

## Centerville and Buffalo Eastern Star Chapters install officers

By Sherry Matney

In two separate but similar ceremonies the Centerville and Buffalo Eastern Star Chapters installed new officers for the upcoming year. Both ceremonies were beautiful, formal and ritualistic with many of the same individuals serving in both chapters.

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world that both men and women can join. It was established in 1850 by Rob Morris, a lawyer and educator from Boston, Massachusetts, who had been an official with the Freemasons.

The organization is based on teachings from the Bible, but is open to people of all faiths. It has approximately 10,000 chapters in twenty countries and approximately one million members under its General Grand Chapter. Members of the Order are aged 18 and older; men must be Master Masons and women must have specific relationships with Masons.

The emblem of the Order is a five-pointed star with the

white ray of the star pointing downwards towards the manager. In the Chapter room, the downward-pointing white ray points to the West. The character building lessons taught in the Order are stories inspired by Biblical figures: Ada (Jephthah's daughter, from Judges); Ruth, the widow; Esther, the wife; Martha (sister of Lazarus, from the Gospel of John); Electa (the "elect lady", from II John) the mother. Officers are seated around the room in order of importance, with the Worthy Matron at the East.

The stated purposes of the Order of the Eastern Star are Charitable, Educational, Fraternal and Scientific. The Order has a charitable foundation and in recent years has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to Alzheimer's disease research, juvenile diabetes research, and juvenile asthma research. It also provides assistance to students of theology and religious music, as well as other scholarships that differ by jurisdiction. There are, of course, many more recipients

of money, time and talents in the individual communities served by the Order.

### The Centerville Installation

Ladies installed in the Centerville Chapter Number 1002 wore lovely pink short sleeved, floor length dresses with scalloped over blouses. Gentlemen wore coats and ties.

The following individuals were installed: Worthy Matron- Martha Tull; Worthy Patron - Ken Tull; Associate Matron - Rita Parsons; Associate Patron - Don Summers; Secretary - Barbara Gregory; Treasurer - Elizabeth Broomfield; Conductress - Martha Jones; Associate Conductress - Ruby Vest; Chaplain - Bill Vest; Marshall - Ken Jones; Organist - Dianne Ryder; Adah - Mary M. Boyd; Ruth - Millie Fewox; Martha - Jackie McCreary; Electa - Essie Hines; Warder - Grange McCreary; Sentinel - J. T. Millican, Jr.

### The Buffalo Installation

Ladies installed in the Buffalo Chapter Number 157 wore identical dresses as the Centerville Chapter but the

color was kelly green. Again the gentlemen wore coats and ties.

The following individuals were installed: Worthy Matron - Rita Parsons; Worthy Patron - Gary Helmcamp; Associate Matron - Karen Jackson; Associate Patron - Mack Jackson; Secretary - Martha Jones; Treasurer - Carol Beddingfield; Conductress - Martha Tull; Associate Conductress - Dianne Ryder; Chaplain - Kenneth Jones; Marshall - Kenneth Tull; Organist - Susan Helmcamp; Adah - Sue Pittman; Ruth - Mary Steelman; Esther - Courtney Lewis; Martha - Nettie Haynie; Electa - Joyce Horton; Warder - Ray Steelman; Sentinel - Bobby Pittman.

Doris Wyont, Past Matron of Normangee Chapter #87 presided over both installation ceremonies and Roberta Delius, Past Matron of the Buffalo Chapter was the installing Marshal in both ceremonies.



Doris Wyont, Normangee, officiated at both ceremonies. *Sherry's Shots*



Billy Shick from Fairfield, with son Kevin, had the formula for cat fish fryin' down to a tee. *Sherry's Shots*

## Community National Bank holds its annual Customer Appreciation Day fish fry

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Saturday, June 6 was the date and Community National Bank in Buffalo was the place. The occasion was the bank's annual Customer Appreciation Day featuring piping hot fish with all the trimmings. Employees and officers from several locations were on hand to serve the customers and friends in the Buffalo community.

Community National Bank & Trust of Texas has its home office in Corsicana with locations in Fairfield, Frost, Buffalo and Streetman. It is a full service bank offering

a wide range of deposit and loan products as well as trust and investment services.

Pat and Calvin Williams were among those who enjoyed the outings.

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