"A Journey of the Heart"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana Order of the Eastern Star

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March 2013 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers

THE END! These two small words have so much finality to them. Our year is coming to a close, but certainly not to an END. I don't see it as final, but rather, I choose to see it as a new beginning. We have often heard that "God does not close one door, unless he opens another one for you." I have experienced this in many ways in my Eastern Star life. From the first days after my Initiation, to filling many stations, to becoming a Past Matron, District Deputy Grand Matron, Grand Representative, Grand Chaplain, and ultimately a trip up the Grand Line to Worthy Grand Matron, many doors have opened up on this wonderful journey. Early on, I recognized one very important fact--- that I could not do any of this alone. It was with the love and support from you, the members of this Grand Chapter, that I was able to accomplish my dream with much success. How amazing these years have been and what a learning experience it has been for me.

Any time Gene and I speak of joining the ranks of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, we are quickly reminded that it is not the end, but the start of new jobs ahead. We would like to let our Past Grands know that we are ready to work, willing to learn, and anxious to help our Order progress in a positive way that will benefit the members of our state.

To the Elected Line Officers, we wish you all the best as you continue on your respective journey. Always remember that you are working for the members, first and foremost. To our Appointed Officers, we are so pleased with the way you represented our Grand Family this year. You are the very best!

To the members, thank you seems so small for all YOU DID for us. We can never repay you for the devotion, love, and support that you gave us. God Bless you all!

NO—it is certainly not the end. It is a continuation of doing good things for good people, working hard to attain your dreams, and learning to do what it takes to succeed. Always remember to promote a kind and

gentle spirit, to build strength in your convictions and decisions, and to exemplify wisdom in your actions and reactions.

With a Heart of Love,

Worthy Grand Matron

Always remember those who have health issues and are in need of our prayers. God is so good and He is always there to help those who ask.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:

Mississippi --- Robert Joyner, PP, (207) 288 Roberts Road, West Monroe 71291 Ohio --- Mazie Caston, PM, (123) 906 Susan Street, Mansfield 71052 Quebec --- Charles Smith, PP, (191) P. O. Box 99 Mt. Hermon 70450 South Dakota --- Faye Bacle, PM (18) 1509 Anita, Bossier City 71112 Tennessee --- Delcie Reid, PM (204) 145 Reid Road, DeRidder 70634-6216

INVITATIONS

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.

RECEPTIONS---HOMECOMINGS

Linn McNary, 2013-2014 Worthy Grand Matron-Elect Noon – Saturday, April 6, 2013 Central Star Chapter #23 11525 Sullivan Road, Baton Rouge

Otto Beverly, 2013-2014 Worthy Grand Patron-Elect Noon – Saturday, April 20, 2013 Esther Chapter #26 100 South Street, Leesville

2013 DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 24-27, 2013 - "A Journey of the Heart" Session of Grand Chapter of Louisiana at the Sai Convention Center, Alexandria, LA. SEE YOU THERE!!

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.

Baymont Hotel - All cancellations must be made by calling hotel three days in advance.

Please remember to bring your chapter's gifts for the Hospitality Room at the Best Western. Let's treat our Distinguished Guests good!

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.

July 12 - 14 - Multi State Exchange Visit - Atlanta, GA.

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.

JURAND CHAPTER:

Gegistration – 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

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 you help.

APPRECIATION:

The "Hats Off to Our Stars" Banquet held on Saturday, February 23 was a very special event for the Honorees - it was a wonderful welcome home extended by our friends. There are no words to express our gratitude for all you've done for us. We will always remember your kindness. Many thanks to Sister Juanita Wilkinson, PGM, Chairman of the event, for her work in bringing this event to life, thanks to Bro Oscar Abshire, PGP, for sharing his love of music with us, Sister Beverly Brown, PM, for the program, Sister B.J. Morgan, PM, for the decorations and the members of the committees and those who were in attendance. Thanks also for the OES hats and the love gifts. We certainly missed Bro George Barker, Cancer Committee, who could not attend because he was taking care of Sister Audrey. Fraternally, Terrie Castay. Ambassador of N.J. and Diane Smith, Alzheimer's Committee.

ROSTER CHANGES:

Page 4 - Alna Abbott: new email address - alnaoes83@cox.net

Page 31 - Victory #130: Secretary new email address - Texascajun@bellsouth.net

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

You should have your Credentials/Proxy forms by now. If you have not received them, please contact me at your earliest opportunity.

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:

Dec 10 - Rose #204 suspended Brenda Brown, Connie Carroll, Mary M Lewis, Bonnie Thompson, Sara

Thames.

Velma L Tuck and Janice S. Williams for NPD

Jan 14 - Greenwood #202 suspended Susan Ainsworth, David Leach and Jan Paape for NPD

Jan 17 - Ruby #72 suspended Linda Holloway, W. C. Holloway, Jr and Rebecca Garrett for NPD

Jan 22 - Dixie #179 reinstated Tonya Marie Lied

Feb 4 - Metairie Ridge #169 rejected petition for reinstatement by Christina Mores

Feb 8 - Nova Stella #36 suspended Lesley Demars Hidalgo for NPD

Feb 12 - Sabine #171 suspended Nicole Byles Jackson, Pamela S Meshell, Jannie Tackett and Faith C.

Williams for NPD

Grand Secretary

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