

"Miracles of Faith"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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December, 2018 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

CONGRATULATIONS to Sister Linn McNary, P.G.M., on her election to Right Worthy Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Chapter. We are so proud of you!! You bring much honor to Louisiana Grand Chapter. I know you will do a very good job.

We also congratulate Louisiana's General Grand Chapter Committee Members and special appointment to the MWGM. They are: Roy Bankston-Benevolence Committee; Juanita Wilkinson-Charters, Chairman; Linda Lamkin-Distribution Committee; Pamela Gill-Service Dogs Committee; Wanda Hagemeyer-MWGM Campfire Friend. You are very deserving of these appointments.

I have requested a \$1,000.00 donation to each of the jurisdictions of North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida and the Finance Committee has approved it. These states have suffered devastating damages from hurricanes in recent months. Other jurisdictions have assisted our state in the past and we need to do our part.

Our Grand Chapter Committee to highlight is the Committee on Credentials. They are: Pierre "Rocky" Schexneider, PGP, ch. (1yr); Darlene Lait (1yr); James Marze(1yr); Carolyn Blount(1yr); Joy Beth Williams, PGM(2yrs); Theda Dyer(2yrs); Dianna Fruge(2yrs); Elizabeth Cuevas(2yrs); Linn McNary, PGM, RWGT(3yrs); Angela McNicoll(3yrs); Lou Ann Foshee(3yrs); Charlie Sibley(3yrs). This committees' work is vital to the success of our Grand Chapter Session.

May you and your families have a blessed Christmas season. Let us remember to keep Christ in the center of our celebrations.

Remember, we walk by faith and not by sight

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Upcoming events:

December 15 – Work and Ritual Workshop, Central Section, from 9:00am to 11:00 am at Pinehurst Chapter 33, 320 Shirley St., DeRidder

January 12, 2019 – Annual Pancake Breakfast sponsored by District 11 for the Associate Grand Matron and Patron at Central Masonic Lodge, Baton Rouge, at 8:00 am – 11:00 am. An auction will be included. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Jane McDaniel, PGM, 1245 Ashbourne Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70815 or at the door. Cost - \$8.00.

January 19, 2019 – Work and Ritual Workshop, Southern Section – Location to be determined

Grand Representative Appointments:

North Dakota, Sheila Presley, 789 J.M. Graves Rd, Delhi 71232-4336 Expires 9/1/2020

Vermont, Charles Songe, (117), 309 Lydia Street, Gray 70359-5027 Expires 10/1/2020

Appreciations:

Thank you from Linn McNary:

Many thanks for your prayers, good wishes, hugs, notes, calls and special emails of congratulations on my election to Right Worthy Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Chapter. I'm still a bit in awe of all that has happened. The Sunday afternoon Reception of the Candidates was a lot of fun and it was so heartwarming to see all the Louisiana members giving out my giveaways of Tony Chachere's Seasoning, Tabasco Sauce and of course Mardi Gras beads and greeting the couple of hundred folks that came by. Thank you so much dear Sisters and Brothers (and Bob, Sister DeLores' husband) – you had a BIG part in getting me elected!

I was honored to have Sister Diane Smith, PGM (my WGM) nominate me and Brother Keith Powell, AGP, give the 2nd to the nomination on Wednesday morning.

The Installation on Thursday evening was awesome and it was really special to have so many Louisiana folks in attendance. It was wonderful to have Brother Roy Bankston, PGP (my QGP) as my Escort and Sister Lynn Bankston, PGM carrying the Louisiana Flag. To top off the evening LA Grand Chapter (with help from a few special people) had put a beautiful vase of cream and burgundy call lilies on the Treasurer's des!! I was so surprised – they just took my breath away. Thank you so much! I'm still enjoying them! And yes, there are pictures!!!

My work can mainly be done from home, but I will travel to Washington, D.C. to our beautiful headquarters (called the Perry Belmont House) in the Dupont Circle area of the city at least quarterly and to New York occasionally to meet with investment company managers. It is a paid position but a labor of love too. I look forward to this new adventure in serving the General Grand Chapter, all the members of Eastern Star, and especially you the members of Louisiana Eastern Star. My wish is that you will always be proud of me as I represent Louisiana in this way.

Congratulations and Welcome Home to our General Grand Chapter Committee Members and our Special Appointment to the MWGM. May you have 3 wonderful years serving on your committees and with your special appointment! It was fun to see your picture and appointment title on the big screen as

each name was called during the Installation. We cheered for you! Enjoy your special meeting night's when you are introduced in your home chapters for the first time!!

Heartfelt Star Love, Linn McNary, PGM, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer

Thank you from Jane McDaniel:

What an honor it has been to serve as the General Grand Chapter Choir Director for the last 3 years. A special thank you to the 14 Louisiana members who sang in the choir. They were a part of what I was told, "The Best Choir Ever." The love gift from the Louisiana members is greatly appreciated and will be applied to my expenses. But most of all, thank you for your Love and Support. With a Smile on My Face and a Song in My Heart, Jane McDaniel, Past Grand Matron

Thank you from Wayne Harrist:

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

First of all, I would like to thank Sister Lynn Bankston, PGM for setting up the General Grand Chapter Committee Member breakfast at General Grand Chapter in Orlando, Florida. There were about 30 of our members present at the breakfast to honor us and I would like to thank each member who contributed to help us with our expenses at General Grand Chapter. It has been a pleasure to have served our state and General Grand Chapter as a Committee Member for the last three years.

As was expected, all the hard work for me took place in Orlando during the session. We had 12 members on our committee but had two that could not attend General Grand Chapter so that left 10 of us working all the time from 8:30 am till 4:30 pm each day except Sunday.

The chairman named me his co-chairman so that kept both of us very busy keeping things organized and trying to reconcile the ballots we handed out each day. Both of us worked a couple of nights till about 11 pm trying to balance everything. It was a pleasure to work with other members from Florida, Arkansas, Delaware, Iowa, Nevada, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, and New Mexico.

The real highlight of our committee working together is to find out that one of the members, a Past Grand Matron from Saskatchewan came out on Wednesday evening at the podium in the meeting room as "The Queen" to give us all a rather lengthy "roasting" of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons who were present that give all of us a very good laugh. She was completely dressed up as the Queen of England, talked like her, and acted exactly like the queen. This was very late in the evening but helped us all relax after all business of General Grand Chapter had been completed.

In Appreciation,
John Wayne Harrist, PGP

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Roster Change: Judith Duncan, WM, 37164 Oak View Ln., Denham Springs, 70706-0380, to the Committee on Unfinished Business to replace Lonnie Smith.

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Dear Secretaries, The Annual Returns have been mailed or send via Email. If you did not get yours, please let me know.

There are no Rituals available until General Grand prints new ones. I will let you know when they are available and the prices of each.

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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