

## **GREG VOYLES**

My name is **GREG VOYLES** and I humbly submit my name as a candidate for the office of Associate Grand Patron. I have been a member of the order since November 27, 2004. I have successfully performed, SIX times, **the one and only requirement** for this office as per Grand Chapter Manual and Code of being a Past Patron of a subordinate chapter in Georgia. I have served as Worthy Patron three times at Winder Chapter #336, two times at Athens Chapter #268, and one time at Phi Delta #542. I am currently a member of Winder Chapter #336 serving as the Secretary, and a dual member of Phi Delta #542. I have served as District Grand Deputy of District #24 three times, Chairman of the Advisory Board of Nancy Hart Assembly for two years, and Grand Sentinel for the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

Fraternally, I am active in my Blue Lodge, Eastern Star Chapters, and Amaranth Court. Over years I have served as: Chairman of Paraphernalia, Co-chairman of Security and Transportation, Co-Chairman of the Celtic Feast, and committee member of the Directory three times, Disaster Relief, Worthy Grand Matron's travel project, Service Dog Project, and numerous banquets. I served as a liaison for the OES Chapters and State Clubs for 13 years at Aramark, and 2 years at Phantom Fireworks. This was a more efficient way for OES chapters and State Clubs have high yielding fund raisers.

Throughout my time as an Eastern Star member I have had the pleasure of serving both of my chapters and Grand Chapter with all of their fund raising endeavors. As of late, we as members of the Order of the Eastern Star have witnessed the collapse and closing of many chapters. I have successfully played a part in rescuing two chapters from closing after being thrown out of the lodges where they met for their meetings. The members and I have implemented vital and necessary changes to the operations of the chapters. These changes have

restored and corrected the financial and membership problems each chapter has faced. The Chapters now have excellent relations with their Blue Lodge, and are able to physically and financially help their Lodge. This was accomplished by not solely depending on the aging members to financially support the chapter by their donations, and the physical labor of the younger members at low yielding fund raisers. These Chapters are now successfully working with their Blue Lodges, their communities, and growing with new members. These chapters have become a shining example of what a true Eastern Star Chapter should be. I am very proud to be a member of both of these chapters.

As Associate Grand Patron, I would like to continue to promote better harmony and working relationships between The Georgia Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and the local Georgia Masonic Lodges. I am interested in securing ways to build or rebuild working cohesive relationships among these two fraternal bodies. As I have mentioned before, some of these ideas have already been put into place. Another passion I have is to reach out to the local community in which we live. I want to work to promote awareness and a better understanding of what the OES really is, starting with all Masons, their wives, and female relatives. By letting others know that we care and what a beautiful beneficent order we are.

I realize what an honor it would be, to be elected Associate Grand Patron of this grand state. That honor would only help me promote the values of our order and to reach out to others around our state. Thank You.