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June 2013 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The Schools of Instruction will be completed soon and that means that the Official Visits will begin this month. The District Deputies are busy making plans to welcome the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and Other Grand Officers to your District! I hope all members come out and make each a huge success. We need you! The projects that Brother Otto and I have selected can only be successful if you come and support them. We want you to collect items for Alzheimer's patients in your area, save pop tabs for our OES Disaster Relief Fund, sell and buy Scott's Peppermints for Shriner's Transportation and support our efforts to raise money and awareness for Cancer and ESTARL!!

As we know all too well about disasters, Louisiana OES would like to lend a helping hand to our Brothers and Sisters in Oklahoma. If you would like to give a donation either individually or by chapter, please send your donation to the Grand Secretary, Sister Terrie, noting it as a donation to Oklahoma OES Disaster Fund. We will be sending it to OK as a donation from Louisiana. Note: My paternal grandparents, Loral and Matilda McNary, were members of the OES Chapter in Moore, OK. Our own LA Disaster Assistance Fund has already helped a Louisiana OES family this year and we will be sending \$1,000 from the fund to OK in addition to your specific contributions. So save your pop tabs this year, so we can raise monies for this special Louisiana project.

In order for our members to stay better connected to each other and to learn of sickness and deaths throughout our membership, the e-mail OES FRIENDSHIP LINE has been started. Please submit items that would be of interest to the membership, such as illness, deaths, etc. so that we can pray for each other and be thinking of each other. The e-mail address is ellieh1@aol.com. If you would like to receive these notices, just submit your e-mail address. This means of communication cannot replace the notification between chapters concerning meetings and honor nights. But if a chapter or district is holding a charity fundraiser on the weekend or night other than their regular meeting night, these announcements can be submitted.

Brother Otto's and my FUN TRIP will be to Chicago! We will be taking the overnight Amtrak train - catching the train in either New Orleans or Hammond in the afternoon and arriving in Chicago the next

morning. We will see the sights of Chicago for 2-3 days and return home by Amtrak. So save the date for the 4th week in September. Trip plans are being finalized so if you are interested please let me know so trip information can be sent to you. E-mail: LMcNary2@cox.net

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 pay for our next shipment planned for June 1. Thank you so much for your help with this.

Let's keep our Veteran's and Service Men and Women in our thoughts and prayers this Memorial Day and proudly fly our flags on Flag Day! **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!** Celebrate the men in your life!!!

Star Love and Lilies For You

Linn D. McNary

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:

Idaho – Norma Lee (231), 10633 Florida Blvd., Unit 20, Walker, LA 70785-6939

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)-239-9887. 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 – Martin McClanahan Lodge, 714 Benton Road, Bossier City. Meal at 4:30 pm with Meeting to follow. Housing Chairman-Theresa Johnscher (318) 747-1246. Linda Frazier, DDGM (318) 797-8612

District 1 is also hosting a breakfast from 7:30-10:00 am on Sunday, July 21 at the lodge. Following the breakfast we will go to church together at 10:30 a.m. at 1st United Methodist Church, 201 John Wesley Blvd., Bossier City. (Just off Old Minden Road). Following church we will then travel on to the Official Visit in District 2.

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. (See above for church info.) at 10:30 a.m. at 1st United Methodist Church, 201 John Wesley Blvd, Bossier City.

Directions: Shongaloo is 23 miles north of Minden. Take Hwy 159 – Lewisville Road north from Minden. Once on Hwy 159 the only turn is into the lodge. The lodge is south of the intersection of Hwy 159 and Alt. 2. SuEllen Kirk, DDGM (318) 548-5874

FRIDAY, JULY 26, DISTRICT #13: Scottish Rite Temple, 717 Hodges Street, Lake Charles. Meal at 5:30 pm and Meeting to follow. Housing Chairman-Sharon Powell (337) 855-9675. Dianna Fruge', DDGM (337) 707-9881

SATURDAY, JULY 27, DISTRICT #9: First United Methodist Church, 1020 Main Street, Many 71449. Dinner at 4:30 pm with Meeting to follow. Dona Ann Lee, DDGM (337) 789-0181

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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 hequeenbee65@cox.net.

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

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

There are several changes to our rituals that were approved at the last General Grand Chapter Session. These changes have been provided in the form of stickers that you apply to the pages that have been revised.

2012 Ritual change stickers may be ordered for the 2009 Rituals. The price is \$1.00 for Small (green) 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.

NOTE: A ring and a pearl earring that was found at Grand Chapter was recently sent to me - if either item is yours, give me a call.

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Extra Large Print Ritual - \$34.50 plus postage

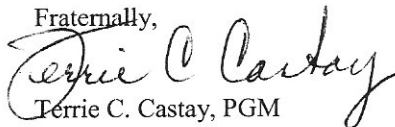
Large Print Blue and White Rituals - \$23.50 plus postage

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.

Fraternally,



Terrie C. Castay, PGM
Grand Secretary

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