

Grand Chapter of Missouri  
  
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TO: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers

Happy New Year to each of you!

It is with much sadness that we inform you that Past Grand Matron, Sister Addie Rittenhour, passed away January 1, 2012. Sister Addie had dealt with several health issues the past few years, but her passing was unexpected. We extend our sincere sympathy to Brother Ken and the rest of her family.

Other illnesses we want to report are that Sister Marilyn Woods, Worthy Grand Adah, PGM, is dealing with a staph infection from a cyst and may require surgery; Past Grand Matron, Sister Retha Squires, had knee replacement surgery and is doing well. Seems like we have a lot of sickness among our members. Please keep these sisters, as well as all of our members, in your thoughts and prayers. And also remember them with cards.

We have a rather large packet in this mailing, but we have lots of opportunities! Included in this packet are the following:

1. A letter from our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gloria Chaney, and the Grand Line Officers, regarding the Liaison Committee appointed at Grand Chapter to work with the Masonic Home Board.
2. The memorial for Sister Addie Rittenhour, which should be read and your charter draped at your next stated meeting.
3. Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Cinda Reeder's, plans for 2015.
4. Information on the Five-State Friendship Exchange, to be held in Branson July 27-29. Missouri is the host this year, and it is the hope of Sister Gloria and Brother Jim that many of you will want to attend this fun weekend.
5. Information on the Multi-State Friendship Exchange, to be held in Orlando, Florida, August 10-12, 2012. The room rates for this event are good 3 days prior and 3 days after the Friendship Exchange.
6. A *corrected* list of the Grand Officers and Committees for 2012.

7. A letter from Sister Retha Squires, PGM, Chairman of the Welfare Fund, and an application form.
8. An updated list of Grand Representatives.
9. Information on the Lois J. Newman Youth Scholarship Fund. The letter from Chairman, Brother Bob Detherow, has an incorrect phone number. Brother Bob's **correct phone number** is **417-894-7731**
10. Information from the Masonic Home on their golf outing fundraiser this summer.
11. Updated supply order form for Chapter secretaries.

If you are missing any of these items, please let us know.

Fraternally,



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