

“GOD’S CHANNEL OF BLESSING”

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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June 2022 – Newsletter

From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Happy Fathers’ Day! Bible verse of the month: Matthew (6:9-13) and Luke (11:2-4) Our Father in heaven, Hallowed by Thy Name.

Hymn of the Month: Faith of our Fathers

Just think of the faith it took for the founding fathers of America, many of whom were Master Masons, to declare Independence from England; to risk family and fortunes for our freedom.

Let’s consider the faith of Rob Morris. While he received support from many of his Masonic brothers, he probably endured teasing and anger from other brothers who saw no need for the women folk to gather together. What if Brother Rob had given in to the naysayers? How many people in this room do you know because of the Order of the Eastern Star? I am very thankful that Brother Rob Morris listened to words of encouragement, prevailed through the storms of negativity and founded an organization that has brought us together. I am so thankful for each and everyone of you.

Observing Fathers Day is a chapter objective; read an essay, a poem, recognize the fathers in the chapter.

Charities: I have been approached by three General Grand Chapter Committee members who are raising money for the charities of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Glenda Winchester.

Shriners Charities (Bro Otto Beverly, GGCCM, PGP of LA)
OES International Headquarters (Sister Glenda Peyton, GGCCM, and PGM of AR)
Regenerative Medicine (Sister Carol Bradford, GGCCM, PGM of MS)

Each of these is requesting \$1 per year of the triennium (2021 - 2024) per member, active as well as inactive. General Grand Chapter is expecting approx. \$3,000 per each of these charities by the end of the triennium.

The charities I am promoting within Louisiana are: Disaster Relief, Fraternal Assistance, Clinton Ardis Mills Scholarship, ESTARL and Service Dogs.

Hang on, I have a plan.

Let's give \$5 per quarter as follows:

Apr, May, June Qtr:	\$5	Disaster Relief & Fraternal Assistance
July, Aug, Sept, Qtr:	\$5	ESTARL & Clinton Ardis Mills Scholarship
Oct, Nov, Dec Qtr:	\$5	Regenerative Medicine and Service Dogs
Jan, Feb, March Qtr:	\$5	Shriners Charities, OES Headquarters

Information Study for April, May, June: exemplify Introductions:

1. General Grand Chapter Officer
2. General Grand Chapter Ambassador and Committee Members
3. Conductresses turning from the East to return to positions west of Esther

Something wonderful is happening in July. Past Grand Matrons Sister Joy Beth Williams and Sister Rovenia McDonald have planned a wonderful event for us. It is the first ArkLaMiss Exchange (AKLAMS) to be held at Kees Park in Pineville, LA. It is going to be such fun: games, food, fellowship; another opportunity to invite inactive members and non-members. Having at least one member attend is a requirement for the chapter objectives. It is **Saturday, July 16, 10am to 2pm**; lunch is \$15 for adults & \$10 for children. The building is air conditioned with a pavilion and a park outside. Something for everyone. Bring a friend and make a wonderful memory. **Please make checks payable to: AKLAMS Friendship Fun Day.** (This was omitted on Registration Form).

Happy Birthday William D. White Chapter No. 141! The Worthy Grand Patron & I attended the celebration of the 100th birthday for William D. White. Keep up the good work.

I want to thank the chapters which have honored members of God's Channel of Blessing Grand Family. They felt so special being the center of attention. Thank you for involving their family and friends in the celebration. That is what I wanted. Thank you for the wonderful memory you gave them.

Sister Karen Mitchell (Grand Marshal) and Brother Arthur Roberts (Grand Warder) were honored by Esther #26 in Leesville;

Sister Evelyn Marquez (Grand Ruth) was honored by Lakeshore Chapter #59.

District 9: thank you for hosting the first Official Visit of the God's Channel of Blessing Grand Family. Jeff and I appreciate the support you have given to us since we were initiated.

You may have questioned the reason for the District Deputy Grand Matron's visits to chapters and the Schools of Instruction. I too have given this some thought. These events

emphasize teamwork; planning, practicing the ritualistic work. These events remind us that each of us is needed, each of us is important. As the number present increases, so do the number of smiles, laughs, conversations. Contact your inactive members to remind them of the wonderful times from days gone by, encourage them to return to chapter because they are more than needed, they are wanted.

Future Events

June

- 4 & 5 - Rainbow Grand Assembly: Kenner Airport Hilton
- 9 – 12 - Georgia Grand Chapter
- 20 - 22 - South Carolina Grand Chapter
- 25: - District 14 Official Visit – Terrebonne Fellowship Lodge #481 - 1309 Bayou Gardens Blvd., Houma – 1:00 PM Refreshments – 2:00 PM Meeting
- 26: - District 13 Official Visit – Pearl River Lodge #456 - 64468 Hwy, 41 N, Pearl River
1:00 PM Refreshments – 2:00 Meeting

July

- 16 - ArkLaMiss Exchange in Pineville
- 23: - District 11 Official Visit
- 24: - District 12 Official Visit

August

- 5 – 7 - Amaranth Grand Court
- 10 – 13: - Texas Grand Chapter, Beaumont, TX
- 20: - District 3 Official Visit
- 21: - District 5 Official Visit
- 27: - Little Red School House, Pickens , MS

Birthdays

June

- 10: - Dr Martha Jo Schexneider, Associate Grand Conductress
- 15: - Sister Mary Berthelot, Grand Adah
- 19: - Father's Day

July

- 1: - Sister Jean Smith, PGM
- 2: - Sister Becky Dobbins, Grand Esther
- 4: - Sister Diane Smith: GGCCM, PGM, Grand Secretary
- 6: - Sister Susan Rabb-Williams, Associate Grand Matron
- 10: - Brother Gerald Houston, PGP
- 14: - Brother Eldon Howell, PGP
- 24: - Brother James Marze, Grand Sentinel
- 25: - Sister Rovenia McDonald: PGM
- 28: - Brother Otto Beverly, GGCCM, PGP
- 30: - Sister Juanita Wilkinson, PGM
- 31: - Sister Donna Nelken-Baker, Grand Conductress

August

5: - Sister Marilyn Abshire, PGM

16: - Sister Judith Duncan, Grand Electa

Thank You Heavenly Father for an organization dedicated to charity, truth and lovingkindness.

With my love,

Susan Freeman, Worthy Grand Matron of the best jurisdiction

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:

Greenwood Chapter #202 – Meeting changed to 2nd Monday 7:00 PM (Except on Holidays and chapter may choose option to recess July/Aug. and/or Sept. by majority vote.

DDGM – District #6 – Lea Ann Fisher - Change of Address: 5259 Rue Maria, Alexandria, LA 7303

<<<<<<<< **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 3/4 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 By-Laws Revision, 2022, \$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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