

"BEACONS OF LIGHT"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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March 2015 – Newsletter

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Wow! Is it March already? What a wonderful year. This will be my last letter to you and I want to say how much I have enjoyed serving you. I appreciate your attendance, great food, and wonderful programs. I will treasure all the memories. You have been great! Brother George and I wish Sister Kathy and Brother Rocky a successful year with safe travels.

On February 7th, many of us attended the Installation of a new International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Assembly in Denham Springs. The work was beautiful and the lessons were very touching. Congratulation to the girls and families.

The Alzheimers Dinner Theater on February 28th was well attended. Everyone had a great time and it was a success. The Grand Officers and I will have wonderful memories of our year. Thank you Diane Smith and your team for your hard work and organization.

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.

Tour Director Lynn Bankston, PGM, tells me that there is still room on the bus for you to travel back in time to life in rural Louisiana at the LSU Rural Life Museum & Windrush Gardens. On Monday March 23 - bus leaves at 9:15 a.m. from Crowne Plaza and returns at 12:30 p.m. in time for the Distinguished Guests Luncheon. Cost is \$33. Send your check to Lynn Bankston, PGM, 2895 McHugh Rd., Zachary 70791-5811 - call for further information 225/658-1776. Cutoff date: March 15.

The Grand Representative's Hospitality Room will be combined with the Distinguished Guests Hospitality Room again this year. Please bring items to Second 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).

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 to complete what you were unable to finish yesterday. Be a self-starter. Let your first hour set the theme of success and positive action that is certain to echo through your entire day. Today will never happen again. Don't waste it with a false start or no start at all. You were not born to fail." ” – *Og Mandino*

Keep Your Lights Shining with Star Love,



Pamela Gill
Worthy Grand Matron

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:

Colorado – Ryan Patin, PP (242), 956 Sutherland Rd, Lake Charles 70601-3908
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New York – Judy Worlow, PM (198), 184 Newt Winters Rd, Winnsboro 71295-7788
North Carolina - Nancy Bedwell, PM (141) 4032 N. Dells Drive, Harvey 70058-106

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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 AM - 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.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Poster Change

Page 5: Otto Beverly, PGP - P O Box 387, Anacoco 71403-0387

Page 29: Victory #130 - Stated meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30 PM, may close July, Aug and Sept

Page 30: Fidelity #160 - Stated meeting will be held on the 4th Monday of each month, beginning at 7:30 PM except in November and December will meet on the second Monday

<<<<<<<< AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE >>>>>>>>

HARDBOUND RITUALS: Small Print Green Rituals. Large Print Blue Rituals and 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

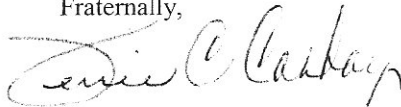
2014 Constitution Revisions - \$1.00 plus postage

RECEIVED FROM THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS:

Jan 23, 2015 - Myrtle Celeste #231 suspended Kelly B Grace for NPD

Feb 23 - Fidelity #160 suspended Mary Helen Voss and Melodie Milletello Barnette for NPD

Fraternally,



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