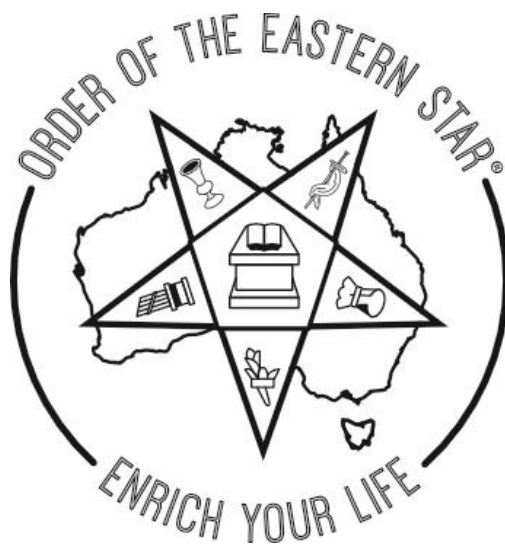




# Golden Wattle Chapter No 4

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# History

The Story of our Chapter

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## History of Golden Wattle Chapter No 4

### Instituted 18 March 1922

#### 1921 – 1939

On 11<sup>th</sup> March 1921, a meeting was held at Finch & Nixon's rooms, Nicholas Street, Ipswich with Brother D Cochran presiding, Secretary Sister Katherine (Kitty) Hamilton (Act Sec). Those present at this Foundation meeting were Sister and Brother Cochran, Sister and Bro Jordan, Sis and Bro Gilmour, Sisters M Walker, Auld, Marsh, Miller, Fairlie, Palmer, BJ Walker, McCale, Lonie, English and Hamilton. It was a formal meeting with the idea of forming a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in the Ipswich district as there were now a full number of members who could form a Chapter as the greater number of members had to journey to Brisbane, a distance of 25 miles which at times was not always convenient

Bro. Jordan emphasized that members were not to call themselves Lady Masons as he said "The Brotherhood objects to the term 'Lady Masons' and if we wish to solicit the aid of The Great Brotherhood which we are so closely related by the bonds of blood, we must remember that we are members of that worthy order 'The Order of the Eastern Star'".

#### The Naming of the Chapter

Bro. Jordan proposed the name "Moreton". Bro Gilmour "Queensland", Sis Kitty Hamilton proposed 'Golden Wattle' would be most appropriate, being Queensland's floral emblem. The majority being in favour of 'Golden Wattle', it was decided.

Sister Cochran WM of Sarah Chapter No. 31 (No. 1 under United Grand Chapter of Australia) was elected as first Worthy Matron of the intended Chapter and Bro Gilmour and Bro Jordan were both proposed as Worthy Patron elect. A vote was taken and Bro. Jordan was elected Worthy Patron. Sis. Gilmour was proposed as Assoc. Matron elect and Bro. Gilmour as Assoc. Patron elect.

A Hall Committee was formed to arrange a suitable hall to hold meetings. All members donate 5/- each amount towards the cost of their Charter.

At the following meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March in Finch and Nixon's Rooms, Ipswich with Bro. Jordan presiding. The Hall Committee said they had viewed Cameron's Rooms, Nicholas St and believed them to be suitable. Hall rent 12/6d per quarter with piano an additional 5/-. The Committee were awaiting a reply about Ipswich Masonic Hall Committee noting that it could only be used for 'Masonic' purposes. Bro. Gilmour said they would await a reply as our Order was not well known amongst Masonic circles as it was in Great Britain. Meanwhile we could take Cameron's Rooms for future meetings at 7.30pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

A collection box was to be placed on the table so that anyone could donate to 'A common good fund' noting that nobody would put a 3d bit in as the welfare of the Chapter's future depended upon it.

Sis. Hamilton was asked to write to the Supreme Grand Chapter (of Scotland) for a Charter as soon as possible. At the April meeting, Sis Hamilton read her letter praying for the Charter and a collection was started to pay for it.

A social evening was proposed for 14<sup>th</sup> June inviting those who are thought to be prospective candidates to "Let them see the Love and Harmony that exists amongst our Lovely Order". Each member can invite 3 friends. Bro Jordan had just heard that a family consisting of a few members of OES had settled in the district and members would endeavour to call on them, coming from the dear homeland and from such a field of Labour".

May meeting - discussions on ways to entertain guests at the social. Musical items, dancing, card games for those who did not join in the dancing. Worshipful masters and their wives of all Lodges be invited to attend. The latest new link to the Golden Chain, Sis Caswell was welcomed and she kindly donated a prize fowl to be sold by Snowball auction at the Social. She also offered to join in the musical items part. Sister and Bro Innes, founders of various OES Chapters in Scotland were welcomed to the meeting with much anticipation

of their great help in building up a Worthy Chapter in Ipswich. Sister McMurdo, a member of Hamilton Chapter No.41 (Scotland) was also welcomed.

A special meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June to make final arrangements for forthcoming Social evening to be held in Cameron's rooms.

Brother McDougall PP of Sarah Chapter kindly promised to say a few words on the night about the merits of the Order of the Eastern Star. Brother Jordan had compiled a musical programme for the evening and those who do not dance can join in the card games. Mrs Gilmour offered her primus stove for the evening. There was to be a further wait of 3 months for Charter approval awaiting Grand Committee meeting. The remaining Office Bearers elect were named.

Social evening Report: Invitations were extended to a great many Master masons and their wives. There were over 100 guests. The social side ably carried through by the following artists: Miss G Innes, Mrs Verral, Sis Caswell, Mr. Westwood, Mr Guy Wilson and musical selections by Mr and Miss Palmer. Mrs Verral sang some Scottish songs which greatly appealed to the people of that Nation. Dancing was also a feature of the evening. Bro Jordan then in a few opening remarks called on Bro Stewart Hall to say words on the aims and objects of the Order of the Eastern Star. Bro. Hall said he had been over twenty years connected the Order in Scotland when it was in its infancy. It had to put up with a great deal of opposition but nothing like what we have had to in Queensland but we are just like the old proverb "Put a stout heart to the stey brae" (steep slope) and It is wonderful how one succeeds. He said the singing of Scottish songs put vim in one and that is what we need if we are to overcome the difficulty in opening a Chapter. He said the Masonic brethren present were to bear in mind that we were a recognized Order and there was nothing Masonic in the Order. The only association being that to become a member one has to be either the wife, mother, daughter, sister, widow of a Master Mason or Master masons in good standing but in the Order the men only took a secondary place. His one desire was to see as many Chapters in Queensland as then we could have our own Supreme Grand Chapter.

Bro James H. McDougall also addressed the guests and spoke in glowing terms saying that the Masonic brethren generally, scorned and condemned the Order and they knew nothing about it. If they wanted to be let into the secrets and know the working of our beautiful Order, the best thing was to come along and join and they would never regret it. The wives and sweethearts could never get into the Masonic Lodge but if they all became members of OES, there they could enjoy all the benefits and the society of their wives and friends.

The snowballing of the beautiful prize fowl donated by Sis Caswell caused great amusement and became the property of Sis Cochran raising a tidy sum of 3 pounds 12shillings. Total sum on hand to date 9 pounds 2/7d.

At meeting o 12<sup>th</sup> June 1921 in Cameron's Rooms, a practice of initiation ceremony was gone through (omitting secret work) as each Office bearer elect wished to be proficient in their work.

Sis and Bro Jordan presented a full set of Jewels for the proposed Golden Wattle Chapter. Other items were donated by Sisters and Brothers.

At August meeting, the initiation ceremony was practiced once again omitting the Secret work.

Other Sisters and Brothers recently arrived from Scotland and settled in the area were welcomed to this meeting. Bro and Sis Ross, Sisters Reid and Simpson.

At the September meeting, Sisters Cochran and Jordan had gone to Brisbane to get the ribbons needed for the proposed Chapter but it was impossible to get them.

The October meeting and a discussion about a Foundation fee for members. It was to be 1guinea each but after further discussion about 5/- already donated towards Charter, an additional 16/- per member be charged. More discussion on ribbons which could not be procured in Australia. Decided to get from Glasgow.

Final arrangements were made at February 1922 meeting regarding printing of 100 Installation cards and catering by Whitehouse's Café at 2/- per head. All in readiness for the Instituting and Installation in March.

### **Instituting of the Chapter and Installation of Office bearers**

A very pleasing ceremony to Ipswich members of the above Order when the Institution of the New Chapter was carried out by Bro. Stewart Hall P.P. who acted as Deputy Grand Patron assisted by Deputy Grand Officers Sisters Mullen and Young (Marshalls), McNeil (Chaplain), Hamilton (Secretary), Bro. Thompson (Sentinel). The ceremony was held in Cameron's Rooms, Nicholas Street, Ipswich.

The Deputy Grand Sec read the Circular calling the meeting also dispensation authorising the formation of Golden Wattle Chapter No. 189. Bro. Stuart Hall subsequently declaring the Golden Wattle Chapter No. 189 duly instituted. There were 31 Foundation Members:

|                   |                       |                         |                     |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Sis Agnes Cochran | Sis Margaret Lonie    | Sis Lilliam McCale      | Sis Kitty Hamilton  |
| Bro James Jordon  | Sis May Palmer        | Bro Robert Ross         | Sis Margaret Walker |
| Sis Mary Gilmour  | Sis Florence Casswell | Sis Sarah Hall          | Sis Margaret Woods  |
| Bro James Gilmour | Sis Jessie Ross       | Bro Stuart Hall         | Bro James Innes     |
| Bro David Cochran | Sis Jean Clark        | Sis Mary McNeill        | Bro William Innes   |
| Sis Helen Innes   | Sis Jemima Fairlie    | Bro David McNeill       | Sis Annie Simpson   |
| Sis Mary Jordon   | Sis Eliza Miller      | Sis (No Name) McDougall | Sis Jean English    |
|                   | Sis Isabella Auld     | Bro James McDougall     | Sis Eliza Marsh     |

The ceremony was witnessed by members of the Order and the immediate friends of the members.

The non-members having been asked to retire, the Deputy Grand Patron requested Sis. Sarah Hall PM to act as Installing Officer. Sister Agnes Cochran PM was installed as Worthy Matron and Bro. James Jordan installed as Worthy Patron with their Office Bearers (listed page 53) in the presence of 72 members of the Order. The Ceremony was carried through in a very creditable manner.

After arriving from Scotland and having been members of OES in Scotland, Sister and Brother Hall had been instrumental in forming Sarah Chapter No.31 (now No.1 under the United Grand Chapter of Australia) in Brisbane Queensland, the first Chapter to be instituted in Australia.

Within 2 months owing to the noise of the trains shunting in the railway yards behind Cameron's Rooms, the Soldiers Memorial Hall in Nicholas Street was chosen for meetings and there our Chapter met until 1946.



### **1922 – 1939**

Now the work began for WM Sister Sarah Hall and WP Bro. James Jordan and the newly installed Office bearers and members. 31 Members signed the Roll Book at Instituting on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1922.

22 initiates April to October 1922, 12 initiates in 1923/24 term, 24 initiates and 1 affiliate in 24/25. This gives one an idea of the work carried out in these early years. At the May 27<sup>th</sup> 1922 meeting The worthy

Matron made reference to “the progress of the Chapter” and commented on “the beauty of the various Sisters who were now robed in their proper clothing for the working of the Chapter” and thanked Sister Mary Jordan and Sister Isabella Auld for making the robes.

From May 1922 the meetings were held at 4pm on Saturday afternoons in the Soldiers Memorial Hall Nicholas Street after moving from Cameron’s Rooms (Old Trades Hall), Nicholas St. Ipswich.

Members donated items to the Chapter and in April 1929 a Furniture Committee was empowered to obtain prices from various joinery firms and place an order with the most suitable. Foote’s Joinery, Booval was selected for the quality of the work and 5 chairs with colour appropriate to the point painted beneath the name, 5 pedestals and 5 wands all in silky oak and a 5-pointed silky oak altar with silver plated rails were ordered. The cost of chairs, pedestals and wands was 10 pounds. The altar rails supplied from Jewellers cost 12.11.01 (pounds). Four more chairs were ordered at the same time for later delivery.

In 1928 meetings were held at 6.30pm and during term 1927/1928, 13 initiates were initiated in 8 services. At Sep. meeting the WM Sis. Jean Clark reported that she and Sisters Mary Palmer, Jemima Fairlie and Martha Frost visited the Blackheath Home for the ceremony of placing the name plate on an OES cot and had a very happy time. The Chapter members visited Blackheath Home on occasions and took picnic lunches and sweets for children during these early years.

Note: Blackheath Home was originally “Cliveden” at Oxley and was a babies’ home run by Presbyterian Church then from 1924 as Boys Home and then both sexes from 1955.

A dance was organized in May 1929 by the Social Committee in the Soldiers’ Memorial Hall which raised 3.19.6d. Further donation of 1guinea (1.1.0d) from Booval Chapter for Furniture fund was received and a morning tea raised a further 3 pounds.

There is no mention about other dais used in the Chapter room in these early days. At the regular meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1929 The WM Sister Jean Clark in asking Bro. William Young IPP to dedicate the beautiful new furniture, thanked Bro. Young for the work he had done in connection with it. WM also thanked Sis. Mary Palmer for gift of altar cushion and Sis. Mary Ann Penman and Sis. Annie Simpson for ribbons for wands. Bro. Young then in a few well-chosen words dedicated the furniture to the ‘Glory of God’ and the use of the Chapter.

Installation meeting June 1931 – Invitations from Nundah, Coorparoo and Sarah Chapters and invite to Rocklea Chapter dance in Valley Masonic Hall and to the proposed Bardon Chapter to a mini fete.

Sister Penman presented WM with sum of 10 pounds, proceeds from children’s concert and it was moved that a picnic would be held for the members’ children.

August 1931 – Mizpah Chapter attended and WM Sis Elizabeth Stewart invited the WM of Mizpah Chapter Sis. Dryden and her office bearers to initiate the candidates, Mabel Linda McNab and Ivy May Gatfield. Sis Dryden thanked the WM of Golden Wattle for this honour.

October meeting – invitations received from Mizpah, Bardon, Sarah, Windsor and the proposed Dinmore Chapter. An annual donation to Ipswich Hospital of 3 guineas (3.3.0d) and 1 pound to QATB Ipswich. Preparations were made for annual Christmas tree with toys, lollies, ice creams for the children and Piper McKenzie asked to pipe the children into the hall. Games were organized for the children. Annual Church parade planned for Feb. 1932 at Methodist Church with Booval Chapter to join Golden Wattle Chapter. A special dispensation was requested to be able to wear regalia at any Church Parade and funeral.

At the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service in 1932 “The Office Bearers retired to prepare for the Anniversary Service. The Service was carried out in a most impressive manner, solos being nicely rendered by the Worthy Matron Sis. Stewart, Sis. Fawcett and Sis. Owen. The WM then presented “The flower of Love” to Past Matrons and Past Patrons.

By 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in March 1932 The Roll call was 172. My mother-in-law Nell Noble (then Miss Ellen Brown) was No. 171 on the roll. She joined with her Aunt Amy Brennan in 1931. Her mum Sarah (Brennan) Brown No.127 on Roll joined with her friend Elsie Marshall in 1927. Sis. Sarah Brown was installed as Electa

in 1935. By 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in March 1942, the Roll call numbered 231 being a further 101 Sisters and Brothers initiated and 3 affiliates. During the war years 1939-1945 numbers slowed but not the work effort.

## **1939 – 1969**

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> WW years 1939 – 1945, requests were received from the Supreme Grand Chapter Scotland to donate to the British Red Cross Fund to buy ambulances. 500 pounds were sent (300 pounds for 1<sup>st</sup> ambulance and 200 pounds towards second ambulance. Garden Fetes with stalls and Socials after the meetings were held to raise these funds. The Chapter raised funds to get a Mobile Canteen to be donated to Red Shield Hut in 1943. Soldiers Canteen Orders totalled 128 pounds 13 shillings and 9 pence in 1943-44.

A Victory Morning tea in late 1945 to mark the end of the war.

Lily Wood, Essie Patrick and Eleanor Boody were initiated in early 1945.

Booval Chapter called a meeting to get a hall suitable for Booval, Dinmore and Golden Wattle Chapters to meet with the Cambrian Hall Committee to obtain the Cambrian Hall in South St, Ipswich for Chapter meetings.

On Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> January 1946 at 6.30pm The Ipswich Cambrian Hall in South Street Ipswich became the meeting place of Golden Wattle Chapter No. 189. Booval Chapter requested loan of our furniture.

The Star magazine was to be published each month from May 1946.

Around this time a letter received from Secretary of PM's Assoc, Sis Harriet Reynolds asking for donations towards an effort to provide a Rest Home for all Sisters of the OES.

June 1946 a letter received from Glasgow, Scotland, Bro. William Bryce W.G. Secretary, stated "It was also reported that during the war just ended, The Order presented 15 ambulances, 2 mobile canteens, 5 mobile service wagons and one Chapter had equipped a mobile Canteen. The total donations contributed to war funds by our Chapters amounted to 53,878 pounds, 14 shillings. In addition many of our Chapters formed work parties and from these and individual efforts of our members, many thousands of parcels of socks, underclothing etc. were sent to our fighting forces."

Also from Bro Bryce, WG Secretary, Glasgow, Scotland, in correspondence in answer to our Secretary's letter re District Grand Chapter – "I hope wiser counsel will prevail and that the members of Golden Wattle Chapter will see the wisdom of assisting the formation of a District Grand Chapter"

New Regalia ribbons were purchased in June 1948 (David Jones –Regalia ribbons 4 pounds 18 shillings, Rothwells 17sh6d.

A building fund was commenced in 1949. WDGM Sister Cossin WDGP and Office Bearers of the Brisbane District Grand Chapter visited on 24th Sep 1949.

A letter was received from the Past Matrons' Assoc. asking if any member had land or property for sale which may be suitable for an Aged Care home.

Our Anniversary Service each year in March was always carried out by the Past Matrons and Past Patrons.

## **1952 – 1953**

Notice was received that our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron would be visiting Queensland from Scotland between 8<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January 1952.

Proposed South Brisbane District Grand Chapter to be opened in 1952. The representative of SBDG Committee read the report on the demarcation line between BDG and the proposed SBDG.

Golden Wattle's Building fund changed to Special Collection in July 1951.

WM Sis Gladys Bowler and WP Bro. Thomas Taylor welcomed visitors from Bardon Chapter and 40 members from Rocklea Chapter. PM's and PP's carried out the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service and then the Brothers from Rocklea Chapter carried out the Brothers' Service. 8 Foundation members and 3 first initiates were present. Golden Wattle Choir

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At February 23 1952 meeting, Our representative to the South Brisbane District Grand Committee meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> February 1952, reported that the Demarcation Line submitted to the Brisbane District Grand Chapter had been approved by the Brisbane District Grand Chapter Committee

In March 1952 our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service was held. 40 members of Rocklea Chapter attended. Our Worthy Matron Sis. Gladys Bowler and WP Bro Thomas Taylor presided WM handed gavel to PM Sis Auld to proceed with the Anniversary Service. The Past Matrons and Past Patrons presented the Anniversary Service as was the custom. Visitors of Rocklea and Bardon Chapters were present. Then the Brothers of Rocklea Chapter presented the "Brothers' Service".

Eight of our Foundation Members and 3 first Initiates were present. Golden Wattle Choir conducted by Sis Duncan and Sis Dann (Pianist) sang Bless this House.

Installation Banquet 1952 was to be held in St. Paul's C of E Hall, Nicholas St, Ipswich.

At August meeting 1952, WP Bro. Tom Taylor dedicated Charter Stand donated by Sister Jordan in memory of Bro. James Jordan (Foundation WP). WM Sister Gladys Bowler dedicated a Treasurer's Table to late Sis AA Hamilton PM 1943-44) as Sis Hamilton was Benevolent Treasurer when she passed away. The Choir sang the Consecration Anthem.

The Instituting of the South Brisbane District Grand Chapter was held in West End School of Arts Hall on October 31<sup>st</sup> 1952 at 7pm. All invited.

October celebrating Halloween at Social after meeting and in Nov, Christmas tree for children with grandmothers and aunts placing gifts of 5/- value under the tree for Santa to present to children. Ice-creams, lollies and other goodies for children.

At November 1952 meeting a petitions were received from my mother Greta Frame and Sybil Enid Wellings. Mum was initiated in January 1953 and Sybil in March 1953. They became great friends.

Petitions were received in 1953 from my grandparents Harriet and Arthur Huitson. They were both initiated on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1953.

Visiting Chapters in this era were Newmarket, Brisbane, Sarah, Bald Hills, Mizpah, Hamilton, Chermside, Windsor, Adah, Norman Park, Booval, Dinmore, Hope, St. Lucia, St Luke's, Mt. Gravatt, Rocklea, Coolangatta, Bardon and Nundah and South Brisbane.

Our members travelled by bus from St. Georges' Church Hall North Ipswich to Rocklea Chapter and also to Toowoomba Chapter.

Alice Clark and Violet and Gordon Beer were initiated in October 1953.

### **1954**

In 1954, For the Jubilee of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland a requested names of those members who had served our Chapter in any Offices for a period of 20 years. Sister Eliza Owen PM, Sis J. Parkinson, Sis E Thompson PM names were forwarded.

The Cambrian Hall Committee advised that the Cambrian Hall could only be booked on a month by month basis. Golden Wattle Chapter moved into W.P.O. Hall in Waterworks Road, North Ipswich for their meetings in 1954. A combined Social was held with Bremer Lodge.

Initiated on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1954 in WPO Hall were John Clark, Robert Warren, Cora Jeanie Hamilton and Frank Hamilton of Woodend Rd. (parents of Sis Jean Trevorow), Jane Burnside Clark.

Buses were chartered to visit Tara Chapter in May 1954 (cost 2 pounds, 12 shillings) and June for Roma Chapter (4 pounds 12 shillings and 6d.). Committee meetings were held in St. George's C of E Hall, Waterworks Rd, North Ipswich.

### **1955 – 1957**

The Chapter returned to Cambrian Hall, South Street Ipswich in January 1955.

The fund hence Building fund now Carpet and Regalia fund to be used to purchase new regalia.

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Golden Wattle voted in favour of holding fundraisers for an Aged Care Home in Brisbane.

Installation Banquets were alternated from St. Paul's Hall to Central Methodist Hall in Limestone St.

In May 1955 initiates were Jean Baskerville Trotman (wife of Rev. Trotman) and Alexander James Skinner MP.

In June 1955 the dedication of new regalia "to the glory and purpose of our beautiful Order" by Sis Nan Dobie WDGM followed by the Installation of WM Sis Emily Wilson and WP Bro Ronald Weise and office-bearers. (First to wear the new regalia). Cost of regalia (Rothwells 51 pounds, 4 shillings and 6 pence. IPM and IPP Jewels from J. Ritson 23 pounds, ten shillings.

Initiates in this term were:- Margaret Eleanor Foote (mother of Erica), Harrold William Logan (father of Alwyn) August 1955.

On 6<sup>th</sup> August 1955, in the Trades Hall, Nicholas St, Ipswich, Ipswich Bethel No. 5 of International Order of Job's Daughters was instituted. Many of our Bethel Foundation members and future members were daughters, granddaughters, nieces of Sisters and Brothers of Golden Wattle Chapter. Some of Golden Wattle Chapter members were members of the Bethel Council including Sis. Eliza Owen and Sis Laura and Bro Thomas Taylor. Members of Booval and Dinmore Chapters and Ipswich Masonic Lodges were also responsible for preparing 30 young women for the Instituting and to be Initiated and Installed and my mum Sis Greta Frame and Sis Gloria Hoens shared the job of making white satin robes for girls.

Edward Tait, Doris Emily Marsden (wife of Ivor Marsden MP), Merle Graham Nellie Finnemore, (Ipswich Mayoress), Emily Carson Hudson were initiated in November 1955.

Hilda Jane Charles Jan 1956.

October meeting followed by Halloween Social with a Piper and November meeting followed by Xmas tree for children.

1956 and a visit to Sunsetholme aged care home (Trove – this was situated at Kelvin Grove, Brisbane).

Life membership was granted to those members who had paid dues for consecutive 20 years.

Banquet this year was to be at Trades Hall, Nicholas St. with dancing to follow.

Sis Valma Warren and Sis Jean Trotman were to organize a program for a morning Tea.

Some beautiful Services were rendered at Regular meetings i.e. The Star Speaks, The Old Rugged Cross and Obligation Service.

1956/57 year proved to be a very busy year with many initiates.

Florence Logan (mother of Alwyn), Oriel Olive Wilson and Roy Wilson, Evelyn Grace Leigh, Conrad Gilbert Leigh were initiated in July 1956. My grandfather, Bro Arthur Huitson was congratulated on his presentation of the Signet. He died suddenly in January 1957 during his term of Assoc. Patron.

Members took part in the Chelsea Flower Show for Red Cross. A beautiful Star emblem was created in Floral Carpet at Queens Park, Ipswich in Sep. 1956.

Miss Merle Jacqueline Finnemore (daughter of Sis Merle Finnemore, Mayoress), Linda Phyllis Wilson, Robina Morris were initiated in Oct. 1956 meeting which was held on a weeknight and 50 Golden Wattle Chapter members were present. Bro. Arthur Huitson was proposed as SBDG rep.

### **1958 – 1960**

During 1957/58 Term of office Sis Hannah Miller WM and Bro. Harold Logan WP had a busy year. , There were several initiates during the course of the year. Lesley Wilson, Harriet Rose Chandler, Thelma Phyllis Garden, Violet Embrey and John Embrey, Coralie Nation, Florence Fraser, Beatrice May Watson, Robert George Campbell, Albert Edward Chandler. The Anniversary Service in March had been presented by PM's and PP's and Sis Valma Warren was soloist. This was followed by the Brothers' Service performed by Brothers of Golden Wattle, Dinmore and Booval Chapters.

This year's Church Service to be at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church. Ipswich.

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Once again the Trades Hall was venue for Installation Banquet in June 1958.

An invitation to a garden fete at the home of HQ of Bethel No. 5, Erica Foote at Woodend Rd.

In new term of Sister Irene Pomfrett and Bro John Clark and their first meeting in July 1958, initiates were Margaret Helen Evans (later Hind), Evelyn Oram, Ivy Myrtle Smith, Mary Christie, Doris Louise Sloan, Phillis Everitt, Clifford Everitt and Willem Buys.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1958 Ipswich Assembly No. 55 of the Order of Rainbow for Girls was Instituted at the Trades Hall, Nicholas Street Ipswich with Sis Valerie Spresser Worthy Advisor, and once again the members of Golden Wattle Chapter were supportive of our Assembly, some becoming members of the Advisory Board whilst still supporting Bethel No. 5.

Sister Greta Frame presented new kneeling stools which had been made by Bro. Eric Spresser of North Ipswich.

Handheld fans were purchased to replace old ones in September.

In Sep 1958 May Maud Williams, Valma Gevin Careless, Margaret Kinnow, Jean Marsh, George Frederick Williams and Frederick George Boulton were initiated.

A Spring Fayre was held in September with many stalls organized by the Sisters.

In November and December 1958 meetings the Chapter was very busy again initiating Janet Grace Merrit (daughter of Sis and Bro Embrey), Harold Jones, June Edwards, Evelyn Dixon, Kenneth Dixon and an affiliation Service of Sis and Bro Tronc. In January 1959, Margaret Jane Blair was initiated.

Mr. L. Pieper and his Royal Serenaders offered their services free for the coming Installation Banquet and Band members were to be invited to free banquet.

The Guiding Light and Floral Service was presented at April meeting and Gate Service and Harvest Festival Service later in the year.

Sis Nan Dobie extended welcome to all members to the third meeting of the proposed OES Aged Care Home to be held at School of Arts Hall West End at 8pm. Assets for Home now amounted to 2,268 pounds. 125 to be catered for upcoming Installation in June 1959 incl. 7 Band members. Dues 15shillings.

A garden party at Sis. Clem's home with Apron Parade, Entertainment with cake stall, jumble stall etc.

In Sep 1959 Roy Johnson, Dorothy Munt, Walter John (Jack) Munt, Bonnie Dunn and Alan Dunn were initiated. In October Thomas Angus Williams, Olive Lorna Williams and daughter Joan Olive Williams were initiated. Joan was Worthy Advisor of Ipswich Rainbow Assembly at the time and also a member of Ipswich Bethel Job's Daughters.

Correspondence from Aged Home Committee stated that home had been purchased for 6000 pounds and Chapters still needed to raise 3000 pounds.

At November meeting Jessie Frances Jane Johnston was initiated.

Xmas tree and gifts for Children after December Meeting.

Edith May Lancaster Dobbie was initiated in February 1960.

37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1960 also WM Sister Dolly Young's birthday. Flowers were presented to Sister Young from her Points. Brothers Service was presented. Bro. Willem Buys sang a solo.

Sister Gwendoline Morton and Sister Marjorie May Johnson affiliated with Golden Wattle Chapter and the "I Believe" Service was presented.

Installation of Sis Greta Frame as WM and Bro. John Embrey as WP and Office Bearers was held in June 1960. Visiting Chapters were Dalby, South Brisbane, Booval, Dinmore, Dayboro, Brisbane Valley, Mizpah and WDG Matron Sis Ferguson.

A Garden Party was held in October at Sister Clem's home. Sister Marsden opened Garden Party.

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A social evening was arranged after the August meeting and Bro. Con Leigh arranged a program. My dad George Frame also showed slides of our family holiday trip in Blue Mountains. NSW.

Visits to Cleveland, Rocklea Chapters. Flowers and gifts were exchanged with WM's at all visits.

At Sept meeting Miss Isabella Heather May Frame (PWA, PHQ) (later Noble) was initiated.

October meeting was Halloween night which followed the meeting and Initiation ceremony for Miss Eleanor Embrey, Roma Rhoda Searle and Erick Clifford Searle.

Service chosen for November was Signs and Passes and soloist was Sis Valma Warren. December Service was Loves Christmas Garden. A Christmas Tea Party was held on 10<sup>th</sup> December with prizes for competitions.

### 1961

January 1961 The Gate Service was presented and visitors were Booval Chapter. Visitors were welcomed from Gympie and Innisfail Chapters.

1961 February meeting was Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving Service. Golden Wattle welcomed Southport Chapter. The record says that Sis Maggie Green and I sang solos but I do not remember this.

I do remember that at some stage at a concert by Golden Wattle Chapter in the Cambrian Hall and Sis Margaret Evans (Hind) and Dorothy Warren (daughter of Sis Warren) and myself did a musical piece "Alice Blue Gown" and we were dressed in pretty pale blue organza long dresses. This may well have been before Sis Margaret and I became members.

During 1961 visits from Beaudesert, Stafford, Mizpah, Chermside, Gaythorne, Booval and Dinmore Chapter. At the same time visits to these Chapters meant that our members travelled by bus or train as well as by carloads.

March 1961 Anniversary Service with PM Sis Maggie Green and PP Bro Harold Logan and PM's and PP's presenting it. In April a Mother's Service and Sis Frame WM's mother Sis Huitson was honoured guest seated in NE receiving flowers from the Points and beautiful words in the Service. Sis Huitson had just returned from an extended holiday in UK. WM presented gifts to the oldest mother Sis I Wallis and youngest mother Sis Jean Trevorrow.

Dawn Dodds, Gladys Ammenhauser, Percy Ammenhauser, Ruby Hall were initiated at May meeting and Bro Andrew Imrie affiliated.

June meeting was Installation of Sis Phyllis Shannon as WM and Bro Willem Buys as WP along with their Office Bearers.

Sis Doris Peachey and Bro Mark Peachey affiliated at this meeting.

Mizpah, Bald Hills, Sandgate and Dayboro Chapters visited in August meeting and Valerie Tite was initiated. In September Mavis Inda Buys (wife of WP) was initiated and solo was sung by Bro. Buys. In October Dorothy Krebs was initiated.

There was a variety Concert after this October meeting and music was provided by the Sheft College of Music.

November meeting with visitors from Sarah, Booval, Mt. Gravatt and Bardon, the "Loves Xmas Garden Service" was presented and Sis Alice Black sang a solo.

### 1962

January 1962 a garden Party with stalls and competitions at the home of Sister Clem with proceeds to Aged Care Home.

Sister Pearl Sneyd was initiated at January meeting and Dinmore, Darra, Sunnybank, Beaudesert and Ruth Chapters attended in February and 'The Star Speaks' was service presented.

March 1962 was our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and service was presented by Past Matrons and Past Patrons. Sis Warren sang 'I believe' and our visitors were from Darling Downs Chapter.

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At April meeting "The Honoured Guest" service was presented to Sis and Bro. Clarke as our Honoured guests as they were about to depart for a holiday in Scotland. Sis Warren rendered a solo. And visitors were from Hope and Rocklea Chapters.

At May meeting Eileen Patricia La Budde and Mary Josephine Prior received the degrees. Visitors from Hope and Rocklea Chapters were welcomed by WM Sis. Shannon.

As plans were well on the way for the Australian OES Jubilee Commemoration, The committee report received reported that there would be a dance on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July and a concert on Saturday night in Brisbane City Hall and enclosed a copy of the Souvenir programme to be sold for 1/- and wanting to know how many dance tickets at 5/- each would be required.

The Golden Jubilee Installation of Sarah Chapter No. 31 and Sis I. O'Donnell WM elect and Bro. T. Mason WP Elect was to be held on Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at Waterside Workers' Hall, City followed by Banquet.

There was also a Thanksgiving Service to be held on Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> at Brisbane City Hall. The Program included some well-known Ipswich names.

May meeting - Election of Office Bearers and Sis Margaret (Meg) Evans as WM elect and Bro Roy Johnson as WP elect.

Installation in June and visitors came from Mizpah, Booval, Dinmore and Brisbane Valley Chapters. The WDG Matron also attended.

At July 1962 meeting June Hogan, Patricia Evans and James Hall were initiated. A visit to the OES Home to entertain the members in the nursing home.

Ian Prior was initiated at September meeting. October meeting saw the initiation of Elsie Taylor, Laurence Taylor, Lewis La Budd and Gwenyth Tutin.

Regular reports from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland brought news, answers to questions regarding Ritual procedures and any new Constitution

November 16<sup>th</sup> – A Family Night at the Trades Hall and a musical programme to promote Social entertainment was a success and the Christmas meeting on 24 November with Santa for the children and the usual ice-creams and sweets. Nundah Chapter visited this evening.

### **1963 – 1965**

1963 February meeting and Sarah, Dayboro and Darling Downs Chapters were visiting. Initiation of Myrtle Smith, May Kerr, Alfred Kerr and Charles Henry Tite. The Chapter members visited OES Home at Clayfield with a gift parcel for their fete. Initiation of Agnes Owens at May meeting.

A carpet sweeper was purchased. (we still have this in working order in cupboard). The Church Service this year was May 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church North Ipswich.

Installation meeting June 1963 - visiting Chapters were Booval, Dinmore, Fassifern Valley, Brisbane Valley and South Brisbane for Installation of Sis Florence Logan as WM and Bro Percy Ammenhauser as WP. Visiting Chapters were Booval, Dinmore, Fassifern Valley, Brisbane Valley and South Brisbane.

At July meeting Initiation of Majella Fairweather, Keith Fairweather and Allan Rae. A donation of 2 pounds 2 shilling to Marsden Home for Boys was moved. August meeting and WDGM and WDPG and Officers were present and the initiation of Cecil William Owens and Edward Ellis (no shortage of Brothers then). Sep meeting June Walters was initiated while visiting chapters were Cleveland and Ruth. The Chapter marked the loss of dear Sister Laura Taylor PM.

In October WM Sis Logan had arranged a bus trip to Channel 7 TV station to see an episode of "Make A Wish". The cost of hiring the Amberley 30 seat bus was nine pounds ten with each paying 6 shillings and 4 pence. Bus leaving Nicholas St. Bus stand at 9am.

At October meeting Dorothy Brown was initiated. Booval and Newmarket Chapters visited for November meeting and Elizabeth McPaul was initiated.

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A fun Family night for November 1<sup>st</sup> at Trades Hall. Also arrangements for a Xmas Tea on 7<sup>th</sup> December to include Christmas tree with Santa for the children and WP Bro Ammenhauser drawing up a variety programme for entertainment. Booval and Newmarket Chapters visited for November meeting and Elizabeth McPaul was initiated.

January 1964 meeting and visit from Brisbane Chapter. Sylvia Wiggles and Marilyn May Mathewson were initiated.

A bus trip for members and friends with a basket lunch arranged for February to visit Peters Ice Cream Factory in morning and after lunch, the Blind Institute at South Brisbane.

February 64 meeting with visiting Darra, Dinmore, Gaythorne and Mt. Gravatt Chapters. Service presented was "I Believe" and hymns appropriate to the service were sung by all. Hymn sheets had been prepared by sis Margaret Evans.

A combined Chapter visit to take place in March to Clayfield OES home for the aged and Bro Ammenhauser had made a smokers stand for the competition in aid of Nursing home.

Sisters and Brothers visiting other Chapters each Saturday were given instructions for Tram services in Brisbane. Many travelled by bus to Ipswich Station, train to Brisbane and then tram to Brisbane Chapters.

March meeting 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary service by PM's and PP's followed by initiation of Elizabeth Wilson and Rose Hart. April meeting Colin Wiggles and George Walters were initiated. The WDGP was present and congratulated WM, WP and Office bearers on a wonderful rendition of Initiation service.

May meeting and Sylvia Coleman was initiated and Sis Dorothy Woeful affiliated. Fassifern Chapter visited. The Treasurer announced the Bank balance to be 337 pounds 4 and eight pence and Ben fund to be 89 pounds one and seven pence. The Election of Office bearers took place and Sis Alice Clark as WM and Bro Mark Peachey as WP.

At July 1964 meeting WDGM and WDGP and Grand Office Bearers attended along with Sunnybank Chapter. Herbert Coleman and Grace Brown were initiated.

Sep '64 meeting was Home Service and 19 pounds 16 and 3pence was collected for the Aged home. Gympie Chapter visited. The visiting Gympie Chapter choir then sang 'Son of my Soul'. Present was Sis Nan Dobie president of OES Home for aged and she thanked the Chapter for the lovely Service and also for parcels received from the Chapter members and appreciation for all the help the Chapters give. A social for Aged Care Home to take place in November 13th and Bro. Roy Johnson PP president of Social Committee of combined Chapters asked for all to support as a donation to the OES Home and said all was in readiness for a pleasant evening.

In October a bus trip arranged to visit Pauls dairy factory and R.M. Gow P/I. Bus to accommodate 30. October meeting Office bearers presented The Gate Service.

November meeting was Thanksgiving Service and gifts were presented by all. WM Sis Clark and WP Bro Peachey sang a duet 'Count Your Blessings' and Sis Sneyd sang "Thanks be to God". All joined in singing "We plough the fields and Scatter". Gifted items sold after the meeting for Gen fund.

January 1965 meeting and James Yarrow was initiated. Mizpah and Hope Chapters visited in April and the Service of Love and Friendship was presented.

A bus trip being organized to visit the Brisbane Egg Board and then the Botanical Gardens in March.

At May '65 meeting, Miss Jacklyn Pomfrett (Rainbow girl Ips Assembly) was initiated. The Floral Garden Service was presented.

June – Installation of Sis Violet Embrey WM and Bro. James Hall WP.

In September of 1965, Merle Noble was initiated. Sarah Chapter visited. A bus trip to visit Besley and Pike with Basket lunch to be held in October.

October meeting saw Initiation of Gladys Cutler and William Cutler.

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November was Christmas Carol Service. Sis Jacklyn Pomfrett sang "The Holy City" After meeting, an Apron parade was held and Sis Shannon was to look after the selling of the aprons afterwards.

### **1966 – 1969**

January 66 and the Gate Service was presented. Visitors were Gaythorne and Dinmore Chapters.

February 66 Miss Cheryl Fay Logan (Job's Daughters Bethel No. 5) was initiated and this was followed by The Home Service when \$20 was collected towards the OES Aged Home. Dayboro Chapter paid us a visit. Decimal currency was introduced this month.

March meeting was Anniversary Service by PM's and PP's and visitors were Bardon and Booval Chapters. Gifts from members for the OES Home for their fete stalls were to be handed in in time for fete. Initiation of Jeanie Mercer and Margaret Richards followed by the Birthday Anniversary Service. Sis Jacklyn Pomfrett was soloist for Birthday Service.

The Commonwealth Day Celebrations at City Hall Brisbane were held in May '66 and all Masonic Brethren and Masonic family Orders were represented. It was attended by members of Golden Wattle Chapter.

June meeting – Installation of Sis Thelma Garden as WM and Bro Keith Fairweather as WP. Visitors WDGM and WDGP and Office bearers of South Brisbane DG Chapter were present along with Sarah 31, Booval 296, South Brisbane 327, Dinmore 341, Darra 583 and Fassifern 614. WM's exchanged gifts.

August 66 meeting and Margaret Imhoff and Doris Enright were initiated. Visiting Chapters were Ruth and Warwick. This was official visit of SBDG Chapter and Sis Jacklyn Pomfrett was soloist for Love and Friendship Service.

Bus trip to Springbrook Tulip Farm in September.

October - Golden Wattle Chapter visited Southport and Gympie Chapters. October meeting presented Loves Christmas Garden service and Brisbane Valley Chapter visited.

For the Xmas tea in November – 10 dozen ice cream cups, 12 dozen Hydes Soft Drinks and 8 lbs sweets for Children and adults.

1967 collections from February and March meetings to go to Blue Nurses, Ipswich.

March meeting saw initiation of Patricia Bedwell, Mavis Dutton and William Dutton. Then the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service by PM's and PP's. Seated in the East were Foundation Members PM's J. Clark, J. Auld and J. Ross and Sis M. Gibb, one of our Chapter's first initiates. Worthy Matron presented each with a gift and spoke words of appreciation of the Founding members 'Their Spirit lives on yet' Star of the East was sung.

April 1967 meeting and Miss Betty Swan was initiated. Visitors were St. Lucia, Beaudesert and Electa Chapters.

At May meeting Sis Nan Dobie PDGM and president of OES Home for Aged and Sister Alexander PWM Ashfield Chapter 387 were present at the affiliation of Sis Dorothy Douglas. Sis Alexander said she was so happy to be present at the affiliation of her daughter, a PM of Ashfield Chapter. The Home Service was carried out and the collection for the Home was \$14. Sis Dobie thanked Chapter for Service and Gifts for the Home fete. This was followed by Ballot for Installation and Sis. Jean Trevorow was elected WM and Bro. Herbert Coleman as WP for next term.

Fraternal visitors for June and Installation meeting were SBDG, Booval, Dinmore, Stafford Chapters. Installing Officer Sister Phyllis Shannon, Inst. Organist Sis Dorothy Douglas Sis. Jacklyn Pomfrett was soloist. Sister C. Hamilton was Convenor for several years.

Sister Florence Logan PM was caterer for Banquet for 120.

July Meeting and correspondence was received from proposed Tamar Chapter in Tasmania and from Charters Towers NQ advising instituting of these Chapters in August and September 1967 respectively.

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Correspondence also from proposed Golden Orchid Chapter in Port Moresby, NG asking for assistance with furnishings etc.

Sis Shannon presented the Chapter with a shorter Marshall's baton (the original still in the cupboard). The WM presented this to the Marshall Sis June Walters.

Sis Greta Frame and Sis June Walters both became of Mother Advisors to Rainbow girls of Ipswich Assembly 55.

August 1967 meeting and visitors were SBDG Chapter. Initiation of Pearl Clist and Charles Clist.

Bus trip arranged to go to visit Arnott's Biscuit Factory in October. An order had been placed for a new WM's sash cost to be \$15.45 and Sis Trevorrow was first WM to wear this new sash.

Sep meeting and a letter of Congratulations was forwarded to Sis Margaret Evans on her forthcoming marriage to Hugh Hind. On October 14.

November 67 meeting Office Bearers presented Christmas Service and Arthur Careless was initiated. The collection from the meeting to go to the Sub Normal Children's appeal.

January 1968 - New Year Service followed by Initiation of Veronica Evelyn Brennan

A bus trip organized to visit Queensland Glass.

February '67 meeting Initiation of Walter Bedwell. WP Bro Coleman spoke on Ipswich City Council's plans to Create Civic Centre and need to remove the Cambrian Hall, venue of our meetings.

April meeting 1968. Initiation of Janis Hay and Elizabeth Searle

A notice of motion by Sis Meg Evans to change meetings from 4<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and move to Congregational Hall Roderick and East Streets. In May this was passed and application to SBDG Chapter. Election of Office Bearers took place electing Sis Evelyn Dixon as WM and Bro. George Walters as WP. Pohlman and Patrick were to print Installation cards.

June meeting Installation meeting and WM Sis Trevorrow invited Sis Jessie Ross, founder member to East. As Sis Ross was moving to Gold Coast, WM thanked her for many years of Service and presented her with a gift from Golden Wattle. Sis Ross replied that she had many wonderful years and remembered the early years of Golden Wattle Chapter.

Brother Bedwell was soloist for Installation.

July meeting marked the sad sudden passing of Sis Greta Frame PM (aged 54) and Bro. Andrew Imrie.

September 7th 1968 meeting and first meeting to be held in the Congregational Church Hall, East Street with new meeting dates. Hall rental \$16 month including furniture storage and Committee meetings. Dues to be increased from \$1.50 to \$2 annually.

Initiation of Carolyn Walters (PWA Ipswich Assembly No.55) and daughter of WP.

Present were WDGM and WDGP on Official visit.

A note of thanks to Sloan Brothers for use of their truck and assistance with moving furniture from Cambrian Hall to Cong. Hall.

A spring garden fete with various stalls and games to be held at residence of WM Sis Evelyn Dixon in September. A Thanksgiving Service was held.

On October meeting George Harold England and Alexia Eleanor England were Initiated.

November meeting followed by Xmas tree for members' children with usual fare.

February 1969 meeting and Ann Mabel Green and Walter Lewis Green were initiated.

The Masonic Hall to be available for June Installation banquet as Trades Hall not available on date.

March 1969 Anniversary service presented by PM's and PP's. Collection for Ben fund to now go to OES Home.

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April meeting marked the sad passing of Sis June Walters Assoc Cond. And Mother Advisor of Rainbow Ipswich Assembly 55. Sis Walters was tragically killed when hit by a car on 19<sup>th</sup> March outside the Ipswich Police Station where her husband, WP Bro. George Walters was in charge of police lock up.

May meeting - Mothers' Day Service. Sis Isabella Auld PM and Foundation member was the chosen Mother to receive a gift and flowers from Points.

June 1969 Installation of WM Sister Gwen Careless and WP Brother Henry Tite.

July stand in candidate for Initiation service was Sister Maggie Green PM.

August visitors were Northgate and Booval Chapters and Welcome Service to WDGM and WDGP on their official visit. Initiation of Desley Isobel McDonald (JD and Rainbow girl) daughter of WM.

September 1969 – Sister Dorothy Douglas had arranged a "Party Time" demonstration after the meeting.

A decision was made not to have Christmas gifts but to use the collection for the OES Home for Aged.

December meeting and visitors were from Hope, Bardon and Ashgrove for the initiation of Henry Buller Christie.

#### **1970 – 1971**

Feb 1970 initiation of Miss Lynette Walters (Rainbow girl)

Garden Fete was held at the home of Sister and Brother Coleman in March. A wig demonstration was held at the garden fete by Betite Hair Salon.

Our March meeting 1970 was 48th Anniversary Service and Gaythorne Chapter visited. Foundation Member Sister Jessie Ross PM and Founder candidate Sister Margaret Gibb were present. Sis. Isabella Auld was unable to attend. Soloist was Sister Desley McDonald who sang The Old Rugged Cross. (Desley is still entertaining at the West Moreton Country Music Club). A Hoy party which was convened by Sister Betty Swan was held at the close of the March meeting.

April meeting and our visitors were from Rocklea, Newmarket, Darra and Beaudesert Chapters.

Our Church Parade was at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Ipswich in April.

May meeting – affiliation of Sister Judith Weise and Sister Marjorie Weise. This was followed by Election of WM elect Sister Jean Clark and WP elect Bro. Ken Dixon and office bearers. "I Believe" Service was held and soloist was Sis. Desley McDonald.

At our Installation in June 1970, we welcomed Leichhardt, Dinmore, Booval, Norman Park, Stafford Chapters and SBSG.

Correspondence was received from OES Home Committee thanking Chapter for donation of \$12.90 towards the 'stacking chair' appeal and reminding members of the Opening of the new Hospital Unit in the grounds at 59 Wellington Rd, Clayfield on 7th June.

In August we welcomed our WDGM and WDGP and Office Bearers for their official visit. The initiation service of Lorraine Marlene Walters took place.

September meeting and our visitors were welcomed from Wynnum and Hamilton Chapters and Office Bearers presented the "Gate Service".

In October 1970 Gertrude Baty was initiated. Our Garden Party had raised \$189.92.

A film evening by Bro. Keith Fairweather at the close of the October meeting was enjoyed by members.

A concert party to entertain at the OES Home Clayfield was arranged for November.

Our Home Service for the Aged Home was held in November. A donation of \$10 given to Blue Nursing Ipswich.

December meeting 1970 and affiliation of Sister Beatrice Ruth Alexander of Ashfield Chapter NSW. Sis Alexander was the mother of our Sister Dorothy Douglas PM. This was followed by Christmas Carol Service.

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At January 1971 meeting the initiation of Richard Lesley Baty and visitors present were Fassifern and Booval Chapters. This was followed by the Brothers of our Chapter presenting the "Brothers' Service". Brother Lew Bedwell was the soloist.

Plans for the Chapter Golden Jubilee in March 1972 were discussed and the Ferrett Street Presbyterian Church ladies were asked to cater for the banquet.

March meeting 1971 – Initiation of Kay Helen Walters (Rainbow girl). Hope Chapter paid us a visit on this night. A church Service was attended at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church Ipswich at end of March.

April meeting and Raymond Lloyd Walters was initiated and we held election of Office Bearers.

June 1971 meeting – Installation of Sister Sylvia Coleman as Worthy Matron and Bro. Herbert Coleman as Worthy Patron. Visiting Chapters were SBDG, Booval, Dinmore, Ashfield NSW and Sunnybank. These Office bearers would be in office for the 1972 Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

Sister Phyllis Shannon PM and Bro. Frank Shannon PP gifted the emblem for the White point of Esther (the crown and sceptre) to the Worthy Matron who in turn presented it to Sister Ann Green on the white point to place on her pedestal.

August meeting – Robert Evan Douglas (husband of Sis Dorothy Douglas) was initiated.

A bus trip arranged to the Carnival of Flowers in Toowoomba was enjoyed in September.

At September meeting a discussion on the SEA loan of \$300 was held and decided to re-invest at 7% interest.

October meeting 1971 – 'Love and Friendship' Service was held and our visitors were from Newmarket and Dinmore Chapters. \$226 was reported from the recent Garden Fete.

At our December meeting – Marabelle Jessie Beryl Steiler was initiated. We held a Christmas Carol service.

## 1972 – 1983

Feb. 1972 - Phyllis Dell Hill was initiated and welcomed into the Chapter. Our Bank balance was reported by the Treasurer at \$77915 and Benevolent Account balance as \$329.06.

1972 – Some new regalia was purchased for Golden Jubilee at a cost of \$101.

Phyllis Dell Hill initiated February 1972

WM Sis Sylvie Coleman, WP Bro Coleman

260 Banquet tickets printed for 4<sup>th</sup> March 1972 Golden Jubilee Celebration of GW.

Bro Bedwell Musician and Mr. George Hogg (soloist) for banquet.

Everyone to receive a rosette with lucky door ticket.

14 Chapters accepted invitations Sarah, Hope, Coorparoo, Wynnum, Gaythorne, Booval, Rocklea, Dinmore, Sandgate, Bald Hills, Mt. Gravatt, Sunnybank and Beaudesert along with SBDG.

Brother Coleman presented a new white bible as a gift from the Brothers of the Chapter. The WM and WDGM Sis Mary Gentle, dedicated the new bible at the Altar. Sis Gentle "It will serve for next 50 years"

A new Altar cushion by Sis Meg Evans was donated to Chapter.

Sis Betty Swan and Sis M. Johnson donated new ribbons for wands.

Founder Member Sis Jessie Ross and Founder Initiate, Sis Margaret Gibb were escorted to East to receive flowers and crochet handkerchief.

WM thanked Bro John Clark for the service he had written for the Jubilee Celebration. Bro. Clark wrote several Services including our Home Service.

Hall was decorated with mostly yellow flowers. Banquet was held in Masonic Hall and Expenses for the day were \$583.21 and catering was by Ferret St. Presbyterian ladies.

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Sis Sylvia Wiggles and Bro. col Wiggles were installed as WM and WP in June 1972.

A bus trip enjoyed to Competition gardens in Brisbane area with basket lunch.

Services "The Star Speaks and Xmas Carol Service"

### **1973 – 1975**

February 1973 Service 'Memories' and March was Home Service for our OES Home in Brisbane.

June 1973 WM Sis Gladys Cutler and WP Bro Bill Cutler

Soloist on this occasion was Sis Dorothy Douglas.

In 1974 Chapter helped contribute to flood relief.

\$50 donation to Dinmore Chapter towards their furniture as old had been lost in flood.

\$20 donation to OES Home for their annual fete

June 1975 – WM Sis Mavis Dutton, WP Bro Walter Bedwell

Golden Wattle's annual fete was held at the homes of usually Worthy Matron each year where possible.

This one included a mannequin Parade by Pam Sutton frock salon.

A card of congrats went to Victoria Chapter No, 1 in Glasgow on their 100<sup>th</sup> having been instituted on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1874.

On Sep 7 1974 the fete was held at at the home of WM and WP to raise \$427.95 for Carpet fund.

A street stall was also held for Colour City Carnival at the home of Sis Janis Hay

On 1<sup>st</sup> March 1975 Pamela June Beasley and Keith William Beasley were initiated.

In 1975 the Chapter meetings were moved to the Congregational Hall in East Street Ipswich during the term of Sis Dutton and Bro Bedwell.

June 1975 Installation of Sis Mary Christie and Bro. Henry Christie and annual fete at their home in August.

Proceeds \$575 divided between Blue Nursing, Ips, OES Home for Aged and Sub Normal Children's Ipswich Branch. Entertainment was by Modern School of Dancing.

A bus trip to Ormiston House, Cleveland was arranged as Xmas party.

Edna and Len Heuer were initiated in July 1975

In November our annual visit to our OES Home – gifts and afternoon tea was taken for residents and a concert party of talented members entertained.

### **1976 – 1978**

1976 commenced with New Year Service

In April 1976 a Carpet Committee was formed with sisters Mavis Dutton, Mary Christie WM, Sylvie Coleman, Sylvia Wiggles and Jean Clark. They visited Carpet Specialists, Parkinson P/ltd at Kelvin Grove and our present 12' x 12' carpet with Star design was eventually ordered at a cost of \$1390.90. delivery in 3- 6 months. Carpet was moth proofed 450 quality wool.

June 1976 and Betty Swan WM and Keith Fairweather WP were installed and visiting Chapters were Sarah, Booval, Dinmore, Dayboro, Beaudesert, Harmony and Electa.

A garden party was held at the WM's Booval home in August.

In August 1976 Lyndal Neden (PHQ), Ivy and George Blackburn were initiated.

In November a basket picnic bus trip was held to Maroon Dam. The annual visit to OES home was held in November with our Concert Party entertaining.

At November meeting in Sister Swan's term as WM, the carpet arrived and was placed in position for the meeting in the Congregational Church Hall. It was decided to offer the old carpet of 54 years to be used by the Boys Brigade at the Church Hall.

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On 11<sup>th</sup> December 1976 with WDGM Sis Frances Smith unable to attend, the

IP WDGM Sis Fraser dedicated the new carpet "For all who travel the labyrinth during initiation ceremony" and another of our talented soloists Jean Hogg was initiated, the first to be conducted through the Labyrinth on our new carpet.

In 1977 8 new members joined including another of our soloists, Marcia Powell, daughter of Sis Ev Oram PM and a past Rainbow girl and Cecile Joan Elverson (our Sister Cecile Blyth PM) initiated in December In May of 1978 Sister Anne Blyth affiliated with our Chapter.

In June 1978 Sister Dorothy Douglas and Bro. Col Wriggles were installed as WM and WP.

Name Change of meeting place to Central Memorial Hall, East Street in August 1978. Visitors from new Bribie Island Chapter and Sarah Chapter.

In November 1978 Olive Kendall was initiated

### **1979 – 1983**

March 1979 and our 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary – Bible Service was performed. Visitors were from Hope Chapter. April meeting was "The Living Cross" service.

In Sep 1979 Hugh Hind was initiated. Our visitors were from Sunnybank and Dayboro Chapters

In November Love of Friendship Service and our visitors from Ruth and Bris Valley Chapters.

On February 1980 meeting another of our talented soloist Barry Neden was initiated.

Annual Church Parade at Central Memorial Church.

May 1980 Home Service

June 1980 Installation of Sis Margaret Hind as WM and Bro. Ken Dixon as WP and our visitors were from Booval, Wynnum, Electa, Rocklea, Dinmore and Beaudesert Chapters.

The Gate Service and Messenger Service were performed in October and November with Xmas card Service in Dec.

A cheque for \$120 was presented to OES home in 1981. The OES home fete was held in May.

"The Old Rugged Cross was presented in May.

June 1981 and Installation of Sister Jean Garioch as WM and Bro. Sandy Garioch as WP. Visiting chapters were from Wynnum, Booval, South Brisbane, Dinmore, Toowoomba, Electa, Fassifern, Darling Downs, Norman Park, St. Lucia and Harmony.

March 1982 and Chapter did its own catering for Diamond Jubilee and Job's Daughters and Rainbow girls were able to do the setting tables and washing up. Members felt that at this special occasion, all members should be able to enjoy the festivities. Bro. Coleman cleaned regalia for the occasion. Cake forks, key rings and badges were purchased for souvenirs of the occasion.

Sep meeting and soloist was Bro. Barry Neden and October meeting "Bright Star" was performed.

A \$250 donation to OES Aged Home was presented to Sis Nan Dobie by Bro. Garioch WP.

A special collection was commenced for a PA system.

April 1982 – a letter was circulated to all Chapters in Queensland to gauge interest in a Sovereign Body for Queensland. Hamilton Chapter visited in April.

May 1982 and service was "Life's Rainbow".

The annual garden party netted \$675. A booking was made for Ipswich Little Theatre for March 1983

In Sep 1982 our long serving Secretary and PM Sis Gillian Powys affiliated with Golden Wattle from Warwick Chapter.

9 candidates were initiated during 1982. November service was "Memories" and Bro. Barry Neden was our soloist.

In March 1983 Lorna May Dunkley was initiated. Lorna eventually became WM and after moving back to NSW, more recently became a WGM of Grand Chapter of NSW.

About this time, meetings times were changed from Saturday evenings to 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in month at 7.30pm. Committee meetings on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in month and Installation on 4<sup>th</sup> Sat of July at 2pm. Meeting place changed to Masonic Hall, Roderick Street, Ipswich.

## **1983 – 2002**

1983 About this time, meeting times changed from Saturday evenings to 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 7.30pm. Committee meetings on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month and Installation to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of July at 2pm. Meeting place changed to Masonic Hall, Roderick Street, Ipswich.

June 1983 Installation of Sis Pamela Beasley as WM and Bro. Keith Beasley as WP. Convenor was Sis Pat Evans. The WM chose her Charities as Blue Nursing, Ipswich, Guide Dogs and of course the OES Home at Clayfield.

In June 1983 a circular had been received asking for Autonomy for the whole of Australia and United Grand Chapter of Australia be formed and that each State have its own Grand Chapter to govern its own affairs. We had been guided by the United Grand Chapter of Scotland since our Instituting in 1922 so this was a big move. Moved by Bro Sandy Garioch PP and seconded by Sis Betty Swan IPM that we accept proposal and the Chapter voted in favour.

Furniture was moved to the Masonic Hall in July 1983. Initiation of Catherine Rose Telle in July.

Sis Olive Kendal PM I holding a stall at Mi Hi Tavern Brassall to raise funds for her entry as 'Grandma of the Year' for Ipswich Lifeline.

The old Woodstock Typewriter was donated to the future Ipswich Historical Society Museum.

A Garden Party with a fashion Parade by Big Girls was held at the Penny Lane Nth Ipswich home of Sis Edna Heuer's daughter. This was a great success and netted \$688 with Work (craft), pickles and jam, cakes, sweets, plants and hamburger and drinks stalls.

An Ipswich Little Theatre night was held in December. Tupperware Party at the home of Sis Meg Evans Nt. Ips. and gifts earned were used for future raffle prizes.

A Street stall at Brassall Shopping Village was also a regular fund raiser with home-made cakes etc.

December 1983 - Moved by Bro Sandy Garioch PP that we donate \$500 to Ipswich Masonic Temple Committee to upgrade the hall and new cupboards to be built to house our furniture. Seconded by Bro. Bill Cutler PP. monies raised from Theatre night, raffles and street stall to help provide funds leaving a balance of \$2,600 in Chapter funds.

## **1984 – 1986**

March 1984 - Our Chapter furniture has been stored in the new cupboards purpose built in the Masonic Hall and our PA speakers were permanently installed in the hall so that Lodges may also make use of them for banquets as the speakers were too tall to fit in cupboards.

A Social Club of Past Matrons commenced and members met for afternoon 'cuppa and chat' at various members' residents. This continued for some years to come.

Golden Wattle Chapter voted in favour of Autonomy and the forming of the United Grand Chapter of Australia.

At this point in time, The Election of Office Bearers was changed to the June Meeting and Installation Day to July. Sister Edna Heuer was installed as WM and Bro. Sandy Garioch installed as WP for ensuing term.

A Service was held for Sister Meg Evans to thank her for 20 years of Service as our Treasurer.

September 1984 - Ian Blyth was initiated into the Chapter. Sis. Cecile Elverson was Conductress.

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A garden party was held and \$643 profit for the day. This was once again held at the home of Sis Edna Heuer's daughter.

Q Christmas Carol Service was held in December.

In March 1985, Storage space was found under the stage in the hall to store silky oak Chairs which were damaging the other furniture being stored in the cupboards. A large trolley was made by Bro George Milne to go under the stage for storing the chairs.

In June 1985 The United Grand Chapter of Australia was instituted and Sis Elaine O'Brien became the MWGM and Bro. Joe Lavaring the MWGP.

At this time, numbering of Chapters changed from numbering with United Grand Chapter of Scotland to numbering in United Grand Chapter of Australia. Golden Wattle Chapter No. 189 became No.4

At election of Office Bearers in July 1985, Sister Lyndal Neden was elected WM and Bro. Barry Neden WP for 1985-86 term of No. 4. Sister Pamela Beasley PM was installed as Secretary, a position she held for many years. After having studied 53 years of Chapter minutes, I have found Sister Pam's handwriting a 'joy'. In later years, Pam changed to typing the minutes. Her handwriting and layout were copybook. Thankyou Sister Pam.

October – Bro. Blyth's daughter Deborah Kaye Blyth was initiated along with Sister Gillian Powys' daughter Caroline Powys. Sister Gail Dennison affiliated.

Annual event, garden party was held and \$536 was a handy profit for a wonderful day.

Booval and Electa Chapters visited and 'Memories' service was performed.

At Christmas time it was customary for WM to visit members who could no longer attend Chapter meetings and take a card and handkerchief to give to the members. A Christmas BBQ and cent Auction was held at Sis and Bro Neden's home at Riverview.

February 1986 – The young men from the Order of De Molay attended after our meeting and gave a demonstration. This was well received by members.

In March 1986 - for 64<sup>th</sup> Birthday, a Birthday cake was baked by Sis Cecile Blyth and decorated by Sis Edna Heuer. The PM's and PP's were presented in the west and welcomed and honoured by WM, Sis Lyndal Neden.

An Easter Service was presented. At April meeting and it was decided to trial Buffet suppers and entertainment after meetings. 'God's Garden of Flowers' Service was presented at April meeting.

Our Chapter had several talented soloists and musicians.

May meeting was always our "Home Service" and all monies raised were donated to the OES Home for the Aged. Our Visitors were Wynnum and Darra Chapters.

June 1986 Life Membership was given to Sis Lil Wood and Sis Jean Clark (70 years combined Service).

July 1986 - Sister Marcia Powell (daughter of Sis Evelyn Oram PM) was installed as WM and Bro. Nils Telle installed as WP. The WM chose Riverview Gardens Salvation Army home and Ipswich Independent Youth along with OES Home for Aged as recipients of our charitable donations. Ipswich Women's Shelter and Temple Restoration Fund also received donations.

Secretary Sis Pam Beasley reported that during the 1985-86 term, GW members paid 19 visits to Chapters and received visitations from 14 Chapters, received two initiates and two affiliates.

In Sep '86 – Sister Sybil Wellings PM received Life Membership for her 33 years of active service. The Lord's Prayer Service was presented at this meeting.

In October '86 – Sister Heather Douglas (daughter of Sister Dorothy and Bro. Bob Douglas) was initiated. Heather was past Rainbow girl. Visitors included Adah Chapter and Heather's grandmother Sis Alexander. Sis Heather Douglas was one of our very talented soloists who with her mother, Organist Sis Dorothy, would add beautiful harmony to the Chapter room.

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There was a Garden Party at the home of WM, Sis Marcia Powell.

At our Chapter meetings it was always the custom to decorate the room with vases of flowers which were brought by members picked fresh from their gardens. The flowers were always given to the visiting WM's and Assoc. Matrons at the end of the night.

An annual visit to the OES home was planned and members took afternoon tea and sometimes baskets of fruit for the aged members in the Home. Usually a sing along would be part of the entertainment with the 'old favourites' so that the old folk could join in if able. Solo items would be rendered as well.

November meeting 1986 and WGM Sis Margaret Tucker of Grand Chapter of Queensland visited Golden Wattle on this occasion.

### **1987 – 1988**

In January 1987, Life membership was given to Sister Jessie Fairley PM for her 35 years of membership.

In February 1987 Life membership was given to Sis Violet Embrey PM and Bro. John Embrey PP.

March 1987 - 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday meeting and Mizpah Chapter paid a visit. Service was "Life's Rainbow".

The Chapter decided that the Immediate Past Matron (IPM) would take on the job of Convenor each year. Another successful street stall at Brassall Shopping village.

July 1987 – Installation of Sister Cecile Elverson as WM and Bro. Vince Littleford as WP. Convenor was Sister Mavis Dutton PM. Brother Owen Powys affiliated with Golden Wattle No. 4. Visiting Chapters to Installation were Booval, Dinmore, Fassifern, Beaudesert and Toowoomba. WM's chose Wrigley's New Life Centre for Children as one recipient for our Chapter donation.

A bus trip to tour the Brisbane Valley Heritage Trail was arranged.

August and Sept Meetings, we welcomed Wynnum, Booval, Southport, Mt Gravatt, Toowoomba, Dayboro, Darra and Hope Chapters to our meetings.

Wall fans for the East were purchased for the Hall to be mounted on walls of the stage as in these days, the East was up the stairs and on the stage of the Hall.

SBDG Matron Sister Betty Godfrey visited in October and Adah Chapter visited to see initiation of Samuel Neville Sinnamon.

In 1987 our meetings were still being held at 7.30pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of month and annual dues were \$7, Re-joining fee was \$6 + one current year's dues. A grand total of \$4,164 in our Bank account seems to have been thanks to the hard work of the members raising funds at various stalls and Garden parties.

November – 'Love's Christmas Garden' Service was enjoyed by all.

Our Social club afternoons were still being attended at various members' residents once a month.

Church Service was attended by members at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Eastern Heights.

January '88 and we received a visit from new Peninsular Chapter. The Lord's Prayer Service was presented by Office Bearers. February 1988 – Initiation of Daphne Smith and Rita Dowell. Visitors were Coorparoo and Bardon Chapters.

March 1988 – Our 66<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Mizpah Chapter visited. Initiation of Sharon Telle, Beverley Martin and Graham Martin. Soloist for Birthday service was Sis Jean Hogg who sang a beautiful song which was written by Sis Cath Telle. The Past Matrons and Past Patrons received special thanks for their service during the years.

Sis Margaret Hind PM thanked Bro Vince Littleford PP for the furniture he had made. The WM's Dais, the AM's dais, both Cond and Assoc. Cond Dais. Four beautiful pieces of furniture which have served the Chapter until 2021. Bro Littleford also cleaned and polished the chairs, pedestals at a cost of \$160. A plaque was engraved in appreciation of Bro. Littleford's work and placed on the WM's dais.

Life membership was given to Sis Florrie Hall for almost 50 years membership.

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The Chapter donated \$50 to proposed Caloundra Chapter and a visit to the Star Gardens Aged home at Beaudesert was enjoyed by all. Members took refreshments and provided entertainment to the members at the home. The Home Service was held in May as an annual event and monies raised donated to the Home.

At our June 1988 meeting, Golden Wattle Chapter's Welcome Song was sung for the first time. The words had been written by Sis Cath Telle to the tune of "I Call Australia Home". Soloist Sister Jean Hogg sang and then all Golden Wattle members joined in.

### **Golden Wattle Chapter Welcome Song**

"We bid you welcome to this No 4  
Our Welcome begins as you walk through the door,  
We know you have travelled, some from afar  
Because you enjoy the Star.  
Friendship and love are extended your way,  
Your visit makes this a real special day,  
And as you all journey where e'er you may roam,  
Our prayers go with you, Home."

Our welcome song was sung with great gusto in the many years to come to greet our visitors but in recent times, we have unfortunately no soloists to lead us in song.

In earlier years our members visited other Chapters journeying by car, bus and train to reach their destinations. During the 1987 -88 term, 23 Chapters visited Golden Wattle No. 4 and we visited 27 Chapters during this year. It was certainly a big year.

Secretary Sis Pam Beasley PM mentioned in her report that 2 street stalls, Tupperware party, Bus Trip and BBQ at Sis Cecile Elfverson WM's home were held during the past term.

In July 1988 Sister Grace Brown was installed as WM and Bro Hugh Hind as WP. Booval, Dinmore, Toowoomba, Warwick and Fassifern Chapters visited on this day.

August 1988 Irene Dorothy Simmonds (sister of Bro. Hugh Hind) was initiated. October meeting and 'Bible' Service was presented by Office Bearers. A street stall added \$250 to the funds.

Sister Maggie Green PM was presented with her Jubilee Certificate having been initiated into Golden Wattle Chapter in 1923.

A Christmas Card Service was held in Nov.

### **1989 – 1991**

January 1989 and Initiation of Jenny Mann. A Charity night was held to raise funds for Blue Nurses Ipswich. The Social Club reported that their afternoons were being enjoyed by PM's.

February – New Year service. Early in the year a street stall was held with cakes, sweets, craft and \$333 was raised. A hot dish luncheon with Linen showing was held in May.

June 1989 – Initiation of Joan Isabell Schy and husband, Ian Schy.

Donations during the years went to WM's Charities Lifeline and Blue Nurses, Ipswich and OES Home. Also Masonic Commonwealth Celebrations Committee, Welfare Assoc. for Blind, MAMRE, Autistic Children's Assoc. and Ipswich Women's Shelter. 24 Chapters had attended our meetings and we visited 23 Chapters during this 1988/89 term. Visit to OES aged care Home with refreshments, fruit baskets and some entertainment and sing along. Seven Services had been carried out during the term. Our Christmas meeting had been a lot of fun with a 'Mock Wedding' with a 'stunning bridal party'.

July 1989 – Installation of Patricia Evans as WM and Frank Evans as WP. Visitors were SBDG, Booval, Dinmore, Warwick, Toowoomba and Electa Chapters.

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At recess between meeting and Installation, it was customary to serve Tea/coffee and an assortment of home- made biscuits to members and guests who remained seated in the Chapter room while being served. At the Installation banquet, home- made sweets in fancy baskets adorned the banquet tables.

Life membership was bestowed on Sis Jean Trevorrow PM and Bro Ken Dixon PP.

At October 1989 meeting, the Initiation Service was carried out by Office Bearers and Lorraine Bottomly and David Bottomly became members.

November 1989 and Christmas service was 'Christmas Bells'. A wedding gift was presented to Sis Coralyn Powys for her upcoming marriage. January 1990 – started with New Year Service. At the February meeting we were honoured to have the Brothers' Service – A Service to Flag and Loyalty presented by the brothers of Rocklea/ Sunnybank who performed this beautiful service with such dignity. The brothers were often asked to perform this Service at Chapter meetings and took great pride in their work. Soloists were Sis Margaret Lavaring PWGM and Sis Dorothy Douglas PM. Visitors at this meeting from Coorparoo, Rocklea/ Sunnybank and Wynnum Chapters.

March 1990 – our Anniversary meeting – visitors were from Mizpah and Brisbane Valley Chapters and the service was 'Memories' dedicated to the PM's PP's and past members of the Chapter.

The "Messenger Service" was presented at the April meeting. In May the Chapter donated \$200 to Charleville Chapter to assist with their flood appeal.

A BBQ and Cent Auction was held at the home of WM and WP. It was decided that the Warder and Marshall, Sis Jenny Mann and Sis Ivy Blackburn would be Convenors for the coming term and following that term, the WM Elect would nominate her Convenor.

Affiliation of Sis Beth Adams and Home Service at May and June meeting.

At July 1990 meeting Sis Olive Kendall was installed as WM and Bro. Ian Blyth as WP.

At this time, it was customary for the Worthy Matron Elect to choose her Installing team.

Ten of our Sisters and Brothers received Life Membership during this term: Sis Gladys Ammenhauser, Mary Christie, Sylvia Wriggles, Myrtle Smith, Grace Brown, Gladys Cutler, Sylvie Coleman and Brothers Percy Ammenhauser, Colin Wriggles and Bill Cutler.

WM Sister Kendall chose Royal Children's Hospital and Blue Nurses Ipswich as her Charities for her term. Our OES Home for Aged at Clayfield was supported each year.

At September and October meetings Ronald Ernest Adams and James Smith were initiated. New regalia was ordered for the 5 points.

February 1991 Elsie Harrold and Ian Dunkley were initiated into Golden Wattle Chapter. March Meeting Service was 'Memories' and Valmai Jean Rowe was initiated. In April the Office Bearers presented the "Gate Service" and a cake and craft stall was held at Brassall Shopping village.

In July 1991 Sister Margaret Hind PM was installed as WM and Bro Ian Blyth PP re-installed as WP. For the 1991/92 term. Dinmore, Booval, Southport, Toowoomba and Warwick Chapters were our visiting Chapters. Soloists were Sis Jean Hogg and Bro. Barry Neden PP. In September 1991 Arthur Dowell was initiated.

A Bus trip to Brisbane Forest Park, Linen Party and BBQ were held during the year and a lovely Christmas service "Mary's Boy Child" was presented at December Meeting. The WM visited with Christmas cards and gifts to the aged and sick members unable to attend meetings.

### **1992 – 1994**

March 1992 meeting was our Jubilee 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The Jubilee Service was written by our late Bro. John Clark PP who also wrote the Home Service and other Services for our Chapter. Sis Lil Wood PM with the aid of PM's and PP's was invited to open the Chapter. Sis Wood handed the gavel back to WM to continue with the Jubilee Service. Life membership was conferred on Sis Betty Swan PM and Sister Dorothy Douglas PM. Visiting Chapters were Electa, Mizpah, Booval and Dinmore.

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In May 1992 our visitors were from Rocklea/Sunnybank, Norman Park, Windsor Chapters and we were fortunate to again witness "The Brothers' Service" by the Brothers from Rocklea/Sunnybank and Chapters. The "Book of Memories" service was presented to Sis Olive Kendall IPM.

During this term 17 Chapters visited and we visited 30 Chapters.

July 1992 the Installation of Sis Gillian Powys as WM and Bro. Hugh Hind PP as WP. Gillian's mother Sister Violet Domjahn of Warwick Chapter was Installing Chaplain. Convenor for term Sis Heather Noble.

A fund-raising Luncheon with Dinmore and Booval Chapters for our new Aged Care home "Star Gardens" at Beaudesert. \$912 was raised.

A Hot Dish Luncheon was held in September at the UFS Hall Nth Ipswich. This was followed by a "Pretty Punch" demonstration. Proceeds \$234.

A favourable report was given following visits to Ipswich Bethel No. 5 Job's Daughters and to Ipswich Assembly No. 55 Order of Rainbow for Girls. An invitation extended to Grand Assembly Order of Rainbow for Girls to do a demonstration after our February or April meeting in 1993.

Assoc. Matron Sis Lorna and Assoc. Patron Bro. Ian Dunkley requested leave of absence as they were moving to NSW. In October, Initiation of Jack Jones.

A Hot dish luncheon and fashion Parade by Di's Fashions in UFS Hall in November.

On 30<sup>th</sup> January 1993 a bus trip to the Opening of the new Eastern Star, "Star Gardens", Aged Care Home at Beaudesert to include Dinmore and Booval Chapter members wishing to go. Everyone to bring a basket picnic lunch.

A fund-raising function with Dinmore and Booval Chapters for our new Aged Care home "Star Gardens" at Beaudesert was planned.

March 1993 – Anniversary meeting and Chapter was opened by Past Matrons and Past Patrons and the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the United Grand Chapter of Australia, Sis Kath White was our Honoured Guest and the Office Bearers presented her with this service. 'The Brightest Star' Service was also presented.

May meeting and our Home Service for the newly opened Star Gardens Aged Care home and our visitors were Norman Park and Windsor Chapters.

July 1993 – Sister Beverley Martin was installed as Worthy Matron and Bro Graham Martin as Worthy Patron for 93/94 term. Visitors came from Grand Chapter of Queensland, Warwick, Dalby, Toowoomba, Dinmore and Booval Chapters.

December meeting and visiting us fraternally were SBDG Chapter and Dinmore Chapter also visitors from Booval, Toowoomba, Warwick and Darra Chapters present. The general meeting was followed by an "Open Meeting" and 13 visitors were welcomed into the Chapter room. Golden Wattle members stood and sang our Welcome Song. Following The National Anthem and The Lord's Prayer, a brief history of the Order was read by Secretary Sis. Pam Beasley PM and this was followed by A Christmas Carol Service and carol singing by all. Sister Glad Cutler PM gave a short history of Golden Wattle Chapter. Visitors were invited to share supper.

Among our 13 guests that night were Elaine and George Nix who made the decision to join us in the following year.

### **1994 – 1995**

At February 1994 meeting, Sister Heather Douglas was presented with a gift for her forthcoming marriage.

In March, Electa, Mizpah and Wynnum Chapters visited us for our 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary. The PM's and PP's opened the Chapter and then the Office Bearers presented "The Brightest Star Service". In April the Office Bearers presented "God's Garden of Flowers' Service and Sister Margaret Hind PM was conducted to the

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East to receive her Commission as the Grand Representative in Australia representing the Grand Chapter of Michigan USA, a Commission she enjoyed for many years to come.

May '94 was our Home Service for Star Gardens. Visitors were Norman Park, Sunshine Star Chapters.

During this term we held a BBQ at the WM and WP's home, A cold dish luncheon, Craft demonstration, Garage Sale and the WM and WP raised \$444 from their plant sales (plants they had potted for sale). Sis Martin had chosen The Leukaemia Foundation and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) as her Charities. The Ipswich Women's Shelter also received a helping hand along with our OES Home.

July 1994 – Installation of Sister Daphne Smith as WM and Bro Robin Humbler as WP. Convenor was Sis. Beverley Martin IPM. Visiting Chapters SBDG, Southport, Harmony, Toowoomba, Darling Downs, Dinmore and Booval.

August meeting and the traditional Service of Welcome to our new WM was performed by Office Bearers, presenting Sis Smith with flowers. The 'Book of Memories' service was presented to IPM Sister Beverley Martin.

At our September meeting Sister Lorraine Scrimgeour and Brother David Scrimgeour affiliated.

Elaine Nix and George Nix were initiated into the Chapter.

With each \$100 donated to Star Gardens Aged Care home, a small gold brick was given to the Chapter and to date we have received 4 bricks which are attached to pins. It was decided to give these to each Office Bearer to attach to inside of their regalia Bag.

The WM, Sis Smith's charity Nursing Mothers' Assoc. needed a Breast Pump which cost \$700.

Sister Smith also asked that through the Salvation Army the Chapter 'adopt a family' who had been impacted by floods in Western Queensland. Our WM reported that she had visited the family who lived between Dalby and Roma and they had three young children. She had taken groceries, fruit and clothing valued at \$150 and the family were very grateful for the help.

In December and an Open Meeting was held at the close of the General meeting. The Chapter welcomed the visitors with our Welcome Song. A short talk on history of the Order was given by the Secretary. Office Bearers then presented 'Love's Christmas Garden' Service. Bro. Barry Neden PP rendered an item of harmony. Our Worthy Matron spoke about our 'adopted family' out west and invited the guests to donate to a collection if they wished. Sister Lyndal Neden PM presented a short history of Golden Wattle Chapter. A presentation of breast pump and accessories was made to the Representative of the Nursing Mothers Assoc. of Australia. A collection of \$269.70 was uplifted for our 'adopted family'. Our visitors joined us for Supper.

Our 1995 year commenced with The 'Obligation Prayer' Service. WM Sis Daphne Smith was happy to report that she had a second trip to visit our 'adopted family' with Christmas gifts from Sisters and Brothers of our Chapter. The children had been so excited to receive their gifts from Santa and the parents were very grateful to her for delivering them. Drought Relief to the family totalled \$550 but the special effort of our WM in delivering the items personally, was very much appreciated by all.

Our Church Parade was at the Salvation Army Church at Bundamba.

A collection was commenced for a new Public Address System.

Our Anniversary in March and Office Bearers presented 'I Believe' service.

At our April 1995 meeting Sister Doris McDonald affiliated and the office bearers presented 'Followers of the Star' Service.

In this term we had received 18 Chapters on fraternal visits and visited 18 Chapters. We had 7 new members and 5 affiliates. \$350 was donated to the WM's other chosen charity, Ipswich Hospice.

In July 1995 Sister Betty Swan PM was installed as Worthy Matron and Bro. Graham Martin PP installed as WP for the 1995/96 term. WDGM Sister Margaret McPherson and WDGP, Bro John Lindsay attended along

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with Booval, Dinmore, Wynnum, Toowoomba and Warwick Chapters. Our Convenor for this term Sis. Gladys Cutler PM. Sister Beverley Martin PM took over as Secretary from Sis Pam Beasley PM, Sister Swan WM chose Breast Cancer Research, Ipswich Hospice and Star Gardens as recipients of our fund raising in her term. Our first fund raiser was a successful pie drive (Beaudesert Bakery pies) and \$198.90 was net profit.

October meeting Initiation of Richard Martin and November Helen Trevorrow was initiated.

### **1996 – 1997**

In February 1996 a bus trip to Toowoomba craft and hobby show was enjoyed.

March we held an Anniversary Luncheon at UFS hall North Ipswich and our Chapter meeting celebrated with an Anniversary Service. Sister Glad Cutler PM and Bro. Bill Cutler PP were presented with a gift for their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Our Church Service was St. Peter's Anglican Church.

Members took afternoon tea and fruit to Star Gardens and entertained the Sisters there with sing along. Some of our members also paid a special visit to visit Sister Meg Evans PM in Nowlanvil aged care home at Raceview for a morning tea.

After our Installation recess afternoon tea, Mrs Sabine would come into the kitchen and wash up for us. She was paid a small fee. She was very dependable. This meant that our members could go right on to the banquet which was in the Lutheran Hall diagonally opposite the Masonic Hall.

During this term we had also had a fashion Parade and a Cake-less Cake sale.

Our dearly loved, Sister Maggie Green PM passed away in April 1996. Sis. Maggie had been a member since 1923. They had moved to the Sunshine Coast where members had visited them at a retirement village at Pelican Waters. Old friend of Maggie and Gordon, My mum in law, Sis Nell Noble had lived at the same village as Maggie and Gordon before she returned to Ipswich in 1995. Sister Nell had joined GW in her maiden name as Ellen Brown in 1931. Her mother Sister Sarah Brown had joined in 1927.

Sis. Maggie's older Sister, Sis Jessie Fairley PM passed away a month later in May 1996. Sis Jessie had been a member since 1951.

We visited 22 Chapters and received visits from Grand Chapter, SBDG, and 17 Chapters.

July 1996. Sister Jenny Mann was installed as WM and Bro. Hugh Hind installed as WP for 96/97 term. Our fraternal visitors were SBDG, Booval, Dinmore, Toowoomba and Darling Downs Chapters.

Convenor for this term was Sister Gillian Powys PM. Sis Mann chose Leukaemia Foundation, Ipswich Hospice and Star Gardens to receive our donation for her year.

Sister Margaret Hind PM hosted a Tupperware/Cooking demonstration for several members and friends and I remember being the Tupperware lady at the time so my cooking demo was performed on Sis Margaret's ironing board in her lounge room.

At September meeting Betty Harper was initiated.

A Hot Dish Luncheon at the UFS Hall North Ipswich in September, a Breakfast BBQ at Kholo Gardens and a Lamington Drive and a Crystal Party at Brassall home of Sis Gill Powys and BBQ lunch at the Brassall home of Sis and Bro Martin were some of the social events and fund raisers for the term.

November meeting and Office Bearers presented "I Believe" Service and in December Christmas Carol Service.

March 1997 – Our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – our fraternal visitors were Grand Chapter, Booval, Dinmore, Adah, Mizpah, Wynnum, Toowoomba, Warwick and Brisbane Valley Chapters. Sis Betty Godfrey of UGCA and Sis Lewis from Newcastle, England were also welcomed.

200 bookmarks had been ordered for the occasion. There were 130 Sisters and Brothers in attendance. PM's and PP's opened the Chapter with Sister Sylvie Coleman PM in the Chair. Sis Coleman handed the

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gavel back to WM Sis Mann and the Office Bearers presented The Anniversary Service and flowers presented to WM from each Office Bearer. An Anniversary Luncheon was held the following day.

A bus trip to Star Gardens in June. Members took afternoon tea and fruit and a sing along was enjoyed with the Sisters in the Home. Sister Gillian Powys PM became our competent 'bus driver' for events such as this. A cake-less cake stall was held. Home Service in May and The Brightest Star Speaks service in June. We welcomed 13 Chapters and visited

July 1997 – Installation of Sis Heather Noble as WM and Bro. George Nix as WP took place in Masonic Hall. Our fraternal visitors were SBDG, Booval, Dinmore, South Brisbane, Coolangatta, Warwick, Darling Downs and Electa Chapters. Old dear family friend, Sister Ann Rennison (PM of Electa Chapter) was my Installing Chaplain. Sis. Margaret Hind PM, Installing Officer, Sis Jean Trevorrow PM Installing Marshall, Sis Pat Evans PM Installing Organist and Sis Jenny Mann IPM was Regalia Officer. Convenor for term Sis. Pam Beasley PM. Soloists were Bro Barry Neden and Bro George Nix who also entertained at the Banquet for 90 guests in the Lutheran Hall. Sis. June and Bro. Robin Humbler PP had made the Golden Wattle decorations for the tables. Sister Mavis Williams (PM of Electa Chapter) entertained with Bagpipes.

Charities I chose were Ipswich CODI Bus (Care of Disabled Ipswich), and F.O.C.A.L (local Aged Care and Disability community-based Organization) and Star Gardens Aged Care home. Muscular Dystrophy were recipients of \$100. A Bowls Day at North Ipswich Bowling green was held to raise funds for Charity and representatives of that Organization were present to speak about their role in Community. \$255 was raised at Bowls day.

We held a BBQ Breakfast at Kholo Gardens in Sept. and in November, a Boat Cruise on Brisbane River, stopping over at Newstead House for afternoon tea. A huge hailstorm had us all heading for cover as we returned back to the wharf. A Plum Pudding Drive as a fund raiser before Christmas. November meeting Office Bearers presented "The Gate Service".

December meeting Booval, Darra, Dayboro and Brisbane Valley paid us fraternal visit and we had our Christmas Card Service. I visited frail and aged members in their homes with cards and gifts and met some of the members who had not been able to come to meetings for some years.

### **1998 – 1999**

March 1998 was our Anniversary Service and we welcomed our WDGM, Sis Carita Swann and WDP Bro. Spencer Swann. Visiting Chapters were Electa, Southport and Adah.

At the close of our meeting in March, we had an OPEN meeting and welcomed 12 visitors. Members sang our Welcome Song, followed by The Lord's Prayer and the History of the Order read by our WP Bro. Nix. Our Office Bearers presented the stirring words of "The Tartan Service" and a short talk on the History of Golden Wattle Chapter was given by Sister Glad Cutler PM. Cheques were presented to FOCAL and CODI representatives.

At April meeting Sister Barbara Morris affiliated with our Chapter and Office Bearers presented "Followers of the Star" service.

Church Service was held at St. Thomas' Anglican at North Ipswich and our members attended for our annual 'Church Parade'.

A visit to Star Gardens with afternoon tea and entertainment for the Sisters and Brothers was made in June. We also held a fashion parade in UFS Hall Nth. Ipswich. In May we held our Home Service and we welcomed our own Past Matron, Sister Dorothy Douglas as our Worthy Grand Matron and Bro. Ray Davies WGP. Sister Margaret Lavaring, Assoc. Matron of UGCA was also welcomed. Office Bearers welcomed our Sister Dorothy Douglas with a Service "Heart's Pearls" written for her by WM.

Golden Wattle Chapter enjoyed social events by both Booval and Dinmore Chapters one of those being a memorable pre-Christmas "Shop 'til you drop" bus shopping trip to raise funds for 1999 United Grand sessions Steering Committee

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The Chapter purchased our new PA system at a cost of \$335 and Brother Ian Blyth PP installed it.

Our Chapter received visits from 18 Chapters and we visited 17 Chapters during our term. We also paid a visit to my Ipswich Bethel No. 5 Job's Daughters.

July 1998 Installation of Sister Joan Schy as Worthy Matron and Brother Jack Jones as Worthy Patron. Mr. George Wells entertained us on piano while we enjoyed the Banquet at Lutheran Hall.

Our Convenor to be Sister Pam Beasley. Sister Schy WM chose The Prince Charles Hospital Foundation and Ipswich Drug Arm as recipients of our Chapter fund raising along with Star Gardens.

A lamington drive was our first fundraiser (\$114).

At our August meeting, our Sis Dorothy Douglas WGM attended along with Booval, Ruth and Mt. Gravatt Chapters.

Sep. meeting, we welcomed our SBDG Worthy DG Matron Sister Carita Swann and WDG Patron Bro. Spencer Swann for our Inspection meeting. This was always held on the first month after our Installation which gave us little time to 'get it right'. Golden Wattle Chapter worked hard at being able to deliver our Ritual work and received praise from our WDGM and WDP. Our pro tem candidate for this evening was Sister Jean Garioch PM. Our visiting Chapters were from Booval, Dinmore, St. Lucia and Toowoomba. We held a cold dish luncheon at UFS Hall, Nth. Ipswich and proceeds to go to WGM's Charity.

October meeting, Office Bearers presented the "Bible Service" and we received a fraternal visit from the members of Beau View Chapter.

At our November meeting, our WGM Sis Douglas was able to attend along with members from Sarah, Dinmore and Wynnum Chapters. 'God's Garden of Flowers' service was performed by Office Bearers and Sister Glad Cutler PM was the honoured guest for the evening and a basket of fresh flowers gathered from each office bearer was presented to her. This was a Charity night for Prince Charles Hospital fund. A cheque for \$550 was presented to our WGM, Sis Douglas, to put towards her Charities for her year which were Star Gardens and Diabetic Assoc.

We held a cake, preserves and craft stall after each meeting and up to \$100 could be added to Charity collection each meeting along with proceeds from our raffles. Our members enjoyed a Musical "Brigadoon" by Ipswich Orpheus Chorale.

March 1999 meeting was an Easter Service and in April once again we received a visit from our WGM, Sis Douglas at end of her term. "Our Eastern Star" service was performed and Dinmore and Darra Chapters enjoyed the evening with us.

In May was our Home Service and members visited Star Gardens at Beaudesert for our annual visit and took fruit and afternoon tea with us. We enjoyed our Ipswich "St. Paul's Anglican Church Bell Ringers" who came with us on the bus and entertained all at the Home. A cheque for \$300 was donated to Star Gardens.

We enjoyed another Warehouse Shopping Bus trip with Dinmore and Booval members to raise funds for the Steering Committee for forthcoming United Grand Sessions.

We had welcomed 10 visiting Chapters and paid a visit to 19 chapters during this term.

Sister Jean and Bro. Sandy Garioch received their Life Membership. They had been initiated in 1973.

In July of 1999 Sister Gillian Powys PM and Brother Graham Martin PP were installed as WM and WP. Our convenors for this term were Sis Jenny Mann PM and Sis Jean Trevorow PM. Sister Beverley Martin PM retired as Secretary and Sister Pamela Beasley PM resumed the position.

Worthy Matron Sis Powys chose Nowlanvil Nursing Home at Raceview and Ipswich Hospice along with Star Gardens at Beaudesert as Charities for her term 1999/2000.

August meeting and Sis Gill Powys received our traditional Welcome Service from her Office Bearers. Our pro-tem candidate was Sister Elaine Littleford. Visiting were Booval Chapter members.

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September meeting and we welcomed our Worthy District Grand Matron Sis Barbara Hartman and WDG Patron Bro. Alf McDonald of South Brisbane District Grand Chapter. Bro McDonald made a suggestion that we change our entrance door to the South West door to align with the Ritual. It was almost 20 years before this came part of our Chapter room ritual. Our substitute Candidate for our Inspection night was Sis Jean Garioch PM.

Our fund-raising projects were a pie drive (\$124), fashion parade (\$230), Ipswich Little Theatre night (\$44), cake-less cake stall and we joined with Dinmore and Booval Chapters for their social/fund raising events. We visited Star Gardens taking a basket of fruit and afternoon tea and some entertainment for the residents.

Our Chapter received a very welcome \$600 donation to our Charities from local Councillors of Ipswich City Council.

During this term, sadly, three of our Life members passed away. Sisters Meg Evans PM, Sis Lil Woods PM and Sis Mary Christie PM.

### **2000 – 2002**

At our February 2000 meeting, Rocklea Sunnybank Chapter paid a visit and our Service was "Tribute to our Faithful Members". In March at our Anniversary meeting, Sis Pam Beasley PM and Bro Keith Beasley PP were presented with their Life Membership cards having been members for 25 years.

At our April meeting it was moved that annual dues be raised to \$12 as it had been a long time since they had increased. Our Service was "Honour to the Star Points" and Dinmore and Darra Chapters paid us a fraternal visit. 13 Chapters visited during this term and we visited 10 Chapters.

May 2000 meeting and Timothy Powys was initiated. We held our "Home Service" for Aged care Home. At June meeting Election of Office Bearers.

Sis Elaine Nix elected as WM and Bro George Nix PP elected as WP for 2000/2001 term.

At our July 2000 Installation our visiting Chapters were Booval, Dinmore, Toowoomba and Warwick. Representatives from Star Gardens, Ipswich Hospice and Nowlanvil Aged Care Home along with Councillor Mayor Paul Pisasale. 3 Cheques each \$570 were given to the three representatives on behalf of Golden Wattle Chapter. Convenor for this term Sis Beverley Martin PM.

Worthy Matron, Sis Elaine Nix chose The Heart Foundation and Wesley Hospital along with Star Gardens Home for Aged to be recipients of our fundraising in her year.

At Our August meeting Life membership was conferred upon Sis Edna Heuer PM

A sausage sizzle was held at the Riverview home of WM and WP and \$183 profit along with a \$40 donation received.

At our September meeting, Inspection night, we welcomed Sis Dorothy Gwynne WDGM and Bro. Warren Parslow WDP of South Brisbane District Grand Chapter. Dawn Whelband and Graham Whelband were Initiated.

October meeting we were honoured with a visit from our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Margaret Lavaring of the United Grand Chapter of Australia. The Initiation Service was performed for Leanne Thomas and Lee Thomas.

November meeting we welcomed Wynnum Chapter and "The Brightest Star" service was performed by Office Bearers. "The Christmas Carol" service was chosen for the December meeting and we welcomed Coorparoo Chapter.

We commenced the year 2001 with a BBQ at the North Ipswich home of Sis Pam and Bro. Keith Beasley.

In March we celebrated Centenary of Federation with a combined with Booval Chapter Charity BBQ lunch at the home of Sis Pat and Bro. Tom Green at Ripley. The 'Signet' Service was conducted by the WP, Assoc. Patron and the Star Points. Our annual visit to Star Gardens in May.

June 2001 and Sister Julie Thompson affiliated with us.

Our Past Matron Sister Dorothy Douglas was congratulated for being Organist once more for the United Grand Chapter. We visited 10 Chapters and welcomed 13 during this term.

In July 2001 Sister Jean Trevorow PM was installed as Worthy Matron 35 years after her first term as Worthy Matron. Bro. Jack Jones was installed as WP. Sis Heather Noble as Convenor for term.

Sis Trevorow chose Ipswich Hospice and C.O.D.I along with Star Gardens as recipients of our fundraising. A Sock Drive, Lamington drive, Pie Drive (\$125) were held and an afternoon tea/cent Auction at Masonic Hall.

September meeting we welcomed visitors from Warwick and Mt. Gravatt Chapters and our WDGM Sister Joyce Thomas and WDGP Bro. John Miller of South Brisbane District Grand Chapter at our Inspection meeting. Helen Enstrom and Gary Enstrom were initiated into our Chapter this evening.

At our November meeting our WGP, Bro. John Lindsay and two Grand Office Bearers were welcomed. Jeanette Widowson was initiated.

At our December meeting, our WDGM Sis Coral Taylor and WGP Bro. John Lindsay and Grand Office Bearers were welcomed. "A Christmas Carol" Service was presented by Office Bearers and Christmas Cards were collected to be sent to our members unable to attend meetings. Insurance was to rise by 400% which was a shock to all present.

At February 2002 meeting we held our New Year Service and we were visited by Rocklea Sunnybank Chapter.

### **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary March 2002**

One hundred and five attended our Celebration Meeting in Masonic Hall, Ipswich. Visiting were Mizpah, Coorparoo, Wynnum, Booval, Dinmore, Rocklea Sunnybank, St. Lucia, Mt Gravatt, Cleveland, Toowoomba, Electa and Darra Chapters. Our SBDG Worthy District Grand Matron Sis Coralyn Gerhardt and Worthy District Grand Patron Bro. Richard Hack were in attendance. Our United Grand Chapter IPM Sis Margaret Lavaring was also present.

80th Anniversary Service was enjoyed by all present. WDGM Sister Coralyn Gerhardt presented the Chapter with a gift made by Bro. John Miller IPWGP.

Eastern Star Service was held in April and a presentation to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee membership to Sister Ellen (Nellie) Noble (initiated as Ellen Brown in Sep. 1931. Sister Jean Trevorow WM made the surprise presentation to Sister Nellie at a morning tea with Sisters and Brothers and friends at Sister Heather Noble's home where she lived for 10 years with son and daughter in law.

Our 3 monthly raffle prize was quite often a short stay at the Caloundra Beach House of Sis and Bro Dunkley. In May we congratulated Sis Dorothy Douglas PM on 49 years in the Order including 35 years in Golden Wattle Chapter.

In May our Service was "Mothers Service" and this was after the close of the regular meeting. Sis Glad Cutler PM was chosen as our honoured Mother and the WM and Star Points presented a very pretty service using the ribbon from each point and presenting her with flowers.

Sadly we lost our Past Patron, Bro. Hugh Hind (husband of Sis Margaret Hind PM) and Bro. Ian Schy (husband of Sis Joan Schy PM).

During this term 22 Chapters were welcomed at Golden Wattle and we visited as many as possible.

In July 2002 The Installation of Sister Dorothy Douglas PM as our Worthy Matron once more after 24 years and Brother Barry Neden PP as our Worthy Patron. The WDGM of Illawarra District Grand Chapter in NSW, Sis Dorothy Coker and WDGP Bro. Ted Coker were very special guests, the two Sister Dorothy's having been friends for many years. Sister Betty Godfrey our United Grand Treasurer was also welcomed. WDGM Sis Coralyn Gerhardt and her father, WDGP Bro. Richard Hack of South Brisbane District Grand Chapter were present and Sis Coralyn received Grand Honours from all members. Booval, Dinmore, Toowoomba,

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Harmony, Sunshine Star Chapters were paying a fraternal visit and welcomed by WM. Convenor – Sis Heather Noble PM.

A clothing party with morning tea was held at Sis Heather Noble's Tivoli home and was well attended. A cake-less Cake stall. And Pie Drive were two of the fund raisers.

August meeting 2002 and we received a visit from our Worthy Grand Matron Sis Dorothy Russell and WG Patron Bro. Spencer Swann.

September 2002 Inspection meeting and we welcomed our Worthy District Grand Matron Sis Coralyn Gerhardt and WDG Patron Bro. Richard Hack of the South Brisbane District Grand Chapter.

October meeting and we presented "Book of Memories" Service to Sis Jean Trevorow IPM.

December meeting we held a Christmas Service and we welcomed our WDG Matron, Sis Elizabeth Woodford and WDG Patron Bro. Tony Schmidt of South Brisbane Dist. Grand Chapter.

## 2003 - 2012

In February 2003 we welcomed Rocklea Sunnybank, Coorparoo and St. Lucia Chapters and our Service was 'A Service of Love'. During March we attended our WM's Uniting Church at Goodna for our annual Church parade and our March meeting we welcomed Electa Chapter and "Count Your Blessings" was presented by the Office Bearers. Sis Jean Branch affiliated at our meeting in May.

In May we had the first of a number of huge Garage Sales at the home of Sis Lorna and Bro. Ian Dunkley at Karalee. Bro. Ian offered to pick up items for Sale. \$1070 was raised for Charity at this fun event which also had the Brothers doing a roaring trade with a sausage sizzle. These days were a lot of fun, meeting people and answering questions about who we were and what we did.

A BBQ at Sis and Bro Neden's Riverview home was held and well supported raising \$282. April and our Easter Service with Dinmore Chapter paying us yet another visit.

Whilst our long time Organist Sister Douglas was WM this term, Sis Betty Terrell PM of Dinmore Chapter filled in as Organist at our meetings Our May meeting and we welcomed the WDGM Sis Elizabeth Woodford and WDG Bro. Tony Schmidt. Our Home Service for Star Gardens Home and members and visitors gave to this worthy cause. 50 year Jubilee Certificate was presented by Sis Woodford WDGM to our Worthy Matron, Sis Dorothy Douglas who had joined Ashfield Chapter NSW in 1953 and affiliated with Golden Wattle Chapter in May 1967. Worthy Patron Bro. Ian Blyth presented her with a short version of "This is your Chapter life".

Sadly we lost 9 of our members during this term. Sis. Jenny Mann PM, Sis. Glad Ammenhauser, Bro. Graham Martin PP (husband of Sis Beverley Martin PM), Sis Julie Thompson, Sis Peg Walters (Sis. Cecile Blyth's mother), Sis. Lil Cupitt, Sis. Vi Domjahn (Sis Gillian Powys' mother), Bro John Embrey PP and Sis Pearl Clist, Their names were inscribed by the WM into the Chapter Bible.

Late in her term as WM, Sis Douglas broke her leg. This called for moving the furniture and seating from the Stage to the floor of the Chapter room, a great relief to many Sisters who had stumbled up and down stairs with long dresses and Brothers who had difficulty with stairs. The "East" has remained at the floor level ever since.

It had not been an easy year for our WM as well as her breaking a leg, husband, Bro. Gordon Douglas had been very ill in hospital and then placed in nursing care at Lauriston, Ipswich.

We welcomed 14 Chapters and visited 22 Chapters in this term.

In July another Ipswich Little Theatre production was enjoyed and \$279 raised on the night to finish off a very prosperous year in our fund raising for Charity. Sis Douglas WM chose The Diabetic Assoc. and Guide Dogs along with Star Gardens to receive our Charity funds. Each Charity was presented with a cheque for \$375 at the close of the Term.

Sat. July 19<sup>th</sup> 2003 our regular meeting commenced 2pm in Masonic Hall, Ipswich. WM Sis Douglas welcomed our Worthy Grand Matron Sis Carita Swann and Worthy Grand Patron Bro. Eric Pape of Grand Chapter of Queensland. and brought greetings from Sis Mary Pape. A welcome also to Our Deputy District Grand Matron Sis Betty Godfrey and Deputy District Grand Patron Bro. John Lindsay of the SBDG Chapter.

Sister Swann was given Grand Honours. Visitors from Southport, Toowoomba, Murwillumbah, Warwick, Harmony, Wynnum, Dinmore, Booval, St Lucia and Darra Chapters were welcomed.

Sister Lorna Dunkley was installed as Worthy Matron and Bro Ian Dunkley installed as Worthy Patron for 2003/2004 term. Bro Barry Neden was our soloist. The Installation took place in the Masonic Temple.

Convenor for term – Sis Heather Noble PM

Our Worthy Matron chose Ipswich Hospice Care and Ipswich Heart Support along with our Star Gardens for our charitable endeavours.

In September A Bus Trip via Murphy's Creek to Highfields Craft and Hobby displays and lunch in Toowoomba and tour around the beautiful gardens during Flower Carnival time was enjoyed. Darra Chapter donated their Organ with cupboard to our Chapter.

David Kickbush was initiated at September meeting.

October meeting Brother George Nix PP was installed as Organist. "Welcome to the Honoured Guest" service along with a gift and flowers, was presented to Sis Dorothy Douglas PWGM and our immediate past Worthy Matron.

In November our visitors were from Coorparoo Chapter. Sister Margaret Lavaring Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of the United Grand Chapter of Australia was welcomed with Grand Honours

Sister Molly Murphy MBE was welcomed and invited to a seat in the East.

WM Sis Dunkley handed the gavel to Sis Margaret Lavaring PMWGM for her to preside at the Installation of Sis Dorothy Douglas PWGM as Worthy Grand Organist of the United Grand Chapter of Australia whilst UG Office Bearers took their positions. Bro James Beck as Worthy Grand Installing Chaplain, Sister Janet Beck as Worthy Grand Installing Marshal and Sis Betty Godfrey as Assistant to the Grand Installing Marshal.

Christmas meeting In December and family and friends were invited to join us for supper and Carol singing at the close of the meeting.

## **2004 – 2006**

February 2004 - Sis. Mary Lindsay and Bro. John Lindsay PWGP affiliated with Golden Wattle Chapter and were heartily welcomed by the members. Sadly we recorded the passing of Bro. Robert Douglas husband of Sis. Dorothy Douglas PM, Life member Sis Grace Brown PM and Bro. Ken Dixon PP and life member.

A Tupperware Party at the home of Sis Margaret Hind PM was held in March and we had an evening at Ipswich Little Theatre for their three One Act Play season in May with almost a full house. These earlier Theatre nights were a booking for the whole Theatre (80) and it was much more difficult to fill the Theatre than later on where we have shared the Theatre and need to fill 40 seats. I took over the ticketing around this time to help with Theatre nights.

A memorial night was held at Rosewood Masonic Lodge for our late Bro. John Embrey PP.

Our March meeting we had a fraternal visit from Electa Chapter. Our Anniversary Service for our 82<sup>nd</sup> was presented. Worthy Matron's basket was filled with donations of soft toys from members to be donated to Ipswich Hospice for the children who visit to play with during their visit.

An Easter Service was held in April and we welcomed visitors from Harmony, Chermside and Dinmore Chapters. There was also a lovely service to "Honour the Points" and each sister was presented with an Emblem of her point. At our May meeting we welcomed Sister Phyllis Sarah Warr and Bro. Robert James Warr who affiliated with Golden Wattle.

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Another very successful Garage Sale was held in May at the Karalee home of WM and WP and we enjoyed the outdoor atmosphere with sausage sizzle to go. Proceeds were to be 50% to WM's Charity and 50% to Chapter funds and was a great boost to our finances. Our Charity fund by June 2004 was \$2000 which was divided into \$1000 for Ipswich Hospice and \$500 each for Star Gardens and Ipswich Heart Support. We recorded the passing of Bro. Perc Ammenhauser. Our annual Church parade was held at Uniting Church at Goodna in July.

We welcomed 16 visiting Chapters and visited many more.

At our June Meeting Sister Jean Clark PM was presented with her 50-year Jubilee Certificate having been initiated in 1954 with her father Bro. John Clark PP and 5 other initiates. Our WM recorded in our Bible the name of Sis Betty Harper who was our red point of Electa

Sis Edna Heuer PM had donated a beautiful crochet rug which she had made for the 3 monthly raffle.

In July of 2004 Sister Gillian Powys PM was installed as Worthy Matron but Bro. Owen Powys WP Elect was in hospital. This was Sister Powys' third time as Worthy Matron for Golden Wattle Chapter. Our visitors were WDGM Sister Madeline Kibble and WDGP Bro. Bruce Barringer of South Brisbane District Grand Chapter, Booval, Dinmore, Coolangatta, Harmony, Brisbane Valley, Beenleigh, Toowoomba, Warwick, Southport and Sunshine Star Chapters. The members sang 'At the end of your Term' to Sister and Bro. Dunkley at the end of their last meeting prior to recess and the Installation. Bro. Barry Neden PP sang "Amazing Grace" after the Office Bearers were installed. Sis Heather Noble – Convenor.

Bro. Barringer WDGP invested the IPP Bro. Dunkley with his regalia and invited Sis Beverly Martin PM to come to the east to pin late Bro. Graham Martin's PP's jewel to Bro. Ian Dunkley's IPP's regalia. Bro Dunkley said he would wear the jewel with much pride and thanked Sis Martin PM.

Mt. Gravatt Chapter visited for our August meeting and our Welcome Service to Sis Gillian Powys WM was held. WG Treasurer Sis Betty Godfrey, PWGP Bro. John Lindsay and Bro Robert Warr PWGP were also invited to the east.

A very successful garage sale in October was held at Sis and Bro. Dunkley's raising a record sum of \$1380 also a BBQ luncheon was held in November at the Karalee home of Sis and Bro. Dunkley and a cent sale included. Sis Madeline Kibble WDGM and Bro. Bruce Barringer WDGP were welcomed to the East at the October meeting.

A Christmas Lights Bus tour on 15<sup>th</sup> December for members, friends and family. The initiation ceremony performed with Bro. Ian Blyth PP as our substitute candidate. Christmas card Service was at December meeting and members brought cards for to be distributed to the members who were unable to get along to meetings.

At the February meeting in 2005 we received our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Beryl Graydon and Bro. Eric Pape IPWGP of Grand Chapter of Queensland and Sis Betty Woodford PWDGM and Bro. Tony Schmidt PWDGP. Grand Honours extended to Sis Graydon. At long last our Worthy Patron Elect, Bro. Owen Powys was home from hospital and able to be installed as Worthy Patron by Installing Officer, Sis Margaret Hind PM. Our Worthy Matron Sis. Powys chose Diabetic Assoc. and Star Gardens for her Charities. A Church Service at the Uniting Church at North Ipswich to be held in February

A garage sale raising \$580, a light luncheon at Sis Margaret Hind's, a Tupperware party and Ipswich Little Theatre night were held. We were saddened at the news that our Sister Barbara Morris passed away at Star Gardens Home for our aged.

The term didn't get off to a great start with Bro. Owen Powys in hospital for several months but our functions were well supported and our Charities and other good causes received donations from our fundraising. Star Gardens received 50%, Ipswich Hospice 25% and Ipswich Women's Shelter 25% of the proceeds. Cheques were presented to representatives at the Banquet.

July 2005 - Sister Margaret Hind PM was installed as worthy Matron for the second time and Bro John Lindsay as WP. Convenor was Sis Jean Trevorow and our Organist, Bro. George Nix. WDGM Sister Merium

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Miller and WDGP Bro. Jonathan Nantes and our WGP Bro. Alwyn Logan were welcomed to the East. Sister Betty Godfrey United Grand Treasurer was present and visiting Chapters Booval, Dinmore, Southport, Toowoomba, Warwick, Darling Downs and Harmony were welcomed also.

Soloist for the evening Bro. Barry Neden sang "At the End of Your Term" for Sis and Bro. Dunkley.

A bus trip to Toowoomba in September for Carnival of Flowers, A Shop 'til You Drop bus shopping trip in November, October Church Service at Uniting Church at North Ipswich were planned for the first half of the term.

Sister Margaret Rix was re admitted to Chapter after a long absence. We visited Job's Daughters Ipswich Bethel No. 5 for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service and Installation to see the Foundation members take part in the Service including myself as Installing Chaplain.

At September meeting we welcomed SBWDG Matron, Sis. Merium Miller and IP WDGP Bro Bruce Barringer.

Sadly we lost Bro. Owen Powys PP, husband of Sis Gillian in September. Sister Robyn Micallef affiliated and Alan Jones was initiated into Golden Wattle Chapter.

Our October meeting and we presented 'Service of Friendship'.

We enjoyed the Melbourne Cup Party which was prepared by the Booval Masonic Hall Committee including Dinmore and Booval Chapter members. The entertainment with funny skits was always so much fun and the luncheon was enjoyed by all.

We enjoyed a Christmas Lights Tour in CODI bus and had a candle making party and a Christmas Card service in December with members bringing cards to take to our older members unable to get to meetings.

We took part in a combined Chapter BBQ at Warehouse, Booval to raise funds for WGM and WGP's Charity. We held a bus trip the Hobby and Craft show in Brisbane.

In March 2006 we had a bus trip to Caloundra RSL. In May another successful Ipswich Little Theatre night and presented an ANZAC Service at our April meeting. We raised a total of \$4000 towards our Charity giving and this was distributed as fore mentioned.

July 2006 – Sister Joan Schy PM and Bro. Jack Jones PP as WP, both for second time as WM and WP together. We had 71 in attendance and our visiting Chapters were Booval, Dinmore, Coolangatta, Southport, Harmony, Toowoomba, Warwick, Darling Downs and Brisbane Valley.

Our South Brisbane District WDGM Sister Margaret Barringer and WDGP Fred Setchtig and their District Grand Office Bearers were welcomed to the East and Grand Honours given to Sister Barringer. Sister Barbara Hartman IP WGM of Grand Chapter of Queensland and Sis Betty Godfrey WG Treasurer of the United Grand Chapter were invited to the East. Sister Rosalie Rudduck PM of Toowoomba Chapter rendered a lovely solo "In the Garden" for the outgoing WM and WP and another solo "It is no Secret" for the incoming WM and WP. Convenor for term was Sister Helen Enstrom.

Sis Patricia Green and Bro Francis Thomas (Tom) Green affiliated with us on this night.

A Memorial Service was held at Booval Masonic Temple for our late Past Worthy Patron, Bro. Owen Powys.

A garage sale at Brassall home of Sis. Gillian Powys PM was held in July and \$135 was raised for Charity. Sister Schy chose Ipswich Hospice and Star Gardens as her two Charities. NSW Flood Appeal and Queensland Cancer fund also received generous donations. We had a cake-less cake stall and a Charity Morning Tea.

November meeting we presented "Service of Love" and a Christmas Service in December. At the December meeting Sister Jean Trevorrow PM was presented with her certificate and brooch for 50 years of Membership and service.

### **2007 – 2009**

In February we held a New Year Service. Sadly we marked the passing of Life Member, our Sister Myrtle Smith who had joined Golden Wattle in 1963. We also lost our Sister Edna Townsley.

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March 2007 meeting it was agreed to support the re-opening of Ipswich Assembly No. 85 (previously No. 55) Order of Rainbow for Girls with several of our members being involved in the setting up of the Assembly.

WM Sis. Schy entered the name of Sister Ellen (Nellie) Noble, our oldest member, into the Bible. Nellie died at Colthup Home where she had resided for last 12 months just two weeks before her 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday. She was initiated into the Chapter as Ellen Brown in 1931 with her aunt, Amy Brennan, her mother Sarah Brown having joined in 1927.

It was agreed to have Gabriel's Catering Service cater for our Installation again. Two morning Teas were held at Sister Margaret Hind's North Ipswich home during March.

We held an Anzac Service in April and an afternoon tea for Cancer Fund in May at Sister Heather Noble's Tivoli home and raised \$140 towards Breast Cancer.

It was custom to have supper after our meeting and a stall with craft and cakes. 2 or 3 Sisters were asked to bring sandwiches for supper and others brought sweet treats. Earlier the Convenor had been responsible for making the sandwiches and I remember what a rush it was to get off a train from working in Brisbane and head home to make dinner and also sandwiches for the 7.30 meeting so it was a great help to have the sandwiches made by members.

Our Mothers' Day Service in May and a gift was presented to Sister Edna Heuer PM who was our oldest mother present.

In June we had purchased new carpet surrounds at a cost of \$650.

July 2007 Sister Jean Trevorrow PM accepted the position as WM for the third time and Bro. John Lindsay as Worthy Patron for second time for Golden Wattle Chapter. Present were South Brisbane District Grand Matron Sister Agnes Yeo and District Grand Patron Bro. David Gwynne. Our visiting Chapters were Booval, Dinmore, Toowoomba, Darling Downs and Harmony. Sister Sylvie Coleman apologized that this was first Installation she had missed in over 40 years.

Sister Gillian Powys PM took on the job of Secretary from Sister Dorothy Douglas PM not feeling very confident that she could do such a demanding job but with the help of Sister Margaret Hind PM, she mastered the job and has continued in this position ever since. Sis Heather Noble PM and Sis Beverley Martin PM as Convenors for the term. Sister Pam Beasley PM as Organist.

Sister Heather Brown was our soloist and sang "At the end of your Term" and "The Lord's Prayer".

A garage sale was held at home of Sister Gillian Powys and we raised \$765 and a luncheon at Sis Margaret Hind's home raised another \$185. \$100 was sent for Flood Appeal in NSW.

September meeting and Booval and Dinmore Chapters visited us. Sister Janette Parr affiliated with Golden Wattle and Roslyn Lumsden and Bethly Grace were initiated.

In October we held a successful Hot Dish Luncheon at Sis. Margaret Hind's at North Ipswich and our October meeting Sister Dorothy Douglas PM was presented with a gift of a white handbag to celebrate her becoming our South Brisbane District Grand Matron.

In November we enjoyed the annual Melbourne Cup Luncheon with members and friends at Booval Masonic Hall for the Hall committee and at our November meeting the WP, Assoc. Patron and 5 points presented 'The Signet Service'

At our December meeting which was for some reason held on a Monday night our visitors were Booval, Dinmore, Harmony and Coolangatta Chapters. Our South Brisbane DG Matron Sister Dorothy Douglas and SBDG Patron, Bro. Roger Turnbull. We also welcomed to the East, Sister Barbara Hartman of UGCA and Bro. Jonathan Nantes IPWG Patron

Sister Pam Beasley reported that the missing teapots had come back to us and she had taken them home to clean. Chapter had been intending to purchase some but did not proceed. Sister Powys had priced teapots at \$51 each.

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We joined Dinmore Chapter for their Mock Wedding, Booval Chapter to celebrate their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and Buranda Hall for a concert for Star Gardens.

In February, our visitors were Chermside Chapter and we held a New Year Service. We welcomed Sister Dorothy Douglas, SBDG Matron and her District Grand Office Bearers to the east. Grand Honours were given to Sister Rachel Gowan, our WG Matron and Sister Dorothy Douglas our SBDG Matron. A welcome Service was presented to Sister Rachel Gowan WGM and Bro. Graham Pollitt WG Patron and they were each presented with a basket of fruit.

A combined Booval, Dinmore and Golden Wattle Chapters' Lunch and cent Auction was held in March for to raise monies for our SBDG Matron Dorothy Douglas' Charity which was Star Gardens, Diabetes Australia and Royal Flying Doctor Service.

April meeting and we held an 'Anzac Service' and Sister Heather Noble reported a full house booked for Ipswich Little Theatre night and that a profit of \$884 was made on the night including raffle.

In May we held our Home Service for Star Gardens and in June we sadly lost our Past Matron, Sister Pat Evans.

Sis Margaret Hind moved that we change our supper arrangement from sandwiches and cakes to Tea, Coffee and Biscuits so that we were not having a large supper late at night. It was moved by Sis Bev Martin and Seconded by Sis Heather Noble that we contact Hall Committee to ask that our carpet box be removed from high up on stage to on the floor of hall to make life easier for the Brothers moving carpet.

July 2008 and Sister Joan Schy PM accepted the position of Worthy Matron for 3<sup>rd</sup> time and Bro. Timothy Powys accepted the position of Worthy Patron. Our visiting Chapters Booval, Dinmore, Coolangatta, Southport, Warwick, Darling Downs and Beenleigh. Our South Brisbane District Grand Matron Sister Dorothy Douglas and WDG Patron Bro. Roger Turnbull and Office Bearers of SBDG paying us a fraternal visit. Our Soloist was once more Sister Rosalie Rudduck PM of Toowoomba Chapter. Convenor Sis Heather Noble PM.

A Theatre night at Ipswich Little Theatre was held in August and garage sale was planned. We held a cake-less cake stall. Members visited Bethel No. 5 of International Order of Job's Daughters for their Installation during this term.

At our Sept. Meeting Naomi McDonald was initiated. We had a Welcome Service for our visiting WDGMS Sister Dorothy Douglas and WDGPM Bro. Roger Turnbull and presented Sister Margaret Hind PM and our long time Treasurer with her 50-year pin and Certificate.

We enjoyed an interesting morning tea at WM Sister Joan Schy's Booval home and demonstration of how to protect and restore old photos.

At our December meeting we held a Christmas Service and welcomed our Sister Dorothy Douglas as our SBDG Worthy Matron, and our SBDG WP Bro. Stephen Bond. Bro Walter (Blue) Bedwell PP passed to a higher Chapter and his name inscribed in our Bible. A donation of \$50 was given to our Star Gardens Home in his memory. Donating \$50 to a worthy Charitable Organization has been our custom for some years.

In February we visited Beenleigh Chapter for their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Installation. At our February meeting we welcomed our Grand Chapter of Queensland. Sister Mary Pape WGM received Grand Honours and we welcomed WGP Bro. Frank Van Lissum and Queensland Grand Chapter Office Bearers and members.

A Breakfast BBQ was held at Peace Gardens and we visited Dayboro Chapter in March for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and Installation. Our 'Book of Memories' Service was presented for Sis Jean Trevorrow IPM. Our 3 monthly raffle tickets were sold at Brassall Shopping Centre and this proved successful. We also held an Ipswich Little Theatre night.

In April we joined Dinmore Chapter for their 'Day on Country' and at our April meeting welcomed our Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Elizabeth Watt and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Bro. William Cooper of the

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United Grand Chapter of Australia. A Welcome Service was presented to them. We also held our Home Service at this meeting.

At our May meeting we had a visit from Sister Jancie Logan WM of Brisbane valley Chapter with her Office Bearers and Rhonda Tompkins was initiated.

In June our Life Members, Sisters Mavis Dutton PM who joined 1965 and Sister Evelyn (Ev) Oram who joined 1958 passed to a Higher Chapter.

Two of our members received their telegrams from Queen Elizabeth during 2009. Sister Ann Blyth at Riverview Gardens and Bro. Col Wriggles PP at Cabanda Nursing Care Rosewood.

A very busy year and our two main Charities Ipswich Hospice Care and Star Gardens Beaudesert received \$1010 each.

July 2009 saw the Installation of Sister Mary Lindsay as Worthy Matron and Bro. John Lindsay PWGP as Worthy Patron. Our many visitors came from near and far. Booval, Dinmore, Coolangatta, Warwick, Darling Downs, Dayboro, Brisbane Valley and Beenleigh Chapters. Our Worthy District Grand Matron Sister Yvonne Spark (now Bassett) and Acting WDGP Bro. Tony Richardson of South Brisbane District Grand Chapter were welcomed and Grand Honours given to our WDGM. The Order of Rainbow for Girls Ipswich Assembly members and Board members catered for us. Convenor was Sister Pamela Beasley and Organist Sister Dorothy Douglas.

Sister Mary Lindsay WM presented a lovely patchwork quilt she had made for our 3-month raffle. We held a cake-less cake stall and BBQ Breakfast in October.

September meeting we received a visit from Booval and Dinmore Chapters and our WDGM, Sister Yvonne Spark and WDGP Bro. Ian Barlow.

WM, WP and members visited far a wide to Mackay, Adah, Beau View, Electa, Beenleigh Charity function and Warwick Chapters.

November Melbourne Cup Day and for several years we enjoyed a Melbourne Cup lunch and entertainment by Booval Masonic Hall Committee in the Booval hall. These Committee members included members of our three local Chapters and it was always a day of enjoyment with funny skits and games.

At our November meeting, Dinmore and Booval Chapters paid us a visit and we presented "The Golden Key" service. December meeting was Inspection of Books by SBDG and so Sister Rosalie Rudduck WDGM and Bro. Stephen Bond WDGP and District Grand Office Bearers were in attendance. A visit from Booval, Dinmore, Toowoomba, Warwick, Darling Downs and Brisbane valley Chapters made it a very special Christmas meeting. Grand Representatives present were Sister Rosalie Rudduck who represented the Grand Chapter of Montana in Australia, Sister Leigh Kennedy (Delaware), Sis Jancie Logan (District of Columbia), Sis Clare Parry (New Mexico) and WM Sister Lindsay (Maryland).

We sadly lost our Bro. James Smith and his name was entered in our Bible during our December meeting.

It was decided to commence a special Christmas Collection of 50c each meeting to be used for our Christmas Party at end of the year and that we meet for a Christmas meal at Jets or another venue.

### **2010 – 2011**

Our February 2010 meeting and our WM inscribed the names of Bro. Jack Jones PP and life member Bro. Alexander (Sandy) Garioch PP into our Bible.

We visited Beenleigh Chapter in February for their Installation and held an Australia Day Service at our February meeting. We visited Dayboro, Darling Downs, Warwick and Wondai Chapters in the new year and at our March meeting our visitors were WM or Electa Chapter Sis Jackie Sharp and her office bearers. 'The Signet' service was performed by WP, AP and 5 Star points. Sister Katrina Holden Schulz affiliated on that evening.

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At our April meeting we welcomed our Most Worthy Grand Patron Bro. James Beck and Office Bearers of the United Grand Chapter and we also received visitors from Brisbane Valley, Mt. Gravatt, Coolangatta, Toowoomba, Southport and Dinmore Chapters. We held our Home Service for Star Gardens.

We paid visits to Brisbane Valley, Mt. Gravatt, Coolangatta, Toowoomba, Southport and Dinmore Chapters.

May meeting and we received a visit from WM of Mizpah Chapter, Sister Leigh Kennedy and her Office Bearers. After the recent closure of Booval Chapter, several members affiliated with Golden Wattle Chapter. Sister Doreen Coker and Sister Barbara Hartman were the first to affiliate. Bro. Stuart Schulz from Brisbane Valley Chapter affiliated and this was followed by the Initiation Service for John Tompkins.

In June we visited Brisbane Valley, Dinmore and Toowoomba Chapter for their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Installation. In July Sister Beverley Zahnow and Brother Leroy Zahnow affiliated after close of Booval Chapter. Several Committee meetings were held at the North Ipswich home of Sister Margaret Hind PM, our Treasurer as she was finding it difficult to get to meetings.

In July we held another successful Theatre night at Ipswich Little Theatre to see 'The Odd Couple'. \$412 was donated to each of the Worthy Matron's Charities which were Ipswich Hospice and Star Gardens.

At 16th July 2010 meeting Sister Joan Belcher and Sister Rita Dykstra of Booval Chapter affiliated with Golden Wattle Chapter at July meeting. Our visitors were Cooparoo, Dinmore, Toowoomba, Brisbane valley, Warwick, Darling Downs, Beenleigh, Southport and Beau View.

This was followed by our Installation and after a period of 26 years since she had first been installed as WM, Sister Pamela Beasley PM was installed as Worthy Matron and Brother Timothy Powys PP as Worthy Patron for 2010/2011 term. Sis Heather Noble as Convenor. Organist Sister Beverley Zahnow. Our Installation catering was once again carried out by Order of Rainbow for Girls and Advisory Board members. WDGM Sister Rosalie Rudduck and WDGP Bro. Stephen Bond of South Brisbane District Grand Chapter were welcomed to Installation meeting and Grand Honours to our WDGM.

We received another visit on our Sept. meeting from WDGM and WDGP and presented them with a Welcome Service. In November we had sad news that our Sister Elaine Littleford had passed to a Higher Chapter.

We held a Portafino Fashion Parade with afternoon tea and raised a goodly sum of \$337 for WM's Charity.

December meeting and we had a visit from our South Brisbane District Grand WDG Matron Sister Vivian Bond and WDGP Bro. John Lindsay and Dinmore and St. Luke's Chapters. A Christmas service was presented. We gathered at Jet's Club at North Ipswich for a Christmas Tea during December.

At our February meeting 2011, we had a visit from our Worthy Grand Matron of Grand Chapter of Queensland Sister Beryl Ross and her office bearers. Welcomed to the East and Grand Honours accorded Sister Ross. A Welcome service was presented to her also. Sis and Bro Dunkley PM and PP of Golden Wattle Chapter now living in NSW donated yet another Prize of 2 nights at their Caloundra Beach Unit for our 3 monthly raffle.

In March we held a successful Theatre night by booking only half of the Ipswich Little Theatre and raised \$300 for WM's Charity.

Plans were commenced for our upcoming 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in March of 2012. Special commemorative badges for members and also pens to be designed to give out as a memento.

We visited many Chapters including Darling Downs, Toowoomba, Warwick, Brisbane Valley, Electa's Christmas lunch, Dinmore during November and December for Christmas meetings.

In May we held our Home Service for Star Gardens. During the year our Dues were discussed and it was agreed to raise them from \$12 to \$20.

Our WM Sis Beasley had chosen Guide Dogs for Blind and Star Gardens as her Charities and so each received \$500. We gave \$100 to an appeal for flood relief for one of our Sisters whose home had been inundated during 2011 flood.

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July 2011 at Masonic Hall and meeting was carried out on Friday evening and recessed to Saturday 3pm for Installation. Sister Barbara Hartman was installed as Worthy Matron and Bro. Leroy Zahnow as Worthy Patron. Sister Pamela Beasley to be Organist and Sis Heather Noble as Convenor for new term. The Order of Rainbow for Girls Ipswich Assembly catered for the Banquet once more.

Our visitors were WDGM Sis Vivian Bond and WDGP Bro. John Lindsay and visiting Chapters were Dinmore, Coolangatta, Toowoomba, Darling Downs, Dayboro, Electa and Beenleigh.

September meeting Jeanada Phillips was initiated. Our October meeting we welcomed our WDGM Sister Vivian Bond and WDGP Bro. John Lindsay (PP of Golden Wattle Chapter) to our meeting and Bro Glenn Farrell, member of Southport Chapter affiliated with Golden Wattle Chapter. In October we held a Church Parade at Uniting Church at One Mile. We held a Theatre night at Ipswich Little Theatre to see "The 39 Steps".

Our visits at the end of the year included Christmas meetings and Installations at Electa, Darling Downs, Warwick, Brisbane Valley Chapters. An invitation was received to attend Mt. Beulah Chapter No. 5 in NSW for their 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in March 2012. Mt Beulah and Golden Wattle having been instituted on the same weekend of 1922.

We held a cake-less cake stall. A product Demonstration held at the Tivoli home of our WM, Sis Hartman raised \$183.

November meeting our WM inscribed the name of Sister Ann Blyth in our Bible. Sister Ann was a long-time member of Golden Wattle Chapter and mother of Sister Lyndal Neden and Bro. Ian Blyth and had celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> in 2009.

Our December Christmas meeting and the WM and Office bearers presented "Followers of the Star" service. Our visitors were our SBDG Matron Sister June Turnbull and Patron Bro. John Nantes. Sister Turnbull was accorded Grand Honours. Also visiting us on this night was Sister Beryl Ross Immediate Past Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Richard Kennedy from Grand Chapter of Queensland.

We attended a games afternoon tea at Toowoomba Chapter and had a fun time with them in February 2012 and Dinmore Chapter's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in March.

## **2012 - 2022**

### **2012 – 2013**

At our February meeting Sister Kay Van Lissum, Sister Dawn Simmons and Sister Melissa Woolston affiliated with Golden Wattle Chapter and they were made very welcome. A service with words of special meaning was presented. This was a Valentine's service which we had not seen before.

### **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary March 2012**

Visitors were from all over Australia. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Janet Beck and Most Worthy Grand Patron Bro. Stuart Lang of United Grand Chapter of Australia, Distinguished visitors from Queensland Grand Chapter (9), Victoria (4), Tasmania (4) and South Australia and NSW. We were also delighted to have our own PM Sister Lorna Dunkley who filled in as Marshall for meeting and our PP, Bro. Ian Dunkley as WDGP of Hunter Valley region in NSW who was invited to East.

The WM of Mt. Beulah Chapter (our twin) was also present. Chermshire, St. Luke's, Dinmore, Darling Downs, Toowoomba, Warwick, Beenleigh and Electa Chapters were with us on this auspicious occasion.

Sister Heather Noble was taken to the East by Sister Lorna Dunkley PM acting as Marshall and WM Sister Hartman presented her with her 50-year Certificate and Badge which was a huge surprise.

Sister Beryl Ross IP WGM on behalf of WGM Sister Meriem Miller who was unable to be there presented the 90<sup>th</sup> year Certificate to the Worthy Matron with congratulations and Best wishes for future of Golden Wattle No. 4.

As this was a regular meeting a ballot was taken up for a petitioner and this was successful.

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The Anniversary Service which had been written by our Worthy Matron Sis Hartman was presented and Certificates handed out to following Past Matrons and Past Patrons who were present.

Sisters Jean Trevorow, Jean Clark, Gladys Cutler, Betty Swan, Dorothy Douglas, Margaret Hind, Pamela Beasley, Edna Heuer, Lyndal Neden, Cecile Blyth, Gillian Powys, Beverley Martin, Heather Noble, Joan Schy, Elaine Nix, Lorna Dunkley and Mary Lindsay.

Brothers Keith Beasley, Barry Neden, Ian Blyth, George Nix, Ian Dunkley, John Lindsay and Timothy Powys. Unfortunately some of our long serving PM's and PP's could not be with us due to illness. Their records of years served in Chair were read out and their Certificates kept for them.

The afternoon was followed by a dinner which was catered for by Sister Jeanada Phillips.

March 2012 Our treasurer, life member Sister Margaret Hind PM has moved to Bundaleer Lodge. Another life member PP Bro Col Wiggles passed to a Higher Chapter. He was grand age of 103 years.

April meeting – an Easter Service and Anzac Service were carried out and WM read a lovely ANZAC poem. Invitation to Electa Chapter meeting celebrating 100 years OES in Australia.

June meeting we welcomed our SBDG Worthy Matron Sister June Turnbull and WDG Patron Bro. Jonathan Nantes and SBDG office bearers. The "Flame of Friendship" service was presented and was quite beautiful.

It was also 50 years since our first OES home was opened.

At our July Installation meeting, Sister Beverley Zahnow and Bro. Leroy Zahnow were installed as WM and WP. We welcomed visitors from SBDG and Dinmore, Toowoomba, Warwick, Darling Downs and Electa Chapters. Presentations made to Star Gardens Aged Home and Ipswich Hospice of \$300 each. Bro. Graham Whelband was nominated as Auditor and he would audit our books with Treasurer Sis Hind PM at Bundaleer Lodge.

Catering was by Mrs. Cole. Organist for term Sister Dorothy Douglas PM and Convenor Sis Heather Noble PM.

In August we attended Beenleigh Chapter's "Mad Hatter Tea Party" and Electa Chapter's barefoot bowls day. Sept meeting was our Inspection meeting but due to illness and our travelling band of members, we did not have enough members to do our Initiation Ceremony with mock candidate so was cancelled. Thanks to our visiting members, we had enough members willing to fill positions for a meeting.

In October we held a Theatre night "After Dinner" and purchased a new PA system at a cost of \$527. In November we enjoyed Melbourne Cup luncheon at Eileen St hall at Booval for Hall Committee,

November meeting we held a Centenary Service to celebrate 100 years of the Order in Australia. Our visitors were Dinmore, Toowoomba and Beau View Chapters.

In December we performed a Christmas Service "Mary's Boy Child" and Warwick and Adah Chapters visited us.

In February 2013 we welcomed the Grand Chapter of Queensland with WGM Sister Merlyn Pollitt and WGP Bro Richard Kennedy and Grand Honours were extended to Sister Pollitt. A welcome Service was given to both WGM and WGP.

March meeting was Easter Service and Anzac Service. During this term Sister Rhonda Tompkins hosted a pancake breakfast at Doolandella and \$242 was raised. A garage sale at home of Sister Powys PM was held. A pre-Installation dinner at Jet's as another social occasion.

At our May meeting, \$240 was paid to the Masonic Hall Committee for 4 tables and gave us the use of light tables. Sister Hartman was congratulated on being installed as WG Warder of United Grand Chapter. Dinmore WM paid us a visit and we held Home Service.

A very rewarding year and \$500 was donated to Angel Flight and \$800 to Star Gardens.

Installation at 3 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July 2013 and Installation of Sister Heather Noble PM and Bro. Glenn Farrell PP as WM and WP and Office Bearers. Visiting Chapters were Dinmore, Warwick, Electa and

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Beenleigh. WDMG Sister Joan Currie and WDMG Bro Alwyn Logan were welcomed with their Office Bearers and Grand Honours extended to our WDMG. Mrs. Cole was caterer for banquet to follow. Convenors for term to be Sis Ros Lumsden and Sis Rhonda Tompkins.

In September we had 'Service of Love' and October meeting we welcomed our SBDG Matron and Patron, Sister Joan Currie and Bro. Alwyn Logan and SBDG office bearers. We had a welcome service for them.

In October we held a fashion parade by Kaysuelle of Rosewood and had a full house of around 80 at St. Thomas' Anglican Church hall at North Ipswich and raised a tidy sum of \$689 for our Charity.

Bro Graham Whelband was our candidate for our DG inspection in October.

November we enjoyed Melbourne Cup luncheon and entertainment at Booval Eileen St. hall with members of Dinmore Chapter and Lodge. After our November meeting, we had invited Mrs. Roslyn Holloway from Ipswich Hospice to speak about the Hospice. This was very informative.

Our Christmas meeting in Dec, we welcomed WDMG Sister Leigh Kennedy and visitors from Dinmore Chapter.

### **2014 – 2015**

February 2014 meeting we had a visit from our Grand Chapter of Queensland WDMG Sister Marcia Fletcher and WDMG Bro. Roger Turnbull and we welcomed them with a Welcome Service.

We enjoyed another Theatre night in May and joined Dinmore Chapter for their fashion parade.

At our April meeting Ann Elizabeth Nord was initiated.

At our May meeting we welcomed WDMG Sis Leigh Kennedy, WDMG Bro. Ivan Larder and District Grand Office Bearers of SBDG Chapter. We held our Home Service and Sister Jean Clark PM was presented with her 60-year Certificate and pin. She had been initiated into Golden Wattle with her father Bro. John Clark in 1954. In June we lost Life Members, Bro. Keith Beasley PP and Sister Sylvie Coleman PM who had moved to Toowoomba in 1970's and affiliated and was a PM of Toowoomba Chapter.

Sister Lorraine White, a PM of Bald Hills Chapter, affiliated with us at our June meeting 2014.

We enjoyed a beautiful Quilt Show in July which was presented in a hall at Beaudesert with so many beautiful quilts made by some of our very gifted quilt makers within the Order. This was a special function to raise money for Star Gardens at Beaudesert.

Dispensation was received to hold our last meeting of term on Friday evening and recess to Saturday for our Installation. My chosen charity was Ipswich Hospice and the Chapter had raised \$726 which was presented at the Installation Banquet. \$725 was presented to Star Gardens.

July 2014 Installation meeting. Sister Barbara Hartman PM was installed as WM and Bro. Glenn Farrell PP installed as WP. This Installation saw the entire Installing team as members of other Chapters and Installing Officer was Sister Jackie Sharp PM of Electa Chapter, Installing Chaplain Bro Alwyn Logan PDGP, Installing Marshall, Sis. Clare Parry PM Toowoomba Chapter, assistant to Marshall – Sis. Joan Currie PDGM, Organist Sis Margaret Larder PM Coorparoo Chapter.

Visitors were SBDG Chapter WM Sister Leigh Kennedy and WP Bro. Ivan Larder and District Grand Office Bearers, Dinmore, Coorparoo, Warwick, Brisbane Valley, Electa and Beenleigh Chapters.

Convenors for term Sis Heather Noble PM and Sis Elizabeth Nord. Organist Sis. Beverley Zahnow PM.

At our August meeting WM Sis Hartman gave an address on Adah, the first point of our Star.

We were represented at the Masonic Expo in September 2014. This was a very successful day.

September meeting we welcomed our SB DG WM Sis Leigh Kennedy and IPWP Bro. Alwyn Logan. Helen De Oliveira was initiated at this meeting. At our October meeting which was changed to a 1pm meeting time, Bro. Frank Van Lissum was welcomed with affiliation Service. Our Worthy Matron presented an address on the second point of the Star, Ruth. Sadly, we lost Sister Edna Heuer, another past matron and life member.

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November meeting and visiting Chapters were St. Luke's and Beenleigh and our WM gave an address on the third point of the star, Esther.

At our December meeting IPM Sis Heather Noble chaired the meeting as our WM had travelled to Canada where she had a nasty fall on the ice and suffered concussion. At the same time our Secretary, Sis Gillian Powys fell and broke her foot and was unable to get to Chapter. Dinmore, Electa and Warwick Chapter and WDG Patron Bro. Jonathan Nantes were welcomed.

An invitation was received to attend the Instituting and Installation of the Knights Templar Lodge in Ipswich. Sister Gillian Powys had been making tunics and Sister Heather Noble had been making the capes for the Brothers for this Installation and those of us who attended enjoyed the evening.

A Norwex party was held along with a Theatre night and sausage sizzle.

Our March meeting 2015 was our first combined meeting with Dinmore Chapter No 57. Golden Wattle Chapter WM Sis Barbara Hartman and WP Bro. Glenn Farrell and Dinmore Chapter WM Sister Norma Batten and WP Bro. Doug Kelly worked very well together so that this was a most enjoyable experience.

Permission was granted to change the date and time of the meeting to Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. A self-catered dinner was served at the close of the meeting.

Bro David Gwynne PP Toowoomba Chapter was appointed as Organist and Sis Lorraine Ellison WG Secretary of United Grand Chapter filled in as Martha.

Visiting Chapters were Coorparoo No. 23, Toowoomba No 105, and Electa No. 160.

From Tasmania, The Deputy Grand Matron Sister Robyn Thomas and Committee members were welcomed and escorted to East.

Sister Lorna Dunkley, Grand Marshall of NSW and ACT escorted IPWGM Sister Maureen Hillman and IPWGP Bro. Ian Dunkley representing the WGM and WGP to the east. Sister and Brother Dunkley being past Matron and past Patron of Golden Wattle Chapter were delighted to be 'home again'.

Grand Marshall Sister Joan Currie escorted WGM Sister Margaret Kennedy and WGP Bro. George Martin and Office Bearers and members of Grand Chapter of Queensland into Chapter room and to East and near East.

Sister Dorothy Gwynne Acting DG Marshall escorted WDGM Sister Clare Parry and WDGP Bro. Jonathan Nantes and Office bearers of South Brisbane District Grand Chapter into the Chapter room and then to the East and near East.

The Worthy Grand Marshall, Sister Yvonne Nurnberger OAM escorted the Most WGM Sister Pam Sangwell, Most WGP Bro. Sydney Down of United Grand Chapter of Australia and 11 sisters and brothers who had accompanied them to seats in East and near East.

Sister Hartman welcomed all of our visitors to this special meeting which was then opened as per ritual. Grand Honours extended to our MWGM, WGM and WDGM.

Grand Overseas Representatives were representing jurisdictions of Utah, California, Wyoming, Iowa, Alberta and Oklahoma.

The MWG Matron, Sister Sangwell presented diplomas to our new sisters, Sister Elizabeth Nord and Sister Danielle Lewis-Scheggia. She noted that all three signatories on the diplomas were present in the hall.

A cheque for \$500 was presented by Sis Roslyn Lumsden (Mother Advisor of Ipswich Assembly Order of Rainbow for Girls) to Sister Moya Nantes for Star Gardens on behalf of Rainbow girls.

As our South Brisbane District Grand Chapter is changing to South Brisbane District Grand Committee, nominations were called for WDGM and WDGP for 2015-2016 term. Sister Jancie Logan and Bro. Alwyn Logan were nominated.

The WM Sis Hartman passed the gavel to WM Sister Norma Batten of Dinmore Chapter and Office Bearers of Dinmore Chapter took their respective Stations.

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The Anniversary Service was conducted by all the Office Bearers of both Chapters with Golden Wattle celebrating 93 years and Dinmore celebrating 83 years.

At our April meeting it was with sadness that we recorded the name of our PM, Sister Joan Schy in our bible. Sis Joan had been WM three times and been a diligent worker for many years for our Chapter.

Sister Doreen Coker donated a beautiful heritage doll as prize in our 3 monthly raffle. A new laptop was purchased for Secretary. Our meetings were moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in month at 7.30pm. Installations to be 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July at 3pm

A cheque for \$335.87 was presented to Sisters Nantes and Bassett at our May meeting as our half share of takings of combined meeting. This was also our Home Service.

An invitation was received to the closing of Mt. Gravatt Chapter in July 2015.

Our Worthy Matron chose PCYC for her charity and \$600 was donated along with \$723 to Star Gardens.

In July 2015 Sister Roslyn Lumsden was installed as Worthy Matron and Bro. John Lindsay PP as Worthy Patron. Visitors were Dinmore, Coorparoo, Warwick and Electa Chapters and South Brisbane District Grand Matron Sister Clare Parry and WDGP Bro. Jonathan Nantes. The Associate Grand Matron Sister Felicity Woodfield was also welcomed.

Organist Sister Bev Zahnow and Convenor Sis. Heather Noble. Our Auditor was Bro. Graham Whelband.

In August SBDG Chapter did two workshops. The first was at Masonic Hall Ipswich and second at OES Hall, Buranda. These were very enlightening but needed to have more support to encourage more of these workshops.

At our August meeting we were saddened by the loss of Life members Sister Jean Trevorrow PM, Sister Ivy Blackburn and by the loss of our new Sister Helen De Oliveira who had been in hospital almost since she was initiated.

There was a Theatre Night and sausage sizzle. We also celebrated Sister Jean Clark's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a surprise party we arranged for her with friends and family at Eileen Street Hall at Booval.

September meeting our SBDG WM Sister Clare Parry and WP Bro. Jonathan Nantes on a fraternal visit.

Sister Mary Lindsay was congratulated on becoming High Priestess in Shrine for Queensland.

We received word that Sister Phyllis Shannon PM had passed to a Higher Chapter. Sis Shannon who had been initiated into Golden Wattle Chapter in 1955 and moved to Toowoomba affiliated with and was PM of Toowoomba Chapter.

In October we had a successful sausage sizzle at Yamanto and an Ipswich Little Theatre night which returned a profit of \$484 for our Charities. Another sausage sizzle was held in December at Yamanto. Sister and Bro. Dunkley once again donated 2 nights stay at their Caloundra unit for our 3 monthly raffle.

We enjoyed Electa Chapter meeting and Christmas concert which is always a highlight of our year. We also attended Darling Downs Christmas meeting. We held a Christmas service at our December meeting and our SB DG WM Sis Clare Parry and WP Bro. Jonathan Nantes attended. Sister Clare reminded us that the March visit by our South Brisbane District Grand Chapter would be the final night wearing white dresses as it was changing to a Committee meeting only.

### **2016 – 2017**

February 2016 we attended Beenleigh Installation and held a Fashion Parade.

We held an Australia Day Service at our February meeting which was attended by our Grand Assoc. Matron Felicity Woodfield.

We attended a wonderful concert by Electa Chapter at Stones Corner hall in April. "The Best of the Best" and family and friends were invited.

We were visited by our SBDG WM Sister Clare Parry and DG Office bearers. Our Service was "Flame of Friendship". In April we lost life member and PM Sister Glad Cutler who had been a very active member.

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We held an Anzac Service. Sister Barbara Hartman received her Commission as Grand Rep for South Dakota. We held another sausage sizzle in May at Yamanto.

At our May meeting we were visited by newly installed WDGM Sister Jancie Logan and WDGP Bro. Alwyn Logan who were the first to represent the South Brisbane District Grand Committee. This was a huge learning curve for our Sister and Brother along with their DG Secretary and Treasurer. We presented them with a Welcome Service.

Charities for this term were Ipswich Hospice and Star Gardens and each received \$800.

In July 2016 Sister Lorraine White was installed as Worthy Matron. In following September Bro. Leroy Zahnow was installed as WP. Our Visitors were Dinmore, Electa, and WM from Caloundra. Our SBDG Committee WDGM Sister Jancie Logan, WDGP Bro. Alwyn Logan and WGM Sis Felicity Woodfield and Bro. Jonathan Nantes PGP acting for WGP. Ebony, Sister White's granddaughter sang a solo, Amazing Grace. Installing Officer was Sister Willena Seymour, PDGM.

Outgoing WM Sis Lumsden entered the name of Sister Nestor Dawn Simmons into the Bible.

Sister Hartman had purchased some comfortable padded chairs with arms for Office Bearers on behalf of Chapter. These replaced the original silky oak chairs which later were sold to members for \$5 each.

A sausage sizzle was held in August with a profit of \$244.

August meeting – our SBDG Committee visited for our official visit and book inspection night. Grand Honours were extended to Sis. Jancie Logan WGM and she and Bro. Alwyn Logan WGP were welcomed along with Grand Committee members. Sister Ros Lumsden IPM presented a cheque to Sis Nantes and Sister Bassett for Star Age Living for \$339. Our OES Star Gardens Home had been sold and Star Aged Living Charity set up to assist Aged Care related projects in Queensland.

We enjoyed a Murder Mystery dinner with Beenleigh Chapter and a Hoy party/morning tea at Beau View Chapter. Grand Chapter also held a Bowls day at Sunnybank Bowls Club.

At September meeting it was moved to change our meetings from night-time to daytime meetings so 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in month was chosen and 10am. We visited Brisbane Valley Chapter for Hot Pot lunch and in October joined Dinmore chapter for a Hoy morning Tea. We attended Beau View, Electa, Darling Downs and Warwick Installations. We held a Theare night "Deck Chairs", 'Cruise Missile' and 'Cupboard Love' and raised \$622 for our Charity. Another sausage sizzle raised another \$255. At our Sept meeting Bro. Leroy Zahnow was installed as WP and Sis Beverley Zahnow as Organist.

December's meeting was Xmas card service. We welcomed Grand Chapter WGP Bro. Adrian van Moolenbroek also WDGM Sister Jancie Logan and WDGP Bro. Alwyn Logan. A presentation was made to Sister Barbara Hartman PM of a gift for her 50<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary.

Sister Ros Lumsden PM presented on behalf of Ipswich Assembly Rainbow for Girls a cheque for Star Aged Living to Sister Moya Nantes and Sis Yvonne Bassett.

Our Old Silky oak chairs and Secretary's and Treasurer's desks were purchased by members. Chairs being replaced by comfortable padded armchairs and desks being replaced by light tables.

February 2017 meeting we welcomed our WGM Sister Felicity Woodfield with a Welcome Service. Our WDGM and WDGP of South Brisbane District Grand Committee were also welcomed. We held an Australia Day service. WGM asked Marshal to escort Sister Barbara Hartman PWGM and Bro. Alwyn Logan PWGP to the east where she thanked them on behalf of Grand Chapter for their invaluable service.

April meeting and again we welcomed our SBDG Committee and WDGM Sister Jancie Logan and WDGP Bro. Alwyn Logan. We also welcomed sister Margaret Kennedy PWGM acting on behalf of Sis Winnie Mitchell WGM and Bro. Richard Kennedy PWGP acting on behalf of Bro. George Martin WGP.

The Marshal, Sis Heather Noble was asked to escort Sister Sandra Davis our MWGM and Bro. George Taylor MWGP to the East. They were accorded Grand Honours and a welcome service "Happiness of Love in Harmony" from WM, Assoc. Matron and 5 points who presented flowers for Sis Davis.

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May meeting we welcomed WDGM Sister Norma Batten and WDGP Bro. Doug Kelly of South Brisbane District Grand Committee and a welcome service was presented to them with baskets of fruit. Sadly our life member and Treasurer Sister Margaret Hind PM passed away. Sis Margaret had been a very sincere hardworking member even when illness caused her to go into nursing care.

Miss Bernadette Schulz was initiated.

We attended a Scottish night at Electa Chapter and attended Coolangatta Installation.

A fashion Parade at St. Thomas Church Hall raised \$590.

A discussion took place after our Theatre night and it was agreed that monies be divided between Charity and Chapter. That Raffle money on the night go to the Chapter along with profit made on tickets purchased by OES members.

June meeting and we welcomed our WDGM Sis Norma Batten and WDGP Bro. Doug Kelly and South Brisbane DG Committee members. Sis Barbara Harman was congratulated on being installed as WG Assoc. Cond of UG Chapter.

\$650 was donated to Star Age Living and \$1500 to WM's chosen Charity, Young Care.

In July 2017 Sister Katrina Holden-Schulz was installed as WM and Bro. Stuart Schulz as WP. Installation was held in the Temple with banquet later in the hall.

Our visitors were IP Grand Matron Sis Felicity Woodfield deputizing for WGM Sis Winnie Mitchell and WDGM Sis Norma Batten and WDGP Bro. Doug Kelly of SBDG Committee., Dinmore, Chermside, Toowoomba, Warwick, Brisbane Valley, Electa and Beenleigh Chapters. Sis Heather Noble PM as Convenor. Worthy Matron chose Autism I Can as her Charity along with Star Aged Living.

In October we joined Dinmore Chapter for their Mystery Car Rally and joined a Church Service at St. Thomas Anglican at North Ipswich.

October meeting Dinmore and Electa Chapters visited and as we had been starting meetings at 10.30am, it was moved that we start earlier at 10am to have finished earlier for lunch. Installations were to be 2pm. On 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month. Unfortunately, we had lost one active member when we changed from night time to day time meetings because of her work commitments.

November we enjoyed Melbourne Cup Lunch at Booval Masonic hall at Eileen St. Booval and were invited to Outreach function at Roma.

November meeting and we welcomed Sister Norma Batten WDGM and Bro. Doug Kelly WDGP to our meeting and welcomed our WDG Matron with Honours and a Service with flowers. We also received a visit from Sister Naomi Nebe from Bundaberg Chapter who was happy to act as a fill in for us.

Invitations were received to Mizpah, Beenleigh, Beau View, Dinmore, Warwick and Electa Christmas meetings.

A Service of Thanks to our Secretary of many years was a huge surprise to Sister Gillian Powys PM by our WM Sis Katrina and Office Bearers.

December meeting our visitors from Dinmore, Electa and Toowoomba helped by filling offices and we had an enjoyable Christmas meeting with service 'Mary's Boy Child' and a Christmas lunch to follow.

We were all shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of our Chapter Auditor, Bro. Graham Whelband husband of Sister Dawn.

Our shopping Bus trip was eventually cancelled due to not being able to get enough people to fill the bus.

## **2018 – 2019**

February 2018 we welcomed our WGM Sister Winnie Mitchell and WGP Bro. George Martin with a welcome service and baskets of fruit for each. Grand Honours were extended to our WGM.

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Sister Margaret Larder PM Coorparoo and Bro. Ivan Larder PP Coorparoo also attended and were always happy to help out with Sister Larder as Organist and Bro Larder wherever needed.

We held a combined Hoy/luncheon for Rainbow Assembly and Golden Wattle Chapter at Booval hall.

March meeting was our 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration and Dayboro, Dinmore and Electa Chapter paid us a visit. Sister Betty Swan PM and Life member who had served this Chapter for so many years and Sis Lorraine White PM were presented with their Certificates for 50 years. Sis Betty had joined Golden Wattle in 1967 and Sister Lorraine was a life member of Bald Hills. At a luncheon at PA Hotel later in year, they were both presented with their 50 years pins.

An Anzac Service was held on April meeting. A very surprised Convenor (me) received a lovely Service and was presented by each point with an item used in the kitchen and a beautiful crochet apron. It was a very different Service which made everyone smile.

We held a Theatre night in May.

At our May meeting a Thankyou Service was given to our Sister Treasurer and Acting Organist, Life member Sister Pamela Beasley PM who manages a dual role in our Chapter. She was also very pleasantly surprised by the Service.

In June an appreciation Service to the Brothers of our Chapter by the Sisters was presented to show that we appreciate the work they carry out. Bro. Ian Blyth PP thanked the WM and sisters for their surprise.

In July 2018 The Open Installation was once again in the Temple and Sister Katrina Holden -Schulz was returned as WM and Bro. Stuart Schulz as WP for the following term. The banquet was catered for by our members with hot dishes and desserts. Sister Barbara Hartman did an inspirational 'Talk' to our guests about the Order of the Eastern Star. We welcomed our SBDG Matron Sister Willena Seymour and IP WP Bro. Doug Kelly of South Brisbane District Grand Committee and Dinmore, Toowoomba and Electa Chapters. The WDGM installed Committee member Sis Mary Lindsay PM.

At August meeting Sister Dawn Whelband was installed as Electa.

We lost Sister Rita Dykstra PM of Booval Chapter and member of Golden Wattle who had passed to Higher Chapter. Sis Rita had not been able to attend Chapter for some time.

September meeting we welcomed our WDGM Sis Willena Seymour and WDGP Bro. Alex Pringle with a Welcome Service. Sister Jeanada Phillips was installed as Martha. We held a Fathers' Day Service. The meeting was closed and the ladies from West Ipswich Special School were invited in to receive cheque for \$800 towards equipment from WM.

We commenced a special fund for Farmers' Relief and Bro. Ian Blyth PP spoke about the Hand, Heart, Pocket program by the Masonic brethren to add to this fund if we forwarded our amount, they would double it to assist our Farmers.

We attended Ipswich Little Theatre night to see play "Sleuth"

We received invites to Christmas meetings at Beenleigh, Beau View, Warwick, Electa, Dinmore, Mizpah, Coorparoo, Darling Downs and Warwick Chapters. An OES banner was purchased to use for promotional work.

In November we held a pie drive and forwarded a cheque for \$160 to Unity Lodge towards the Farmers' Relief. We decided to have a Roster system to provide lunch dishes after meetings. A Xmas collection during the year for our Christmas meeting and Convenor to purchase food and drinks.

December Christmas meeting we welcomed Toowoomba, Dinmore, Coorparoo Chapters and our WG Matron Sister Joan Currie and WG Patron Bro. Jonathan Nantes.

A garage sale at Sis Gill Powys' home at Brassall earned \$290 towards Chapter funds.

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February 2019 meeting we welcomed our Queensland Grand Chapter. WGM still unable to get to meetings and we welcomed our WGP Bro. Jonathan Nantes and Grand Office Bearers with a Welcome Service to WGP and fruit basket.

Our life member Sister Jean Clark PM passed away. She had moved to Moreton Bay area and had struggled to get to our meetings for a long time first by train and then with Sis and Bro. Tompkins travelling a long way to bring her. She had joined Golden Wattle Chapter in May 1954 with her father Bro. John Clark. She remained active for years filling the position of Ruth.

We congratulated our Sister Lorna Dunkley PM on becoming WGM of NSW and ACT and a gift of handbag was given from the Chapter for her Installation.

In March a Fashion parade and afternoon tea was held at Sis Dawn Whelband's Congregational Church Hall at Brassall. This was fashions by 'Semaya' from Maya at Sandstone Point who did quite a few successful fashion parades for us. We raised \$500 for Charity.

We attended an open Demonstration meeting by Toowoomba Chapter to promote the good of our Order of Eastern Star and we intended to do something similar in the near future.

March meeting and we welcomed our WGP Bro. Jonathan Nantes. Sister Moya Nantes and Sister Clare Parry and our visitors were Coorparoo, Dinmore and Toowoomba Chapters. Our Worthy Matron had yet another surprise Service of appreciation. This was to our Sister Barbara Hartman PM who was also very surprised. Sister Diane Seary was initiated.

April meeting we welcomed WDGM Sister Willena Seymour and WDGP Bro. Alex Pringle and Grand Chapter WGP Bro. Jonathan Nantes and Sister Moya Nantes from Grand Chapter. Our WGM still unable to attend due to illness.

We welcomed our Past Matron Sister Lorna Dunkley as WGM and WGP Bro. Graham Smith and members of the Grand Chapter of NSW and ACT. A welcome Service was presented to Sister Lorna welcoming her back to her mother chapter. Sis Lorna and Bro. Ian have been absent members but always have our Chapter at heart and have been most generous in every way.

May we held another Ipswich Little Theatre night and raised \$330 for our Charity.

Sadly we lost Bro. Alwyn Logan PWGP and PDGP and Past Patron of Dinmore Chapter who with his wife Sister Jancie Logan had always attended Golden Wattle and helped wherever needed. Bro. Alwyn had battle with heart condition for some time.

Our WM then presented a Service to Sister Doreen Coker and Sister Ros Lumsden in appreciation of their dedication to the Chapter.

At our May meeting we welcomed Sister Yvonne Bassett and Sister Jancie Logan of Dinmore Chapter by affiliation. Both sisters had always been very welcome 'fill-ins' at our Chapter meetings over the years so it was great to have them as members. Our visitors were from Toowoomba, Electa and Sister Naomi Nebe from Bundaberg Chapter who were all happy to fill positions with Bro. David Gwynne as Organist.

Acting Assoc. Patron Brother Alex Pringle IP WDGP placed a wreath at the Altar during our belated Anzac Day Service.

Toni May Wilson was initiated.

Arrangements made for our coming Installation which was changed from July to August this year and that we would self-cater again and that Dinmore Chapter members would help to serve and we would help Dinmore at their June Installation banquet.

At our June meeting Sister Ros Lumsden PM donated a cheque from Rainbow Assembly as thanks for help given by Chapter members to Grand Worthy Advisor, Ashleigh Kiely (granddaughter of our Secretary).

Some of our members went to Adelaide for the United Grand Sessions in June and Sister Barbara Hartman was installed as Worthy Grand Conductress.

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At July 2019 meeting we welcomed PWDG Matron Sister Norma Batten and PWDGP Bro. Doug Kelly to meeting.

This year our Installation took place in August with special dispensation. Sister Roslyn Lumsden PM was installed as Worthy Matron and Bro. Timothy Powys PP as Worthy Patron at an Open Installation.

Our visiting Chapters were Toowoomba, Dinmore, Beau View and members of the Masonic Orders were welcomed to the East. Friends and family were welcomed. The Installing Officer was Sister Elaine Gray PM Beenleigh Chapter.

Sister Hartman did an informative talk about our Order for the benefit of the guests.

A combined Seafood dinner was planned for November with Grant Royal Arch Chapter and we enjoyed a Murder Mystery dinner with Beenleigh Chapter in October and a morning tea at Kholo Gardens hosted by Dinmore Chapter.

At our September meeting we welcomed our WDGM Sister Edwina Tatnell and WDGP Bro. Spencer Swann with DG members of the South Brisbane District Grand Committee and Sister Tatnell was welcomed with Grand honours. Sister Willena Seymour PWDG Matron was our candidate for the Initiation ceremony. Sister Judy Barker affiliated with Golden Wattle Chapter and was made very welcome.

October meeting we welcomed Bro. John Simpson PWGP of NSW and ACT who had moved to Brisbane. Sister Dawn Whelband was installed as Chaplain. IP WM Sister Katrina Holden – Schulz presented a cheque for \$1382 to the Ipswich Special School for equipment. This money had been raised over her two years as WM.

We held an Ipswich Little Theatre night in November and \$290 was raised for Ipswich Hospice.

At our November meeting, Remembrance day was observed by our Worthy Matron who read a very moving Poem. We received invitations to attend Christmas meetings at Electa, Beau View and Beenleigh Chapters and an invitation to be present at a promotional meeting by Coorparoo Chapter.

December was a combined meeting with Dinmore Chapter and SBDG Committee WDGM Sister Edwina Tatnell and WP Bro. Spencer Swann, WGM Sister Rosita Player and WGP Bro Ivor Player and Grand Office Bearers attended. We were delighted to have our visitors and Our Most WGM Sister Blanche Watt and Assoc. Grand Patron Bro. Jonathan Nantes were most welcome. Sister Gillian Mason was installed as UG Organist by the UG installing team, Sis Watt, Sis Lowe and Bro. Nantes.

Visiting Chapters were Toowoomba, Coorparoo and Electa and WM Sis Powys and WP Bro. Lindsay of Warwick Chapter were also acknowledged along with the Grand Representatives of Overseas jurisdictions. In her speech MWGM Sister Watt said it was the first time she had seen a combined meeting and she had quite enjoyed it. Golden Wattle Chapter had opened the meeting and at the close of the business of the Chapter, Golden Wattle Chapter members vacated their positions and Dinmore Chapter took up theirs. Unfortunately the WM Sister Dawn Pringle and WP Bro. Doug Kelly were unable to be there so Sister Roslyn Lumsden WM and Bro Timothy Powys WP of Golden Wattle Chapter continued with the meeting for Dinmore Chapter. The service was "Tell the Children the meaning of Christmas".

We were invited to Grant Royal Arch Chapter Christmas outing and Christmas meetings at Toowoomba and Coorparoo Chapters. We held a combined Christmas lunch at Queens Park kiosk and welcomed visitors from Brisbane Chapters and our WDGM and WDGP. Sister Judy Barker presented a new first aid kit to the Chapter. A sausage sizzle was held in December and \$610 was raised.

### **2020 – 2021**

In January of 2020 we held a Mock Wedding combined with Dinmore Chapter and it was a huge success and a lot of fun. We catered for a cold dish luncheon and deserts and everyone had a very happy day. The proceeds of this day were shared equally between both Chapters and then each donated their share to the NSW Steering Committee for Bro Jonathan Nantes and Queensland Steering Committee for Sister Barbara Hartman when each in turn would be installed as MWG Patron and MWG Matron of UGC Australia. Sister

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Hartman was the bridegroom and Bro. Nantes was the bride supported by a fantastic cast including Mr. Dennis Hartman who added much merriment as he played multiple surprise roles even surprising the producer Sister Jan Logan. \$1070 was the amount raised. There was a plan afoot for South Brisbane Chapters to hold a 'baby christening' party follow up in 2020.

Bro. Garth Pringle, Sister Ros Lumsden, Sister and Bro Lindsay, Sis Dawn Whelband, Sis Lorraine White, Bro. Glenn Farrell, Sis Yvonne Bassett, Stuart Schulz were the supporting cast members. Sister Elaine Gray was soloist and Sis Gillian Mason was Organist.

On top of the fires and floods of 2019, then along came Corona Virus (Covid) which was introduced to Australia by returning travellers from overseas causing chaos and Chapters shutting down face to face meetings from early March 2020.

A request was made from UG Chapter for Chapters to donate from their Benevolent funds to a Distress fund to aid farmers. We assisted with \$500 donation and we received a letter outlining where the funds were used throughout the areas affected.

In February, we held a fashion parade with fashions by 'Semaya' and raised \$477. Held another Ipswich Little Theatre night 'Blithe Spirit' and at our March meeting our service was 'Garden of Happiness'. This was our last regular meeting for some time.

Our WM Sis Lumsden had donated a basket of toiletries to local Charity organization 'Rosies' and later we collected back packs to donate to 'Rosies' also.

We went into Recess after March meeting until we were able to resume normal meetings again.

However we were able to continue with Committee meetings which were held at the Tivoli home of Sister Barbara Hartman on third Tuesday each month if we were not in lock down. These were still carried out in "covid safe" manner. There were no Chapter visiting, District Grand or Grand Chapter meetings for many months and so we missed our Sisters and Brothers from other Chapters, only catching up with those at Committee meetings. We were able to dispense correspondence and pay our bills. We did manage to hold a combined morning tea at Queens Park Kiosk in October. All Office bearers remained in their positions in Chapters at all levels for a further term. Hall rent was suspended by Hall Committee until such times as we could meet in the Hall once more.

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, a full 12 months before we could hold our first Regular meeting in the Masonic Hall and we welcomed our WDG Matron Sis Edwina Tatnell and WDG Patron Bro. Spencer Swann, Coorparoo, Electa and Dinmore Chapter and also Bro. John Simpson PWGP of NSW.

Sister Judy Barker was installed as Electa and a 'Welcome Back Service' was performed. We also started a Trading Stall for Steering Committee 2023/24. Our Committee meetings continued at Sis Hartman's home.

We were able to attend Ipswich Little Theatre night One Act Plays 'Back on the Boards'. The plays were carried out in two auditoriums with covid safe rules in place which meant 'spacing out with masks on'. It was a very enjoyable night and great to get out and socialize once more.

March meeting and we welcomed Coorparoo and Dinmore Chapter and Bro. John Simpson PWGP NSW. We enjoyed a beautiful Charity lunch hosted by Dinmore Chapter at the Village where Sis and Bro. Pringle reside.

IN May we welcomed our MWGM Sister Blanche Watt and Sister Pamela Webber from Newcastle. We welcomed our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Leigh Kennedy.

A motion was passed to raise our annual dues to \$80.

A presentation Service was conducted and the following presentations were made with the recipients being presented with their certificates in the West.

60-year Certificates and brooches were presented by our WM, Sister Ros Lumsden to Sister Heather Noble who had been initiated as Isabella Heather May Frame in Sept. 1960 into Golden Wattle Chapter and Sister Lorraine White who had been initiated into Bald Hills chapter and affiliated with Golden Wattle Chapter.

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50-year Certificate and brooch were presented to Sister Barbara Hartman by MWGM Sister Blanche Watt. Sister Hartman had been initiated in Canada and affiliated with Booval Chapter and later with Golden Wattle Chapter.

50-year Certificates and brooches were presented by WGM Sister Leigh Kennedy to Sister Gillian Powys who had been initiated in Warwick Chapter and affiliated with Golden Wattle Chapter and to Sister Doreen Coker who had been initiated in Booval Chapter and affiliated with Golden Wattle Chapter. This was a lovely ceremony and we were honoured to receive our Certificates and brooches.

A lovely service "Stairway to the Stars" was presented to our two honoured guests MWGM Sister Blanche Watt and WGM Sister Leigh Kennedy who thanked the WM as she gave each a copy of the Service. This lovely service had been prepared by Sister Jancie Logan.

This was followed by Election of Office Bearers.

We held a combined Open Installation in June, 2021 followed by a dinner at function room at Jet's Club North Ipswich. At the beginning of the meeting, Sister Ros Lumsden presented cheques to representatives from the Pine Mountain Rural Fire Brigade of \$1000 and to representative from Ipswich Hospice for \$300. Ipswich Hospice had received a cheque from our Charity fund during Sister Lumsden's term in previous year as they were in dire need of funding at that time.

Sister Barbara Hartman PM was installed as Worthy Matron and Bro. Tim Powys PP returned as Worthy Patron. Sister Hartman's chosen charity for her term was Police Citizen's Youth Club and Brother Powys' chosen charity was Ipswich Scouts.

Distinguished guests from Masonic Orders were invited to the East and family and friends were welcomed to the Open Installation.

Our visitors were WGM Sister Leigh Kennedy, WGP Bro. Norman Butler and Grand Chapter Office bearers, WDGM Sister Janice Dorber, WDGP Bro. Alan Dorber and SBDG Committee. Both WGM and WDGM received Grand Honours.

The Installation was quite unique to everyone as Office Bearers for each position in both Chapters were installed together after separate Obligations were taken by Office Bearers. The Installation Officer was our WGM Sister Leigh Kennedy who managed this dual Installation in a very dignified manner. Sister Yvonne Bassett was installed as WM of Dinmore Chapter.

As some of our members hold dual membership with Dinmore Chapter, it is more like a family get together at our joint meetings and Installations but we still keep our individuality as Chapters. We enjoy supporting each other whenever possible being that we both meet in the same hall.

Sister Katrina Holden-Schulz was invested by WDGM as a member of South Brisbane DG Committee.

A sausage sizzle was held and \$425.80 raised.

In July a welcome service to our Worthy Matron and Installation of Sister Cecile Blyth as Ruth and Bro. Ian Blyth as Warder. Darling Downs Chapter had donated their beautiful light weight WM's dais to Golden Wattle Chapter and having no further use for our heavy silky oak one made by Bro. Vince Littleford, it was given to WP Bro. Powys.

The planned Christmas in July luncheon for the Steering Committee at Buranda Hall was cancelled along with our August Fashion Parade due to Covid and lock downs. However in September our Steering Committee was able to hold a great Melbourne Cup Luncheon at Buranda Hall. Our Chapter has played an active part in the Steering Committee for the coming Sessions.

Bro. Tom Green passed away and his name was recorded in the Bible in September. Our visitors were from Toowoomba, Electa and Coorparoo and together with Bro. John Simpson BWGP of NSW, they were happy to take vacant positions and help us along. We welcomed our WDGM Sis Jan Dorber and WDGP Bro. Alan Dorber.

Sister Lorraine White was installed as Marshall and we held a Fathers' day service.

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Sausage Sizzles have been a combined affair with both Golden Wattle, Dinmore Chapters and Grant Royal Arch Chapter sharing the load and our share divided between Steering Committee and Charity fund.

In October we decided to return to our Roster system for our lunches after the meetings and moved that those who brought food would not need to contribute \$5 on that day for lunch. That being said, we only managed the lunches twice and have been lunching at Jets Club North Ipswich after meetings.

In October Past Patron Bro. Leroy Zahnow's name was entered into the Bible. Bro Zahnow had battled with ill health for a number of years and unable to get along to meetings.

At our November meeting, a discussion took place on the remainder of our furniture and it was moved that we approach Dinmore Chapter on the use of their furniture and wands.

That we continue to use the WM Dais and Altar but ask if we can use the pedestals Assoc. Matron's, Cond and Assoc. Cond desks belonging to Dinmore Chapter. Our old original pedestals along with remaining desks which were made by Bro. Vince Littleford were offered to Members. The new Hall Caretaker had been clearing the hall of all furniture and one of our wands had been broken. Dinmore Chapter agreed.

November meeting and WM of Dayboro Chapter, Sis Lorraine Duckwitz visited and was made welcome. Affiliation of Sis Judy Bennett and Sis Jeanette Hanson and Bro. Jim Hanson who had moved from North Queensland.

December meeting we combined with Dinmore Chapter for our final meeting of 2021 and we welcomed visitors from Toowoomba and Electa Chapters. Our WDGM Sister Jan Dorber and WDGP Bro. Alan Dorber. WM of Dinmore Chapter, Sis Yvonne Bassett opened the meeting, welcomed everyone present and proceeded with the business of their Chapter then handed the gavel to Sis Barbara Hartman to conduct the business of Golden Wattle Chapter. "Musical Chairs" took place and Sister Dawn Whelband installed as Associate Matron.

Our Members voted on the two options received from South Brisbane District Grand Committee. We voted to support our WG Matron, Sister Kennedy PM of Ruth Chapter for the position of WDG Matron and we voted to support the South Brisbane District Grand Committee Members if they voted to close the District Grand Committee.

Our Worthy Grand Matron of past two years Sister Leigh Kennedy was presented with a photo of her Installation including her family members.

A Christmas carol singing completed the meeting. We had a lovely Christmas lunch in the hall and raffles to finish the year as we always have – together.

## **2022**

February meeting 2022 we welcomed Sis Lorraine Duckwitz, WM of Dayboro Chapter and Sis Agnes and Bro. John Simpson. Election of office for Assoc. Conductress. Sister Jeanette Hanson was nominated and installed as Assoc. Conductress. A discussion on arrangements for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in March. We will be catering and the number to be capped at 80 for the ceremony in Masonic Temple which will be held at 10am on 26<sup>th</sup> March. If covid restrictions are relaxed, we could extend the 80-member cap. In recognition of Australia day, we sang "I am Australian" along to the music.

Everyone was reminded of the Ipswich Little Theatre night on 10<sup>th</sup> March to see two plays in the program "The Games People Play". Following the meeting everyone was invited to lunch at Jets Club, North Ipswich.

March meeting 2022 focused on Centennial preparations. The Members voted to come under Grand Chapter of Queensland when the South Brisbane District Grand Committee closed. Following the meeting a few Members went to lunch at Jets Club, North Ipswich.

## Office-bearers 1922-1923 and 2021-2022

### Office-bearers

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Associate Matron  
Associate Patron  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Benevolent Treasurer  
Conductress  
Associate Conductress  
Chaplain  
Marshal  
Organist  
Adah  
Ruth  
Esther  
Martha  
Electa  
Warder  
Sentinel

### 1922 - 1923

Sister Agnes Cochran P.M.  
Brother James Jordan  
Sis. Mary Gilmour  
Bro. James Gilmour  
Bro. David Cochran  
Sister Helen Innes  
Sister Martha Frost  
Sister Mary Jordan P.M.  
Sister Margaret Lonie  
Sister Mary A. Palmer  
Sister Annie Simpson  
Sister Florence Caswell  
Sister Jessie Ross  
Sister Jean Clark  
Sister Jemima Fairlie  
Sister Eliza Miller  
Sister Isabella Auld  
Sister Lillian McCabe  
Brother Rob Ross

### 2021 - 2022

Sister Barbara Hartman  
Brother Timothy Powys  
Sister Dawn Whelband  
Brother John Lindsay  
Sister Gillian Powys  
Sister Roslyn Lumsden  
  
Sister Heather Noble  
Sister Janette Hanson  
Sister Jancie Logan  
Sister Lorraine White  
*vacant*  
Sister Yvonne Bassett  
Sister Cecile Blyth  
Sister Katrina Holden-Schulz  
Sister Doreen Coker  
Sister Judy Barker  
Brother Ian Blyth  
Brother Stuart Schulz



Back Row: Margaret Gibb, Jason Dickson, C. Stewart, M. Kilpatrick  
Second Row: Mary Ann Palmer, Mary Jordan, Thomas Clark, Helen Innes, A. Cairns  
Third Row: Jessie Ross, Jean Clark, Jemina Fairley, Elizabeth Stewart, C. Wright, Annie Simpson  
Sitting: Robert Ross, Mary Gilmour, James Gilmour, Agnes Cochran, James Jordan, Martha Frost, David Cochran  
In Front: Mary Dickson, W. Young, E. Young.

**Past Worthy Matrons and Past Worthy Patrons 1922 – 2022**

| <b>Past Worthy Matron</b>       | <b>Past Worthy Patron</b> | <b>Past Worthy Matron</b>       | <b>Past Worthy Patron</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1922/23 Sis Agnes Cochran *     | Bro James Jordan *        | 1972/73 Sis Sylvia Wiggles L *  | Bro Colin Wiggles L *     |
| 1923/24 Sis Mary Gilmore *      | Bro James Gilmore *       | 1973/74 Sis Gladys Cutler L *   | Bro William Cutler L *    |
| 1924/25 Sis Margaret Lonie *    | Bro David Cochran *       | 1974/75 Sis Mavis Dutton L *    | Bro Walter Bedwell *      |
| 1925/26 Sis Jessie Ross *       | Bro Thomas Clark *        | 1975/76 Sis Mary Christie *     | Bro Henry Christie *      |
| 1926/27 Sis Jemima Farley *     | Bro Charles Stewart *     | 1976/77 Sis Betty Swan L        | Bro K Fairweather L *     |
| 1927/28 Sis Mary Palmer *       | Bro William Young *       | 1977/78 Sis Ivy Tite *          | Bro Henry Tite *          |
| 1928/29 Sis Jean Clark *        | Bro James Dickson *       | 1978/79 Sis Dorothy Douglas L * | Bro Colin Wiggles *       |
| 1929/30 Sis Isabella Auld *     | Bro Allan Penman *        | 1979/80 Sis Gert Baty *         | Bro Walter Bedwell *      |
| 1930/31 Sis Annie Edward *      | Bro John Ross *           | 1980/81 Sis Margaret Hind L *   | Bro Ken Dixon L *         |
| 1931/32 Sis Elizabeth Stewart * | Bro Andrew Auld *         | 1981/82 Sis Jean Garioch L *    | Bro Alex Garioch *        |
| 1932/33 Sis Mary Penman *       | Bro John Ross *           | 1982/83 Sis Glenice Elkes *     | Bro Henry Tite *          |
| 1933/34 Sis Margaret Gibb *     | Bro James Thompson *      | 1983/84 Sis Pamela Beasley L    | Bro Keith Beasley L *     |
| 1934/35 Sis Laura Taylor *      | Bro James Dickson *       | 1984/85 Sis Edna Heuer L *      | Bro Alex Garioch L *      |
| 1935/36 Sis Eliza Owens *       | Bro James Jordan *        | 1985/86 Sis Lyndal Neden L      | Bro Barry Neden L         |
| 1936/37 Sis Dora Lewis *        | Bro George Link *         | 1986/87 Sis Marcia Powell *     | Bro Nils Telle            |
| 1937/38 Sis Eliz. Thompson *    | Bro John Woodhead *       | 1987/88 Sis Cecile Elverson     | Bro Vince Littleford      |
| 1938/39 Sis Sarah Newborough *  | Bro Thomas Clark *        | 1988/89 Sis Grace Brown L *     | Bro Hugh Hind *           |
| 1939/40 Sis Isabella Wallis *   | Bro John Ross *           | 1989/90 Sis Patricia Evans L *  | Bro Frank Evans *         |
| 1940/41 Sis Christine Ross *    | Bro Andrew Auld *         | 1990/91 Sis Olive Kendall *     | Bro Ian Blyth             |
| 1941/42 Sis Catherine Tink *    | Bro Allan Penman *        | 1991/92 Sis Margaret Hind L *   | Bro Ian Blyth             |
| 1942/43 Sis Margaret Jones *    | Bro James Horrocks *      | 1992/93 Sis Gillian Powys       | Bro Hugh Hind *           |
| 1943/44 Sis Annie Hamilton *    | Bro Roderick Gibson *     | 1993/94 Sis Beverley Martin     | Bro Graham Martin *       |
| 1944/45 Sis Jennie Fawcett *    | Bro Robert Ross *         | 1994/95 Sis Daphne Smith        | Bro Robyn Humbler *       |
| 1945/46 Sis Ruth Stocks *       | Bro James Horrocks *      | 1995/96 Sis Betty Swan L        | Bro Graham Martin *       |
| 1946/47 Sis Grace Timperly *    | Bro Roderick Gibson *     | 1996/97 Sis Jenny Mann *        | Bro Hugh Hind *           |
| 1947/48 Sis Gladys Gibson *     | Bro John Ross *           | 1997/98 Sis Heather Noble       | Bro George Nix            |
| 1948/49 Sis Vera Ellis *        | Bro Robert Gibson *       | 1998/99 Sis Joan Schy *         | Bro Jack Jones *          |
| 1949/50 Sis Ida Clark *         | Bro Joseph Weir *         | 1999/20 Sis Gillian Powys       | Bro Graham Martin *       |
| 1950/51 Sis Lily Wood L *       | Bro Joseph Weir *         | 2000/01 Sis Elaine Nix          | Bro George Nix            |
| 1951/52 Sis Gladys Bowler *     | Bro Thomas Taylor *       | 2001/02 Sis Jean Trevorrow L *  | Bro Jack Jones *          |
| 1952/53 Sis Maggie Green *      | Bro Norman Smith *        | 2002/03 Sis Dorothy Douglas L * | Bro Barry Neden L         |
| 1953/54 Sis Lenore Smith *      | Bro Norman Smith *        | 2003/04 Sis Lorna Dunkley       | Bro Ian Dunkley           |
| 1954/55 Sis Esther Weir *       | Bro James Miller *        | 2004/05 Sis Gillian Powys       | Bro Owen Powys *          |
| 1955/56 Sis Emily Wilson *      | Bro Ronald Weise *        | 2005/06 Sis Margaret Hind L *   | Bro John Lindsay          |
| 1956/57 Sis CM Williams *       | Bro Frank Shannon *       | 2006/07 Sis Joan Schy *         | Bro Jack Jones *          |
| 1957/58 Sis Hannah Miller *     | Bro Harold Logan *        | 2007/08 Sis Jean Trevorrow L *  | Bro John Lindsay          |
| 1958/59 Sis Irene Promfrett     | Bro John Clark *          | 2008/09 Sis Joan Schy *         | Bro Timothy Powys         |
| 1959/60 Sis Dolly Young *       | Bro Conrad Leigh *        | 2009/10 Sis Mary Lindsay        | Bro John Lindsay          |
| 1960/61 Sis Greta Frame *       | Bro John Embrey L *       | 2010/11 Sis Pamela Beasley      | Bro Timothy Powys         |
| 1961/62 Sis Phylis Shannon *    | Bro William Buys *        | 2011/12 Sis Barbara Hartman     | Bro Leroy Zahnow *        |
| 1962/63 Sis Margaret Evans L *  | Bro Roy Johnson *         | 2012/13 Sis Beverley Zahnow     | Bro Leroy Zahnow *        |
| 1963/64 Sis Florence Logan *    | Bro P Ammenhauser L *     | 2013/14 Sis Heather Noble       | Bro Glenn Farrell         |
| 1964/65 Sis Alice Clark *       | Bro Mark Peachey *        | 2014/15 Sis Barbara Hartman     | Bro Glenn Farrell         |
| 1965/66 Sis Violet Embrey *     | Bro James Hall *          | 2015/16 Sis Roslyn Lumsden      | Bro John Lindsay          |
| 1966/67 Sis Thelma Garden       | Bro Keith Fairweather *   | 2016/17 Sis Lorraine White      | Bro Leroy Zahnow *        |
| 1967/68 Sis Jean Trevorrow L *  | Bro Herbert Coleman *     | 2017/18 Sis K Holden-Schulz     | Bro Stuart Schulz         |
| 1968/69 Sis Evelyn Dixon *      | Bro George Walters *      | 2018/19 Sis K Holden-Schulz     | Bro Stuart Schulz         |
| 1969/70 Sis Gwen Careless *     | Bro Henry Tite *          | 2019/20 Sis Roslyn Lumsden      | Bro Timothy Powys         |
| 1970/71 Sis Jean Clark L *      | Bro Ken Dixon L *         | 2020/21 Sis Roslyn Lumsden      | Bro Timothy Powys         |
| 1971/72 Sis Sylvie Coleman *    | Bro Herbert Coleman *     | 2021/22 Sis Barbara Hartman     | Bro Timothy Powys         |