

“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,

In just a few short weeks, spring will be upon us with all its glory. Trees will begin to bud and daffodils will spring up everywhere, wildflowers will bloom in abundance. We see God’s hand as he paints our world with color and new life. Take advantage of this time of year and get out in the sunshine and plant some flowers in your yard or better yet, take a potted plant to a neighbor or shut in and let them experience the beauty of spring.

A great day was had by all that attended the Central Section Service Dog Fundraiser in Natchitoches on February 12, 2022. Sister Kathy Warmack, GGCCM for Service Dogs, PGM, and Sister Mindy Meyers, Chairman for the Central Section, kept us all busy as we modeled our favorite outfits, door prizes were given out and many cakes and pies were auctioned to the highest bidder. Sister Joy Beth Williams, GGCCM, is definitely our mascot for Service Dogs, as she has her own “dog gone” costume.

This last year saw us hit by Hurricane Ida and the year before by Hurricanes, Laura, Delta and Zeta. We were fortunate both years that General Grand Chapter stepped up with a large donation to help those in the state that suffered damages because of these storms. This past year was no exception as General Grand Chapter stepped up again, along with our friends to the west of us. Texas Grand Chapter, and the subordinate Chapters of Texas, sent us a donation totaling \$7,185.46 for Disaster Relief. If you see anyone at our Grand Chapter Session from General Grand Chapter or from the great state of Texas, take a moment to thank them for their generosity to our members.

We will not forget their charitable donations and acts of kindness and we will pay it forward should the occasion arise.

There are funds available for Hurricane Ida in Disaster Relief, if you sustained damage from this storm and are in need of assistance please contact the Disaster Relief Committee, Northern Section, Frank Lee (318) 281-4855, Central Section, Harvey Gill, (337) 257-4301, and Southern Section, Denise Ammons (504) 919-3194, or Jane McDaniel, GGCCM,PGM in the Baton Rouge area at (225) 939-0465. The deadline for new applications is March 10, 2022 for Hurricane Ida assistance.

The Disaster Relief committee will handle these new applications and see that everyone that needs assistance is helped, if possible.

The Grand Chapter Session is March 19, thru the 23rd, and I hope that all of you have made your reservations to attend. This is your Grand Chapter Session and you should support it by attending and voicing your concerns about our Order. Everyone has a vote and should exercise that privilege. We are having a banquet on Saturday March 19, to honor our new GGCCM's and we hope that you will attend to give them your support. A new occurrence this year will be a luncheon for the Secretaries and Treasurers on Wednesday, March 23 at Noon. We hope to have a good program for all the secretaries and treasurers and answer any questions they may have concerning their work in the Chapters.

This is my last newsletter, and the Worthy Grand Patron and I would like to thank you for the opportunity you have afforded us in allowing us to serve you this past year. We strived to put the membership and the Chapters first in all that we have done and to safeguard our Order. Come join us for our last port of call at Grand Chapter and celebrate this year with the "Jewels of the Sea."



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Upcoming Events

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.

**122nd Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, “Jewels of the Sea”
March 19th thru 23, 2022. Alexandria Convention Center, 2301 N. MacArthur
Drive, Alexandria, La.**

Grand Representatives: 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 or email: wgmoes2007@gmail.com. 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.

Hospitality Suite: Distinguished Guest Special/Hospitality, Grand Representatives. If you are a member of this committee or a Grand Representative, 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 prepackaged cookies, muffins, donuts, etc. Please bring on Saturday to the Convention Center in Alexandria. The hospitality suite is open to all who have registered for the session, in or out of state.

If your Chapter has any handmade gifts for the Distinguished Guests, please have those in the hospitality suite by Saturday, March 19 - Do not bring them on Monday or Tuesday as most of our distinguished guests check in on Sunday.

NOTICE: Proper attire will be worn in the Grand Chapter room during the session. Ladies wear dresses or skirts during the day and formal attire at night. Men wear suits, or sport coats with dress pants, during the day, and tuxedos to all formal events.

Chapter/Roster changes:

Jane McDaniel, GGCCM – New Cell Phone No.: 225-939-0465

Greenwood Chapter #202 – suspended for NPD-Gaila Clark, Hilma Cothren, Mary Hilton, Patricia Marionneaux & Pam Rachall

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

Roster 2021-2022 – \$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. 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,



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