

"Unexpected Possibilities"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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April, 2019 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

My Sisters and Brothers,

I cannot begin to express how honored I am by the trust you have placed in Keith and myself to lead this Order we all love during this Grand Chapter year. Our hope is that we can all work together to generate new energy and enthusiasm for our Order in each chapter. To those who participated in the installation, I want to say that having you do this is a large part of what made it special. Thank you.

There is always a great sense of accomplishment at the end of a Grand Chapter Session. Sister Marilyn Abshire, Junior Past Grand Matron, and Brother Richard Porche, Junior Past Grand Patron, I know you are proud of the beautiful "Miracles of Faith" Session. I commend you on a job well done. Our business was well handled and the social events were enjoyable. The members in Louisiana thank you for your service and devotion. Sister Marilyn, you will be in all our prayers for your scheduled surgery to be a success and that you will have a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to our newly installed Grand Officers we know you will serve our order well this year. Those elected were Johnny Bird, Associate Grand Patron; Diane Smith, PGM – Grand Secretary; and Susan Rabb-Williams, Associate Grand Conductress.

When you receive the Chapter packet of forms from your DDGM, you will find that the Chapter Objectives are a little different this year. On first glance, the list appears to be long, but remember that you can combine the activities to observe in Item 9 any way you prefer. The "Part of the Solution" personal award focus is on what can be accomplished near home so give it a try.

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Invitation:

District 8 and District 9
Order of the Eastern Star
Cordially invite you to attend

A Reception

Honoring

Donna M Harrist, Worthy Grand Matron
Wm. Keith Powell, Sr., Worthy Grand Patron

And

The Louisiana Grand Officers

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Lake Charles Lodge No 165
717 Hodges Street
Lake Charles, LA

Upcoming events:

- April 14-16** Mississippi Grand Chapter, Columbus (information on MS OES site)
Saturday, May 4, Reception Honoring WGM, WGP, and 2019-2020 Grand Officers
Sunday, June 2 - 100th Sunny South Birthday Celebration of Chapter No 12
June 5-9 – DeMolay, J C Deason Leadership Camp, Wesley Center, Woodworth,
Closing Ceremony – Friday, June 8, 7 pm
June 6-9 – Rainbow Grand Assembly. Informal opening Friday, June 7
June 8 – LA/MS “Family Reunion” Exchange, Ferriday, LA 11am – 2 pm,
Information on web site
June 12-14 Georgia Grand Chapter, Macon
June 22 – District 9 Official Visit, Lake Charles
July 6 – District 3 Official Visit
July 12-14 “Be Our Guest” Multi State, Tallahassee, Florida
November 3 – 9, 2019, Fun Trip of the Worthy Grand Matron

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