

“GOD’S CHANNEL OF BLESSING”

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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December 2022 – Newsletter

From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron

Merry Christmas Sisters and Brothers!

Bible Verse: Matthew 2: 1-2

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.”

Hymn: O Come Let Us Adore Him

The 3 Wise Men followed the Star in the East for months if not for years. Regardless of the weather, the terrain, onward they followed the star till they found our Savior. What if they had given up; thought the journey too difficult. Was the reward of finding the Savior worth the effort? At the beginning, the journey was exciting but after many months it may have become discouraging. Was this journey worth the effort?

The Bible gives us the answers to these questions: they returned home joyously praising God. Let us learn from the Wise Men, when the going gets tough, don’t let the circumstances and thoughts of doubt and despair cause us to lose hope. Praise the Lord. I Thessalonians 5:18: give thanks in all circumstances for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

Please remember the homebound, those in nursing homes/retirement centers.

This is a perfect time to complete these chapter objectives.

Preparing meals for the Masons

Progressive Dinner: Both will be so nice with the Christmas decorations.

Taking Cake, Cookies, Coffee - what a great time to take cookies to an inactive member or a prospective member.

Proficiency: Work and Ritual Committee is prepared to assist you in attaining your proficiency.

Chapter Installations: Invite non- Masonic family and friends.

Preparations for Grand Chapter:

Tables to decorate for Grand Representative Lunch: contact Sister Jeanette Bailey
Email: silverredrose1952@yahoo.com Phone: (337) 396-4506

Hospitality Room – Items needed:

Drinks & Snacks; 12 Homemade items from each chapter. Several chapters have given their 12 items and I thank you.

Grand Chapter Information: March 25-29

Hotel Information: A reservation can usually be cancelled BUT when the rooms in the block are taken, no more will be available for \$99 per night.

Louisiana Members:

Holiday Inn Downtown Alexandria: \$99 per night, 1-877-865-6578 - Code: EAS

Distinguished Guests:

The Hotel Bentley: \$99 per night - 318-442-2226 www.visithotelbentley.com (reservations may be made online) Code: OES
(Louisiana members may also stay at The Hotel Bentley)

Donations

Disaster Relief for Puerto Rico: \$25 per chapter please

Oct, Nov, Dec Qtr:	\$5	Regenerative Medicine and Service Dogs
Jan, Feb, March Qtr:	\$5	Shriners Charities, OES Headquarters

Celebrations:

AW Connelly #117: reeled in 3 fish

Eunice #14: 2 fish nibbling

Mystic Star #108: reeled in a fish and has one on the hook

Rachel Jackson #241: voting on 3 petitions for plural membership

Official Visits

District 4: fried catfish with the works and a cake with the picture that is on our pocket calendar. DDGM Sister Dora Kaylor, PM thank you

District 1: soup & sandwiches. Thank you DDGM Sister Lisa Byrd, PM for the perfect meal for the cool weather.

Missouri and Arkansas Grand Chapters

Snow in MO

A wedding in AR

Trip to Branson to benefit Service Dogs: April 2023

Information is on the OES Friendship Line

Please do not become so busy that you forget the reason for the season: the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Had it not been for Jesus our Order of the Eastern Star would not exist.

Letter of Intent - Withdrawal

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Due to certain circumstances beyond my control, I am withdrawing my name as a candidate for the position of Associate Grand Conductress.

Thank you, Jeanette Bailey

Upcoming Events

Dec 7-9 Arkansas Grand Chapter

Dec 25: Christmas

Jan. 7: Pancake Breakfast & Auction benefiting Susan Rabb Williams, AGM & Charlie Smith, AGP, Central Masonic Lodge #442, 11575 Sullivan Rd., Baton Rouge 70818.

Time: 8-11am – Auction at 10am - Tickets \$8.00 (Can also purchase tickets at the door)

Jan: 14: District 10 Official Visit. This is the last OV for the God's Channel of Blessing Family. We would love to have all of you come to the Central Masonic Lodge #442, 11575 Sullivan Rd., Baton Rouge 70818. This is the lodge a gentleman tried to drive through.

Meal: 12:00 noon

Birthdays

Dec 2: Sister Alna Abbott, PGM & Grand Treasurer Emeritus

Dec 3: Bro. Johnny Byrd, PGP

Dec 11: Sister Janet Shook, PGM & Bro. James Premeaux, PGP

Dec 18: Bro. Guy Jenkins, PGP

Dec 19: Bro. J.R. "Buck" Denny

Dec 30: Sister Debbie Poche', PGM

Jan 8: Sister Kay McCray, PGM

Jan 12: Sister Mary Howell, PGM & Sister Karen Mitchell, Grand Marshal

Jan 17: Sister Marion Hicks, Grand Martha

Jan 18: Sister Lynn Bankston, PGM

Birthdays (Cont'd)

Jan 21: Bro. Gene Cagle, PGP

Jan 26: Bro. Don Bordelon

Jan 30: Sister Donna Harrist, GGCCM, PGM & Sister Barbara Walker, Grand Chaplain

Susan Freeman,

Worthy Grand Matron

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:

Chapter/Roster Changes:

Page 5 – Julio Morales, PGP 1998, Cell: 225-333-1221

Page 27 – Pushepatapa #239 – By-Law Change. Meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

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

Roster 2022-2023 - \$5.00 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 blue) **NOW BACK IN STOCK**

Revised Book of Instruction, \$1.75

Constitution Pages Only, \$4.68

Constitution Revisions are available. They are as follows:

Constitution Revisions, 2018, \$1.00 (If you only want to update your Constitution)

Constitution Revisions, 2019, \$.50

Constitution Revisions, 2021, \$1.00

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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