Worthy Matron / Worthy Patron
Farewell

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chapter for the support you have given us this year as your Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. We could not have asked for a better group of officers. Your work has been superb. We have been so proud of you, we are always complemented on our work by other sisters and brothers when they visit our chapter. When we travel and tell other members the chapter we are from, they comment, “O, that is the chapter I hear that does such beautiful ritualistic work”. Your dedication shows in your work. A special thanks to Brother John and Brother Michael for always being there when there was an initiation. They were so gracious to fill the East and the West as Worthy Patrons and Associate Patron. Brother Teddy never worried about the initiation being done correctly, they were always there for him. We are looking forward to a new year as Sister Ellen Wright and Brother Mike Klack become our Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. We wish for them all the success and hope it will be the year they are dreaming of. They will be good leaders and continue to strive to make it as perfect as it can be. To Sister Barbara I would like to thank her for always keeping me straight. I know it was a hard job at time but she was always there for me when I needed her. She is a great secretary. To Sister Charlotte McLaurin, I can’t find the words to tell you how much I love your music. It touches my soul when I hear her play. To the officers who did their work so beautifully, you are all the best. To the probtem officers who had to fill in this year as we did have a couple who had to give up their stations, Sister Jean Sisk and Sister Linda Masson. Sister Linda had to ware several hats this year, as District Deputy Grand Matron, and in the chapter as Esther and Marshall. They were always willing no matter when I asked them and all of the other probtem officers, Thank you. To all the new members initiated this year we hope as you take your first station it will be all that you expected and them some, and finally to the side liners what would we do without you as our support. Thank you for attending our meeting and being there for us. May God Bless each of you and your families.

Fraternally,
Carolyn & Teddy

THE JOY OF GIVING

Members of Fayetteville Chapter #334 Order of the Eastern Star delivered on Monday, December 19, 2011 our annual Christmas project which was a donation of personal, household and food items to the local CARE program.

This program is a part of the Family Domestic Violence and Women Shelters of North Carolina. This is our 3rd year of collecting items for this program and is one that is dear to the hearts of Fayetteville Chapter.

Members brought in items all through the year and on Saturday, December 17th gathered at the Masonic Center on Village Drive to prepare these items for delivery. Assisting us this year in gathering donations were the Spring Lake International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and local students of Terry Sanford High School.

Our motivation behind this program is to “Imagine, if you had to leave your home in the middle of the night with just the clothes on your back.”

GREETINGS FROM YOUR WORTHY MATRON ELECT

Well it has certainly been a busy exciting year. It is now time to say good-by to the position of Associate Matron and move on to Worthy Matron for 2012-2013. I have learned a lot as Associate Matron but most of all I have had the opportunity to serve in this position under the guidance of Carolyn Riggs our Worthy Matron from whom I have learned so much. I have some big shoes to fill. I want to thank all of the members of my chapter for their help and assistance this year and look forward to next year. As Associate Matron one of my duties was as chairman of the Sick and Cheer Committee. This has brought me so much joy and even tears.

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IMMEMORIAL

My sisters and brothers our Golden Chain has been broken by the passing of several of our members:

Carl Reese

Passed away Monday morning, December 26, 2011. Carl was a member of Phoenix Lodge. Brother Carl served in the Army and loved to tell stories about his 11th Airborne. His funeral service was held at the old Fort Bragg cemetery. His family requested Masonic Honors in addition to full Military Honors. Please keep Brother Carl family and his daughter Sister Judy Currie and his granddaughter Sister Sera Hinson, who are members of our chapter in your prayers during these hard times.

Katie Mae Pealor Joye

Sister Katie, was a resident at “Whitestone Masonic and Eastern Star Community” she has been in the nursing facility for quite a few years. Sister Katie passed away Thursdays, January 19, 2012. Members of Fayetteville will perform the Eastern Star Funeral Service.

Sister Katie, is survived by a sister in law, nieces, nephews Great nieces and nephews, cousins. The family request that memorial donations be made in memory of Mrs. Katie Joye to the Gibson United Methodist Church.

Virginia Thompson

Sister Virginia, is a former member of Long Leaf Pines Chapter, who affiliated with Fayetteville Chapter #334, passed away on January 25th. She is survived by two daughters Melissa O’Toole and Anne T. Clark and Husband Del Both. Three Grandsons a Granddaughter, two Great Granddaughters and numerous nieces and nephews. A donation will be made to the Grand Chapter of NC, Order of the Eastern Star in memory of Sister Virginia. Please keep the family in your prayers during these hard times.

Mittie Rebecca Staley

Sister Staley, passed away Tuesday February 14, 2011. She is survived by two sons Charles James Staley Jr., and his wife Laura, Brian Michael Staley and his wife Susan, one daughter Gail Staley; two brothers Jay Henderson, Danny f. Henderson Sr., seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren

Eastern Star Funeral Service was performed by the members of Fayetteville Chapter #334.

Immemorial Contd.

He who dwells in the shelter of the most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

THIS IS WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Fayetteville Chapter had the pleasure to do the funeral service for Sister Rebecca Staley. This article was posted by Brian Staley, son of Sister Rebecca on facebook, I would like for you to read what he said.

“These ladies came out for Mother’s funeral and gave such a pretty service for the explanation of the point of the Eastern Star and their literal translations. I was so touched, One of them whispered in my ear as I hugged them afterward a short story about losing her mother and how she coped with it. What an angel she was because it works. Mother was so proud to be a member of the Eastern Star, she always wore the pins when us children were little and I never really know anything about who they were or what they were about. I am motivated now to find out.

Thank you ladies and I have several donations that have been given to be pledged in Momma’s name.”

Spaghetti Dinner

My sisters and brothers, I want to thank those off you who sent donations for the Spaghetti Dinner, it was greatly appreciated, as you know every little bit help, thank you.

Also I want to thank those who showed up Thursday evening to get things prepared for the dinner, and again those who where there Friday for the big event. I’m sorry to say we did not do as well as we anticipated, any way those of us who where there we had a great time sitting around and just talking to one another and planning other function for the chapter.

We would like to give a big thank you, to our members who live in the Fayetteville area in taking the time to come down and enjoy in an excellent meal.

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My committee had a great time getting our shut in’s Christmas bags together and visiting and delivering them. We must never forget those that have gone before us in this organization. They are the rock that we stand on. We had our annual Spaghetti dinner on February 10 and had the most fun getting ready for it and then visiting with each

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Greetings

Sisters and Brothers of Fayetteville Chapter #334, I want to thank you for giving me another change to serve as Associate Patron, I promise that I will do it correctly this time. It's always an honor to serve our chapter in any capacity and were we are needed.

“A Challenging Love”

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Romans 13:10 NASB

Loving your neighbor as yourself, Jesus said, was the second greatest commandment, following only the command to love God completely. Loving God isn't hard to understand, even when we struggle to perfect our love. Though we often don’t comprehend Jesus, we can accept that He’s bigger and greater and He knows what’s best for us. But loving a neighbor, especially a difficult one, that can be a real challenge. Will the action we’re contemplating do harm to them? Will telling a family member what we think or how he hurt us, cause more trouble or bring the resolution we’ve been seeking? Even when we want to do right, we often struggle with the details.

Love comes in many packages, if we need to hold back a harsh word, that's love. But love can also mean speaking the truth kindly and gently, at a moment when a friend or family member is willing to hear. How can we tell which is necessary? Before we take an action, we can begin by testing our own heart, is there bitterness or criticism there? Then we cannot fulfill God’s law. Are we suiting this simply to our own sense of timing, when another’s not ready to listen? Then God is not likely to be pleased with that action. Love looks more to the needs of others than ourselves. It takes into account their hearts, minds, and souls. Fulfilling the law is never easy for humans. It takes a God-size heart to do that well, That’s why we can only do it through Jesus.

Star Love, John, Associate Patron Elect

Greetings from your Associate Matron Elect

It has been my pleasure serving as Conductress of this chapter this past year. We have had a busy year with lots of initiations and hopefully, we will have many more. I am looking forward to this new year & promise to support our new Worthy Matron in all her many endeavors to help keep our chapter shining into the new year. May we all strive to remember our Obligation & help one another. May we have a successful year as a chapter & in our personal lives. May we always strive to be the best we can be & love and support each other. May we have our greatest year of service and seek to promote our Order and encourage other to join our ranks. May God Bless you until we meet again.

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Associate Matron Elect

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THE SORT OF FRIEND

I’d like to be sort of friend that you have been to me
I’d like to be the help that you’ve been always glad to be
I’d like to mean as much to you each minutes of the day
As you have meant, old friends of mine, to me along the way

I’m wishing all the year around that I could but repay
A portion of the gladness you’ve strewn along my way,
And could I have one wish this year, this only would it be
I’d like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me.

Angie

Worthy Matron Elect Message

“To be or not to be” Avery thought provoking questions many year ago by Julius Shakespeare. What does this question have to do with our chapter or any other chapter?

To answer this question let us take a close inspection of the qualities of a “good” chapter.

1. Strong leadership from the east.
2. A core of officers who have taken seriously the obligation of their office at time of installation. Take pride in doing their work well and don’t just recite their parts but actually deliver their story as it was intended with feeling and meaning.
3. Members who attend the meeting as often as they can because they get joy and heartfelt satisfaction from seeing officers do the work as it was intended.
4. The chapter grows in numbers because it know the value of “replacing themselves” and the end result if it fails to do so.
5. The chapter has a aura of peace, love, and genuine concern for each others welfare.
6. The chapter is involve in the labors of charity and others getting out in the community projects.
7. Sometimes has lengthy meetings because the things they are involved is required the extra time for planning and doing the best job they can do.

My sisters and brothers’ I am certain I have more than likely missed a few points and am certain that we could all add another 50 items to the list of what makes a good chapter. However all things considered, do these seven listed not remind you of our very own Fayetteville Chapter #334? Does it make you proud to look at these points and know in your heart we are excelling in each of them? I know it does for me. I often get a tear in my eye when I see the work and efforts of other and know they have done their very best.

If you have attended recently or in a long time I urge you to come out and feel the love and good fellowship. Fraternally yours, Mike Klack, Worthy Patron Elect

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Of the people that came to enjoy the food. It is such a pleasure to get to visit and have fun as well as follow the beautiful ritual of our meetings. I leave you with this saying that I strive to live my life by. Take a moment and really absorb how much this really should be the aim of our lives not just as Eastern Star but as human beings. “What we do for our selves dies with us…. What we do for others and the world is and will remain immortal…”

Star Love Ellen

2012-2013 Installation of Officers will be
March 24, 2012 at 6:00 PM
Elected Officers

Worthy Matron             Ellen Wright
Worthy Patron             Mike Klack
Associate Matron          Angelia Rutherford
Associate Patron          John Masson
Secretary                 Barbara Klack
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