year as a Grand Officer in California, and now it's almost over. Having visited all of the Districts and Chapters throughout this incredible State and getting to know so many of our amazing Sisters and Brothers has been the experience of a lifetime.

We've spent this entire year representing the Grand Chapter of California as proud members of Scepter Chapter in Orange. We have something very special here in Scepter, we have YOU. And our travels have shown we have so many special people throughout the State, doing so many very special projects for the good of their Chapters and Communities it reminds me again why I love this Organization so much. It's because of YOU.

The friends we have made up and down the State will be friends forever. I can truly say our "Family" has expanded to include those from virtually every point on the map. Throughout life we choose our friends and I'm so glad I chose YOU.

Having this experience has changed my life forever and in a very good way. From the ranks we ascend and to the ranks we return. We look forward to spending more time at Chapter and Chapter events for years to come. Thank you for all your Star Love and Support this year and always.



Some words from our Sister in the West

by Courtney Pedersen, Associate Matron

Hello from the West!

Hope and Joy are feverishly getting ready for the 2014 year. They have several projects coming up. One of them is to help Scepter Chapter with their membership. They want to get a committee together with active sisters and brothers of Scepter; to reach out to other sisters and brothers who haven't been around in a long time. If you are interested in this please email Sister Courtney and let her know you are interested and let her know what days and or evenings you are available.

Save the date November 16, 2013 at 7:30 pm is the installation of the 2014 officers. The theme is Paris and the colors are: green, silver, and black.



From Our 2013 DGM

*by Robin Reeves,
Deputy Grand Matron, District 32*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Fall is soon to be on its way and with it will come cooler weather and we can all relax a bit from the recent scorching temperatures. Just as the leaves will be turning colors soon – our Leaders will be changing in Eastern Star, too. These 2013 Officers have all done a wonderful job and are surely ready for a well-deserved rest. It is an exciting time to be in The Order of the Eastern Star! Personally, I can't wait to see all the sights at Grand Chapter in Fresno and hope that you will join me there! It will be a magical time in the Castle and we are all in for great fun and fellowship! Don't forget to bring your dues card and keep your Credentials with you during the entire Grand Session (except events open to the public, of course!)

I am so proud of Scepter Chapter! Keep up the good work! The friendship and love I have been given has been a blessing to me. I will treasure these shared memories always.

With Star Love and Thanks.



Bits and Pieces

by Members of Scepter Chapter

A Special Congratulations to **Sister Denise Womack, PM & Brother Sean Womack** on the Birth of their son **Joaquin Ruben Womack**, 8lbs 5 oz, 20 inches, who arrived on 9/15/13. Also congrats to Grandparents, **Madeline & Ruben Gallegos, PP.**



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>



OCTOBER

- 3 Starbright Meeting, 6:30pm
- 3 DeMolay Installation of Officers, 8pm
- 4-6 Grand Lodge, San Francisco
- 10 Stated Meeting, "Halloween/Elections", 7:30pm, Attire: Halloween Costume or Halloween Colors Dining Room Chairman: Pat Pedersen
- 13 Grand Chapter Kickoff Dinner, 5pm, Norwalk MC, Attire: Hawaiian
- 15 November Stardust Newsletter Article Deadline
- 16-20 140th Grand Chapter Session, Fresno
- 22 Ami Tai Farewell, 7:30pm, Brea Masonic Center
- 24 Star - DARK
- 28 Lodge Calendar Meeting, 7pm
- 31 *Halloween*

NOVEMBER

- 2 Line Officer's Assoc Transitional Brunch, 11am, Brea MC
- 2 Ami Tai Installation, 7:30pm, Brea Masonic Center
- 5 Yorba Linda Farewell, 8pm, Yorba Linda Masonic Center
- 6 Emerald Star Farewell, 8pm, Norwalk Masonic Center
- 7 Starbright Meeting, 6:30pm
- 10 Yorba Linda Chapter Installation, 2pm, YL MC
- 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
- 15 Emerald Star Installation, 8pm, Norwalk Masonic Center

- 16 Installation of 2014 Officers, 7:30 pm
- 18 SC/SC Farewell, 7:30pm, Laguna Masonic Center
- 23 Seaside Chapter Installation, 2pm, HB MC
- 28 *Thanksgiving*
- 28 Star - DARK
- 30 SC/SB Installation, 7:30pm, Laguna Masonic Center

DECEMBER

- 5 Scepter's Annual All Member Holiday Dinner, 6pm, Chairman: Rhea Turek
- 7 Job's Daughters Installation, 7pm
- 7 SLC Holiday Party, SLC YL, 11:30am
- 8 All Member Instructional, 9:30am - 4pm, Norwalk MC
- 12 Stated Meeting/Annual Reports "White Christmas", 7:30pm
- 15 January Stardust Newsletter Article Deadline
- 21 Line Officer's Assoc - DARK
- 25 *Christmas*
- 26 Star - DARK
- 31 *New Year's Eve*

JANUARY

- 1 *New Year's Day*
- 2 Starbright Meeting, 6:30pm
- 4 All Member Instructional, 9:30am - 4pm, McCallum MC, Riverside
- 7 Lodge Stated Mtg Dinner, Star Serving, 6:30pm, Chairman: TBD
- 9 Stated Meeting, "New Year's", 7:30pm, Dining Room Chairman: TBD
- 15 February Stardust Newsletter Article Deadline
- 18 Line Officer's Assoc - DARK
- 18 Cond/AC Retreat, 9am - 4pm, McCallum MC, Riverside

2013 Membership Roster Updates

Not Available for Public Viewing





A Word from our Associate Patron in the West

by Ruben Gallegos, Associate Patron

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

I hope everyone is in good health and had a great summer. As for me it was a little hot especially at the Orange street fair. Speaking of the street fair, Jobs Daughters had their corn dogs and their tater tots. I hear they were very busy. Myself, I was working with Rainbow girls and as every year they had their funnel cakes, and ice cold lemonade. Thanks to every one that helped out in the booth and every one that stopped and bought the cakes.

October 10th is our stated meeting and it is a very important meeting, because we will be having our elections of officers. Also it should be a fun night because it's a Halloween theme. So get on your costumes and come on out to the meeting.

October 16-20 is Grand Chapter in Fresno, CA. If you are planning on going I hope you got your registration in to our Secretary Brian Messenger. If not, you can of course still go. You can always get your credentials there at Grand Chapter. I hope to see you all there.

A Word from Speedy in the South

by Hollie Mann, Conductress & Starbright President



I can't believe that it is almost time for elections and installations to happen. It seems only weeks ago that we were making all of our plans for the year. And what a busy year it's been. I'm happy that we were able to do one more initiation ceremony, it was a great way to end my time as Conductress.

Grand Chapter is coming up quick, but before we head off for that, plan on attending the Conductress kick off dinner. This year the dinner will have a Hawaiian theme. For a \$20.00 donation you will get dinner, drinks and entertainment. The dinner will be held October 13 at the Norwalk Masonic Center. Social hour is at 5 and dinner starts at 6. I hope to see a lot of Scepter Chapter folks there. All of the Orange County Conductress' have tickets and a flyer. For more information see the information at the end of our newsletter.

We have one more Starbright meeting before elections. We would love to have everyone come to it and share their ideas for fundraising for the upcoming year. Let's help Madeline get off to a great start in her fundraising efforts for our Chapter. The meeting will be October 3 at 6:30 at our Orange Masonic Center.

Happy Halloween!



Circle of Concern

by Courtney Pedersen, Associate Matron

Brother Bob Millhouse has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Brother Bob has been in the hospital twice; but now has new medications and told to take it easy for a while.

Sister Mary Jane Huggins is having some health issues and could use some cheering up from the chapter.

Sister Cheryl LeFever-Martinsen's aunt passed away and is having a hard time being away from her family at this time of sadness.

Sister Connie Lindsey's grandmother passed away on August 29th. Sister Connie was close with her 'nana' and is having difficulty being so far away from her family during this difficult time.

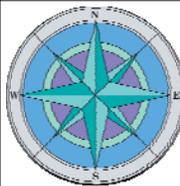
Brother Rob Scott, PP is at home recovering from heart surgery. Jeani said that the doctors are so positive about the outlook-- I think we can consider the operation a success!

Brother Art Paris, PP has been moved to Health South Tustin Rehab.

The Aunt of **Sister Robin Barnes, PM** has passed away. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Sister Mary Kay Curtis has been very ill due to a staph infection. She is at home resting.

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



A Word from our Dolphin in the North

by Madeline Gallegos, Assoc. Conductress

Hi all,

Here I am reporting on our dining room chair people and all the goodies that were served for September. Let me tell you, they were fantastic. For our Back to School night, WOW! As your very first time being a chairman for our dining room it was GOOD. I waited to eat and while doing that all the snacks were gone. Great job Cheryl, and also you too Larry. See it wasn't so hard?

Our Fall Favorites meeting on the 26th was really pretty with all those different color leaves. The snacks were great. Perfect for the theme. It was our very own Pat Davis who stepped in to help out to chair this meeting. THANK YOU Pat, Great job!

Our next meeting, LOOK OUT!! Its a HALLOWEEN theme and I can't wait to see what Pat Pedersen has in store for us. See you all then.

Holiday Greeting

Would you like to have your name included in the December 2013 Holiday Greeting sent to Scepter Chapter members and friends? If so, please mail (or give) your name and donation to:

Sharon Jazwiecki, PM

Please make checks payable to Scepter Chapter No. 163

Deadline November 15th

You don't have to be a member of Scepter Chapter to participate -- friends are welcome!



In Memoriam



Our Golden Chain has been broken by the passing of Sister

Barbara K. Halliwell, PM

Born on May 29, 1935 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Initiated on February 27, 1969 into Garden Grove Chapter No. 483, Garden Grove, California

She demitted to Alpha Chapter No. 1 in Oregon then re-affiliated with Garden Grove Chapter, which through consolidations became Scepter Chapter No. 163. She also affiliated with Triangle Palms Chapter No. 456 in Santa Monica, which through consolidation became Ocean Park Chapter No. 245.

She served her collective Chapters as Ruth in 1989, Associate Conductress in 1990 and 1996, Conductress in 1991, Marshal in 1992 (Triangle Palms), Associate Matron in 1992 (Garden Grove), Worthy Matron in 1993, and Secretary 1993

Sister Barbara became a Life Sponsor of the home in 1990

She passed away August 25, 2013 at the age of 78. Her Daughter, Sister Barbie Taylor, is also a member of our Chapter.

Our Golden Chain has been broken by the passing of Sister

Roberta Knauer-Mullings, P.M.

Born on May 29, 1939 in Chandler, Oklahoma,

She was initiated on May 23, 1963 into Santa Ana Chapter No. 389

which through consolidation became Scepter Chapter #163

She served her Chapter as Adah in 1964, Marshall in 1966 and Chaplain in 1967

She became a life sponsor of the home in 1995 and received her 50-year recognition this year.

Sister Roberta passed away August 24 at the age of 74

Our Golden Chain has been broken by the passing of Brother

William F. Sizemore, PP

Born on March 18, 1936 in Brookhaven, Georgia

Initiated on February 28, 1980 into Scepter Chapter No. 163, Orange

He served our Chapter as Worthy Patron in 1984 and 1990, Associate Patron in 1989 and 1983, Marshal in 1997 and Warder in 1981

He became a life sponsor of our Eastern Star Homes in 1984

Brother Bill was a Past Master of Azure Lodge No. 533 F & AM, Fullerton (Now Anaheim No. 207) and also Southern California Research Lodge No.1005 and received his Golden Veteran's Award in 2007

Brother Bill passed away on August 26, 2013 at the age of 77 and is survived by his wife, Lynda who is also a member of Scepter Chapter.

Martha Peters Association
 Ami-Tai, Emerald Star, San Clemente/Saddleback, Scepter, Seaside, Whittier Star & Yorba Linda

Present the
2013 Kick-Off Dinner
 Donations: \$20.00

Date: Sunday, October 13, 2013
 Time: 5:00 PM— Social
 6:00 pm— Dinner

Location: Norwalk Masonic Center
 12345 Rosecrans Avenue

Hawaiian Style Dinner, Drinks & Entertainment
 Associate Conductresses Present Silent Auction

Aloha
Order Of The Eastern Star

Proceeds Will Be Used To Support The Order's Fraternal Purposes

Roster Assistance Needed

By Sharon Jazwiecki, Roster Chairman

Please take a moment to check your 2013 Scepter Chapter Membership Roster. Is your information correct? We are still missing some phone numbers, and would like your e-mail address to send you updates about our Chapter and it's members and also send you the newsletter via email if you wish. We will be printing a new roster in November and would like to have the most current information as possible. If your information is incorrect and you have not seen a correction made in one of our newsletters this year, please send your correction to me as soon as possible. My information is listed on the inside front cover of the roster.

We have an e-roster that is updated every month and distributed, if you'd like to be on this mailing list, or just have a copy of the latest one, please send me an e-mail request.

*October 10, 2013
at 7:30pm*



Election of 2014 Officers

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

OCTOBER

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|----|---------------------|----|--------------------|
| 3 | Jeani Scott | 19 | Shirley Jaynes |
| 3 | Darleen Whitcomb | 21 | Valerie Michal |
| 4 | Sharon Beardsley | 23 | Karen Estremo |
| 7 | Alta Latimer-Curran | 23 | Virginia Maudsley |
| 7 | Cynthia Coreno | 23 | Nancy Shannon |
| 8 | Alena Jamar | 24 | Bill Ashton |
| 9 | Nellie Fernandez | 24 | Judy Baker |
| 10 | Carolyn Holmquist | 24 | Alice Cradler |
| 10 | Joyce Shuman | 24 | Carol Villoni |
| 11 | Michele Harnett | 24 | Ermal Wallgren |
| 12 | Judith Brandt | 25 | Hazel Brown |
| 12 | Bud Riebel | 25 | Roger Ross |
| 15 | Bernice Bergman | 26 | Tammy Bostwick |
| 15 | Jayne Specker | 26 | Gina Greco |
| 16 | Jean Miller | 26 | Vicki Weatherhead |
| 17 | Juanita Rawlings | 27 | Jake Davis |
| 18 | Julie Adachi | 28 | Kimberly Friedhoff |





Scepter Chapter No. 163
Order of the Eastern Star



Cordially invites you to attend the
116th Installation of Officers

Saturday, November 16, 2013
7:30 p.m.

Orange Masonic Center
71 Plaza Square
Orange, California

Cheryl LeFever
Retiring Worthy Matron

Michael Martinsen
Retiring Worthy Patron



RSVP
Sharon Jazwiecki, Chairman