

# “JEWELS OF THE SEA”

Grand Chapter of Louisiana  
Order of the Eastern Star

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## From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

“We have nothing to fear, but fear itself,” a great statesman, Winston Churchill, said this during WWII, to rally the British people. This is still true today as we continue to face the Covid pandemic. We cannot let it take over our lives, we must learn to live with it, and to soldier on. To those Chapters that are not meeting because of this fear, I am asking you to put aside your fear, trust in the Lord to keep you and your Chapter safe, and use common sense in attending. If we do this we can continue with our beautiful Order, but fear can be our downfall. Step up, get back to work and let’s make this coming year a great success.

The next two months will be very busy for all of us, and very exciting. Plan to attend the Grand Chapter Session at the Alexandria Convention Center, March 19 thru March 23. Get your registration and meal ticket requests in early as the mail is extremely slow.

All reports are due, quarterly reports of Chapters, Chapter Excellence, Personal Achievement, and the Chapter Annual Return, Food Bank and Food Pantry, Service Dog, and all other reports that will be presented at Grand Chapter, let’s get these reports in on time and have them ready to present during the session.

I was privileged to attend the Charles F. Buck Chapter, Order of DeMolay’s 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration on January 16, 2022 in Lake Charles. The Ceremony of Lights was very impressive and I was honored to be among such fine young men. I wish them continued success in all their endeavors.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find the forms for the Rainbow Ads for their Grand Assembly program. The deadline for the submission of ads is March 1, 2022. I encourage each Chapter to participate and support our young ladies.

This month we celebrate Valentine's Day, a day of red roses, which reminds us of our heroine Electa and her command to "Love One Another." Let us remember those dear to us and be extra kind to them and to say a prayer for those we love that have passed to that land from which no traveler returns.



Kay McCray,  
Worthy Grand Matron

### **Upcoming Events**

**Service Dog Fundraiser: February 12, 2022, OES Sweetheart Luncheon,** Natchitoches Masonic Lodge, 110 Masonic Dr. Natchitoches, 11:00 a.m. till 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. till 2:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 2635 Hwy. 15, Ferriday, La. \$15.00 per adult and \$5.00 for children under 12. Come out and have great food and fellowship.

**Grand Representative:** Practice is Monday, March 21, 2022 at 10:30 a.m., if you cannot attend to carry your flag, please arrange for someone to be present to carry your flag for the Cavalcade of Flags on Monday night.

**Grand Chapter Sentinels:** If you would like to volunteer to assist the Grand Sentinel at Grand Chapter, please call Diane Smith, Grand Secretary, (985-515-2770). She will relay the message to the Grand Sentinel, Charlie Smith.

**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](mailto:elouidawright@yahoo.com).

**Hospitality Suite: Distinguished Guest Special/Hospitality, Grand Representatives,** if you are a member of this committee, please contact Sandra Jones, PM, Chairman (337-764-5085) as to what you will need to bring for the hospitality suite. Grand Representatives, please bring the following: last names beginning with A-G bring 2-liter Dr. Pepper, Sprite or 7-Up, H-M bring Coke, Diet Coke or Snapple, N-Z bring pre-packaged cookies, muffins, donuts, etc. If you have questions, please contact Sandra Jones at the number above.

**Letter of Intent:** I am placing my name for consideration for the Clinton Ardis Mills Educational Scholarship Board for the upcoming year. I have been honored to serve on this Board since I was elected at Grand Chapter in 2019. I am currently serving in the position of Chairman. The other Board members and I, with the help of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, have strived to continue the educational assistance for which this Board was created. If you place your trust in me again, I will continue to do my best to continue this important work in a manner worthy of our Order. Thank you for considering me. Fraternaly, Elizabeth Sibley, PM  
Eleanor Chapter #105, Grangeville

Chapter/Roster changes:

**Jessica S. Canning, PM, Chairman – Service Dogs:** New address as follows:  
12361 Pecan Island Rd., Jarreau, LA 70749

**Ruth Chapter #16** – suspended for NPD – Douglas Joseph Vincent

**Esther Chapter #26** – suspended for NPD - Brenda Gordon

**Broadmoor Chapter #233** – suspended for NPD – Renee P. Eason

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

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. (7x10 ¾ purple) OUT OF STOCK

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 Revisions, **2021, \$1.00 – NOW AVAILABLE**

Constitution Tabs, \$3.62

Constitution Pages and Tabs, \$8.10

Constitution Binder, \$6.00

Please contact the Grand Secretary at the following email address only: [laoesgrsec@gmail.com](mailto:laoesgrsec@gmail.com). Also, please include your chapter name and number.

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

Fraternally,

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

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