

"Miracles of Faith"

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January, 2019 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we begin this new calendar year, my sincere wish for each one of you is much happiness, good health and enough wealth.

Thank you to the several chapters who gave me the privilege of assisting in their installations. It is an exciting time of our Eastern Star year as we see new officers taking stations in the local chapters. I want to congratulate those who are serving in the East for the first time. Enjoy your position as you lead your chapter.

My apologies to Sister Linda Lamkin, PGM, GGCCM, for omitting part of her title as a Committee Member of General Grand Chapter in the December newsletter. The correct title for her appointment is Distribution Chairman.

The Distinguished Guests Committee is the committee to highlight this month. It consists of Lynn Bankston, PGM, chairman; Joye Denny, PGM; and Guy Jenkins, PGP. I am depending on their help in making all our guests feel welcome to Louisiana.

A reminder to all District Chairmen – please send your reports to the appropriate State Chairman by January 31st. If the chapters in your district have not sent you the information you need, contact them as soon as possible so you can compile this report. We want each chapter recognized for their contributions.

I hope you are making plans to be at the Grand Chapter Session, March 23-27, at the Alexandria Convention Center on MacArthur Drive. The rooms are very reasonable at \$79.00 plus tax per night. If you do not have a tentative program and the forms for reservations, please see your chapter secretary.

Remember, we walk by faith and not by sight

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Upcoming events:

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 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at Mystic Star #108, 313 Benton St. N, Denham Springs

March 2, 2019 – Annual Fish Fry & Auction honoring Donna Harrist, AGM and Wm Keith Powell, AGP from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm at the Community Center, 2635 Hwy 15, Ferriday, LA. Donation \$15.00.

March 23-27 – Louisiana Grand Chapter at Alexandria Convention Center, 2225 N. MacArthur Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Appreciations:

My how three have years flown by so quickly when pondering over so many wonderful memories. "Thank you" to the wonderful members of Louisiana OES seems so small compared to all the beautiful experiences I have enjoyed. All of you have been the wind beneath the wings of this hummingbird. Ending my three years at general grand in Florida was wonderful. It was a wonderful time shared with our own general grand chapter committee members that have served with me and spending time with our newly appointed general grand chapter members. I had an awesome time working for sister Lynn McNary, GGCCM with our own Marilyn Abshire, WGM and Richard Porche, WGP, committee members of general grand chapter and numerous past grand matrons and past grand patrons of Louisiana during the general grand chapter candidate introduction reception. And what a great outcome. It has been my honor to serve and represent our great state. Thanks again for the beautiful memories that shall last a life time.

Thank you sister Marilyn for allowing me to express my heartfelt thank you.

DeLores Woods, PM

A very special "THANK YOU" to you, our Louisiana Members, for your love gift given to us. the Committee Members of General Grand Chapter, at Orlando, Florida. We will always remember those three special years and you, my Sisters and Brothers, made it much more special. Our final breakfast at General Grand, which many of you were in attendance was very well organized by Sister Lynn Bankston. Thank you, Sister Lynn, for an awesome final breakfast. We expected no less of you for you always do a GREAT job.

Thanks a million! Joy Beth Williams and Mary Howell

This is to express my appreciation for all of the get well cards, phone calls and especially your prayers since my heart attack on October 24. I am recovering nicely now and look forward to being out among all of you soon.

Ed Lamkin

Announcements for Grand Chapter Session:

Hospitality Room

“Sisters and Brothers,

Please continue to collect handmade items as well as novelty items for our 2018-2019 Grand Chapter session in Alexandria. Novelty items such as fingernail files, trial size lotions, mouthwash, Kleenex tissues, snack bars are excellent: in short, anything that would be useful in a pinch while traveling.

District Deputies; please bring in items collected in your areas (needed by Saturday to stuff bags). Grand Representatives, please bring two 2 liter soft drinks with A-G bringing Dr. Pepper, Sprite/7 Up; and H-M bringing Coke, Diet Coke and Snapple. Grand Representatives N-Z, please bring packaged food items for brunch Sunday and breakfast Monday, i.e. chips, dips, fruits, veggies, Kolaches, donuts, blueberry muffins etc.

Thanks to all for your help. Questions or Suggestions, please call Barbara Turner, PM, at 337-825-8239 or 972-743-2280. Distinguished Guests/Special/Hospitality Committee Chairman.”

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Letter of Intent:

Clinton Ardis Mills Scholarship Board. Northern Section

It has been an honor to serve this Grand Jurisdiction as an Elected Board Member and I have enjoyed working with the Board Members and serving you the members. However, it is time for me to let someone else serve in this capacity and assist in the further education of deserving individuals.

I will not be a candidate for the Clinton Ardis Mills Scholarship Board for the Northern Section for the 2019-2020 year.

George Barker, PGP

Received from the Subordinate Chapters:

- November 12,** - Fern Leaf Chapter #24 suspended Joyce Morgan Dear for NPD
- November 12,** - Fern Leaf Chapter #24 suspended Evelyn LeBlanc Haynie for NPD
- December 4** -Central Star #23 Suspended Rose Marie Lee for NPD
- December 4** -Central Star #23 Suspended Theda Ricks, PM for NPD
- December 4** -Central Star #23 Suspended Cynthia Zubik for NPD
- December 6** -William D White #141 suspended Jason Robinson for NPD
- December 6** - William D White #141 suspended Brandon Robinson for NPD
- December 12** - Broadmoor Chapter #233 suspended Katherine H. Garceau for NPD
- December 12** - Broadmoor Chapter #233 suspended Sallie A. Vaughn for NPD
- December 12** - Broadmoor Chapter #233 suspended Ronald G. Johnston, NMA

There are Christmas Greetings from our sister jurisdictions on the web site. You might enjoy them.

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

There will be no Rituals available until after General Grand prints new ones. I will let you know when they are available.

Revised Book of Instruction, \$1.75

Rosters, 2017-2018, \$1.50

Constitutions are available. They are as follows:

Constitution Revisions, 2018, \$1.00 (If you only want to update your Constitution)

Constitution Pages Only, \$4.68 (You have your binder and tabs but want new updated pages)

Constitution Tabs, \$3.62

Constitution Pages and Tabs, \$8.10

Constitution Binder, \$6.00

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

Fraternally,



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