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July 2013 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The Official Visits have begun! The Official Visits in District 11 and 12 were really well attended. Brother Otto and I thank you so much for your support and getting them off to a great start! The DDGM's and the District members did a great job! A highlight was attending church together in Alexandria and then enjoying lunch at Piccadilly. In July hope to see you at one of the Official Visits or at the Multi-State Exchange in Atlanta. NOTE: If attending the Multi-State Exchange wear your favorite sports team shirt (LSU, Saints, etc) and black pants for the Friday night event!

In planning for the Upcoming Work & Ritual Workshops, we are requesting that members submit questions or topics that you would like to have addressed. The Workshops are for you, the membership. Please submit questions to Janet Shook, PGM, at WGM1999@yahoo.com. and Diane Smith, GGCCM, at WGMOES2007@yahoo.com. The first Workshop will be on Saturday, August 17, at 1:00 pm at Trinity Union Lodge 3950 Florida St., Baton Rouge.

The Grand Secretary is still accepting donations to the Oklahoma OES Disaster Fund. Monies will be sent on to the OK Grand Chapter. Continue to submit your items of interest to the OES Friendship Line at the new e-mail: laoesfriendship@aol.com.

Final Call for the FUN TRIP to Chicago! We will be taking the overnight Amtrak train - catching the train in either New Orleans or Hammond in the afternoon of Sept 22 and arriving in Chicago the next morning. We will see the sights of Chicago from Sept 23-27 arriving back on Saturday the 28th. See flyer at www.laoes.org.

SHRINER'S TRANSPORTATION PROJECT: Secretaries please get your Peppermint Candy sales monies to the Grand Secretary ASAP and note that it is for the candy sales. Thank you so much for your help with this. Thanks to everyone for buying and selling this great Louisiana product!

On a personal note, thanks so much for the sympathy cards and loving concerns following the death of my Uncle Maurice Dunbar. He was to attend my Installation, but had a bad fall and subsequently died of pneumonia.

HAVE A FUN 4th OF JULY! Proudly fly your flag!

Star Love and Lilies For You!



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GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:

Delaware – Chris Bonvillian, PP (117), 9825 East Park Avenue, Houma 70363-3880

OFFICIAL VISITS

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

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 Martin McClanahan Lodge in honor of Linn McNary, WGM; Otto Beverly, WGP; George Barker-GGCCM; PGM's & PGP's of District 1; Rovenia McDonald-AGC; Jean Tucker–Grand Organist and Linda Frazier–DDGM. Following the breakfast we will go to church together at 10:30 AM 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 AM 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 Following the Official Visit, George and Juanita Wilkinson will be hosting an Open House at their home – 4130 Long Pine Lane, Lake Charles.

SATURDAY, JULY 27, DISTRICT #9: First United Methodist Church, 1020 Main Street, Many 71449. Dinner at 4:30 PM with meeting to follow. Housing Chairman-Paula Burnitt (318) 567-2257. Dona Ann Lee, DDGM, (337) 789-0181.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, DISTRICT #14: Gueydan Civic Center, 901 Wilkinson Street, Gueydan 7142. Dinner at 4:30 PM with meeting to follow. Housing Chairman: Betty Wade, PM, (337) 774-2711. Judith Avery, DDGM, (337) 962-7588.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, DISTRICT #15: Scottish Rite Consistory, 14598 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge. Meeting at 2:00 PM with refreshments to follow. Housing Chairman: Norma Cagle (225) 665-5308. Geri Rose, DDGM, (225) 276-1945.

Church Service at Broadmoor United Methodist Church (WGM's church) at 10:30 AM - 10230 Mollylea Drive, Baton Rouge.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, DISTRICT #7: Fair Park Masonic Lodge, 6407 Buncombe Road, Shreveport 71129. Dinner at 5:30 PM and meeting to follow. Housing Chairman-Faye Bacle, (318) 742-6142 E-Mail: fbacle1@gmail.com. Dora Kaylor, DDGM, (318) 347-8898.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, DISTRICT #17: Fern Leaf #24, 203 E. Morris, Hammond. Dinner at 5:30 PM and meeting to follow. Housing Chairman-Jane Bickford (985) 386-2933. Lora Silvers, DDGM, (985) 662-6062. Following the Official Visit, join us for an Ice Cream Social at the home of Corinne Watson, Grand Ruth – 1109 Rue Chalet, Hammond.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, DISTRICT #3: Farmerville Chapter #207, Hwy 2, Farmerville. The Lodge is located just east of the city limits at the corner of Hwy 2 and Terral Island Road. Dinner at 4:30 PM with meeting to follow. Housing Chairman: Linda Lamkin, PGM, 318-513-1506. Mrs. Marjorie Joyner, DDGM, (318) 396-4809.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

MULTI-STATE EXCHANGE – July 12-14 - Atlanta, Georgia. Details and forms at www.georgiaoess.org. For the Friday night banquet we are being asked to wear our favorite sports jersey. So get out that LSU or Saints shirt!

AMARANTH GRAND COURT – Thursday, August 1 at 7:30 PM – Informal Opening at Holiday Inn South, Baton Rouge and Saturday, August 3 at 7:30 PM – Installation of Officers

TEXAS GRAND CHAPTER – August 14-16 - Arlington, TX. Details and Forms at www.txgcevents.org

SOUTHERN SECTION WORK & RITUAL WORKSHOP – Date changed to August 17 at 1:00 PM at Trinity Union Lodge – 3950 Florida Street, Baton Rouge

MISSISSIPPI LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE PICNIC – Saturday, August 31 at 9:30 am. See www.gcofms.com for details and luncheon ticket order form.

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: Don't forget 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 that was found at Grand Chapter was recently sent to me - if this ring belongs to you or a member of your Chapter, give me a call.

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

Extra Large Print Ritual - \$34.50 plus stickers and postage

Large Print (Blue/White) Rituals - \$23.50 plus stickers and postage

Small Print (Green) Ritual - \$19.00 plus stickers and 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, and also at the breakfast at Grand Chapter. They were also 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.

2013 Constitution Revisions are available for purchase - \$2.10.

2013-2014 Rosters are at the printers - if you want a copy, please let me know.

RECEIVED FROM THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS:

May 28 - Dixie #179 suspended Kristal G. Anzalone, Evelyn C Blanchard, Lucille H Calk, Patricia Chapman, Elizabeth Johnston, Evelyn Kemper, Della Meeks, Wamul Owens, Marvin Ramsey, Melba Ramsey and Kathy W. Weirmiller.

June 5, 2013 - Jewel #100 reinstated Lila G Huffman

June 11 - Baton Rouge #163 suspended Mrs Narvelle Courtney, Mary B Denny, Judith Mabie, Scott Miller, Judy Perkins and Mary Zachary for NPD.

Fraternally,



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Grand Secretary

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