

"A Time for all Seasons"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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December, 2017 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope everyone had a Blessed Thanksgiving. Let's continue thanking the Lord for all we are, for all our family and friends and the freedom we have.

The last Official visit was wonderful, emotional, and I loved it. Thank you to all the members throughout the state, you have made all the Official Visits and other courtesies the best memories that I will cherish forever.

I hope I have encouraged each one of you to recommit to the teachings of our beautiful Order. A Time for Fidelity, faithful to your convictions, it shows who you really are. A Time for Constancy, is being dependable in coming to the meetings. A Time for Loyalty, to your Obligation and commitments. A Time for Faithfulness, to be open to ideas to help the Order grow. A Time for Fervency, show your passion for your Love to your Sisters and Brothers. Remembering that all this comes from the Light of God's Holy Word that is within your heart.

I enjoyed two more Courtesy visits. The annual visit to Fidelity chapter was such a good time, Sister Jane always comes up with a fun program for the Grand Master and the WGM. Baton Rouge Chapter was a great visit as well. Thank you for inviting us to your chapters.

Secretaries, please read in chapter all the important information listed and the upcoming events.

Remember the past, that's what built your character. Plan for Future Adventures. But mostly enjoy the now with those around you.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Remember Jesus is the "Reason for the Season"

God Bless, I love you all,



Debbie Poche'
Worthy Grand Matron

Each Chapter needs to send the District Chairman or the State Chairmen the following information:

1. Gnome Bunch Personal Achievement Information, to:
Jim Josker, 540 Goss Rd., Westlake, LA 70669.
2. What you did as a chapter and how much money the chapter gave for Regenerative Medicine,
3. What was done for Heart and how much money was donated,
4. What did you do for Supporting First Responders and any money donated to that fund,
5. What did the chapter do to honor the youth and the money collected for them.

Be sure that all monies are sent through the chapter secretary to Grand Chapter so Sister Pam can give the proper credit for the Chapter.

There is an open position needed from the Southern Section for the Clinton Ardis Mills, Elective Board. Send in your Letter of Intent to the Grand Secretary, Sister Pam.

The Hospitality Committee is looking forward to receiving your creative homemade donations for our Distinguished Guests. Each chapter is to provide 5 items. Don't know what to make; perhaps a drawstring bag for shoes or a small bag for glasses, cosmetics, or jewelry; a Louisiana themed Christmas ornament. We already have plenty of crocheted pot holders. Thank you so very much for your donations. Susan Freeman, PM, Chairman Distinguished Guest and Hospitality.

Upcoming events:

December 6-8, Arkansas Grand Chapter in Little Rock. Go to their website for the forms.

December 9, State Wide Fundraiser for Regenerative Medicine
The State Wide Fund Raiser for Regenerative Medicine will be held on
Saturday, December 9, 2017, at Natchitoches Masonic Lodge, 110
Masonic Drive in Natchitoches, LA. The cost will be \$10.00.

It is a Luncheon and Auction.

Lunch will be Chicken and Sausage Gumbo or Chili, Potato Salad,
French bread, crackers, dessert, tea and coffee. It will be served from
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

The auction will start at 1:30pm. Both are opened to the public.
Please try to get some good and unusual items. Please start collecting them now as
December 9th is just around the corner.

January 27, 2018, Annual Pancake Breakfast and Auction at Central Masonic Lodge,
11525 Sullivan Rd, Baton Rouge, from 8:00AM to 11:00AM. Tickets are \$7.00, pay at
the door or pre-order from Jane McDaniel, 2625 Riverside Dr, Port Allen 70767-6031.
Please bring auction items to donate. This is a fund raiser for Marilyn Abshire, AGM
and Richard Porche, AGP.

March 3, 2018 is the Annual Fish Fry also for Marilyn and Richard. Come out and
support them. More information to follow.

March 25-28, 2018 Grand Chapter – Watch for Registration, and Meal forms on the
website. www.laoes.org

September 17-22, 2018-Travel with Marilyn and Richard to Tennessee on a Pigeon Forge and
the Smokey Mountains Show Trip. Deposit of \$100 per person is due at time of booking. Your
Secretaries have the flier with all information and booking forms. Tour Escort: Nannette
Gwaltney, Vacationsbydesign@hotmail.com, 210.656.6668 or 210.373.5580.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Received from the Subordinate Chapters:

September 18, 2017, Eunice #14 Suspended Carol Churchwell, NPD
September 18, 2017, Eunice #14 Suspended Velma Rodriguez, NPD
October 17, 2017, Jewel #100 Suspended Romona Gail Lanier Chambley NPD
October 17, 2017, Jewel #100 Suspended Ann Marie Platt Hays, NPD,
October 17, 2017, Jewel #100 Suspended Edmond Mason Hays, NPD
October 17, 2017, Jewel #100 Suspended Jackson Adkins, NPD
October 17, 2017, Jewel #100 Suspended Linda Stuckey, NPD
November 6, 2017, Westlake #228 Suspended Lisa Piatt, NPD
November 6, 2017, Westlake #228 Suspended Nelda Lewis, NPD

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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

Revised Book of Instruction, \$1.75

- Rosters, 2017-2018, \$1.50

Constitution Revisions, 2016 \$1.00

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

Fraternally,



Pamela Gill, PGM

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