



DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name:

Diana L. Youngren

Primary Chapter Name:
Las Cruces Chapter

Primary Chapter No.: 20

Location: Las Cruces, NM

Dual Chapter Name:
Renick Chapter

Dual Chapter No.: 37

Location: Las Cruces, NM

Elective Position Desired:
Grand Secretary

Qualifications: I started my Masonic activities as a Rainbow Girl in San Bernardino No. 78 in California in 1963 and received my Majority by Marriage in New Mexico in 1968 from Las Cruces Assembly #12. One of my most treasured honors is to hold the Grand Cross of Color Medal. I served on Rainbow Boards for Ruth Laws #55 and Las Cruces #12 and am a Past Mother Advisor of Las Cruces #12.

I became a member of Eastern Star in 1985 and except for the first three years of my membership, I have been an active member of Las Cruces No. 20. Since 1995 I have also been an active member of my dual chapter, Renick Chapter No. 37. I have taken an active part in Grand Chapter since 1995 serving in many various activities and appointments. I have not missed a Grand Chapter since 1992.

I retired from 35 1/2 years of service to the Las Cruces Public Schools in December 2020, serving as an Elementary Librarian (22 yrs.), Library Cataloger (6 yrs.) and Textbook/Library Technical Services Manager (7 yrs.). I managed a multi-million-dollar textbook inventory for the district, managed 6 employees and worked with 39 schools to meet their textbook and library needs. These positions all required a great deal of organization, accuracy in the work, and accountability for books and money that belonged to the school district. I am proficient in Microsoft Office applications and use email and other tools that are needed in an office atmosphere.

Briefly detail why you wish to be considered:

At the New Mexico Grand Session in 2021, I was elected to serve as Grand Secretary. I am completing my fifth year in this position. Every year things are done differently, so I have continued to learn again this year. I hope to continue to serve Grand Chapter in this position so that I can use the skills that I have learned and used the past four years. I believe that I have the skills needed to help this organization grow, and the skills needed to keep accurate records for the Grand Chapter of its business dealings.

Eastern Star has played a significant part in my adult life. I want to be able to help carry this organization forward and make it relevant to today's society. It is important that each of our members, whether young or old, feels needed and useful and that they are making a difference in our world today. We cannot forget our past, but we must move forward with new ideas and projects that our members today are interested in. We need to value each of our members and let them know that they are an important part of this organization. We need to be there to help them through both good times and bad times.

Number of Years in OES: 41 years

Number Years of
Proficiency: 24 years



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Year(s) installed as New Mexico Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron:

Las Cruces Chapter # 20: 1993-1994, 2018-2019, 2025-2026

Renick Chapter #37: 2000-2001, 2007-2008, 2012-2013

Other Chapter Offices held:

Las Cruces #20: Assoc. Matron 2024-2025, 1992-1993, , 2017-2018, ; Conductress 2023-2024, 1991-1992, 2016-2017, 2022-2023; Assoc. Conductress 2021-2023, 1990-1991, 2006-2007, 2015-2016; Secretary 2008-2013, Organist 2002-2007, 2019-2020, 2021-2023, Adah 1989-1990; Martha 1996-1997; 2000-2001; Electa 1988-1989.

Renick Chapter #37: Assoc. Conductress 1997-1998, 2009-2010; Conductress; Associate Matron 2006-2007; Secretary 2013 – current.

Chapter Appointments / Committees / Projects:

Official Visit Committees, Audit Committees, Newsletter Committee, Yearbook Committee, Benevolent Committee, Education Committees, Budget Committee, Chapter Instructor

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Grand Chapter Elected Offices: Grand Trustee 2014-2016; Grand Secretary 2021-2025;
Grand Chapter Appointments(s): Grand Organist 1998-1999; Grand Marshal 2011-2012;
Grand Representative of Georgia 1999-2001; Grand Representative of Alberta 2019-2022; Grand Representative of Texas 2023-2024

District Instructor 1995-1996; 2024-2025

Asst. Grand Marshal 1994-1995

General Arrangements 1995-1996; General Arrangements Chairman 1996-1997

Meals Coordinator 2002-2004, 2006-2007, 2008-2009, 2012-2013

Grand Historian 1997-1998; Grand Librarian 2010-2011; Asst. Grand Organist 2016-2017, 2019-2020;

Campout Committee Member 2018-2019

Grand Chapter Committee(s):

Registering & Examining Members of this Grand Jurisdiction 2007-2008;

Registering & Examining Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions, Chm. 2017-2018

Membership Committee: 2004-2006 (Chm 2006)

Grand Chapter Board(s):

Grand Chapter Project(s):

Time of Hope Chairman 2001-2002 (Cancer)

Candy Strippers, Chairman, 2009-2010 (Life Flight)

Other Information:

I have been married to Paul, for 57 1/2 years. He is very active in his Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite Masons and the Shriners. I am a member of St Paul's United Methodist Church. At St. Paul's UMC I served as Chairman of the Staff Parish Relations Committee for 5 years and Church Council Secretary for 5 years. I sing in the choir and belong to the Elizabeth Circle.

SIGNATURES

Signature of Candidate:

Ariana L. Youngren

Date: *7/25/2026*

Signature of a member from the Candidate's Primary Chapter:

Paul E. Youngren

Date:

7-25-2026

Printed Name: *Paul E. Youngren*

Send the original signed form to the Grand Secretary.
To be received no later than 45 days prior to Grand Chapter Session.