

"THE COLORS OF LIFE"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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November 2013 -- Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Well ... Tropical Storm Karen didn't dampen the fundraising efforts and fun of the events on Saturday and Sunday, October 5th and 6th. Over 125 people attended the *XYZ Cancer Luncheon/Style Show/Auction* at the Acacia Shrine Center in BR (joint project with Rainbow Girls) and raised \$2,489 for Cancer Research. Many thanks to Jane McDaniel, PGM and her committee for such a successful event! Thanks to all that attended, modeled, purchased an auction item or purchased a prayer bottle in honor of or memory of someone. Your Chapter will get credit for any tickets or prayer bottles sold or auction items donated and purchased. A \$100 donation was given. Please let Jane know if you gave this donation so credit can be given to your chapter. A great time was had by the 100+ members and families at the Membership Event at the Exotic Wildlife Center in Folsom, LA. Thanks to Debbie Alford and Karen Porter, Membership Co-Chairs, and Tammi Williams for all the hard work in organizing and fixing food for this fun event. We were blessed with great weather and seeing so many beautiful animals. Thank you for supporting these two important projects and having fun in the process! Thanks also to the members that provided desserts at both of these events.

The Northern Section Work and Ritual Workshop was held on Saturday, October 12th at Lee Emmett Thomas #198 in Delhi. The workshop was very informative and the Chapter served lunch as a fundraiser. Many of us traveled to several Grand Chapter Sessions: WEST VIRGINIA (Linn, Pamela Gill, AGM; George Barker, GGCCM; Wanda Hagemeyer and Wanda Lindgren, Grand Representative), ALABAMA (eight attended including five Grand Officers and Faye McDowell, Grand Representative), NEW MEXICO (Linn, Diane Smith, GGCCM and "Ma") and OKLAHOMA (22 attended including ten Grand Officers)! It was a wonderful opportunity to greet old friends and make new ones!

Thanks District 6 for a great Official Visit! It was a real treat to stay at Black Bear Lodge on the Audubon Golf Trail Course in Delhi and attend church on Sunday at 1st United Methodist Church with Ruby Bradley and others.

If you haven't done so already, please have SILVER DRILLS for our Youth – Rainbow Girls and Demolay Boys. They really deserve our support!

Medium size peppermint candy baskets (red/white or green/white striped) filled with wrapped candy pieces are for sale for \$15. Order now for delivery at one of the remaining Official Visits. Contact Judy Beverly at 337-239-6319 or ojbev@suddenlink.net. Again, thanks for all your help with the Peppermint Candy sales benefiting Shriner's Transportation. Please turn all monies in to your Chapter Secretary so they can forward to the Grand Secretary.

Please consider making your Honorariums and Memorials to our OES Projects this year: Alzheimers, Cancer, ESTARL, Disaster Assistance and Shriner's Transportation.

Have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING!! Be thankful for your family and friends and our wonderful Eastern Star.

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, NOVEMBER 2, DISTRICT 20: Encircler Chapter #191 – 600 Daniel Street, Kenner. Dinner at 4:30 pm with meeting to follow. Jerry Ann Butters, DDGM (504) 812-5867. Sunday morning, November 3, join us at Sister Jerry Ann's church for 9:00 a.m. services at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 5875 Canal Blvd, New Orleans

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, DISTRICT 19: Lafourche Chapter #251 – 215 E. 93rd Street, Galliano. Meeting at 2 p.m. and refreshments to follow. Sandra Ledet, DDGM (985) 233-9302.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, DISTRICT 8: Natchitoches Chapter #13 – 110 Masonic Drive, Natchitoches. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. with meeting to follow. Housing Chairman: Donna Nelken-Baker (318) 356-8397, Cell (318) 332-1989, donnanelken@bellsouth.net. Helen Wallace, DDGM (318) 894-9206.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, DISTRICT 5: Sunny South Chapter #12 – 10506 Boswell Street, Bastrop. Dinner at 4:30 p.m. with meeting to follow. Housing Chairman: Ruth Duncan Watts (318) 281-1233. Marion Hicks, DDGM (318) 267-9805.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, DISTRICT 16: Mystic Star Chapter #108 – 313 Benton Street North, Denham Springs. Dinner at 4:30 p.m. with meeting to follow. Housing Chairman: Evelyn Blackwell (225) 261-0096. Paulette Spedale, DDGM (225) 261-7767

ATES TO REMEMBER

Arkansas Grand Chapter in Little Rock – December 4-6 Website: argrandchapter.com

Central Section Work and Ritual Workshop – January 18, 2014 – 1 pm to 3 pm - Moss Bluff Chapter #242, 555 Koonce Road, Lake Charles. If you have questions pertaining to the Ritual or Book of Instruction please send them to Juanita Wilkinson, PGM, at jswoes@camtel.net or Oscar Abshire, PGP, at omabsh@ktctelecom.net. Howdy's Boot Heroes (George Wilkinson-AGP's Club) will be serving complimentary gumbo starting at noon.

LA/TX Friendship Exchange in Lake Charles – January 25, 2014 Let's show are Texas friends a great Mardi Gras Time!!! Place TBA soon.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES: Please bring the Distinguished Guest items that you have collected to one of the remaining Official Visits. These are the items from each Chapter in your District that will be given to our Distinguished Guests at Grand Chapter.

REMINDER: Secretaries, when submitting monies to the Grand Secretary for pins or jewelry sold for Cancer or Alzheimer's, please note that it is for pins or jewelry and not just a donation or memorial for either of those projects.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Cruise with Pamela Gill and George Wilkinson - "Navigator of the Seas" leaving Galveston January 11, 2015 and returning January 18, 2015 (new sailing time). Contact Pam or George for additional information.

PPRECIATION:

With the permission of the WGM, I would like to thank all the Sisters and Brothers and Chapters for the cards, calls and prayers. I am much better. You realize how blessed you are to belong to OES and have so many caring friends. God heard your prayers and has given me more time to be with you all and to take care of my Mom who will be 99 on October 10th. Lois Premeaux, Alice # 5

Habibi Shriners: I would like to thank for your donation. Please know the money will be placed in our restricted Hospital Patient Transportation Fund. This fund is used for transporting our patients to the hospital and to help take care of children's medical needs up to the age of 18 years old free of charge, as well as, hotel rooms and meals. Again, thank you for your donation. M.C. House, Recorder

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Roster Changes:

Page 1 - Pat Ruppenicker, Grand Chaplain, 40 Brooke Bend, Dallas, GA. 30157-1428. Phone: 678/403-8310. Cell and email remain the same.

Page 28 - Jewel No 100 - New Secretary: Carolyn Maxey, PM, P O Box 132, Forest Hill 71430-0132. Phone: 318-748-6491. E-mail: caro44@centurylink.net

Page 30 - Mer Rouge #148 - John Vines, AP is not a PP

Page 31 - Baton Rouge #163 - will meet on the 2nd Tuesday only

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

FYI: GGC is no longer selling stickers for the rituals, but you may purchase a ritual (Large print navy blue/large print white and small print), with the stickers, for \$6.50 plus postage/handling as long as supplies last. GGC is in the process of printing new rituals. Extra large print stickers and rituals are still in stock. If you have any questions, please call me.

2010 Book of Instruction - \$3.00 plus postage (**There were no revisions in the 2010 Book of Instructions and they are available for purchase.**)

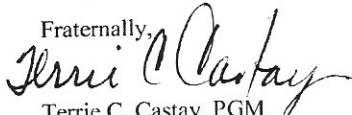
2013 Constitution Revisions are available for purchase - \$2.10.

2013-2014 Rosters have been mailed and a copy may be purchased for \$6.00 plus postage.

RECEIVED FROM THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS:

Sept 16 - Shongaloo #177 suspended Ken Wayne Tripp for Lack of Masonic Affiliation

Oct 14 - Greenwood #202 suspended JoAnn Womack for NPD

Fraternally,

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