

Lady Tara Shulas Incoming Supreme Worthy President



Ms. Tara B. Shulas will be installed as Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant on September 29, 2023, at the close of the 102nd Supreme Assembly to be held in Waco, Texas. She has the honor to visit each Chartered Assembly during her term and will preside at the 103rd Supreme Assembly September 23-27, 2024, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Ms. Shulas and her brothers, Mike and Kevin, were raised in West Point, Ohio, in an active Masonic family. She is a Past Honored Queen of Bethel No. 61, Job's Daughters, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. In September 2003, Supreme Assembly voted to admit sisters, mothers, and daughters of Knights Templar in addition to wives and widows. This allowed Ms. Shulas the opportunity to join the Social Order of the Beauceant under her father, Sir Knight John T. Shulas.

This year she will celebrate being a twenty-year member of East Liverpool Assembly No. 71, Ohio. Ms. Shulas is a third-generation past president of Assembly No. 71, her grandmother, (Mrs. Jack L.) Brigetta Pozenel, served in 1990; her mother, (Mrs. John T.) Sandra Shulas,

served in 2000; and she served her first of four terms in 2010. Before being elected into the supreme line, she served the Supreme Assembly on the Mileage Committee in 2014, as Supreme Color Bearer in 2017, Chairman of the Courtesy Committee in 2018, and Supreme Chaplain in 2019.

Ms. Shulas received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Waynesburg College in Pennsylvania. Then began her career in Florida where she earned the distinguished title of Certified Public Accountant. To be closer to family, she moved back to Ohio where she earned a Master of Taxation degree from the University of Akron. Ms. Shulas is a Tax Director in a regional accounting firm in Akron.

Ms. Shulas' motto is "Walk the walk of a Beauceant Sister." She encourages each Sister to remember why they joined the Order, do their best, and enjoy the moment. During her travels this year, she is looking forward to laughing with old and new friends while emphasizing the main charity of the Beauceant, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. **KT**



Homecoming for Lady Melissa Spann Past Supreme Worthy President

by Gale Carnes

Awonderful time was had by all at the Homecoming of our Supreme Worthy President (Mrs. Jon) Melissa Spann on July 7 through 9, 2023.

Mrs. Spann was very happy and honored to have so many attend in her hometown of Waco, Texas.

The event started on Friday evening at the Aloft Waco Baylor Hotel with a get-together with lots of ice cream and fellowship.

A special trio played music for us in the foyer. Several Past Supreme Worthy Presidents honored her with their presence: (Mrs. Richard) Jeanette Rife-Cotton, (Mrs. Thomas R.) Lynda Derby, Ms. Kimberly Burnett, and (Mrs. Carl W.) Yvonne Wunsche.

On Saturday, we were treated to bingo games and

many prizes, which were held as a fundraiser for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Supreme Assembly 2023.

We celebrated the opening of the "(Mrs. W. E.) Maggie Matyastik Banquet Hall" at the York Rite Library and Museum with a buffet dinner, music, games, and a piñata.

A highlight of the evening was the piñata, which was beaten by several attendees until it broke to display lots of goodies.

The event ended on Sunday with an inspiring message delivered by SK Jon Spann at the Aloft Waco Baylor Hotel, followed by a no-host brunch. **KT**

PHOTOS: 1. Supreme Worthy President, (Mrs. Jon) Melissa Spann, showcases a prize for bingo players. 2. (Mrs. W. E.) Maggie Matyastik with (Mrs. David) Lecia Caudle from Austin Assembly No. 125. 3. A lady in a colorful dress. 4. Melissa Spann gives a prize to a bingo winner. 5. David J. Kussman, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and Melissa Spann present a Companion of the Temple to Lady Wera Salley-Worthan. 6. Past Supreme Worthy Presidents: (L to R) Ms. Kimberly Burnett, (Mrs. Richard) Jeanette Rife-Cotton, and (Mrs. Carl W.) Yvonne Wunsche. 7. A table of young folks. 8. Melissa Spann finds a new seat. 9. The piñata.



