

*CJ Brase*  
*Worthy Grand Matron*  
1675 Oakview Drive  
Owatonna, MN 55060  
[cjstar22@icloud.com](mailto:cjstar22@icloud.com)



*Dan Hanley*  
*Worthy Grand Patron*  
1228 Emerson Court  
Burnsville, MN 55337  
[danhanleyoes@gmail.com](mailto:danhanleyoes@gmail.com)

**GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**  
*Organized 1878*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are honored to have the privilege of being your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for 2024-2025. We will do all in our power to promote the good of the Order and to be an advocate for our subordinate chapters. These leadership positions allow us to serve you for one year knowing our most important long term title is “member” of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Along with you, our members, we strive to better our communities and find ways to be of service to mankind by emulating the heroines of our Order. Our projects, fundraisers and volunteer efforts can show the world our dedication to charity and loving kindness.

The theme for our year is “Build A Bridge”. We hope to build a bridge to membership, communication and our relationships with each other. Many of us have made lifelong friends by working together through Star. We learn our Ritual work with help, support, and encouragement from our Sisters and Brothers; We fine tune leadership skills going up the line and being officers in our Chapters; And we bond together while having fundraisers, events and programs within our communities.

We will support our Scholarship Programs: ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership), M. Josephine Ruhsam Scholarship and the Pat Rasmusson Continuing Education Scholarship. Our Service Dogs project continues with support for Helping Paws (with an emphasis on dogs for veterans) and we will support our Masonic Cancer Center Project through the University of Minnesota. Our Masonic Home also needs our ongoing volunteer efforts and support for the residents.

In addition, our special project this year will be support for MACV, Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans whose mission is to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota. They support Minnesota veterans with legal help, employment assistance, health care access, financial guidance and housing options. We believe no veteran should be homeless after serving our country. We will support them through raising funds, providing “move in “ supplies and volunteer opportunities at their many statewide offices.

The major fundraiser event for this project will be held on Saturday evening, November 9th at the Anoka American Legion. Please check Starlites and our website [mnoes.com](http://mnoes.com) for details.

We are using the red oriental poppy as a symbol for the year to help bring attention to this project.

Our colors are ruby red, emerald green and sapphire blue which represent three of our Star-point colors and are jewels like our Sisters and Brothers. C J’s fun symbols are fans and Kokeshi dolls (Japanese carved wooden figures each beautiful and unique - the same as our members). Dan’s fun symbol is the eagle (which is part of the Marine Corps emblem).

The WGM’s song for Installation was “Bridge over Troubled Water” but “Love Can Build a Bridge” is befitting of the theme for the year. The WGP’s song is the “Marines Hymn “.

A fitting Bible verse for the year is- 1st Thessalonians 5:11 “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are doing.”

There will be two Area Conferences on September 28th at Moorhead Chapter #164 and October 26th at White Bear Chapter #200.

A Tri-state event or OES weekend will be held on September 13-15. Details TBD.

And lastly, our watchwords for the year are:

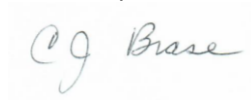
Be kind

Be true

Be just

Reminding us of our obligation and how we can relate to each other.

Fraternally,



CJ Brase  
Worthy Grand Matron



Dan Hanley  
Worthy Grand Patron

Attest:



Joyce McCurdy, PGM  
Grand Secretary

