

"THE COLORS OF LIFE"

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December 2013 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

November was a busy month with the final 5 Official Visits being held. They were all terrific. The final one was District 16 – my home District. It was really special. Brother Otto and I want to thank all the District Deputies for all of their hard work in making each Official Visit a time to remember. We will cherish all of the hugs, kisses, honorary memberships, gifts, special programs, great meals, and wonderful fellowship with each member! In November I also was asked to bring Greetings at the Daughters of the Nile Banquet honoring their Supreme Queen.

Please see the information in the newsletter about the upcoming Central Section Workshop on January 18 and the LA/Texas Mardi Gras Friendship Exchange on January 25 – both in Lake Charles.

Many of you have remarked about the Bible Marker that was used at the Official Visits. My Dad, Virgil McNary, presented it to my Chapter, Central Star #23, many years ago as a gift of gratitude for the members supporting me and for being so kind to him. So it is very special and he has been with me at every Official Visit. Also, the Baton carried by the Grand Marshal is one that I purchased and presented to my Chapter after I served as Grand Marshal in 2007. The names of two other members who were Grand Marshals are inscribed on the name plate. Sister Carmen Higgins name will be added soon.

Chapter Secretaries, please report all pertinent information to the District Chairman concerning our projects by December 31. Also turn in the names of those in your chapter who have earned the Personal Achievement Award. The District Chairmen need time to complete their reports to the State Chairmen.

Disaster Assistance Project– Pop Tabs and Cans – Please redeem if possible and turn in the monies to your Chapter Secretary. 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.

Mailing Label Program – Hope you enjoy using the labels. Thank you for your support of this important program that benefits LA Eastern Star!

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

Continue to submit your items of interest to the OES Friendship Line at the new e-mail: laoesfriendship@aol.com

Please remember those members with health problems or who have lost loved ones recently. This holiday season may be particularly difficult for them.

Brother Otto and I wish each of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS! Enjoy each moment and may each of you have your Christmas wish granted!

Star Love and Lilies For You!



Linn McNary
Worthy Grand Matron

DATES TO REMEMBER:

ARKANSAS GRAND CHAPTER IN LITTLE ROCK – December 4-6

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 MARDI GRAS FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE IN LAKE CHARLES – January 25, 2014 - 11:30 am – Pat's of Henderson Restaurant, 1500 Siebarth Drive, Lake Charles. Chairman: Joy Beth Williams, PGM - Ticket Chairman: Donna Harrist, 224 Aurore Ave, Lafayette 70506. Tickets \$20 (order by 1-15-14) Let's show our Texas friends a great Mardi Gras Time!!!

MASONIC GRAND LODGE: January 31 – February 2 in Bossier City. Louisiana Eastern Star is so pleased to have the current Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Ed Durham, and his wife, Karen, as members of Broadmoor #233 in Shreveport. Also, Brother Earl "Mickey" Durand, the incoming Worshipful Grand Master, and his wife, LaJuan, are members of Golden Star #73 in Pollock.

DISTRICT 7 invites all to a TEA honoring Linn McNary, WGM; Otto Beverly, WGP; Shirley Boone, PGM; Mert Mestler, PGP; Don Bordelon, PGP; Rovenia McDonald, AGC; Margaret Dixon, Grand Adah; Betty Nichols, Elected Board Member; Dora Kaylor, DDGM on Saturday, February 1, from 2:30 pm -3:30 pm, at Sunset Star # 227, 5115 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport

SOUTHERN SECTION WORK AND RITUAL WORKSHOP: Saturday, February 8, 2014 –

Location TBA

OTHER ITEMS:

Through the courtesy of the WGM, I would like to thank all the members for the phone calls, flowers, cards, and most of all for the prayers for my family in the passing of my sister. It was so special to know that you were thinking about Horace and me in our time of sorrow, but mostly the presence of those who attended the funeral made our day sweet. *Shirley (PGM) and Horace Boone*

With the approval of the WGM, Aunt Ann and I would like to express our thanks for all of the cards, phone calls, hugs, and kindness received at the death of my Mother and her sister. She will be sorely missed but she is in a better place. Thanks for all of your prayers during her lengthy illness. We send a special thank you to Sister Rovenia McDonald for the beautiful music she played during the funeral service. She helped to make the service very special for our family. *Star Love, Jean Tucker, Grand Organist and Lou A. Foshee, Page to AGC*

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

APPRECIATION: A special thank you goes out to Shirley's Heart to Heart Club for their donation to the General Fund in the amount of \$3,678.00 upon closing their Club. We also want to thank Oscar's Academy of Stars for their donation to the Office Upgrade project in the amount of \$751.93. Another thank you to the Past Grand Officers Association for their donation of \$2,000 to the Disaster Assistance Project.

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.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Roster Changes:

Page 7: C A Mills Board - Eldon Howell, PGP, Chairman (1 yr); Betty LeBourgeois, PGM (2 yr) and Edmond Hays, PGP, (3yr)

Page 32: J T Charnley #197 - meeting time changed to 6:00 PM

Page 37: Relief #2 - meeting time changed to 7:00 PM

<<<<<<< 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. 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.

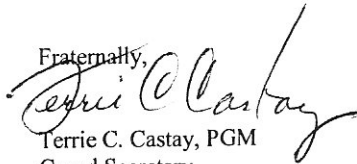
RECEIVED FROM THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS:

Sept 3 - Olive #50 suspended Diane Arrington for NPD

Sept 12 - Olive #50 suspended Patsy Holloway and Sheila Shelton for NPD

Oct 28 - Fair Park #18 suspended Delores Brice, Vickie Johnston, Tamie Miller for NPD and Lawrence Rester for Lack of Masonic affiliation

Fraternally,



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