

"BEACONS OF LIGHT"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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February 2015 – Newsletter

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

What a wonderful start to a New Year. We participated in many Installations of Officers. Congratulations to all the new officers. All of our chapters are off to a great start.

On January 11th, 43 of us boarded the Navigator of the Seas for a great trip. A few of these were not Eastern Star, but they were welcomed by our members, and I am sure they got a good impression of our Order. We were spoiled with great food and entertainment for seven days.

January 24th was a busy day. Approximately 65 people attended the Annual Pancake Breakfast and enjoyed a wonderful breakfast. Following the breakfast 43 members and dignitaries attended the Fraternal Relations Day for the Southern Section. There we received information presented by representatives from Amaranth, Daughters of the Nile, the Baton Rouge Council Kadosh, the Shrine, Rainbow for Girls, the Scottish Rite Care Learning Center, the Cryptic Masons of Louisiana, and the Royal Arch Masons. Ideas on how to grow our membership were given.

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

Assisting Sentinels; Charlie Sibley, (225)777-4684, esibley@centurytel.net

Join our choir; Our choir will be located at the back of the Grand Chapter floor, to enable the Choir to better see. Join the Choir and make a "joyful noise unto the Lord." Contact Sylvia McDanell, (318)322-0051, joecmc@bellsouth.net

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: "Always render more and better service than is expected of you, no matter what your task may be." – *Og Mandino*

Keep Your Lights Shining with Star Love,



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GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:

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

Alberta: Sandra Ledet, PM, (251) 163 East 58th Street, Cut Off 70345-2922

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Italy: Harold Elliott, PP, (100) P.O. Box 278, Glenmora 71433-0278

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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: Fish Fry and Auction honoring Kathy Warmack, AGM, and Rocky Schexneider, AGP, will be held at the Community Center, 26356 Hwy 15, Ferriday, LA, 10:00 - 2:30 PM. Come enjoy good food, fellowship, and bring items for the auction. 2015-2016 Grand Officers will be introduced. Donation is \$15.00. If you have any questions, please contact Joye Denny, PGM, Chairman, 318-336-5238, or Fran Slay, Co-chairman, 601-442-2359.

MARCH 14, 2015: Fraternal Relations Day, Central Section, 12 Noon, at Pinehurst Chapter No 33, 320 Shirley Drive, DeRidder. A light lunch will be provided.

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. Your Secretaries have the information. The cost is \$28 and you should send your checks made payable to Linda Lamkin, PGM, with a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to Linda Lamkin, PGM, 293 Bear Creek Road, Ruston, LA 71270-1646. Deadline is March 15.

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

APPRECIATION:

The Cancer Luncheon Committee would like to take this means to express our appreciation and thanks for all who helped make this luncheon a great success. The individual chapters that purchased bells, as well as the members that supported this luncheon, we thank you. The attendance was appreciated and the ones that purchased tickets and bells but did not get to attend, we thank you. We hope you enjoyed the luncheon and the fellowship. Thank you Brother George Barker, GGCM, for your help and Sister Mary Howell, PGM, for sharing your experience with us. We appreciate you - one and all. The Cancer Luncheon Committee.

NOTICE:

Effective December 17, 2014 the merger between Eureka Chapter #65 and Evangeline Chapter #253 is complete. The remaining chapter is Evangeline #253.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Roster Change

Page 5: Joe Stroud, PGP - email address: stroudjoe@cox.net

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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.

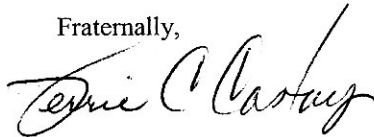
EXTRA LARGE PRINT SPIRAL RITUALS will not be available until late 2015 - following the next General Grand Chapter Triennium meeting.

2010 Book of Instruction - \$3.00 plus postage

2013 Constitution Revisions - \$2.10 plus postage

2014 Constitution Revisions - \$1.00 plus postage

Fraternally,



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