

# "THE COLORS OF LIFE"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana  
Order of the Eastern Star

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## **From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is hard to believe that this is March and a year has passed since Brother Otto and I were installed as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron! This has been a MAGICAL year and you, the members, have made it so special. It has been such an honor to serve you and represent Louisiana Eastern Star in all of our travels. Thank you so much for your attendance at all of the Official Visits and other events and for your support of our special projects. You have demonstrated your "Colors" as exemplified by our Star Point heroines. Brother Otto and I wish Sister Pamela and Brother George much success and safe travels as they begin their special year of service. Appointed Grand Officers, you are just the best! We hope you were blessed with love and friendship as you traveled this year serving our Beautiful Order with us.

February Highlights: Several Grand Officers and many OES members joined Brother Otto and me at the various functions at LA Grand Lodge in Bossier City the first weekend in February. About 90 members attended the outstanding Southern Section Work and Ritual Workshop on February 8<sup>th</sup> at Fern Leaf Chapter #24. Many thanks to Diane Smith, GGCCM, Laura Wall, PGM and their corps of officers for a job well done!!! A great lunch was provided by the members of Fern Leaf. Thank you to all who attended.

This first weekend of March will find many of us at the annual Fish Fry in Ferriday. Proceeds go to the AGM and AGP. And on the 15<sup>th</sup> I will be attending the Opening Session of the York Rite Bodies in Kenner.

The "*Colors of Life*" Grand Chapter session is here!! Just a few weeks till we meet at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge on March 22 – 26! Forms for registration, banquets, and tours can be found at the Grand Chapter website: [www.laoes.org](http://www.laoes.org). Your participation will help make this Grand Chapter Session a success and one that is enjoyable and memorable for all. Hurry, you just have another week or so to get that paperwork done!

Hotel reservations can be made online at [www.crownebaton.com](http://www.crownebaton.com) or by phoning Maggie Maddie – Reservation Manager at (225) 925-2244 from 8-5 weekdays. Be sure and use code “*Eastern Star*” to get the \$99 per night rate.

So far we have Grand Representatives coming from over 16 states! We have Grand Families from many states coming along with many from the General Grand Family. Hope you are looking forward to meeting and greeting these out of state guests and giving them a warm Louisiana welcome!

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](mailto:kfporter@bellsouth.net).

If you would like to receive the OES Friendship Line e-mail just send your request to [laoesfriendship@aol.com](mailto:laoesfriendship@aol.com). Thank you so much for making your Honorariums and Memorials to our OES Projects this year.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY and HAPPY MARDI GRAS!

Star Love and Lilies For You!



Linn McNary  
Worthy Grand Matron

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:**

British Columbia/Yukon - Robbie Baker, PP (13) 164 Vienna Bend, Natchitoches 71457

California - Carolyn Edgar, PM (27) 1819 Alison Avenue, Bossier City 71112

Kentucky - Kristin Morgan, PM (108) 18219 Shadow Creek, Baton Rouge 70816

Wyoming - Pam Holifield, PM (237) 66304 Chris Kennedy Rd, Pearl River 70452

**GRAND CHAPTER:**

**DISTRICT DEPUTIES:** Please collect the 10 Distinguished Guest items from each of your Chapters and bring to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor D.G. Registration Room at Grand Chapter on Sunday morning. These are the items from each Chapter in your District that will be given to D.G. at Grand Chapter. The Chairman is DeLores Woods, PM, (318)588-2682 or [spider5315@yahoo.com](mailto:spider5315@yahoo.com). Also, you will be helping Pat Ruppenicker, Grand Chaplain, with the Memorial Service on Tuesday evening.

**HELP AT GRAND CHAPTER:** Assisting Warders are needed to help Brother Oma Frank Lec. (318)281-4855 or [leeomaf@suddenlink.net](mailto:leeomaf@suddenlink.net). Assisting Sentinels are needed to help Brother Aubrey Wade,

(337)774-2711 or [popandb@gmail.com](mailto:popandb@gmail.com) Choir Members are needed for the Grand Choir – please contact Colleen Tierney at (504) 831-5981 or [avogadro59@yahoo.com](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Hospitality Room on Sunday morning.

Grand Representatives assignments for refreshments are: last names beginning with A-K bring cookies or chips and dips; those with last names beginning with L-Z bring drinks (2 liter bottles) Contact Marilyn Abshire at 318-303-7260 or [omabsh@ktctelecom.net](mailto: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](mailto:fbacle1@gmail.com)

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES BREAKFAST** – Thank you to all that signed up to be a table hostess at the Monday morning breakfast. I have to say that Louisiana has one of the BEST Grand Representative banquets with each table being decorated so differently!

**APPRECIATION**

Through the courtesy of the Worthy Grand Matron, my family and I would like to thank all for the prayers, calls, and cards in the passing of my precious Angel, Audrey. I appreciate your many courtesies to Audrey and to me. Star Love, George Barker, GGC-Cancer Committee

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for the generous donations made payable to the Louisiana office of National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Your support will make a difference in the lives of so many who battle the effects of multiple sclerosis each day. Thank you again for your generosity.

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**INVITATION:** "Save the Date We're having a Ball!" The Belmont Ball, Join us on November 7th and 8th in Washington, DC at the Belmont Mansion. Proceeds to Benefit the "1618 Project". Complete details and information to follow. Reservations can be made by calling 855-523-6953 and referring to the General Grand Chapter, OES

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:**

The large print blue rituals and the extra large print rituals are available now in a spiral bound format. The LPB rituals are \$25.00 plus postage and the Extra large print rituals are \$33.00 plus postage.

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**FYI:** Large Print Blue Rituals-\$23.00. + Large Print White Rituals - \$23.00.

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

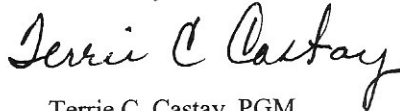
**2013 Constitution Revisions** are available for purchase - \$2.10.

**RECEIVED FROM THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS:**

**Feb 11 - Golden Star #73** reinstated Able and Barbara Garza

**Dec 17 - Calcasieu #164** suspended Pearl Board, Cecelia Gill and Marthell Peltz for non payment of dues and reinstated Mrs Wanda Trahan

Fraternally,



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Grand Secretary

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