

Happy Founders Day

A tribute to our founder and first
State Director

Rose E. Scherer

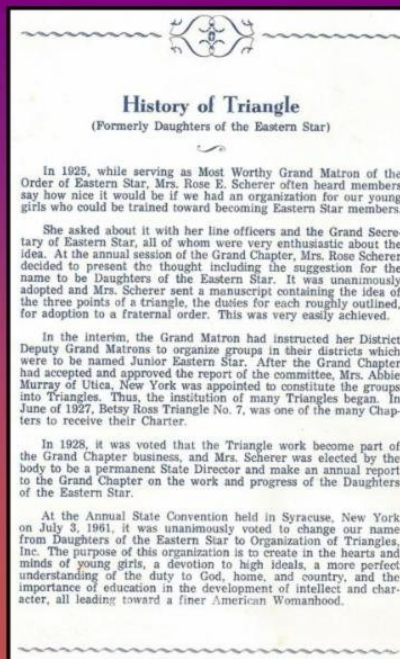
November 18, 1883 - February 7, 1977



"The Rose Trellis"

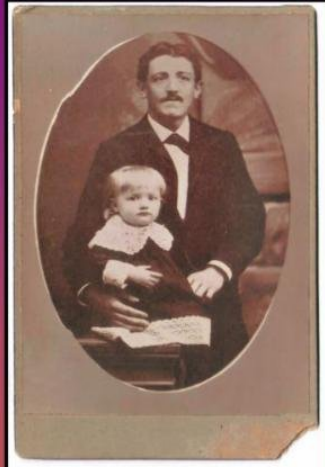
The official Organization of Triangles, Inc. e-newsletter

"The Rose Trellis" was chosen to honor our founder Mrs. Rose E. Scherer. A "Trellis" is a framework of intertwined pieces of wood that is used to support and facilitate the growth of a rose bush. Thus the name "The Rose Trellis", Rose for our founder and trellis for the support of those who believe in the Organization Of Triangles, Inc.



[Left] Rosalie Elise Schubert (Scherer) [age 2] with her father Bernard F. Schubert

[Right] Rose E. Schubert (Scherer) engagement photo



Bernhard F. Schubert &
Rosalie Elise Schubert (age 2)



Rosalie Elise Schubert
Age 18

**Rose with father and siblings
(*photo taken about 1910*)**



Bernhard Schubert (center) and his children:
(in birth order) Rosalie Elise (sitting), Catherine, Martha,
Bernhard (aka Uncle Ben), Anna, and William (aka Uncle Bill)



[Left] Rose E. Scherer Life Member Certificate, November 15, 1926, Brooklyn Chapter #221 Order of the Eastern Star

[Right] Rose E. Scherer Grand Matron 1924-1925



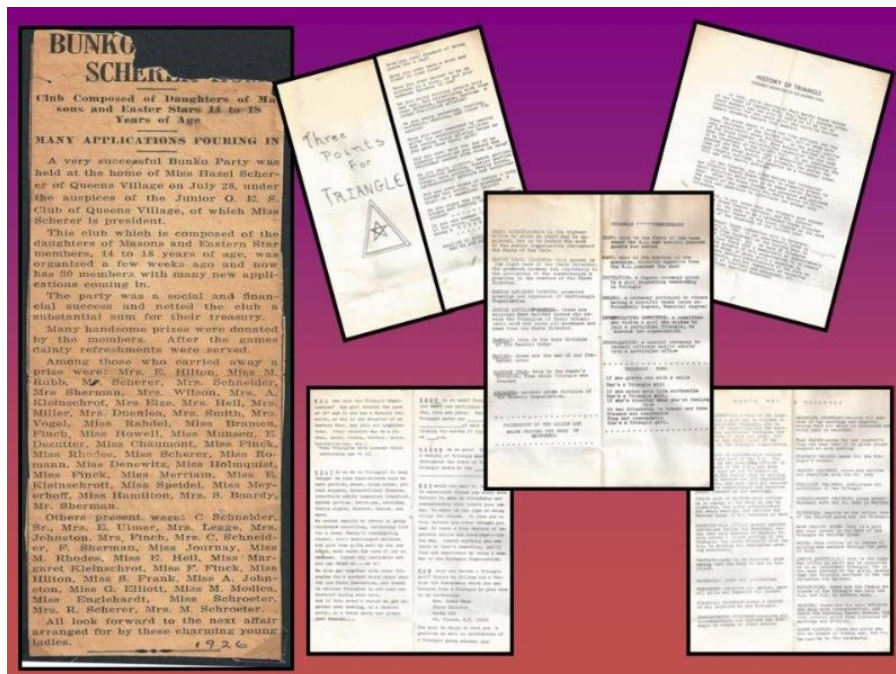
[Left] Newspaper article (Dated 1926)

This was a post wrap-up article about a get-together to recruit girls into the new Jr. O.E.S. Club (Order of the Eastern Star) in Queens Village, New York. It was for girls ages 14-18, and was called a "Bunko" party (fundraiser).

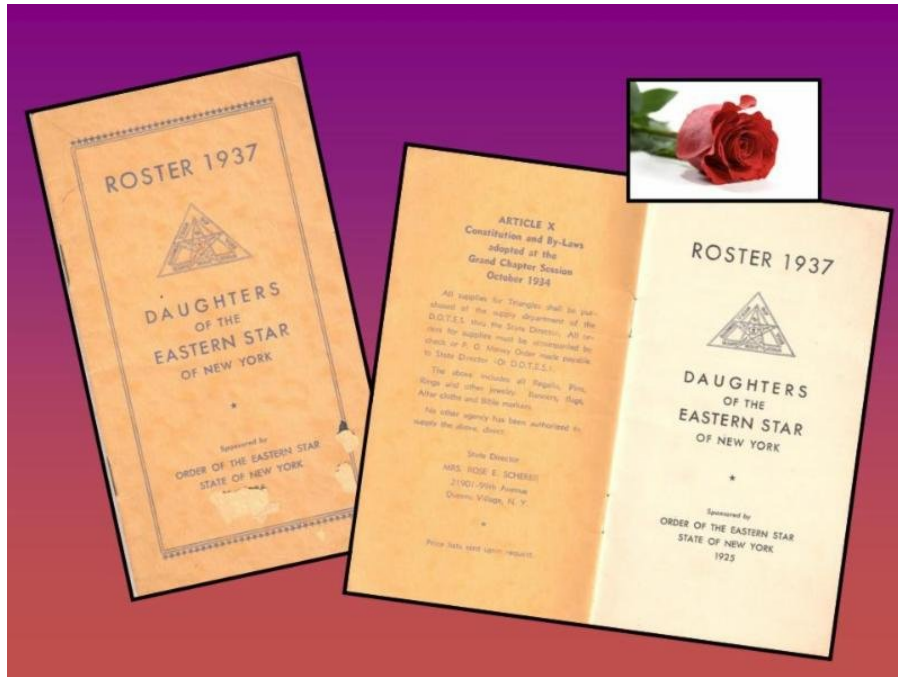
[Right - Collage of papers]
"Three Points of Triangle"

This appears to be the beginning stage of a pamphlet explaining Triangle; *"Have you ever dreamed of being Queen for a day?"*, *"Have you ever made a wish and found it come true?"*...

"Have you ever wanted to be an actress in a show, or put your unknown talents to use?", etc. *"If you answered "YES" to any of the above, then you would love being a TRIANGLE girl!"*



"Daughters of the Eastern Star"
State of New York
(roster of active Triangles in 1952).



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Triangles Active 1952

No. 4—FIDELITY
Masonic Temple, Baitonville, N. Y.
4th Sunday Evening

No. 7—BETSY ROSS
Wynnton Temple, 505 E. Tremont Ave.,
Beacon, N. Y. - 2nd Friday Evening

No. 8—UNITY
Masonic Temple, 419 Elm St., Hella, N. Y.
1st-3rd Thursday Evening

No. 9—ALPHA
N.E. Temple, Bailey Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
1st-3rd Saturday evening

No. 12—MARTHA WASHINGTON
Masonic Temple, Prospect Ave., Temple Place,
Mt. Vernon, N. Y. - 1st Saturday evening

No. 13—ZION
Masonic Temple, Orchard Park, N. Y.
1st-3rd Monday evening

No. 15—ONISTAGRAWA
Masonic Temple, Schenectady, N. Y.
1st-3rd Monday evening

No. 17—GUIDING STAR
Masonic Temple, North Syracuse, N. Y.
1st-3rd Tuesday evening

No. 18—STELLA AMORIS
Masonic Temple, Rome, N. Y.
1st-3rd Thursday evening

No. 22—HEROIDES
Masonic Temple, 21-14 45th Ave., Astoria, N. Y.
2nd-4th Friday evening

No. 24—FIDES
Masonic Temple, Glen Falls, N. Y.
2nd Thursday evening

No. 29—SILVER
Masonic Temple, Harrison, N. Y.
2nd-4th Thursday evening

No. 31—TRUTH
Masonic Temple, New York Ave., Huntington, N. Y.
4th Friday evening

No. 32—WORTHY
Masonic Temple, Elmira Heights, N. Y.
1st-3rd Wednesday evening

No. 34—MONTGOMERY
Masonic Temple, Montrose Falls, N. Y.
2nd-4th Thursday evening

No. 37—FREEPORT
Seaman Temple, Centre St., No. State Highway
3rd Thursday evening

No. 38—BETA
Unity Temple, Niagara St., Buffalo, N. Y.
2nd-4th Tuesday evening

No. 40—STELLA
Masonic Temple, Waverly, N. Y.
1st-3rd Thursday evening

No. 42—JEWEL
Masonic Temple, Geneva, N. Y.
1st-3rd Tuesday evening

No. 43—ENDICOTT
Masonic Temple, Endicott, N. Y.
2nd-4th Tuesday evening

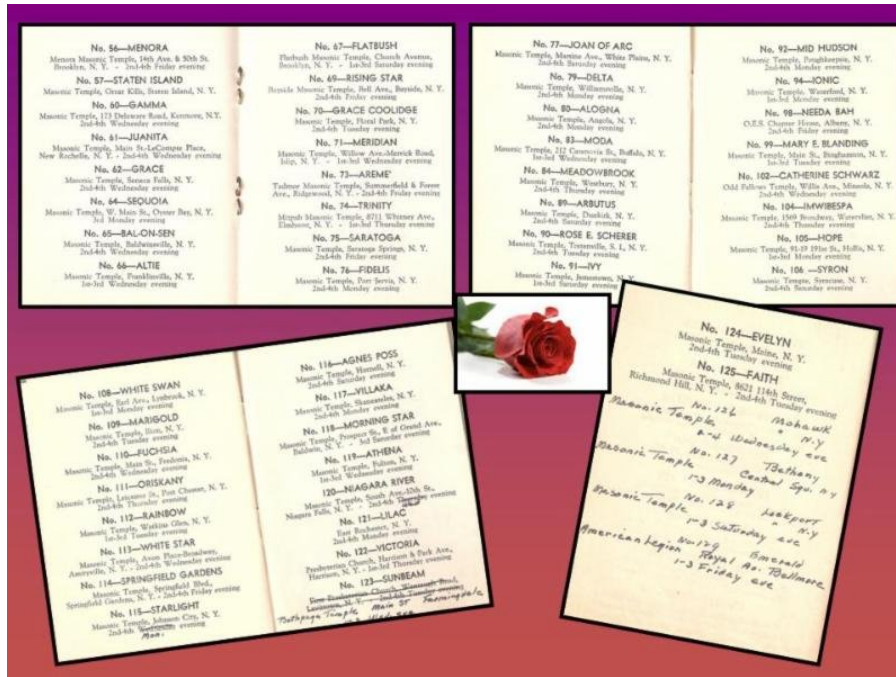
No. 47—COLLINE
Eudalythoon Masonic Temple, 159 45th Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y. - 1st-3rd Friday evening

No. 48—BROOKLYN
Tyrion Masonic Temple, 60 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Brooklyn, N. Y. - 1st-3rd Friday evening

No. 50—LION-CC
Masonic Temple, Liverpool, N. Y.
1st-3rd Wednesday evening

No. 53—PAU-PUKKEWIS
Masonic Temple, Baitonville, Yonkers, N. Y.
2nd-4th Friday evening



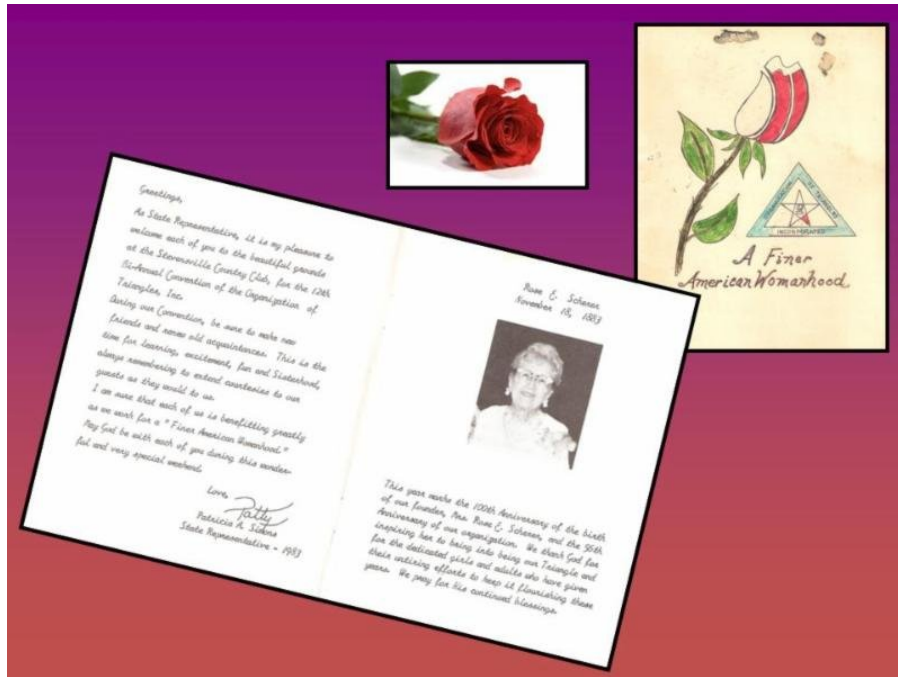


[Upper Left] Order of the Eastern Star, Brooklyn Chapter #221 (Rose is in the very back-left side, and her father is in the center)

[Right] Rosalie (Rose) & husband John Scherer, Easter 1936

[Bottom] Rosalie Schubert-Scherer





Various photo's of Mrs. Rose E. Scherer



"The Origin of the Organization of Triangles", written by Rose E. Scherer



The Origin of The Organization of Triangles
by Rose E. Scherer

It all began with a little girl who was being thoroughly indoctrinated with the Order of the Eastern Star and its many obligations, by a mother who literally lived it.

This little girl played "Chapter with her dolls" setting up meetings with a girl and a boy doll as the leaders and having been taken so often to meetings where she spent the time entertaining the sentinel outside the door, and with a keen ear for anything which might penetrate the closed door, she seemed to know quite a bit concerning what it was all about.

One day she said to her mother - "why doesn't the Eastern Star have a play Chapter where we could have more believe chapters?" At the time it seemed just a childish idea - which of course could never be practical.

However, when this mother became Grand Matron and the little girl was now almost grown up, she again suggested an organization where young girls might have meetings like Chapters and meet all other girls whose mothers were Eastern Star mothers, and to really have something in common. It seemed like a thought worth considering and it was discussed and thought about until the close of the year of the Grand Matron when she brought it to the attention of the membership of the convention. The idea was instantly accepted and it was unanimously voted that the Grand Chapter sponsor an organization for young girls - with principles and teachings something akin to the O.E.S. and where our young girls might learn the basic ideals and purpose of the O.E.S. and become the potential members of the future.

The incoming Grand Matron was instructed to appoint a committee to work out ritual-rules and other details, and to report there at the following Convention. The name suggested was Daughters of the Eastern Star.

Rose E. Scherer was appointed to be the chairman of this committee, with the Past District Deputies as co-members. They worked all year setting up a constitution and a Ritual, and in the meantime, the Grand Matron instructed her Deputies to organize tentative groups in order that they might become organized and become a nucleus for future groups which would eventually be organized.

The committee, in its report, submitted a ritual suggested by one of the members from Jones County which gave the name for our individual groups as "Triangles" and the purpose as "Three duties - first to God - second to others and third to one self. The lectures for each were to be worked out later. These reports were unanimously approved and accepted by the Convention and the next Grand Matron gave instructions to begin organizing.

It sure was not simple, for there was nothing much to work with, as the lectures and the business forms had not yet been worked out. However, everyone did their best and at the end of the first year 43 Triangles had been organized and were now ready ready to go.

The principle work of Triangle had been decided to be among crippled children and during the many years of its existence thousands of visits, gifts and entertainments have been given to hospitals, institutions, and private individuals in Triangle localities. As time progressed, and in many areas where there was no outlet for this activity along these lines, our versatile girls found other outlets for their charitable works. Veterans hospitals, Old Folks homes, Orphan homes, Clinics for handicapped and ill children, and a hundred other ways which cannot easily be enumerated. They have won citation after citation for their service at hospitals and homes and their talent for earning money for their charitable projects is almost beyond belief.

In all this activity, although there are definite times for Fun and Recreation, the girls have derived as much pleasure working in some service, as they do in just planning for their own amusement. Through all these activities one may easily understand that the ties of friendship and fraternal companionship are deeply rooted and lasting. We have seen so much evidence of the fine Character developed by our young people and firmly believe that their Triangle activities have materially contributed to the development of a "Finer American Womanhood".

During the seven years under our new status, we have as an organization, greatly advanced in prestige and recognition by the Masonic Order and the general public, who have become aware of our numerous and most generous activities in the work of charity. We are highly respected and admired for the type of girlhood which comprises our membership.

The highest commendation of the Leaders of the Masonic Order has been bestowed upon our Organization not only for their works of charity, but also for the very exceptional ritualistic performances they always exhibit before this august body. This is just as important as all the other activities in order to keep the high regard in which we are held as a worthwhile Organization for girls.



[Left] 59 Beloved Queens representing their Triangles at the 1975 Convention, held at "The Granite" currently known as the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa.

[Upper Right] Rose E. Scherer (black shawl) with other members of the

Sr. Advisory Council.

[Lower Right] Undated Triangle Convention (possibly 1970's)



A message from Christin Heidingsfelder

As the grand-daughter of Hazel Koch, who was the State Director when I was a child, and the great-grand-daughter of Rose E. Scherer, the founder, being a Triangle girl was not optional for me. I was extremely shy, so I was very nervous about my first speaking part as Flag Bearer. Triangle helped me to learn that I can accomplish things that don't come naturally to me. The three duties of the Triangle...the duty to God, to others, and to ourselves were the underlying framework for everything we did. Our activities as Triangle girls were very much focused on our duty to others. I suppose it didn't sink in until later because we had so much fun serving others that it didn't usually feel like serving. There were car washes, spaghetti dinners, Chinese auctions, attending installations at other Triangles, attending DeMolay events...how could you go wrong there...going to hang out with the boys was considered serving others!

I did not know my great-grandmother well, as I was only in first grade when she passed away, but I know my grandmother lived her life according to the Triangle model that was outlined by her mother. I am glad my grandmother encouraged me to join Triangle, as the life lessons I learned have been part of my daily life as an adult. I only wish Triangle was in Pennsylvania (where I live now), so my girls could have the wonderful experience of being a Triangle girl!



The "Rose Garden"

Scherer
Rose E. Scherer, on February 7, 1977, Beloved mother of Hazel S. Koch and dear grandmother of John T. Kennedy, Nancy K. Vogt and Paul A. Koch. Fraternal services at R. STUTZMANN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 224-39 Jamaica Avenue, Queens Village, L.I., Wednesday 8 p.m. Religious services Thursday 10 a.m. Interment, Maple Grove Memorial Park. Member of Brooklyn-Ridgewood Chapter No. 221 O.E.S., Holly Court No. 170, Order of Amaranth and State Director Emeritus Organization of Triangles. In lieu of flowers, Please contribute to the Rose E. Scherer Scholarship Fund. Visiting 2-5 and 7-10 p.m.



The pictures in this edition were sent from Mrs. Christin Vogt-Heidingsfelder [the Great-Granddaughter of our founder Mrs. Rose E. Scherer], Mrs. Pam Melchert and Ms. Gayle Frommling.

A note from the editor:

Most of the downloaded pictures were edited [lightened/darkened, cropped and rotated] for better viewing. Through the two week process of working on this e-newsletter, I have come to know Rose E. Scherer much better than I did before. For this reason I hope you also better identify with the wonderful woman [and founder] of this fantastic organization, "The Organization Of Triangles, Inc."

