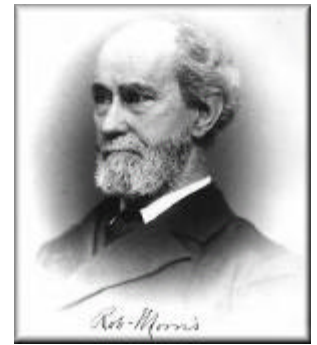




# Fayetteville Chapter #334 Order of the Eastern Star



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## WISHING EACH OF YOU A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

The holidays are here and I want to thank you all for your continued support to our wonderful organization. It is truly a time to be thankful for all the blessings we have received this year, and especially for the chance to spend time with family and friends.

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### Secretary

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Thanks to all those who attended and supported our District Project, the Halloween Hoed Down on Oct. 31. With everyone's help, we raised \$887 for our Eastern Star Scholarship Fund. A special thanks to our cake bakers who helped Fayetteville Chapter take 3rd place in the cake tasting contest, and brought in more funds for the project. Fayetteville Chapter boasts some of the best cooks, which was proven when some of our cakes were sold even before the competition took place!

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### Editor

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Fayetteville Chapter #334 once again exemplifies the spirit of love and charity by giving back to our community. This holiday season, we are contributing to Fayetteville Cares, which is sponsoring care packages to deployed military members, and to the Care Family Violence Program, a nationally recognized organization, which provides counseling for families in Fayetteville.

May God bless you and your family this holiday season. "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18). With much love and appreciation,

Pamela  
Worthy Matron

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### Upcoming Events in our Chapter and District:

Jan. 16, 2010 WGM/WGP Official Visit at St. Pauls, 7 p.m.  
Jan. 29, 2010 Annual Spaghetti Dinner, 11:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Feb. 5, 2010 Friendship Night  
Feb. 12, 2010 WGM/WGP Official Visit at Hope Mills/Fairmont, 7:30 p.m.  
Feb. 19, 2010 Election of Officers

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*Love, peace, joy be with you this Christmas Season*

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We have so much to be thankful for.

Fayetteville Chapter is fortunate to have a very nice place to hold our meetings. I know we have a good chapter. We take pride in our work and we always have a good time when we get together. The chapter is growing. We will be initiating three new members at the December 4th meeting, keep up the good work.

We just celebrated the Chapter's 43rd Birthday. Christmas is just around the corner. I wish each of you a blessed and Merry Christmas.

Jean  
Associate matron

**Wishing you a most joyous  
Christmas Holiday Season  
from your  
Associate Conductress**

My Sisters and Brothers

October was a really exciting month in our chapter. I was honored to participate in our District School which took place at the Hope Mills Chapter on October 4th. Members of Hope Mills Chapter were wonderful hosts and the luncheon was delicious. It is always an inspiration to attend a District School because you come away with a better understanding of our Order and a deeper feeling of friendship and love.

I was also able to attend the District Project "Halloween Hoe Down" on October 31st at Hope Mills. We really had a great day and despite our concern over the weather the day turned out to be a beautiful and we had lots of visitors. The meal of BBQ was delicious and a special thanks to all those wonderful cooks.

The fellowship we shared that day with all the sisters and brothers and visitors from all around our district was so heart warming.

Now with Thanksgiving approaching I am really getting excited about the coming weeks in November and December. What with decorating the Lodge, initiating new members and our Christmas Party how can we not get excited?

It is also good to have Sister Linda and Brother John Masson back from their trip to the Grand Chapter of California and Miss Alice Smith back from her travels all over the world, we missed them!

The Holidays are such a wonderful time for reflecting on the special blessings in our life and for displaying our kindness to people less fortunate around us.

Our Chapter always exemplifies what the Order of the Eastern Star is about because we truly hear the cry of the orphan and extend all our love, charity and devotion to the community of man.

I consider myself blessed to have a wonderful chapter whose members have become my try sisters and brothers and I want to close by saying a Special Thank You for your love and support. Have a Blessed Holiday Season

Star Love  
Ellen



**Celebration of Christmas  
"A Bridge to Messiah"**

My sisters and brothers, join the members of Fayetteville Chapter, to a wonderful performance, **Celebration of Christmas, "A Bridge to Messiah"**, on December 6 at 7:30 P.M. that will be held at the Northwood Temple in Fayetteville.

What a better way to celebrate the Christmas season by seeing an outstanding program the celebration of Christmas with your sisters and brothers. It is free so come on down and join us.

Several of us had the pleasure of attending Northwood Temple Christmas shows, and they are outstanding.

All I ask if you are planning to attend, please give me a call at 910 223-9881, so that I may know how many seat I will need to save. We would like all the chapter members to be together. So you there.



**HALLOWEEN HOE DOWN**

On the full harvest moon, October 31, 2009 in the 13th District gathered a group of not ghost, goblins or witches

Hope Mills Lodge for the District Project. There was BBQ, Cakes, and Candy. Lots of fun to be had by all. Hope Mills Chapter took first place in the cake contest, Spring Lake Chapter, second place and our own Fayetteville Chapter took third place. We saw lots of familiar faces and lots of new ones also. At the end of the day we raised \$887.00 dollars for our Grand Chapter Project. Thank to all who participated and helped us make this project such a success.

Angelia Rutherford  
Bobby Evans

**May the joy of this  
Christmas Season  
remain with you  
throughout the  
New Year**

**Mark your  
Calendar**



Dec	4	Pearl Harbor Day
Dec	18	Christmas Party
Jan	1	New Years Day <b>(No Meeting)</b>
Jan	15	Pot Luck Dinner
Jan	16	WGM/WGP Official Visit St. Pauls
Jan	29	Spaghetti Dinner
Feb	5	Friendship Night
Feb	12	WGM/WGP Official Visit Hope Mills & Fairmont, 7:30
Feb	19	Election of Officers
Mar	5	Honor Distinguished Guest
Mar	19	Farewell

**A LITTLE BIT OF  
HUMOR**

Four Catholic men and a Catholic women were having coffee.

The first Catholic men tell his friends, "My son is a priest, when he walks into a room, everyone calls him 'Father'."

The second Catholic men chirps, "My son is a Bishop. When he walks into a room people call him 'Your Grace'."

The third Catholic gent says, "My son is a Cardinal. When he enters a room everyone says 'Your Eminence'."

# SYMBOLISM OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Symbolism is meant to be both educational and inspirational. It follows that one learns more thoroughly through the added incentive of inspiration...than from a desire for knowledge itself.

Practically all great achievements have been brought about largely because of some great inspiration.

The Altar with the OPEN Bible is a symbol of God's presence and the dispensing of HIS LIGHT.

We do not pass between the Altar and the East...because the light dispensed from the Holy Bible is broken in doing so...and the Worthy Matron is separated from her source of Devine Light and Guidance.

In opening the Bible, we always open it at the Second Chapter of Matthew...described the Wise Men from the East following His Star.

This is not a symbol that we, too, are following His Star.

The Sigh of Salutation is made to the Open Bible...as a signal of the Light of the World being spread to all Sisters and Brothers present.

In Revelation 21:16 John tells of seeing "The City Four-Squared," the New Jerusalem.

The Chapter room shall be "Four-Squared" as a symbol of integrity and fair dealing.

We turn square corners in marching as a symbol of living four-squared with God and man.

In olden times there were a general belief in symbolic or mysterious numbers.

Four numbers are important to us ...3...5...7...and 12.

Three symbolizes the Past...Present...and the Future.

It symbolizes the Third Day when Christ arose from the dead...and the Three Wise Men who followed the Star.

Also, three symbolizes the last words on the cross, "It is finished."

Our floor work is done in one of three forms...the triangle...the circle...or the square.

We have three distinct warnings of secrecy in the initiatory work...and our signs are given in three motions...the pass in three words...and the signs are given three times to each candidate.

Five comes from the human side of life. Each human being has one head...two hands...and two feet...five in all. Thus, five degrees.



## IMMEMORIAL

My sisters and brothers once again I have to inform you since our last Newsletter our Golden Chain has been broken by the passing of Sister:

## PAT BILLINGS

Sister Pat, passed away on November 16th from complications of lung cancer. Sister Pat lived in Texas at the time of her death, this information was forwarded to our Secretary Sister Barbara by Major Bill Billings. On behalf of the chapter our deepest sympathy was extended to the family.

**"She followed the star to a better land, when the voice of the Master called clear, She lovingly served with heart and hand and answered the call**

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The fourth Catholic man then says, "My son is the Pope. When he walks into a room people call him 'Your Holiness'."

Since the lone Catholic woman was sipping her coffee in silence, the four men give her a subtle, "Well....!"

She proudly replies, "I have a daughter, slim, tall, 38D breast, 24" stomach and 34" hips. When she walks into a room, people say, "Oh My God."



## Happy Holidays

### PEANUT BRITTLE

Sisters and Brothers.

Your chapter send money to Grand Chapter throughout the year to support the Grand Chapter Scholarship Fund. In order for Grand Chapter to have the money to give to qualifying students Scholarship, these funds come from the members of our Order. One of the way we support this worth while cause is by making and selling peanut brittle.

Won't you consider helping by ordering some brittle? Guaranteed it's the best around! We pack 5 oz in baggies and sell the bags for \$2.00 each. We also make sugar coated peanuts around Christmas.

Please call or email anytime you'd like to place an order....we sell all year round. 910 487-3458 or [nclady@aol.com](mailto:nclady@aol.com).

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Please send me and John our Newsletter Editor, your email address if you have one. We like to keep everyone informed about anything that is going on in the chapter about our membership. Also you can received your chapter Newsletter via email, it would save the chapter money on postage. I have yours if you've already received an email from me. Otherwise, write "OES" in the subject line and send it to us. My email is [nclady@aol.com](mailto:nclady@aol.com) and our Editor's is [oesmasson@aol.com](mailto:oesmasson@aol.com)

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***"Kindness is the noblest weapon to conquer with***

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Rob Morris tells us that he gave the Eastern Star Five degrees...because of his interpretation of the Master's Carpet...or Pentagon...as described in John's description of the New Jerusalem, which have five points...and five angles...and upon the five points of the Pentagon is formed the emblematic Star, hence our name.

In the study of the Ritual we find five words in response to prayer...five colors...five lessons to guide us...five officers who wear the triangle as a badge...who are guardian's of the Altar...and a part of the Master's Carpet.

The five triangles, when put together form a star.

There are seven days in a week. In John's vision there are seven branches to the candlestick...seven seals to the great Book of Destiny...and the Lamb of God has seven horns and seven yeas...representing the seven spirit of God.

Seven is a number considered peculiarly sacred to all people...and a close study of our work...tells us that seven members must be present to open a chapter.

We have send distinct ties in our obligation.

Rob Morris regarded the number twelve with special importance.

The years is divided into twelve months...Israel had twelve tribes...the twelve gates to the City of Jerusalem were guarded by carved figures of twelve angels...and there were twelve pillars in the temple.

The walls of the New Jerusalem had twelve foundation...and on them the names of the twelve apostles.

The mystic number leads us to the twelve Landmarks of our Order.

When properly given, we have twelve raps at the door...before entering or retiring from the Chapter room.

The circling of the Star Points...during initiation, symbolizes the maze of life in which one can become helpless and lost...without the guidance of the Divine Architect of the Universe.

We stand while the officers make their entering march...and remain standing until seated by the Worthy Matron...because the entrance of our Officers symbolizes the opening of our Chapter...for the honor of God...for our instructions...and for the good of our fellow man.

These are just a few of the meanings of symbolism in our Chapters.

Just remember everything we do in our Chapter has a special meaning...and that is one reason why the work of our great Order...should be uniformly done throughout the state.

(Author unknown)

*My sisters and brothers, this was sent to me via e-mail by a friend, and I found it very interesting regarding the symbolism of our Order. I wanted to share it with you and I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.*

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**DEAR LORD,**

So far today, am I doing all right.

I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing to my credit card.

But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think I will really need your help then.

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