

Feb. 21, 03

Dear Mary,

My husband and I are in the process of moving into a Senior Living Communities. As I sort through all of things we have accumulated during the years in this house I came upon this picture. I was told it was the first time pictures of all the Grand Officers was taken.

It was also the first time the Grand Officers had worn matching dresses. They were white organdy with pink and red roses. They were purchased at J.C. Penney Co. for \$13.00. After Grand Assembly they were loaned out to Past Grand Officers to use as Bridesmaid dresses. It was war time and everything was scarce.

In the front row – middle – the white haired lady is Cornelia P. Cooper (our Supreme Deputy). On her right sits Ginny Simpton Grand Worthy Advisor of California 1944. To Ginny's right is me, Pat Hoskins Parsell Grand Treasurer and on my right is Dorothy Emigh of Sacramento. I've put an X on Neva Sohl from Napa, I think. She was my roommate and as Grand Musician she wrote a Grand Officers March. We all sang the words on our final entrance.

One more thing, we practiced our "stunt" (a Can-Can) on Santa Cruz Beach Fisherman's Wharf after our luncheon at the restaurant at the entrance to the wharf. We had quite an audience.

I thought you might display it in the room where the girls are sharing their scrapbooks. We did not have scrapbooks in 1944. We did not have mascots either.

My two daughters are both Past Worthy Advisors and I served on the "Board" for Iris Assembly, Sact. Such happy days we had!

Rainbow Love,
Pat Hoskins Parsell
Past Grand Treasurer
State of Calif. 1944