

"Unexpected Possibilities"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

Donna M. Harrist
Worthy Grand Matron
224 Aurore Avenue
Lafayette, LA 70506-4219

Diane Smith, PGM
Grand Secretary
P.O. Box 99
Mt. Hermon, LA 70450-0099

December, 2019 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

How quickly our Official Visits have flown by. It is always a pleasure to reach our home District and those special members. Sadly, our District Deputy Grand Matron, Debbie Richard, became quite ill a couple of days before and was unable to attend. We are happy she has recovered and appreciate all she did to plan and prepare for our visit. Her sweet husband, Carl, who is not a member, delivered everything from Lafayette and the faithful members of District 8 stepped up to carry out all the plans. I sincerely appreciate each of you and cherish your support.

Congratulations Brother Keith Powell, Worthy Grand Patron, on the honor you received with the 33rd degree for outstanding service with the Scottish Rite. I know you will wear your white hat with dignity. You are an excellent example of dedication to Masonry and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Twenty of us set out for Kentucky and eighteen of us had a wonderful experience. We went back in time with the Corvettes and historic train cars, then compared science and the Bible in the Creation Museum. New insights of the founder of our Order were discovered through the eyes of a historian while we explored the area of his home in La Grange. God reminded us of the conditions when the Ark was sealed as we were amazed by the size and possibilities of Noah's journey. Unfortunately, we had to leave Lonnie Smith, PGP, in the hospital in Huntsville, AL, on the second day of the trip but a couple of Alabama OES Angels stepped in and took great care of him and Lani. This was truly our Order at work when members we have never met go out of their way for days to support a member in need.

We returned home to the Northern Section Workshop in Shreveport. Though many members were working the elections, we had a nice turnout and an enthusiastic discussion. I was pleased to learn that you have begun earning the Officer Excellence Awards. Remember you only do the

part in opening and her complete lecture in initiation. Worthy Matrons, you may also earn the award for your position.

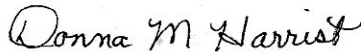
Keith and I had an early Thanksgiving Dinner with our Courtesy Visit to A W Connelly in Houma. We will never look at a napkin in the same way in the future. Thank you for a wonderful evening.

Are you participating in our "Dog Show"? I hope all chapters will have fun while participating in this simple project. I hoped to have the state final in January, but it is not allowing enough time for everyone to get the Chapter and District competitions completed. Therefore, the final will be at Grand Chapter. More people will have an opportunity to enjoy the Show.

2019 is quickly coming to an end as it is already time to elect Chapter Officers and set into action your plans for the coming year. To those who accepted the leadership of their Chapter this year, Keith and I want to express our appreciation for all you have done to serve our Order and promote our purpose. Without your enthusiasm and devotion, the chapters could not accomplish their goals.

It is our prayer that the Christmas Season will be filled with the joy of your faith, your family and a spirit of enduring Love.

In Service and Love,



Donna M Harrist
Worthy Grand Matron

Wise Men still seek Him

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS!

January 4 – Southern Section Workshop 10:00 am to be held at Eunice Chapter No. 14 located at 4627 Church St, Zachary

January 11 – 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.

February 8 – Central Section Workshop

March 7 – Annual Fish Fry, Ferriday

March 22-25 Grand Chapter, Alexandria Randolph Riverfront Center

REMINDERS

Any Resolution to be presented this year should already be in the cycle for submission.

According to law: “**All resolutions** to be presented to the Grand Chapter”..... “shall be prepared in triplicate, properly signed by the proponent(s) and submitted to the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence for review and subsequent approval to be circulated to the subordinate chapters. The resolutions shall be in the office of the Grand Secretary **at least sixty (60) days before the date of the Annual Grand Chapter Session.**”

Project Funds - It is time for all project funds to be sent through your Secretary to the Grand Chapter office so that your chapter will receive credit for your good works. Members if you have a “Change for Unexpected Paws-abilities” jar lid and have collected your loose change, it is time to exchange it for bills to turn into your secretary who will forward same to the Grand Secretary. Please notify the State Chairman of each project, what you have accomplished and any special projects you had to accomplish your objective.

Chapters working to fulfill **the Chapter Objectives** should review them to see if they have missed anything. Secretaries remember the Chapter Activities Annual Report is a two page report this year. Those earning the Be Part of Solution Personal Achievement Award need to turn their forms into the Chapter Secretary who will forward the names to Violet Rhymes, State Chairman.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTMENTS:

West Virginia – Betty Reed, 637 Roseland Parkway, Houghton 71037 Exp. 10/31/21

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Please include your **Name and Chapter Number** on all correspondence to the Grand Secretary; ie. Emails, texts, etc.

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

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 you 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

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

Fraternally,



Diane Smith, PGM
Grand Secretary

Website: www.laoes.org