

"THE COLORS OF LIFE"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
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May 2013 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Well, the District Deputy Official Visits are winding down, and the Schools of Instruction will take place in the month of May! Thank you to all that have been traveling and supporting our District Deputy Grand Matrons. I know they have appreciated your support. Continue supporting our beautiful Order by attending your School of Instruction and the Official Visits that will begin in June. Many Chapters are struggling and many of the offices are not filled for regular meetings. That makes attending these other special meetings all that more important, so we can all see the work exemplified. REMINDER: ONLY Chapter members are to participate in Chapter business and discussions. Please remember this if you are visiting another chapter.

Brother Otto and I want to thank everyone who attended our Homecoming Receptions on April 6 in Baton Rouge and April 20 in Leesville. We so appreciate all of the time and effort that went into making these events so special for us.


36 members from Louisiana attended Mississippi Grand Chapter in Hattiesburg April 14-16. We had 15 Grand Officers including our Ambassador to New Jersey, two GGCCM'S, six PGM's and PGP's and 13 other faithful traveling companions. We all passed a good time enjoying good food, fellowship and fun (Dominoes and Phase 10). George and Audrey Barker, Buck and Joye Denny, James and Lois Premeaux, Corinne Watson, Grand Ruth, and I attended Florida Grand Chapter in St. Augustine April 21-24. Then on April 27th Sister Gaila Clark and I flew to Maryland's Grand Chapter Session where Gaila met her Grand Representative counterpart and was treated royally. Special memories were made on all the trips. Later in May several of us are traveling with Sister Terrie Castay, Grand Ambassador to New Jersey, for her Official Visit at their Grand Chapter Session in Atlantic City.

SHRINER'S TRANSPORTATION PROJECT: Secretaries, please get your Peppermint Candy sales monies to the Grand Secretary ASAP. We need these monies remitted so we can purchase our next shipment planned for June 1. Thank you so much for your help with this.

CANDIDATES: Candidates for AGP, AGC and other Elected Boards get your Letters of Intent into the Grand Secretary ASAP. During my remarks at the Official Visits I will be asking you to introduce yourselves. I think it is important that the membership know who they will be voting for at Grand Chapter!

There are so many things that come in two, three's and even thousands: sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, snowflakes, the stars above. But we only have ONE Mother! Celebrate all the ladies in your life!! Happy Mother's Day!

Star Love and Lilies For You!



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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.

SATURDAY, JULY 20, DISTRICT #1: Bossier City Chapter #175, 714 Benton Road, Bossier City.
Meal at 4:30 pm with Meeting to follow. More info in June newsletter.

SUNDAY, JULY 21, DISTRICT #2: Shongaloo Chapter #177. Meeting at 2:00 pm with Refreshments to follow. Before the meeting we will attend church together at 1st United Methodist Church in Bossier City. More info in June newsletter.

FRIDAY, JULY 26, DISTRICT #13: Scottish Rite Temple, 717 Hodges Street, Lake Charles. Meal at 5:30 pm and Meeting to follow. More info in June newsletter.

SATURDAY, JULY 27, DISTRICT #9: First United Methodist Church, 1020 Main Street, Many 71449.
Dinner at 4:30 pm with Meeting to follow. More info in June newsletter.

2013 DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

DATE and TIME: Saturday, June 1 at NOON **COST:** \$20.00 **Deadline to Order:** May 17

LOCATION: Texarkana Lodge - 4102 East 9th Street, Texarkana Phone: 870-774-9144

Directions: In Shreveport LA-3132W becomes 1-220 East. Merge onto US71 via Exit 7B toward Texarkana. Go 38 miles. Merge onto AR-549N toward AR-245/Texarkana/1-30. Go 25 miles. Merge onto AR-245N/Loop 245 toward Little Rock. Take US-82/9th Street exit, go right. Proceed 0.2 miles to Highland Hills Baptist Church. Turn right on the gravel road just before you get to the church. Drive up the road into the woods to the lodge. Lodge is behind the Church.

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

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.georgiao.es.org

APPRECIATION:

My thanks to everyone for coming and making my Homecoming a special affair. To all who worked so hard, thank you. To my chapter, Esther #26, the kindness and the plaque is so beautiful. Thank you, Otto C. Beverly, WGP

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and prayers concerning my stent procedure. It was a success. I am feeling great. I continue to covet your prayers as I have been diagnosed in the first stage of prostate cancer. Tests reveal that the prognosis is good and I have been undergoing radiation treatments. My health continues to hold up. Will keep you informed of my condition.. Thanks, Oscar Abshire, PGP

Thank you so much OES Grand Chapter Brothers and Sisters for your generous donation to the Louisiana Rainbow Girls. The girls and I appreciate everything that you do for us, both in our local assemblies and your financial donations. We are truly blessed to have such caring and loving sponsors. Thank you again. In Rainbow Love & Service, Brittanie Stein, Grand Worthy Advisor and Debbi Cocran-Hock, Supreme Deputy in Louisiana.

I am writing to thank the Grand Chapter of Louisiana for the gift of an Honourary Membership to myself and my husband Ken. This is a special gift from the heart of the membership and I want you to know how much we appreciated your thoughtfulness. What a humbling experience it is to receive an Honourary Membership. Ken and I enjoyed our time with the members of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana. It was the first time to visit in your Grand Jurisdiction. I thank you for the hospitality we received and would love to have your members visit us in Ontario. Just as a bit of information, Grand Chapter of Ontario, OES, will

celebrate 100 years in the year 2015, and we are looking forward to big things at that time, and would love to have visitors from Louisiana. Once again, many thanks for the Honourary Membership. May God Bless you in all your endeavors. Carol Featherstone, Past Grand Matron and Grand Secretary Emeritas

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

There are now several changes to our rituals that were approved at the last General Grand Chapter Session. I just received copies of these revisions that will be available for purchase. They are in the form of stickers that you apply to pages that have been revised. If you ordered rituals after November 1st of last year, you will be receiving complementary revisions in the next few days.

Additional 2012 Ritual changes stickers may be ordered for those members who purchased 2009 Rituals (Third Printing) prior to November 1, 2012. Please be aware that these stickers may be used in any 2009 Ritual from the first printing or second printing. The price is \$1.00 for Small Rituals, \$2.00 for large print (white or navy) rituals and \$3.00 for the Extra large print tan rituals.

Secretaries: When sending in your Peppermint Candy sales monies for Shriner's Transportation, be sure to note that the donation is for the candy sales, and not just for Shriner's Transportation.

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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.)**

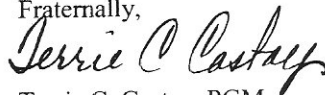
New Petitions for Membership - These new forms were passed out at the Workshops, at the breakfast at Grand Chapter and have been mailed to those who were not at Grand Chapter. If you do not have a set, please contact me and I will send them.

RECEIVED FROM THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS:

February 19 - Morgan City #21 expelled Donald Aymond due to lack of Masonic Affiliation

March 4 - A W Connely #117 suspended Anita Robinson for NPD

Fraternally,



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