

“JEWELS OF THE SEA”

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
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April 2021 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Welcome to the “Jewels of the Sea” year. We are all on board, the ships horn has signaled our departure, and we are starting our journey.

The Worthy Grand Patron and I wish to thank the Installing Officers that served in the Installation for making it such a beautiful ceremony. We will never forget that night and your words of encouragement. Sister Donna Harrist, Junior Past Grand Matron, and Brother Keith Powell, Junior Past Grand Patron, are to be congratulated on their successful year and Grand Chapter Session.

We have upcoming events already, with the Grand Officers “Island Picnic” coming up on May 1, at the Cenla Shrine Club. See the invitation. If your chapter or District would like to honor a Grand Officer with a gift or presentation, please let us know so that you may be put on the program.

Due to Covid restrictions, the DDGM’s official visits to the Chapters and the Schools of Instructions will be much different than in the past. Your DDGM’s and Grand Supervisors have all the information about how the visits will be conducted this year and how the Schools of Instructions will be held. They will be working with the Worthy Matrons to get this information to the members. We know you are anxious to get started, but let caution prevail. I hope all of the members take part and let’s get our Chapters on the move again.

Spring time has bloomed out in spectacular color all around us. Take a moment to stop and look at the beautiful colors and enjoy the beauty that God has given us in this Spring Season.

Kay McCray,



Worthy Grand Matron

Grand Officers Reception
Saturday May 1, 2021
Cenla Shrine Club, 1100 Vandenburg Dr. Alexandria, La.
11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
Come join us for an Island Picnic (barbecue) to welcome
The Grand Officers for 2021/2022

Dress is casual and please RSVP the number attending from your Chapter as the food will be catered and we want to be sure and have enough for everyone. Call or Text, Kay McCray, WGM, at 318-308-5641 or Teena Satcher, PM 318-776-5157 home, text 318-613-5209. Email: Kay McCray, WGM svtaurus@aol.com, Teena Satcher, PM, edandts@aol.com

If you would like to make a presentation to the Grand Officer in your Chapter or District, we encourage you to do so at this event. Please let us know so it can be on the agenda.

UP COMING EVENTS:

May 1, 2021 – Grand Officers Reception

May 22, 2021 – Southern Section Fundraiser for GGC Service Dogs Project – Additional information to follow with location, etc. in May Newsletter

June 5, 2021 District 1 Official Visit, Bossier City, 2:00 p.m.

June 6, 2021 District 5 Official Visit, Natchitoches, 2:00 p.m.

June 6, 2021 100th Anniversary of Ringgold Chapter #131, after Official Visit.

June 19, 2021 Northern Section Fundraiser for GGC Service Dogs Project – Additional information to follow.

June 26, 2021 Arkansas/Louisiana Exchange, Texarkana Arkansas – CANCELLED

June 27, 2021 District 4 Official Visit, Shreveport, 1:00 p.m.

In Appreciation:

Keith and I cannot begin to express how honored we were to serve you and the Grand Chapter of Louisiana for the past two years. Your cooperation, support and effort in your chapters has been the driving force of success for our order. At the beginning of this year, it appeared that we would not be able to hold a session, but with the efforts of so many who stepped in at the last minute when regulations changed, we were able to accomplish the business necessary to move this Grand Chapter forward. Your acceptance of a revised schedule and simplified versions of every event was a big part of the success. We cannot say enough to Thank those who filled in for the committees of Credentials and Registration, Property and Decorations, and the many volunteers who stayed late to help us pack up and load everything. And then we had those who met us in Baton Rouge to unload the next day. No one can do this alone and, in this order, there are always those who are happy to step up and help. THANK YOU to each of you. Sister Kay McCray and Brother Johnny Byrd, we will support you in any way possible and wish for you a year of progress and success with all your plans.

In Service & Love, Donna M. Harrist, PGM

RESOLUTION RESULTS:

#3 from 2019 Carry-over – 1st 4 officers plus all members now have voting privilege – PASSED

#1 from 2020 – Housekeeping (Times for registration) – PASSED

#2 from 2020 – PGM’s and PGP’s to receive Grand Representative appointments – FAILED

#3 from 2020 - WITHDRAWN

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, phone calls, etc.

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

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

Ritual – Extra Large spiral bound **NOW AVAILALE** - \$36.00 ea. (7 x 10 3/4 – 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

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Fraternally,



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