

# "Miracles of Faith"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana  
Order of the Eastern Star

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## From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

What a dreary wet Winter we are having! Don't let it put a damper on you! Please continue to show your dedication to our great Order. I have been hearing some good reports about initiations and members stepping up to take the first four offices. Several chapters are excited that they were able to install all eighteen of their officers. But there are many of our chapters who are struggling. Let us stand up and give them all the support and encouragement we can.

These are the last two Grand Chapter Committees to highlight: Committee on Charters – Bonnie Johnston, PM, chairman; Jerry Ann Butters, PM; Betty Nichols, PM. Committee on Unfinished Business – Debbie Poche, PGM, chairman; Judith Duncan, PM; Tina Watson, PM.

As you know this is my last newsletter. Your next one will be from the incoming Worthy Grand Matron. It is a bittersweet moment. There have been so many enjoyable events, especially the visits in each district. These were the highlights of my year. You all made us feel so welcome and exerted much effort to make them special. And they were!!

I hope you are as excited as I am about the Grand Chapter Session next month. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship as well as taking care of Grand Chapter business. It's not too late to make your plans to be there.

Remember, we walk by faith and not by sight



Marilyn Abshire  
Worthy Grand Matron

## Upcoming events:

**March 2, 2019** – Annual Fish Fry & Auction 10:00 AM-2:30 PM at the Community Center, **26356 Hwy 15**, Ferriday, LA. Join us for fun day with OES friends for great food and unique auction items. Donation \$15. For tickets or information, contact Bennye Randall, Judith Avery, or Sharon Powell.

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

## Appreciations:

A special thank you to all the members of Eastern Star for their many cards, calls and most of all their prayers. I am doing well now and plan to see you at Grand Chapter. Star Love. Joe Stroud, PGP

I would like to thank the several Louisiana chapters for the beautiful cards received from America-my second home. I am now home after almost three months in hospital. Many individual members also sent me cards that were very much appreciated. Of course my very special and dear friend, Sister Diane, called me on a regular basis and kept in contact with one of my five daughters. Thank you again Louisiana for your love and concern. I don't know if I'll ever be well enough to return to visit but my thoughts will always be with you. May God Bless you all

Kath White

Past Worthy Grand Matron

Queensland, Australia

## CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

FINAL REMINDER! And a Special THANK YOU to all members contributing to our hospitality endeavor, including – but not limited to – District Deputies bringing handmade and novelty items and Grand Representatives contributing cold drinks and individually packaged food items for our Hospitality Room.

Also a special thank you to my committee people who will be setting up and staffing the Hospitality Room as well as helping with distinguished guests special.

Barbara Turner, PM

Distinguished Guests/Special/Hospitality Committee Chairman”

## Grand Representative Appointments:

**Florida**, Jennifer LaMaison, 405 Ida Street, Franklin, 70538-3617 Expires 12/31/2020

**Italy**, Sandra Jones. 9695 Bains Road, St Francisville 7-775-4651 Expires 12/31/20

**Mississippi**, Lisa Bouvier, 114 East 75<sup>th</sup> St., Cut Off 70345-2922 Expires 12/31/2020

**Saskatchewan**, Martha Watts, 17967 Hwy 42, Livingston 70754 Expires 12/31/20

**South Dakota**, Brenda Kuhn, 10180 John Hollis Rd, Ponchatoula 70454, Expires 12/31/20

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:**

There are a couple of "Star Point Rugs" in the storage facility of the Grand Secretary. These are available to any chapter which would like one. You must pick them up yourselves.

**<<<<<<< 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)

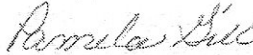
Constitution Tabs, \$3.62

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,



Pamela Gill, PGM

Grand Secretary

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