

History of the  
Order of the  
Eastern Star  
in California

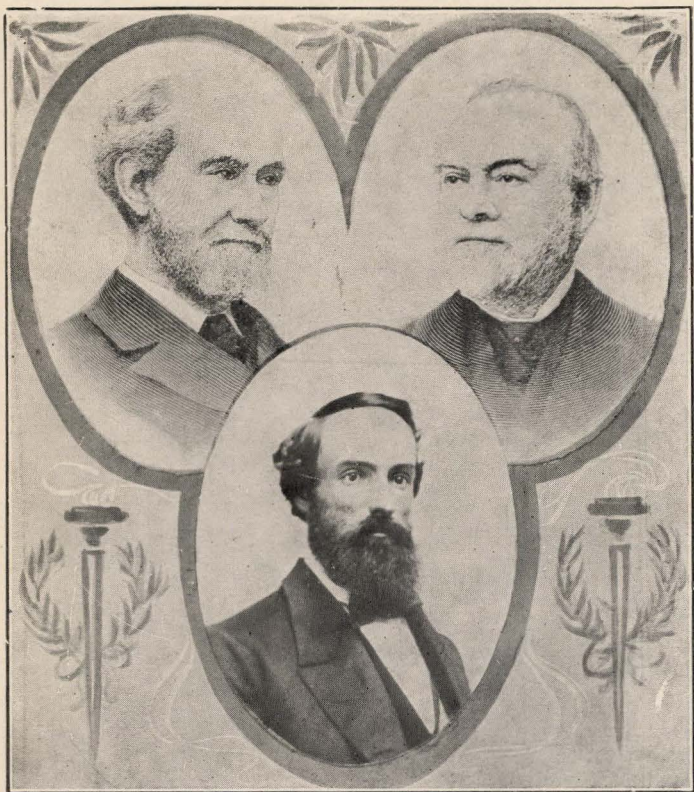




"The union of lakes, the union of lands,  
The union of States none can sever,  
The union of hearts, the union of hands,  
And the Flag of our Union forever!"







DR. ROBERT MORRIS

ROBERT MACOY

WILLIAM SCHUYLER MOSES

The three wise men of the Eastern Star.

## FOREWORD

The following resolution was presented, received, and referred to the Committee on Finance, at the Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, Coronado, San Diego County, California, October, 1929:

WHEREAS, It was the sense of the Forty-Ninth and Fiftieth Session held in Santa Cruz and Coronado, respectively, that a history of the Order of the Eastern Star in California be published, and

WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter lost the services of Past Grand Matron Sister Abbie Elvenia Wilkins (who had previously undertaken the writing of the history) through the call for a larger field by a power greater than earthly power, and

WHEREAS, Past Grand Matron Sister Clara Abbott Giberson had assisted with the compilation of the limited chapters written, together with the editing of same, and the history compiled by Past Grand Matron Maud Dezell Bradley, Associate Editor, and

WHEREAS, There is no revenue for the increasing of the service of the Student Loan Fund,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Grand Chapter authorize the completion of this brief history of the Order of the Eastern Star, naming Sister Clara Abbott Giberson the Editor, and Maud Dezell Bradley, Associate Editor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the completed brochures be for sale to the members of the Order for \$1.00 and the proceeds be allocated to the Student Loan Fund.

EFFIE EASTON,  
Grand Matron, 1920-1921.



*History of the Order Eastern Star  
in California*

BY

PAST GRAND MATRONS OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER ORDER EASTERN STAR



CLARA ABBOTT GIBERSON, Editor  
MAUD DEZELL BRADLEY, Associate Editor

DEDICATED  
TO  
MEMBERS OF THE ORDER EASTERN STAR  
IN CALIFORNIA

*"I am but a gatherer of others' gleanings,  
And only the thread that binds them is my own."*



# INTRODUCTION



“Walk softly, and travel far.”

—Chinese



ISTORY is not a narrative of the imagination with its characters arranged on the checkerboard of a writer's mind and moved to suit his fancy; but a compilation of facts discovered by painstaking research.

In the present instance the field to be explored is rich in endeavors, achievements, and attainments; and in its approach we should *walk softly*, for ours is a sacred trust. To open the records of a great organization like the Eastern Star, as of an individual or a nation, ought always to be regarded as a delicate procedure.

Lacking information of the early history of the Order of the Eastern Star the majority of its members think of and pay tribute to it as it is today, in much the same way as we all admire the grace, beauty, and fragrance, of a full-blown rose, without thought of its development from stem and bud, and the seed, which within its tiny heart were stored all the potentialities of the gorgeous blossom.

But the Eastern Star in California as we now enjoy it, like other human accomplishments, is a matter of evolution. Its background was one of

many obstacles, the like of which we, due to the trend of the times, have never encountered.

In the valleys of mountains and in the lowlands where small towns were located the membership was composed, mainly, of those brave men and women and their immediate descendents who, seeking to better their fortunes, came to the West around Cape Horn or crossed the great plains by the most primitive means of travel, imprinting, as they forged their weary way onward, footprints upon the sands which were destined to mark the road beds in many places for splendid highways for luxurious automobiles, and railroad palace cars to transport travellers on pleasure bent across the continent. Such is the law of progress.

In the morning of our Order, Chapter meetings, outside of cities, were often held in uninviting halls, and lighted by candles or kerosene lamps which a gust of wind coming through an open window sometimes extinguished. The scattered membership forded streams on horseback or in wagons; and when meetings were held on nights when the moon was full, and the moon was obscured by storm clouds, lanterns were used as guides along the muddy streets.

In several towns the Order was a social center; and at the close of the ceremonies, or on certain occasions, entertainments were given to raise money to purchase a town clock, books for a library, a tree to be planted in the school yard, comforts for an ailing person who was not a member of the Eastern Star, and assistance in furnishing a Masonic Hall.

It was the practical excellence of cooperation and enthusiasm of the pioneer members of the pioneer Chapters that made possible the living, moving organization of the Eastern Star in this age. And while our rendition of the ritual ceremonies is not likely to be increased in dignity, rhythm, and "perfection of the beautiful," simplicity adorned their efforts.

The growth and prosperity of our Order has not depended upon Grand Officers of the Grand Chapters nor Officers of Subordinate Chapters, *only*. Each member has played an important role, even as a chain is no stronger than its smallest link.

As the history of the Eastern Star in California is still in the making, ours is a two-fold responsibility: To profit by our advantages and to build well for our successors.

We trust and believe that the spirit of Love and Service which, combined, form the magnificent crown of the Order of the Eastern Star may *travel far* into the unnumbered tomorrows, and continue to wield an influence, strong and kind, in the world of Man in California.

THE EDITOR.

## ABBIE ELVENIA KREBS WILKINS

GRAND MATRON, 1885-1886

This progressive woman was born in Providence, Rhode Island. When a young child she sailed with her mother around Cape Horn and landed in San Francisco at what is now the corner of Montgomery and Washington Streets, joining her father who had preceded her two years before.

Later, Sister Wilkins became the confidential business companion of her father, which experience served her well for after his death she inherited his business, remaining its president throughout her life.

In 1903 she was selected by the Redwood Operators to represent them at the St. Louis Exposition, a splendid demonstration of their confidence in her. In the political world she also held a recognized place and was elected a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago in 1916—an honor accorded for the first time to few women.

Sister Wilkins regarded the Eastern Star as the forerunner of Women's Clubs in California, in many of which she became an active member. But the Eastern Star was the dearest organization of them all. It was with the greatest joy that in the sunset of her life she began writing its history in California; but the closing of the chapter in her long and useful life on July thirteenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, left its final activity unfinished.

"Not gone from memory, not gone from love;  
But gone to our Father's home above."

ADA MARSH DALTON,

Grand Matron, 1910-1911.

## THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

—Holy Bible

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod, the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying,

"Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." "

—St. Matthew 2; 1-2

And it came to pass that the wise men followed the star which led them to the place where the holy child lay; and they fell down and worshipped him; "and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Then, having been warned in a dream they departed into their own country in another way than whence they came.

It was also written that shepherds while watching their flocks at night drew close to one another and with awe looked upon the radiant star and the Angel of the Lord came unto them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were afraid.

"Fear not," the Angel said, pointing to the star. Straightway the shepherds obeyed, and when they had found the child Jesus they, even as the rich men, fell down and worshipped him, and offered unto him their gift of love.

*And love is the greatest thing in life.*

The child grew and waxed strong in wisdom, and at the appointed time became the loving Teacher of man. Unto his disciples he said:

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy.'"

—St. Matthew 5; 43

"But a new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye love one another."

—St. John 13; 34

MINNIE ELLIOT SEYMOUR,

Grand Matron, 1914-1915.

## THE SAGA OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

"Light from the East, 'tis gilded with hope."

—Dr. Robert Morris

And that same Light has flooded and illumined the land wherever Christianity exists. Its praises have been sung by poets, historians, lecturers, ministers, priests, and writers of fiction, since a great hope came into the world by the appearance of the Star of Bethlehem.

In seeking the source of the Order of the Eastern Star we have sometimes felt bewildered and fascinated in the mists of traditions, narratives, legends, and fables, encountered, and have paused in our confusion to find the light which would lead to the real objective.

We digress for the moment to present one tradition in particular which greatly appealed, though bearing no relation to the subject at hand; but which stood out among other stories like a thing of beauty, even as a single wild flower growing in a field of bearded wheat might bid the reaper to pause in his labors and look upon it with surprised admiration.

It is a reverent and delicate story of a people living before the Christian era, at a time when learning, culture, and ease, belonged only to the nobility, priesthood, and rulers of Egypt. An age when, to the unenlightened, a symbol was worshipped instead of the virtue for which it stood.

At a certain season of the year a bright star rose on the horizon, in common terms called "The

Barker," or "The Dog Star," because it was regarded by the simple people living along the banks of the Nile as watching faithfully over their material affairs, foretelling the rising and inundating of that mighty river which would send its glad waters over the thirsty, sun-baked land, assuring a plentiful harvest upon which depended their very life and happiness. Therefore, they gave thanks to their "Star of Promise."

But the story of the Eastern Star is quite another matter. Records show that the antiquity of the *idea* of forming societies imitating Freemasonry into which women were admitted is difficult to trace, as many such organizations, anti-dating the Eastern Star, were a great fad in Europe as early as 1730, particularly in France and Sweden.

Among those which were formed for the laudable purpose of benefitting women of Masonic families were: "The Heroines of Jericho;" "The Maids of Jerusalem;" "The Ark and Dove;" "The Mason's Daughter;" "The Good Samaritan." "None, however, could satisfy an intellectual woman's desire for knowledge, shed any light on the past, or convince her of any peculiar claim that she might possess upon the good will of Masons."

The rituals and rules of those, and many other societies, were crude in arrangement, without dignity, and lacking in the necessary elements of constructive guidance. It would seem to us that they were like so many houses built upon the sand at the sea shore, and went out with the receding tide.

In 1774 there was organized in France the "Rite of Adoption," which was under the control of the Grand Orient. This new "Lodge of Females" was obliged to be adopted by and under the guardianship of some regular Masonic Lodge whose Master, or in his absence his Deputy, should be the presiding officer. It was under this system of forms, ceremonies, and explanatory lectures, that a "Lodge of Adoption" was opened in Paris in 1775; and this Order proved to be more stable than any other society which had been formed up to that date. But following this a number of societies sprang into existence, and all gave place to the ebb and flow of mightier energies.

In the "Preface" of the Fifth Edition, 1883, of the General Grand Chapter Ritual, May 10, 1878, the record reads that "The American Adoptive Rite," was an adaptation of the Swedish, "Star of Truth," which had been translated into French and brought to this country in 1778, becoming the "American Adoptive Rite."

Another record states: "Many systems of the Adoptive Rite have, from time to time, been introduced into the United States with varied success; but none which possessed the elements of permanency until the introduction of the Order of the Eastern Star."

We have searched diligently all available records but learned of no fraternal order that was founded on the Holy Bible, with a five-pointed star as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem, until Robert

Morris, LLD. began his ambitious project, and wrote:

"Light from the East, 'tis gilded with hope."

In 1850 Robert Morris of Kentucky entered upon his fraternal venture, which at first reads like a half-legendary tale; but as the story grows there is a chalice of realism in its ideal scheme, its life, and its purpose.

It would be folly to hazard a guess whence comes a great *idea*. Its value is in one's power to grasp it, to hold it, and ability to shape it into practical design—make it like a fixed star!

Robert Morris was born in Kentucky August 31, 1818, and became a Mason in 1846, in Mississippi. He was an earnest student of the Scriptures and of Masonry; and his extensive Masonic and Eastern Star writings are symbolical, cultural, ethical, fraternal, social, and religious. His prodigious force of thought, his fine mental functioning made his literature majestic, because there was the majesty of spirit within himself.

He brought no material gifts to the women of Masonic families; but rather the gift of the lowly shepherds to the One who was born under the Star of Bethlehem—the gift of Love. The principles which permeated his Eastern Star manuscripts are old as time and as enduring. In his early days of effort to create an ideal organization he wrote to a friend:

"If our women will take advantage of our plan, and our brothers will unite in sustaining it, then will the benefits of our Order accrue, as they ought to do, to those who possess our affections, and so largely control our destiny."

During 1855 he arranged his system of "Eastern Star Constellations" which was replaced by a much simpler one in 1860, named, "Families." Both of these Orders were praiseworthy for the principles which they set forth and for the dignity of their composition. But they missed the mark in arrangement, and though they were instituted in several States, they did not flourish.

But the poetic genius of Robert Morris was not to be lost; for the master-thought of the founder of the Eastern Star was the guiding star which made it possible for the "Master-builder" to carry on the work.

While Robert Morris never ceased to advance his beloved project, his interest in Masonry never lagged. He was ever seeking to find the elusive key to open the gates which would bring to light the origin of that Fraternity. Believing, as he did, that the Holy Land, which was so much a part of ancient religion and christianity, he made several trips to Palestine with all the ardor of a devotee to a shrine. His investigations convinced him that Masonry began in the days of King Solomon, and that King Solomon was the corner stone of Masonry.

About to set out on a certain journey to the Holy Land in 1868, he turned his manuscripts over to his life-long friend, Robert Macoy.

"This ended my work of systematizing the Eastern Star," he said, "and I should never have done more with it save confer it in an informal manner as at first, but for Robert Macoy of New York who, when I had publicly announced my intention of

confining my labors during the remainder of my life to Holy Land investigations, proposed the plan now in vogue."

Robert Macoy was a Mason of wide experience as an organizer and publisher of Masonic literature. He was Grand Recorder of Knights Templar of New York State; and his well-trained mind, his skill and ability in all matters relative to the jurisprudence of Masonry supplied the invaluable qualities needed for arranging the manuscripts committed to his care into a workable ritual.

In 1868 a "Supreme Grand Chapter" was formed and commenced issuing charters and organizing chapters. (600 it was said, which, however, were short lived.)

The following were the principal officers:

Robert Morris, National Patron

John Seville, National Treasurer

Robert Macoy, National Secretary

W. L. Davis, Greenwich Lodge, No. 46,  
Advisory Committee.

It has been stated that of the Supreme Grand Chapter little is known; but presumably the General Grand Chapter took its place, later.

The warmth of a great friendship, rare and beautiful, existed between Robert Morris and Robert Macoy which was only severed by the passing of the former.

Robert Morris, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Kentucky was, through the instrumentality of Robert Macoy, created by the Grand Lodge Poet Laureate of American Masonry.

In memory of Robert Morris, who was seventy years of age when he passed to the Invisible World, the Grand Lodge erected a lofty and splendid monument, with Masonic emblems engraved on one side, and opposite, the emblems of the Eastern Star.

It was the fine cooperation of these two brothers which formed the background of the Eastern Star in California.

CLARA ABBOTT GIBERSON,

Grand Matron, 1901-1902.

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(Note: As to exact dates there may be errors, as documents varied.)

## THE CENTRAL STAR

"Here, from God's book, the bright narration see  
And five brave hearts compose the mystery."

—Robert Morris

The data used herein was taken from information furnished to Mrs. M. E. P. McCowen, first Worthy Matron of Kingsley Chapter, No. 58, Ukiah, California, by Robert Morris, who was a personal friend.

His well-conceived plan was to establish an order for women based on the idea of a central star, taking from the Holy Scriptures characters illustrative of abstract Masonic virtues and, adopting them into the folds of Masonry, name the points of the star for these characters. A five pointed star was decided upon to correspond with the pentagon—"The signet of King Solomon"—the emblem in the Master's Carpet, and as the number appropriate to an order established under Adoptive Masonry. Three characters were selected from the Old Testament, and two from the New, each figuring in her respective role, as daughter, widow, wife, sister, and mother, and illustrating, each, an abstract Masonic virtue, thus Jephthah's daughter, arbitrarily named Adah, symbolizing respect to the binding force of a vow; Ruth, devotion to religious principles; Esther, fidelity to kindred and friends; Martha, undeviating faith in the hour of trial; Electa, patience and submission under wrongs.

The colors, symbols, and flowers, together with the esotery, proper to the five heroines of the central star were easy of invention in the mind of Robert

Morris and seemed to fall readymade, as it were, into the hands of the great exponent of Masonry; and his long familiarity with the Scriptures made the composition of the lectures a recreation. From Macoy Ritual 1908—Revised Edition, we quote:

“These virtues have nowhere in history more brilliant exemplars than in the five characters in the lectures of the Order of the Eastern Star.”

Herein, Brother Morris proved himself to have been a man of fine judgment and large vision as, in all the changes experienced by the Order of the Eastern Star at the hands of the many, during the long years of its existence, no change in the names, histories, or essential lessons, has ever been proposed. From his fluent pen we have at hand the following:

“Sisters, let your watchwords be  
Honor and Fidelity;  
Teach in every Mystic Sign,  
Meanings fraught with truth divine;  
Point the votary above,  
To the endless fountain,—Love.  
May our Heroines inspire  
Willing souls with holy fire;  
Adah, Ruth, and Esther, bring  
Each her proper offering;  
Martha and Electa breathe  
Faith to triumph over death.”

FANNIE THOMAS McCOWEN,  
Grand Matron, 1899-1900.

WILLIAM SCHUYLER MOSES  
DEPUTY GRAND PATRON OF THE PACIFIC COAST  
1869-1873

An interesting book might be written on the life of this far-seeing, noble man who was born in Rochester, New York, August 8, 1827. He was educated in the public school, and during his leisure hours learned from the Indians considerable skill in forestry, woodcraft, and archery. In a ship-building establishment which constructed vessels for service on the Erie Canal he learned the trades of carpenter and millwright.

In 1847, at Niagara Falls, he assisted in building the first bridge and placing the wire basket that carried people across the Niagara Gorge on a cable.

In the Spring of 1849 he joined the Masonic Order, to which fraternity he was an ardent and loyal member throughout his long adventurous life.

In May of the same year he took passage on the Bark "Alice Tarleton," sailing from New York harbor for San Francisco, around Cape Horn. Owing to stormy weather the ship put into the harbor of Rio Janeiro for repairs. While there, in company with other travellers, he went sight-seeing; and on one occasion they were arrested for trespassing, unknowingly, on royal preserves. Much to their consternation at the sudden turn of affairs serious consequences seemed imminent. But William Schuyler Moses caught sight of the Stars and Stripes flying from a building, and immediately bared his head, placed his hand over his heart, and pointing to the Colors, said earnestly, "We claim

the protection of our Country's Flag." The guard bowed in deference and opened the gates.

From that experience Mr. Moses never failed to uncover to the Flag.

A series of mishaps prolonged the hazardous voyage, and it was early in January, 1850, when San Francisco was reached, which at that time was bounded by Pacific, Montgomery, California, and Stockton Streets,—a wide-open small mining town.

Mr. Moses soon learned that the lure of gold had brought men and women to the West whose codes of living were in woeful contrast to the teachings of Masonry, and the wild, reckless features of entertainment seemed extravagant and unseemly; and he turned his attention to navigation and mining.

In March, 1850, he commanded the steamboat, "Yuba," sailing from the wharf at California and Sansome Streets, plying in freight trade; by a happy circumstance he was at Sacramento on April 19, 1850, and by invitation attended the organization of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of California. The ceremonies greatly appealed to the young Mason, who was fast becoming convinced that Masonry was not only a fraternity, but a religion.

At Cordua and Long Bar he was a successful miner, and with his gold dust returned to San Francisco, and with a partner took contracts for building in this city and elsewhere, erecting the first iron foundry in Aurora, Nevada; a bridge across the Klamath River on the Oregon and California Stage Road; and, later, a twenty stamp mill for the Blue

Mining and Milling Company, the operation of which he personally superintended.

He took part in the celebration of California's Admission Day, and dressed in the costume of the period,—“49er Miner”—he marched in the parade. In 1900 at the fiftieth celebration of the same event it was said that he was the only man who had marched in both processions.

Mr. Moses assisted in organizing, and named, Golden Gate Lodge, No. 30, at San Francisco, in 1852. He was the first Worshipful Master; and in 1912, its Sixtieth Anniversary, he was present,—an unprecedented incident in the annals of Masonry.

In 1855 he married Addie Warren, at New York, and returned with her to California. They settled in Yreka, Siskiyou County, near Mount Shasta, the great pedestal on which rested the extreme northern mines, as well as the great center from which the Cascade and Coast Ranges, and the chain of the Sierra Nevada radiate.

While there he received from Lieutenant Williamson, U. S. A., stationed in San Francisco, a mountain barometer for the purpose of taking observations on the summit of Mount Shasta, and determining its altitude for the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, D. C. In 1861, with a small party, he made the ascent from Yreka to Strawberry Valley, whence the winding way to the summit, taking careful barometrical observations as he went. To avoid the glare of sunlight on the frozen snow the final ascent was made by night; and under the full moon the picturesque group of climbers toiled

onward and upward. It was an experience which Mr. Moses delighted to relate in after years, never forgetting to stress the sublime works of Nature, and the splendor of sunrise viewed from the summit of Mount Shasta, 14,000 feet above the sea level.

The result of his quest was forwarded to the Smithsonian Institute in 1861.

In 1868, Mr. and Mrs. Moses went to New York City, and hearing incidentally of the Eastern Star, they called on Robert Macoy, and from him received the degrees of the Order by communication. Returning to California they discussed the new Order with considerable interest. On the following year, in March, they visited Alpha Chapter, No. 1, and became deeply impressed by the ceremonies.

Mr. Moses at once made application for a Chapter in San Francisco, and received from the Supreme Grand Chapter of the United States the appointment of Deputy Grand Patron for California.

When an older man he was called, "Father of the Order of the Eastern Star in California," a title which he had justly earned, and which he carried with pride and happiness; and in return for the deference paid him he always, when speaking in a Chapter of the Eastern Star, addressed the members as, "My Children."

By special enactment of the Grand Chapter in 1899 he was created, "Venerable Past Grand Patron," which well-befitted his dignified appearance. Tall and patriarchal, gentle and kindly of

manner, his mind replete with anecdotes of historical interest, of personal adventures and joys of many friendships, and numberless Masonic honors, he went his way to the end.

While yet in love with life, free from all infirmities of mind, he passed from us on December ninth, nineteen hundred and twelve, leaving a record dear and honored in memory,—a record of his devotion to all that pertains to Masonry. The depth and richness of his ambition to be of practical service to his fellowmen made him, and makes him still, the most interesting and likeable personality in the History of the Eastern Star in California.

EVA M. PORTER,

Grand Matron, 1897-1898.

## ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR IN CALIFORNIA

### GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER NO. 1

In New York City, March 10, 1869, Edward O. Jenkins, National Grand Patron, and Robert Macoy, National Grand Secretary, of the Adoptive Rite of the Eastern Star, issued a certificate under the hand and seal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of the United States to William Schuyler Moses appointing him Deputy Grand Patron for the Jurisdiction of California, with authority to confer the Rite, organize Chapters, and issue charters in the name of the Supreme Grand Chapter. Also, appointing William S. Moses, Worthy Patron, and Addie Moses, Worthy Matron, of the prospective Chapter, "Golden Gate Chapter No. 1, Adoptive Rite of the Eastern Star," with the additional date of "1778" appearing on the certificate.

Brother and Sister Moses returned to San Francisco early in April of that year, bringing the necessary documents, jewels, and rituals for officers. Brother Moses at once consulted his friends George J. Hobe and John W. Schaeffer on the subject of forming a Chapter, and learning that both had already received the degrees of the Eastern Star, invited them to join him in bringing about the project in view.

On April 8, 1869, these brothers and Sister Moses communicated the degrees to ten persons; shortly afterward seventeen others received the same knowledge; on May 7th five additional names appeared on the list.

Sisters Addie W. Moses, Elsie A. Hobe, Sarah E. Phelps, Jane Phelps, Mary B. B. Phelps, Helen A. Schaeffer, Mary J. Kent, and Maria Evrard, presented a petition on behalf of thirty-six members to the Deputy Grand Patron, requesting a Charter, which request was granted.

Thus, on May 10, 1869, Golden Gate Chapter, Adoptive Rite of the Eastern Star came into being, the first on the Pacific Coast, the third in the Eastern Star World under the Supreme Grand Chapter of the United States. Today, 1930, the Mother Chapter in California is the oldest extant in any part of the world.

The first stated meeting was held on June 7th at Red Men's Hall, 510 Bush Street, San Francisco, and on August 23rd a large class was initiated. Addie W. Moses, Worthy Matron, was unexpectedly called from the city and Maria Evrard, Associate Matron, presided.

The first three officers were entitled to rituals. The lectures of the Star Points were printed in small books with paper covers in colors suited to their stations; these officers wore robes. The women candidates entered veiled for initiation.

Election was held November, 1869; and on December 27th William Schuyler Moses, Deputy Grand Patron—and Past Patron—installed the following corps of officers:

George J. Hobe, W. P.  
Maria Evrard, W. M.  
Anna M. Elliott, Asso. M.  
Helen A. Schaeffer, Treas.

Nellie M. Owens, Sec.  
Addie W. Moses, Cond.  
Martha E. Coes, Asso. Cond.  
Clara Gray, Warder  
Mary M. Holtz, Adah  
Helen E. Booker, Ruth  
Mary J. Kent, Esther  
Sarah J. Craig, Martha  
Elizabeth H. Owens, Electa  
Henry Savage, Sentinel

Many noted men and women in California have joined the Mother Chapter, and by special dispensation others have become members.

General Tom Thumb and his wife and Minnie Warren received the degrees in Golden Gate Chapter No. 1. After the passing of Tom Thumb, his wife remarried and became Countess Marcy Lavina Magri.

Membership in 1930, 345.

Senior Past Grand Patron, Fred W. G. Moebus—  
1884-1885, and

Senior Past Grand Associate Matron, Mary S. Munns, 1887-1888 of the Grand Chapter are members of the Mother Chapter.

(Sister Munns has been an active member of the Eastern Star for fifty-seven years.)

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## SUISUN CHAPTER NO. 2

March 11, 1870 was the date chosen for the institution of this Chapter, and the officers of Golden Gate Chapter No. 1, made a somewhat perilous trip

to Suisun, having embarked on a leaky steamboat which became stalled on the way. The delay caused them to reach their destination at one o'clock a. m. on the 12th inst. The elaborate regalia used in early times became water-soaked. None of these mishaps, however, dampened the zeal of the participants, or prevented the organization of the Chapter on March 12, 1870. Deputy Grand Patron, William S. Moses instituted Suisun Chapter No. 2, and installed the first corps of officers:

Kate Richardson, W. M.

W. K. Hoyt, W. P.

Hannah E. Hoyt, Asso. M.

Membership in 1930, 227.

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### SILVER STAR NO. 3

At the request of a number of persons who were entitled to form a Chapter of The Adoptive Rite of the Eastern Star at Vallejo, Deputy Grand Patron W. S. Moses called a meeting at the Masonic Temple on November 5, 1870, at 7:30 p. m. The necessary steps having been previously made for that purpose fourteen women and eleven men responded, and received the degrees. The following officers were chosen by those present:

Augusta Cottrell, W. M.

George Simonton, W. P.

Abbie A. Wilson, Associate M.

The Deputy Grand Patron appointed the other officers.

Myers, Excelsior, Mystic, and Silver Star, were the names suggested for the new Chapter; and upon taking a ballot Silver Star was selected.

The principal event which took place at the first regular meeting of Silver Star Chapter No. 3, was the adoption of the By-Laws of Golden Gate Chapter No. 1, temporarily.

This Chapter gave promise of a bright future, and received its charter on November 29, 1870. The first three officers elected after the charter was granted, were also delegates to the Grand Chapter at its organization; and were as follows:

Kate Josephine Willats, W. M.

B. F. Ward, W. P.

Rosa Dannenbaum, Asso. M.

George F. Simonton, Past Patron, was also a delegate to the Grand Chapter.

Membership in Silver Star Chapter, 1930, 590.

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#### CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NO. 4

This Chapter was organized under promising circumstances, and was chartered April, 1873. It was for several years a large, flourishing Chapter; but in time difficulties arose, and the charter was recalled October 17, 1893.

The majority of the members reorganized immediately and assumed the name of Harmony Chapter, No. 124, a Chapter called "Harmony Chapter, No. 25," having surrendered its charter previously.

Of Chapters No. 5 and No. 6, there are no records in our California reports.

### ALAMEDA CHAPTER NO. 7

A charter was granted to this Chapter in April, 1873. Its life was of short duration, and the charter was surrendered September 18, 1878. But Alameda Chapter No. 7, carried the distinction of sending one of its officers, Maria Anderson, as a delegate to the organization of the Grand Chapter, and returned as the first Grand Matron of California.

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### OAK LEAF CHAPTER NO. 8

The moving spirit in the organization of Oak Leaf Chapter, No. 8, was Jeremiah Whitcher, later a Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, and the delegate who assisted in organizing the General Grand Chapter.

On the evening of January 16, 1872, preliminary steps were taken to form a Chapter, and a petition for that purpose was signed by twenty-five persons, which was granted and on April 30, 1872, Oak Leaf Chapter No. 8, was instituted, and received its charter May 9, 1873.

Prosperity, harmony, and hospitality has made this Chapter one of the most delightful to members and visitors since its organization. The first three officers were:

Jeremiah E. Whitcher, W. P.

Henrietta Whitcher, W. M.

Lucy E. Dam, Asso. M.

From the membership of Oak Leaf Chapter No. 8, many Grand officers have been chosen; also a

a Most Worthy Grand Patron, Rollin C. Gaskill,  
and a Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mary E.  
Partridge.

Membership in 1930, 887.

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#### EVANGELINE CHAPTER No. 9

At Nevada City on June 17, 1872, this Chapter was organized by Deputy Grand Patron, William Schuyler Moses. The charter was granted on May 10, 1873.

From the first Masons gave Evangeline Chapter No. 9 loyal support, and contributed much to the harmony of the Chapter, which played an important role in the history of the Eastern Star in those pioneer days. Many Masons of high rank in Masonry were members of the Chapter, and regarded it as an asset to the community in which it was established. The first three officers were:

Emily Rolf, W. M. (later Grand Matron)

Thomas Caswell, W. P. (at that time Eminent Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar)

Lucy M. Caldwell, Asso. M.

Membership in 1930, 155.

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#### EVENING STAR CHAPTER No. 10

In the Fall of 1872, Mr. and Mrs. A. Swain, J. H. Vogan, S. E. Stone, and Louis Fafa, from Etna Mills, visited San Francisco and were initiated in Golden Gate Chapter No. 1.

Returning to "Rough & Ready"—the pioneer name of Etna Mills—their enthusiasm was shared by several other persons. Late in December of that year several interested men and women attended the dedication of the New Masonic Temple in Yreka, and those who were eligible for membership in the Eastern Star were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walbridge and the Deputy Grand Patron conferred the degrees upon them.

On January 5, 1873, Evening Star Chapter No. 10, was instituted at Etna Mills. The By-Laws of Golden Gate Chapter No. 1 were adopted.

The first three officers were:

A. Swain, W. P.

E. C. Swain, W. M.

A. M. Diggles, Asso. M.

Transportation in those days was difficult; and the first Grand Matron to visit the Chapter came by stage coach from Redding over the Scott and Trinity Mountains. The stage was not on schedule time, and the members of the Chapter were about to go to their homes when a wire from Callahans announced that the Grand Matron was on her way. And at midnight she arrived.

The fraternal organization meant a great deal to its members, and to the community. Although the pioneer days of California were practically over, men and women, living in remote districts appreciated the companionship of one another, and regarded the success of Evening Star Chapter No. 10 as a sort of memorial to those who had paved the way.

Membership in 1930, 129.

## CONVENTION OF DELEGATES

In response to an invitation from Golden Gate Chapter, No. 1, and California Chapter, No. 4, both of the City of San Francisco, delegates from the several chapters in the State convened on April 7, 1873, at Corinthian Hall in San Francisco for the purpose of establishing a Grand Chapter of the Order for the State.

Brother Thomas Anderson of California No. 4, was made President, and Brother George J. Hobe of Golden Gate No. 1, Secretary of the convention.

The Committee on Credentials reported delegates present as follows:

Golden Gate No. 1 (seven): W. G. Doolittle, W. P.; Sarah J. Stoutenborough, W. M.; Annie E Douglas, A. M.; Anna M. Elliot, P. M.; George J. Hobe, P. P.; John F. Snow, P. P.; and Jesse C. Reed, P. P.

Suisun No. 2: Mary E. Gillespie, W. M. and proxy.

Silver Star No. 3: B. S. Ward, W. P.; Kate Willats, W. M.

California No. 4: Jos. Lippman, W. P. and P. P.; Sarah Anderson, W. M.; Anne E. DuBois, A. M., and Thomas Anderson, P. P.

Alameda Chapter No. 7: Maria Anderson, W. M.

Oak Leaf Chapter No. 8: J. E. Whitcher, W. P. and P. P.; Henrietta Whitcher, W. M. and P. M., and Lucy E. Dam, A. M.

A constitution was presented which was adopted by the signatures of all the delegates present—after which “Adoptive Rite” was no longer in use.

The delegates then organized themselves into a Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and elected Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

George J. Hobe, San Francisco, Grand Patron;  
Maria Anderson, Alameda, Grand Matron;

George W. Simonton, Vallejo, Associate Grand Patron;

Anna M. Elliot, San Francisco, Associate Grand Matron;

Henrietta Whitcher, Oakland, Grand Secretary;  
Mary E. Gillespie, Suisun, Grand Treasurer;  
Kate Richardson, Suisun, Grand Conductress.

The Grand Patron made the following appointments:

Sarah Anderson, San Francisco, Grand Associate Conductress;

Kate Willats, Vallejo, Grand Lecturer;  
Rev. D. E. Bushnell, Suisun, Grand Chaplain;  
Joseph Lippman, San Francisco, Grand Marshal;  
Jesse C. Reed, San Francisco, Grand Sentinel.

A committee was appointed to prepare a ritual for use in subordinate chapters, to report at the next session, as follows:

Thomas Anderson, John F. Snow, Maria Anderson, Henrietta Whitcher and Anna M. Elliot.

Of these eighteen delegates who organized the Grand Chapter, but one remains with us, all the others having “fallen asleep.” Sister Mary Ellen

Gillespie, the first Grand Treasurer and the second Grand Matron, has for more than thirty years been the recipient of honors as our Senior Past Grand Matron, our first Grand Matron, Sister Maria Anderson, having passed away in New York City, in January, 1899.

The first Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter was held in San Francisco, commencing October 15, 1873, with nine Grand Officers present, also delegates from all existing chapters, including the new one, Rocklin No. 11.

The Constitution presented at the convention the previous year, after being amended as recommended by the Grand Patron, was formally adopted.

The ritual presented by the committee, with some amendments, was adopted for the use of the Order in this jurisdiction. This was the first and only authoritative publication of a ritual by a Grand Chapter, all others having been published by private parties for their individual benefit.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter in 1875, an address was given by the Grand Matron. Theretofore the only address required was that of the Grand Patron.

At this session a committee was appointed to meet with similar committees from other Grand Chapters in relation to forming a Supreme Grand Chapter which should have absolute and supreme control over the ritual and lectures of the Order. J. E. Whitcher was made chairman of the committee and was the only one to attend the convention when it met at Indianapolis on November 15, 1876.

In the earlier years of our Grand Chapter's existence much time was devoted to the perfecting of our laws, rules and regulations. At each session many amendments were made to the Constitution. A steady increase in the duties and prerogatives of the Grand Matron is observed.

During the year 1876, Robert Morris, founder of the Order, was a visitor in this State, and being desirous of doing something helpful, was authorized by the Grand Patron to communicate the degrees to eligible persons in any city or town where no Chapter existed, for the purpose of organizing a Chapter as provided in the Constitution of our Grand Chapter.

At the session in 1878 the Grand Chapter adopted the ritual issued by the General Grand Chapter.

## THE GRAND MATRON

The original Constitution adopted by the Convention of Delegates in April, 1873, made the "Grand Matron assistant to the Grand Patron, subject to his orders, or those of the Grand Chapter, but in case of his death, absence or inability to act, she could assume and discharge all his powers, duties and prerogatives." At the first meeting of the Grand Chapter, in October, 1873, the Constitution was amended, making the Associate Grand Patron successor to the Grand Patron. The duties of the Grand Matron were enlarged to the extent of making it her duty to "look after the welfare of the Order and, like the Grand Patron, make an annual report to the Grand Chapter."

In 1875 her powers were again increased, as she could grant special dispensations, convene Chapters, inspect their work and, with the Grand Patron, sign all charters and dispensations granted.

In 1876, the duty of visiting Chapters in the jurisdiction was added to her duties. She was to be allowed \$10.00 for each Chapter visited.

The first mention of the Grand Matron presiding at the Grand Chapter occurs in a recommendation of the Grand Matron in 1877. She also recommended that the Grand Matron be empowered to confer degrees for the purpose of organizing new Chapters. Neither of these recommendations met with the approval of the Grand Chapter. After this the proposition appeared periodically. Sometimes lacking a five-sixths vote, it would go over

to the next session, when, failing to obtain the two-thirds vote, it would be declared defeated. Thus the question arose in 1886, 1905, 1906, 1907 and 1908.

In 1909 the Constitution was amended to allow the Grand Matron to preside during the opening and closing ceremonies, and also when distinguished visitors were being received.

In 1919 the question was revived, the recommendation coming this time from the Grand Patron. It did not receive the necessary vote at this session, but at the following session, in 1920, a two-thirds vote carried it through, and the Constitution was amended accordingly.

In 1921 the Grand Matron became the presiding officer, after the Grand Chapter had been in existence forty-eight years,—a distinction which Sister Effie Easton was the first Grand Matron to receive.

In 1919 the offices of the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress were made elective.

## INSTRUCTION BOOK RITUAL COMMITTEE BOARD OF CONTROL

The interpretation of the ritual and the direction of the "Floor Work" had always been considered among the prerogatives of the Grand Matron. A Grand Matron could suggest a change from former practice and recommend such change to the Grand Chapter for approval. This practice frequently led to confusion, and as uniformity and permanence seemed most desirable, our Grand Patron of 1895, Brother James Bestor Merritt, compiled and issued at his own expense a "Book of Instructions." Although this work did not receive the endorsement of the Grand Chapter, owing to some inaccuracies and innovations, the idea was approved, and Brother Merritt was highly commended for his zeal, fidelity to the Order, and generosity. He, himself, requested that the book be withdrawn.

A committee of five Past Grand Matrons was appointed to compile a uniform book of instructions and present the same to the Grand Chapter at the next session. The following were appointed on the committee: Mary Ann Flint, Annie Elizabeth Briggs, Carrie Louise Peaslee, Abbie Elvenia Krebs, and Mary Josephine Young. The report was made at the session of 1897, and the book, as presented, was adopted without amendment.

In 1899 a committee, to be known as the Ritual Committee, was appointed, whose duty should be to interpret the ritual and Book of Instructions. Past Grand Matrons Mary Ann Flint, Mary E.

Partridge and Maria A. Pierce were the first to serve on such committee. In 1902, the names of Abbie E. Krebs and Annie E. Briggs were added.

The ritual having been amended by the General Grand Chapter, this committee was authorized to make corrections in the book, so that it would not conflict with the new ritual. At the session of 1903 the book, so revised, was adopted.

Since that time many changes have been made, necessitating reprints of the Book of Instructions, and while it has resulted in uniformity, permanence, it would appear, has yet to be attained.

The Ritual Committee was enlarged to consist of seven members and the name changed to "The Board of Control." This "Board of Control" was abolished in 1919.

## MASONIC WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' HOME

As early in our history as 1878 the idea of a "Home" was entertained, but nothing greater was accomplished than the appointment of a committee. The interest was renewed during the year 1899, and a new committee to consider the advisability of establishing a home was appointed. It consisted of five Past Grand Matrons, Mary Ann Flint, Abbie E. Krebs, Mary B. Moore, Mary E. Part-ridge and Annie E. Douglass. A vacancy occurring the following year by the death of Annie E. Douglass, M. Josephine Young was appointed to fill such vacancy. After that no change was made, each member being reappointed as her term expired.

The impracticability of continuing this work alone, owing to lack of funds, was soon recognized. At this time the Masonic Fraternity was entertaining a plan of establishing a Home for Masonic Widows and Orphans, and invited our Order to cooperate with them, and the Grand Chapter pledged its earnest and hearty support to the enterprise. The Grand Chapter directed its efforts to raising funds to furnish the home when completed.

On October 14, 1896, the corner stone of the Masonic Home was laid by the Grand Lodge and by invitation a large delegation from the Grand Chapter was present.

In May, 1898, a Masonic festival was held in San Francisco for the purpose of raising funds to complete the building. At this fair the "Order"

lent its aid, the local Chapters maintaining attractive booths, and the Grand Chapter committee having one at which were sold souvenir Masonic spoons designed by Abbie E. Krebs, one of the committee. From their sale at the fair, and later to members of the Order, quite a large sum was realized.

The success of this undertaking was pronounced. The large sum of money raised was sufficient to complete and furnish the home. The total amount raised by the Order of the Eastern Star was almost enough to cover the cost of furnishing.

By the year 1902 sums of money to the amount of more than \$800 had accumulated in the hands of the committee. The committee asked that this sum be turned over to the Masonic Home Trustees, with the request that it be used in the musical education of the girl residents of the home. A check of \$814.75 was sent to the Board and proper acknowledgment was made to the Grand Chapter for its "very handsome contribution." The work of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home Committee, extending over a period of twelve years, being finished, at their request, the committee was discharged. In 1910, during the administration of Brother Frank Pierce, Past Patron of Oak Leaf Chapter No. 8, and Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge of California of that year, the children were removed from the Masonic Home at Decoto to their own splendid home at Covina, Los Angeles County.

Past Grand Matron Mary Ann Flint, who served as Chairman of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home Committee, of the "Book of Instructions"

Committee, Ritual Committee, and many others, was twice elected to the office of Grand Matron, serving from 1882 to 1884. She was elected Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter in 1886. Sister Flint was one of the most capable, willing, dignified women in the Order of the Eastern Star in California, and was worthy of the esteem and affection of the members of the Order which she received.

MARY JOSEPHINE YOUNG,  
Grand Matron, 1884-1885.

## A TRIBUTE

At the Sixteenth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, October, 1888, the Worthy Grand Patron, John Hatfield Gray, formerly of New York, a personal friend and admirer of Robert Macoy, recommended in his report that a simple resolution be sent to Robert Macoy from the Grand Chapter of California acknowledging the invaluable services which he had rendered to the Order of the Eastern Star for nearly a quarter of a century. The distinguished Brother was well along in years, and such a tribute would gratify the venerable Patriarch of the Order in his declining years.

"Robert Morris was greatly cheered by the love and affection he had received from the Masonic Fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star, which smoothed his downward pathway to the end by sweeping away the brambles, and replacing them with flowers. It was his poetic genius which formulated the Order of the Eastern Star; but his work was like a piece of beautiful machinery without power to set it in motion. Robert Macoy, his lifelong friend, furnished that power."

The resolution presented was referred to a committee, and on presentation of the splendid report, than which none had ever been more beautifully arranged, the same was adopted unanimously.

A copy of the preamble and resolutions were suitably engrossed, signed by the officers of the Grand Chapter and the members of the committee and forwarded. They were as follows: John H. Gray, Grand Patron; Gertrude S. Freeman, Grand Matron. Committee: Charles L. Thomas, Past Grand Patron; Annie E. Douglass, Past Grand Matron;

Jerome Spaulding, Past Grand Patron; and Kate J. Willats, Grand Secretary (Seal).

The following letter is an exact copy of the one sent by Robert Macoy in his own handwriting:

"New York, 1889.

Gertrude S. Freeman, Grand Matron,  
Woodland, California.

Dear Sister:

No token, of the many that I have received during a long and active service in Freemasonry, will be more highly valued by me, than the beautiful copy of the Preamble and Resolutions recently received from the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of California. I fully appreciate the compliment, and I am grateful for the expression and sentiments the resolutions contain.

I have labored earnestly, how earnestly few can tell, to plant the Eastern Star upon a firm basis. It was my ardent desire that it might blaze in the Masonic Firmament, more brilliant than any in all the constellations, and might lead many to seek that light to be found alone beneath its softened rays. It has grown and now shines in brilliant glory, and I am grateful that my efforts have been recognized, and that your fair hand should sign approval to my endeavors.

May the bright star guide you safely over the sea of life, to that haven where the greater light absorbs the lesser.

Fraternally yours,

Robert Macoy."

ANNIE MARIE JOHNSON,

Grand Matron, 1908-1909.

## GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA IN THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, using the same ritual, are 46 of the 48 states, Alaska, British Columbia, Canada; Canal Zone, China, Cuba, Hawaii, Mexico, Porto Rico, Prince Edward Islands, Philippine Islands, and the Yukon Territory. There are Chapters in Scotland, Ireland, Australia, India, New Zealand, and South Africa.

There are more than two million members of the Order of the Eastern Star in the world. At the session held in Denver, July, 1928, there were reported, 2,005,601 members in 13,471 Chapters.

July 15, 1875, the Grand Chapter of Mississippi adopted a resolution recommending uniformity of ritual and appointed a committee of seven to confer with like committees from other Grand Chapters for the purpose of the organization of a Supreme Grand Body.

October 19, 1875, the Grand Chapter of California, at its session held in Vallejo, appointed a committee of seven to confer with other committees of seven for the same purpose. The committee consisted of the following:

Past Grand Patron Jeremiah E. Whitcher, Oak Leaf No. 8, Oakland; Grand Matron Emily Rolfe, Evangeline No. 9, Nevada City; Grand Lecturer Annie E. Douglass, Golden Gate No. 1, San Francisco; Associate Grand Conductress, Adah A. Libbey, Lily of the Valley No. 18, Watsonville;

Past Grand Matron Mary E. Gillespie, Suisun Chapter No. 2, Suisun; Worthy Patron Stanley B. Ward, Silver Star No. 3, Vallejo; Worthy Patron Henry H. Cook, Electa No. 15, San Jose.

April 16, 1876, the Grand Chapter of Indiana at its session invited the delegates of the several Grand Chapters to meet in Indianapolis on November 6, 1876. The invitation was accepted by California, Illinois, Missouri, and New Jersey; these with the hostess Grand Body of Indiana, made the five jurisdictions which formed the General Grand Chapter; the FIRST ASSEMBLY convening in Indianapolis on November 15, 1876, at which session Brother J. E. Whitcher was seated Right Worthy Grand Associate Patron, Sister Henrietta Whitcher of Oak Leaf No. 8 was appointed Worthy Grand Conductress, Sister Emily Rolfe, Evangeline No. 9, was appointed Worthy Grand Electa.

SECOND ASSEMBLY convened at Chicago, May 8-10, 1878. In the early history of the General Grand Chapter the field for selection of officers was limited, and we note three officers from California in the second official family, the same three that were seated at the First Assembly.

Brother J. E. Whitcher assisted in compiling the first ritual, and made an excellent report, particularly interesting from the fact that, "A rough draft for a Constitution for the General Grand Chapter from the far-off Pacific Coast was the only one taken there and presented for action." All delegates had been requested to submit a general form. At

this session the authority was given to vote by "raise of hands."

THIRD ASSEMBLY again convened at Chicago, on August 20-21, 1880, at which session Past Grand Matron Emily Rolfe of California was appointed Worthy Grand Esther. The Most Worthy Grand Matron Elmira Foley of Missouri offered a plan for providing homes for the widows and orphans of members of the Eastern Star. On motion of Sister Rolfe of California the birthday of Brother Robert Morris, August 31, was made a Festal Day of the Order.

FOURTH ASSEMBLY convened at San Francisco, August 17-23, 1883. Sister Adah A. Libbey, Right Worthy Grand Associate Matron, and Sister Eleanor Marie Owens, Past Matron Ivy Chapter No. 27, Worthy Grand Conductress, were made members of the official family. Most Worthy Grand Patron Willis Brown, of Kansas, suggested that a part of the funds on hand be spent for educational and beneficent purposes. The number of Grand Chapters had increased to sixteen.

FIFTH ASSEMBLY convened at St. Louis, Missouri, September 23-25, 1886. Most Worthy Grand Patron Rollins C. Gaskill of Oak Leaf No. 8, Worthy Grand Conductress Annie E. Douglass of Golden Gate No. 1, were seated as officers from California. Eighteen states answered to roll call. The Grand Chapter of Texas was admitted, Brother Robert Morris was present.

SIXTH ASSEMBLY convened in Indianapolis, September 26-28, 1889. Sister Mary A. Flint, Ceano-

thus No. 45, San Juan Bautista, San Benito County, was seated as Most Worthy Grand Matron. At this session nineteen states reported 2013 members in thirty-nine Chapters. The Eastern Star Magazine was first published by Sister Nettie Ransford.

SEVENTH ASSEMBLY convened in Columbus, Ohio, September 15-17, 1892. Sister Mary E. Partridge, Oak Leaf No. 8, was Worthy Grand Adah. At this session the Most Worthy Grand Matron was made the presiding officer. It was decided to convene General Grand Chapter triennially.

EIGHTH ASSEMBLY convened at Boston, Massachusetts, August 29-30, 1895. Sister Mary E. Partridge was elected Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron. The signet was adopted and ordered copyrighted at this session.

NINTH ASSEMBLY convened at Washington, D. C., September 27-30, 1898. Sister Mary E. Partridge was seated as Most Worthy Grand Matron. Our Secret Work was ordered printed in cypher. New York Grand Chapter was officially invited to come into the General Grand Chapter.

TENTH ASSEMBLY was convened at Detroit, Michigan, September 24-27, 1901. Sister Augusta D. Wilson, Unity Chapter No. 65, Oakland, was appointed Worthy Grand Ruth.

ELEVENTH ASSEMBLY convened at St. Louis, Missouri, September 19-21, 1904. Mayon Chapter No. 1, was instituted in Manila, Philippine Islands.

TWELFTH ASSEMBLY convened at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 4-6, 1907. At this session the ritual printed in German was presented to the

delegates. Need of Eastern Star homes was stressed. The first Chapter was organized in the Yukon Territory.

THIRTEENTH ASSEMBLY convened at Jacksonville, Florida, November 8-10, 1910. Grand Chapters organized in Alberta and British Columbia. A Book of Instruction was issued during this administration.

FOURTEENTH ASSEMBLY convened at Chicago, Illinois, September 23-25, 1913. Grand Chapters organized in Alberta and British Columbia. A Book of Instructions was issued during this administration.

FIFTEENTH ASSEMBLY convened at Louisville, Kentucky, November 2-3, 1916. Five Chapters and a Grand Chapter were organized in Porto Rico. Ontario affiliated with the General Grand Chapter.

SIXTEENTH ASSEMBLY convened at Seattle, Washington, July 23-26, 1919. Sister Elizabeth B. Wheeler of West Lake Chapter No. 268, Los Angeles, was appointed Worthy Grand Marshal. Most Worthy Grand Patron, George H. Hyland of Oregon, presented a resolution recommending the building of an International Eastern Star Temple in Washington, D. C.

SEVENTEENTH ASSEMBLY convened at Washington, D. C., November 14-19, 1922. The Educational Plan for Grand Chapters was presented and the Committee on Education was added to the Standing Committee. Most Worthy Grand Patron, Dr. Alfred McDaniel of Texas, organized the Grand Chapters of Manitoba, Quebec, and Delaware; the

organization of Delaware completed the list of one Grand Chapter for each State in the United States.

EIGHTEENTH ASSEMBLY convened at Toronto, Canada, August 11-14, 1925. Sister Elizabeth B. Wheeler was seated as Right Worthy Grand Trustee. This was the first Assembly held outside of the United States, which event gave International History to the Order. The Grand Chapter of Scotland was represented. Flags of six countries were received and welcomed.

NINETEENTH ASSEMBLY convened in Denver, Colorado, July 24-26, 1928. Sister Emma P. Chadwick, after having served as acting Most Worthy Grand Matron for a year and a half, was elected and installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron. She placed one of her appointments in her birth state, the office of Worthy Grand Esther which is represented by Sister Effie Easton, of California Chapter No. 183, San Francisco. The flags of eight countries and two states were received and welcomed. The revised ritual was adopted and ordered into effect January 1, 1929. The new ritual provides for the office of Associate Patron in subordinate Chapters.

TWENTIETH ASSEMBLY will convene in 1931, at San Antonio, Texas.

The foregoing data has been compiled from the souvenir booklet presented to the delegates at the Golden Jubilee of the General Grand Chapter, at Denver, 1928.

EFFIE EASTON,  
Worthy Grand Esther, 1928-1931.

## DRILL TEAM

The official drill team has been one of the most important factors in unifying the Eastern Star work in the State. To Mrs. Abbie Krebs Wilkins, Past Grand Matron, belongs the credit for recognizing the necessity for such an institution and for organizing in 1907 in San Francisco the first drill team in California: composed of experienced officers, Past Matrons and Past Patrons, well drilled by a competent director, Casimir Jackson Wood. Annie Marie Johnson was the first Worthy Matron, Phineas Fanning Ferguson, Worthy Patron, and Ada Marsh Dalton, Marshal.

This team exemplified the Instruction Book work for Grand Officers, for instruction of Deputy Grand Matrons previous to entering upon their duties, and also visited subordinate Chapters.

Very soon marked improvement was observed in the work of subordinate Chapters, and the drill team became a permanent organization.

As the Order increased in membership and Chapters became more numerous it seemed advisable to organize a second team in Southern California. In 1916, Elizabeth B. Wheeler, Grand Matron, organized the Southern California drill team, and in 1920 Dr. Maude Noble Haven, Past Grand Matron, became Director of the newly organized San Francisco degree team, the original San Francisco team having been disbanded for several years.

These two teams have received personal instruction from each succeeding Grand Matron, and have exemplified the work as amended each year. From

this example work, deputies have been more certain of details, Chapter officers have had a pattern to emulate, and thus the work throughout California has become more and more uniform—a most gratifying result.

DR. MAUDE NOBLE HAVEN,  
Grand Matron, 1916-1917.

## BENEVOLENT FUND

Past Matron, HELEN M. KNIGHT,  
General Supervisor

Out of disaster sometimes great deeds spring into existence. In 1913, when several of our sister states were visited with tornado and flood, some of the money sent by the Grand Chapter for their relief was returned. This was deposited in a savings bank, and formed the first nucleus for the Benevolent Fund.

In 1916, a resolution was read asking the Grand Patron, Dr. William Frank Holman, to appoint a committee to formulate a plan for disbursing the Benevolent Fund, with the recommendation that it be enacted into law.

Accordingly, the following committee was appointed: Past Grand Matron, Ella Tyler Hall, Chairman; Fred J. Elsensohn, and Charles Bagley. In 1917, their report was presented, adopted, and later, embodied in the Constitution. Their plan:

All money belonging to the Benevolent Fund shall be paid to the Grand Secretary and be kept and accounted for separately by the Grand Treasurer. The Worthy Grand Patron to divide the jurisdiction of California into seven or more districts, each district to have a resident Supervisor, whose duty it shall be to investigate each case where relief is sought, and to cooperate with the officers in the subordinate Chapters. For all disbursements, the approval of the General Supervisor of the Benevolent Fund shall be necessary.

The committee shall report all actions taken to the Annual Communications of Grand Chapter, segregating the report by districts; but the names of persons assisted appearing only on the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer.

The Benevolent Fund to supplement the labors of subordinate Chapters when the responsibility becomes too onerous or difficult to bear.

Under the very capable leadership of our General Supervisor, Helen M. Knight, disbursements have increased each year as the work of this committee has become more familiar to the local Chapters.

About \$25,000.00 has been expended for the relief and comfort of many sisters and brothers during the twelve years that the committee has been functioning, and many letters of appreciation have testified to the value of this service to our fellow members.

The Benevolent Fund is supported by a per capita tax of 10 cents on the membership of the Chapters.

EMMA RIEHL LEACH,  
Grand Matron, 1907-1908.

## FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Through a system of Fraternal Correspondence it is our privilege to travel North, South, East, and West, to every Grand Jurisdiction and keep in touch with the earnest men and women who are devoting their lives in an effort to make the world a better place to live in. We find that we are not isolated units living and working alone, but are a part of a great living whole.

The latest reports place the Masonic Fraternity as the largest fraternal organization in the world. The Order of the Eastern Star ranks third in numerical strength, with a membership of over two million persons scattered throughout the world.

The Order of the Eastern Star has four sovereign bodies: General Grand Chapter, Independent Grand Chapters of New York and New Jersey, and the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. There are Chapters in Alaska, Yukon, Canal Zone, Hawaiian Islands, Porto Rico, Prince Edward Island, Philippine Islands, Nova Scotia, Cuba, New Brunswick, Rome, and China.

We rejoice in the growth of our Order; yet we should not estimate its strength in numbers, or its prosperity in dollars and cents; rather its strength lies in its principles and its prosperity in the character of its members.

The first Grand Chapter was organized in Michigan in 1867. A few years later our own Grand Chapter came into being, and we look with pride upon its accomplishments.

Throughout all jurisdictions there is a concentrated effort to help those in need. We find homes for the aged and for the orphans, hospitals for the sick, nurseries for young children, Eastern Star Temples are being built. Benevolent funds are being created. Educational Loan Funds are steadily growing and assisting worthy students to gain their longed-for education.

When we read of the numberless acts of kindness performed throughout the various jurisdictions, the generous response to calls of charity, the love and sympathy extended to those in sorrow, our hearts thrill with pride that we are a part of this splendid organization.

CORA SPRING HOLLAND,  
Grand Matron, 1925-1926.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND STUDENT LOAN FUND

At the Forty-sixth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, October, 1919, at Santa Cruz, Worthy Grand Matron, Elizabeth Mary Marshall, in her report recommended that the Grand Chapter show our thankfulness and gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we had been spared the great destruction which had befallen other nations in the World War by establishing a scholarship for one of the girls at Covina Home.

The recommendation was received with favor and adopted.

Worthy Grand Patron, Darwin Wilson Pierce, then made a motion that a like scholarship be established for one of the boys at Covina Home.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

By the necessary process \$3000 was set aside for the two scholarships to be known as, "The Eastern Star Scholarship Fund."

The Covina Home is under the management of the Masonic Grand Lodge, and students who were to take advantage of the Scholarship Fund in a University after their graduation from High School, are selected by the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., and financed by the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star.

In addition to the above worthy projects the Grand Matron, Stella Morgan Linscott, in 1922, received a gift of a \$1000 bond to be used in promoting educational work in our Order, which became the nucleus of the Student Loan Fund.

In 1924 the Grand Chapter appropriated \$4000 for like purpose, making a permanent revolving fund of \$5000 to be dispensed by the Committee on Education to members, daughters, and sons of Eastern Star Chapters within the Jurisdiction of California for the advancement of their education,

Five young students have availed themselves of Grand Chapter assistance. One young woman was enabled to remain in college until her graduation in 1927. In 1929 three young women and one young man were given financial aid whereby they made it possible to finish their final year in college.

As each student repays his loan it is available for the assistance of another. Thus a spirit of helpfulness to others and loyalty to the principles of our Order is engendered.

STELLA MORGAN LINSKOTT,  
Grand Matron, 1922-1923.

## KATE JOSEPHINE WILLATS

Grand Secretary, 1882---September 12, 1928

"God's finger touched her, and she slept."

Among those who contributed largely to the success and harmony of the Order of the Eastern Star in California was Kate Josephine Willats. In length of service, in living up to the principles of the Order, in kindness to all, she was without peer.

She received the degrees of the Order in Golden Gate Chapter No. 1. On moving to Vallejo, shortly afterward, she affiliated with Silver Star Chapter No. 3, became its first Worthy Matron under Charter, and its delegate to the Grand Chapter at the organization of that Grand Body.

Returning to San Francisco she again joined the Mother Chapter. In 1875 she was elected Grand Treasurer; in 1882 she was elected Grand Secretary, serving in that important office consecutively until she came to her journey's end.

During her many years of fraternal service she accomplished more toward the upbuilding of the Eastern Star in California than was possible for any other one person. In the early years of struggle and financial stress of the new organization this devoted sister, who possessed noble qualities of mind and heart, and a vision ever beyond the personal, was untiring in promoting the interests of the Eastern Star, giving encouragement to the faltering, and wise counsel to all who sought her advice.

In recognition of her valuable services the Grand Chapter at its Forty-first Annual Session, by a spe-

cial enactment, conferred upon Kate Josephine Willats the title of Past Grand Matron.

We, who loved her not only as our efficient Grand Secretary, but as a womanly woman, a sister, and a friend, have sadly missed her; and her memory walks beside us like a Presence.

As the growth of the Order increased, in the duties of her office she was ably assisted by her daughter, Susan Mills Willats, who had served with her mother from early girlhood, and is now Grand Secretary.

From the pen of Sister Willats we record the few lines which she found in her mother's card case after passing,—a true expression of the Creed of Kate Josephine Willats:

"If my life has stirred another  
To nobler thoughts or deeds;  
If my life has stood for truth and right,  
And never cringed to greed;  
I have answered the call of the Father of all  
Whatever may be my Creed."

ELLA TYLER HALL,

Grand Matron, 1896-1897.

## In Memoriam

"Memory is the Soul's Treasure House of By-Gone-Days."



In the sacred memorial hour we unlock the door to that treasure house and render a loving tribute to the precious store contained therein. Reverently we pause to remember those who have passed on, have set out like the Wise Men of Old to follow the star to a strange and distant Land.

All that a life can leave to the world when death kisses the eyelids down in peaceful sleep is the record made. The worth of humanity is measured in terms of sympathy, of kindness, of deeds of mercy, and of pure benevolence.

How soon the mantle of forgetfulness enshrouds those who, self-centered in life, sought for the glamour of power or for wealth for purposes of self-aggrandizement.

How long we cherish the memory of those humane, gracious, merciful acts which wiped away the tears of sorrow and disappointment, and brightened the star of hope which had grown dim under the shadow of adversity.

It is these noble qualities of our departed sisters and brothers that we remember in tenderness. They were the toilers of yesterday in the Lord's vineyard. We rejoice in their service to humanity; we take courage from their accomplishments and earnestly

try to carry on the great, beautiful charities they conceived, and gave freely of self and substance to maintain. The life that gives lives on in our treasure house here, and blossoms like a lovely flower in the Heavenly garden.

"He hath gathered them all, those broken links,  
We shall find them waiting there."

PAULINE ADA HAUSE,  
Grand Matron, 1928-1929.

## PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS ASSOCIATION

In a committee room of the State Capitol at Sacramento, October 23, 1903, this Association was organized, following action taken at a preliminary meeting called by Abbie E. Krebs (Wilkins) for the purpose of considering the formation of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Association.

The following officers were elected: Abbie E. Krebs (Wilkins), President; Ernest W. Conant, Vice President; Clara Abbott Giberson, Secretary; James B. Merritt, Treasurer.

On October 17, 1904, in the Palace Hotel Conservatory, San Francisco, twenty-nine members of the Association were guests of the President at dinner to receive the new candidates, Chlo A. Routzahn (Craig), Worthy Grand Matron, and George F. McNoble, Worthy Grand Patron, who were about to become Past Grand Officers.

It was a gala occasion, and our hostess received her guests with smiles of welcome, and invited them to "eat, drink, and be merry"—drink from the crystal glass of water.

Each succeeding year, during the session of the Grand Chapter, with few exceptions, the Association has met at dinner to receive into its fold those who had served the Order of the Eastern Star as leaders, whose glories as such were fast fading;

who were soon to lay down the baton of power, the glamour of rule, and become "just one of us."

It has never been the policy of the Association to hold meetings for the purpose of dictating the rulings of the Grand Chapter, nor to further the candidacy of a sister or a brother; but to converse upon subjects which would come before the Grand Chapter, to work for the best interests of the Eastern Star, and to keep alive the friendships and memories of yesterday.

With the passing of the years many names have been entered upon the roll of membership. Many links have been severed in our Golden Chain, as "One by one they fell like leaves in Autumn." The sound of familiar voices are stilled forever, but the memory of their work in our beloved Order will remain with us always.

CHLO A. CRAIG,

Grand Matron, 1903-1904.

## EASTERN STAR TEMPLE

"Great oaks from little acorns grow."

At Sacramento, during a meeting of the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of Northern California, discussion centered on the inadequacy of Chapter room for the 3000 members of the Eastern Star.

A bright thought of "Mother Boyd" prompted her to suggest that they build a Temple. Thus, a seed was sown. One, a brother, quick of perception, picked up a stray penny at his feet and deposited it with the presiding officer, remarking, facetiously, that it was the first contribution to the contemplated venture. Then, added that he approved of and had confidence in the splendid undertaking.

At first difficulties loomed large, but never real discouragement. Always there was the urge! Also, there was cooperation, and the matter of ways and means was solved.

In May, 1927, Mr. Will Fisher, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., laid the corner stone, at which time every branch of Masonry was represented. In full uniform, led by their bands, followed by the Grand Officers of the Eastern Star and other members, in one hundred gayly decorated carriages they came in a colorful procession from the Masonic Temple to the site of the Eastern Star Temple, opposite the historic Sutter's Fort,—a well-known landmark of California and of Sacramento in particular.

The TEMPLE BEAUTIFUL was dedicated during a recess of the Grand Chapter at Sacramento, 1928, by the Grand Officers: Gladys Fitch Pierce, Worthy Grand Matron; Henry Frank Pernau, Worthy Grand Patron; and Mabel Boyd Seymour, President of the Temple Association, presiding.

Finally, the little acorn, nourished and enriched by the fine spirit of cooperation, extends hospitality to members and visitors, even as a wide-branched oak at the roadside gives shelter to travelers on the great highway.

MABEL BOYD SEYMOUR,  
Grand Matron, 1902-1903.

## PAST MATRONS AND PAST PATRONS ASSOCIATIONS

The Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of California, Inc. was the first to be organized. It came into existence on June 3, 1905, at San Francisco, under the leadership of Past Grand Patron, George L. Darling, a brother greatly beloved throughout the State. It was incorporated on February 26, 1906; the membership during the first year was one hundred, which increased to fourteen hundred in 1909, composed of Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Chapters in California.

Shortly afterward many members withdrew and organized Associations in their own districts, as in the former case distance prevented their attendance, except on rare occasions.

The Association located at San Francisco is called, "The Playground," pertaining as it does to the social side of the Order of the Eastern Star; yet at all times considering matters which affect the peace and harmony of the Chapters.

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The Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of Superior California was organized in Sacramento in May, 1919, by Maud E. Gilpin, Deputy Grand Matron of District No. 13, 1918-1919. Many Past Grand Officers were charter members, and served as officers of the Association. First President, P. G. M. Mabel Boyd Seymour; Advisor, P. A. G. P. William A. Hicks. Other members: P. G. Matrons, Pauline W. Dorhmann, and Elizabeth Mary

Marshall; P. G. Patrons, Delos Mace, and Guy W. Brundage; P. G. Treasurers, Adeline Runyon, and Ida McCoy.

Reasons: To enjoy a social hour where all are equal in rank that the membership may know one another better; to bring the city to the country, and the country to the city by holding the four winter months' meetings in Sacramento, and four other months in cities outside.

Social Functions: Picnic in summer; dinners on evening of Joint Installation of Chapters, and on an evening of Grand Chapter Session.

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Other Associations of like nature have been established in several districts: Los Angeles, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, and Stockton.

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The Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of San Diego County was organized November 28, 1921, following a previous meeting which was held to consider such action.

At the Masonic Temple in San Diego, under the leadership of Past Grand Matron, Georgiana V. Polhamus, and Past Grand Patron, William J. Mossholder, the Past Officers of the several Chapters in the county established this Association. Past Matron Ida Gordon of San Diego Chapter was elected as President; Past Patron of Southern Star Chapter, Homer MacNutt, was selected as Advisor.

Many outstanding social events have been given by the Association, and many acts of kindness ex-

tended to those in distress. The principal deeds of love are those which have been extended to young students who were struggling to obtain an education, such as assisting girls in high school to purchase uniforms; students at college to buy books, or eye glasses.

This is a very harmonious group of the members of the Eastern Star working in harmony to uphold the tenets of the Order we love.

I herewith acknowledge with appreciation data collected for me by Willie Waite, Past Matron of Silver Strand Chapter, and by Mattie Poole, Past Matron of Southern Star Chapters.

GEORGIANA V. POLHAMUS,  
Grand Matron, 1905-1906.

## EASTERN STAR HOME

The only monument we should build for ourselves, reminding us of the goodness and mercy of God, and pledging anew our allegiance to Him, is the monument of service.

An Eastern Star Home would be the monument of service that the members in California could build, through their love and devotion to the principles of the Order.

A desire for an Eastern Star Home has long been one of the ideals of the Grand Chapter of California. Prior to 1917 much consideration had been given to this matter, and in that year the Grand Chapter ratified a decision that "Grand Chapter has a legal right to levy an assessment for an Eastern Star Home."

In 1925 a motion was made that the Grand Chapter make an Eastern Star Home its ultimate objective, and it was unanimously adopted.

In 1926 the committee reported as follows:

First: The advisability and practicability of establishing an Eastern Star Home, and if deemed so, then

Second: A tentative plan for its proposed objects and purposes.

Third: An estimate of the cost for the establishment and maintenance thereof, stating to what extent and how many it can serve.

Fourth: A plan for properly financing its establishment and subsequent maintenance.

Fifth: An endeavor to ascertain the estimates and experiments of other similar homes that have been established, whether still in operation or not.

In 1927 a Site Committee reported upon various situations, which report was accepted and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee who reported back the Grand Chapter could not hold real property.

In 1928 the necessary Constitutional Amendments were prepared by the committee and adopted, thereby preparing the way for Trustees whereby the Grand Chapter could hold both real and personal property and for the purpose of administering an Eastern Star Home.

In 1929 the first Trustees were elected as follows:

Past Grand Matron, Maud Dezell Bradley for five years; Past Grand Matron, Hazael Marsh-Piper for four years; Past Grand Matron, Effie Easton for three years; Past Grand Patron, Darwin Willson Pierce for two years; Past Grand Patron, Bert Richard Holloway for one year.

The Grand Chapter voted to accept the gift of the property offered by the Eastern Star Home Association of Southern California, located at Westgate, Los Angeles County, valued at \$75,000, and free of all encumbrance, financially.

Sister Crocker of Acacia Chapter No. 21, of Los Angeles, gave the first \$1200 from which grew the above mentioned property.

The Eastern Star Home is to be built in Los Angeles County, and before many years we hope to see the fulfillment of our dreams. The preliminary work is well under way, and we have every confidence that success will crown our efforts.

MAUD DEZELL BRADLEY,

Grand Matron, 1921-1922.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER AND THE ORDER FOR GOOD IN THE STATE

"Whatsoever ye sow that shall ye also reap."

An Order based upon the principles of the "Master-Teacher" of the world must contribute much to these principles which stir to the profoundest depths all that are good, holy, and pure in our natures.

Through fellowship and by concentrated exemplification of the cardinal virtues of our Order we weave the philosophy and teachings of our degrees into the daily lives of our members, imbuing them with that spirit and thought which will cause them to become better citizens, better neighbors, and truer friends.

Each year shows the strength and purpose of our Order for good in the State of California by contributing to its culture, power, and progress.

Ceremonies die; but the principles taught in our Order live in the Doctrine of the Love and Fatherhood of God and the Love and Brotherhood of Man, as expounded in "God's great gift to Man,"—our Holy Bible which rests upon our sacred Altar at all meetings of all Chapters, and which is our guiding light, our science, our doctrine, our law.

Thus do we, awakened to our opportunities and our responsibilities, become our "brother's keeper," and seek to be builders of character and of noble, useful lives within our State, helping to bring and

maintain peace in the world and making of this America of ours the wonderful Nation that it is.

Always we strive to acquire that knowledge that leads to the Light, and the Light that leads to understanding, which contributes happiness and sunshine to the Good of the Order.

GLADYS FITCH PIERCE,  
Grand Matron, 1927-1928.

## THE ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS

"And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren." —Job 42:15

One of the outstanding orders in the world today for Juniors is that of Job's Daughters, which was organized in 1920 by Ethel T. Wead Mick, in the City of Omaha, Nebraska. It is an International Order for girls of the teen age, who are relatives of Free Masons—the first and only organization so founded.

The purpose of the Order is to band together girls for spiritual and moral upbuilding; to inspire the desire for knowledge, to teach love of Country and Flag, love of home, respect for parents and elders, and reverence for the Holy Scriptures, the principles for which Freemasonry stands.

The secondary object is to maintain an educational fund, which is obtained by educational benefits from which members may borrow money without paying interest, for the purpose of securing business training, or for completing an education in any chosen field, and is the only organization for girls that has this fund.

The ritual, with its beautiful ceremonies, based upon the teachings of the Holy Bible, is often exemplified for Masonic Lodges, Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, and other affiliated organizations.

The Golden Rule is one of the great monuments of the Order. Generous charities are encouraged, and the patriotism inculcated is a stimulous to good citizenship.

The meeting place is called a Bethel, meaning Holy Place, and into this retreat the Daughters find their way from home instruction into added development and pleasure, under the direction of Eastern Star and other noble women of Masonic circles, and the protection of Master Masons.

In the United States there are 275 Bethels with a membership of 30,000.

The first Bethel in California was instituted in Oakland, in April, 1923, through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Elsie Bonneville, Past Matron, Order Eastern Star, who in August of that year was appointed by the Supreme Guardian, as the first Guardian of California. Miss Stella Linscott, Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, at that time, received an appointment as a member of the Honorary Advisory Council of the Supreme Council.

Bethel No. 2, in Culver City, with Mrs. Jennie Boswell Thomas, Past Matron, Order Eastern Star, as Bethel Guardian, and Bethel No. 3 in San Francisco, with Ida B. Smith as Bethel Guardian, were chartered in May, 1924. At the end of the year there were six Bethels, and plans were started for forming a Grand Council. The Charter was granted to the State May 10, 1925, and there are now ninety Bethels in California with a membership of 6500. Job's Daughters has been endorsed by nearly all Masonic Grand Bodies in the United States.

ZELLA WHITFORD SAMSON,  
Grand Matron, 1924-1925.

## THE ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

Past Matron Order Eastern Star, KATE M. NICHOLS,  
Supreme Deputy of California

"And it shall come to pass when I bring a cloud over the earth that the bow shall be seen in the cloud."

—Gen. 9-14

With a desire to be of service to the youth of today, and especially young girls from the age of thirteen to eighteen years, and to set forth a practical side of the teachings of the Order of the Eastern Star, a group of its members in Oklahoma gathered a vision of Hope and set out to accomplish a great work.

The Order of De Molay, which cares for boys of Masonic homes, had already manifested much interest in their community. Believing the responsibility toward girls equal to that of boys, it was decided by South McAlester Chapter No. 149, Order of the Eastern Star, to form an organization which would interest the Chapter in the young girls of the community during the impressionable period of their lives. On April 6, 1922, the first Assembly of the Order of Rainbow for Girls was instituted in McAlester, Oklahoma.

This new Order, with its ritual written by Mr. W. Mark Sexton, a Past Grand Patron, Order Eastern Star, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and a thirty-three degree Mason, was developed by a series of lectures grouped about Color Stations, representing the rays of the rainbow. The object of the initiation was to

discover the contents of the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

The principles taught by the ritual cannot fail to enrich the life of any American girl in whose heart is enshrined the love of home, obedience to parents, loyalty to our Country and its Flag; for its story is builded upon courage, faith, and achievements recorded of the men and women who have been the foundation of our nation. This love and loyalty to our forefathers and to our Flag is the supreme test of American citizenship.

At the present time the Order of Rainbow for Girls is represented in thirty-seven states, and endorsed by thirty-four Grand Bodies.

The first Assembly established in California was at San Francisco on May 23, 1924. It was instituted by Mrs. Daisy Cushing, Supreme Deputy of Texas, under the sponsorship of six San Francisco Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star. There are now 21 progressive Assemblies in the State with an active membership of approximately 3000.

At the recent International Supreme Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, at Memphis, Tenn. the age limit was raised to twenty years, thereby making it an Order embracing the entire "Teen Age."

Thus a great work is being accomplished by the Mothers of today for the Mothers of tomorrow.

"Look upon the rainbow and praise Him that made it."

HAZAE L MARSH-PIPER,

Grand Matron, 1926-1927.

## APPENDIX

As an organization The Women's Masonic Association is no part of the Order of the Eastern Star; but the majority of its members belong to Chapters in California, and all are eligible. Its underlying principles are the same as those upon which the Eastern Star was founded, and it seems not inappropriate to embody in our booklet a brief notice of the endeavors of the Association to go forth into the byways and the highways of life and lend a helping hand to those less fortunate than the members of this philanthropic society.

During the World War some eight hundred women of Masonic families banded together as an Auxiliary to the Red Cross in San Francisco, and nearly all reported daily for the purpose of repairing the uniforms of our soldiers. For the work accomplished during those tragic months the War Department at Washington, D. C. sent letters of appreciation and commendation.

After the signing of the Armistice the group of women reorganized and adopted the name which the Association now bears, and since that time the members have, in their quiet, unassuming way, dispensed relief and comfort to hundreds of men, women, and children, in sickness and distress, regardless of race or creed. Sewing for the shut-ins in hospitals and orphanages has also been one of the activities of The Women's Masonic Association.

The dues are nominal. No gifts or salaries are taken from the funds for the officers or members.

The membership is not so large as formerly; but in the event of a call for "help" in Government, State, or Municipal crisis there is every reason to believe that women of Masonic families will again combine in large numbers and do their bit.

A MEMBER.

## GRAND OFFICERS

*Elected since the Organization of the Grand Chapter  
of California—on the 9th day of May, A. D. 1873.*

Created by Act of the Grand Chapter of California.

<p style="text-align: center;">October, 1899.</p> <p>*WILLIAM SCHUYLER MOSES, Venerable Past Grand Patron.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May, 1873.</p> <p>*George John Hobe.....G.P. *Maria Anderson .....G.M. *George W. Simonton.....G.A.P. *Anna Maria Elliott.....G.A.M. *Henrietta Whitcher .....G.S. Mary Ellen Gillespie .....G.T.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oct., 1873.</p> <p>*George John Hobe.....G. P. Mary Ellen Gillespie.....G.M. †W. G. Doolittle.....G.A.P. *Sarah Anderson .....G.A.M. *Henrietta Whitcher .....G.S. *Kate Richardson .....G.T.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1874.</p> <p>*George John Hobe.....G.P. *Henrietta Whitcher .....G.M. †William S. Phelps.....G.A.P. *Emily Rolfe .....G.A.M. *Anna Maria Elliott .....G.S. *Kate Richardson .....G.T.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1875.</p> <p>*Jeremiah E. Whitcher.....G.P. *Emily Rolfe .....G.M. †John Quincy Adams.....G.A.P. *Emilie Cartwright Swain..G.A.M. *Abbie Elvenia Wood.....G.S. *Kate Josephine Willats .....G.T.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1876.</p> <p>*Jerome Spaulding .....G.P. †Ada Adelia Libbey .....G.M. *John Carlton Marsh .....G.A.P. †Elizabeth S. Bullard.....G.A.M. *Abbie Elvenia Wood.....G.S. *Mary Ann Springer Knox....G.T.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1877.</p> <p>*Rollin Corralus Gaskill.....G.P. *Annie Elizabeth Douglas ....G.M. †William Adams .....G.A.P. *Harriet N. Norcross.....G.A.M. *Abbie Elvenia Wood.....G.S. *Lizzie J. Holmes .....G.T.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1878.</p> <p>*Ianthus Jerome Rolfe .....G.P. *Fena Woods Ford.....G.M. ‡John W. Philbrook.....G.A.P. *Malinda Charlotte Parker.G.A.M. *Abbie Elvenia Wood .....G.S. *Anna L. Thomas.....G.T.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">October, 1913.</p> <p>*KATE JOSEPHINE WILLATS, Past Grand Matron.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1879.</p> <p>*Charles Lewis Thomas.....G.P. *Eleanor Marie Owens .....G.M. *Edward Swift West.....G.A.P. *Hattie Elizabeth Major...G.A.M. *Abbie Elvenia Wood .....G.S. *Sarah Elizabeth Barker .....G.T.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1880.</p> <p>*Jerome Banks .....G.P. *Sarah Jennie Mann .....G.M. ‡Joseph W. Kinsley .....G.A.P. *Eleanor Beck Farrington ..G.A.M. *Abbie Elvenia Wood.....G.S. *Mary Jane Reeves.....G.T.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1881.</p> <p>*Edward Swift West.....G.P. *Frances Ellen Ryder.....G.M. *John Bradford Cox.....G.A.P. *Sarah Cassidy .....G.A.M. *Abbie Elvenia Wood.....G.S. †Mary A. Hasty.....G.T.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1882.</p> <p>*Abram Farr Hitchcock.....G.P. *Mary Ann Flint.....G.M. *Andrew Jackson McPike...G.A.P. †Caroline Seeley .....G.A.M. *Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S. *Mary Matilda Holtz.....G.T.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1883.</p> <p>*Anderson Corbin Hartley...G.P. *Mary Ann Flint.....G.M. *Darwin DeGolia .....G.A.P. *Mary Jane Mayhew.....G.A.M. *Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S. *Annie Elizabeth Briggs.....G.T.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1884.</p> <p>Fred Wm. Gustave Moebus..G.P. Mary Josephine Young .....G.M. *Justice C. Merryfield.....G.A.P. *Lucia M. Singletary.....G.A.M. *Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S. *Ella Maria Haun.....G.T.</p>
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\*Deceased †Dimittd ‡Suspended

1885.

\*Edmund Wilson Roberts.....G.P.  
 \*Abbie Elvenia (Krebs) Wilkins.....G.M.  
 \*Martin Jeremiah Wright...G.A.P.  
 \*Carrie Augusta Kingsley...G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 Lora Virginia Ream.....G.T.

1886.

\*John Nelles Young.....G.P.  
 \*Mary B. Moore.....G.M.  
 \*Benjamin Franklin Bagley..G.A.P.  
 \*Elizabeth Ferris Phillips..G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 †Lovina Gibson.....G.T.

1887.

\*John Hatfield Gray.....G.P.  
 Gertrude Swain Freeman...G.M.  
 \*Jesse Beech Fuller.....G.A.P.  
 Mary Sophronia Munns..G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 \*Isabel Denman.....G.T.

1888.

\*Thomas Flint.....G.P.  
 \*Mary Elizabeth Partridge...G.M.  
 \*John McMurry.....G.A.P.  
 \*Elmira Frances West.....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 †Calista Spaulding.....G.T.

1889.

\*Jesse Beech Fuller.....G.P.  
 \*Annie Elizabeth Briggs.....G.M.  
 \*George Thomas Shaw.....G.A.P.  
 \*Mary Louisa Grohs.....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 \*Elizabeth Wardwell.....G.T.

1890.

\*Fred Lawrence Button.....G.P.  
 \*Mary Jeannie Parker.....G.M.  
 \*J. Avery Shepherd.....G.A.P.  
 \*Mary (Southworth) Brown G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 \*Melissa Morey.....G.T.

1891.

\*Chauncey Carroll Bush.....G.P.  
 \*Mattie Ann Farnum.....G.M.  
 \*David Byron Todd.....G.A.P.  
 \*Kate Elizabeth Boyd.....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 \*Mary Anna Smith.....G.T.

1892.

\*Jacob Franklin Boller.....G.P.  
 \*Georgia Anna Matfield.....G.M.  
 \*George Washington Stout..G.A.P.  
 \*Emma Perkins.....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 \*Arvilla McHarvey.....G.T.

1893.

\*Allen Bosley Lemmon.....G.P.  
 \*Emma Hapgood.....G.M.  
 \*Zachary Taylor Gilpin.....G.A.P.  
 \*Margaret Belva Searles...G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 \*Sarah Isabelle Hubbard.....G.T.

1894.

Thomas Flint, Jr.....G.P.  
 \*Augusta Dunn Wilson.....G.M.  
 \*Powell Samuel Lawson...G.A.P.  
 \*Hattie Elizabeth Alexander.G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 \*Julia Marie Lubeck.....G.T.

1895.

\*James Bestor Merritt.....G.P.  
 Carrie Louisa Peaslee.....G.M.  
 †Roscoe Edwin Hewitt.....G.A.P.  
 \*Florence Miller.....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 \*Mary T. Dean.....G.T.

1896.

James Robert Tapscott.....G.P.  
 Ella Tyler Hall.....G.M.  
 John Adam Gallup.....G.A.P.  
 \*Susan Rucker.....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 Isadora Horton.....G.T.

1897.

†Harrison D. Rowe.....G.P.  
 Eva M. Porter.....G.M.  
 \*Lewis Oliver Stephens.....G.A.P.  
 †Belle Smith.....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 \*Jane Frances Raabe.....G.T.

1898.

\*Joseph Martin Lawrence....G.P.  
 \*Maria Akers Pierce.....G.M.  
 \*George Louis Darling.....G.A.P.  
 †Marie L. (Coffin) Summerfield.....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 \*Kate Stephens Craig.....G.T.

1899.

\*George Louis Darling.....G.P.  
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 \*Charles Colfax Corbiere...G.A.P.  
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 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
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 \*Maud Ella Bowes.....G.M.  
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 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
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\*Charles Edward Mitchell ....G.P.  
 Clara Abbott Giberson .....G.M.  
 \*Claude Edouard de St. Maurice  
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 Minnie Delta Brown.....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 \*Agnes Johnson .....G.T.

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 Mabel Boyd Seymour.....G.M.  
 \*Arthur Hill Millberry ....G.A.P.  
 \*Emma Elizabeth Rupp....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 \*Henrietta Heuer .....G.T.

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 Chlo (Routzahn) Craig.....G.M.  
 †Erwin Sanford Logan .....G.A.P.  
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 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
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\*Charles Joseph Willett .....G.P.  
 \*Paulina Wetzlar Dohrmann..G.M.  
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\*Florin Leslie Jones .....G.P.  
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 \*Curtis Jefferson Monroe...G.A.P.  
 \*Catharine Elizabeth Merritt.....  
 .....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
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 George Wheeler Earl ....G.A.P.  
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 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
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1907.

Benjamin Brooks Cartwright..G.P.  
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 \*Matthew Stewart .....G.A.P.  
 \*Alice Stone Dozier.....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 \*Laura Pauline Butcher .....G.T.

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\*Alexander Rosborough Fraser.G.P.  
 Annie Marie Johnson .....G.M.  
 Harry Clay Cooper.....G.A.P.  
 \*Mary Ella Rankin.....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 \*Eliza C. Higgins.....G.T.

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\*Phineas Fanning Ferguson....G.P.  
 \*Rosa Josephine Burns.....G.M.  
 \*Doctor John Paddock.....G.A.P.  
 \*Lucy Anna Curtis.....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
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 \*Nellie August Darling ...G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 \*Josephine Martha Patten....G.T.

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 George Gore Vanderlip...G.A.P.  
 \*Addie Lee Sleeper.....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 \*Lillian Bond Hammar .....G.T.

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 \*Leah Nora Earl.....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
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 Arnold Goodfriend .....G.A.P.  
 Virginia Coate .....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
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 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
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\*Alrik Hammar .....G.P.  
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 \*Pliny Hayward Murphy...G.A.P.  
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 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
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1916.

William Frank Holman.....G.P.  
 Maude Noble Haven.....G.M.  
 Arthur Theodore Biddle...G.A.P.  
 Nellie Dean Graham.....G.A.M.  
 \*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
 Georgia Anna (Gutches Cather-  
 wood .....G.T.

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1917.

\*Robert Edgar .....G.P.  
Ivy Crane Shelhamer.....G.M.  
\*Frank Alonzo Foye .....G.A.P.  
Mary E. Finlay.....G.A.M.  
\*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
Lena Rice Mallery.....G.T.

1918.

Darwin Willson Pierce.....G.P.  
\*Elizabeth Mary Marshall....G.M.  
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\*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
Gertrude Miller Meldrim....G.T.

1920.

Effie Easton .....G.M.  
Roy Musser .....G.P.  
Maud Dezell Bradley.....A.G.M.  
Delos Albert Mace.....A.G.P.  
\*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
Annie Shingle Bransch .....G.T.  
Stella Morgan Linscott.....G.C.  
Maude Bigelow Sibley.....A.G.C.

1921.

Maud Dezell Bradley.....G.M.  
Delos Albert Mace .....G.P.  
Stella Morgan Linscott .....A.G.M.  
Ernest Eugene Noon.....A.G.P.  
\*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
Ernest Eugene Moon.....A.G.P.  
Genevieve Case Norton.....G.T.  
Maude Bigelow Sibley .....G.C.  
Zella Whitford Samson ...A.G.C.

1922.

Stella Morgan Linscott.....G.M.  
Ernest Eugene Noon.....G.P.  
Maude Bigelow Sibley....A.G.M.  
Guy Woodhams Brundage..A.G.P.  
\*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
Sue Estelle Tuck .....G.T.  
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\*Ellen Josephine La Fontaine...  
.....A.G.C.

1923.

Maude Bigelow Sibley.....G.M.  
Guy Woodhams Brundage....G.P.  
Zella Whitford Samson...A.G.M.  
Russell Bresee La Fontaine.A.G.P.  
\*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
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Hazel Marsh-Piper .....A.G.C.

1924.

Zella Whitford Samson.....G.M.  
Russell Bresee La Fontaine...G.P.  
Cora Spring Holland.....A.G.M.  
Waldo Francis Postel.....A.G.P.  
\*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
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1925.

Cora Spring Holland.....G.M.  
Waldo Francis Postel.....G.P.  
Hazel Marsh-Piper .....A.G.M.  
Raymond Hadley Griest...A.G.P.  
\*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
Bessie Adelaide Pierce.....G.T.  
Gladys Fitch Pierce.....G.C.  
Pauline Ada Hause.....A.G.C.

1926.

Hazel Marsh-Piper .....G.M.  
Raymond Hadley Griest....G.P.  
Gladys Fitch Pierce.....A.G.M.  
Henry Frank Pernau.....A.G.P.  
\*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
Birdie Eilers .....G.T.  
Pauline Ada Hause.....G.C.  
Myra Moyse .....A.G.C.

1927.

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Henry Frank Pernau.....W.G.P.  
Pauline Ada Hause.....A.G.M.  
Bert Richard Holloway...A.G.P.  
\*Kate Josephine Willats.....G.S.  
Mattie Mitchell Charette...G.T.  
Myra Moyse .....G.C.  
Willa Jane Hellwig.....A.G.C.

1928.

Pauline Ada Hause.....W.G.M.  
Bert Richard Holloway...W.G.P.  
Myra Moyse .....A.G.M.  
Walter Wadsworth Bradley.A.G.P.  
Susan Mills Willats.....G.S.  
Anna Lancaster McKenney..G.T.  
Willa Jane Hellwig.....G.C.  
Elsie May McGiffin.....A.G.C.

1929.

Myra Moyse .....W.G.M.  
Walter Wadsworth Bradley...  
.....W.G.P.  
Willa Jane Hellwig.....A.G.M.  
Joseph Mayo Argabrite...A.G.P.  
Susan Mills Willats.....G.S.  
Gertrude Cormany Blair....G.T.  
Elsie May McGiffin.....G.C.  
Grace Richardson Butterfield...  
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