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## GRAND CHAPTER OF SOUTH DAKOTA ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

October 28, 2025

## TO BE READ IN FULL AT THE FIRST STATED MEETING AFTER RECEIPT:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The "Patchwork of Hospitality" Grand Year has started and Brother Jeff and I are excited about It! It has been your encouragement, support, and love that has brought us to this point, and we would humbly ask for its' continuance as we serve in the Grand East this year. We will LISTEN to you when you SHARE and together bring us all closer with LOVING KINDNESS. We will show our current active members how appreciated and vital they all are to our beautiful Order. We hope through this, we can renew an increase of membership to our beautiful family.

We offer our congratulations to the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Jan Grage of Juno Chapter No. 44. Welcome to our Grand Family! We know you will work hard to show our current, active members how they are appreciated and by this, encourage our family to expand and show our gratitude with LOVING KINDNESS. Also, congratulations to Brother Dave True, PGP of Golden Link Chapter No. 14, as he continues to work on the Board of Trustees. We are confident you will serve to the best of your ability.

The Line Officers will be working to set dates for the District Schools of Instruction and Official Visits. <u>Chapter Secretaries</u>, please transmit the Subordinate Chapter Election Form to the Grand Secretary within five days after <u>election</u> with the proposed date of your installation, even if the elected officer list is not changing. <u>The form must</u> include complete information for each officer including email addresses.

District Assignments are as follows:

District I District II

Jane Hallberg, Associate Grand Matron Terri Veen, Worthy Grand Matron

District III District IV

Jan Grage, Associate Grand Conductress Patti Sperry, Grand Conductress

We would love to see you wearing a travel pin and to be able to call you one of our "Patchwork of Hospitality" traveling partners! You can earn this pin by attending 3 stated meetings and any three (3) of the following: Reception after Grand Chapter, Formal Reception, District School (one point for each), Friendship Events, Spring Practice, Visits to Other Jurisdictions, All-Star Picnic, Fall Practice, Chapter Fundraiser, or Installation of Grand Sessions or other Fraternal Bodies. We hope you will choose to travel across our State and other Jurisdictions lending support, renewing old friendships and making new ones as you earn points. The lady line officers will have a supply of pins with them so you can earn and receive your pin any time during our year.

Supporting our charitable programs and projects is both a privilege and a responsibility. All Grand Family members will have a variety of beautiful Eastern Star magnets for you to purchase at \$5 each to support our charitable efforts. This year we have as our Special projects, Alzheimers (to follow MWGM Billie Bradfield and MWGP Mike Berry) and our "own" A.C.T.S. (Assisting Children to Smile) Program. We will be supporting ALL of the South Dakota Order of Eastern Star charities as well. Our Fraternal youth bodies will also be supported as it is from their ranks that we might gain new members.

WGP Jeff and I strongly encourage all members to memorize the ritualistic work of the offices they hold. It is this aspect of our Order that sets us apart! Our ritualistic work exemplifies the beauty of the Order!

Please remember that our Grand Librarian, Carol Helms, PM, has a variety of ceremonies that are available upon request when you are preparing to honor a station or hold a specific ceremony. You can contact her at 605-210-0619 with your requests and she will mail them to you for a small fee.

We would like to give everyone a friendly reminder that when the Bible is open during a closed meeting whether at Grand Chapter or in a Subordinate Chapter meeting, there are to be no photos taken. Once the meeting is closed, you can always recreate the event and take your photos at that time.

We want to share a huge thank you to Jen Blake, PM, for maintaining and updating the website at: **www.sdoes.org**. The website contains all of our session year information and we will continue to update and post information to the website as soon as it becomes available. We also encourage all members to sign up for SD Stars which is so helpful in providing updates and information, invitations, etc. To sign up just email: jenbinn822@msn.com

Fraternally,

Terri Veen, WGM

Jeff Marchetti, WGP

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Sandra Vanneman, WGM Grand Secretary



Brookings No. 15

## 2025 - 2026 Grand Officers

Terri Veen Jeff Marchetti Jane Hallberg Kevin Weishaar Sandra Vanneman, PGM Joann Coady Patti Sperry Jan Grage Mark Kopejtka Ron Woodard Chris Bryan, PGM Wende Best Linda Kneebone Valerie Gehlen Joyce Hurst Thelma Jensen Deanna Reder Randy Scott

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Martha No. 22/Matopaha No. 98
Fairview No. 166/Matopaha No. 98
Roseland No. 113/Capital City No. 39
Golden Link No. 14
Brookings No. 15
Juno No. 44
Jasper No. 8
Brookings No. 15
Armour Star No. 64
Golden Link No. 14
Juno No. 44
Battle River No. 142
Silver Leaf No. 96
Martha No. 22

Fairview No. 166
Battle River No. 142/Martha No. 22