

“Love, Loyalty & Friendship”

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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April 2023 – Newsletter

From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron

Spring has sprung!

I love this time of the year. Still cool enough to sit in the back yard, listening to the birds gathering around the feeders. Checking out the new growth on the plants and flowers starting to bloom. And Easter, my most favorite season of all. Palm branches waving with loud Hosannas, the Last Supper, "It Is Finished" and the Stone rolled away. Hallelujah!

Installation was beautiful! Thank you to all who participated in making it so meaningful for our 2023/2024 Grand Officers. We will be having an Appointed Grand Officer “Spot Light” in each of our newsletters, in order for you to get to know them better.

Congratulations to Sister Susan, Brother Jeff and the 2022/2023 "God's Channel of Blessing" Grand Officers for a marvelous year. Sister Susan reminded us that we were to be "Fishers" to our inactive and prospective members. So many Chapters hooked and reeled in members during the year! Great job!! Let's keep fishing. Thank you, Sister Susan and Brother Jeff Freeman, for your leadership this past year.

Fish Fry Thank you!!!!

What a day! Our 2023 Annual Fish Fry was a huge success. We enjoyed a beautiful day with beautiful people.

Many, many, many THANKS to all who came out and supported Brother Charlie, myself and our Grand Chapter.

Thank you to Brother Raymond Edwards and the members of the Cenla Shrine Center for providing the perfect setting for our event.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to the following:

Sister Jerry Ann Butters and her husband Carl Butters, for getting the supplies for the day.

Our Fish Fry Gang: Brothers Jim Josker, Oscar Abshire, Johnny Byrd, Wayne Harrist, Charlie Smith, Raymond Edwards, Charles McDaniel and Wayne Donovan.

The Servers in the kitchen: Sharon, Suzanne, R.J., Adrienne, Virginia, Denise and anyone else who jumped in to serve our meal.

The Auctioneers: Jane and Charles McDaniel. Sister Linn McNary for keeping track of all the bids.

To all who brought items to sell and the DDGM's that helped collect the money from the White Elephant sales.

Carl Butters for the delicious SnoBalls.

To Brother Phil Andres and the Widows Sons for joining us for the day.

To Joseph Rabb for moving tables and loading cars with stuff.

To the 2023/2024 Grand Officers and DDGM's for all your support.

If I forgot anyone by name - thank you!

Up Coming Events

Mississippi Grand Chapter, April 16-19, 2023, Hattiesburg, MS

Grand Lodge of Louisiana, F&AM, April 20-22, 2023, Alexandria, LA

Special Thanks to Magi Chapter No. 85

A Medical Bag, with all necessary supplies included, was presented to Grand Chapter by Sister Susan Hinckley, DDGM, after the installation of the 2023-2024 Grand Officers. It is so very much appreciated by all. Sister Anna Hall, RN and Personal Page to our WGP, will bring it to all our Grand Chapter events. We thank the members of Magi Chapter for this wonderful contribution to our Grand Chapter.

Law & Jurisprudence Committee

Thank you so much for your contributions to this Grand Chapter Session and year. I truly enjoyed working with you and wish you the best for your tenure. I will finalize the legislation for Resolution No. 6 and submit it to the Grand Secretary for printing and distribution. Work & Ritual will finalize the changes to the Book of Instructions for reprinting.

Star Love, Jane McDaniel

Our Grand Supervisors will begin the Schools of Instructions this coming month. I know they are eager to meet with each of their Districts.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven" Ecclesiastes 3.
As we enter this Easter and Passover Season may you be filled with Blessings Rich, Abounding and Eternal.

Peace Be With You,

Susan Rabb-Williams

Worthy Grand Matron

Grand Office "Spot Light"

Greetings my Sisters and Brothers,

My name is Melva Moate Geiger and I am your Grand Chaplain. I am the proud daughter, sister, niece, granddaughter, and a few great granddaughters of Master Masons. My masonic journey started at the age of 12 as a Rainbow girl. This organization laid the foundation for my life. Joining Eastern Star was like coming home. So many of the adult advisors that I respected and many of my sisters were member and made me feel welcomed. I have been Worthy Matron a few times, many Grand Committee appointments, Grand Representative to ND and DDGM.

I have 3 great joys in my life. My son, Peter, my step-son PJ and his daughter, my granddaughter Addison. I also have two wonderful Daughters-in-law, Sarah and Elissa. These five has brought such joy, love and laughter into my life. My late husband will never know what a blessing he gave me in these precious children. Also, if you know me, you know I called my 3 kitty cats my babies. Just check out my Facebook and all you will see are my babies!!!

Church membership and a relationship with Jesus has always been a part of my life. I have led and written a few bible studies, taught Sunday School and VBS. The Bible verse that I pray and have a very personal connection to is Psalm 16:1-2. *Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."*

I have loved every step of my OES journey and Sister Susan asking me to be your Grand Chaplain is the highest honor I can ever imagine. I look forward to what this new year brings. Thank you, Melva

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary

Results of the Resolutions presented at the 2022-2023 Grand Chapter Session:

Resolution No. 1 – Book of Instructions – Balloting – Approved

Resolution No. 2 – Book of Instructions – Flag – Approved

Resolution No. 3 – Book of Instructions – Special Appointment – Approved

Resolution No. 4 – Withdrawn (to be considered at a later date)

Resolution No. 5 - Withdrawn by proponent

Resolution No. 6 – Election of Subordinate Chapter Officers – Approved

Grand Representative Appointments:

District of Columbia -Beth Holden #23, 30862 W. Knight Dr., Denham Springs 70726
Exp. 3-15-25

Illinois – Kristina Donovan (46), 918 Heart D Farm Rd., Youngville 70592 Exp. 11-30-24

Wisconsin – Ivy Schwartz (2), 4119 Deer Run Rd, Lake Charles 70611 Exp. 11-30-24

Chapter/Roster Changes:

Mt. Carmel No. 3 – Suspended for NPD – Brenda Foley; Susan Hayley & Marsha Jones

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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 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

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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Fraternally,



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