

"God's Creations"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
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December, 2016 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

November was a little quieter than October. The first of the Work and Ritual Workshops took place in the Southern Section at Central Star in Baton Rouge. Even though I was not able to attend, I understand that things went well.

I hope each of you had a great Thanksgiving. This is always a time of sharing in my family as we get together and spend the day as "stuffed" as that turkey.

December is usually a very busy month for everyone. There are usually many parties taking place and of course, there is the big rush to decide what to get each of our love ones.

As we enter the Christmas time, may we remember the real reason we celebrate. Were it not for the love that God showed by sending Christ, there would be no Christmas. Many of our churches remind us through the programs they present. Many will get together with family and friends. Some of these celebrations will be our Grand Families celebrating having served together.

Grand Chapter time is quickly approaching. The forms for making your reservations are included in this letter as well as can be accessed online at the OES website. Just a reminder to secretaries that reports on the various projects need to be sent to your District Chairman by the end of the year so that they can compile them for the State Chairmen who give their reports at Grand Chapter.

Quote: Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth. Muhammad Ali

Fraternally with Pearls of Love,



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Grand Representative Commissions:

Manatoba, Judith Avery, 46

Dates to Remember:

December 10, Mark your calendars! Support our First Responders!! Dinner and Fashion Show. It will be at the DeRidder Lodge, at 320 Shirley Street in DeRidder. Dinner will be served at Noon with the Fashion Show to follow. The price will be a \$20.00 donation. Deadline for tickets is December 5, 2016. District Committee Members have Tickets or send Check made payable to The Grand Chapter and SASE to Joy Beth Williams at 243 Louis Williams Loop, Pitkin, LA 70656. (You can call Joy Beth at 318-491-2442 to make a reservation and pay at the door.)

January 14, Central Section Work and Ritual workshop, Pinehurst 33, DeRidder, 10:00 am

January 28, Northern Section Work and Ritual workshop, Dixie 179, Monroe, 10:00 am

Appreciation:

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The members of Central Star #23 in Baton Rouge would like to thank the Board of Fraternal Assistance and the LA Disaster Committee members for fulfilling the applications for monetary assistance in such a timely manner. YOU the members make these funds possible! Thank you for your past donations to Fraternal Assistance and LA Disaster Assistance funds and we hope you will continue that support. We would also like to thank Pamela Gill, Grand Secretary and Fran Slay, Grand Treasurer for all their due diligence and hard work. The Shrine Center in Baton Rouge, with the help of Carl and Melanie Jackson, PP and PM, have been a real blessing to members and their families. They have processed untold supplies and building materials that were given from Masonic fraternities from all over the country. The August floods in South Louisiana and especially the Baton Rouge area were just devastating. No one has completed their renovations yet. Your continued prayers are requested as we recover. Again, thank you to all of LA Eastern Star for your gifts of money, supplies, well wishes and especially prayers.
Linn McNary, GGCCM - Secretary - Central Star #23

From the Office of the Grand Secretary:

Roster Change:

Carmen Higgins, State Chairman, Personal Achievement Award, 15922 Greensboro Dr. Greenwell Springs, 70739 email: cghiggins@cox.net

Roster adjustments:

Janet Shook, PGM is replacing Kathy Warmack , PGM, on Unfinished Business

Richard Shaw, PGP, will complete the 2016-17 term and is replacing George Wilkinson, PGP on O.E.S. International Peace Garden;

Roster corrections:

Annie Hahn, PM, is Personal Achievement for District 14.

Gladys Jordan is Heart, District 14.

Cecile Vezinat, New Email cecilevez@outlook.com

Judy Williams, PM, New Address, P.O. Box 16, Centerville, 70522-0016

Received from the Subordinate Chapters:

October 10, 2016, Fern Leaf #24 Suspended Donald Harrison for NPD

October 10, 2016, Fern Leaf #24 Suspended Rebecca Harrison for NPD

October 10, 2016, Fern Leaf #24 Suspended Dorothy Crayton Milton for NPD

General Grand is taking orders for the Spiral Bound 2015-2018 Rituals. This will get us on the list for shipment when they receive them. The Prices are as follows:

Small Print, Hardbound, Black or Green \$19.00

Large Print, Hardbound, Navy, Maroon, or White \$23.00

Large Print, Spiral Bound, Navy, Maroon, or White \$25.00

Extra Large Print, Spiral Bound, Tan \$33.00

Available to Order:

2016-2017 Roster \$1.50

Revised Book of Instruction \$1.75

Constitution Revisions \$1.00

Secretaries and Members, Please make all checks payable to **The Grand Chapter**.
Thank you.

Fraternally,



Pamela Gill, PGM
Grand Secretary

Website: www.laoes.org

Sisters and Brothers:

Please be aware that the reservation form for General Grand Chapter in 2018 *Precious Memories On The Wings Of Love*, to be held in Orlando, Florida, is available on the General Grand Chapter Website: www.easternstar.org

Forms can be completed and sent in as soon as you would like.

You do not have to wait.

EVERYTHING will be under one roof.

Your Credit Card may be charged the first night's deposit, twenty-one (21) days prior to your arrival date for the Assembly.

The Marriott Orlando World Center Resort and Convention Center will be:

THE PLACE TO BE SEEN IN 2018