

Grand Representative Skit:

MC: Sister XXXX, you have been one of the most well-traveled members of our chapter, having attended Eastern Star functions in several different jurisdictions, as well as all over Wisconsin. It puzzles us, however, that you have never attended a Star function in XXXX, where you were born and frequently return for visits. It has also come to our attention that all this traveling was done ILLEGALLY! You do not possess an official Eastern Star Passport. How did they ever let you into Canada without these important documents? We will now rectify that situation.

(Take photo, cut out and paste into passport).

Now that you have your OES Passport, you need the proper visas. Sister XXX, you will escort our sister to the various embassies to obtain her visas.

ADAH: Jephtha left the security of his home for the purposes of war, but you left Wisconsin to promote peace and to visit Connecticut when Bob was Grand Representative. There you met Joyce and many other Connecticut members. Sister Joyce remains a good friend. Your CONNECTICUT visa (put sticker in passport) reminds you of all the nutmeg you brought back. I bet you still have some left over! And now it is time to travel to your next destination.

MARTHA: Martha maintained the household she shared with her sister Mary and brother Lazarus, faithfully preparing food and making everyone feel welcome. You have always prepared food whenever needed and even got to feed the ducks at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, while attending General Grand Chapter. The TENNESSEE visa (put sticker in passport) reminds you of the long travels between our hotel and the convention center. But the friendships made on the bus rides back and forth made it worthwhile – our busmates were from Quebec! But, now, off you go!

MARSHAL: You packed your bags for yet another OES bus trip, where June Bjorklund marshaled you along the highways and byways. Games on board, restaurant stops, potty stops to stretch your legs and take care of other essentials, all the way to Grand Chapter in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, then on to Washington (DC that is) and out beautiful International Temple. You now have visas for PENNSYLVANIA and WASHINGTON, DC to add to your collection. (put stickers in passport) Next stop, only Ruth knows for sure....

RUTH: Ruth followed Naomi into a strange and foreign land, just as you followed Karen into the strange foreign land of Canada. Unable to read the French road signs, you found guidance at the hands of Elizabeth, George-Henry, Bobby and Pierrette. This Quebec visa reminds you that OES friendship is universal and Anglophones prevail at Star meetings. You also visited Manitoba, one of the prairie provinces. Never fear, however, Henrietta the cow lead you back to Wisconsin, whether you were in QUEBEC or MANIBOTA (put stickers in passport). Now that your passport is stamped with two more visas, you may legally proceed.

ELECTA: Electa's faith and generosity reminds us of the annual exchange visits with other jurisdictions. You have faithfully attending the Minnesota exchange in St. Paul whenever possible, and have also attended an exchange in Iowa. The MINNESOTA and IOWA visas (put stickers in passport) bring memories of silly skits, good food, and lots of fraternal fellowship. These visas definitely have no expiration dates, so use them whenever you wish. Your bags are packed again, off you go.

(Ruth – Go to Treasurer, but face the altar. There will be a song here.)

TREASURER: You don't need a visa to travel around our state, and plenty of traveling you have done. I count Oregon, Lodi, Starlite, Verona, Beloit, Janesville, Edgerton, Platteville, Dodgeville, Darlington, Faith, Vega, Waterloo, Wisconsin Dells, Reedsburg, Sun Prairie, and lots more places I could mention. You have also been a protem in many of those chapters. This past month alone, you have been out at least once, if not twice, a week! Fortunately, these are all cheap trips, so the treasury at home does not get depleted! Now, another stop for you before you can rest. Be off!!

ESTHER: Esther graced the royal court of Persia, as you graced the Grand Chapter of Washington state with your presence as fraternal ambassador from Wisconsin. The scenic beauty of Washington, especially Mt. Rainier (and the faces of Bill & Linda) made your visit most enjoyable. The WASHINGTON visa allows you to return time and again, maybe next time during the tulip festival, to the Pike Place Market in Seattle, or just to Bill & Linda's house. Your travels now take you to the Altar.

MC: After each excursion, you have followed the breadcrumbs back to Wisconsin. We would certainly miss you if you didn't return. So, now I must inform you that there is one important condition on the issuance of this passport. On the second page it says, "The visas on the following pages allow the bearer unlimited travel to and from the Grand Jurisdictions indicated for the purpose of promoting fraternal relations, with the express condition that the bearer shall ultimately return to the Grand Jurisdiction of Wisconsin bearing greetings from the Jurisdictions issuing the visas." We will expect you to abide by that statement or this agency issuing the passport will be very upset!!

ADAH:

The blue ray of Jephtha's daughter brings a message that clear and true
Of fidelity to a sacred trust. Of this, our example is YOU.

RUTH:

The yellow ray of Ruth represents the constancy you show
In your devotion to our chapter, and for that, we love you so.

ESTHER:

The white ray of Queen Esther blends with purity and loyalty
The unselfishness of purpose by which you've proved you are OES royalty.

MARTHA:

The green ray of Martha represents faith and immortality
By the service you have rendered you'll live long in Chapter memory.

ELECTA:

The red ray of Electa alludes to fervency of love
And to blessings, rich, abounding and eternal from our Master's throne above.

ASSOCIATE MATRON:

We salute your years of service, and we thank you from the heart.
From our chapter's love and service may you never depart.

MC: Sister XXXXXX, you will now return to the East.