

"THE COLORS OF LIFE"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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January 2014 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In December the Grand Family was able to slow down a bit, but we did attend Arkansas Grand Chapter. 22 Grand Officers, Past Grands and LA Members made our way to Little Rock and were able to get back home just as the ice storm hit the area. I was honored to bring the response on behalf of the Distinguished Guests.

Some Chapters held their Installations in December and others will be in January. It has been wonderful to be a part of several, either as the Installing Officer or the Installing Marshal. May each Chapter be renewed with enthusiasm and love for our Order. Brother Otto and I wish all a most successful year! The tentative program for Grand Chapter has been distributed. I hope you all will make plans to attend. We are working hard to make it special for you. Your participation will help make this Grand Chapter a success and one that is enjoyable and memorable for all. Forms for registration, banquets, and tours can be found at the Grand Chapter website: www.laoes.org or from your Chapter Secretary. Your hotel reservations for Grand Chapter can be made online at www.crownebaton.com or by phoning Maggie Maddie – Reservation Manager for Crowne Plaza at (225) 925-2244 from 8-5 weekdays. Be sure and use the code “*Eastern Star*” to get the \$99 per night rate.

Personal Achievement Awards forms/names are due - send to Sister Karen Porter, PM – Co-Chair Membership at 61004 N. Military Rd, Slidell 70461 or kfporter@bellsouth.net
Disaster Assistance – Pop Tabs and Cans – Please redeem if possible and turn in the monies to your Chapter Secretary. You can also bring your pop tabs to Grand Chapter.

If you would like to receive the OES Friendship Line e-mail just send your request to laoesfriendship@aol.com

Brother Otto and I, Sister Judy (Grand Esther), Brother Jesse Campo, PP and Sister Nell Wright, PM were humbled to attend the military burial services of PFC Jerry Pat Craig, the Uncle of Sister Anita Fields-

Gold, PGM, at the Central LA Veterans Cemetery in Leesville on December 19th. His remains had been identified and returned after being buried in Hawaii for 60 years as unidentified from the Korean War.

The funeral services for our very own Sister Audrey Barker, PGM, were on December 21 at Hillcrest Funeral Home in Haughton. Many Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of Louisiana performed a beautiful Eastern Star service under the direction of Sister Joye Denny, PGM. I was one of Sister Audrey's District Deputies and will miss her very much as will all of Louisiana Eastern Star. Sister Audrey had to be smiling to see so many wearing her frog pins!

I'm pleased to announce that Sister Mary Howell, PGM, will complete the 15 months remaining on Sister Audrey's term on the Work and Ritual Committee. She is one of two committee members representing the Northern Section of the state.

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

MAY EACH OF YOU BE BLESSED THIS NEW YEAR WITH HAPPINESS AND GOOD HEALTH!!!

Star Love and Lilies For You!



Linn McNary
Worthy Grand Matron

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:

Arizona - Christel Steyerman, PM (204) – 150 Hwy 26, DeRidder 70634

DATES TO REMEMBER:

DISTRICT 15 PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER - January 11, 2014 – 8 am – 11 am – Central Lodge, Baton Rouge - Donation of \$7.00 - Proceeds for Pamela Gill, AGM and George Wilkinson, AGP

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 any 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: JoyBeth 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!!! Note: Ladies, pants are ok, but please no blue jeans.

MASSONIC GRAND LODGE: January 31 – February 2 at Bossier City Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd, Bossier City.
Friday, January 31 – Grand Master's Reception (5:30 pm) and Banquet (7:00 pm) - \$45.00
Saturday, February 1 – Ladies Luncheon (Noon) Shreveport Scottish Rite Bldg, 725 Cotton St, Shreveport \$30.00.
Order Tickets by January 22 – LA Grand Lodge, P.O. Box 12357, Alexandria, LA 71315

DISTRICT 7 TEA/RECEPTION on Saturday, February 1 from 2:30 – 3:30 pm 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, Board of Fraternal Assistance, and Dora Kaylor, DDGM. Location: Sunset Star # 227, 5115 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport

SOUTHERN SECTION WORK AND RITUAL WORKSHOP: Saturday, February 8 – Fern Leaf Chapter #24, Hammond - Lunch provided by Chapter as a fundraiser - \$8.00. Lunch at NOON with Workshop to follow. If you have any questions pertaining to the Ritual or Book of Instruction please send them to Diane Smith, GGCCM at wgmoes2007@yahoo.com

OTHER ITEMS:

DISTRICT DEPUTIES: Please collect the 10 Distinguished Guest items from each of your Chapters. These are the items from each Chapter in your District that will be given to D.G. at Grand Chapter. You can bring your items to one of the Workshops or the Friendship Exchange. The Chairman is DeLores Woods, PM. Also, please complete your quarterly report ending December 31 ASAP.

HELP AT GRAND CHAPTER: Assisting Warders are needed to help Brother Oma Frank Lee, (318) 281-4855 or leeomaf@suddenlink.net. Assisting Sentinels are needed to help Brother Aubrey Wade, (337) 774-2711 or popandb@gmail.com. Choir Members are needed for the Grand Choir – please contact Colleen Tierney at (504) 831-5981 or avogadro59@yahoo.com

CHAPTER 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.

--- send your information pertaining to the projects to the District Chairman

--- send the name of member who is to receive a Personal Achievement Award to Karen Porter, 61004 N. Military Rd, Slidell 70461 or kfporter@bellsouth.net

--- complete quarterly and year end reports and send to DDGM so she can complete her reports

--- complete your Annual Report and submit to the Grand Secretary by January 15

--- after Installation send listing of top 5 officers to AGM, Grand Sec, Grand Conductress, and Credentials Chairman (Roy Bankston, PGP)

--- complete the NEW form about your ACTIVE PM and PP (check with Supervisor for the form) and send to AGM, and Grand Conductress

APPRECIATION:

With permission of the Worthy Grand Matron, the family of Joe Slay, Mother and I would like to say "Thanks" to all members for the many cards, phone calls, emails, visits, sympathy messages, donations to Shriner's Childrens Hospital and above all the prayers. Through prayers we received Faith and Strength to take it "One Day at the Time". We have received these for the 10 years that Joe was sick and especially the last two to three years when his health was so bad. Thanks and God Bless! *Fran Slay, PM, Vidalia #37*

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.

NOTE: The deadline to receive proposed resolutions for the March, 2014 session by the Chairman of Law & Jurisprudence is January 1, 2014. This will give the committee time to approve them for circulation. The Grand Secretary must have the resolutions in proper form in her office by January 18th so that she might prepare them for the February newsletter. Our current law states that all resolutions must be in the Grand Secretary's office at least 60 days before our Grand Chapter session. Should you need assistance, please contact a member of the Law & Jurisprudence Committee.

Registration – Grand Chapter

FYI: As per Constitution, Article Two, Revenues Section 1 (f), page 11

Registration fee for all members shall be \$10.00

On site Registration fee for all members shall be \$15.00

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A plural member may simultaneously hold office in a chapter of which she or he is a primary or plural member, provided, that she or he shall not simultaneously serve as Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, or Associate Patron in more than one Chapter, nor hold more than one office in the same chapter. A plural member may represent only one Chapter at a Grand Chapter Session. (Amended 2008)

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Roster Changes:

Page 7 (Board of Fraternal Assistance) & Page 32 (Encircler #191) : Bonnie Johnston, PM (change of address) 3104 N. Labarre, Metairie 70002-5024

ANNUAL REPORTS have been sent by mail and e-mail. If you have not received your copy, please contact me as soon as possible.

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

FYI: Large Print Blue Rituals-\$23.00 . Large Print White rituals are still in stock at \$6.50. 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

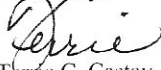
Oct 21 - Ruth #16 suspended Nathan Curtis for NPD

Dec 5 - Bossier City #175 suspended Ruby M Daigle for NPD

Dec 10 - Golden Star #73 suspended Dorothy Whitehead Milissa Walker for NPD

Dec 10 - Magi #85 suspended Pattie S. Ford, Larae C. Harris, Kathryn T. Schubert and Tharon L. Mays for NPD.

Fraternally,



Terrie C. Castay, PGM

Grand Secretary