

Early History of Chapter 152 Order of the Eastern Star
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“On Thursday evening, January 23, 1914, the following ladies and gentlemen met in the Masonic Hall for the purpose of organizing a chapter of the “Order of the Eastern Star”, viz: F. R. Pendergrass, A.M. Smith, R. M. Kinnaird, O.D. Massa, J. N. Cox, J. R. Douglas, W.N. Selby, W. C. Wade, S. B. Anderson, Lex Dyer, Linnie Staley, Dora Anderson, Maude Moore, Angie Pendergrass, Sarah Smith, Pearl Wilson, Martha Kinnaird, Vallie Hargis, Mattie Massa, Pagie Davis, Bessie Alcorn, May Freeze, Lela Alcorn, and Bessie Selby.

Sister Dollie Comstock, the duly commissioned Deputy of the Worthy Grand Patron, called the meeting to order, state the object of the meeting and appointed Mr. Pagie Davis as Secretary and S.C. Bishop as Marshall.

The institution was in conformity to the ceremony prescribed by the Grand Chapter of Tennessee. After which the Worthy Matron appointed the following officers.

Secretary Mrs. Pagie Davis	Treas. Miss Luna Davis
Cond. Mrs. Pearl Wilson	A. Con. Mrs. Linnie Staley
Chaplain Mrs. Mattie Massa	Mar. Miss Margie Boyd
Adah Mrs. Dora Anderson	Ruth Mrs. Maude Moore
Ester Mrs. Angie Pendergrass	Martha Miss Bessie Selby
Electra Mrs. Sarah Smith	Warder Mrs. Martha Kinnaird”*

All quotations are from minutes of the Chapter.

Thus was the Cookeville Chapter No. 152, Order of the Eastern Star organized.

Until about 1920, the chapter held its meetings in the old Lodge Hall in the building which was destroyed by fire several years ago on the South East corner of the Square where M & H Service Station is now located.

In March, the station of Martha became vacant and Mrs. Vallie Hargis was appointed.

An organ was purchased jointly with the Rebekahs, for \$20.00, in the same year.

Major James Luton was the first member of the Cookeville Chapter who served in the armed forces in World War II. Others who served are: Lillard McDonald, Frank Johnson, Cecil Garrett, Frank Spear, Gaskel Warren, Alfred W. Gill, and Jack Stringham.

INITIATED AND AFFILIATED (editors notes: names have been put in last name first order for ease of indexing).

1914: (All initiated, none affiliated).

Dow, Emma
Dow, Willis
Ensor, Bertha
Farmer, Clay
Jared, Sallie
Johnson, A.M.
Moore, Corner
McCluen, Lou
McCluen, I.W.
Quarles, Jemmie
Simrell, Mary

1915: (All initiated)

Barnes, Jere B.
Ensor, Dr.
Ensor, Rettie
Jared, Ellen
Willett, J. W.

1915:

Barnes, Myrtle (Affiliated)

1916: (All initiated none affiliated))

Carter, Alice
Hargis, H. S.

1917: (All initiated)

Davis, Maggie
Netto, Loyd J.
Anderson, Liza
Slagle, Sallie
Allison, Jennie
Shiple, Dr. A.L.
Harding, R. H.
Murphy, Herman
Morris, Ruby Dow
Davis, Ina
Rodgers, Mary J.
Ford, Bell
Harding, Ursa
Shiple, Florence
Dow, Virginia
Carlisle, M.C.

Douglas, Mary
Broshear, Alice
Collier, Addie
Ford, Tom D.
Isbell, Mary
Carlisle, Ruth Marie
Wheeler, J. Mac
Barnett, Albert
Anderson, Lena
Dyer, Etta
Wade, Hattie
Melton, John
Wheeler, Mary I.
Darwin, Ottie

1917: (All Affiliated)

Jarrett, Nola
Bradley, Nannie
Bradley, Robert

1918: (All initiated, none affiliated).

Carpenter, J.R.
Selby, Callie
Crawford, Mary
Davis, Mattie
Greenwood, Viola
Bradley, Nannie
Davis, H.J.
Greenwood, Alta
Crawford, Sam N.
Barbour, Artie

1919: (All initiated, none affiliated).

McGlasson, Minnie

Anderson, Grover (*William Grover Anderson Sr., s/o Lewis Monroe Anderson & Matilda Isabelle Wallace. Wm. Grover md Lillian Lee*) (*Wm. Grover was a Free and Accepted Mason, 32nd degree, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Order of the Mystic Shine*). (*See Family Sheet of Lewis Monroe Anderson & Family Sheet of William Grover Anderson & story of William Grover Anderson).

Anderson, Lillian (*Lillian (Lee) Anderson, d/o Thomas & Tennessee Lee. Lillian Lee md William Grover Anderson Sr.*)

Williams (Wall) Neta
Cooper, Martha
Barnett, Emma C.
McGlasson, Avo
Cooper (Carter), Cora

Davis, Lina
Sewell, Will T.
Hamilton, J.P.
Dyer, Quimby
Kuykendall, Tom
Hamilton, Artie

1920: (All initiated)

Moore, W. E.
Massa, Elizabeth
Cummins, Lydia
Gentry, Solon
Cox, Louise
Gentry, Norma
Massa, Norman
Foster, Susie

1920: (All affiliated)

Smartt, Robert E.
Smartt, Minnie
Adsmond, W. G.

1921: (All initiated, none affiliated).

Moscript, Mildred
Bibrey, Sarah
Gipson, Itara W.
Gipson, Samuel L.
McClanahan, Gretchen
Loftis, Mae
Logue, J. F.

Shanks, Luke (*Luke Alexander Shanks, s/o Robert Fain Shanks & Anna "Annie" Anderson. Luke A. Shanks md Dona Florence Boyd*).(*See Family Sheet of Luther "Luke" Alexander Shanks).

Wilchester, Cappie
McClanahan, Charles
Mitchell, Thelma
Shanks, Ruth

1922: (All initiated)

Matheney, Mary
Matheney, Kate
Garrett, Herbert
Garrett, Alsa
Barksdale, Ruby
Quarles, James T.
Wilchester, Harry L.

Denton, Mollie
Broshear, Mable
Stanton, Sallie
Sidwell, Paula
Sidwell, Matti

1922: (Affiliated)
Jared, Sam

This brief summary is closed with the feeling that much of intense interest has been omitted. In the words of Kipling – “Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget, lest we forget!”

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Eastern Star Installs New Officers:



Open installation for the 2004 officers of the Order of the Eastern Star was held recently at the Cookeville Masonic Hall. The new officers are, seated, from left, Doug Thompson, associate patron; Diana Cartright, associate matron; Gary Master, worthy patron; and Kathy Masters, worthy matron. In row two, Billy Ford, sentinel; Josephine Klink, associate conductress; Barbara Scott, Electa; Marion Bohannon, Martha; Helen Burgess, Ruth; Peggie Thompson, Adah; and Glenda Burgess, conductress. In row three, Frances Hayes, chaplain; Pat Ford, organist; Janice Brown, marshal; and Keeble Tucker, secretary. In row four, Rhonda Hampton, warder; and Ernest Burgess, treasurer.



INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Cookeville Chapter No. 152 of the Order of the Eastern Star installed new officers recently. In front from left are Kenneth Matheney, associate patron; Peggie Thompson, associate matron; Betty Henry, Worthy Matron; and Bobby Thompson, Worthy Patron; and in back are Keeble Tucker, chaplain; Dough Thompson, treasurer; Ann Burroughs, associate conductress; Janet Meadows, Electa; Karen Walters, Ruth; Helen Burgess, Adah; Jean Thompson, secretary; and Pasty Johnson, conductress.

Herald Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Sunday, 19 April 2009, pg. C-7.



The installing officers for the ceremony were, seated, from left, Kathy Masters, worthy patron, Gary Masters, worthy patron. And in the back, from left, Hersel Wilson, past patron Livingston #206 assisting installing officer; Sue Woodward, past matron Livingston #206 installing organist; J. C. Vaughn, past patron of Mary Chapter 11 installing chaplain; Lola Stephens, past matron of Mary Chapter 11 installing marshal; and Ruth Norris, past matron of Livingston #206 installing officer. The OES meets at 7 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month at the Masonic Lodge Hall.



Officers Announced

The Officers of Cookeville Chapter No. 152 Order of the Eastern Star recently announced its officers for 2006-2007. They are, from left in front, Dallas Cartright, worthy patron; Diana Cartright, worthy matron; Ann Burrougs, associate matron; Ernest Burgess, associate patron; in the second row, Amy Cooper, associate conductress; Peggie Thompson, Adah; Patsy Johnson, Ruth; Betty Henry, Esther; Dorris Cooper, Martha; Kebble Tucker, Electra; Kathy Master, secretary; and in back, Frances Hayes, chaplain; Pat Ford, organist; Doug Thompson, marshall; Larry Cooper, warder; and Billy Ford, sentinel. Not pictured is Helen Burgess.

Herald Citizen Newspaper,
Cookeville, TN:

12 August 1956: Cookeville's Chapter 152 of the Order of the Eastern Star this week has a special program to recognize members who have been in the organization for 25 years or more, including Mrs. W. C. Moore, who helped form the chapter in 1914 and who is still active in the group.

Other long-time members include Miss Ethel Bolen, Mrs. Cora Carter, Miss Clara Starnes, Mrs. Vera Goodpasture, Mrs. Edith Wallace, Mrs. Pearl Holt, Miss Reva Moore, Mrs. Nina Gibbons, Mrs. Johnny Grimes, Mrs. Rose Black, Mrs. Julia Phifer and Mrs. Daly Bush.



EASTERN STAR PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP

The Cookeville Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star recently congratulated Christopher Barns on receiving the OES Youth Scholarship for 2006-07. From left are Helen Burgess, chair of the Scholarship Committee Recommendation to Grand Chapter; Barns; and Glenda and Ernest Burgess, co-chairs. Chris' grandmother, Betty Newman, is a member of Cookeville Chapter OES. There are two scholarship categories, youth and Christian, and both require the applicant to be an entering junior in college or working on their master's degree to apply.



EASTERN STAR 50-YEAR MEMBERS

The Cookeville No. 152 chapter of the of the Order of the Eastern Star recently awarded 50-year pins to some members. Above from left, are Jean Thompson, secretary of Cookeville Chapter No. 152 of the Order of the Eastern Star; Amy Cooper, Worthy Matron who serves on the health committee for the Grand Chapter of Tennessee; Emogene Prichard, initiated September 1958 in Cookeville and the most recent recipient of a 50-year member pin in September; Bobby Thompson, Worthy Patron who serves on the credentials committee of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee; Betty Newman, who was initiated in April 1957 in Cookeville who received her 50-year pin in June; Helen Burgess, Associate Matron who serves as Grand Representative of Scotland in Tennessee for the Grand Chapter of Tennessee; and Dallas Cartright, past Patron who serves as Associate patron this year for the Cookeville chapter. At right, Marion Bohannon was initiated in October 1957 in Star Zion Chapter No. 398 in Detroit, MI, and demitted in March 1973 to Cookeville No. 152. Bohannon received her 50-year pin in June of this year and is the chapter's oldest living member. Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 2 Oct. 2008, pg. 12.



On May 9, Eastern Star Worthy Matron Betty Henry (not pictured) honored the men at Cookeville Chapter 152 for their faithfulness and willingness to serve and help the Order of Eastern Star. From left are Billy Ford, sentinel; Ken Weaver, visitor; Bobby Rice, visitor; Bobby Thompson, Worthy Patron; Doug Thompson, treasurer; Jerry Overstreet, member; and Ken Matheny, associate patron.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Sunday, 28 June 2009, pg. C-7.

Jonnie Elizabeth Shelton Obt.

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for **Jonnie Elizabeth Shelton**, 81, of Cookeville will be held Thursday, Jan. 24, at 1 p.m. from the Cookeville chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Cookeville Cemetery.

Family will receive friends today, Wednesday, Jan. 23, from 4-8 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 24, from 11 a.m. until time of services at the funeral home.

Mrs. Shelton died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Feb. 17, 1926, in Putnam County to the late John Lewis and Dora Elizabeth Mofield Speck.

Mrs. Shelton was a member of Cookeville First Baptist Church, where she taught the 5-year-olds in Sunday School for more than 39 years. **She was also a member of Cookeville Eastern Star Chapter 152.** She was a retired secretary with GTE, with more than 30 years of service. Mrs. Shelton was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Her family includes **her husband, Barney McCoy Shelton** (whom she married Feb. 19, 1950, in Cookeville); two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Shanna Shelton and Ricky and Shannon Shelton, all of Cookeville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Polly Shanks and Mildred and Howard Mahler; six grandchildren, Brian Shelton and wife Lori, Pam Shelton Marty and husband Nathan, SaraBeth, Ben, Sofia and Mia Shelton; and four step-grandchildren, Ryan and Kate Watson, Logan Taylor and Reagan Fuller.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Shelton was preceded in death by three brothers, Haskell, Cecil and Fred Speck, and a sister, Lucille Guenther.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

Dr. Randall Adkisson and Rev. Charles Hutchinson will officiate the services.

Wednesday, Jan 23, 2008: Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN

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