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A new addition to the Grand Temple of-
 ficial staff was the appointment of Past
 Grand Daughter Ruler Emma Huston of
 St. Louis, Missouri as Grand Directress of
 Public Relations.

Current Programs

TO provide insight into the
 priorities and goals of the
 Daughters, the Grand Tem-
 ple—under the leadership
 of Grand Daughter Ruler
 Jean C.W. Smith—chose the theme “Back
 to Basics.” G.D.R. Smith summarized the
 rationale for the theme saying:

The alphabet is basic to writing and
 notes are basic to music. To Elkdom,
 basic are officers who are
 knowledgeable enough to promote
 subordinate temples, State Associations
 and a Grand Temple that function in a
 businesslike manner; basic is a constitu-

tion and by-laws that provide clear
 guidelines for all daughters; basic are
 departments with purposes that reflect
 our commitment to the cardinal prin-
 ciples on which our organization was
 founded; and basic are membership
 drives intended to attract and keep the
 type of members that will reflect
 favorably on the organization and will
 make a contribution to the growth of the
 organization.

As one of the first steps in charting the
 way “Back to Basics,” the Grand Tem-
 ple sponsored a series of area workshops.
 The purpose of these workshops was to
 promote uniformity, consistency and a bet-
 ter understanding of the principles of
 Elkdom and as a vehicle to explain the
 policies of the new administration.

In 1986, the first completed steps in a
 general expansion of the Grand Temple
 charitable programs was unveiled. The
 target population of these programs was
 expanded to include the blind and mentally
 impaired in addition to the elderly and
 youth.

To provide the resources for the ex-
 panded population, four new departments
 were commissioned. The new departments
 included a National Shoe Bank, Helping
 Hands for the Blind, Aid for the Mentally
 Impaired and Networking. Each of these
 departments will provide aid to the needy
 both within the organization and the larger
 community. It is envisioned that these
 departments will offset the results from past
 and potential cuts in federally-funded social
 programs.

“Recently,” said G.D.R. Smith, “we
 have begun a new networking relationship
 with the Assault On Illiteracy Program
 (AOIP). This is going to be one of our *big-
 gest challenges* because it also has shown
 it can be one of the *biggest opportunities*
 for both service and membership growth.”

Anticipating their commitment to AOIP,
 the National Youth Council was organiz-
 ed in 1968. This program provides a year-
 round program for our youth between the
 ages of 8 and 18. The purpose of the pro-
 gram is to help youth to become better
 citizens of their communities and the coun-
 try as a whole; to create better social con-
 ditions by providing wholesome recreation
 and activities; to offer those youth who are
 lonely a feeling of belonging and promote
 their growth and development into happier,
 self-sustaining members of the communi-
 ty. Opportunities are extended to both boys
 and girls and, according to G.D.R. Smith,
 “It is in this area of youth that we will be
 assuming major planning and coordination
 leadership within AOIP.”

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