

“JEWELS OF THE SEA”

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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May 2021 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The “Jewels of the Sea” has started its journey and the first port of call was Alexandria for the Homecoming of the Worthy Grand Matron. Many visitors made this port of call and great fun was had by all and some even walked away with a beautiful flower to plant in their garden.

The second port of call was Friendship Chapter #210 in Sugartown, where our Grand Organist, Sister Martha Turner was honored with a program about music. She has certainly been favored by God with a special gift. Come join us at the next port of call.

May is the month we honor our Mothers. Make time to honor these special ladies, who have given us the skills to be successful in life.

Change is sometimes difficult for all of us, as we tend to like to stay with what we know, but in this day and time, we must accept that things will change and accept the changes that are made. Our District Deputies and Grand Supervisors have been given a great task this year in changing the way we hold the deputy visits and schools of instruction. It may seem confusing, and we may not get it all right, but in the end this change will be good for all.

Rope and knots are two words that go hand in hand, for one is useless without the other. A good sailor can tie many knots for many uses on a ship. Our everyday lives have many knots, some are easy to undo, but many are very hard, give those to God, for with him all things are possible.



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UP COMING EVENTS:

May 1, 2021 Reminder - Grand Officers Reception - Cenla Shrine Club, 1100 Vandenburg Dr. Alexandria, La.; 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m

May 22, 2021 - Southern Section Fundraiser for GGC Service Dogs Project – This will be a “Bake-Less Cake Sale”. Therefore, please send your donation (what you would pay for a cake) to Christina Cohea, PM, 41090 Cuthell Dr., Hammond 70403-2523. Make checks payable to: Grand Chapter of LA, OES and please put “service dog project” at bottom of your check.

June 5, 2021 - District 1 Official Visit, Creswell Masonic Temple, 1805 Creswell Avenue, Shreveport, La. Receiving Line 12:15 p.m., Meal 12:30, Meeting 2:00p.m. Theresa Stewart, DDGM, 318-990-9245, Formal Dress

June 6, 2021 - District 5 Official Visit, Natchitoches Chapter #13, 110 Masonic Dr. Natchitoches, Meeting 2:00 p.m. Susan Wilson DDGM, 318-286-6510

June 6, 2021 - 100th Anniversary of Ringgold Chapter #131, immediately after District 5 Official Visit, refreshments served, Day Dress

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

June 26, 2021 - District 4 Official Visit, Sunset Star Chapter #227, 5115 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport, Meeting at 2:00 p.m., Formal Dress, Angela McNicoll DDGM, 318-773-3878
(Notice: Date has been changed due to cancellation of the Ark/La Exchange)

This year Louisiana will be hosting the 4 State Friendship event in Bossier City, on September 17th and 18th, 2021. Mark your calendar, more information will follow.

Notice

Enclosed with this newsletter, you will find a new “Sailing Away Personal Achievement Award”. Due to restrictions, the award has been changed to allow more of the members to achieve this award. Secretaries, please make this available to your members.

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.

Westlake #228 - By-Law Change: Meeting date changed to 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm

Ester #26 – Suspended the following for NPD: Angela Tanner, Ashley Brannon & Deanna Thompson

Sunset Star #227 – Suspended the following for NPD: Diane Ambrose, Melba Bounds, Kristin Charles, Tony Charles, Heather Dick, James Dick, Jennifer Goodwin, Camen Gray, Samantha Hoston, Sheila Jacobs, Linda Morris, Jerry Lyn Petterson, Dean Rashong, Billy Russell & Billy Jean Wolf

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Roster 2021-2022 – Now available - \$2.00 each

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

Ritual – Extra Large spiral bound NOW AVAILABLE - \$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

Secretaries and Members, please make all checks payable to “**Grand Chapter of Louisiana, OES**”. Thank you.

Fraternally,



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