

“GOD’S CHANNEL OF BLESSING”

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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January 2023 – Newsletter

From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron

HAPPY NEW YEAR Sisters and Brothers!

Bible Verse of the Month

Isaiah 49: 13

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the LORD comforts His people and will have compassion on His afflicted ones.

Hymn of the Month: I Am A Promise

Resolution: a firm decision to do or not to do something.

Weight loss is a common resolution. This year I would like you to resolve to gain weight in your chapters by adding members. Now is a great time to reconnect with inactive members. Valentine’s Day is in February; what a great theme for a chapter meeting; reach out to the wives, daughters, granddaughters, nieces of master masons.

I want to thank those who served as officers during 2022. I congratulate those who reeled in fish and encouraged fish to jump back into the boat.

Also, I thank those who have accepted to serve as an officer during 2023; I challenge you to continue fishing.

Celebrations:

Central Star #23 has a fish nibbling

Eunice #14 has 2 fish jumping back into the boat

Ruth #16: has 2 fish on the hook

Information Study: Jan, Feb, March

Prayer Circle during initiation.

Charities: \$5 per person, \$2.50 per charity

Jan, Feb, March Qtr: \$5 Shriners Charities & OES Headquarters

A water pipe broke in the OES Headquarters in Washington, DC; Insurance will pay for the damaged contents but not the \$8,800 plumbing bill to repair the broken pipes. \$2.50 may seem like a drop in the bucket but every drop counts.

Upcoming Events

January 14: OV for district 10 (home district of the WGM & WGP)

I have so much to tell you: snow, a wedding, a motorcade.

You will have to attend the OV to get the whole story.

Sister Amelia Beadle, DDGM. Central Lodge - 11525 Sullivan Road in Baton Rouge

Meal: 12:00 Noon – Meeting 2:00p.m.

February 14: Valentine's Day

March 4: Fish Fry for Sister Susan Rabb-Williams, AGM & Brother Charles Smith, AGP. Shrine Center in Alexandria

March 25 - 30: 123rd Session of Louisiana Grand Chapter. "The God's Channel of Blessing Session". Randolph Riverfront Center in downtown Alexandria.

Hotel Information:

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

Distinguished Guests (Louisiana members may also stay at The Hotel Bentley) The Hotel Bentley: \$99 per night

318 – 442 – 2226 www.visithotelbentley.com (reservations may be made online) Code: OES

Birthdays

January

8: Sister Kay McCray, PGM

12: Sister May Howell: PGM

Sister Karen Mitchell, Grand Marshal

17: Sister Marion Hicks, Grand Martha
18: Sister Lynn Bankston, PGM
21: Brother Gene Cagle, PGP
26: Brother Don Bordelon, PGP
30: Sister Donna Harrist, GGCM, PGM
Sister Barbara Walker, Grand Chaplain

February

3: Sister Debbie Dietrich, Grand Organist
15: Sister Kathy Warmack, GGCM, PGM
17: Brother Joe Stroud, PGP

While you may see your chapter as barely making it, I see a chapter full of possibilities.

The first verse of our hymn of the month

I am a promise

I am a possibility

I am a promise

With a capital P

I am a great big bundle of potentiality, oh yeah

Personal Achievement Awards and Chapter of Excellence Awards:

Please send your information to our Membership Chairman as follows:

Sister Paulette Spedale, WM

10721 White Pine, Greenwell Springs, LA 70739-5260

My love,

Susan Freeman,

Worthy Grand Matron of a jurisdiction full of promise, possibility, potential

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:

Chapter/Roster Changes:

Page 8 – Board of FA - Benny Randall - email: barandken@gmailcom

Page 11 – Indiana – James Pantalion – 176 Kings Crossing, Shreveport 71105

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

Guiding Star #66 – Suspended for non-payment of dues-Kaiden Allred & suspended for lack of Masonic Affiliation-Casey Allred

Westlake #228 – Suspended for non-payment of dues: Jaime Gause Evans, Natalie Duck Gause & Madison Harger

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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 ¾ 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

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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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