

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON
DAN PATMORE, 2021 – 2022**

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Officers, Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota:

My first order of business is to thank each of you for allowing me to be your Worthy Grand Patron. It has been an honor to serve you and the Grand Chapter of South Dakota, Order of the Eastern Star. My journey started when Sister Ruby Sanftner and Brother Tom Marsden asked me to be their Grand Chaplain. In January 2018, Brother Wayne Hoellein called and asked me to consider becoming Grand Sentinel for him and Sister Lisa. It took over a month of careful consideration to say yes. I have not regretted that choice.

I was installed as the Worthy Grand Patron on Saturday afternoon, October 9th, with support from many family members and fellow Sisters and Brothers from my Chapter present. We had a receiving line after installation that had many of you giving congratulations and encouragement for a great year.

I would like to dedicate our year to my parents, Duane and Velma Jean Patmore. After a few years of prodding from my mother we joined Eastern Star when she was Worthy Matron, and we have never regretted that choice. I also want to send a thank you to Sister Joyce and late Brother Max Jones who helped out Roseland Chapter so much while my mom was Worthy Matron and helped keep Roseland Chapter going. We have had so much encouragement from you both. Thank you.

We then had a Grand Reception in Presho on October 30th. It was nice to meet and greet so many of you who came to that event. We even had special cupcakes with hammers on them. Thank you, Sister Linda. After the reception we held the installation of Sister Josephine Green, Grand Organist, who was unable to attend Grand Chapter.

December 12th was a Home Board Meeting via zoom.

Our First official visit was in Armour on Feb 5th. We started with a great soup and sandwich luncheon and an afternoon of learning. We could not have asked for better weather.

On Feb 11th, 12th, and 13th we had a Quad Exchange in Sioux Falls with ND, MN, SD and Manitoba. WGM from Manitoba was so fun and we heard about her harrowing trip down to South Dakota. The weather was not nice to them; plus, all the Covid protocols they had to follow to get to go back home. We appreciated all the effort to be with us. We all had a lot of fun visiting, painting, eating great food, and then had an excellent skit by the Minnesota members.

On to Bison on February 26th, also great travelling weather. We picked up Sister Karen in Presho had a great time traveling to some beautiful county side up there. It was a small attendance, but very enthusiastic members up north. It was the third time I have had the privilege to sit in the Bison Chapter.

Ree Heights hosted the next official visit and it was held in Pierre at Capital City Chapter. Of course, Pierre was postponed and rescheduled one week later than originally planned due to weather.

Mitchell was the next stop on March 19th.

April 2nd, we travelled to Custer. Some of the Grand Family met on Friday night for a meal and hang-out time on Friday night. It was a great afternoon Official Visit. Again, the weather cooperated and we had a great attendance. Some Sisters had some water excitement in the night with some bathroom plumbing.

My home Chapter, Roseland Chapter #113, in Winner hosted the Official visit on April 9th. Some of the Grand family joined in again on Friday night for a meal and some stayed and did a Saturday night meal. Again, it was beautiful weather.

I traveled with Sister Karen to Colton to visit that chapter and had a great meal prepared by Sister Jesse, after which we attended their meeting. I also went with Sister Karen to Brookings the following night.

On the downward slide of Official Visits, we went to Claremont on April 30th. We thought we might need waders to get to the building thanks to Spring rains, but we all made it and had such a great time. We enjoyed the "Hammer Time" even a Power Hammer.

The final official visit was in Sioux Falls on May 14th. We had a great time.

The very next weekend was Spring Practice at Martin. We had a productive practice which did us all some good and was followed with a great lunch. We exemplified the Initiation that afternoon. We had some down time before a wonderful supper served by the Legion? I got to learn to "GOLF" thanks to the Gonsor's. After the meal we traveled up to the Triangle Ranch and had a superb time of fun with most of The Grand Family. Lyndy is an excellent host. We woke up to a great breakfast and everyone headed home.

June 3rd, we gathered at the cottage at the OES Home in Redfield. June 4th was the OES Home Board meeting in the morning followed by a noon picnic with fried chicken and the works. All Grand family members helped serve the meal. We have a very homey feeling facility and it is great hands with the OES staff lead by Debbie Bowar. We had our Home Board Meeting and election and then later in the in the day called Bingo with some of the residents. It was truly a joy.

June 9th Karen and I attended Grand Bethel in Chamberlain. What a great bunch of young ladies.

June 17th Karen and I attended Grand Lodge where we were presented.

August 3rd thru the 6th I had the pleasure to chauffeur three Sisters (Karen Willis, Nancy Gonsor and Sandy Vanneman) to the Grand Chapter in Wyoming. Everyone was very hospitable and we felt very welcome. What is said in the car stays in the car. Too bad I can't remember most of the conversations.