

"BEACONS OF LIGHT"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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January 2015 – Newsletter

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Welcome to the New Year. I sincerely hope that each of you had a memorable Christmas with lots of love and goodwill. Now it is time to turn a page in the book of life and start fresh. Put all the negative behind you and start the new year with a positive attitude with thankful hearts for all we are blessed with.

In December seventeen of us attended Arkansas Grand Chapter. It is always good to visit our sister Grand Jurisdictions. We had a wonderful time and returned safely.

On December 6th many of us attended the Bell Ringers Cancer Banquet. The decorations were great, the speakers were inspiring, and the food was delicious. We had a wonderful time and everyone left with a door prize. The banquet was a success and \$2,618.86 was raised for Cancer Research. Faye Bacle and her committee did an excellent job.

The Worthy Grand Patron and I, together with our travel companions, attended Courtesy Visits at Rachel Jackson #241 and Pearl River #237. We were greeted with warm welcomes and enjoyed the wonderful hospitality that both chapters provided. The Courtesy Visits are very special and we appreciate all the effort that is put in to make them so successful.

It is time to begin making plans for Grand Chapter. Your Secretaries have the forms. We always need extra help. Please contact the following to volunteer:

Assisting Warders: Beverly Brown, (337)725-6390, bev_brown2000@yahoo.com, 144 Cypress St., Longville 70652-4614

Assisting Sentinels: Charlie Sibley, (225)777-4684, esibley@centurytel.net, 3434 Hwy 449, Pine Grove 7053-2304

Join our choir: Sylvia McDanell, (318)322-0051, joecmc@bellsouth.net, 438 Cummings Rd., West Monroe 71292--8503.

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 Distinguished Guests at Grand Chapter. Bring your items to Grand Chapter on Saturday or Sunday. The Chairman is Irmgard Tizzard, PM.

Quote of the Month: "Welcome every morning with a smile. Look on the new day as another special gift from your Creator, another golden opportunity." – *Og Mandino*

Keep Your Lights Shining with Star Love,



Pamela Gill
Worthy Grand Matron

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:

Melanie Jackson, PM, (163) 3025 Murphy Drive, Baton Rouge 70809-1529

DATES TO REMEMBER:

JANUARY 24, 2015: Districts 13 and 14 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.

JANUARY 24, 2015: FRATERNAL RELATIONS DAY SOUTHERN SECTION, 12 Noon, at Acacia Shrine, 7991 Commerce Avenue, Baton Rouge. A light lunch will be provided.

FEBRUARY 28, 2015: mark your calendars now for the Alzheimer's Dinner Theater to be held at the Acacia Shrine, 7991 Commerce Avenue, Baton Rouge, at Noon. Tickets are \$20.00 and will include dinner, auction, and entertainment. You may purchase your tickets from the Grand Officers, the Alzheimer Committee District Chairmen, Jane McDaniel, PGM, or Diane Smith, GGCCM. The Housing Chairman is Jane McDaniel, PGM. Our Order has many talented people. If you would like to participate, give Diane Smith, GGCCM, a call at (985) 877-4259. Come have a great time and bring auction items.

MARCH 7, 2015: Annual Fish Fry, Vidalia

MARCH 28, 2015: Louisiana will host the LA/TX "Bridging Friendships 'Round the Bend" Friendship Exchange at Cypress Bend on Toledo Bend Lake. Fellowship will begin at 10:00 A.M. with lunch at 11:30 A.M. The registration form is included in this Newsletter. The form has all the details and directions. Ordering deadline is March 15.

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)

MAILING LABEL PROGRAM – Hope you enjoy using the labels. Thank you for your support of this important program that benefits Louisiana Eastern Star!

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Please note:

- Annual Returns have been mailed/e-mailed. If you have not received your copy, please contact me immediately.
- 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 Secretary, Grand Conductress, and Credentials Chairman (Anita Fields-Gold)

ROSTER CHANGES:

Page 20: Nina Sayer, DDGM #11, 111 Sawmill Rd., Whiteland, Indiana 46184

Page 33: Love #209 - New secretary: Lynda J Black, PM; 5100 Weaver Rd., #1204; Lake Charles 70605-6062. Phone: 337/302-8280. E-mail: grammalynda@hotmail.com

Page 33: Friendship #210 - New secretary: Pamela Gill, WGM; 180 Harvey Gill Rd., DeRidder 70634-7304. Phone: 337/257-4301. E-mail: pamgill92@hotmail.com

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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 SPIRAL RITUALS will not be available until late 2015 - following the next General Grand Chapter Triennium meeting.

2010 Book of Instruction - \$3.00 plus postage

2013 Constitution Revisions - \$2.10 plus postage

2014 Constitution Revisions - \$1.00 plus postage

RECEIVED FROM THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS:

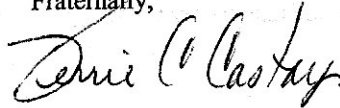
Dec 1: Independent #247 suspended Stacey Wallace Jenkins and Adleyn Rene Rioux for NPD

Dec 11: J.T. Charnley #197 suspended Amanda Methvin and Serene Haymel for NPD

Dec 14: Rachel Jackson #241 suspended Roxanne Reis, Shannon Palmer and Cheryl McCullough for NPD

Dec 15: Nova Stella #36 suspended Patricia Ebanks for NPD

Fraternally,



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