



Pocahontas Chapter Chatter



Pocahontas Chapter No. 103, OES, Williamsburg, Virginia

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From our Worthy Matron: Sister Helen



This was our Worthy Matron's presentation at our December Stated Meeting:

My Sisters and Brothers,

Tonight I want to tell you the story of an empty stocking.

Once upon a midnight clear, there was a child's cry. A blazing star hung over a stable and wise men came with birthday gifts.

We haven't forgotten that night down the centuries; we celebrate it with stars on Christmas trees, the sound of bells and with gifts.

But especially with gifts.

You give me a book; I give you a tie. Aunt Martha has always wanted an orange squeezer, and Uncle Henry could do with a new pipe.

We forget nobody, adult or child.

All the stockings are filled -- all that is, except one. And we have even forgotten to hang it up.

The stocking for the child born in a manger. It's His birthday we are celebrating. Don't ever let us forget that.

Let us ask ourselves what He would wish for most, and then let each put in his share.

Loving kindness, warm hearts and the stretched-out hand of tolerance.

All the shining gifts that make peace on earth.

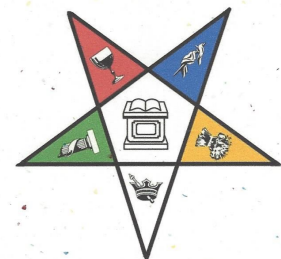
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POCAHONTAS CHAPTER NO. 103

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

INSTITUTED: DECEMBER 11, 1925



HELEN T. RILEY,
WORTHY MATRON

&

E. MILES RILEY, JR., PP
WORTHY PATRON

From our Worthy Patron: Brother Miles

Some information for you!



Masonic Angel Fund

Lodges often look for charitable things they can do locally. The members of Universal Lodge, AF&AM in Orleans, Massachusetts not only began a charity but they also have carefully documented the means by which it was established so that others may follow - and this charity will likely grow and grow as a result.

The Masonic Angel Fund™ was established in 1998 and provides modest assistance to children in need who do not fit the criteria for the usual social-service programs. Such assistance might be to provide a pair of glasses, a coat, shoes, field trip fees or minor health services. Applications for assistance will be fulfilled via confidential requests from local elementary school principals and school nurses.

A cornerstone of the Masonic Angel Fund™ program is the close relationship that develops between the local school system and the sponsoring Lodge. Because MAF standards require all screening of requests to be performed by the school's professional staff, the Masons are cast in a purely supportive role rather than in one that requires them to screen and qualify every application. This means that those who operate the local Fund can respond very quickly once they are contacted by the school. This quick response contrasts strongly with many "institutional" relief services where days or weeks can elapse between the time of a request and an answer being received. The ability to serve the school professionals in a rapid, efficient manner underscores the image of Masons as the "can do" people in the community.

Not only is the Masonic Angel Fund™ an excellent program for the community - it is also a positive force to create enthusiasm amongst the Craft by providing opportunities to do generous things for children. The Angel Fund is a successful vehicle for presenting Freemasonry to the community as a socially relevant, beneficial body of normal, everyday people and for helping to dispel our aura of mystery which sometimes surrounds the organization.

The Masonic Angel Foundation, Inc. was founded by members of Universal Lodge on July 1, 2000. Its mission is to facilitate the adoption of Masonic Angel Funds™ by other Masonic Lodges around the nation. In addition to propagating local Angel Funds, the Foundation offers grant funding opportunities to schools served by a Masonic Angel Fund™ and the Lodges that adopt an Angel Fund.

If you are a Mason or have friends who are Masons, and would like to learn more about the Masonic Angel Fund™, or make a donation, please contact the Foundation office at 508-255-8812 or go to their website at <http://masonicangelfund.org/index2.htm> .



OES Anniversaries: **October 2019 - March 2020**

Cindy Rae Hart.....October 2, 2012

M. JoAnn BakerNovember 6, 1972

E. Van Pearce.....November 7, 1995

Donna LuskNovember 25, 1997

Melissa Fagley December 4, 2018

Mellette Hofler December 6, 2006

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Gloria Hahn..... January 4, 1972

Genevieve Kundert..... January 4, 2011

Sara J. Proctor..... January 14, 2019

Ed Bushee January 18, 1977

Sharon Bushee..... January 18, 1977

Carolyn Thompson January 19, 1979

Norma Scott..... January 28, 1952

Eleanore Meredith January 28, 1969

Donna Tamplet..... February 5, 2019

Judy Owens February 7, 1978

Silvia Piele..... February 15, 1994

Michelle Morris February 15, 2005

Bonnie Enderle February 18, 1975

Marsha Krotseng February 18, 1975

Judy Leasure February 25, 1974

Gladys Harris March 5, 1996

Sherri Cornoni March 8, 2007

Myra Thomas..... March 12, 1974

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and would like to receive it
via E-MAIL, please send
your e-mail address to me
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*This will save postage
costs for our Chapter.*



Bonnie



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Secretary's Snippet

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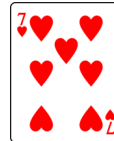
PLEASE take a look at your Dues Card.
Annual dues are due January 1 of each year!
**Send your payment of \$33.00 for 2020 dues
to our Secretary at the address at left.**

Checks should be made payable to
Pocahontas Chapter No. 103, OES

TEN EASTERN STARS

TEN Eastern Stars, happy, doing fine;
 One listened to a rumor, then there were nine.
NINE Eastern Stars, faithful, never late;
 One didn't like the Worthy Matron, then there were eight.
EIGHT Eastern Stars, on their way to Heaven;
 One joined too many clubs, then there were seven.
SEVEN Eastern Stars, life dealt some hard licks;
 One grew discouraged, then there were six.
SIX Eastern Stars, all very much alive;
 One lost her interest, then there were five.
FIVE Eastern Stars, wishing there were more;
 Got into a great dispute, then there were four.
FOUR Eastern Stars, busy as could be;
 One didn't like the programs, then there were three.
THREE Eastern Stars, was one of them you?
 One grew tired of all the work, there there were two.
TWO Eastern Stars with so much to be done;
 One said, "What's the use", then there was one.
ONE Eastern Star, found a Sister - True!
 Brought her to the Chapter, then there were two.
TWO Eastern Stars didn't find work a bore;
 Each brought another, then there were four.
FOUR Eastern Stars saved their Chapter's fate
 By showing others kindness, then there were eight.
EIGHT Eastern Stars, loving their Chapter's bright sheen;
 Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.
SIXTEEN Eastern Stars, to their Obligation true;
 Were pleased when their number went to thirty-two.
SO, we can't put our troubles at the Chapter's door;
 It's our fault for harming the Chapter we adore.
 Don't fuss about the programs or the Worthy Matron in the East;
 Keep your Obligation by serving even the very least.

Author unknown



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So many Eastern Star Chapters have closed in the past few years and many are struggling to stay alive.

Please help us keep Pocahontas Chapter thriving by coming to our meetings, supporting our charities, and fellowshiping with our Sisters and Brothers.

Our Chapter is now 94 years old! We want to be successful and healthy at 100 and beyond!

If you have not attended in a while, and are a little leery of knowing just what to do when you get here, please contact me. I am eager to assist you!

Bonnie



Grand Chapter Elections and Appointments

Pocahontas Chapter is very honored to have several members who were elected to office or received appointments for the 2019-2020 Grand Chapter year:

Kay Lynch, PM

Grand Secretary/Distribution

Linda M. Pearce, PM

Associate Grand Conductress

William C. Rennagel, PGP

Dispensations & Charters

Helen Riley, WM

Distinguished Guests

Vernon Dockins, PGP

Endowment Fund



Sherri Cornoni, PM

Grand Representative - Quebec in VA

Myra Thomas, PM

Grand Representative - Georgia in VA (Exp 9-19)

Carolyn Thompson, PM

Grand Representative -

British Columbia & the Yukon in VA

Bonnie Enderle, GGCCM

Jurisprudence

E. Miles Riley, Jr., PP

Sessions



**ORDER OF THE
EASTERN STAR
VIRGINIA**



**SICKNESS &/OR DISTRESS?
PLEASE CONTACT**

**SISTER BETTY, CHAIRMAN, OR
OUR WORTHY MATRON,
SISTER HELEN.**

**CONTACT INFO:
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From Marianne Shenefelt, MWGM:

"What Say Ye? An OES promotional brand logo is being introduced [above]. The most important thing to know: our traditional and cherished emblem is NOT being replaced. The promotional brand logo is in addition to our traditional "corporate" emblem.

"Research has shown that the public does not understand our emblem. We, of course, know and love our it because we understand it, but to those who see the word "FATAL," see the Star upside down, etc., the impression is that we are kind of strange, and what we've sometimes heard, cult-like."

(This logo is making a great impression on non-members, and it accentuates our official Eastern Star Charity - Service Dogs. - Bonnie)

2019-20 Monthly Refreshments

January 2020 Helen/Miles Riley, Donna Tamplet

February 2020 Helen/Miles Riley, Robert Parke

March 2020 Lynn Langdale, Sue Jackson



2019-2020 Chapter Officers and Committees

Worthy Matron..... Helen T. Riley
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Treasurer..... Sina P. Hofler, PM

Conductress Linda Langdale

Assoc. Conductress..... Myra Thomas, PM

Chaplain Cece Newman

Marshal Donna Tamplet

Organist..... Kay Lynch, PM

Adah..... Sherri Cornoni, PM

Ruth..... Betty A. Shaughnessy, PM

Esther Silvia Piele

Martha Gloria T. Hahn, PM

Electa..... Peggy W. Dockins, PM

Warder Missy Fagley

Sentinel Robert W. Parke, PP

Prompter/Page Scarlet Elmore

Audit..... Miles Riley
Bill Rennagel, Linda Langdale

Decorating..... Myra Thomas
Linda Langdale

Examining..... Bonnie Enderle
Gloria Hahn, Miles Riley

Instruction of New Members Bonnie Enderle
Sina Hofler, Joe Langdale

Monthly Refreshments..... Sina Hofler

Newsletter..... Bonnie Enderle

Special Refreshments..... Sina Hofler, Co-Chair
Silvia Piele, Co-Chair; All Members

Sickness & Distress..... Betty Shaughnessy
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Ways & Means..... Sina Hofler, Co-Chair
(Guinea Jubilee),
Linda Pearce, Co-Chair (Holly Days Bazaar)
Helen Riley

All members may participate on any of the
above committees. Help is welcome at all times.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Stated Meetings - **1st Tuesday of each month** - 7:00 PM*

*Note: Unless otherwise notified, Sister Officers are asked to wear short white dresses/skirts;
Brothers - Business Attire (Coat/tie)

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January 7, 2020, 7:00 PM..... Stated Meeting - Star Point Night
Robert L. Clark Award "True/False" Test following meeting

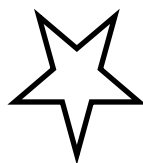
February 4, 2020, 6:00 PM Mardi-Gras Pot-Luck Dinner
Committee Reports Due

March 3, 2020, 7:00 PM Stated Meeting, Election of Officers
Audit Committee Report Due

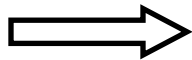


We were saddened by the loss of Sister Mary R. Sawyer, PM, who passed away on August 3, 2019. In October of this year, Sister Mary would have been a member of our Chapter for 70 years. She served twice as our Worthy Matron.

Sister Mary was a friend to so many of our members as well as members across Virginia.



Our Beautiful
Chapter Room
at Williamsburg
Lodge No. 6



Two of our many craft
-making days at the
Lodge. Raising funds
for Ways and
Means!





July 4th Ice Cream Social - Working together with Williamsburg Lodge No. 6.

Brother Vernon Dockins



Sister Judith and Brother Bill Rorer



Guinea Jubilee -

September 27-28, 2019

L-R: Liz Hicks (43), Pat McDowell (43-partially hidden), Bobbie Hines, Myra Thomas, Miles Riley, Sina Hofler, Helen Riley, Scarlet Elmore (all 103)

Not pictured: Sherri Cornoni, Bonnie Enderle, Gloria Hahn



Christmas Craft Sales -
Holly Days, Powhatan,
11-23-19;
LOS Christmas Sale,
Chesapeake, 12-8-19.

Shown:
Helen & Miles Riley,
Worthy Matron &
Worthy Patron



Williamsburg Lodge No. 6 Installation Reception -
December 13, 2019

