

"A Journey of the Heart "

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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February 2013 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers

The Heart of the Matter Is---How many times have we heard or made this statement? Years ago, when I was elected to the line, I began the thought processes on what I wanted to do---what I wanted to accomplish and achieve---what projects I wanted to work for---what emblems and symbols I wanted to use---the ones that I would be remembered for. I had many ideas that came to me at various times during the day and night. Sleepless nights are a prime time for ideas and decisions to be born. It was one of those nights in February, thinking about Valentines Day and all the hearts that abound in that Holiday, that the nucleus of my years ahead took shape. With all four of our parents having health issues with their hearts, it became apparent that we could really help others in this field of endeavor. Then there was the thoughts of the Heart of my Heart---the KIDS. Thus, four years ago, began my philanthropic journey, and it has been a super trip.

From my Heart to yours---thank you for everything that you have done to help us achieve these goals.

As now, as we are about to enter into the "Heart Holiday Season" again, let's not forget how important it is to keep our hearts in tune to the important things in life. Things like taking care of our own health, both physical and spiritual; like meeting the needs of our family members with all the love and devotion that we have within us; like helping not only the Heart Fund and Kids Project, but also helping our Sisters and Brothers in every way we can. Gene and I and the entire Grand Family wish for you at this time a wonderful season of love, and hope for a great year ahead.

CLARIFICATION MOMENT: Whenever the Conductress and Associate Conductress cross each other on the East and/or West marching lines, the Conductress always walks closest to the EAST.

We have many members who still have health issues or who have family members who are very ill. Let's always remember these in our thoughts and prayers. The Scriptures remind us to "Pray without ceasing".

An honest answer is like a warm hug. Hug someone really big today with your honesty.

With a Heart of Love
Shirley Boone
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Worthy Grand Matron

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“HATS OFF TO OUR STARS” BANQUET

Honoring Shirley Boone, WGM; Gene Cagle, WGP; Terrie Castay, PGM, Ambassador;
George Barker, PGP, GGCCM, and Diane Smith, PGM, GGCCM
Saturday, February 23, 2013 at the Best Western Convention Center
Alexandria ... Time: 6:00 P.M. ... Ticket Price --- \$25.00
Ticket Chairman --- Sister Juanita Wilkinson, PGM
4130 Long Pine Lane, Lake Charles, LA 70611: email: jswoes@att.net
Cut off date for ticket---FEBRUARY 11, 2013

Districts Fifteen and Sixteen cordially invite you to a Tea honoring
Shirley Boone, WGM; Gene Cagle, WGP; Linn McNary, AGM;
Alna Abbott, PGM; Lynn Bankston, PGM; Janet Shook, PGM; Jane McDaniel, PGM;
Guy Jenkins, PGP; Joe Stroud, PGP; Roy Bankston, PGP, and Geri Rose, Grand Ruth,
on Saturday March 9, 2013, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
at the Baton Rouge Scottish Rite, 14598 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge.

2013 DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 1-3 --- Grand Lodge of Louisiana to be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge, LA.

March 2 --- FISH FRY and AUCTION Fundraiser for Sister Linn McNary, AGM and Brother Otto Beverly, AGP on Saturday, March 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Community Center 26356 Highway 15, Ferriday. Donation - \$15.00. Auction Items and baked goods are appreciated. Joye Denny, PGM and Fran Slay, PM Chairmen.

March 24-27 --- A Journey of the Heart Grand Chapter Session at the Sai Convention Center in Alexandria, LA. See you there!

NOTICE: Please send your articles, pictures, etc of your chapter's activities to Bonnie Williams, Chairman of Happenings of the Heart --- 2801 Alkay Drive, Shreveport, LA 71118. You do not have to have just newspaper articles to be put in our scrapbook so get them in now. This will satisfy the Happenings of the Heart for the Chapter Award of Excellence.

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GRAND CHAPTER:

Registration – Grand Chapter

FYI: As per Constitution, Article Two, Revenues Section 1 (f), page 11

Registration fee for all members shall be \$10.00

On site Registration fee for all members shall be \$15.00

We will be needing Assisting Grand Warders (contact Dennie Boyt, Grand Warder, 1523 Salter Street, Natchitoches 71457---318-214-2249); Assisting Grand Sentinels (contact Gerald Houston, Grand Sentinel, 426 Green Briar Street, DeRidder 70634 --- 337-396-8439); and Choir Members (contact Barbara Seiver, Grand Choir Director, 1492 Lake Point Avenue, Zachary 70791 --- 225-658-7790. E-mail: abkseiver@cox.net) Thanks for all your help.

Attention: Grand Representatives

We will be having our hospitality room back at the Best Western this year. We need the following for our hospitality room.

Last names beginning with A-L will bring cookies and cakes.

Last names beginning with M-Z will bring drinks,

We also need 4-5 items for the hospitality room. The hospitality room will be open Sunday, immediately after the ESTARL service, until later in the afternoon. All Grand Representatives, former and current, will be welcome to come greet and meet our guests, and help in the room. We will also need some members to come before the room is open to help set up. Thank you for your help.

APPRECIATION:

Through the courtesy of Sister Shirley Boone, Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to thank each member of Louisiana Grand Chapter for the generous love gift I received from you at the Louisiana breakfast at General Grand Chapter. My term of service on Shriner Charities Committee of General Grand Chapter was one of great satisfaction. Thanks to Sister Rennie for giving me this appointment. I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matrons who included Shrine Charities in their projects. This helped our contributions to General Grand Chapter be much larger. I love each and every one of you. Buck Denny, PGP.

On behalf of 4-H'ers throughout Louisiana, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your generous investment towards the Louisiana 4-H program. Your contribution of \$4,265 has been deposited into the LA 4-H Foundation General Endowment Fund at the LSU Foundation. Eric A Eskew, Executive Director.

ROSTER CHANGES:

Page 5 - Wayne Harrist, PGP: new email address - jwhpgp86@lusfiber.net

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Chapter Secretary – Don't forget to send the names, and addresses of the first five elected and installed officers to the Associate Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, Grand Conductress, and Chairman of the Committee on Credentials-Juanita Wilkinson, PGP. Please be sure to include the phone number and e-mail address of the Chapter secretary. ALSO, did you send the list of your active past matrons/patrons to the Associate Grand Matron and Grand Conductress?

Diane Sutton, PM, Secretary of Dixie #179, is looking for old rosters. If you have some that you would like to recycle, give her a call.

<<<<<<<<<< AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE >>>>>>>>>>

Extra Large Print Ritual - \$34.50 plus postage

Large Print Blue and White Rituals - \$23.50 plus postage

Small Print Ritual - \$19.00 plus postage

2010 Book of Instruction - \$3.00 plus postage

2012 Constitution Revisions - \$2.00 plus postage

RECEIVED FROM THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS:

March 5, 2012 - Moss Bluff #242 suspended Ann Catherman for NPD

July 12 - Adah #34 reinstated Kenneth Hester and Cynthia Treme

Nov 27 - Rising Star #121 suspended Bobby J Bennett for NPD

Dec 6 - Vesper #107 suspended Mrs. Evelyn Bard for NPD


Dec 10 - Converse #218 suspended Mechile Burnitt and Melissa Ryals for NPD

Dec 11 - Lakeshore #59 suspended Jack R Wall for lack of Masonic affiliation

Jan 1, 2013 - Orange #224 suspended Renee A. Jeane and Mary Cavel for NPD

Jan 2 - Broadmoor suspended Sherry A Perry for NPD

Jan 11 - Jewel #100 suspended Lila Huffman and Clifton L Breaux for NPD

Fraternally,

Terrie C. Castay, PGM
Grand Secretary

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