

"THE COLORS OF LIFE"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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April 2013 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Congratulations and Welcome Home! That is what I've been hearing following a great 2013 Grand Chapter Session and Installation of Officers for 2013-2014. Thanks to all of you for your love and support as Brother Otto and I begin "The Colors of Life" year. We thank all that made the Installation so beautiful and meaningful for us.

Sister Shirley Boone, PGM, and Brother Gene Cagle, PGP, have completed a busy, successful year and we thank them for this year of service, with many more to come as Past Grands. Congratulations to Brother George Wilkinson, AGP, and Sister Rovenia McDonald, AGC, on their election to the Grand Line. We are so pleased to have them as a part of our Grand Family this year.

The month of April is busy with all of the Official Visits of the District Deputy Grand Matrons. Please support them by attending their meetings. You just might learn something new or be reminded of something you have forgotten when performing the ritualistic work.

If you haven't seen the Winter edition of the Eastern Star Journal I encourage you to read it. Louisiana is well represented with 4 great articles! One article is about Sister Shirley's and Brother Gene's fun trip to Washington D.C. and visit to the OES Temple, another about the charity work done by Vidalia Chapter #37, one about the interesting Eastern Star life-journey of Sister Anita Fields-Gold, PGM and a write-up about the International Grand Secretaries Association and our very own Sister Terrie Castay, GGC Ambassador and Grand Secretary being installed as Vice President of the group. All great reads!

One of the special projects for this year is Shriner's Transportation and we will be selling tubs of Scott's Soft Peppermints for \$10.00. The State Chairmen are Terry Howes, PP, and Raymond Roush, PP, and they will be working with the District Chairman who will be selling and distributing the candy. All those selling candy, please remit your monies to your Chapter Secretary and they will send the monies on to the Grand Secretary. Secretaries please send the money in as you receive it - don't hold till the end of the year.

Remember April Showers – There are two kinds of people: those who look up when it rains to enjoy the smells and sounds of nature, and those who look down. Those who look up see vibrant green leaves at the tops of trees, shimmering under layers of water; those who look down see the mud. Whether rich or poor, young or old, humble or proud, the only people who seem happy are the ones who keep their heads tilted upward, even on what most people would call the gloomiest of days.

May the Easter Season be with you always!

Star Love and Lilies For You!

Linn D. McNary

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:

Connecticut - Trena Bordelon, PM (73), 264 Ferguson Loop, Pollock 71467-3608

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West Virginia - Wanda Lindgren, PM (130), 9795 Nightengale, Shreveport 70634-6216

The Members of District 16, Order of the Eastern Star

Cordially invite YOU to attend their

“Homecoming Reception”

For

Linn McNary, Worthy Grand Matron

And

Carmen Higgins, Grand Marshal

Noon – Saturday, April 6, 2013

Central Star #23

11525 Sullivan Road, Baton Rouge

The Members of District 11, Order of the Eastern Star

Cordially invite YOU to attend their

“Homecoming Reception”

For

Otto Beverly, Worthy Grand Patron

Pamela Gill, Associate Grand Matron

And

Judith Beverly, Grand Esther

Noon – Saturday, April 20, 2013

Esther #26

100 South Street, Leesville

OFFICIAL VISITS
of the Worthy Grand Matron accompanied
by the Worthy Grand Patron and Other Grand Officers

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, DISTRICT #11: West Cenla Shrine Center - Leesville. Receiving Line 4 pm; Dinner 4:30 pm with Meeting to Follow. Georganne Andrus, Housing Chairperson (337)-239-9882 GeorganneAAndrus@aol.com and Becky Dobbins, DDGM (337) 401-1925.

Directions: From North of Leesville travel south on Hwy 171. Turn right on Nolan Trace (landmark-traffic light by police station). Go 1.2 miles, turn right on HM Stevens Blvd. Enter fairgrounds. The Shrine Center is the 3rd building on the left. From South of Leesville travel north on Hwy 171. Turn left on Nolan Trace and continue with directions above.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, DISTRICT #12: Cenla Shrine Club, 1100 Vandenburg Dr. (off Hwy 28 West) Alexandria. Meeting at 2:00 p.m. and Refreshments to follow. Lynn Palmer, DDGM (318) 613-6723. Before the meeting we will attend church together at the DDGM's church, Grace Presbyterian Church, 4900 Jackson Street Extension, Alexandria - 10:30 am service.

2013 DATES TO REMEMBER:

MISSISSIPPI GRAND CHAPTER – April 14-16 in Hattiesburg. Details and Forms at www.gcofms.com

FLORIDA GRAND CHAPTER – April 22-24 in St. Augustine. Details and Forms at www.floridaoes.org

ARKANSAS/LOUISIANA FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE BBQ – “June is Busting Out All Over”

DATE and TIME: Saturday, June 1, at NOON

LOCATION: Masonic Lodge in Texarkana (Directions in May Newsletter)

COST: \$20.00

TICKET CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Thea Pearson, 5721 Columbia Road 15, Taylor, AR 71861

DRESS: Daytime Wear – Not Formal

RAINBOW GIRLS GRAND ASSEMBLY – June 9-12 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. The “It’s a Small World of Rainbow” Welcome Banquet will be Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. with the Informal Opening to follow at 7:30 p.m. Miss Brittanie Nicole Stein, GWA, and Mrs. Debbi Cocran-Hock, Supreme Deputy will preside. Register with Ms. Cybble Bucceri, at (504) 361-0997 or thequeenbee65@cox.net.

MULTI-STATE EXCHANGE – Atlanta Georgia – July 12-14. Details and Forms at www.georgiaoes.org

APPRECIATION:

We would like to express our thanks to everyone for prayers and phone calls when our daughter-in-law was so sick. She is doing fine and now at home. Again, thanks to all. I would like to say how grateful I am to all who attended the fish fry. Thank you - thank you. Otto and Judy Beverly

Please accept the gratitude of the Masonic Learning Center of Louisiana for your generous gift of \$2,427 given to benefit the Dyslexia Training Program. Your gift will help us in bringing to hundreds of children in Louisiana specialized instruction in the language arts calculated to enable these children to read and achieve according to their academic potential. Thank you for all your help and interest in the Dyslexia Training Program. Ralph C McCrory, Administrator, Masonic Learning Center

Disposition of Resolutions at Grand Chapter, 2013:

Resolution #1 thru Resolution #7 - Approved
Resolution #8 - Withdrawn by the Work and Ritual Committee

ROSTER CHANGES:

Page 6 - Mr Oscar Abshire, PGP - new phone # (337) 536-6983
Page 33 - Metairie Rige #169 - new Secretary - Susette Bradley, 280 Guardian Ave., Gretna 70056. Phone: (504) 250-2016. Email: metairieridgechapter169@yahoo.com

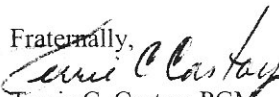
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

<<<<<<<<<< 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 (There were no revisions in the 2010 Book of Instructions and they are available for purchase.)
New Petitions for Membership - These new forms were passed out at the Workshops, at the breakfast at Grand Chapter and have been mailed to those who were not at Grand Chapter. If you do not have a set, please contact me and I will send them.

RECEIVED FROM THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS:

March 4 - Nova Stella #36 suspended Robbie S. Herman and Leslie Lavigne for NPD
March 12 - Sabine #171 reinstated Jannie Tackett

Fraternaly,

Terrie C. Castay, PGM
Grand Secretary