Greetings from the WGM

Brother Mike and I are so excited to introduce our Grand Family for 2020. We selected nine sisters and one brother to join us as we travel across our state and share OES with each of our members.

Selecting these members to serve with us is the beginning of what we hope will be a wonderful experience for each of them. Serving as a Grand Officer for Missouri OES is an awesome opportunity to share our teachings with all of our members.

Sister Terri Spence Sachs is Grand Chaplain. She is a Past Matron of Pacific #129. They just recently moved their meeting location to Eureka Masonic Temple. Her mother, Sister Edith, served as a DDGM in 2003. Sister Terri is a Past Worthy Advisor of Missouri Rainbow and also is a Master of the Grand Cross of Color. She has an MBA from Webster University and a Masters Engineering Management Systems Engineering from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Her escort is her husband Robert Sachs; her OES escort is her cousin, Mike Beech; her page is Sister Karen Gaertner from Ballwin #435/Home #313.

Sister Regina Gahr of Brentwood #429 is Grand Marshal. She also is serving as a Special Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron —Camp Fire Friend during this Triennium. Sister Regina is a Past Honored Queen and Past Bethel Guardian of Jobs Daughters in Missouri. She has served more than 24 years as Secretary of her Chapter and is a past president of the OESTAR State Secretaries and Treasurers Club. She serves as a Professional Tour Guide in St. Louis. Her sister, Sister Grettie Bondy, a primary member in Oklahoma, is her page. Sister Laura Durham, Brentwood #429 will serve as her escort.

Sister Janice Weber, Friendship #214/Ballwin #435, is our Grand Organist. She wears a lot of hats this year as she leads Daughters of the Nile and is serving as Grand Conductress of Amaranth in Missouri. She is a Past Honored Queen of Missouri Jobs Daughters and Past Mother Advisor of Missouri Rainbow. She is also a Master of the Grand Cross of Color. Her escort is Brother Robert Boone, Friendship #214; her page is Sister Sue Collier-Brannin, Friendship #214.

Sister Joyce Watson is our Grand Adah. She is a member of Oak Grove #407/Buckner #280, and is a past member of Missouri Rainbow and Jobs Daughters. She has a BS in Social Work and is a Licensed Practical Nurse. Her escort is Sister Karen George, Warrensburg #3 and her Page is Sister Marion Case, Oak Grove #407.

Sister Kim Hoff, a member of Dillon #16/Browne #320, is our Grand Ruth. She has worked for Wal-Mart for more than 25 years and was a cake decorator for 16 years. She enjoys camping and fishing with her husband and son. Her escort is her husband Brother Stanley, a member of Browne #320 and her page is Sister Julie Short, Dillon #16.

Sister Elizabeth Musgrove Boone #290, is Grand Esther. She has a BS in Business Administration and worked for 31 years for GTE. She is a past Advisory Board member of Columbia Rainbow Assembly and is an avid sewer and quilter. Her escort is Sister Beverly JoAn Sexton, Boone #290, and her page is Sister Barbara Hill, Boone #290.

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Deborah Anne Olson, WGM

Sister Debi Olson was initiated into Maplewood #264, on February 22, 1974. She served as Worthy Matron in 1984. In 1999, Maplewood consolidated with Webster Groves #64. She transferred to Florissant #161 in 2005 where she served as Worthy Matron in 2010, 2013, 2016 and 2017. She was Grand Organist in 2012 and was elected as Associate Grand Conductress in 2016. Her husband, Brother Jack, Florissant #161, is a PGP of Missouri OES.

Sister Debi and Brother Jack have three children, four grand children and one great-grand child. Son, Willie Chandler and his wife Margaux and their 2 children, Liam and Lucy, live in Milwaukee, WI. Willie is an architect for Kohler Co. and Margaux owns a fitness studio. Daughter Leslie and her wife Cassandra, live in St. Louis. Leslie is a civil engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Cass is a floral designer. Cass has 2 sons and our great-grandson, Kezia.

Daughter Ashley and her wife Liesl, live in Bronzeville, IL, just south of Chicago. Ashley is an attorney with a Domestic Violence Agency in Cook County. Liesl works for the ACLU of Illinois.

Sister Debi earned a BS degree in Home Economics-Journalism and retired from Federal Service after working 21 years for US Army Aviation and 10+ years at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). She bought helicopters and helicopter parts for the US Army. At NGA, she was a supervisory contracting officer and a program manager.

In her spare time, Sister Debi enjoys crafts of all kinds. She learned to sew at age 10 and has been sewing and quilting ever since. She plays piano and she and Brother Jack have hosted many Christmas Caroling parties over the years.

Sister Debi hopes that each member of Missouri OES will try to make a difference in their chapter and community this year. By volunteering and serving others, she wants each member to share what our order does. We are, in the words of a past MWGM, “Good people, doing good things for good reasons.” She hopes each member will embrace the Charity projects this year—our Masonic Youth, the Cancer Research Center in Columbia, MO., and CHAMP—for our Service Dogs.

Mark your calendar now for the WGM and WGP Reception as they celebrate the Missouri OES 5th Annual FUN DAY!

June 20, 2020 10 a.m.—3 p.m. Masonic Complex in Columbia, MO.

Fun, Games, Cake Walk, Bingo, Silent and Live Auctions!
John Michael Reeder, WGP

Brother Mike was raised a Master Mason in December of 1974 at the Masonic Temple in Grand Valley Lodge #644. The following February, he and his wife, Cinda, were initiated into Liberty Chapter #413, also of Grain Valley. In 1981, Liberty Chapter consolidated with Blue Springs Chapter #428 where they have been members ever since. Brother Mike served as Worthy Patron of Liberty Chapter in 1976 and again in 1980 alongside Sister Cinda. In 1981, Liberty Chapter consolidated with Blue Springs Chapter #428 where Brother Mike has served as Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, Marshal, Warder and Sentinel many different times. He also served as Grand Escort to Sister Cinda as she traveled to the Grand East from 2011 through 2015. Sister Cinda and Brother Frank Jurotich gave Mike the honor of being Grand Representative of Nebraska in Missouri.

Brother Mike married his grade school sweetheart, Sister Cinda, in 1968 and have been blessed with a wonderful family. They have twin boys, Matthew and Mark, who have given them seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. They are so proud of their family and the many accomplishments they have made.

Brother Mike attended Central Missouri State University majoring in Industrial Arts. In 1969, he began working for the City of Independence, Missouri, in their Engineering Department. He started as a draftsman and ended his career as a project manager of construction improvements throughout the City. He is now retired after giving 40 years of service to the citizens of Independence and is enjoying his travels across our beautiful state and country.

LET’S GO!!

Make plans now to join us for a tour of Washington, D.C., June 3-9, 2020. We will visit the OES Headquarters, the Smithsonian, George Washington Masonic Memorial and Arlington Cemetery to name a few spots!
OUR PLANS FOR 2020

SYMBOL: Musical Star - a star to symbolize our Eastern Star, a keyboard and notes for my love of music; and a red heart to remind us to always “Keep A Song in Your Heart” and to Love One Another.

WGM FLOWERS

Roses – Red for love and devotion and in honor of the young men of Missouri DeMolay who use this flower in their ceremonies; Yellow in memory of my first WGM Sister Jean Cox Martin (1984) and my Rainbow “Mom”, Sister Mary Helen Hardon, Florissant Chapter No. 161; and Pink in honor of my Fraternal Mom and Pop, Sister Gloria Chaney, PGM, and Brother Jim Williams, PGP, and the 2012 Grand Family.

Tiger lilies – in honor of my education at MIZZOU.

Chrysanthemums – orange and yellow, my birth flower.

Fern with ladybugs on the leaves – in memory of Sister Marge Carney, PGM, who taught us to weave our lives like a basket, one row at a time.

Forget-me-nots – in memory of my father, a 50+ year Mason, from whom I received my Masonic heritage. Butterfly bushes and Bluebells of Scotland – in honor of my Grand Representative appointment.

Purple iris and white orchids – in memory of my Mother. Iris was her favorite flower in her garden each Spring and we both loved beautiful orchids.

Lily of the Valley – in honor of our Job’s Daughters.

Dogwood - our State Tree dedicated in June 1955 – in honor of my husband, Brother Jack, PGP, who was born in June 1955 and first met me when he came to Missouri.

As you can see, I chose flowers from each color of the Rainbow in honor of my history with the Order of Rainbow for Girls.

WGP FLOWERS

The White Rose and White Daisy - In honor of the WGP’s wife of 51 years. These are the flowers that made up Sister Cinda’s bouquet she carried down the aisle at their wedding.

COLORS

All the colors of the Rainbow, as each of God’s colors shines brightly beginning with the Dawn of each new day. Then, at the close of the day, our beautiful Sunsets remind us to take time to rest and be thankful for the joys of another day of life. As the seasons change, the colors change too and surround our world with beautiful sights, each more breathtaking than the last.
WGM’s EMBLEMS

Candle—To light the way for our Sisters and Brothers.

Fleur-de-Lis—Represents the connection between Louisiana, my Mother’s home state, and St. Louis, my birth place.

Snowflake—Each of us is unique, but look what we can become when we stick together.

Pineapple—Symbol of hospitality and friendship. It is in memory of Sister Marge Carney, PGM. Stand tall, wear a crown and be sweet on the inside.

WGM Bible Verses

Psalm 100, “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Ephesians 3:16, “Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.”

WGP’s EMBLEM and Bible Verses

THE FOULED ANCHOR

I am dedicating my year to three individuals who have had the biggest impact and influence in my life. All three were in the Navy and they are: My father, my uncle who served at Pearl Harbor, and Bill George.

Because of these three men I have chosen the “Fouled Anchor” as my emblem. The symbol of an anchor with a rope (or chain) entwined around it is known as the fouled anchor; an anchor tangled up in this way is very difficult to raise. The U.S. Navy has chosen this emblem as a representation of the seamanship it takes to raise a fouled anchor.

My verse is a representation of this emblem and is found in Hebrews 6:19; “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain.” It alludes to the rope being tied to an anchor, which is now Jesus Christ, who makes intercession for us not the High Priest.

Masonically, the Anchor is an emblem of a well-grounded hope. It is emblematic of that anchor which shall safely moor us in a peaceful harbor, where the wicked cease from troubling and weary shall find rest. We find that lesson in Matthew 11:28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” When the early Christians represented the sign of the cross on their monuments, they felt obligated to disguise it in some artistic and symbolical way. One of the oldest symbols of the cross is the anchor.

Originally a symbol of hope in general, the anchor adds a much higher meaning: that of hope based on the Cross of Christ. The similarity of the anchor to the cross makes the Anchor an admirable Christian symbol. Therefore, the rope of our lives should be entwined around the Anchor of Christ. That is the reason for the dedication of my year, the emblem and the verses I have chosen.

FUN EMBLEMS

WGM: Baseball—St. Louis Cardinals and Kansas City Royals

WGP: Bowling Ball and Pins. Reminds the WGP of his bowling days and being part of a team; encouraging each other to do greater things.

WGM’s FAVORITE SONGS

All songs about Rainbows Broadway Show Tunes Patriotic Songs Church Hymns

WGP’s FAVORITE SONGS

“What a Friend we have in Jesus” “Anchors Aweigh” “I Saw the Light” The Anchor Holds” “The Glory of the Yankee Navy” March “The Holy City” “Welcome to My World”
CHARITIES

**Masonic Youth Groups** - Rainbow, Job’s Daughters and DeMolay. Our future depends on them. They depend on us! This Charity was chosen by our WGM.

**Cancer Research Center** - Columbia, MO. This organization was chosen by our WGP, in memory of his Dad, who lost his life to lung cancer and in honor of his Mom, who is a breast cancer survivor.

**CHAMP (Canine Helpers Allow More Possibilities)** - General Grand Chapter Charity

**In-House Charities** -
- Masonic Outreach Program—Penny-A-Day
- ESTARL—Friendship Night Coin Collection
- Lois J. Newman Scholarship Fund

**Our Charity Pin**
In support of our 2020 Charities, we will be selling one charity pin for $20.00.

In support of our General Grand Chapter charity—service dogs, we will be selling stuffed dachshunds for $20.00; purebreds (*Cardinals, Royals, Chiefs, Mizzou, Armed Services*) are $25.00.

OUR TRIPS

**June 3-9, 2020** —Washington, D.C.—to Visit our OES Headquarters, the George Washington Masonic Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery and the Smithsonian.

**July 10-12, 2020** —MULTISTATE 2020—”Meet Me in St. Louis”. All meals will be held at the Ameristar Casino in St. Charles, MO.

**July 24-26, 2020** —Five State Friendship Exchange hosted by Iowa.

**August 3-8, 2020** —Wyoming Grand Chapter, Cheyenne, WY.
HONOR STATION

Secretary

The “unsung” hero in all of our Chapters.
We have many friends who have served selflessly as
Secretaries in their Chapters for many years.

We appreciate them and thank them for their service.

Special thanks to the Secretaries of the
WGM and WGP’s home chapters:

Sister Cinda Reeder  Blue Springs No. 428
Sister Margie Ezell  Florissant No. 161

CANDY

WGM:  Skittles - “Taste the Rainbow” - a reminder of God’s Promise.
WGP:  Payday Candy Bar - Because of God’s blessings, every day is a “PAY DAY”!!

WATCHWORDS

Faith
Kindness
Harmony
Love

OPENING ODE

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

CLOSING ODE

“Abide With Me”

Copies of these songs will be available from your
District Deputy Grand Matron if your Organist needs them
# Itinerary for October 2019—December 2019

## OCTOBER

16 – Installation of 2020 Grand Officers.  
17 – 2020 DDGM School – Victoria Chapter, Jefferson City, MO  
20-22 – Oklahoma Grand Chapter  
24-26 – Iowa Grand Chapter  
27 – Amaranth Philanthropic Dinner  

## NOVEMBER

2 – Reception/Honor Night for RWAGM, Greenville, SC  
9 – AGM/AGP Reception, Columbia, MO  
9 – 6:30 p.m. Installation – Victoria Chapter, Jefferson City, MO  
10 – 100th Birthday – Blue Springs Chapter, Blue Springs, MO  
11 – 7:30 p.m. Installation – Brentwood Chapter, St. Louis, MO  
12 – Past DDGM Mtg of the 16th District, St. Louis, MO  
13 – 7:30 p.m. Installation – Ballwin Chapter, St. Louis, MO  
15 – 7:00 p.m. Installation – Friendship Chapter, St. Louis, MO  
16 – 1:00 p.m. Installation – Fenton Chapter, St. Louis, MO  
7:00 p.m. Installation – Pomegranate Chapter, St. Louis, MO  
17–2:00 p.m. Installation—Pacific Chapter, Eureka, MO  
22–7:00 p.m. Quarter Auction—Meridian Chapter, St. Louis, MO  
23 – 2:00 p.m. Installation – Florissant Chapter, Creve Coeur, MO  
24 – 100th Birthday – Ballwin Chapter, St. Louis, MO  
25 – 15th District Club meeting – Ransom Brewer event, Sullivan, MO.  

## DECEMBER

4-5 – Arkansas Grand Chapter  
6-8 – 2014 Grand Family Christmas Party, Branson, MO  
14 – 2:00 p.m. Installation – Home Chapter, St. Louis, MO  
20 – 12:00 p.m. Grand Lodge Christmas Open House, Columbia, MO  
20 – 2020 Grand Family Christmas party, Columbia, MO  
21 – Masonic Home Board Meeting, Columbia, MO  
25 – Merry Christmas!

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