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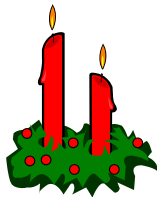
December 2011

ON THE POCAHONTAS TRAIL

Pocahontas Chapter No. 103, OES

From the East

It's hard to believe, but this week brings another year to an end. On Saturday night, 2011 goes into the annals of history and, once again, we have the opportunity to start fresh in 2012. What will the new year bring? Only God knows that, but what peace we have when we remember that, no matter what comes our way, we have His strength to take us through it.



Normally we have an October newsletter, but since our stated meeting was cancelled that month due to unsafe conditions at the Lodge (construction work), I decided to wait until December to write. Many things have happened in our chapter since our July newsletter, and I'll recap here:

In August, our chapter once again had a booth at the Williamsburg Outlet Mall. We were there all four Saturdays selling ice cream, baked goods, and RADA cutlery. Our fundraising continued into September, when we began selling SEE's Candy. Many of us were seen toting our boxes of candy to various functions in support of our chapter.

September was sad for our chapter. Our Sister Dotty Baker passed away on September 5. She was a devoted member of our chapter and was a dual member of

York Chapter No. 110. Our officers were very pleased to combine with the officers of York Chapter for Sister Dotty's Eastern Star service at Lebanon Christian Church. Our love and support goes to Brother Edd, Sister Cindy, and their family.

The end of September brought us to the Guinea Jubilee again this year. Many hours of preparatory baking and two days of manning our booth paid off with a nice profit for the chapter. Some funny things can happen when you spend many hours in a small wooden booth with friends! If you missed it, you shouldn't have!

On October 25, several of us traveled over to Virginia Beach Chapter No. 75 and presented "Pink Lodge" for their Masonic Night. We had a delicious dinner, and enjoyed fellowship with their Masons and members.

Our November meeting was preceded by a presentation of "Pink Lodge" in our own chapter. We had invited the officers and wives of Williamsburg Lodge #6 to join us. We were pleased that five of the brethren joined us. At that time, we also presented the Master, Wor. Ron Carnegie, with a plaque of appreciation for 79 years of fraternal association, and a donation toward the Lodge building fund.

On behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron, I (Bonnie) was very pleased to present Brother Edd Baker with the commission of

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Grand Representative of Ohio in Virginia. This appointment had been given to his wife, our Sister Dotty, and it was her wish that he be able to complete her term. We are so thrilled for him and thankful to our Worthy Grand Matron for honoring Sister Dotty's request.

November 18 had our members at Chickahominy Lodge No. 286 cooking and serving their holiday dinner. We thank Wor. Jack Jones for asking us to assist him in this way. We served 37 people, and had rave reviews on the food and service. We are thankful to have Brother Lowell Thomas as our chief cook - he really makes us look good!

We had a very nice stated meeting in December with guests from both Richmond and southside. We celebrated Christmas. For three Saturdays in December we were back at the Outlet Mall selling our "world-famous" stew, baked goods, and RADA cutlery. We are thankful to Sister Loma McSpadden for organizing this for us once again, and we thank each member who cooked, baked and worked at the booth.

Everything we do as a chapter requires

work and cooperation by our members. We truly appreciate those who have contributed in some way to our success for this year.

Please remember our members who have been unable to be with us due to illness. Sisters **Bobbi Hines** and **Helen Riley** had surgery recently, and are recuperating. Sister **Shirley Alexander** is presently a patient at Consulate Health Care in Williamsburg, and we hope she'll be coming home soon. Sister **Mary Harlow**'s sister and son-in-law are both very ill and we continue to support Sister Mary through this. Also, please remember Sister **Gladys Harris** with your prayers and cards. Her husband, Bob, is very ill and Sister Gladys is working very hard in her role as 24/7 caregiver at home.

From the East, we hope that you had a wonderful Christmas, and pray that 2012 will bring you many joys in your life.



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PICTURES - Guinea Jubilee



l-r: Sisters Myra Thomas, Betty Shaughnessy, Bobbi Hines, Sina Hofler, and one of our loyal customers!



The View from Inside the Booth, l-r: Sisters Sina Hofler and Myra Thomas.

PICTURES - Pink Lodge & the Mall



l-r: Sisters Linda Pearce, Loma McSpadden, Peggy Dockins, Gloria Hahn, Bonnie Enderle



l-r: Sisters Gladys Harris, Bonnie Enderle, Peggy Dockins, Sina Hofler



l-r: Sisters Gladys Harris, Linda Pearce, Loma McSpadden



l-r: Worshipful Ronald Scott Carnegie, Master of Williamsburg Lodge #6; Bonnie Enderle, Worthy Matron



At the Mall in December: (l-r) Sisters, Loma McSpadden and Peggy Dockins, Sam McSpadden, Brother Gary Enderle



Save these Dates

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 3 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 pm

New Year's Celebration - We will be honoring our Conductress and Associate Conductress. Also, Sister Kathy Miles, Associate Grand Matron, will be present to make a special announcement in our chapter - Don't miss it!!

January 7 - All Pocahontas Member After-Christmas Party - 6:30 pm - at home of Kathy & Bob Parke, 134 Nina Lane, Williamsburg. Everyone is asked to bring finger-foods & a "unisex" gift.

January 17 - Emera Chapter #31 - 7:30 pm - Stated meeting and special announcement by Sister Paula Swansey, Grand Conductress.

February 7 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 pm
All Annual Reports (except Audit) are due.

March 6 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 pm
Audit Report is Due.

Election of Officers for 2012-2013.

Installation of Officers for 2012-2013.

Chickahominy Lodge #286: We are proud of three of our Eastern Star Brothers who were installed as officers at Chickahominy Lodge #286 in Toano on December 16. They are (l-r): Brother Miles Riley, Tiler; Brother Edd Baker, Senior Deacon; and Brother Robert Parke, Secretary. Congratulations to all!



Sickness and Distress

Please keep our chapter informed of your life situations. We want very much to give help and support to all of our members, but can only do so if we are aware of a need.

**Our Sickness and Distress
Chairman is
Sister Betty Shaughnessy.**

Please call her at 757-253-1463.

You may also contact our Worthy Matron, Sister Bonnie, or our Secretary, Sister Helen.

Please support our members and their families with calls, cards, and in prayer.

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