

# "Unexpected Possibilities"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana  
Order of the Eastern Star

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## **From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:**

What Blessings fill our lives each day - our faith provides a foundation of trust and hope which allows us to surround our family with security and love. Our country is a land of freedom which allows opportunity when we live responsibly. Our order provides an ability to share enjoyable time with like-minded friends in charitable endeavors. Most of all, our Father has provided us with an amazing world of changing seasons that is filled with countless wonders we enjoy every day. During this season of Thanksgiving, I wish for each of you the many Blessings of the Season and of Life itself.

May we never forget freedom is not free. Our veterans are a special group of men and women who stood tall for our freedom. They trained and prepared to fill stations both near and far while performing a variety of duties to protect all we hold dear. We extend to each one of you who served a deep appreciation for the service you have given to protect and support our country. Our prayer is that you will be blessed each day with peace and good health.

We're having a Dog Show!!! Your Pet is the Star!

I hope that each chapter will be participating in this Dog Show. During the holiday months is a great time to have fun sharing your pet photos during your holiday social or celebration. If your chapter did not receive the sheet with the guidelines and would like to participate, please contact the state Chairman, Jim Josker.

During the last month we have traveled from our southeastern most District 12 for a pleasant and well organized day to our northwestern most District 4 and those dedicated members. Then in between we spent an enjoyable Sunday afternoon in District 11 and learned the source of chapter names. District 2 welcomed us in Ruston for my first visit in that chapter which was a treat. Our emblems have been uniquely presented everywhere we have been and we appreciate your talented creativity and gracious hospitality.

October has presented opportunities to extend the hands of friendship with jurisdictions in our region. Louisiana was well represented at the 119<sup>th</sup> "Let It Shine" Session of the Grand Chapter of Alabama in Mobile. Then eight members from Louisiana shared in the "Gifts from the Heart" Session of the Missouri Grand Chapter in the Capital of Jefferson City. During the 111<sup>th</sup> "Returning to God's Country" Session of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, sixteen Louisiana members enjoyed the beautiful and historic Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Thanking God for blessing me with All of You.  
In Service and Love,

Donna M Harrist  
Worthy Grand Matron

May your blessings outnumber the autumn leaves

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**November 3-9 The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum** – Experience a Showcase of Kentucky Treasurers including Rob Morris author and speaker, Dr. Nancy Stearns Thiess.

**November 16** – Northern Section Workshop 10:00 am to be held at **Magnolia No. 27**, 1805 Creswell St., Shreveport

**November 18** – **Courtesy Visit** – **A W Connelly** 1029 Bayou Black Dr, Houma

### **ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS!**

**January 4** – Southern Section Workshop

**REMINDER:** Resolutions to be presented at the 2020 Grand Chapter, according to our law, must make the rounds of the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence and after receiving their approval be in the Grand Secretary's Office at least 40 days before Grand Chapter for circulation to the chapters. If you are submitting a Resolution, please do NOT wait until the last minute to allow the committee time to process the submission.

### **LINE OFFICER CORNER:**

**From Johnny's Teddy Bears and Hugs:**

Halloween Extravaganza hosted by Bossier City 175 on **Thursday, October 31** at 6:30 PM.  
Prizes for Best Costume, Silent Auction, Food and Fun. \$5.00

## **LETTER OF WITHDRAWAL:**

This is to inform you that I will not be submitting my name for the position to the Board of Fraternal Assistance, Northern Section. While I have enjoyed my time on this board, I have reached the age where I can't travel as I have in the past and my health is also not what it should be. I encourage our younger members to apply for this position as it will truly be a blessing to you as you serve your sisters and brothers in need.

Star Love,  
Pat Copes, Chairman  
Fraternal Assistance

## **GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTMENTS:**

**Georgia** – Jodi Cole (3), 616 Port Arthur Ave., Florien 71429-4075, Expires. 5/1/2021

**Washington** – Sandra Morgan (228), P.O. Box 1302, Westlake 70669, Expires 4/1/2021

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

### **Committee Changes:**

**Committee on Law and Jurisprudence:** Guy Jenkins, PGP has replaced Lonnie Smith, PGP, Chairman

**Distinguished Guests Committee:** Richard Porche, PGP has replaced Guy Jenkins, PGP

### **Roster Changes:**

**Pg 7** – Joe Stroud, PGP, new email: [stroud.joea@gmail.com](mailto:stroud.joea@gmail.com)

**Pg. 9** - Chairman: Guy Jenkins, PGP (23) 1 Yr., 7057 Landmor Drive, Greenwell Springs 70739-4021, Phone (225) 261-3258 - Email: [guy\\_jenkins@att.net](mailto:guy_jenkins@att.net)

**Pg. 11** - Richard Porche (3, 117) 130 Harding Drive, Houma 70364-2512

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New 2019-2020 Roster now available - \$1.50

New Rituals –Large spiral bound - \$26.00 each (5 ¼ x 8 ¼ - navy blue or white)

New Ritual – Extra Large spiral bound NOW AVAILALE - \$36.00 ea. (7 x 10 ¾ – purple

Revised Book of Instruction, \$1.75

Constitutions are available. They are as follows:

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

Constitution Revisions, 2019, \$.50 (If you 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

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Fraternally,



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