



INTERNATIONAL GRAND REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION
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ANGELS ON ASSIGNMENT NEWSLETTER #2 — April 2011

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL GRAND REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION, O.E.S.:

THANK YOU to all the jurisdictions who welcomed me during the past year. Your warm hospitality to all the Grand Representatives and IGRA Officers is most appreciated, and we hold dear the honorary memberships presented.

We were saddened by the death of our Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother Fred Clarke in December and have extended our sincere sympathies to Sister Margaret and family, to the Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and to our MWGM Sister Rennie and the GGC family. Brother Fred was proud of the Grand Representatives and would want us to continue promoting fellowship in our Order.

Our congratulations go out to Sister Marge Carney, Past Secretary-Treasurer of the IGRA (1988-1991), who was elected Associate Grand Conductress of the Grand Jurisdiction of Missouri in October. We extend our best wishes.

One of the nicest things that can happen in your Eastern Star life is to be chosen to serve as a Grand Representative. You have an opportunity to represent your Worthy Grand Matron and state as you travel to other Grand Jurisdictions. The IGRA pin has clasped hands in friendship. And as you travel, by extending the hand of friendship, you are making this a "Small, Small, World".

I have received several emails from our Sisters in Sao Paulo and Bolivia, and their enthusiasm is overwhelming as they not only try to learn more about Eastern Star but they are wanting to understand the duties of being a Grand Representative. I would encourage you to provide the needed helping hand and take the opportunity to assist them. PLEASE be in touch with your counterparts not only in these locations but around the world for the friendships you make are truly for a lifetime. Our Brother Ken Conrod from Nova Scotia/PEI wrote a wonderful article in the Winter 2011 Eastern Star Journal on "Grand Representatives keeping friendship over thousands of miles" and that is exactly what we should do.

Individual membership is \$5.00 for the triennium and the club dues are \$10.00. Each current member will receive a Newsletter and a copy of the Bylaws. If we are to keep in touch with the clubs, it is very important that immediately following your elections that you furnish a complete list of the new officers and their addresses for our files. I would ask each jurisdiction, if possible, to appoint a member to be the Membership Chairman in that state or province, in an effort to increase your active membership as well as promote the IGRA. If your jurisdiction does not have a club, why not ask your Worthy Grand Matron's permission to form a club? We will be happy to assist any jurisdiction in forming a club. The IGRA pins, the President's angel pin, the updated GR Handbook, and other merchandise are still available. You will find the form included in this newsletter for dues and merchandise. Important Reminder: Be sure to notify us of your change of address so you won't miss future Newsletters.

We want you to know the IGRA Officers as we are here to serve you the membership. In this Newsletter I would like to share some information about our Second Vice President Marilyn Lambert from Florida. Marilyn retired from Bell South Telephone Company. She is married to James Lambert, a Past Grand Patron of Florida. They have two children, a son and a daughter, and three precious granddaughters. Their son is a Senior DeMolay and served as Master of his Lodge in Tampa. Their daughter was a Bethel Honor Queen of Jobs. Marilyn has been a

member of Eastern Star for 42 years, serving as Grand Instructor, Grand Representative of Indiana in Florida in 1986, Past President of the Florida Grand Representatives Association, and Past Grand Martha of Grand Chapter of Florida. I appreciate Marilyn's enthusiasm as she has traveled to several Grand Chapters promoting IGRA.

Thank you for providing me advance information on your sessions. Also, thank you for sending photos for my scrapbook taken while I was in your jurisdiction. I enjoy receiving your Club newsletters and knowing what is happening in your jurisdiction.

Since GGC in Tulsa, I have visited 17 Grand Chapters and look forward to where my 2011 journeys take me (beginning with Louisiana, Mississippi, Kansas and Wisconsin). Traveling with our MWGM Rennie Ofton is a trip I will never forget.

"May you always spread your Wings of Love and Friendship as you travel."

Fraternal Love,

Phyllis Macon

President, IGRA

General Grand Chapter Assembly —Fort Worth, Texas —November 2012

As Texas prepares to host the Eastern Star world in 2012, we extend an invitation for you to attend the IGRA Luncheon and Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, on November 3, 2012. The Grand Representatives (current and former) are all invited to participate in the drill at General Grand Chapter. Ladies, we hope you will order the apple green IGRA formal available found on our web site, or wear a dress of similar color. The main thing is your participation! As I receive information for the drill and practice time from our Worthy Grand Marshal and any other news about our 2012 events, this will be made available on our IGRA web site so you will want to be checking there periodically. Our Spring 2012 Newsletter will have all the information for the IGRA events including the form for ordering the luncheon tickets. We hope you are making plans to attend.

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