

“JEWELS OF THE SEA”

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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January 2022 – Newsletter

From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Happy New Year!!! As we begin the year 2022, I wish you all happiness, health and prosperity. As we begin a new year in our Chapters, let us resolve to be better members, attend the meetings, take part when called upon to do so, and do it with a smile on your face. Remember your obligation and say it often in your Chapters. Resolve to become proficient in the work of your station. Be a credit to our Order and to your Chapter. Resolve to learn more about the Order this year and attend the schools and workshops offered in your District or section. We can all become better members and enjoy our Chapter meetings more if we all work together.

Thank you to the Chapters that gave me the privilege of assisting in their installations. I always enjoy visiting a Chapter and helping in any phase of the work. Congratulations to all the new Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons who are serving for the first time. Members, remember they need your support and assistance in serving your Chapter. To those of you who are serving in the East again, look upon it as a privilege to serve and bring enthusiasm to your meetings and encouragement to the membership.

The “ Sailing Away Personal Achievement Award” should be submitted to the Worthy Grand Matron by Jan. 15, 2022.

Food Bank and Food Pantry Project information should be submitted to the Section Chairman by January 15, 2022, so they can complete their reports in time to be submitted to Grand Chapter. We want each Chapter’s activity to be recognized. Northern Section, Phyllis Holmes, Central Section, Jim Josker, and Southern Section, Patricia Brignac.

Our Grand Chapter Session is March 19 – 23, 2022 at the Alexandria Convention Center on MacArthur Drive in Alexandria. The hotel has been completely remodeled, along with an update of the Convention Center. I think you will all be very pleased with the location and the service they will provide. Make your plans to attend and be a part of the “Jewels of the Sea” Grand Session.



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Upcoming Events:

January 16, 2022, Charles F. Buck Chapter, Order of DeMolay, invites you to attend their 100th Birthday celebration. The Ceremony of Lights will be performed and new officers installed. Come join us at 4118 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles at 1:00 p.m. A gumbo lunch will be served.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser: January 8, 2022, Central Lodge, 11575 Sullivan Road, Baton Rouge, 8:00 a.m. til 11:00 a.m., \$5.00 charge for the pancake breakfast, benefitting Susan Freeman, AGM.

Service Dog Fundraiser: February 12, 2022, OES Sweetheart Luncheon, Natchitoches Masonic Lodge, 110 Masonic Dr., Natchitoches, 11:00 a.m. til 1:00 p.m., tickets \$15.00, contact Mindy Meyers, PM (337-789-8892) or Kathy Warmack, GGCCM, PGM, (318) 315-2364 for tickets. Tickets must be purchased in advance and picked up at the door. Entertainment and silent auction with all proceeds benefitting Service Dogs.

March 5, 2022, Annual Fish Fry and Auction honoring Susan Freeman, AGM and Jeff Freeman, AGP, from 10:00 a.m. til 2:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 2635 Hwy. 15, Ferriday, La., \$15.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12.

Grand Representatives: Please be at the Grand Chapter session to carry the flag of the state you are representing on Monday, March 21, 2022. Practice for the Grand Representatives is at 10:30 a.m. on that morning. If you cannot attend the session, please arrange for someone else to carry your flag, on Monday night, during the Cavalcade of Flags.

Grand Chapter Sentinels: If you would like to volunteer to assist the Grand Sentinel at Grand Chapter, please call Charles Smith, Grand Sentinel, at (985) 515-9407 or (985) 515-2770 or email at wgmoes2007@gmail.com.

Grand Choir: Bring your beautiful voice to Grand Chapter and volunteer for the Grand Choir. Please call Elouida Wright, Grand Choir Director, at (318) 476-3744 or (318) 715-0056 or email at elouidawright@yahoo.com. If no answer, please leave message.

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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 - \$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

Chapter/Roster changes:

Fern Leaf Chapter #24 – Members have returned to 203 E. Morris Rd., Hammond, Eff. December 2021 after hurricane repairs.

Fern Leaf Chapter #24 – Suspended for NPD: Julia Andrus Wolf, John Simpson, Majorie Simpson, Shirley Holden Sledge, Wayne Cooper, Carla Cooper, Hollie Cooper, Terry Cooper & Chad Terral

Please contact the Grand Secretary at the following email address only: laoesgrsec@gmail.com. *Always include your chapter name and number.*

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

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