

"THE COLORS OF LIFE"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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February 2014 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

After the holidays thought things were slowing down, but January sure was busy!

About 90 members attended the outstanding Central Section Work and Ritual Workshop on January 18th at Moss Bluff Chapter #242. Many thanks to Sister Juanita Wilkinson, PGM and her corp of officers for a job well done!!! Thanks to Brother George Wilkinson, AGP and his club for a great gumbo lunch on a cool winter day. Thank you to all who attended. Hope to see many of you at the final Workshop in the Southern Section at Fern Leaf Chapter #24 in Hammond on February 8th. Lunch is at Noon and workshop to follow.

LA/TX Mardi Gras Friendship Exchange – Many folks had trouble getting there and some didn't make it due to the icy roads, but the 100+ plus that did attend had a great time! Mardi Gras masks and beads were everywhere along with pralines and fleur de lis shaped sugar cookies! Thanks so much to Sister Joy Beth Williams, PGM and her wonderful committee for all the special details. Sister Maxine (aka Jane McDaniel, PGM) was in her Mardi Gras finery and Sister Diane Smith, GGCCM gave a special toast.

The first weekend in February will find me, the WGP and some Grand Officers at Grand Lodge in Bossier City. We look forward to seeing many of our Eastern Star Brothers there. A Ladies Luncheon will be on Saturday. Also, on Saturday we will be honored along with the District 7 Past Grands, Grand Officers, Board Member and DDGM at a reception at Sunset Star Chapter #227 in Shreveport.

Hope you are making plans to attend YOUR "*Colors of Life*" Grand Chapter Session from March 22 – 26 at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge! Forms for registration, banquets, and tours can be found at the Grand Chapter website: www.laoes.org or from your Chapter Secretary. Your participation will help make this Grand Chapter Session a success and one that is enjoyable and memorable for all.

Hotel reservations can be made online at www.crownebaton.com or by phoning Maggie Maddie – Reservation Manager (225) 925-2244 from 8-5 weekdays. Be sure and use 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

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

Thank you so much for making your Honorariums and Memorials to our OES Projects this year:
HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY! I wish for you love and laughter!

“Love doesn’t make the world go ‘round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.”

Star Love and Lilies For You!



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DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

FISH FRY AND AUCTION FUNDRAISER - Saturday, March 1 – Community Center, 26356 Hwy 15, Ferriday, – 10:00 am – 2:30 pm. Supports Pamela Gill, AGM and George Wilkinson, AGP. Come hungry and bring an auction item. Tickets \$15.00

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 the Southern Workshop, Fish Fry or to Grand Chapter. The Chairman is DeLores Woods, PM. (318)588-2682 or spider5315@yahoo.com.

HELP AT GRAND CHAPTER: Assisting Warders are needed to help Brother Oma Frank Lee, (318) 281-4855 or leecomaf@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.

HOSPITALITY ROOM AT GRAND CHAPTER:

The Grand Representative's Hospitality Room will be combined with the Distinguished Guests Hospitality Room at Grand Chapter. Please bring items to 2nd floor Hospitality Room on Sunday morning.

Grand Representatives assignments for refreshments are: last names beginning with A-K bring cookies or chips and dips and those with last names beginning with L-Z bring drinks (2 liter bottles) Contact Marilyn Abshire at 337-303-7260 or omabsh@ktctelecom.net

Hospitality Committee and DDGM's: please help Sister Faye Bacle, Hospitality Chairman with her requests. Her # is 318-742-6142 or fbacle1@gmail.com

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES BREAKFAST - Table hostesses are still needed for the Monday morning breakfast. Contact Gaila Clark - 5210 Foxglove Dr, Bossier City 71111 (318) 773-1013 or gclark@bellsouth.net.

CHAPTER SECRETARIES:

--- complete the NEW form about your ACTIVE PM and PP (check with Supervisor for the form) and send to AGM and Grand Conductress (very important - used to make Grand Chapter appointments)

ROSTER CHANGES

p. 2 Jean Tucker – Grand Organist – new e-mail address: jeanojst@nwcable.net

APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for awarding me your ESTARL scholarship. Your blessing has allowed me to move forward in my education with a little less stress. It means so much to me to have help and support, especially in this season of my life. Thank you, Amber Oxley

Thank you for your donation in the amount of \$1,165.98. We extend our sincere appreciation for your unselfish concern to the Shreveport Hospital and best wishes from the Board of Governors, children and staff. Harvey Johnson, Chairman, Board of Governors

On behalf of the General Grand Chapter and the recipients of the GGC-OES Disaster Relief Fund Donations, I want to express our sincere gratitude of your generous donation of \$1,000 that was designated for Disaster Relief for the Philippines. Alma Lynn Bane, RWGS

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

CHAPTER SECRETARIES:

--- 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 - not to the Grand Secretary.

--- Have you sent the list of your Chapters top 5 officers to the AGM, Grand Secretary, Grand Conductress, and Credentials Chairman (Roy Bankston, PGP)?

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

FYI: Large Print Blue Rituals-\$23.00. Extra large print rituals/stickers are 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.

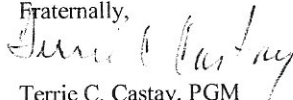
RECEIVED FROM THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS:

Dec 16 - Ruth #16 suspended Ellen Broussard, Sara Foulks, Kathryn Harmon, Patricia Keller, Alice McInnis, Ponder McInnis, Mary Mills, Virginia Sanders and Michael Stine for NPD.

Dec 16 - Ruth #16 expelled Don Santa Maria for lack of Masonic affiliation.

Dec 18 - Guiding Star #66 suspended Mrs Norma Lynn Owens for NPD.

Fraternally,



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