



June 2020

Worthington Chapter No. 287 Order of the Eastern Star

Sisters and Brothers,

We have missed seeing all of you!!! We hope that you are staying well and healthy during this time.

We cannot wait to see everyone again!

When Eastern Star meetings and events resume, the Most Worthy Grand Matron has issued these guidelines for all members to follow. (The 3rd will be the hardest one!)

- **It is strongly recommended each member wash their hands immediately after coming into the building to help stop the potential spread of the virus.**
- **It is highly suggested members wear face masks, maintain social distancing and utilize proper hand sanitizing/washing.**
- **Members are not to shake hands or give hugs.**
- Members who are feeling ill must not attend meetings.
- Members who feel uncomfortable or have concerns for their health and well-being should not attend meetings.
- Those who are in the high-risk group should not attend meetings until it is considered safe by health experts to do so.

In Star Love,
Crissy & Nicholas



May 13, 2020 – Bill Whittington

“Celebration of the Stars”

A joint Reception for many distinguished members statewide, including Grand Conductress Cindy Chadwell from Grove City Chapter, has been re-scheduled for **Friday, July 31**. It will take place at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 6500 Doubletree Dr. here in Columbus. Doors open at 6:00PM with a cash bar. Recognitions start at 6:00PM, followed by Dinner at 6:30PM. Meal choice is Roast Beef or Chicken for \$35.00, or Vegetable Lasagna for \$30.00. Make check out to “Worthington Chapter #287, OES” and send to Secretary Bonita.

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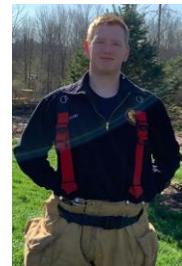
How appropriate that the theme at Worthington Chapter this year is “**Hometown Heroes**” honoring First Responders who, in the midst of this Coronavirus pandemic, are finally getting the recognition and appreciation that they most certainly have always deserved.

We are proud of the Worthington Chapter members who work on the frontlines and we asked them to let us know what they have been doing during the COVID crisis.

Megan Hollern - I'm a Paramedic and RN. I work fulltime for the National Registry of EMTs, certifying EMTs and Paramedics nationally. I also work for Minerva Park Fire Department at least two shifts a week during this pandemic and continue to do so. I've seen so much good come out of this terrible virus - people helping, coming together, new and safer protocols established, new systems in place to keep others safe, work from home progress and the world of communication and telemedicine and video conference all growing. I choose to look at positive outcomes and hope everyone is doing well. Thank you all for helping, even if it's staying home. That's important too! During this time I was also elected to the Board of Trustees for National EMS Quality Alliance (NEMSQA) which helps validate measures for patient care.



Megan



Nick

Nick Willeke – I am an EMT and Firefighter. I work for a private ambulance company full time and I also work for Central Township Joint Fire District and Mechanicsburg Fire Department part time. In September I will be attending Paramedic School at Grant.

Suzanne Scott - I am a nurse practitioner at Nationwide Children's and run a school-based asthma therapy program. Since our program was on hold while schools were on remote learning, I worked in another area for the hospital. I staffed a COVID provider hotline – taking questions from community pediatricians with ill patients and helping to determine who should be tested, seen at the hospital and/or isolated. I also staffed a COVID employee health hotline – taking questions from ill employees to determine if they should be tested and following up with their test results.



UPCOMING CALENDER OF EVENTS: (SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!!)

- July 24** - Exemplification of Initiation by Grand Officers, 7:30 p.m. at Wroena Chapter, 875 Wick Dr., Heath.
- July 30** - Visitation/Reception for Grand Martha Linda Whitesel, 7:30 p.m. at Grove City Chapter.
- July 31** - "Celebration of the Stars" Joint Reception. (See articles for details)
- August 2** - Region N Picnic. Mayer's farm, Washington C.H. Details TBA.
- August 13** - District 17 Annual Meeting. 7:00PM at Avery Temple, Hilliard.
- August 15** - Fundraising picnic for Service Dogs Project, 3:00 PM at OES Home Pavilion. \$10 plus donated item for 4Paws4Ability by August 1. (Contact Secretary Boni for details)
- August 24** - Visitation of Gallipolis Chapter (Home Chapter of the WGM) by the WGP, 7:30 p.m.
- August 30** - "Singing and Swinging with the Stars" (See article for details.)
- September 3** - Visitation of Matamoras Chapter (Home Chapter of the WGP) by the WGM, 7:30 p.m.
- September 20** - Visitation to District 17 by WGM and WGP at Triangle Chapter's "End of Summer Picnic" fundraiser for Cindy's Bee T.E.A.M., details TBA. 3:00PM
- September 25-27** - Grand Chapter at Kalahari Resort, Sandusky.

WORTHINGTON CHAPTER MEMBERS ARE BUSY!

Some other members also shared what they have been doing:

Pam Bell - I made 90 masks for family members and friends

Norma Cunningham - I kept right on sewing clothing protectors (bibs) for the nursing homes - so far made 21. I just keeping busy and sharing books with neighbors.

Bernie Demos - I made 65 masks for Friendship Village and family members, and shared TP with those who needed some.

Marjie Dildine - I have been crocheting lap throws for the James and Children's Hospital.

Chlois Fletcher - Helped with the knitting of hats for Newborns at Hospitals. Knitted face mask button bands, to be used as ear protectors. Ran errands and prepared food for others.

Brenda Foreman - I sent 106 masks to New York City when Westchester County was hard hit by the virus, and have made a total of 300 more masks to date, with more to sew.

Jane Frankenberg - I stayed in! My neighbor went to her son's house so I water her plants which is not a big deal. I try to call someone each day who may need cheering up! I have cooked and baked some things which I have shared! All in all, my efforts have helped me as much as anyone!

Denise Gregory - I sewed face masks and cooked Wayyyy too many meals!

Irene Harpley - As you know Sam and I stayed in most of time. I made calls to OES members and church members to keep up on how they were doing.

Marianna Korn - I ran a tween driven sweatshop that produced face masks and cards for residents of nursing homes. Seems insignificant, but I have been juggling three school schedules and full-time work.

Kelly Scott - (although not yet a member) has been sewing masks and giving them away to friends and neighbors. She also sent about 30 that she made to the OES Home.

Charity Taylor - I donated 30 Homemade masks to the OES Home. They are the ones who have removable filters- such as a paper towel or coffee filters- and can be washed/disinfected and then put in your new coffee filter in the pocket and used again. I also donated an unopened package of coffee filters as well.

Crissy Willeke - I have made over 100 masks that have been donated to various people. Relatives, teachers, etc.

TIME TO PAY DUES: You will find in this mailing your Dues Envelope for the return of your 2021 Dues of \$25.00 per member. Remember that dues are now payable at the June meeting each year, and you will be suspended from membership if your dues are not received by October 14.



"Singing and Swinging with the Stars"

Is a fundraiser for the General Grand Session in 2024 when (if elected) F. Lon Lowry of George L. Behrens Chapter in Delaware, OH will preside as Most Worthy Grand Patron. It has been re-scheduled for 3:00PM on **Sunday, August 30** at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road. The menu is Meat Lasagna with their yummy house salad and dessert. There will be surprise entertainment after dinner. The price is \$35.00, due by May 15. Contact Secretary Boni for reservation details.

THE CHARITES EXTRAVAGANZA has been cancelled. In its place, an alternate method of collecting donations for our charities has been devised, the Charities Extravaganza Mail Campaign. If you were planning to go to the Extravaganza, you are asked to donate the amount you would have paid for a ticket (\$25.00) plus the amount you would have paid for gas to drive to the OES Home in Mt. Vernon to attend. The entertainment for the evening was supposed to be the winners of the District/Region Talent Shows, with the winner being the act which received the most votes of money. You can still vote for your favorite act by including an additional amount to your check, with a note in the memo who you are voting for, and for what amount. Ron Hardesty was the winner of District 17's Talent Show, telling the story of Cinderella backwards. Checks are due by June 19, 2020, and should be made payable to "Grand Chapter of Ohio OES Charitable Foundation." Mail to: Wayne Siebert, OES District 21 Secretary, 7815 Wild Turkey Walk, Maineville, OH 45039. The winner will be asked to be the entertainment after the Grand Banquet at Grand Chapter! The Silent Auction of District and Region Baskets will take place at Grand Chapter.