

"Unexpected Possibilities"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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January, 2020 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Somewhere I read the statement that “The Blessings we share are gifts addressed to the heart that arrive wrapped in memories and smiles every year at Christmas”. It is my hope that you shared many Blessings during the holidays with your family and friends. As we enter the New Year, may you find a new resolve and direction of purpose that will bring you a sense of accomplishment and pleasure.

For those who have assumed positions of leadership for 2020, congratulations on the trust that the members of your chapter have shown in your ability. There is an opportunity to create enthusiasm and excitement with your members this year. I hope this year of commitment will meet all your expectations. Thank you for your service.

Patriotism was the theme when sixteen members from Louisiana were able to attend the One Hundred and Forty-Fourth Annual “Let Freedom Ring Again” Session of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas held North Little Rock. The relationships that we form across the states in our Order add an extra dimension of sharing of knowledge and purpose.

Grand Chapter will be here before we know it. This is your Grand Chapter and I hope that you will have time to be a part of the session. One opportunity is to serve as Assistant Grand Warder or Assistant Grand Sentinel. If you would like to participate in this capacity, please contact Louella Marze, Grand Warder or Gary Hinckley, Grand Sentinel to volunteer.

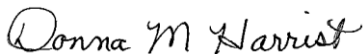
Our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron will be making their official visit to Louisiana this year so we expect a number of out of state guests. As in the past, our District Deputy Grand Matrons were to have asked each chapter to please be responsible for handmade items to be used in the Distinguished Guests Hospitality Room at the Grand Chapter

Session. It is important for the committee to have these articles by Saturday, March 21. If you have questions please contact DeLores Woods, Distinguished Guests Special Chairman.

I have heard from several Chapters who had a great time with their Dog Show. I know the Districts shows are still in progress. Thank you for participating and I look forward to the finals at Grand Chapter. District Chairman, if the Chapter winners have a digital copy of their photo and would like to share their cute winner, if you email it to me, I will be happy to have them posted on the Donna's Dahllins Facebook page.

I know you are wondering what happened to the fundraiser luncheon to be held in January. It was something that I wanted to be involved in by preparing the meal to keep the cost low, but my first grandchild is due the 21st in Houston. As an only child with an only child, that is where I need to be.

In Service and Love,



Donna M Harrist
Worthy Grand Matron

Every day is a gift. Receive it with eagerness. Share it with joy

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 10 for the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron at Central Masonic Lodge, Baton Rouge, at 8:00 am to 11:00 am. An auction will be included.

February 8 – Central Section Workshop 10:00 am to be held at Lafayette Chapter No. 46 located at 101 Carl Street, Lafayette.

March 7 – Annual Fish Fry & Auction, 10:00 a.m. Till 2:30 p.m. at the Community Center located at 26356 Hwy 15, Ferriday, LA. Great food and great items to purchase! All new ways of buying those great treasures. We will have tables of items for purchase at different prices and a "make an offer" table. Start buying when you walk in. Auction will be the same but fewer items and only the best picks. Donation of \$15.00. For tickets or information contact Kay McCray, Fran Slay, or Teena Satcher.

March 21 – Keep Reaching for Your Star Banquet honoring our **GGC Officer & GGCCM**
See enclosed invitation

**March 22-25 - One Hundred and Twenty First Annual “Unexpected Possibilities” Session
of the**

Grand Chapter of Louisiana, Alexandria Randolph Riverfront Center

SERVICE DOGS:

Hello from your State Chairmen for Service Dogs. This year has gone way too fast, and we are quickly approaching Grand Chapter, and the finals of the dog show. We have only received a couple of district winners so far. Please submit your district winners to Jim Josker or Jessica Canning (our addresses are in the roster). We need the winners by February 24th so we can be ready for Grand Chapter.

REMINDERS:

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.

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.

SECRETARIES Reminder

The **Chapter Activities Annual Report** is a two page report this year.

After the installation of officers, provide the names and addresses of the **first five (5) officers** of the chapter and the telephone number of the Chapter Secretary to the AGM, Gr. Secretary, Gr. Conductress, and Chairman of the Committee on Credentials.

Furnish the Assoc. Gr. Matron, Gr. Conductress and Assoc. Gr. Conductress the names and addresses of the active **Past Matrons and Past Patrons** belonging to the chapter with some information about their activity and interest. Indicate a plural member with the primary chapter name & number.

LINE OFFICER CORNER:

From Susan's Krewe:

February 29, 2020 at 1:00 pm – Susan's Krewe Meeting at Metairie Lodge, 2122 N. Causeway Boulevard. More information to follow.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTMENT:

Virginia – Scott Jones (158), 64 Hwy 1048, Roseland 70456-2554, Expires 12/31/2021

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

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

On your Grand Chapter Itinerary received in December, please change the VENDOR information as follows: Evelyn Blackwell – email: eblackwell5@outlook.com Phone: (225) 933-2973

CHAPTER CHANGES:

Broadmoor Chapter #233 suspended Ms. Roma E. Ogrinc and Mr. Vincent J. Ogrinc for NPD

Golden Star Chapter #73 suspended Janis Eaves, Bobbie Ferguson, Lauren Foster & Phillis R. Melton for NPD

Moss Bluff Chapter #242 suspended Martha Ann Cooper and Cynthia Treme for NPD

Pearl River Chapter #237 suspended Charlie Fetter, Mary Fetter, Amanda Woods, Ashley Pichon, Samantha Marshall (Dial) and Mary Kimly Middaugh for NPD

Pinehurst Chapter #33 suspended Elaine Bremer, Amanda Burge, Glenda & Glen Dean, Sheila Frazar, Brigit & Edwin Frazier, Evelyn Gearon, Joan Harper, Jennifer Maddox, Peggy Smith, Dolores Vines and Abbie Williams for NPD

Westlake Chapter #228 suspended Doretta Landry Ancelet, Karen Daniels, Jacob Ellender, Marion Kline, Joycelyn Kyle and Anna Levingston for NPD

William D. White #141 suspended Raylyn R Beavers, Valerie Gallardo, Gloria Simmons, PM & Phillip Simmons, PP for NPD

Fraternally,



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