

"A Time for all Seasons"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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January, 2018 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. I pray we all keep that Spirit in us all year long. I am looking forward to a great New Year and new beginnings as the "Seasons" change in my life and in Eastern Star.

Resolutions for us all: Be committed to your Sisters and Brothers by going to the chapter meetings, having a positive attitude, volunteer to help in all activities and projects, be gentle and kind to each other. We never know what is going on in someone's life, so smile and give away a hug, you just might save a life or your own!! Keep Eastern Star Exciting!!

"TIME" to get all our reports into the District Chairmen, State Chairmen and also to our Grand Secretary. Be sure you have a 2018 dues card and all debts of the chapter are paid, so your Chapter can be counted at Grand Chapter.

We are in need of Assistant Grand Warders to help Brother Jeff Freeman and Assistant Grand Sentinels to help Brother Harvey Gill. Their information is in this newsletter. Please remember to get the five (5) items per chapter for the Hospitality Room, get them to Sister Susan Freeman or bring to Grand Chapter on Saturday.

We have had a sadness with the passing of Sister Velma Hays, PGM, just before Christmas. Please remember her family in prayers.

Secretaries, please read the important information and events listed in this newsletter.

Gnomes in your Home:

Quiet and quick they hide in your home, always watching, are the magic gnomes. Mischievous and bright with their furries of flight, the gnomes are friends making everything right, as they spread good cheer through-out the year!!

God Bless, I love you all,



Debbie Poche'

Worthy Grand Matron

Important Information:

- ★ Gnome Bunch Personal Achievement Award Information, to: Jim Josker, 540 Goss Rd., Westlake, LA 70669.
- ★ Assistant Grand Warders contact: Jeff Freeman, Grand Warder, jgfreemans@hotmail.com, 225-324-3726
- ★ Assistant Grand Sentinels contact: Harvey Gill, Grand Sentinel, harvey_gill007@hotmail.com, 337-257-4300
- ★ 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, scfree1@hotmail.com, 225-937-7023

Upcoming events:

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.

Grand Representative Appointments:

British Columbia and Yukon, Judith Duncan, 37164 Oak View Ln. Denham Springs, 70706-0380 Exp. 12/31/19

Kentucky, Francis Landrem, 5208 Waterford Drive, Zachary 70791-2467
Exp. December 31, 2019

Maryland, Bronis "Butch" Thomas, 26428 L Dillon Rd, Angie 70426-3272
Exp. December 31, 2019

Scotland, Ruth LeCompte, 1525 Debra Dr, Baker 70714-3011
Expires December 31, 2019

Wyoming, James Morgan, 18219 Shadow Creek Ave, Baton Rouge 70816-7554
Exp. Dec. 31, 2019

APPRECIATION:

I would like to take this time to thank everyone that gave their time to work, donated items and supported the Statewide Fundraiser for Regenerative Medicine. It was a successful fundraiser and we could not have done it without you. We want you to know how much we appreciate you.

With much appreciation,
Donna Gunter – State Chairman of Regenerative Medicine

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Received from the Subordinate Chapters:

October 12, 2017, Palestine # 55 Suspended Jason Brweton, NPD
October 12, 2017 Palestine #55 Suspended Shelley Gilcrease, NPD
November 6, 2017, Moss Bluff #242 Suspended Steven D. Peck, NPD
November 6, 2017, Moss Bluff #242 Suspended Jane Blackman, NPD
November 6, 2017, Moss Bluff #242 Suspended Ann Cooper, NPD
November 6, 2017, Moss Bluff #242 Suspended Sandra Peck, NPD
November 6, 2017, Moss Bluff #242 Suspended Lisa D Keaten, NPD
November 6, 2017, Moss Bluff #242 Suspended Faxen Russell, NPD
November 6, 2017, Moss Bluff #242 Suspended Thomas Threet, NPD
November 6, 2017, Moss Bluff #242 Suspended Joy Beth Yellatt, NPD
November 7, 2017, Central Star #23 Suspended Daisy LeBlanc, NPD
December 4, 2017, Shongaloo #177 Suspended Thomas Brewton, NPD
December 4, 2017, Shongaloo #177 Suspended Phylliss Coile, NPD
December 4, 2017, Shongaloo #177 Suspended Tracey Valarde, NPD

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

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

Grand Secretary

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