

"Unexpected Possibilities"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
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From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

With the arrival of February, our lives are usually filled with celebrations of fun, love, and history. But this year the days and nights filled with Mardi Gras merriment of food, fun and parades is not to be the same. But as the time has gotten closer, unique ways to celebrate have been sought. Instead, there are “drive-by” parades to view elaborately decorated homes, virtual experiences and thank goodness for all who can indulge, there is still King Cake.

Grand Chapter has the same issues. Plans were made with the expectation of being back together in a safe manner, but at this time that cannot be. As explained in the letter sent by email to your secretary in January, the Grand Master has issued an edict which does not allow The Craft to hold state-wide meetings and there is currently no expiration date. Additionally, the state will only allow events of 75 at this time. Therefore, we cannot know exactly what we will be able to do until closer to time. Participation will most likely have to be greatly limited. I can assure you that we will move forward in the best manner possible according to the guidelines in place and inform you as soon as all is settled. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

I want to express my appreciation to each Secretary or Worthy Matron who let me know that their chapter would not be meeting this month. For those chapters who are meeting, please remember to wear your masks, no marching in or out, no singing, introductions continue to be from their seats, and no food. It will certainly be nice when everything goes back to normal.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find the forms for Rainbow Ads for their Grand Assembly program. The deadline for the ads on the form is April 1. Due to some chapters not meeting for two months, Ms. Cochran-Cox, Supreme Inspector in Louisiana, has extended the deadline to May 1. Many chapters were unable to have a silver drill for Rainbow this past year and an ad would certainly be a help for this organization. Please consider participating.

For each member who accepted an appointment and continued to fill the position for two years, I want to express my appreciation. Your devotion is the central to the work of this Grand Chapter. District Chairmen, please provide your state Chairman the information needed to allow them to prepare their report. State Chairmen, please be sure you have all the information you need for the last two years of work that has been done. Your report needs to be ready to turn in before March 21 so that it can be included in the records.

No matter what goes on in the world, one day in February has long been set aside to celebrate love of those who are important in our lives. This day, filled with Electa's vibrant red, brings thoughts of her generous spirit of love with celebrations of hearts and roses. So, let us remember to acknowledge those who are special in our lives and continue each day to love one another.

Each of you is truly special in your own unique way.
Hope you know you have our heart each and everyday.
Happy Valentine's Day

In Service and Love,



Donna M Harrist
Worthy Grand Matron:

*Love is not what the mind thinks,
But what the heart wants.*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 24, 2021 – “Unexpected Possibilities” Year will come to a close.

October 29 – November 5, 2021- 50th TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY
Salt Lake City, Utah, USA,

SECRETARIES Reminder

First five officers - 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. If your officers stayed in place, please inform them of that information and list them again so there will be no doubt. This is very important for the roster and other needs through the year. Remember to put the seal of the chapter on the letters.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Roster Changes:

Please note this was listed incorrectly last month:

Fern Leaf Chapter No. 24 – First Sunday 2:00 p.m. Except option to recess July, August and/or September.

Secretaries and Members. please make all checks payable to **The Grand Chapter, OES.** They should be submitted to me by your chapter secretary. Thank you.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Smith".

Diane Smith, PGM

Grand Secretary

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