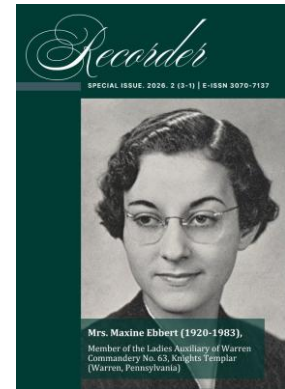




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Activities of the Ladies Auxiliary of Warren Commandery No. 63, Knights Templar (Warren, Pennsylvania): Results of the Second Decade (1949–1962)

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Abstract

This paper examines the activities of the Ladies Auxiliary of Warren Commandery No. 63, Knights Templar (Warren, Pennsylvania) during the period from 1949 to 1962. The study is based on the *minute books of the Ladies Auxiliary of Warren Commandery No. 63*, preserved in the Archive of Cherkas Global University (Houston, USA).

The author concludes that between 1949 and 1962 the Ladies Auxiliary of Warren Commandery No. 63 evolved into an independent charitable and social institution that played an important role in the life of the American Knights Templar. The organization combined charitable work, public service, support for members of the Commandery and their families, and the organization of cultural and social activities. Its records demonstrate the growing importance of women's voluntary organizations in postwar American civil society and their close integration into the Masonic community. The findings further demonstrate that the history of the American Knights Templar cannot be comprehensively understood without taking into account the activities and contributions of their women's auxiliary organizations.

Keywords: Ladies Auxiliary, Warren Commandery No. 63, Knights Templar, Warren, Pennsylvania, Activities, Archive of Cherkas Global University, 1949–1962.

1. Introduction

In 2026, we published a study examining the activities of the Ladies Auxiliary of Warren Commandery No. 63, Knights Templar, of Warren, Pennsylvania, from the establishment of the organization in 1938 through January 1949 (Shevchenko, 2026: 242–288). In the present study, through the incorporation of newly available archival documents, we extend the chronological scope of our research to 1962.

2. Materials and Methods

The materials for this study consist of the handwritten minute books of the Ladies Auxiliary of Warren Commandery No. 63, preserved in the Archive of Cherkas Global University (Houston, USA), in Fond 3: *A collection of documents dedicated to the Masonic Order of the Knights Templar in the United States (1733–present)*. These records are contained in a single volume—D. 55 (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55) (Fig. 1). The file comprises 75 fully completed folios.

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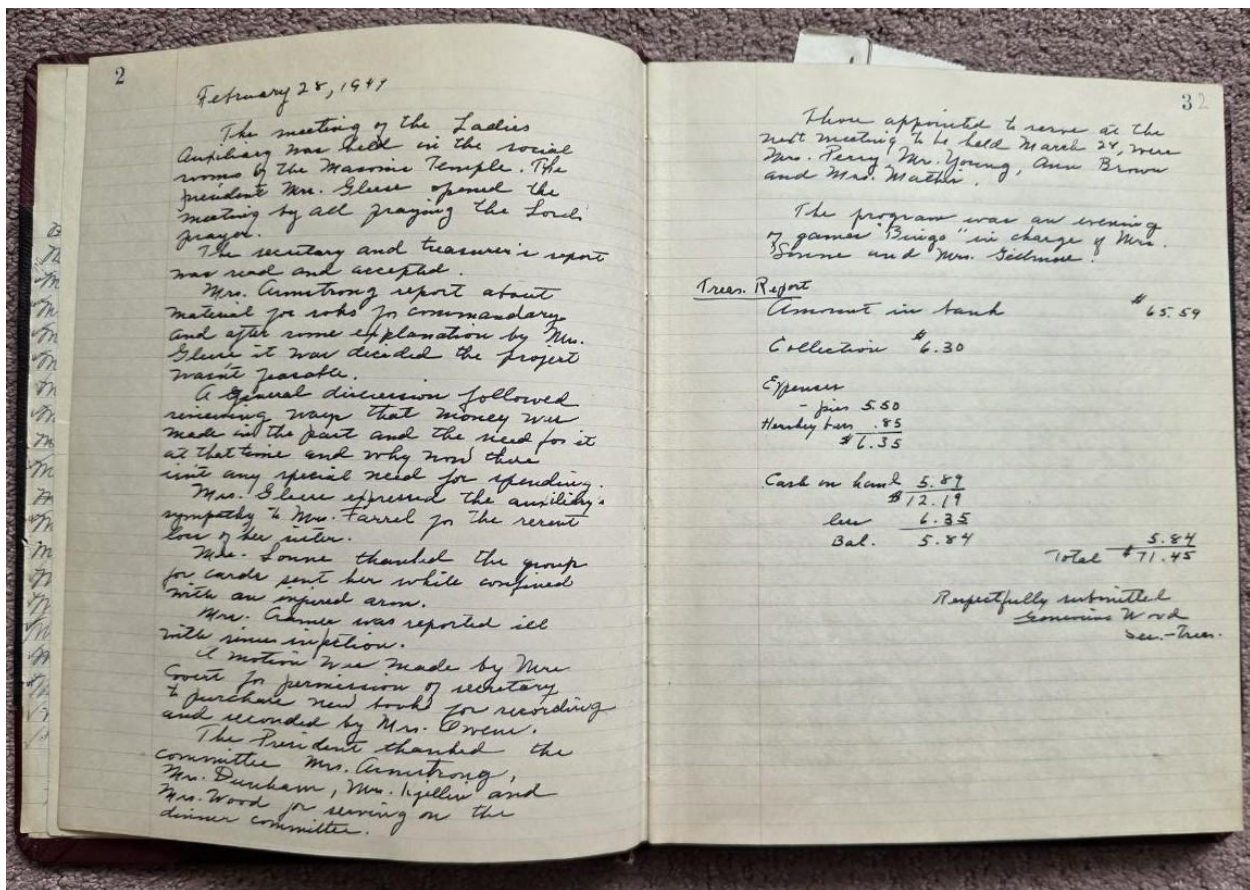


Fig. 1. D. 55 – Minute book of the Ladies Auxiliary of Warren Commandery No. 63, KT (Pennsylvania), covering the period from 1949 to 1962.

The entries were made using fountain pens (Fig. 2), ballpoint pens and pencils.

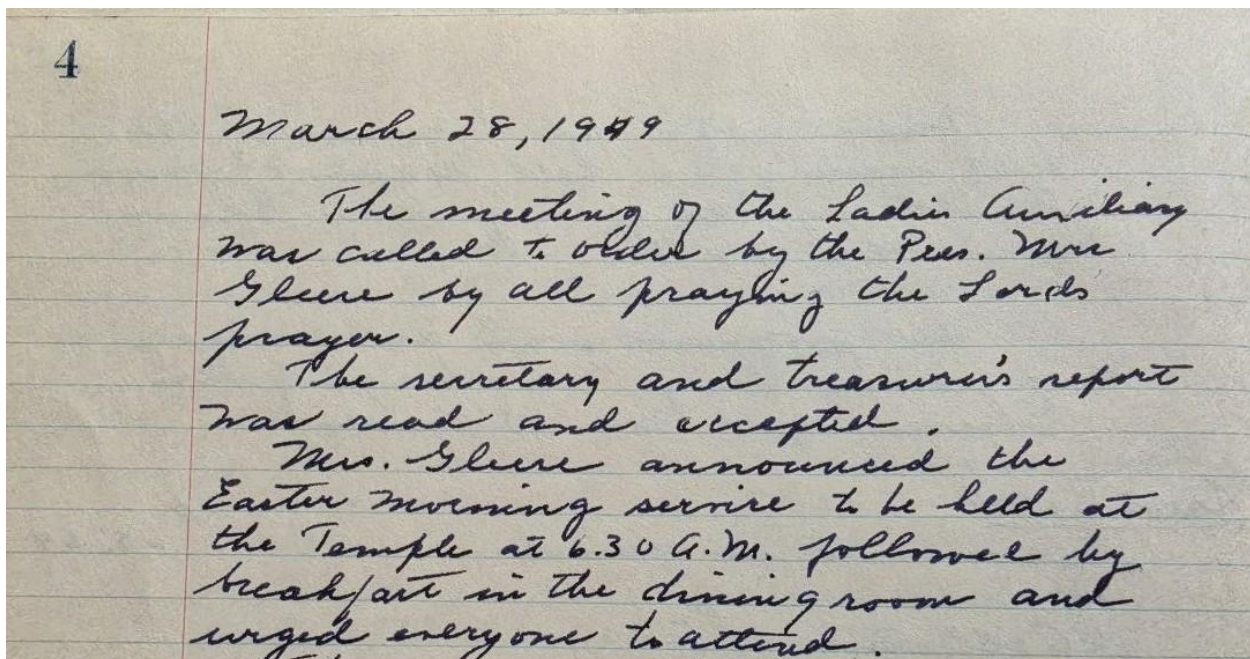


Fig. 2. Entries made in fountain pen. 1949.

The methodology of the study is based on the traditional principles of historical research: historicism, systematicity, and objectivity. The historical-chronological method was employed to examine the subject in its sequential development. The historical-biographical method made it possible to collect and present

fragmentary data on individual members. The systematic method was used to organize the materials into a coherent analytical framework.

3. Results

1949

February 28, 1949

The meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was held in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple. The President Mrs. Gleue opened the meeting by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

The secretary and treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. Armstrong reported about material for robes for commandery and after some explanation by Mrs. Gleue it was decided the project wasn't feasible.

A general discussion followed reviewing ways that money was made in the past and the need for it at that time and why was there isn't any special need for spending.

Mrs. Gleue expressed the auxiliary's sympathy to Mrs. Farrel for the recent loss of her mother. Mrs. Lorne thanked the group for cards sent her while confined with an injured arm.

Mrs. Adams was reported ill with sinus infection.

A motion was made by Mrs. Covett for permission of secretary to purchase new books for recording and seconded by Mrs. Owens.

The President thanked the committee, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Durham, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Wood for serving on the dinner committee.

Those appointed to serve at the next meeting to be held March 28, were Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Young, Ann Benson and Mad. Mathis.

The program was an evening of games "Bingo" in charge of Mrs. Irwin and Mrs. Fillmore.

Treasurer's Report

Amount in bank \$65.59

Collection \$6.30

Expenses:

Pins \$5.50

Handkerchiefs \$0.85

Total expenses \$6.35

Cash on hand \$5.89

Total \$71.45

Respectfully submitted,

Genevieve Wood

Sec.-Treas ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 1v-2](#)).

March 28, 1949

The meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was called to order by the President, Mrs. Gleue, by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Mrs. Gleue announced the Easter Sunrise Service to be held at the Temple at 6:30 A.M., followed by breakfast in the dining room, and urged everyone to attend.

Report was given from the Hospital Committee. Mrs. Gage in behalf of the Buffaloes Hospital gave a very enjoyable motion picture and related the experience of Mrs. Hilden.

Mrs. Gleue thanked the auxiliary for cards sent her while ill.

The Collection attended the meeting even though she had the misfortune to accidentally break the first prize coming to meeting.

Mrs. Rosenberg was welcomed and remaining on the service committee were Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Baldwin.

Those appointed to serve next time were Mamie Bennett, Barbara Goff, Myrtle Green and Eloise Culbertson.

Program

Mrs. Bielenberg showed some colored slides accompanied with music and narrated by Archie Hunter in the Eastern Star room.

Members then went to the social rooms where a White Elephant Sale was held, presided over by Mrs. William Yeager, who acted as auctioneer. A good time was had by all.

The sale netted twenty-one dollars, and a gift of ten dollars from the Commandery was presented by Mr. Rose to the Auxiliary.

Treasurer's Report

Amount in bank	\$65.59
Proceeds from White Elephant Sale	21.00
Check received from Commandery	10.00
Balance in bank	\$96.59
Collection	10.21
Sale of pins	1.65
Cash on hand	5.84
Subtotal	17.70
Expenses	
17 pins	\$9.35
2 cards	0.30
1 record book	2.30
Book of stamps	0.37

Total expenses	12.32
Cash on hand	5.38
Grand Total	\$101.97
Respectfully submitted, Genevieve Wood Secretary-Treasurer (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 2v-3).	

April 25, 1949

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Temple and opened the business meeting by the President leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

The secretary and treasurer's report was read and accepted.

It was reported that Greta King and Arleta Owens were both improving from a recent illness.

Mrs. Elsie Culbertson still confined to her home and Mable Barris was recovering from a serious illness. Mrs. Gleue read a note received from Mrs. Barris.

Mrs. Post thanked the members for cards and notes sent her during her illness.

Those elected for office the coming year were:

Mrs. Ralph Owens — President

Mrs. Frank Wood — 1st Vice President

Mrs. Thomas Armstrong — 2nd Vice President

Mrs. Archie Hunter — Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Gleue reminded the group about the Easter Choir to be at the Presbyterian Church May 15. The ladies were to gather in the church parlors, receive guests and sit in a body during the program. Light refreshments would be served at the Temple afterwards.

Mrs. Wood asked that all those who could furnish flowers for decorating to bring them to the Temple early Sunday, May 15.

Mrs. Gleue thanked the committee who served the dinner:

Betty Anderson,

Mrs. Cutcheon (substituting for Mrs. Evans),

Elsie Culbertson,

Barbara Cook,

Mamie Walker.

A vote of thanks, suggested by Mrs. Yeager, was given to the retiring President, Mrs. Gleue, for her good work during the past year.

Mrs. Gleue also expressed her appreciation of the cooperation and help she received from members of the Auxiliary.

The meeting was adjourned.

Treasurer's Report

Amount in bank	\$96.59
Deposited collections (May 5)	\$7.15
Balance in bank	\$103.74
No expenses, as Commandery paid for dessert.	
Cash on hand	\$5.38
Total	\$109.12

Respectfully submitted,
Genevieve Wood
Secretary-Treasurer ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 3v-4](#)).

September 26, 1949

The Ladies Auxiliary held their first fall meeting in the social rooms of the Temple with Mrs. Ralph Owens, President, in charge. The meeting opened with the Lord's Prayer.

A new member, Mrs. Ellen Kelley, was welcomed to the group.

The Secretary and Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. Cwert reported that she had a quilt unfinished. It was decided to finish the quilt at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frank Wood to buy filler for the comfort if needed and was seconded by Mrs. Edress.

Mrs. Owens and Mrs. King thanked the group for cards sent to them while in the hospital.

Mrs. Helen Gilson, Vera Wood, Adelaide Currie, and Mrs. Cwert were appointed to serve on the committee for the October meeting.

Mrs. Owens thanked the officers and others who helped on the committee for the September meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cwert to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. McFallen.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. F. G. Woo
Secretary pro tem

Treasurer's Report

Bank account	\$103.74
Collection	\$5.37
Expense, ice cream	\$1.78
Balance of collection	\$3.59
Cash on hand	\$5.38
Total available	\$8.97
Grand total (bank + cash)	\$112.71 (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 4v-5).

October 24, 1949

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the Social Rooms of the Masonic Temple. The business meeting opened by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

The President thanked the Committee for helping and for making pies.

The quilt which was to have been tied at this meeting was put aside due to failure to locate part of the quilting frame. It was voted to finish the quilt sometime during the week.

Mrs. Minnie Lonnie thanked the ladies who had sent her "get well" cards and sympathy cards.

The following Committee agreed to help at the next meeting:

Adelaide Currie

Velva Edris

Beulah Krebs

Edna Perry

A motion for adjournment was made by Beulah Krebs and seconded by Velva Edris.

Respectfully submitted,
Hazel Chesnutt
Sec'y pro tem

Treasurer's Report

Bank Account	\$103.74
Collection	\$5.29
Total available	\$109.03
Expenses	
2 pies	\$1.00
Balance of collection	\$4.29
Cash on hand	\$8.97

Available cash \$13.26
Grand Total \$117.00 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 5v-6](#)).

November 1949

The Ladies Auxiliary met in the social room of the Masonic Temple with Arletta Owens presiding.

The Lord's Prayer was prayed.

The minutes of the October meeting were read, approved and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Under old business, it was decided that Minnie Lonne and Charlotte Cwert have charge of the disposition of the quilt.

Arletta then thanked her committee for serving.

New Business

Mrs. Lena Shaffer explained the necessity for aid to Warren County families, especially at Christmas, and Beulah Krebs suggested each bring a toy.

Loretta Kuling suggested clothing.

Charlotte Cwert suggested having a box placed to receive them. It was decided that donations should be left not later than December 15.

Then Frances Blair moved to give Mrs. Shaffer \$25.00 to carry the project through. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Kramer and carried.

Mrs. Shaffer was given the right to use her own good judgment in the disposition of both money and gifts.

Mrs. Owens suggested sending sympathy cards and keeping a supply on hand.

Treasurer's Report

Bank account \$103.74

Paid to Lena Shaffer \$25.00

Bank balance \$78.74

Cash on hand (balance) \$13.26

Received at meeting \$5.80

Total cash \$19.06

Expenses for October meeting

To Mrs. Cwert (quilt) \$1.00

To Mrs. Owens (cream) \$0.89

Total expenses \$1.89

Balance cash on hand \$17.17

Total amount to date \$95.91

Continued

She then appointed her January Committee:

Mrs. Emma Lawson

Cynthia Yelvington

Frances Blair

Nena Burkee

Mrs. Beulah Krebs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by all, and carried.

Marion then showed ..., with all joining in and singing the old-time songs.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Hunter, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 6v-7](#)).

Summing up the activities of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1949, it is important to note that the year was stable and successful for the organization. The Auxiliary experienced no signs of crisis, maintained a sound financial position, actively participated in the life of the Commandery, and gradually shifted the focus of its activities from fundraising to charitable work and support for the local community. These records clearly demonstrate that, in the postwar period, women's auxiliary organizations affiliated with the American Knights Templar played an important role not only in the internal life of the Commandery but also in the broader charitable and community activities of the Masonic fraternity.

1950

January 1950

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting January 23rd in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Owens presided and all joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

Mrs. Lonne reported on the quilts. They were given to the Atlanta Garden Club at the Times Nursery.

Mrs. Lena Shaffer gave a very interesting report about how the \$25.00 furnished by the Auxiliary had been used for clothing, and she told how pleased the children were with everything new. It was appreciated very much.

Mrs. Myrna Springer was then introduced. She gave an interesting talk on hooked rugs and showed many beautiful garments made from the yarn.

A collection was taken up for the March of Dimes, amounting to \$7.25.

It was decided to add \$2.75 from the treasury to make the donation \$10.00.

The President appointed the February Committee consisting of:

Mrs. Hutchings

Mrs. Burge

Maud Ross

Georgia Kramer

Fannie Cogswell

It was moved and seconded that we adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Kramer

Secretary pro tem

Treasurer's Report

Bank Account \$78.74

Paid to Warren Baking Co. \$5.50

Bank Balance \$73.24

Cash on hand \$17.17

Collection \$7.69

Expenses

Paid to Mrs. Springer \$2.00

Balance of collection \$5.69

Additional \$2.75 transferred from the treasury to make \$10.00 for the March of Dimes, leaving:

Balance in bank and cash on hand \$93.35 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 7v-8](#)).

February 1950

The February meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was called to order by the President, Mrs. Owens.

All repeated the Lord's Prayer.

Needy families were discussed, and it was decided that one of the quilts be given to someone needing it.

It was moved by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Rose to pay the entertainer \$5.00.

Roseanne King, accompanied by Lois Hutchings, sang several selections after the business meeting.

The March Committee was appointed:

Mrs. McCutcheon

Mrs. Armstrong

Mrs. Hays

Mrs. Buck

Frances Blair moved to adjourn the meeting, and the remainder of the evening was spent playing Canasta.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Kramer

Secretary pro tem

Treasurer's Report — February 1950

Bank balance \$73.24

Cash on hand \$23.16

Collection \$3.39

Total cash on hand \$26.55
Total balance \$99.79 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 8v-9](#)).

March 1950

The March meeting of the Auxiliary opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.
Mrs. Weeds presided in the absence of Mrs. Owens.
Plans were made for the chicken dinner to be served in April.
Vegetable and tossed salad were solicited.
The committee to be in charge consisted of:
Mrs. Young
Mrs. Perry
Mrs. Wood
Bern Brown
and others to be called later.

Several new members were introduced and made welcome.
The meeting was adjourned.
Canasta was enjoyed by the majority.
Collection — \$2.55

Respectfully submitted,
Nena Burk
Secretary pro tem

Treasurer's Report — March 1950

Bank balance \$73.24
Cash on hand \$26.55
Collection \$2.55
Expenses \$29.10
Balance \$102.34 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 9v-10](#)).

April 1950

The April meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was called to order by the President, Mrs. Ralph Owens.
The Lord's Prayer was prayed.
The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were given and accepted.
Bills for the month were read.
Motion made by Mrs. Dunn and seconded by Velda Edris to pay them.
The Auxiliary then voted to finance the outfit for a girl in Lander for her trip to Washington.
It was decided that Lena Shaffer take care of everything and the Auxiliary would reimburse her.
Officers for the coming year were elected:
Mrs. Frank Wood — President
Mrs. Monica Armstrong — 1st Vice President
Mrs. Lillian Hunter — 2nd Vice President
Mrs. Adelaide Currie — Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Wood appointed a committee for a turkey dinner on May 15th:
Mrs. Louis Thompson — Chairman
Mrs. Mabel Piel
Mrs. Dorothy Nelson
Mrs. Beulah Krebs

The meeting adjourned to attend the installation of the Commandery.
To conclude the evening, Canasta was enjoyed by those who cared to play.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Hunter, Secy.

Treasurer's Report — April 1950

Bank balance \$73.24
Cash deposited (5/6) \$23.10

Check from Commandery \$10.00
 Bank balance \$106.34
 Cash on hand \$6.00
 Total balance \$112.34 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 10v-11](#)).

May 1950

The Ladies Auxiliary held their meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Owens, President, opened the meeting by all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

Bills for the month were read. Motion made by Mrs. Owens and seconded by Mrs. Cowert (or Crouet) that they be paid.

Cards were sent to the following:

Mrs. Armstrong

Mrs. Helen Wilson

Mrs. Archie Hunter

Officers were to serve at the first fall meeting in September with Mrs. Wood, President, as Chairman.

Meeting adjourned.

To conclude the evening, Canasta was played by those who cared to play.

Respectfully submitted,

Adelaide Currie

Secretary-Treasurer

Treasurer's Report — May 1950

Bank Balance \$106.04
 Check for Mrs. Shaffer \$25.05
 Balance in Bank \$80.99
 Collection \$9.81
 Flowers \$6.01
 Mrs. Wood — Stamps & Cards \$0.40
 Cash on Hand \$3.40 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 11v-12](#)).

September 1950

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Wood, President, opened the meeting, and all repeated the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Bills for the month were read and ordered paid.

A card for Helen Sileon was passed around and all the ladies signed it.

A note of thanks was read from Mrs. Shaffer and Patty, the girl we gave clothes to, for graduation.

The committee to serve for the October dinner meeting were:

Mrs. Allen Vermilyea — Chairman

Mrs. Wright

Mrs. Bloom

Mrs. Cowert

Meeting adjourned.

Canasta was enjoyed by the ladies.

Respectfully submitted,

Adelaide Currie

Secretary-Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$80.99
 Cash on Hand \$3.40
 Collection (Sept.)
 \$8.22

Expenses:
Ice Cream \$2.70
Cake \$1.80

Total Expenses \$4.50
Net cash from collection \$3.72
Cash on hand:
Previous \$3.40
Plus net \$3.72

Total Cash on Hand \$7.12

There were 24 Knights and their ladies present for the Turkey Dinner.

Addition to September Minutes

It was decided to buy 3 gifts (not to exceed \$15.00 each) for the following six Knights and their Ladies:

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sileon

Dr. & Mrs. Johnny Gasker (or Gacker)

Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Farnsworth

(Wedding gifts) ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 12v-13](#)).

October 1950

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Wood, President, opened the meeting with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Bills for the month were read and ordered paid.

It was suggested to send Mrs. Harold Sampson a card who was ill in the hospital.

Miss Pearl Lund gave an interesting talk on Korea.

Mrs. Wood thanked the committee in charge.

Committee in charge for November Turkey Dinner:

Mrs. Edris — Chairman

Mrs. Wood

Mrs. Perry

Mrs. Hubbard

A motion of adjournment was made by Mrs. Wood and seconded by Mrs. Kotecky.

Respectfully submitted,

Adelaide Currie

Sec.-Treas.

Treasurer's Report

Bank

Bank Balance \$80.99

Check for (3 gifts) – Pickett Hardware \$10.50

Bank Balance \$70.49

Cash on Hand

Beginning cash \$7.12

Expenses:

3 Canasta decks & score pads \$4.05

4 Stick Cards \$0.30

Mrs. Rose (milk & cream) \$1.90

Total expenses \$6.25

Remaining cash \$0.87

Collection \$13.97

Disbursements \$12.25

Cash on Hand \$1.72

3 Canasta prizes @ 25¢ each \$0.75

Total Cash on Hand \$0.97

25 Knights & their Ladies present ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 13v-14](#)).

November, 1950

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple. Mrs. Wood, President, opened the meeting by all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Bills of the month read & ordered paid.

Mrs. Wood thanked the committee in charge.

Committee in charge for January meeting:

Mrs. Wilson Farnsworth, Mrs. Cole Young and Edna Perry.

Mrs. Wood presented Mrs. Farnsworth with a wedding gift from the Auxiliary.

Meeting adjourned.

Irene Wright – Sec'y (Pro Tem)

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance — \$70.49

Cash on Hand — \$0.97

Collection — 2.10

Total Cash on Hand — \$2.97

\$73.48

20 Knights & Ladies present ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 14v-15](#)).

Summing up the activities of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1950, it may be concluded that the organization entered a period of mature development. Its regular operations, stable financial position, and the active work of its committees ensured its continued effective functioning. At the same time, the primary focus of the Auxiliary shifted from its internal affairs to charitable and community-oriented projects. The organization provided assistance to needy families, children, and the sick, participated in national charitable campaigns, and supported community initiatives within its city. At the same time, it maintained close ties with the Commandery, remaining an important part of the social and family life of the American Knights Templar.

1951

January 1951

The meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Warren Commandery No. 63 was held in the parlors of the Masonic Hall on Jan. 22nd following the regular monthly turkey dinner.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Wood, who led in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and filed.

Cards were signed by those present and sent to Mrs. Irving and to Mrs. Schuler, in the hospital with an injured bone.

Thanks were expressed to those serving on the dinner committee.

There were 52 Ladies and Knights at the dinner.

The collection amounted to \$8.20.

Mrs. Clair Wuleng was appointed the chairman of the February dinner committee.

Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded and passed, to send a check for \$10.00 to the March of Dimes, the W.N.F.C. being notified and asking them to play Onward Christian Soldiers by Ted Warren, at the time announcing the gift on the air.

Meeting was adjourned to see colored slides taken & shown by Mr. Farnsworth.

This was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. J. L. Wissotzk

Sec. Pro Tem.

January 1951 Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$70.39

March of Dimes 10.00

Balance 60.39

Cash on Hand \$2.97

Collection 8.20

Bills 5.60

Total Cash on Hand \$5.57 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 15v-16](#)).

February 1951

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the Warren room of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Wood, President, opened the meeting by all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Bills of the month read & ordered paid.

Thank-you notes were read from the library family and also from Dorothy Yates and wife for the wedding gift, Margaret and Phyllis Kline.

Mrs. Wood thanked the committee.

Mrs. Nelson was appointed chairman of the March dinner committee.

Mrs. Vogner (or Wagner) gave a report.

Mrs. Commitzer made motion the meeting adjourned, seconded by Mrs. Kelley.

Anna Mae Cline

Sec. Pro Tem.

Treasurer's Report

February 1951

Bank Balance \$60.39

Cash on Hand \$5.57

Collection \$7.90

Bills \$5.00

Balance \$2.90

Total Cash on Hand \$8.47 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 16v-17](#)).

March 1951

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the lodge rooms of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Wood, President, opened the meeting with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Bills of the month were read and ordered paid.

The officers for the following year were elected:

Mrs. Tom Armstrong — President

Mrs. Archie Hunter — Vice President

Mrs. Ed Currie — 2nd Vice President

Mrs. Wilson Farnsworth — Secretary & Treasurer

Mrs. Ferguson talked about the Conclave to be held in Pittsburgh sometime in May. It would be nice if some could attend. (May 23rd or 24th)

Vera Wood, chairman, suggested the Ladies Auxiliary serve the breakfast on Easter morning after the Sunrise Service. To be discussed at a later date.

A sympathy card was sent to Allan Krebley on the death of his father.

Committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Entertainment — Lecture by Rev. Sprig Harwood.

Rosene Currie

Sec.-Treas.

Treasurer's Report

March 1951

Bank Balance \$60.39

Check from Commandery \$10.00

Cash Deposited (from collections) \$15.00

Total Bank Balance \$85.39

Deposit charge \$0.05

Net Bank Balance \$85.34

Cash on Hand \$8.47

Bills

Pies \$4.80

Cards \$0.10

Total Bills \$4.90

Balance \$3.57
 Collection \$8.91
 Total \$12.48
 Amount deposited (from collection) ... \$10.00
 Total Cash on Hand \$2.48
 Commandery paid \$10.00 for Rev. Sprig Harwood's lecture ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 17v-18](#)).

April 1951

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the Social Room of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Wood opened the meeting with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Wood extended a welcome to Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Lasher.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The bills of the month were read and ordered paid.

Mrs. Cramer made a motion that cards be sent to the ladies who do not come out to the dinners, to new members, and to widows of deceased members. It was suggested that contact could perhaps be made by telephone rather than by cards.

As this called for some discussion, Mrs. Wood turned the meeting over to the new president, Mrs. Armstrong.

Mrs. Armstrong stated that she felt the attendance at the dinners would be much improved by contacting the members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

After further consideration, it was moved, seconded, and carried that Mrs. Currie will send cards to new members and to widows or ladies who would not otherwise receive notice of these dinner meetings. It was decided that this would not be done for the May meeting but would become effective in the fall.

One dollar (\$1.00) was given to Mrs. Currie for the purchasing of postcards.

It was stated that for the May meeting the Commandery will furnish the dinner, with the exception of the salad and vegetables. The Ladies are to furnish these two dishes. Those present agreed to either furnish a tureen of cabbage salad or a tossed salad, or to pay toward the cost of purchasing frozen potatoes.

Mrs. Armstrong asked for suggestions for entertainment for the fall meetings. She mentioned that her daughter had made a trip to Guatemala and had some interesting movies of that place. Also, Mr. Yeager has pictures of the various Masonic Homes which would be worthwhile seeing. It was suggested that a musical program might be presented.

Mrs. Armstrong referred to the treasury balance and stated that she felt the money should not lie idle.

Mrs. Yeager suggested that we give a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Wood for her efforts this past year.

The meeting adjourned.

The Ladies accepted an invitation from the Commandery to witness the installation of their officers in the Lodge Room.

Ann Farnsworth

Sec.-Treas.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$85.34
 Cash on Hand \$2.48
 Collection \$7.44
 Bills \$3.08
 Postage \$1.00
 Total Bills \$4.08
 Cash on Hand \$5.84 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 18v-19](#)).

May 1951

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Armstrong, President, opened the meeting with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Armstrong stated that this would be the last tureen dinner until Fall.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

At the request of Mrs. Rose, it was so ordered that the Auxiliary pay the two ladies who washed the dishes for the May dinner from the Auxiliary's treasury.

Mrs. Armstrong asked for suggestions for putting the money in the treasury to good use.

Mrs. Owens suggested giving it to the Cancer Fund.

A motion was made by Mrs. Owens, seconded and passed, that we give \$10.00.

Mrs. Vermilyea suggested that we might purchase something that the Commandery needs, shoulder straps or the like. It was stated that from past experience it was found that the Commandery wanted to take care of those items themselves. It might be checked into again at the time the new commander goes into office. It might be possible to buy the retiring officer his jewel.

Mrs. Owens suggested that pins could be purchased for the ladies who have served as Presidents of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Armstrong brought up the matter as to whether this should be retroactive.

Mrs. Cramer stated that this would cover four years.

Mrs. Wood suggested that two or three could be purchased each year.

Mrs. Wright suggested that we have a special project to earn enough money to purchase a pin for every president. Mrs. Blair suggested a White Elephant Sale.

Mrs. Armstrong felt that the money for these pins should not be taken from the treasury but should be purchased with money earned through special projects. She referred to the different types and prices of such pins and perhaps a reduction in price by buying a quantity.

A motion was made and carried that this matter be tabled until Fall.

Mrs. Covett suggested saving a part of the money towards Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Armstrong suggested Mrs. Schaffer's project and mentioned that last year this had proved successful.

A motion was made by Mrs. Blair, seconded, and passed that \$10.00 be given Mrs. Schaffer.

Mrs. Currie suggested the Youth Canteen. Action on this was delayed until Fall.

The secretary was instructed to send Mrs. Rose a note thanking the Commandery for the fine dinner which was served.

There were 66 at the dinner. 30 ladies remained for the Auxiliary's meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

The balance of the evening was spent in playing games.

Ann Farnsworth

Sec.-Treas.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$85.34

Following checks:

Bessie Stone (doing dishes) \$3.00

Janice Hart (dishes) \$3.00

A.L. Kimmons — Cancer Fund \$10.00

Mrs. Schaffer \$10.00

Officer's flowers \$9.10

Total checks \$35.10

Bank Balance \$50.24

Less checks @ 5¢ each \$0.25

Net Bank Balance \$49.99

Cash on Hand \$0.84

Collection \$10.95

Excess of vegetable money for the May dinner ... \$2.86

Total Cash on Hand \$14.65 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 19v-21](#)).

November 1951

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Armstrong, President, opened the meeting with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Mrs. Armstrong mentioned that Mrs. Jane Schaffer had written her a letter explaining how the \$10.00 was used which the Auxiliary had given Mrs. Schaffer. Mrs. Schaffer used it to buy gifts.

Bethany Jotta Hospital asked the Auxiliary if it would give gifts at Christmas time. Mrs. Armstrong made a motion that we give a gift to the hospital. Her motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Armstrong then suggested that gifts be delivered to needy people. Mrs. Blair seconded the motion and it passed. This should be done with the next two weeks.

Also, Mrs. Blair moved that we give \$10.00 to Mrs. Schaffer for Christmas time. This was seconded by Mrs. Hobbs and carried.

At the previous meeting of the Auxiliary the matter of purchasing gifts for the past presidents was discussed. It was felt that these would set a good deal and if the plan carried beyond the plan where it would be possible to purchase gifts; also that the money would be put to better use in helping charity organizations.

Mrs. Armstrong suggested that this be tabled indefinitely until common interest was shown. She also stated that if we have money over and above enough about it to have a money goal, we could make a motion to take that money for this purpose. Mrs. Cramer seconded the motion; it carried.

Mrs. Armstrong stated that at the January meeting she would show her daughter's pictures of her trip to Guatemala.

Mrs. Cramer suggested that we do something to remember the boys in the service at Christmas time—perhaps send cards, maybe candy. It would be too late to overseas packages.

Mrs. Armstrong made a motion that we get them the list and send cards. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wright and carried. Mrs. Genevieve Ward and Mrs. Armstrong will take care of this.

There were 37 in attendance at the dinner and 16 ladies were present for the meeting.

There will be no meeting of the Auxiliary in December.

Mrs. Blair will be chairman of the January committee.

The meeting adjourned. Games and a social hour were then enjoyed.

Ann Farnsworth

Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance	\$49.99
Check — Mrs. Jane Schaffer	\$10.00
Subtotal	\$39.99
1 check @ 5¢	\$0.05
Bank Balance	\$39.94
Cash on Hand	\$14.65
Pies — Nov. dinner	\$6.75
Mrs. Armstrong — candy	\$1.00
Thanksgiving game	\$1.00
Total expenses	\$8.75
Balance	\$5.90
Nov. collection	\$8.50
Total Cash on Hand	\$14.40 (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 21v-22).

In 1951, the Auxiliary underwent a deliberate change in its financial policy. The organization effectively abandoned the practice of spending its funds on its own needs and resolved that available financial resources should be directed primarily toward charitable purposes. This reflected a significant shift in the organization's system of values. Throughout the year, the Auxiliary maintained close ties with the Commandery through joint festive dinners, shared social and cultural events, and discussions concerning possible assistance to the Commandery itself. The Auxiliary also took an active interest in contemporary social issues by organizing lectures and discussions on the Korean War, participating in the campaign against poliomyelitis, supporting efforts to combat cancer, and providing assistance to servicemen during their military service. In other words, the organization evolved into an independent center of charitable activity whose work was aimed not only at supporting members of the Masonic community but also at addressing the broader social needs of the local community.

1952

January 1952

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social room of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Armstrong, President, opened the meeting with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Miller that the project of the pins for the past presidents of the Auxiliary be dropped entirely. This was seconded by Mrs. Covett and it carried.

Mrs. Armstrong suggested spending some of the money in the treasury for the following four projects:

The Polio Fund
The Hospital Drive
Youth Canteen
Pictures Fund

She stated that she felt the Polio Fund should be the first to be considered.

Mrs. Wright made a motion that we send \$10.00 to the March of Dimes. This was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard. The motion carried.

This donation is to be mailed to Charles Master of the "Please Play" radio program with the request that the selection "Only for Christmas Soldiers" be played.

Mrs. Armstrong suggested that we give \$5.00 to the Youth Canteen, \$5.00 to the Pictures Fund, and \$10.00 to the Warren General Hospital Building Fund.

A motion to this effect was made by Mrs. Covett. This was seconded by Mrs. Peel. The motion carried.

Two "get well" cards were passed around for signatures—one for Mrs. Homer Andrews and one for Mr. Harold Rose.

Mrs. Jerry Wood is back from her trip. She thanked the Auxiliary for the card and the money that was given her.

Mrs. Covett thanked the January committee for the dinner.

Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Cramer, and Mrs. Jerry Wood were appointed the January committee.

The meeting adjourned.

Ann Farnsworth

Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$39.94

Checks:

March of Dimes \$10.00

Warren General Hospital \$10.00

Youth Canteen \$5.00

Jerry Wood \$6.60

Total Checks \$31.60

Bank Balance \$8.34

5 checks @ 5¢ \$0.25

Net Bank Balance \$8.09

Cash on Hand \$14.40

Collection \$7.50

Set of 3 games @ 60¢ each \$1.80

Total Cash on Hand \$23.70 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 22v-23](#)).

February 1952

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Armstrong, President, opened the meeting with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. Armstrong announced that she would not be present for the March meeting but that Mrs. Hanley would be in charge.

Mrs. Genevieve Wood presented a bill of 89¢ for cards and postage. This covered the cards mailed to boys of our members in the service at Christmas time. A motion was made, seconded and carried that this bill be paid.

Mrs. Harris thanked the ladies in behalf of her son for the Christmas card which he received.

The committee for the February meeting was Mrs. Covett, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Rutledge, Mrs. Genevieve Wood, with Mrs. Vermilyea as chairman.

Mrs. Currie will be chairman of the March committee.

The meeting adjourned.

For the social hour Mr. Yeager showed colored slides of the Elizabethtown Masonic Home.

Ann Farnsworth

Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$3.04

Deposit (2/23/52) \$19.00

Bank Balance \$22.04

Deposit charge \$0.05

Net Bank Balance \$21.99

Cash on Hand \$23.70

Deposited (2/23/52) \$19.00

Balance \$4.70

February Collection \$8.40

Subtotal \$13.10

Mrs. Wood — cards & postage \$0.89

Ice cream & cake \$6.25
 Total Expenses \$7.14
 Cash on Hand \$5.96 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 23v-24](#)).

March 1952

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Archie Hunter, Vice President, presided at the meeting. The meeting was opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

It was reported that Mrs. Frances Blair was ill and in the hospital. A get-well card was signed by all present and sent to Mrs. Blair.

The committee for the March meeting was Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Born, Mrs. Owens, with Mrs. Currie as chairman.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Mrs. Archie Hunter — President
 Mrs. Ed Currie — 1st Vice President
 Mrs. Earl Burkner (or Barker) — 2nd Vice President
 Mrs. Wilson Farnsworth — Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting adjourned.

For the social hour Mrs. Hunter presented a very enjoyable program — a reading by Mrs. Archibald and several vocal selections by Mad Smith.

Ann Farnsworth, Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$21.99
 Check received from Commandery 10.00
 Subtotal \$31.99
 Deposit charge 0.05
 Balance \$31.94
 Check to Mrs. Armstrong for cards
 and note paper 1.50
 Bank Balance \$30.44
 Check charge 0.05
 Net Bank Balance \$30.39

Cash on Hand \$5.96
 March collection 6.90
 Total \$12.86
 March refreshments 7.20
 Cash on Hand \$5.66 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 24v-25](#)).

April, 1952

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the council room of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Thomas Armstrong, President, presided at the meeting. The meeting was opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. Armstrong introduced Miss Meredith Jones, guest of Mrs. Hunter.

Mrs. Frances Blair thanked the group for cards sent during her illness.

The meeting was turned over to the new president, Mrs. Archie Hunter.

The committee for the May meeting is as follows:

Mrs. Hunter, Chairman
 Mrs. Young
 Mrs. Jurich
 Mrs. Bember
 Mrs. Farnsworth

The following are to be in charge of flowers for the table:

Mrs. Beck

Mrs. Hubbard

Mrs. Barber moved that we give Mrs. Armstrong a rising vote of thanks in appreciation of her work as president this past year.

The meeting adjourned.

The ladies were invited to attend the installation service upstairs.

Mrs. Herbert Harris, Acting Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$30.39

Cash on hand \$5.66

April collection 8.64

Resale of pins 1.20

Resale of ice cream 1.50

Total received: \$17.00

Paid:

Ice Cream \$4.50

Kroger – Prize 6.00

Total paid: \$10.50

Balance: \$6.50 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 25v-26](#)).

September, 1952

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the council rooms of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Lillian Hunter, President, presided at the meeting. The meeting was opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Hunter stated that the flowers for the table had been donated by Mrs. Dennis. These bouquets were awarded to several of the ladies.

The committee for the October meeting is as follows:

Mrs. Beck

Mrs. Peel

Mrs. Nichols

Mrs. Hubbard

with Mrs. Currie and Mrs. Farnsworth as the entertainment committee.

After the meeting adjourned, the ladies joined in group singing with Mrs. Herbert Harris directing and Mrs. Ed Currie at the piano.

Ann Farnsworth, Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$30.39

Cash in hand \$6.50

Sept. collection 7.72

Total received: \$14.22

(Commandery paid for the dessert at the September dinner). ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 26v](#)).

October, 1952

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the council rooms of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Lillian Hunter, President, presided at the meeting. The meeting was opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

It was suggested that we bring toys which can be donated to some local organization for distribution to needy families at Christmas time.

The matter of sending Christmas cards and boxes to sons in the Service was discussed. Mrs. Hunter will go over the list of Commandery members with Mr. Rose to determine those to whom cards and boxes should be sent.

Mrs. Armstrong made a motion that mail to sons of any members of the Commandery in foreign service should be mailed by November 15th, but the November meeting might decide about others in the service of this country. The motion was seconded and carried.

Suggestions were made as to what should be included in the packages to be sent overseas. Mrs. Wright made a motion, which was seconded and carried, that a committee should decide what should be sent. The following committee will serve:

Mrs. Hunter
Mrs. Tucker
Mrs. Harris
Mrs. Wright

It was agreed that we will find out how many boxes are to be sent before we decide how much we will spend.

The November committee will be:

Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Arentz
Mrs. Barber
Mrs. Evans

After the meeting adjourned, a program of games was enjoyed by the group.
Ann Farnsworth, Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$30.39
Cash on hand \$14.22
October collection 6.09
Sale of pie 0.60
Total received: \$20.91

Paid:

Expense for Oct. program ... \$2.79
Cheese 0.95
Prizes 5.50
Total paid: \$9.24
Balance: \$11.67 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 27-27v](#)).

November, 1952

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the council rooms of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Lillian Hunter, President, presided at the meeting. The meeting was opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

It was announced that there would be no social meeting in December.

The January committee chairman will be Mrs. Armstrong.

It was decided that the Auxiliary would order fruit cakes as a Christmas remembrance for those servicemen who are sons of members of the Commandery. These will be shipped direct from the supplier. There are only about five on the list.

It was decided that a box would be placed at the Temple about December 10th in which to leave toys and gifts that Mrs. Lena Schaeffer may distribute to needy children of the community. These should be Christmas wrapped.

After the meeting adjourned, movies were enjoyed by the group.

Ann Farnsworth, Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$30.39
Fruit cakes for servicemen ... 8.00
Subtotal: \$22.39
1 check @ 5¢ 0.05
Balance: \$22.34
Cash on hand \$11.67
Nov. collection 9.71
Total received: \$21.38

Paid:

Pies & cream \$8.05

Balance: \$13.33 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 28-28v](#)).

Summing up the activities of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1952, it is important to note that the organization reached a new stage of development. If 1951 was marked by a reassessment of its financial policy, then in 1952 these principles were fully implemented in practice. Charity became the organization's foremost priority. Throughout the year, the Auxiliary contributed funds to the March of Dimes, supported the Warren General Hospital Building Fund, assisted the Youth Canteen, financed the Pictures Fund, organized the collection of toys and gifts for needy children, and provided Christmas gifts for the sons of Commandery members serving in the armed forces.

The organization also definitively abandoned expenditures aimed at enhancing its own prestige. Particularly significant was the January decision to abandon entirely the project of producing commemorative pins for former presidents of the Auxiliary. Instead, these funds were redirected to charitable programs, demonstrating that public service had taken precedence over the organization's internal corporate interests.

Throughout the year, the Auxiliary also maintained close ties with Warren Commandery No. 63. It continued to participate actively in the life of the Commandery through joint dinners, attendance at officers' installation ceremonies, shared cultural programs, and assistance to the families of Commandery members.

1953

January, 1953

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Lillian Hunter, President, presided at the meeting. The meeting was opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Communications from Ed Wood and from Mrs. Rutledge, in behalf of her son, thanking the Auxiliary for their Christmas remembrances, were acknowledged; also a note from Mrs. Schaeffer thanking the group for the Christmas packages which were given to her for distribution to the needy.

A motion was made by Mrs. Owens that the Auxiliary send \$10.00 to the March of Dimes fund. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned.

For the program Mrs. Hunter presented a trio from the First Evangelical United Brethren Church who sang a group of sacred songs. Following this, a film entitled "The Heart of India" was shown.

Ann Farnsworth, Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$22.34

March of Dimes 10.00

Subtotal: \$12.34

1 check @ 5¢ 0.05

Balance: \$12.29

Cash on hand \$13.33

Jan. collection 7.70

Subtotal: \$21.03

Sale of 2 pies 1.20

Total received: \$22.23

Paid:

Pies & cheese \$7.30

Balance: \$14.93 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 29-29v](#)).

February, 1953

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Lillian Hunter, President, presided at the meeting. The meeting was opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. Irene Wright, Mrs. Janet Templeton, and Mrs. Genevieve Wood will act as the nominating committee of the officers for the ensuing year.

The March committee will be:

Mrs. Pury

Mrs. Born

Mrs. Young

Mrs. Miller

with Mrs. Rose as Chairman.

The meeting adjourned.

For the program Mrs. Hunter presented Mrs. Robert Schorman, who showed colored slides of her trip to Bermuda & Florida.

Ann Farnsworth, Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$12.29

Cash on hand \$14.93

Feb. collection 9.61

Total received: \$24.54

Paid:

Pies & ice cream \$5.45

Balance: \$19.09 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 30](#)).

March, 1953

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Lillian Hunter, President, presided at the meeting. The meeting was opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President — Adelaide Currie

Vice President — Neva Barber

Secretary-Treasurer — Ann Farnsworth

A sympathy card was mailed to Mrs. Leo Allee, and a get-well card to Mrs. Allen Kochley.

The meeting adjourned.

For the program, Joan Wright of Sheffield presented a number of beautiful songs and instrumental numbers. Also, Donita Smith of Warren favored the group with several vocal selections.

Ann Farnsworth, Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$12.29

Deposit (4/10/53) 15.00

Subtotal: \$27.29

Deposit charge 0.05

Balance: \$27.24

Cash on hand \$19.09

March collection 7.55

Total received: \$26.64

Paid:

Pies \$6.75

Deposited 15.00

Total paid: \$21.75

Balance: \$4.89 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 30v-31](#)).

April, 1953

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Lillian Hunter, President, presided. The meeting was opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

It was reported that both Mrs. Becker Rutledge and Mrs. Vera Wood had been in the hospital. Get-well cards were sent to these ladies.

Mrs. Hunter turned the meeting over to the new President, Mrs. Adelaide Currie.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Hunter in behalf of her efforts for a successful year as President.

The meeting adjourned.

Following the meeting, the ladies were invited upstairs by the Commandery to witness their installation of officers.

Ann Farnsworth, Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$27.24

Cash on hand \$4.89

Apr. collection 5.85

Check from Commandery 10.00

Total received: \$20.74

Paid:

Pies & cream \$12.00

Balance: \$8.74 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 31v-32](#)).

May, 1953

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple with Mrs. Adelaide Currie presiding. The meeting was opened with repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The meeting adjourned.

Following the meeting, a movie known as "The Ladies" was shown.

Ann Farnsworth, Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$27.24

Loyalty Honorship (returning) 5.00

Subtotal: \$32.24

1 check @ 5¢ 0.05

Balance: \$32.19

Cash on hand \$8.74

May collection 5.40

Total received: \$14.14

Paid:

Cake & cream \$7.01

Balance: \$7.13 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 32v](#)).

September, 1953

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple, with the President, Mrs. Adelaide Currie, in charge of the meeting. The meeting was opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and filed.

The President appointed Mrs. Barber as chairman of the October dinner committee, with the following to serve on the committee:

Mrs. Davis

Mrs. Wright

Mrs. Tucker

Mrs. Currie announced that wives of the officers of the Commandery would serve as chairmen of the dinner committees during the year.

The meeting adjourned. The remainder of the evening was spent watching television.

Ann Farnsworth, Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$32.19

Cash on hand \$7.13

Sept. collection 5.80

Total received: \$12.93

Paid:

Pies \$5.95

Balance: \$6.98 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 33](#)).

October, 1953

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple, with the President, Mrs. Adelaide Currie, in charge of the meeting. The meeting was opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

It was reported that both Mrs. Burgard and Mrs. Munch had been in the hospital.

Mrs. Perry will be chairman of the November dinner committee, with the following to serve on the committee:

Mrs. Young

Mrs. Streich

Mrs. Munch

It was decided to provide a Thanksgiving basket for some needy family. We will contact Mrs. Lena Schaeffer regarding this. A collection will be taken at the November meeting to cover the cost of this.

Also, it was decided that we would bring Christmas gifts for needy children to our November meeting. These are to be wrapped and marked as to the age and sex for whom they are intended. Lena Schaeffer will distribute these.

The meeting adjourned.

The remainder of the evening was spent watching television.

Ann Farnsworth, Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$32.19

Cash on hand \$6.98

Oct. collection 8.90

Total received: \$15.88

Paid:

Pies \$7.50

Balance: \$8.38 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 33v-34](#)).

November, 1953

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple, with the President, Mrs. Adelaide Currie, in charge of the meeting. The meeting was opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that we give \$25.00 to Lena Schaeffer for relief work among the needy at Christmas time. Those members present contributed \$12.75 toward this. The balance of \$12.25 to make up the \$25.00 will be taken out of the treasury.

The members are to bring unwrapped Christmas gifts for needy children to the Temple by November 15th. Mrs. Schaeffer will distribute these.

A vote of thanks was extended to the November dinner committee for the fine turkey dinner which was served.

Mrs. Audrey Blomquist is to be chairman of the January dinner committee.

The meeting adjourned. The balance of the evening was spent watching television.

Ann Farnsworth, Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$32.19

Deposit (11/24/53) 18.00

Subtotal: \$40.19

Check to Lena Schaeffer \$25.00

Check for flowers for Mrs. Burgard 3.00

Total paid: \$28.00

Bank Balance: \$12.19

Cash on hand \$8.38

Nov. collection 9.10

Total received: \$17.48

Paid:

Cake & cream \$5.10

Balance: \$12.38 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 34v-35](#)).

In 1953, charitable work became the primary mission of the Ladies Auxiliary. Virtually all of the organization's major decisions were connected with providing assistance to those in need. The Auxiliary allocated funds to campaigns against disease, organized fundraising efforts for Christmas relief, and prepared a Thanksgiving basket for needy families.

The organization's financial policy also remained consistent. Despite its relatively modest budget, its financial resources were directed primarily toward projects that served the public good. A particularly noteworthy example occurred in November, when the members of the Auxiliary voluntarily contributed \$12.75, while the remaining amount needed to reach \$25.00 was provided from the organization's treasury to support Christmas relief for needy families. This illustrates the combination of personal initiative on the part of the members and the institutional support of charitable projects.

1954

January, 1954

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple, with the President, Mrs. Adelaide Currie, in charge of the meeting. The meeting was opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The President stated that the annual Conclave of the Commandery will be held in Erie in 1955 and that all chapters in the district would be called upon to help in the preparations for this. More details will be reported on this later.

A vote of thanks was extended to the January dinner committee for the fine dinner which was served, especially for the three meat loaves which they had prepared.

The meeting adjourned.

Ann Farnsworth, Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$12.19

Cash on hand \$12.38

Jan. collection 8.65

Total received: \$21.03

Paid:

Pies & cream \$5.25

Balance: \$15.78 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 35v](#)).

February, 1954

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple, with the President, Mrs. Adelaide Currie, in charge of the meeting. The meeting was opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

It was reported that the Grand Commander of Pennsylvania will be making his official visit at the March meeting of the Commandery, and he and his party will be present for the turkey dinner.

Adelaide Currie will be chairman of the March committee, assisted by Frances Blair, Georgine Born, Velva Edris, and Ann Farnsworth.

Baked ham, dessert, and coffee will be furnished by the Commandery.

Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Owens, and Mrs. Edris will act as the nominating committee of the officers for the ensuing year.

The meeting adjourned. The remainder of the evening was spent watching television.

Ann Farnsworth, Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$12.19

Kresge – Pies 6.00

Bank Balance: \$6.19

Cash on hand \$15.78

Feb. collection 4.77

Total received: \$20.55 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 36-36v](#)).

March, 1954

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple, with the President, Mrs. Adelaide Currie, in charge of the meeting. The meeting was opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President — Neva Barber

Past President — Adelaide Currie

First Vice President — Hunter Edris Perry

Second Vice President — Audrey Blomquist

Secretary-Treasurer — Georgine Born

Adelaide introduced the following visitors:

Mrs. Wm. Montgomery, wife of the Grand Commander.

Mrs. Harrison Hartline, wife of the Division Commander.

Mrs. Floyd Stone, wife of the Grand Marshal.

It was reported that Lena Schaeffer has been laid up for the past several weeks because of a fall.

The meeting adjourned. The remainder of the evening was spent watching television.

Ann Farnsworth, Sec.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$6.19

Deposit (4/2/54) 15.00

Bank Balance: \$21.19

Cash on hand \$20.55

Expense — March meeting 3.00

Subtotal: \$17.55

Deposited 15.00

Cash Balance: \$2.55

(No collection in March.)

Treasurer's Report — April 1954

Bank Balance \$21.19

Cash on hand \$2.55

Received from the Commandery 10.00

Collection 5.40

Total received: \$17.95

Expenses:

Paid Mr. Rose for ice cream \$4.80

Paid Mrs. Barber for cards \$1.00

Paid for flowers (Mrs. H. Flowers) .. \$2.00

Total expenses: \$7.80

Cash balance on hand: \$10.15

Total Assets: \$31.34

Signed: Georgine Born, Treasurer ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 37-37v](#)).

April 1954

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular monthly meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple with Mrs. Adelaide Currie, President, in charge. The meeting was opened with all praying the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Ten dollars was received from the Commandery.

Mrs. Currie was thanked by the ladies for her wonderful support during the past year.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Burbee, the new President.

Mrs. Yunger spoke of the illness of Mrs. Harold Flowers. It was suggested that flowers be sent, and the matter was turned over to the Secretary.

It was suggested by Mrs. Burbee that the new officers serve as the committee next time. It was agreed that meat loaf be furnished by the committee.

The meeting adjourned, and the ladies went upstairs to witness the installation of officers in the Commandery.

Georgia Born, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 38](#)).

May 17, 1954

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular monthly meeting in the social room of the Masonic Temple. Mrs. Burbee, President, presided at the meeting. It was opened by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

There were 20 ladies present, one visitor, Mrs. Post, and four new members: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. McHenry, and Mrs. Rudolph.

The new business discussed was the Conclave in Erie next year. A donation is needed to help defray expenses. The amount to be given was not decided upon. In order to raise the money, a motion was made by Mrs. Cornett and seconded by Georgia Born that a collection be taken up after each meeting.

The new committee for the June meeting is:

Mrs. Strick, Chairman

Mrs. Young

Mrs. Webb

Mrs. Covert

Mrs. Munch

The meeting adjourned, and the ladies watched television for the rest of the evening.

G. Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report — May 17, 1954

Bank Balance

Previous balance: \$21.19

Deposited (May 19): \$14.43

Total: \$35.62

Cash Activity

Collections: \$9.53

Cash on hand: \$10.15

Total: \$19.68

Disbursements

Pies: \$5.25

Amount Deposited: \$14.43 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 38v-39](#)).

June 28, 1954

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular monthly meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple. Mrs. Burbee, President, presided at the meeting. It was opened by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

It was reported that Mrs. Frances Webber had undergone a serious operation at the local hospital. Also, Mr. Ed Finkbeiner had suffered a heart attack and was a patient in the hospital. Cards were mailed to both Mrs. Webber and Mr. Finkbeiner.

To help defray the Auxiliary's share of the expenses of the annual Conclave at Erie next year, a special collection of \$4.20 was taken. A White Elephant Sale was suggested as another possible way of raising additional money for this fund.

Mrs. Burbee gave a report on her trip to the Conclave at Harrisburg.

She announced that the officers would serve as the September committee.

The meeting adjourned. The remainder of the evening was spent watching television.

Ann Farnsworth, Acting Secretary

Treasurer's Report — June 28, 1954

Bank Balance \$35.62

Cash on Hand

June collection: \$6.25

Total: \$6.25

Paid

Mrs. Rose: \$5.00

Balance: \$1.25

Special Fund

\$4.20 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 39v-40](#)).

September 27, 1954

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular monthly meeting in the social room of the Masonic Temple. Mrs. Burbee, President, presided over the meeting. It was opened by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Stabile was present from Erie. She gave a brief discussion on the coming Conclave in Erie.

It was suggested by Mrs. Burbee that \$100.00 be raised for this occasion.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

A card was signed by all members present and sent to Mrs. Flora Gilmore, who was a patient in Hamot Hospital, Erie.

The committee for the October meeting is:

Mrs. Cornett

Mrs. Peel

Mrs. Hubbard

Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Evans

A collection was taken up for the Conclave, amounting to \$4.90.

The meeting adjourned, and the ladies played cards for the remainder of the evening.

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report — September 27, 1954

Bank Account

Bank balance: \$35.62

Paid Mrs. Rose for pies: \$8.60

Balance: \$27.02

Cash

Cash on hand: \$1.25

Collection: \$5.95

Total: \$7.20

Special Collection for the Conclave

On hand: \$4.20

September collection: \$4.90

Total: \$9.10

Georgia Born, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report — October 25, 1954

Bank Account

Bank balance: \$27.02

Cash

Cash on hand: \$7.20

Collection: \$7.28

Total: \$14.48

Disbursements

Paid Mrs. Rose for pies: \$7.80

Cash balance: \$6.68

Special Fund for the Conclave

On hand: \$9.10

Collection: \$21.80

Total: \$30.90

Combined Total

Bank balance: \$27.02

Cash balance: \$6.68

Conclave Fund: \$30.90

Grand Total: \$64.60

Georgia Born, Treasurer ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 40v-41](#)).

October 25, 1954

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular monthly meeting in the social room of the Masonic Temple. Mrs. Burbee, President, opened the meeting with all praying the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. Burbee welcomed two new members, Mrs. Schatzle and Mrs. Arbuckle.

The topic of discussion was how to raise money for the Conclave. It was decided that envelopes for a "nickel bake" should be mailed to the members. Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Edris offered their assistance in getting them ready.

A collection of \$21.80 was taken after the meeting.

The committee for the next meeting consists of:

Mrs. Altarsah

Mrs. Rose

Mrs. Webster

Mrs. Edris

The meeting adjourned, and Mrs. Ayling showed colored slides of pictures taken at Chautauqua, West Virginia, and Florida on one of her southern trips.

Georgia Born, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 41v](#)).

November 22, 1954

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular monthly meeting in the social room of the Masonic Temple. Mrs. Burbee opened the meeting with all praying the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

There were no bills presented for the dinner, as the ladies in charge made the dessert and Mrs. Rose donated the cream.

The collection for the evening amounted to \$20.18.

Get-well cards were mailed to Lucy Miller, Mrs. Hubbard, and Mrs. Messenger, who were ill.

The meeting adjourned, and the ladies worked on new tablecloths.

The committee for the January meeting consists of:

Mrs. Owens

Marian Whipple

Ruth Harris

Mrs. Cal Young

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

November 22, 1954

Bank Balance (October): \$27.02

Deposited (Nov. 23): \$50.76

Bank Balance: \$77.78

Cash on Hand: \$7.00

Total Funds: \$84.78

Assets:

In bank: \$77.78

Cash on hand: \$15.00

Total: \$92.78

Received:

From Mrs. Rose: \$7.00

Contribution from the St. John's Day Banquet

Also \$1.00 from Mrs. Harris

These receipts made a total of \$15.00 on hand ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 42](#)).

Summing up the activities of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1954, it is important to note that, in addition to its charitable work, the organization became more actively involved in major Commandery projects. For the first time, a substantial portion of its activities was devoted to preparations for the Annual Conclave, which was scheduled to be held in Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1955.

Throughout the year, the Auxiliary discussed plans for the Conclave, organized special fundraising campaigns, established a separate fund, developed additional methods of raising financial support, and set a goal of raising \$100.00 to help finance the event.

Despite the emergence of this major project, the organization continued its charitable activities by sending get-well cards to sick members, supporting members of the community during illness, and providing assistance to those in need.

1955

January 24, 1955

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular monthly meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple with 22 ladies present. Mrs. Burbee opened the meeting with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

It was announced that the \$100 needed for the Conclave fund had been exceeded, and everyone was delighted.

Mrs. Burbee welcomed Mrs. Goldstein as a new member and thanked the committee in charge for preparing the dessert.

The committee for the February meeting will be:

Mrs. Conert

Mrs. Nichols

Mrs. Perry

Mrs. Evans

Mrs. Beck

A motion was made by Mrs. Conert and seconded by Mrs. Hubbard that the meeting adjourn.

The ladies spent the remainder of the evening playing cards and watching television.

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

January 24, 1955

Bank Balance: \$77.78

Deposit (January 31, 1955): \$27.74

Total Bank Balance: \$105.52

Cash on Hand: \$5.00

Total Funds: \$110.52

Received:

\$5.00 from an anonymous donor, added to the collection, making a total of \$10.52 on hand ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 42v](#)).

February 28, 1955

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights Templar met in the social rooms for their regular monthly meeting with Mrs. Burbee presiding.

The meeting was opened by all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. Burbee briefly reviewed the program for the Conclave.

Mrs. Furber, Mrs. Hubbard, and Mrs. Wood were appointed to serve as the Nominating Committee for officers for the ensuing year.

The committee for the next meeting will consist of:

Mrs. Furber

Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Munch

Mrs. Young

The meeting adjourned, and the ladies spent the remainder of the evening playing cards and watching television.

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

February 28, 1955

Bank Balance: \$105.52

Cash on Hand: \$5.00

Collections: \$7.70

Total Funds: \$118.22

Disbursements (Pies): \$6.30

Balance: \$111.92

Cash on Hand: \$6.40 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 43](#)).

March 28, 1955

The March meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was called to order by the president, Mrs. Burbee.

A poem was read, and the meeting was opened with all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Acting for the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Wood submitted the following slate of officers for the coming year:

President: Mrs. Helen Hunter

Vice President: Mrs. Edna Perry

Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. Georgia Born

All nominations were accepted, and nominations were then closed.

The committee serving for the next meeting will be:

Mrs. Van Milyea

Mrs. Mathias

Mrs. Peel

Mrs. Wright

A check for \$100.00 was presented to Mrs. Burbee for the Conclave.

Get-well cards were sent to Mrs. Somers and Mrs. Farrell.

The meeting adjourned. To conclude the evening, the ladies watched television.

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

March 28, 1955

Bank Balance: \$5.52

Cash on Hand: \$6.40

Disbursements (Pies): \$5.60

Balance (Cash): \$0.80

Collections: \$7.00

Cash on Hand Total: \$7.80

Bank Balance: \$5.52

Total Funds: \$13.32 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 43v](#)).

April 25, 1955

The April meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was held in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple.

The meeting was opened by all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. Burbee was given a rising vote of thanks in appreciation for her work as president during the past year.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Lillian Hunter.

It was decided that a small remembrance gift be purchased and presented to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harris at the next meeting, as they were moving to California. A special collection would be taken to help defray the cost of the gift.

The committee for the next meeting would consist of the new officers:

Mrs. Lillian Hunter

Mrs. Edna Perry

Mrs. Georgia Born

The meeting adjourned, and to conclude the evening the ladies watched television and played cards.

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

April 25, 1955

A \$10.00 gift was received from the Commandery.

Bank Account

Bank balance: \$5.52
May deposit: \$20.00
Total: \$25.52
Check for pies: \$6.75
Bank balance: \$18.77

Cash on Hand
Cash on hand: \$3.48
Stamps and cards: \$2.00
Balance on hand: \$1.48

Total Assets
Cash balance: \$1.48
Bank balance: \$18.77
Total balance: \$20.25

Additional Cash Record
Collection: \$5.68
Cash on hand: \$7.80
Deposit (May): \$13.48
Left on hand: \$1.48 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 44](#)).

May 23, 1955

The May meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was held in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple with Mrs. Lillian Hunter presiding.

The meeting was opened by all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Since Mr. and Mrs. N. Harris were unable to attend the dinner, nothing was done regarding the small remembrance gift.

Mrs. Jennie Hubbard invited the ladies to her cottage, "Bon Aire," above Russell for a strawberry picnic on June 27.

Mrs. L. Hunter was placed in charge of transportation, and the Secretary was instructed to send cards to all the widows.

The committee for the next meeting would be appointed in September.

The meeting adjourned until the fall.

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

May 23, 1955

Bank Account

Bank balance: \$18.77

Disbursements (strawberries and pies): \$6.30

Remaining bank balance: \$12.47

Deposit: \$7.53

Total bank balance: \$20.00

Cash

Collections: \$6.05

Cash on hand: \$1.48

Total cash received: \$7.53 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 44v](#)).

September 26, 1955

The September meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was held in the social room of the Masonic Temple with Mrs. Lillian Hunter presiding.

The meeting was opened by all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary's report of the May meeting was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

A financial statement of the Ladies' Committee of the 102nd Annual Conclave was read by Mrs. Rose.

A discussion followed concerning the amount to be raised each year for the Conclave and where it should be kept until needed. It was decided to set aside \$35.00 each year and place it in a special fund designated for the Conclave.

It was suggested that a card be sent to Mrs. Somers and Mrs. Ralph O'Harrah.

Mrs. Hunter thanked the committee members who had assisted her, and the meeting adjourned.

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

September 26, 1955

Bank Balance: \$20.00

Deposit (Collections): \$5.90

Total: \$25.90

Disbursements: \$4.20

Bank Balance: \$21.70 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 45](#)).

October 24, 1955

The October meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was held in the social room of the Masonic Temple with Mrs. Lillian Hunter presiding.

The meeting was opened by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

A discussion followed, and it was decided to remember all the "Shut Ins" at Christmas time.

It was also decided to take up a collection at the next meeting for the John McCowan Fund toward purchasing a wheelchair.

Mrs. Whipple will entertain the ladies at the next meeting by showing pictures of her recent trip to Europe.

The meeting adjourned.

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

October 24, 1955

Bank Balance: \$21.70

Collections: \$4.75

Total: \$26.45

Expenses (Pies and Cream): \$6.61

Balance: \$19.84 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 45v](#)).

November 26, 1955

The Ladies Auxiliary of Warren Commandery No. 63 held its regular monthly meeting in the social room of the Masonic Temple with Mrs. Lillian Hunter presiding.

The meeting was opened by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

A motion was made to remember the shut-ins at Christmas time with roses. Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Born, Mrs. Ver Milyea, and Mrs. Hunter were appointed to see to it.

A vote of thanks was extended to the dinner committee by Mrs. Hunter.

A collection was taken amounting to \$10.00 to be sent to John McCowan for Christmas.

The meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Whipple entertained the ladies by showing colored pictures and narrating interesting events from her recent trip to Spain. It was greatly enjoyed by all those present.

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

November 26, 1955

Collection at the November meeting: \$4.92

Bank Balance: \$19.84

Total: \$24.76 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 46](#)).

Summing up the activities of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1955, it is important to note that the organization successfully fulfilled its role in preparing for the 102nd Annual Conclave. Throughout the year, the Auxiliary completed its fundraising campaign, contributed \$100.00 toward the Conclave, reviewed the financial report

of the Ladies' Committee following the event, and decided to establish a permanent annual fund of \$35.00 for future Conclaves. This marked a transition from one-time fundraising campaigns to long-term financial planning.

Following the successful completion of the Conclave, the organization immediately returned to its traditional charitable activities. In particular, the Auxiliary resolved to remember elderly and homebound members of the community at Christmas, organized a fundraising campaign for the purchase of a wheelchair, supported the widows of Commandery members, and sent get-well cards to members who were ill.

The organization's understanding of social responsibility also continued to expand. Whereas in previous years its charitable efforts had focused primarily on needy families, in 1955 greater attention was given to other groups, including elderly and socially isolated members of the community, individuals with disabilities, widows, and members suffering from illness.

1956

January 23, 1956

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple with Mrs. Hunter presiding.

The meeting was opened by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. Hunter told of her visit with John McCowan and his family, and how grateful he was for the \$10.00 gift received from the Auxiliary.

Hankies were sent to Mrs. Santee and Mrs. Rogers at Christmas time. The sum of \$2.40 was paid to Mrs. Hunter out of the collection for the hankies. A thank-you note was read from Mrs. Rogers.

In order to raise extra funds to increase the bank balance, a motion was made by Mrs. Ver Milyea and seconded by Mrs. Edris to hold a mock bake sale. Envelopes were to be prepared by Mrs. Hunter and given to the Secretary to be included with the notices for the next meeting.

A white elephant sale was suggested for the month of March.

Mrs. Hunter thanked her committee who so ably assisted her in serving.

The committee for the next meeting is:

Mrs. Evans

Mrs. Samuelson

Mrs. Goldstein

The meeting adjourned. To conclude the evening, Mrs. Ver Milyea showed colored pictures taken in Korea by her son.

The following names were given by the ladies to receive a small remembrance for Valentine's Day:

Mrs. Hutchings

Mrs. Whitehill

Mrs. Meas

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

January 23, 1956

Bank balance: \$24.76

Collections: \$3.53

Total: \$28.29

Disbursements (pies & cheese): \$6.49

Bank balance: \$21.80 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 46v-47](#)).

February 27, 1956

Following a delicious chicken dinner served by the Commandery, the Ladies Auxiliary held their meeting in the social room with Mrs. Hunter presiding.

There were 18 ladies present.

The meeting was opened by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. Hunter thanked the committee who so ably assisted in serving.

A nominating committee was appointed. The following ladies were chosen:

Mrs. Burbee

Mrs. Mathie

Mrs. Burhee (handwriting unclear; possibly Burbee again)

The committee for the next meeting consists of:

Mrs. Whipple
Mrs. McHenry
Mrs. Goldstein

A cake walk and white elephant sale were planned for the May meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

G. Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

February 27, 1956

Bank balance: \$21.80

Mock Bake Sale and collections: \$30.25

Total: \$52.05

Cash on hand: \$2.00

Grand total: \$54.05 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 47](#)).

March 26, 1956

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular monthly meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple with Mrs. Hunter presiding.

The meeting was opened by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

There were 14 ladies present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

A vote of thanks was extended to the dinner committee.

Mrs. Mathie read the report of the nominating committee. The names submitted were:

Mrs. Edna Perry — President

Mrs. Blomquist — Vice President

Mrs. G. Born — Secretary-Treasurer

A motion was made by Mrs. Rose that the slate of officers be accepted, and it was seconded by Mrs. N. Edris.

Many interesting and amusing stories were heard concerning the recent flood.

The committee for next month will be:

Mrs. Rutledge

Mrs. Goldstein

Mrs. Whipple

The meeting adjourned.

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

March 26, 1956

Bank Balance: \$52.05

Cash on hand: \$2.00

Collections and Mock Bake Sale: \$10.30

Total: \$64.35

Disbursements: \$5.60

Bank Balance: \$58.75

Note: Deposit of \$6.70 made April 23 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 47v](#)).

April 23, 1956

The Ladies Auxiliary held their monthly meeting in the social room of the Masonic Temple with 42 ladies and 3 guests present.

The meeting was opened by the president, Lillian Hunter, leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. Hunter thanked the committee and everyone for their fine cooperation during the past year.
The meeting was then turned over to the new president, Edna Perry.
The committee for the May meeting consists of:

Mrs. Munch
Mrs. Hilda Miller
Mrs. Phillips

The meeting adjourned, and the ladies were invited upstairs to witness the installation of the new officers.

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

April 23, 1956
Bank balance: \$58.75
Deposited: \$13.91
Bank balance: \$72.66

Collections

Collection for the evening: \$9.57
Disbursements (pies): \$5.60
Received from the Commandery: \$10.00
Total deposited: \$13.91 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 48](#)).

May 28, 1956

The Ladies Auxiliary held their last meeting until September in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple with 14 ladies present.

The meeting was opened by the president, Edna Perry, leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The White Elephant Sale, which had been mentioned at a previous meeting, was tabled until the September meeting.

One new member, Mrs. Brinkley, was introduced and welcomed to the group.

Mrs. Perry thanked her committee, who had so ably assisted in serving the dinner.

The meeting adjourned.

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

May 28, 1956
Collections: \$3.45
Bank balance: \$72.66
Total: \$76.11 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 48v](#)).

September 24, 1956

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social room of the Masonic Temple with 16 ladies present.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Perry, leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The White Elephant Sale was discussed, and it was decided to table it until after the holidays.

A motion was made by Mrs. Edris and seconded by Mrs. Burbee that a Cake Walk be held at the October meeting. Mrs. L. Hunter was asked to take charge.

Coffee would be furnished by Mrs. Websters and Mrs. Burbee.

A card was to be sent to Mrs. Jennie Hubbard, who had been unable to attend the meetings.

Mrs. Perry thanked her committee for the evening, and the following ladies were chosen for the committee for the next month:

Mrs. Johnson
Mrs. Brinkley
Mrs. Burbee
Mrs. Born

The meeting adjourned.
Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report
September 24, 1956
Receipts
Collections: \$8.14
Pies and cream: \$6.64
Cash on hand: \$1.50
Bank balance: \$76.11

Total assets: \$77.61
Bank Account
Previous bank balance: \$76.11
Check (Mrs. Rose): \$6.45
New bank balance: \$69.66

Cash on Hand
Cash on hand: \$1.50

Total Funds
Bank balance: \$69.66
Cash on hand: \$1.50

Grand Total: \$71.16 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 49](#)).

October 22, 1956

The Ladies Auxiliary held their meeting in the social room of the Masonic Temple with 17 ladies present.
The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Perry, leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

A discussion followed concerning raising money for new robes. Nothing was decided at this meeting, but all of the ladies agreed to help.

Lucy Miller asked for a donation for John McCowan to help with the cost of a television cable for him.
A motion was made by Mrs. Conert to give \$10.00, and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Blair.

The secretary was asked to send cards to Mrs. Sannie and Mrs. Jennie Hubbard.

Mrs. Lillard, a guest at the meeting, invited the ladies and their husbands to a reception for the Grand Commander in Franklin on Saturday, November 10.

Mrs. Perry thanked the committee for the evening and appointed the following ladies to serve on the committee for the next meeting:

Mrs. Webster
Mrs. Rose
Mrs. Mathie
Mrs. Blair

The meeting adjourned.
Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report
October 22, 1956
Receipts
Cash on hand: \$1.50
Cake Walk: \$12.60
Cup collection: \$4.35
Mock Bake Sale: \$3.00
Pies: \$1.00

Total receipts: \$22.45
Bank Account
Previous bank balance: \$69.66
Donation to John McCowan: -\$10.00
Balance after donation: \$59.66

Deposit: \$22.45

New bank balance: \$82.11 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 49v](#)).

November 1956

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular monthly meeting in the social room of the Masonic Temple following a delicious turkey dinner.

In the absence of Mrs. Edna Perry, the meeting was opened by Mrs. Lillian Hunter, who led the group in the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Some of the new robes were brought in for repair. After examining them, it was decided that one robe was beyond repair. Mrs. Edris suggested that the ladies purchase a new robe and make that a regular project instead of donating to other causes. The motion was made by Mrs. Edris and seconded by Mrs. Rose.

Another Cake Walk was discussed for a future date since the last one had been so successful.

The month of February was suggested as the theme, with Valentine decorations to make the cakes more attractive. This proposal was made by Mrs. Edris and seconded by Mrs. Conert. The meeting adjourned.

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Collection for the evening: \$5.80

Bank balance: \$82.11

Total: \$87.91

Check to H. Rose for pies: \$7.44

Remaining bank balance: \$80.47 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 50](#)).

In 1956, the Ladies Auxiliary entered a stage of stable development. Its fundamental organizational principles had already been established, and its activities were therefore focused not on identifying new areas of work but on improving its existing operational model and ensuring long-term financial stability. To strengthen its financial position, the Auxiliary organized a Mock Bake Sale, held Cake Walk events, discussed conducting a White Elephant Sale, and organized additional fundraising campaigns. These activities significantly increased the organization's financial resources and contributed to its long-term financial stability.

The Auxiliary's charitable work continued, although it assumed a more personalized character. Its activities included providing direct financial assistance, purchasing commemorative gifts, sending greeting and get-well cards, and supporting members who were ill. Compared with 1955, the organization's charitable efforts became less extensive in scope but more individualized, focusing on the specific needs of individual members of the community.

1957

January 28, 1957

The Ladies Auxiliary held their meeting in the social room of the Masonic Temple.

The meeting was opened by the president, Edna Perry, leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The main topic of the evening was the cost of materials, repairing, and cleaning the soiled robes. It was decided to have Mrs. Affley inspect all of the robes and determine what should be done. Some of the ladies offered their assistance in repairing them and helping with the hand sewing when they were ready.

The Cake Walk scheduled for the next meeting will be under the direction of Mrs. Hunter. Cakes will be donated by Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Edris, and Mrs. Ed. Currie.

Mrs. Edris suggested holding a Mock Bake Sale at the March meeting to raise additional funds. Mrs. Hunter offered to prepare the envelopes so they could be sent out with the regular March meeting notices. Mrs. Perry thanked her committee for the evening, and the meeting adjourned.

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

January 28, 1957

Collections for the evening: \$5.30

Bank balance: \$80.47

Total: \$85.77

Disbursements (pies): \$6.40

Remaining bank balance: \$79.37 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 50v](#)).

February 25, 1957

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple following a delicious turkey dinner. There were 29 Knights and their ladies present for the dinner.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Perry, leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Perry appointed the following ladies to the Nominating Committee:

Mrs. Tifern (surname uncertain)

Mrs. Hunter

Mrs. Edris

Mrs. Armstrong suggested that the number of Knights and ladies who attend the dinners be kept in the minutes each month for future reference.

The April dinner was discussed, and a motion was made by Georgia Born and seconded by Mrs. Johnson that a dish washer be hired for the April dinner.

Mrs. Perry thanked the committee for the evening and the ladies who donated cakes.

The ladies assisted Mrs. Affley with some of the hand sewing on the robes.

A cake walk followed the dinner, and \$8.00 was collected for the three cakes donated to increase the treasury balance.

Treasurer's Report

February 25, 1957

Receipts

Collection: \$5.90

Cake Walk: \$8.00

Total receipts: \$13.90

Bank Account

Previous bank balance: \$79.37

Anderson Bakery: -\$5.60

Balance: \$73.77

Deposited: \$13.90

New bank balance: \$87.67 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 51](#)).

March 25, 1957

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Perry, leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

There were 15 ladies present at the meeting and 32 Knights and their ladies present for the turkey dinner.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. Affley, who has been repairing the men's robes, fell and broke her hip and was unable to be present. Mrs. Perry felt that she would be unable to finish the robes, so someone should be contacted to do the job. Mrs. Ann Wyman was called and offered to help.

The April dinner was discussed, and several of the ladies offered to bring two turkeys to help serve the large crowd.

The menu for the dinner is to be:

Ham

Scalloped potatoes

Peas

Cabbage salad

Mrs. Blair is in charge of the table decorations.

A collection will be taken at the next meeting to pay for a dishwasher.

The meeting adjourned.

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

March 25, 1957

Receipts

Collections: \$5.25

Mock Bake Sale: \$18.00

Previous bank balance: \$87.67

Total funds: \$110.92

Disbursements

Cherry pies: \$5.60

Remaining bank balance: \$105.32 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 51v](#)).

April 22, 1957

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was held in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple following a delicious turkey dinner, attended by 28 Sir Knights and their ladies.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Perry, leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were accepted as read.

The Nominating Committee was called upon to present the slate of officers for the ensuing year. On behalf of the committee, Mrs. Hunter presented the following nominees:

Mrs. Blomquist — President

Mrs. Cal Young — Vice President

Mrs. Born — Secretary & Treasurer

Because Mrs. Born had served as Secretary and Treasurer for the past three years, she expressed her desire to resign. A new Secretary and Treasurer was therefore to be appointed at the next meeting.

Final details were discussed for the large dinner to be held the following Saturday evening.

Mrs. Perry thanked the committee for the evening and all those who had helped in any way during the year.

A card was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Messenger, who were celebrating their 69th wedding anniversary.

The meeting adjourned.

Georgia Born, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

April 22, 1957

Receipts

Collections: \$16.00

Disbursements

Soap: \$0.40

Peas: \$5.25

Dishwasher: \$6.00

Total disbursements: \$11.65

Net receipts: \$4.35

Previous bank balance: \$105.32

New bank balance: \$109.67 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 52](#)).

May 27, 1957

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was held in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple following a delicious turkey dinner, attended by 42 Sir Knights and their ladies.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Blomquist, leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were accepted as read.

Because of the resignation of the Secretary, Mrs. Born, Margaret Timm was elected to fill the vacancy for the ensuing year.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cromer and seconded by Mrs. Covert authorizing the Secretary to purchase a box of all-occasion greeting cards to be sent to members whenever necessary.

Mrs. Blomquist welcomed two new members:

Mrs. W. M. Hill

Mrs. Ebbert (Fig. 3)



Fig. 3. Mrs. Maxine Ebbert (1920–1883)

Frank Woods' mother was also welcomed as a guest.

It was decided to hold a picnic on July 22 on the Island in North Warren, weather permitting.

Committee appointments:

Mrs. Blomquist — Chairman

Lucy Miller — Co-Chairman

Three members volunteered to bake cakes:

Mrs. Webster

Mrs. Hill

Mrs. Mathies

Cards were distributed to the members so they could indicate the type of programs they would like for the coming year. The final decision was to be made by the officers.

Mrs. Blomquist thanked the committee for the evening for the fine meal, which everyone enjoyed.

The Secretary was instructed to send get-well cards to:

Mr. Fred McCutcheon

Mrs. Elsie Culbertson

Mrs. Bert Manner (surname uncertain)

Mrs. Georgia Born

The meeting adjourned.

Margaret Timm, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Collection: \$0.90

Mock Bake Sale: \$1.00

Previous bank balance: \$109.67

Cash

Cash on hand: \$1.90

Cost of greeting cards: \$1.25

Cash remaining on hand: \$0.65

Total bank balance: \$110.32 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 52v-53](#)).

October 28, 1957

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was held in the social room of the Masonic Temple with thirteen ladies and one guest present.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Blomquist, leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read due to the absence of the Secretary.

Mrs. Timm, who had been appointed Secretary in the spring, had resigned. Mrs. Born, acting as Secretary Pro Tem, took the minutes for the meeting.

Many suggestions were offered to raise extra money for the Conclave.

An auction sale of unwrapped gifts was suggested by Rayna Akeley, and a motion was made by Mrs. Mathies and seconded by Mrs. Covert to hold one, with the date to be announced later.

A travelling basket was suggested by Lillian Hunter. It was explained by Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Mathies, and it was felt that more members could be reached by this method. The project was to begin as soon as they could obtain a membership list from Mrs. Blomquist.

Mrs. Blomquist thanked the committee of the evening for serving the delicious dinner.

Mrs. Hillard spoke briefly about the dinner and how much she had enjoyed it.

The meeting adjourned, after which the ladies were entertained by Mrs. Hunter, who showed a color film of Salt Lake City and the surrounding countryside.

Georgia Born, Secretary Pro Tem

Treasurer's Report

October 28, 1957

Opening balances

Bank balance: \$109.67

Cash on hand (previous meeting): \$0.65

Additional cash on hand: \$0.65

Total assets: \$110.97

Current meeting

Collections: \$6.35

Pies: \$5.70

Cash remaining after deductions: \$0.65 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 53v-54](#)).

November 25, 1957

A turkey dinner was held following a short business meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary.

The President, Mrs. Blomquist, opened the meeting with all present praying the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the May and October meetings were read and accepted.

The travelling baskets were reported as having been received by some members.

A motion to hold a White Elephant Sale in January was discussed. This matter was tabled.

Mrs. Akeley presented a lovely Christmas candle to the Auxiliary to be sold. It was auctioned off and purchased by Mrs. W. M. Covert for \$4.60.

Mrs. Young accepted the office of Secretary for the year.

There being no further business, Mrs. Born moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Edris.

Secretary Pro Tem:

Irene Wright

Treasurer's Report

November 25, 1957

November Activity

Collections: \$5.59

Disbursements: \$4.45

Balance: \$1.14

October Balance

Cash balance: \$1.30

Candle sale (Nov.): \$4.60

Cash on hand: \$4.04

Financial Position

Cash on hand: \$4.04

Bank balance: \$109.67

Total funds: \$113.71 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 54v](#)).

In 1957, the Ladies Auxiliary continued its development, seeking simultaneously to improve its internal operations, maintain its material resources, and prepare for future major projects. Financial stability remained one of the organization's highest priorities. To strengthen its financial position, the Auxiliary organized Cake Walks and Mock Bake Sales, discussed holding a White Elephant Sale, auctioned donated gifts, considered the Travelling Basket project, and conducted regular fundraising collections. These initiatives not only enabled the organization to maintain a stable financial position but also to increase its financial assets.

Throughout the year, the Auxiliary also sought to increase the involvement of its members in organizational activities. To achieve this, it welcomed new members, conducted surveys on preferred programs for future meetings, discussed new ways of encouraging member participation, and developed additional fundraising projects designed to involve the widest possible number of members.

1958

January 27, 1958

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was held in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple, following a delicious turkey dinner attended by 47 Sir Knights and their ladies.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Blomquist, who led the group in the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

Of the six traveling baskets, two were reported as having completed their journey.

Mrs. Born reported receipts of \$9.21.

Mrs. Akeley reported \$11.00, making a total of \$20.21.

The proposed White Elephant Sale was again tabled until further notice.

A communication was read from Mrs. Harris, expressing her appreciation for the card sent to her during her illness. Mrs. Samuelson also expressed her appreciation for the card sent to her during her recent bereavement.

It was suggested that the Secretary send cards to Carl Wright, Earl Burbee, and Ernest Johnson, who were ill.

Mrs. Blomquist appointed her committee for the February meeting, with Mrs. Ebbert and Mrs. Custer serving as co-chairmen.

There being no further business, Mrs. Edris moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Born.

Emma Young, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

January 27, 1958

Current Receipts

Cash on hand: \$4.04

January collection: \$2.13

Refund (pie tin): \$0.20

Proceeds (traveling baskets): \$20.21

Total: \$26.58

Deposited: \$25.00

Cash on hand: \$1.58

Bank Balance

Previous bank balance: \$109.67

January 31 deposit: \$25.00

Bank balance: \$134.67

Cash on hand: \$1.58

Total funds: \$136.25

Treasurer's Report

February 24, 1958 (recorded on the same page)

Receipts

Cash on hand: \$1.58

February collection: \$2.30

Proceeds (traveling baskets): \$21.60

Total: \$25.48

Bank deposit: \$25.00

Balance on hand: \$0.48

Bank Balance

Previous bank balance: \$134.67

March 14 deposit: \$25.00

Bank balance: \$159.67

Cash on hand: \$0.48

Total funds: \$160.15 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 55-55v](#)).

February 24, 1958

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was held in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple, following a delicious turkey dinner attended by 45 Sir Knights and their ladies.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Blomquist, leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

Three traveling baskets netted \$21.16 at this meeting.

A motion was made by Jerry Mathis and seconded by Mrs. Cramer that the Temple Association be petitioned to install an escalator.

Mrs. Armstrong also suggested that other people be encouraged to do the same. The question was to be brought up at the Commandery meeting the following night.

Under new business, it was suggested that Mrs. Akeley be given a gift or some form of recognition for the work she had done on the robes. Mrs. Blomquist was asked to determine whether anything had already been done.

A card was sent by the Secretary to Sir Knight Maurice Perry, who was ill and in the hospital.

Mrs. Blomquist thanked the committee of the evening and appointed her committee for the March meeting, with Emma Tuhker (handwriting uncertain) and Lillian Hunter serving as co-chairmen.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Wood.

Emma Young, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 56](#)).

March 24, 1958

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was held in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple, following a delicious turkey dinner attended by 38 Sir Knights and their ladies.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Blomquist, leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

The last traveling basket netted \$7.65. The project had produced a total profit of \$49.02 since it was begun.

Mrs. Blomquist read a letter from Jim Willis concerning the proposed escalator. After considerable discussion, the matter was tabled.

A motion was made by Mrs. Edris and seconded by Mrs. Munch that a gift of money be presented to Mrs. Akeley, together with an Easter card, in recognition of her work. Edna Perry was appointed to call on her and present the gift.

The slate of officers for the ensuing year was presented as follows:

Emma Young — President

Gladys Johnson — Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Blomquist thanked her committee for the evening and appointed the committee for the April meeting, with Georgia Born and Gladys Johnson serving as co-chairmen.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Blair and seconded by Mrs. Cramer.

Emma Young, Secretary

Financial Notes (bottom of page)

Gift to Mrs. Akeley and card: \$10.25

Cash on hand (traveling basket): \$7.65
Deficit: \$2.60
Bank balance: \$159.67 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 56v](#)).

April 28, 1958

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was held in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple, following a turkey dinner attended by 40 Sir Knights and their ladies.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Blomquist, leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were accepted as read.

A suggestion was made to send Mrs. Georgia Cramer a card, as Mrs. Cramer was on the sick list.

Mrs. Blomquist thanked her committee for the evening and thanked everyone for their fine cooperation during the past year.

The meeting was then turned over to the new president, Emma Young.

Committee for the May meeting

Hattie Lane

Alice White

Aylfield (or Alfield) Munch

Emma Young

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Colvert and seconded by Mrs. Blair.

Emma Young, Secretary

Financial Notes

Deficit owed to Emma Young: \$2.60

Receipts for the evening: \$0.70

(First installment noted.)

Total: \$1.90

Bank Balance: \$159.67 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 57](#)).

May 28, 1958

The regular monthly meeting of the Commandery Auxiliary was held in the Social Rooms of the Masonic Temple following the turkey dinner. Forty-four Sir Knights and ladies attended.

The meeting opened by praying the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Miller that the serving of meals at the dinners be directed by the committee. Motion carried.

Mrs. Young thanked her committee for the evening and appointed the following ladies to serve on the dinner committee for the October meeting:

Frances Blair

Jerry Mathis

Florence Bair

Mabel Evans

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Armstrong and seconded by Jerry Mathis that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Lee Etta Lane, Secretary Pro Tem

Treasurer's Report

No cash on hand

Bank Balance: \$159.47 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 57v](#)).

October 27, 1958

A turkey dinner attended by 36 Sir Knights and Ladies preceded the monthly meeting of the Commandery Auxiliary.

Mrs. Young, Auxiliary President, led the group in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and approved.

Mrs. Young asked for ideas to raise money. No action was taken at the present time. If necessary, some project may be taken up later.

Mrs. Young thanked her dinner committee and appointed the following ladies to the November Committee:

Mrs. Covert
Mrs. Cramer
Mrs. Lucy Miller
Lorna Schaffer

Mrs. Blair moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Covert. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts of the evening after dessert was paid for: \$2.58

Paid for cards: \$0.30

Balance: \$2.28

Bank Balance: \$159.67 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 58](#)).

November 23, 1958

Thirty-seven Sir Knights and their ladies attended the turkey dinner preceding the meeting of the Commandery and Auxiliary.

The meeting was opened with the members praying the Lord's Prayer, led by Mrs. Young, President.

It was moved by Mrs. Cramer and seconded by Lillian Hunter that a White Elephant Sale be held to provide some entertainment and also to augment the treasury. It was decided to invite the men as guests, and a tentative date was set for the January meeting.

There will be no Auxiliary meeting in December, since the regular meeting date falls too close to Christmas.

Mrs. Young appointed the following January dinner committee:

Edna Perry
Frances Webster
Mrs. Covert
Lillian Samuelson

Mrs. Covert moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Edris. Motion carried.
Gladys Johnson, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance: \$159.67

Petty cash on hand (October): \$2.28

Received from collections: \$8.00

Total: \$10.28

Cards and postage: \$0.60

Balance on hand: \$9.68 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 58v](#)).

The records for 1958 indicate that the Ladies Auxiliary had reached a stage of stable operation. Unlike previous years, the organization was no longer focused on identifying new directions for development but instead concentrated on maintaining its established model of operation, preserving financial stability, and strengthening its internal organizational processes.

Throughout the year, the Auxiliary continued to devote considerable attention to strengthening its financial resources. The principal source of additional income was the Travelling Basket project, which generated more than \$49.00 in profit. In addition, regular collections continued, and new methods of fundraising were actively explored. As a result, the organization's financial position remained stable, while its bank balance changed very little over the course of the year, reflecting the achievement of a sustainable level of financial security.

A distinctive feature of 1958 was the organization's growing emphasis on recognizing the contributions of its most active members. In particular, the Auxiliary decided to present Mrs. Akeley with a monetary gift and an Easter card in appreciation of her many years of work repairing the ceremonial robes. This demonstrates the emergence of a well-established culture of internal recognition and appreciation for voluntary service.

1959

Monday, January 26, 1959

The Commandery Auxiliary, led by Mrs. Young, opened the meeting with everyone praying the Lord's Prayer.

Thirty-nine Sir Knights and Ladies attended the dinner.

There was no Secretary's or Treasurer's report, as the Secretary was absent.
Mr. and Mrs. James had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. William Schwartz.
No business was transacted.

Emma thanked the committee for serving the delicious dinner and announced that the following ladies would serve on the February Committee:

Mrs. Irene Wright — Chairman
Mrs. Mildred Parker
Mrs. Carl Whipple
Mrs. Genevieve Wood

Mrs. Cramer made the motion that the meeting adjourn, and it was seconded by Mrs. Mabel Evans.
The White Elephant Sale, held after the meeting, netted \$20.65.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Collections: \$7.60
Pies sold: \$1.30
Total receipts: \$8.90

Expenses

Paid for pies: \$6.40
Net from dinner: \$2.50

White Elephant Sale

Proceeds: \$20.65
Refund (pies): \$0.85
Net: \$24.00

Cash on hand: \$9.68
Total funds available: \$33.68
Bank balance: \$159.67
Grand total (cash + bank): \$193.35 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 59](#)).

February 23, 1959

A delicious turkey dinner was held at 6:30 p.m., attended by 22 Sir Knights and their ladies.
Following the dinner, the ladies held their regular meeting with 10 members present.

Mrs. Young opened the meeting with everyone praying the Lord's Prayer.

The officers for the coming year were discussed. Mrs. Young tried to contact Mrs. Rayna Akeley to determine whether she would serve as Secretary. The call could not be completed, so Mrs. Edris was asked to telephone her later.

The committee was thanked for the delicious cakes they baked for the dinner.

The following ladies were appointed to serve on the next committee:

Georgia Born
Velda Edris
Mrs. Blomquist
Mrs. Samuelson

It was learned that Mrs. Perry had been confined to the hospital with a back injury, and it was suggested that she be sent a card.

A motion to adjourn was made by Emma and seconded by Mrs. Edris.
G. Born (Secretary)

Treasurer's Report

Collections: \$5.38
Dinner bill: \$4.78
Net receipts: \$0.60
Cash on hand (previous): \$33.68
Cash on hand (current): \$34.28
Bank balance: \$159.67
Total assets: \$193.95 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 59v](#)).

March 23, 1959

Twenty-one Sir Knights and Ladies attended the turkey dinner which preceded the Commandery Meeting.

Emma Young led the Auxiliary in praying the Lord's Prayer.

It was reported by Mrs. Edris that Rayma Akeley had accepted the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year.

The following ladies were appointed to the April Dinner Committee:

Lillian Hunter

Emma Young

Gladys Johnson

Mrs. Goldstein

Mrs. Munch

The meeting adjourned.

G. Johnson

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Collections: \$7.00

Balance on hand: \$34.28

Total: \$41.28

Expenses

Dessert: \$6.00

Paid Mrs. Young: \$1.50

Total expenses: \$7.50

Balance on hand: \$33.78

Bank Balance: \$159.67

Total Assets: \$193.45 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 60](#)).

April 25, 1959

A delicious turkey dinner preceded the April meeting of the Commandery and Auxiliary. Twenty-two Sir Knights and their ladies attended.

Emma Young led the Auxiliary in praying the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read and placed on file.

The new President then took the chair and appointed the following committee for the May dinner:

Chairman: Lucy Miller

Mrs. Evans

Neva Burbee

Frances Webster

Ways and means of encouraging more Sir Knights and their ladies to attend the meetings were discussed.

The meeting adjourned.

Gladys Johnson, Secretary Pro Tem

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand: \$33.78

Receipts for the evening: \$2.41

Petty cash balance: \$36.19

Bank balance: \$159.67

Total balance: \$195.86 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 60v](#)).

May 18, 1959

Thirty-two Sir Knights and their ladies attended the turkey dinner which preceded the May meeting of the Commandery and Auxiliary.

The President led the Auxiliary in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was accepted and placed on file.

The following committee was appointed for the next dinner:

Alice White, Chairman
 assisted by Mrs. Crouch (surname difficult to read; possibly Crouch/Covent)
 Mrs. James
 Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer's Report
 Balance on Hand
 Previous balance: \$36.19
 Received from May meeting: \$1.86
 Petty cash balance: \$38.05

Bank Balance
 \$159.67

Total Balance
 \$197.72

May Meeting Financial Summary
 Collections: \$5.86
 Cost of dinner: \$4.00
 Net gain: \$1.86 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 61](#)).

October 1959
 The Commandery Aux. held its regular meeting in the Masonic Temple Social Rooms following a turkey dinner with the Sir Knights.
 The meeting was opened by Pres. Gladys Johnson, leading the group in praying the Lord's Prayer.
 There was no Treasurer's or Secretary's report given.
 A committee was appointed for the Nov. meeting:
 Mrs. Covert
 Mrs. Olga Miller
 Mrs. Mildred Baker

Pres. Gladys Johnson reported on the condition of Mrs. Frances Blair.
 Three new members were introduced and welcomed to the Auxiliary:
 Hannah Ludolph
 Olga Miller
 Mrs. August

Receipts for the evening after paying for pies was \$0.10.
 Secy., Genevieve Wood (Pro Tem)
 Approved by R. Akeley.

Financial Report
 Balance on hand \$38.05
 Receipts (after paying for pies) \$0.10
 Bank Balance \$159.67
 Total \$197.82
 Petty Cash Balance: \$38.15 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 61v](#)).

Summing up the activities of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1959, it should be noted that the organization's financial position remained stable. Throughout the year, its bank account maintained an almost unchanged balance of approximately \$159.00, while current expenses were fully covered through regular collections, dinners, and special fundraising events. The White Elephant Sale proved particularly successful, generating more than \$20.00 in net profit. By the end of the year, the Auxiliary's total funds had reached approximately \$198.00, the highest level recorded during the entire period under study.

Unlike previous years, the records contain very little evidence of new charitable projects or major community initiatives. Instead, the organization's efforts were concentrated on maintaining its traditional activities, including organizing regular fellowship dinners, appointing committees, preparing meetings, and managing routine administrative matters. This indicates that the Ladies Auxiliary had moved from a period of active organizational development to one of stable operation.

Particular attention was also devoted to maintaining the organization's membership. Throughout the year, new members continued to be admitted, ways of increasing attendance at meetings by Sir Knights and

their wives were discussed, and measures were taken to sustain interest in the activities of the Ladies Auxiliary.

1960

January 23, 1960

The Commandery Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple. Preceding the meeting the Sir Knights and ladies enjoyed a turkey dinner.

The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Gladys Johnson, with the praying of the Lord's Prayer.

The reading of the minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The committee and all who helped in preparing the dinner were all thanked.

Mrs. Esther Covert asked to be relieved of being Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Lillian Samuelson was asked to take over as acting Secretary, and accepted.

Two new members were welcomed into the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Blair was reported as coming along well.

The committee was appointed for the January meeting:

Mrs. Edris

Mrs. Egbert

Mrs. Wood

The December meeting was cancelled due to the holiday falling in the same week.

With no further business the meeting adjourned, and the Sir Knights and ladies were shown slides by Rev. and Mrs. Bertledge of their trip to Hawaii. They were enjoyed by all.

L. Samuelson

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand (Petty Cash) \$38.15

Collection for Nov. \$10.00

Bank Balance \$159.67

Total \$207.82

Expenses:

3 postal cards \$0.30

Balance \$207.52

Petty Cash on hand \$47.85 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 62](#)).

February 22, 1960

A delicious turkey dinner preceded the January meeting of the Commandery and Auxiliary. Twenty-two Sir Knights and their ladies attended.

The meeting opened with the President, Gladys Johnson, leading the Auxiliary in the praying of the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

A suggestion was made by the President that the Auxiliary pay Rev. Rutledge five dollars for a flashbulb. A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis that the Auxiliary pay for the bulb. It was seconded by Mrs. Edris.

The President asked Mrs. Lillian Hunter to conduct the February meeting while she was away. Mrs. Hunter accepted.

The committee was thanked for their help. Mrs. Covert was unable to serve on the committee due to illness.

The committee for the February meeting was appointed:

Mrs. Georgia Born, Chairman

Mrs. Covert

Mrs. Lillian Samuelson

The committee for the March meeting was also appointed:

Mrs. Lillian Hunter, Chairman

Mrs. White

Mrs. Cramer

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lillian Samuelson

Acting Secretary

Treasurer's Report

February 22, 1960

Petty Cash \$47.85
 Collection for January \$6.75
 Total \$54.60
 Paid for pies and cheese \$7.03
 Paid for bulb \$5.00
 Petty Cash \$42.60
 Bank Balance \$159.67
 Petty Cash on hand \$42.60
 Total Balance \$202.27 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 62v-63](#)).

March 28, 1960

A delicious turkey dinner preceded the February meeting of the Commandery and Auxiliary. The tables were very nicely decorated in keeping with Washington's Birthday. Seventeen Sir Knights and ladies attended.

The meeting was opened with Mrs. Hunter leading the Auxiliary in the praying of the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. Hunter thanked the committee for the evening. Mrs. Georgia Born received a special vote of thanks for the beautifully decorated table.

Get-well cards were sent to the following people who were in the hospital:

Mrs. Raymah (or Rayma) Akeley (first name not fully legible)

Mrs. Matilda Currie

Mrs. Heland Webster (surname clear; given name uncertain)

The committee for the March meeting:

Chairman: Mrs. Lillian Hunter

Mrs. White

Mrs. Cramer

With no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Edris and seconded by Mrs. Born that the meeting adjourn.

Lillian Samuelson

Acting Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balances

Petty Cash \$42.60
 Bank Balance \$159.67

Receipts

Collection for February \$3.80
 Sale of hats \$4.60

Total receipts \$8.40

Expenses

Table decorations \$3.10
 Paid for dessert \$8.40
 Cards & stamps \$1.10

Total expenses \$12.60

Closing balances

Petty Cash on hand \$38.40
 Bank Balance \$159.67
 Total Balance \$198.07 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 63v](#)).

April 25, 1960

The Commandery Auxiliary held its regular meeting in the Masonic Temple Social Rooms following a turkey dinner with the Sir Knights.

The meeting was opened by President Gladys Johnson, who led the group in the Lord's Prayer.
 There was no Treasurer's or Secretary's report.
 A committee was appointed for the May meeting:
 Mrs. Covert
 Mrs. Olga Driller
 Mrs. Mildred Parker

President Gladys Johnson reported on the condition of Mrs. Frances Blair.
 Three new members were introduced and welcomed into the Auxiliary:
 Hannah Ludolph
 Olga Miller
 Mrs. Covert

The evening's receipts, after paying for pies, amounted to \$0.10.
 The minutes were recorded by Genevieve Wood, Secretary Pro Tem, and approved by R. Akeley.
 Mrs. Gladys Johnson then gave a very interesting talk about her trip to Hawaii, which was enjoyed by everyone.

Treasurer's Report — April 25, 1960

Opening balances
 Bank balance \$159.67
 Petty cash \$38.45

April receipts
 March collection \$7.35
 Paid for dessert \$9.00
 Sold pies \$1.45

Petty cash calculation
 Beginning petty cash \$38.45
 Less dessert expense \$9.00
 Plus pie sales \$1.45
 Petty cash on hand \$30.90

Total balance
 Bank balance \$159.67
 Cash on hand \$30.90
 Total balance \$190.57.

Treasurer's Report — May 16, 1960

Petty Cash Balance \$38.20
 April Collection \$6.30
 Paid for meat \$9.05
 Money from Petty Cash \$2.25
 Balance in Petty Cash \$35.45
 Bank Balance \$159.67
 Total Balance \$195.12 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 64-64v](#)).

May 16, 1960

The Commandery Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple. Preceding the meeting twenty-five Sir Knights and their ladies and guests from Bradford enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner.

President Gladys Johnson opened the meeting in leading the Auxiliary in the praying of the Lord's Prayer.

There was discussion as to who the President for the coming year would be. The President suggested she start from the beginning. So Mrs. Paul Mathis was asked to take over as new President. She accepted. Lillian Samuelson was asked to continue as secretary until someone else could take over. She accepted.

The President-elect then took over the meeting.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

The ladies who baked cakes and the committee who helped in the kitchen were all thanked.

Guests from Bradford were introduced and welcomed to our meeting.

The committee for May were nominated:

Mrs. Blomquist
Mrs. Burbee
Mrs. Covert

With no further business the meeting adjourned.
The ladies were invited upstairs to witness the installation of officers.
Lillian Samuelson
Acting Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 65](#)).

May 16, 1960

The Ladies Auxiliary of Warren Commandery No. 63 held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple, following the monthly turkey dinner.

The meeting was opened with the members praying the Lord's Prayer, led by Mrs. Jerry Mathis, President.

There was no Secretary's or Treasurer's reports read due to the absence of Mrs. Lillian Samuelson.

Mrs. Covert made the motion that we accept Mrs. Blomquist's invitation that we hold a picnic for the Commandery and the Auxiliary on Blomquist's Island later this summer. Mrs. Cramer seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Treasurer Report

\$35.45 — Petty Cash

\$1.04 — May Collection (after paying pies)

\$36.49 — Balance petty cash to date

\$159.67 — Bank Balance

\$36.49 — Petty Cash

\$196.16 — Total Balance

Jane Nelson

Acting Secy. ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 65v](#)).

September 26, 1960

The Ladies Auxiliary of Warren Commandery No. 63 held their regular monthly meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple, following the monthly turkey dinner. Thirty-one ladies and their Sir Knights were present.

The meeting was opened with the members praying the Lord's Prayer, led by Mrs. Gladys Johnson, President.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

The committee for October meeting are: Mrs. Emma, Mrs. Lillian Samuelson, and Mrs. Cramer.

The November Committee was also appointed as follows: Mrs. White, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Edris, Mrs. James.

Entertainment for after our meeting was discussed.

With no further business the meeting adjourned.

Jane Nelson

Secretary

Treasurer's Report

\$34.49 — Petty Cash

\$1.61 — Paid (after paying pies)

\$36.10 — Total Petty Cash

\$159.67 — Bank Balance

\$36.10 — Petty Cash

\$195.77 — Total Balance ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 66](#)).

October 24, 1960

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the Social Rooms of the Masonic Temple following the monthly turkey dinner. There were about 22 Sir Knights and their ladies present.

Mrs. Mathis, President, opened the meeting with all praying the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The committee of Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Blair were thanked for their work.

Mrs. Lillian Hunter will be Program Chairman for the year. Everyone enjoyed the Boys Choir, whose choir Byron Samuelson sang several selections following the dinner, after which they were served pie and chocolate milk.

A quartet is being looked into for our program next month.

Our November turkey dinner will be a turkey dinner with turkey, potatoes, dessert provided by the committee.

Mrs. Blair made a motion that we adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Covert.

Jane Nelson

Secy.

Treasurer's Report — October 24, 1960

Petty Cash

Petty Cash	\$36.10
Oct. Collection	0.70
Past Cards (Oct.–Nov.)	0.59
Subtotal	36.41
Sympathy Card to Mrs. Chesnut	-0.30
Petty Cash Balance	35.81

Receipts/Expenses

Pies	10.80
Chocolate Milk	1.80
Total Expenses	12.60
Collection	13.30
Net Gain	0.70

Balances

Bank Balance	\$159.67
Petty Cash Balance	35.81
Total Balance	\$195.48 (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 66v-67).

November 28, 1960

The Ladies Auxiliary held their meeting in the Social Rooms of the Masonic Temple following a turkey dinner with 53 present.

The meeting was opened by everyone praying the Lord's Prayer, led by Mrs. Jerry Mathis.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were accepted.

Mrs. Mathis read a letter from Mrs. Helen Wheeler, newly elected Grand Conductress, to the 1961 Grand Commandery Annual. Mrs. Wheeler asked to be held in Erie, Pa., May 21–24, 1961. Invitations to the event: Mrs. Mabel M. Schalle, 225 Ringhaven Ave., Erie, Pa.

Mrs. Miller moved the motion that we send our Constitution gift, \$100.00. This was seconded by Mrs. Evans and carried.

The January committee will be Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. James and Mrs. Marshall.

It was suggested that we all attend a card at Albion to Mrs. Akely and that a plant be sent to her at that time.

It was decided that as the Petty Cash account was getting rather low, all collections would be paid by check and the Petty Cash replenished. Money held by the Treasurer would be deposited to the account at the Bank.

Mrs. Edris moved for adjournment, seconded and carried.

Jane Nelson

Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Petty Cash

Petty Cash	35.81
Nov. Collection	9.26
Total	45.07
Deposit (11/30)	42.00
Balance, Petty Cash	3.07
Sympathy Cards	0.65
Balance	2.42
1½ Post Cards	0.39
Balance, Petty Cash	2.03

Bank
 Bank Balance 159.67
 Ck. #1 – Erie Conclave 100.00
 Balance 59.67
 Deposit 11/30/60 (from Petty Cash) 42.00
 Balance 101.67
 Ck. #2 – V. Grange, Plant Akely 4.16
 Balance 97.51 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 67v-68](#)).

In 1960, the Auxiliary's bank account remained virtually unchanged at approximately \$159.00, while its current expenses continued to be covered through regular collections and traditional fundraising activities. At the end of the year, however, the organization voted to contribute \$100.00 toward the 1961 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, to be held in Erie. This represented one of the largest financial commitments made during the entire period under study and demonstrated the Auxiliary's willingness to use its accumulated resources in support of major activities of the Order. At the same time, its financial accounting procedures were reorganized by transferring a portion of the petty cash into the bank account.

Greater attention was also devoted to the social life of the Commandery. In addition to the traditional fellowship dinners, the Auxiliary placed increased emphasis on the cultural component of its meetings. Members enjoyed presentations of color slides, performances by a boys' choir, discussions of future musical programs, and other forms of social entertainment.

The tradition of mutual support likewise continued. The Auxiliary regularly sent greeting cards, provided encouragement to members who were ill, welcomed new members, and expressed concern and support for those facing health problems.

1961

January 23, 1961

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple following the turkey dinner.

The meeting was opened by everyone praying the Lord's Prayer, led by Mrs. Mathis, President.

Due to the Secretary's absence, no minutes were read. The bank balance stood at \$97.51.

Cards were sent in sympathy to Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Butler, and Mrs. Lewis. A get-well card was also sent to Mrs. Genevieve Wood. It was reported that Mrs. Webster was in the hospital, and that Mrs. Emma Young's mother had passed away.

Mrs. Barr made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Samuelson, that the Auxiliary help the Commandery by having a sword resilvered. Motion carried.

The committee for February:

Mrs. Ebbert

Mrs. Castle

Mrs. Goldstein

Jane T. Nelson, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Petty Cash

Petty Cash \$2.03

Cards 0.62

Subtotal 1.41

Sale of pies 2.30

Balance to date \$3.71

Bank Balance

Balance \$97.51

Deposit (Nov. 24 collection) 5.60

Total 103.11

Check No. 3 (1/25/61 – pies) -5.60

Balance to date \$97.51 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 68v](#)).

February 27, 1961

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting following a tureen dinner in the Masonic Temple. The meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer, led by Mrs. Mathis, President.

The committee for March will be:

Lillian Hunter

Ann Wood

Georgia Barnes

Frances Webster

Meeting adjourned.

Vilna Edris, Secretary pro tem

(J. Nelson, Secretary)

Treasurer's Report

Petty Cash

Petty Cash \$3.71

Postcards & cards 0.50

Balance to date \$3.21

Bank Account

Bank Balance \$97.51

Deposit (3/6 collection) 7.43

Total 104.94

Check No. 4 – John Ebbert (pies, etc.) 9.47

Balance to date \$95.47 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 69](#)).

Note (March 20, 1961)

Approximately 75 persons attended the Midwinter Chicken Barbecue for the Commandery, Chapter, and Masons and their wives. About 50 remained after dinner, and then square dancing was held ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 69](#)).

April 24, 1961

The Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting in the social rooms of the Masonic Temple following a tureen dinner attended by 32 Sir Knights and their ladies, together with 6 guests from Ridgway. Mrs. Jerry Mathis presided.

It was reported that a card had been sent to Mrs. Fuhrer, who was in the hospital.

Mrs. Hubbard invited the Auxiliary and their husbands to her camp for a picnic during the summer.

Mrs. Baker made a motion to hold the picnic on June 14. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hunter nominated Mrs. Maxine Ebbert for Auxiliary President, seconded by Mrs. Rudolph. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hunter was then nominated for Secretary-Treasurer by Mrs. Rudolph, seconded by Mrs. Baker. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mathis was appointed Program Chairman for the coming year.

The committee for the next month consisted of:

Mrs. Webster

Mrs. Hubbard

Mrs. Baker

The ladies were invited upstairs by the Commandery to witness the installation of the new officers.

The meeting adjourned with everyone repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Jane Nelson, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

April 24, 1961

Petty Cash

Balance brought forward \$3.21

April collection 7.75

Pies sold 1.75

Total 12.71

Paid for Kresge pie 7.20

Balance 5.51

Coffee & cream 1.25
 Petty cash balance \$4.26

Bank Account

Bank balance \$95.47
 Petty cash 4.26
 Balance to date \$99.73 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 69v-70](#)).

October 23, 1961

The Ladies Auxiliary held their meeting in the Social Room of the Masonic Temple on October 23, following a tureen dinner.

The meeting was opened with everyone praying the Lord's Prayer.

It was reported that a card had been sent to Mrs. White, who was in the hospital.

There will be a tureen dinner in November. The committee will be:

H. Rudolph

G. Barr

R. August

A Christmas dinner was still under discussion.

After the men had completed their meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Barr showed pictures of their trip to Washington.

A card has also been sent to Mrs. Emma Young, who is in the hospital.

Alice Carter

Treasurer's Report

October 23, 1961

Petty Cash

Petty Cash \$4.26
 Paid to Jackson (coffee for dinner) 1.41
 Balance to date \$2.85

Bank Account

Bank Balance \$95.47
 Commandery 23.50
 Balance to date 71.97
 Deposit (Oct. 24) 7.80
 Subtotal 79.77
 For pies 5.60
 Balance 74.17
 Petty Cash 2.85
 Total funds on hand: \$77.02 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 70v-71](#)).

November 27, 1961

The Ladies Auxiliary held their meeting in the social rooms following a tureen dinner.

The meeting was opened with the reading of the minutes and the Treasurer's report.

It was reported that Mrs. Young was very much improved. It was also suggested that another card be sent to Alice White, who was in the Jamestown Hospital.

There will be no dinner in December.

The committee for January will be:

Helen Goldstein

Hilda Hunter

Jane Nelson

The meeting was adjourned.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Account

Bank balance (Oct. 23) \$74.17
 November meeting (pies) 6.40
 Subtotal 67.77
 Deposited 7.82

Bank balance \$75.59

Petty Cash

Petty cash \$2.85

Postcards 0.75

Stamps 0.40

Balance in petty cash \$1.70

Total Funds

Bank balance \$75.59

Petty cash 1.70

Total \$77.29 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 71v-72](#)).

In 1961, the most significant development was the financial impact of the Auxiliary's \$100.00 contribution toward the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. As a result, the organization's bank balance declined to approximately \$95.00 and remained virtually unchanged for the remainder of the year. Current activities were financed through regular collections, pie sales, and other modest sources of income, reflecting a more conservative approach to financial management following the major contribution made the previous year.

The Auxiliary's charitable activities continued in the form of individualized support. As in previous years, the organization fulfilled an important social role by sending greeting and sympathy cards, providing support to members' families, and closely monitoring the health and well-being of its members. By this time, the Auxiliary's charitable work had become distinctly personal and member-oriented.

A new area of activity was the preservation of the property of Warren Commandery No. 63. In January, the Auxiliary voted to finance the resilvering of the Commandery's ceremonial sword, demonstrating its growing commitment to preserving the material heritage of the organization.

1962

January 22, 1962

The Ladies Auxiliary held their meeting in the social rooms following a tureen dinner.

The meeting was opened with everyone praying the Lord's Prayer.

It was suggested that the Auxiliary purchase a pie marker. The motion was carried, and Jane Nelson was asked to take care of the matter.

The committee for the February meeting is:

Mrs. Fuhrer

Mrs. Wood

Mrs. Johnson

The meeting was adjourned.

Additional note: A card has been sent to Mrs. Cramer, who is back in the hospital.

Treasurer's Report (January 22, 1962)

Previous balance \$75.59

Deposited 7.74

Subtotal 83.33

Pies 5.60

Bank balance 77.73

Petty cash 1.70

Total Funds

Total \$79.43 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 72v-73](#)).

February 26, 1962

The Ladies Auxiliary held their meeting in the Social Rooms following a tureen dinner.

The meeting was opened with everyone praying the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

The Midwinter Picnic will be held on March 19, 1962. Reservations are to be made by March 16, 1962. Salads, cakes, and vegetables are to be furnished by the committee.

The committee for March 19 consists of:

Mrs. Webster

Mrs. Hubbard

Mrs. Aregnet (surname difficult to read)
Emma Bricker and Doris Anderson entertained with several musical selections.

Treasurer's Report (February 26, 1962)

Bank Account
Previous balance \$77.73
Deposited 10.29
Subtotal 88.02
Pies 5.70
Bank balance 82.32

Petty Cash

Petty cash 1.70
Cards 0.90
Balance 0.80

Total Funds

Bank balance 82.32
Petty cash 0.80
Total \$83.12 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 73v-74](#)).

April 23, 1962

The Ladies Auxiliary of Warren Commandery No. 63 held their meeting in the Social Rooms following a tureen dinner.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Balance: \$83.12

Officers for the Coming Year

President: Alice Treaster

Vice President: Hannah Rudolph

Secretary-Treasurer: Jane Nelson

It was suggested that the drapes be renovated.

Dinner Committee for May

Chairman: Alice Treaster

Florence Barr

Hannah Rudolph

Mrs. Hubbard invited the Auxiliary and their husbands to a picnic on June 18 (the third Monday).

Committee for This Picnic

Chairman: Adelaide Currie

Lena Schaeffer

Mrs. Edris

Treasurer's Report (April 23, 1962)

Bank Account
Previous balance \$82.32
Check to John Ebbert (for food) 7.65
Balance 74.67
Deposit 6.42
Bank balance 81.09

Petty Cash

Petty cash 0.80
Cards 0.75
Balance 0.05

Total Funds

Bank balance 81.09
Petty cash 0.05
Total \$81.14 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 74v-75](#)).

May 28, 1962

Following the monthly tureen dinner, the Ladies Auxiliary met in the Social Rooms.

There were 18 present at the dinner.

On September 29, the Auxiliary will serve as hosts for the reception of the Grand Commander.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Nelson, Secretary

Treasurer's Report (May 28, 1962)

Bank Account

Previous balance \$81.09

Pies 6.30

Bank balance 74.79

Petty Cash

Previous balance \$0.05

Collection (May meeting) 4.82

Petty cash balance 4.87

Total Funds

Bank balance \$74.79

Petty cash 4.87

Total \$79.66

Additional Entry (June 1962)

Petty Cash

Balance \$4.87

Cards (sick fund) 0.75

Balance 4.12

Bank Account

Balance \$74.79

Petty cash 4.12

Total \$78.91 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 55. F. 75v-76](#)).

Summarizing the first half of 1962, it should be noted that, following the major contribution made in 1960, the Auxiliary's financial resources remained limited. The organization's primary attention was devoted to organizing its traditional dinners, coordinating committee work, and addressing routine administrative matters. The Auxiliary continued to organize social events for the members of Warren Commandery No. 63 and their families. During the reporting period, musical performances were held, improvements to the meeting facilities were discussed, and preparations were made for the reception of the Grand Commander in the autumn of 1962. Overall, this period may be characterized as one of successful organizational operation under conditions of limited financial resources.

4. Conclusion

The present study of the Ladies Auxiliary of Warren Commandery No. 63 for the period 1949–1962 demonstrates that the organization was far more than a subsidiary body attached to a Knights Templar Commandery. Rather, it functioned as an independent social institution that performed a broad range of charitable, social, cultural, and organizational functions.

During the period under examination, the Auxiliary underwent a significant evolution. While in the immediate postwar years considerable attention was devoted to strengthening its financial position and organizing its internal activities, by the early 1950s charitable work had become its principal mission. The organization consistently directed its financial resources toward assisting needy families, children, hospitals, youth organizations, national charitable campaigns, servicemen, and members of the Masonic community requiring support. At the same time, expenditures intended to enhance the organization's own prestige were gradually abandoned in favor of projects that served the broader public good.

The study also demonstrates that the Auxiliary played an important role in maintaining the social cohesion of Warren Commandery No. 63. Joint dinners, cultural programs, family gatherings, receptions for officers of the Grand Commandery, support for sick members and widows, and participation in ceremonial events all indicate that the women's organization contributed substantially to the stability and continuity of the internal life of the Masonic community.

Particularly significant is the fact that the activities of the Auxiliary reflected broader developments taking place in postwar American society. Its response to the Korean War, participation in the March of Dimes campaign, support for cancer-related initiatives, assistance to local hospitals, youth organizations, and other community projects demonstrate that Masonic women's organizations were closely integrated into the

institutions of American civil society and regarded public service as one of the principal means of expressing their values.

Thus, the records of the Ladies Auxiliary of Warren Commandery No. 63 demonstrate that the organization constituted an important component of the organizational structure of the American Knights Templar. Although women did not formally participate in the Order itself, the Auxiliary carried out a substantial share of its social, charitable, and family-oriented activities, thereby strengthening the internal cohesion of the Masonic community and contributing to the formation of a positive public image of the Knights Templar. This study further demonstrates that, without taking into account the activities of such women's organizations, the history of the American Knights Templar during the second half of the twentieth century remains incomplete.

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