

"Unexpected Possibilities"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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May, 2019 – Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON:

As nature renews itself with the vibrant greens of spring, we glimpse the occasional dogwood tree scattered through the forest which reminds us of the suffering and resurrection of Christ. I hope your celebration of Easter was a blessing of Faith and renewal of spirit.

Our Order is filled with dedicated and hardworking members who are committed to promoting the purposes we support while serving our members. The newly elected board members will be diligently working to support the goals of their board in the future. Congratulations to those elected: ESTARL - Jerry Ann Butters, PM; Fraternal Assistance - Bennye Randall, PM; Clinton Ardis Mills Educational Scholarship Fund Board – SuEllen Kirk, PM; Elizabeth Sibley, PM; Richard Shaw, PGP.

Louisiana was well represented at “The Golden Chain of Friendship” One Hundred Thirteenth Annual Session of Mississippi Grand Chapter. Thirty members traveled to the historical town of Columbus, Mississippi where they enjoyed great hospitality and friendship.

The Photo Directory is still being compiled. We still have chapters to visit to take photos and are accepting photos from you. Hope you will be participating.

There have been questions concerning the Chapter Objectives and Be “Part of the Solution” Personal Achievement Award. If you did not open in long form or switch who presides during the first quarter, you can make it up whenever it works with your chapter calendar. For the Officer Excellence Awards, you may earn as many as you have time and ability to earn. You will be required to give the long opening and the initiation lecture for the position to a member of the Work and Ritual Committee. You will be recognized for these awards.

We are looking forward to seeing you Saturday, May 4, for the event honoring the Louisiana Grand Family in Lake Charles. There will be a receiving line at 1:30 pm with a meal to follow.

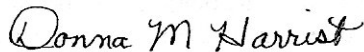
Hope you are ready for an old fashion Family Reunion of Sisters and Brother as Louisiana hosts Eastern Star members from Mississippi in Ferriday on June 8th at the Community Center. Ticket forms are due by May 31 and available on the website. I am sure fun and games are on the agenda along with good food and fellowship. Be sure to bring a favorite recipe to swap!

Pocket Calendar corrections: For some reason when the printer corrected one error, they picked up formatting from the previous year's layout. Our colors for this year are Shades of Blue and Red. Also, the dates of the first TWO weeks of March 2020 are incorrect. If you put the first in the square of the first Sunday and fill out accordingly, the birthdays will have the correct date. I do not know how they had the birthdays in the right square but not the dates.

I also want to apologize to Johnny Byrd for misspelling his name in the last newsletter. While he has already accepted my apology, I want to be sure that everyone has the correct spelling as well.

Your Grand Supervisors and District Deputy Grand Matrons are working hard to carry out their duty of seeing that our work is uniform and well presented. Thank you for supporting them in their duty and working in harmony with each other.

In Service and Love,



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, May 4 - Event Honoring WGM, WGP, and 2019-2020 Grand Officers at Lake Charles Lodge No. 165, located at 717 Hodges St., Lake Charles. Receiving line 1:30 pm with meal to follow.

Sunday, June 2 - 100th Birthday Celebration of Sunny South Chapter No. 12 located at 10506 Boswell St, Bastrop. Light refreshments will be served at 1:00 with a short program at 2:00.

June 7-9 – The International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Grand Assembly of Louisiana, 93rd *Wizarding World of Rainbow* Session at the New Orleans Airport Hilton. Informal Opening Friday, June 7 at 7:30 pm. Welcome Banquet 6:00 pm, cost \$40 and must be ordered by May 20.

June 8 – LA/MS “Family Reunion” Exchange, Concordia Parish Community Center, 26356 Hwy 15, Ferriday, LA 11am – 2 pm, Ticket order due by May 31 and the form is available on laoes.org

June 8 – DeMolay, J C Deason Leadership Camp Closing at the Wesley Center, Woodworth 7:00

June 12-14 Georgia Grand Chapter, Macon

June 22 – District 9 Official Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers at Ruth Chapter No.16 located at 717 Hodges Street, Lake Charles. Receiving line 1:30 pm with meal and meeting to follow. Nancy Hickman, DDGM 337-377-9226. Housing chairman – Martha Jo Schexneider 337-274-4909

July 6 – District 3 Official Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers

July 12-14 “Be Our Guest” Multi State, Tallahassee, Florida

July 20 – District 1 Official Visit

July 27 – District 14 Official Visit

July 28 – District 13 Official Visit

November 3 – 9, 2019 join the WGM and WGP for the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum

Experience a Showcase of Kentucky Treasures including a lunch hosted at the Rob Morris Chapel featuring Rob Morris author and speaker Dr. Nancy Stearns Thiess and experience a private tour of the Morris home.

APPRECIATIONS:

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, kind words, cards, food and visits to myself and my mother during her last days and even after she went to the Lord. She loved you all and appreciated everyone. She was the kindest, gentlest, loving person anyone could ever know and gave the best hugs. We will miss those and her forever smile. My heart is full of thanksgiving for my Eastern Star family, I love you all. Debbie Poche', PGM, and Kristin Morgan and family.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

ROSTER UPDATES:

Shirley Boone, PGM – 7 Aventura Lane, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas 71909

<<<<<<<< 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.

2016 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 you 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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