2019 Education Committee Report

The Education Committee has been very busy this year. Our first project was to help with the creation of the new Grand Chapter Website. Chairperson of the Grand Trustees Barbara Pelfrey asked the Education Committee to be part of the selection of the new website design firm. Once Design B63 Line was chosen to create the new website, she asked me as Chairman of the Education Committee to oversee the process and communicate between the Grand Trustees, Line Grand Officers, the Education Committee and B63. There were five meetings with B63 and our group at locations which included the Dayton Masonic Temple, the Grove City Masonic Temple and the B63 Office. Some meetings included members by phone conference call. The Grand Trustees asked me to stay on as Webmaster to see this project through the change.

Change is always difficult. We apologize for the voids in communication during the switch-over process. But we hope you are exploring and learning to navigate the new website. Our two keys to do this are Use the Search Button and Scroll Down.

I have been working on updating the events on the calendar and posting other news on the website. We are excited to say that at least 25 people have contacted the new website about membership in our beautiful Order. A couple of those people have already been initiated. There were also 7 contacts about reinstatement. We have had another 19 inquiries from family members trying to contact local Chapters of former members to give back memorabilia or let them know of life changes. We have also helped or connected 30 plus people with other information about the website or associated links. More than 30 Chapters contacted us about creating and linking their Chapter websites to the Grand Chapter list. Thanks to Gary Nordmoe for his help creating new Chapter websites.

Our second project was to write the 2nd Circle of Knowledge Test for Grand Chapter this September. The Education Committee has met three times to analyze last year’s test and what we would change, discuss the structure of this year’s test, and begin writing the questions for the 2019 test. We have changed the test to 50 Short Answer and True/False Questions. It covers the Grand Chapter of Ohio Bylaws relating to Subordinate Chapters, the Book of Instructions, the Book on Protocol, and The Ritual. If a member completes the test with a score of 90% or better, they will receive a Circle of Knowledge Pin. The top scorer will receive a plaque donated by Vicky Gresh, next year’s Education Committee Chairperson. We have 18 contestants (the same number as last year) 2 are Brothers and 5 are attempting it again this year.

In the six years I have served on this committee, I feel this year has been the most productive and meaningful. Thank you to Worthy Grand Matron Sister Kelly and Grand Trustee Sister Barbara for allowing me to serve the Grand Chapter of Ohio and promote our beautiful Order serving on the Education Committee.

 Respectfully Submitted,

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 Education Committee Chairperson