

“GOD’S CHANNEL OF BLESSING”

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
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February 2023 – Newsletter

From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

Verse of the Month:

1 Corinthians 16:14 - Let all that you do be done in love.

Hymn of the Month: *Love Lifted Me*

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help
Love lifted me

Motorcyclists learn very quickly that where you look is where you and the motorcycle are going. This is not only true for motorcycles but also for humans. Where we focus our actions and thoughts, that’s where we go.

We all know someone who could use a kind word, an ear to listen, a smile, a prayer spoken aloud or silently.

Let us focus on lifting up someone everyday this month. Funny, when we give a little time to lift up someone else, we also lift up ourselves.

Hmmm seems that is what our five heroines have in common, they all took the time and the effort to show their love for others.

The January 14 – our last Official Visit

The Worthy Grand Patron and I belong to two chapters in District 10, Central Star #23 and Baton Rouge #163. Central Star hosted the event. The refreshment area was beautifully decorated after mopping up the water in the kitchen and buying a new refrigerator. Sister Amelia Beadle, PM and District Deputy Grand Matron provided a beautiful program, “I Am Adah” which was performed by members of District 10. This official visit had the largest attendance. Three of my pages presented me with a beautiful “Afghan” covered with pictures of the Grand Family. Thank you District 10.

All of the official visits have provided me with wonderful memories.

Celebrations

Fidelity #160 has three fish jumping back into the boat.

I know we have fish circling the boat, nibbling and on the hook. Please let me know in order for me to include them in the March newsletter.

Upcoming Events

February - Heart Healthy Month

February 4: Country Music Revue Fundraiser: (Noon till) - Shiloh Baptist Church Auditorium, 1253 Mitchell Harper Rd., DeRidder, La 70634. Time 5:00 P.M. for the Music Show. The Fundraiser is for Sister Susan Rabb-Williams, AGM and Brother Charles Smith, AGP. Tickets for admission bought in advance is: Adults \$6.00, ages 10 and below \$4.00. Age 2 and under free. Admission at the door is Adults --\$8.00, ages 10 and below \$6.00.

We will have Chicken Spaghetti plates for \$10.00, served with salad, bread, a sweet and a drink. Will be serving from noon on.

February 14 Valentines Day

February 21 Presidents' Day

March 4: Annual Fish Fry: Cenla Shrine Center, 1100 Vandenburg Dr., Alexandria, LA 71303. Fundraiser for Sister Susan Rabb-Williams, AGM & Brother Charles Smith, AGP - 10 A.M. - 2:30 PM - \$20.00 a person.

March 25 – 29: LA Grand Chapter at the Randolph Riverfront Center, Downtown Alexandria. Hotel rooms available at the Holiday Inn Downtown (code is Esther Order of the Eastern Star) and The Hotel Bentley (code is OES). Registration and banquet forms are on the LA OES website: laoes.org

March 25-29, 2023: GRAND CHAPTER.

Speaking of Grand Chapter, please make your hotel reservations and order your banquet tickets. The information is on the la OES website. The cutoff date for the hotel rate is early March.

Grand Representatives - I have two requests as follows:

1. Please volunteer to decorate a table at the Grand Representative Lunch. Sister Jeanette Bailey, PM is table chairman. Sister Jeanette Bailey, PM: 4076 Hwy 1147, DeRidder. 70634. The WGP and I will decorate a table.
2. Please invite your counter-part to attend; provide hotel and banquet information.

Birthdays

February

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

March

- 12 Sister Jane McDaniel, GGCA, PGM
- 29 Brother Charles Smith, AGP

If you have not completed the requirements for the Sweet Pea Personal Achievement Award, there is still time. You may send your paper to Sister Paulette Spedale, PM, 10721 White Pine Dr, Greenwell Springs, 70739.

Worthy Matrons, you also have time to complete the requirements for the Red Jeep Chapter Award and the Red Rose Award. These are also sent to Sister Paulette, PM. I would be thrilled to give an award to every chapter.

Thank you, my sisters and brothers, for your love which is uplifting to me.

My love,

Susan Freeman,

Worthy Grand Matron of a loving, uplifting jurisdiction

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:

Grand Representative Appointments:

New Jersey - Cynthia Nobles (237) 38079 Julia Dr., Pearl River 70452 - Exp. 11-30-24

Chapter/Roster Changes:

Golden Star #73 – Suspended for NPD: George Hughes & Jana Hughes

Rachel Jackson No. 241 – Suspended for NPD: Karen Barker, Dorothy Boudreaux, Dianne Coates, Billie Galloway, Patricia Hughes, Kenneth Milton, Terry Milton, Eugene Morse & 8Otis Whitlow

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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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