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GRAND CHAPTER OF SOUTH DAKOTA
ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The "Music of the Stars" Grand Year has begun and Brother Kevin and I are excited! We are very thankful for all 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 endeavor to 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 Linda Kneebone 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 Sister Renae Phinney, PGM of Maxwell Chapter No. 133, as she begins 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. Chapter Secretaries, please transmit the Subordinate Chapter Election Form to the Grand Secretary within five days after election with the proposed date of your installation, even if the elected officer list is not changing. The form must include complete information for each officer including email addresses.

District Assignments are as follows:

District I
Linda Kneebone, Associate Grand Conductress

District II
Jan Grage, Grand Conductress

District III
Patti Sperry, Associate Grand Matron

District IV
Jane Hallberg, Worthy Grand Matron

We would love to see you wearing our unique travel pin and to be able to call you one of our "Traveling Minstrels" partners! You can earn this pin by attending three (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.

We are truly excited about our Fundraising for this year! We will be holding a Raffle; first prize will be a Blackstone Griddle with Fryer, second prize is a quarter of beef, and third prize is a 27-piece Griddle accessory kit. Ticket prices are $5 each or 5 for $20. The drawing will be held at Grand Chapter next year. The Worthy Grand Matron's project is the "Out of Darkness Walks" for suicide prevention. The Worthy Grand Patron's portion of the proceeds will be divided between our Grand Chapter projects of Service Dogs, A.C.T.S., ESTARL and Education. Tickets will be available from any of our Grand Officers.

WGP Kevin 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,



Jane Hallberg, WGM



Kevin Weishaar, WGP



Sandra Vanneman, PGM
Grand Secretary



2026 – 2027 Grand Officers

Jane Hallberg	Worthy Grand Matron	Martha No. 22/ Matopaha No. 98
Kevin Weishaar	Worthy Grand Patron	Fairview No. 166/ Matopaha No. 98
Patti Sperry	Associate Grand Matron	Brookings No. 15
Randy Scott	Associate Grand Patron	Battle River No. 142/ Martha No. 22
Sandra Vanneman, PGM	Grand Secretary	Roseland No. 113/Capital City No. 39/Jasper No. 8
Joann Coady	Grand Treasurer	Golden Link No. 14
Jan Grage	Grand Conductress	Juno No. 44
Linda Kneebone	Associate Grand Conductress	Juno No. 44
Kevin Kumpf	Grand Chaplain	Capital City No. 39
David Phinney	Grand Marshal	Maxwell No. 133
Chris Bryan, PGM	Grand Organist	Armour Star No. 64
Alta Copeland	Grand Adah	Silver Leaf No. 96
Anna Thoreson	Grand Ruth	Golden Link No. 14
Kati Seymour	Grand Esther	Silver Leaf No. 96
Ashley Boone	Grand Martha	Capital City No. 39
Joanne Headley	Grand Electa	Silver Leaf No. 96
Debbie Bowar	Grand Warder	Redfield No. 19
John Helms, PGP	Grand Sentinel	Matopaha No. 98