BEACONS OF LIGHT"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana Order of the Eastern Star

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April 2014 - Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

It is with a grateful heart that I address you for the first time. I can hardly believe that I am **your** WGM! I am very humbled and my constant prayer is to be blessed with God's wisdom, peace, and understanding so that each decision may bring us closer to our goals and bring peace and harmony to our Order.

The Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George Wilkinson, and I wish to thank our Installing Officers and you, the membership, for such a wonderful Installation night. We will remember it always. We also extend our love and appreciation to our Grand Officers for accepting their positions elected and appointed. A special congratulations to our newly elected Associate Grand Patron - Pierre "Rocky" Schexneider, and Associate Grand Conductress - Debbie Poche. We are looking forward to a great year with you. Sister Linn McNary, PGM, and Brother Otto Beverly, PGP, are to be commended for a wonderful year and great Session.

Thank you to the DDGMs who will start their year immediately. We know you will welcome them and xtend every courtesy. They attended a great School of Instruction and have been studying hard so that ney might assist you with your work.

For those of you who weren't at Grand Chapter, our projects this year are Cancer, Alzheimers, the Masonic Dyslexia Program, the Scottish Rite RiteCare Centers, and the Special Olympics. I hope you will join us this year as we raise funds for these projects.

Quote of the Month: "Count your blessings. Once you realize how valuable you are and how much you have going for you, the smiles will return, the sun will break out, the music will play, and you will finally be able to move toward the life that God intended for you with grace, strength, courage, and confidence." Og Mandino

Keep Your Lights Shining with Star Love,

Pamela Gill

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INVITIATION:

Districts 10 and 12
Order of the Eastern Star
Cordially invite you to attend
A Homecoming Reception
For
Mrs. Pamela Gill, Worthy Grand Matron
And
Mr. George Wilkinson, Worthy Grand Patron
And
The Louisiana Grand Family of
2014-2015
Saturday, May 3, 2014
From 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

West Cenla Shrine Center - Leesville

Directions: From North of Leesville travel south on Hwy 171. Turn right on Nolan Trace (landmark-traffic light by police station). Go 1.2 miles, turn right on HM Stevens Blvd. Enter fairgrounds. The Shrine Center is the 3rd building on the left. From South of Leesville travel north on Hwy 171. Turn left on Nolan Trace and continue with directions above.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

LA/AR WESTERN ROUNDUP FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE: June 7 at Noon. Scottish Rite Temple, 205 University Ave, Monroe, LA. Tickets are \$20.00. Send money and SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) to Fran Slay, P.O. Box 71, Vidalia, LA 71373-0071. Deadline for ticket orders is May 24, 2014. Dress is Casual.

"GET YOUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66": July 11-13, Springfield, Missouri. Deadlines: June 1, 2014. Contact Grand Secretary for additional information or check website. Also check: www.missourioes.org or contact information - - Multistate2014@gmail.com

Join Pamela and George for a great time on the "Navigator of the Seas" January 11-18, 2015. We will leave out of Galveston for Ports of Call, Roatan, Belize, and Cozumel. To book your cruise contact Nanette Gwaltney, Vacations by Design, 210-656-6668 or 210-373-5580.

<u>INVITATION:</u> "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.

APPRECIATION: We had a most enjoyable time at your Grand Chapter. This was our first time and I am very sure it will not be our last. Although it does conflict with one of our activities in MA we will have to pick and choose and LA may win out again next year . !!!!! Can't say enough about the hospitality that was shown to us . We thank you and all your members for welcoming us to LA. In Star Love , Judy Brightman, Ambassador to Japan and Taiwan, PGM, Rhode Island

DISPOSITION OF RESOLUTIONS - 2014 SESSION

Resolution #1 - Increase ESTARL scholarship to \$2,500 - Approved

Resolution #2 - Decrease service time between reappointment to Committees - Failed

Resolution #3 - Regarding fund raising clubs - Failed

Resolution #4 - Inclusion of Dale Caldwell Memorial ESTARL Endowment Fund - Approved

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

ROSTER CHANGE:

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HARDBOUND RITUALS: Small Print Green Rituals. Large Print Blue Rituals-\$23.00. Large Print White Rituals - \$23.00. Extra Large Print Rituals - \$33.00.

SPIRAL BOUND RITUALS: Large Print Blue Rituals - \$25.00... Extra Large Print Rituals - \$33.00.

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:

Dec 10: Natchitoches #13 suspended Mrs Shirley Coe and Mrs Beverly M. Whitehead for NPD

Dec 19: Istrouma #162 suspended Willie Watson and Shirley Higgins for NPD

Jan 14: Esther #26 suspended Ramon Grant, Elois Sigler, Diana Smith, Cherie Fenison and Clarice Nash for NPD

Fraternally,

Terrie C. Castay, PGM Grand Secretary

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