

"BEACONS OF LIGHT"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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December 2014 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Where did the month of November go? We started out on the first with a great Official Visit in District 18 with an awards ceremony, including red carpets, billboards, and movie land decorations. The outside was lighted with a tall lighthouse and the way in was lined with velvet ropes so we didn't get lost. Wonderful job Regina Bonnette, DDGM.

The final Official Visit was on the eighth in Leesville. Georgeanne Andrus, DDGM, and her workers did a wonderful job of decorating and serving. What a wonderful way to conclude the Official Visits. Thank you District 10!

Many of us attended a Courtesy Visit in Lafayette on the 13th. Donna Harrist did her usual great job. The decorations were awesome, Oscar Abshire carved the turkeys, and we had a feast. There were new and potential members welcomed at dinner and the open part of the meeting. What a wonderful way to introduce prospects to our Order. A wonderful time was had by all.

I sincerely hope that each of you had a memorable Thanksgiving Day with lots of food and fellowship. It is truly heartwarming to spend a day giving thanks.

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.

Now we enter my favorite time of the year, Christmas. As the Star of Bethlehem led the wise men, may your beacons of light lead others to the light of Christ. May all the decorations bring you joy. George and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Some of us will be attending Arkansas Grand Chapter December 3rd and 4th. We will return and join you for the Bell Ringers Luncheon for Cancer on December 6th.

Quote of the Month: "The victory of success is half won when one gains the habit of setting goals and achieving them. Even the most tedious chore will become endurable as you parade through each day convinced that every task, no matter how menial or boring, brings you closer to fulfilling your dreams." –
Og Mandino

Keep Your Lights Shining with Star Love,



Pamela Gill
Worthy Grand Matron

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

The Bell Ringers Luncheon for Cancer will be held at Creswell Temple, 1350 Creswell Street, Shreveport, La, on **DECEMBER 6, 2014** at 12:00 Noon. Tickets are \$20. (Send a self addressed stamped envelope.) Ticket Chairman is Betty Nichols P.M., 8808 Chadwick Dr., Shreveport, La.71129.

Ceramic Bells are for sale at \$10 each to honor the survivors of cancer or as a memorial to the victims of this dread disease. All proceeds from this luncheon will go to help find a cure for Cancer which has claimed so many. Please purchase a bell and honor your loved ones and friends.

We thank you for your support and look forward to serving you a delicious lunch, provide some good entertainment and great fellowship on this occasion.

Faye Bacle, PM Chairman

Below is an order form for the bells:

Name Purchasing the bell _____

In Honor/Memory of _____

Send to Betty Nichols (see above for address)

JANUARY 24, 2015, District 15 Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. Proceeds for Kathy Warmack, AGM, and Rocky Schexneider, AGP. Breakfast will be from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. with the auction to start at 10:00 a.m. at Central Star No 23, 11525 Sullivan Rd, Baton Rouge. Tickets are \$7.00 and can be ordered from Jane McDaniel, PGM, 2625 Riverside Dr., Port Allen, 70767-6031. Phone: (225)749-6770. E-Mail mimimac@bellsouth.net. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Don't forget to bring auction items.

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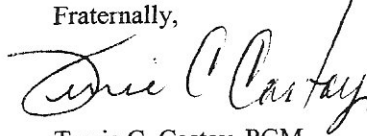
Aug 21 - Ruby #72 reinstated Mrs Debra Cook

Nov 3 - Moss Bluff #242 suspended Joyce Alexander, Anita Bruce, Tina Bullion and Shelly Istre for non-payment of dues

Nov 17 - Evangeline #253 suspended Theresa E. Arnold, Tracie H. Lemke and Era A. McConnon for non-payment of dues

Nov 18 - Ruth #16 suspended Dora Bullock, Lois Coleman, Nancy Holmes, Richard Johnson, Debra Williams and Dennis Williamson for non-payment of dues

Faternally,



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