"The Stars in the Sky"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana Order of the Eastern Star

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November 2015 - Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

As we begin to slow down in our travels, the holiday season will begin. Psalm 100:4 – Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. There are several Bible verses reminding us to give thanks, but this is one of my favorites. In November, we will celebrate Thanksgiving. Remember to count your blessings.

We have completed all Official Visits. My thanks again to the District Deputy Grand Matrons for everything that you and your members did for the preparation of the Official Visit. I'm thankful for you and each member that was dedicated to attend the Official Visits.

On October 9 – 10th, four Grand Officers and four members attended "The Star Light of Alabama" Grand Session in Birmingham, Alabama. Brother Charlie Sibley, Grand Representative of Alabama in Louisiana gave the response at the Grand Representative Luncheon. I was honored to give the response at the Main Banquet. As always, it was great to see our OES friends.

We have attended several honor nights and courtesy visits. Thank you for honoring the Grand Officers and other members at these visits. You made us feel welcome and special. Thank you for allowing us to fill the stations at your meetings. There will be two more courtesy visits – Fair Park #18 in Shreveport and Baton Rouge #163 in Baton Rouge. Information is available in the Dates to Remember in this Newsletter.

It was an honor for Bro. Rocky and I, along with fourteen other members to attend the "Caring and Sharing" meeting in Coushatta. The food was delicious and the fellowship was wonderful. Thank you to the members that spoke on behalf of a project. We are thankful for the donations that we received for our projects.

The Cancer Luncheon on October 17th was a huge success. Thank you Sister Rejeana and Bro. Trent Bonnette for all of your preparations. Thank you Sister Kay Dozier for the extravagant Style Show.

There were 75 members present. Thank you to Bro. George Barker, GGGCM - Cancer for representing our State with this project of the MWGM. The love offering collected at the luncheon was \$860.98 and \$786.30 was received, after expenses, from the luncheon ticket sales which allowed a donation of \$1647.28 for Cancer Research.

On October 18 – 20th, nine Grand Officers, one Past Grand Matron and five members attended the "Return of the Star Pilots" Oklahoma Grand Session in Guthrie, Oklahoma. Brother Harvey Gill, Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Louisiana and Sister Pamela Gill, PGM assisted in the program. We always enjoy our trip to Oklahoma.

December 12th will be the Southern Section Work & Ritual Workshop. It will be held in Houma from 10 – 12:30 p.m. More information is included below in the "Dates to Remember". District Deputy Grand Matrons, please encourage your members to attend. Grand Officers, and Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons will fill the stations.

As 2015 comes to a close, we will begin to prepare for Grand Chapter. Secretaries, please get your project money to the Grand Secretary. She will close out her books on January 31st.

District Chairman, please get your report to the State Chairman. They will begin to prepare their reports beginning in January. Please have your reports to the State Chairman before January 15, 2016.

We can't - but God can

With the "Stars in the Sky" and Star love,

Kathy Warmack,

Worthy Grand Matron

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONS:

Nebraska: Lynda Black, PM, (Westlake #208) 5100 Weaver Rd., #1204, Lake Charles 0605.

Expiring: October 1, 2017

Utah: James Mobley, PP (Columbia #147) 103 Alvin St., Columbia 71418-3386. Expiring: Sept 30, 2017

APPRECIATION:

Through the courtesy of the Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to use this means to express my most sincere thanks for the many phone calls, cards and especially your prayers during my recent illness. I was really sick for a while but am now almost back to normal. Ed Lamkin, PGP

To all the wonderful Sisters and Brothers in Louisiana who thought of the Family and myself in the loss of Gabe. Your thoughts and messages of support were very comforting and very much appreciated Thank

You. I know he will have left a lot of Chapters many reminders of his handy woodwork and many repairs which he was always doing. He is sorely missed by his loving Family. Thank You all once again. Kath White, Past Grand Representative to Louisiana and Past Worthy Grand Matron of Queensland, Australia

COURTESY VISITS:

Oct 26 - Fair Park # 18 – 6407 Buncome Rd, Shreveport. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Martha Adams, WM November 10 - Baton Rouge #163 – 3950 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Melanie Jackson, WM

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 31 - November 5: General Grand Chapter - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

November 16 – 20: Branson Show Extravaganza \$610.00 plus gratuity. \$150 deposit per person. Details and sign up information is available from the Grand Secretary, Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron.

December 3-4: Arkansas Grand Chapter, Little Rock

December 12: Work & Ritual Workshop, Southern Section - A.W. Connely No 117, 1029 Bayou Black Dr, Houma. 10am – 12:30pm Lunch to follow

January 16, 2016: Work & Ritual Workshop Northern Section

February 6, 2016: Work & Ritual Workshop Central Section

ROSTER CORRECTIONS:

Page 6: Donald Bordelon - email address: drbordelon33@gmail.com

Page 16: Bess Chance, Grand Representative of ARK - 6801 West 70th St., #17, Shreveport 71129-2331

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

2016 Dues Cards will be mailed on November 2 - be sure to keep an eye out for them. A resolution regarding an increase in the per capita tax paid to General Grand Chapter was received and will be acted upon at the Triennium Session - - which, if approved, will affect the amount to be paid by our chapters. Any questions, just give me a call.

Received from the Subordinate Chapters:

June 2 - Star of Bethlehem #98 suspended Laura Sue Godwin and Nancy Monk for NPD

Sept 15 - Star of Bethlehem #93 reinstated Nancy C. Monk

Sept 25 - Jewel Chapter #100 suspended Marlene Fogleman Doucet, Anna Elaine Orr and Robin P. Orr for NPD

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FYI: General Grand Chapter has informed me that there will be no reprinting of rituals until after the General Grand Chapter Triennium in November after which revisions to the rituals is anticipated and new rituals will be made available.

2010 Book of Instruction - \$3.00 plus postage **2015 Constitution Revisions** - \$2.00 plus postage **2015-2016 Roster** - \$6.00 plus postage

Fraternally,

Terrie C. Castay, PGM

Grand Secretary

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