

“Love, Loyalty & Friendship”

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May 2023 – Newsletter

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From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron

April Showers Bring May Flowers:

As I sit here to write this newsletter, I am watching the dark clouds fill the sky and the rain has begun to fall. Thunder rumbling and every now and then a flash of lighting. Nothing unusual for South East Louisiana, at least we will cool off for a bit.

Remember your special Mom this Mother's Day. I celebrate all who have taken on the role as a caregiver or Mom. At our church for years we always celebrated the Oldest Mom and the Mom with the most children. We even honored those who, though were not parents, gave love, care and yes, enjoyed, spoiling our children. Even a single Dad who did a fabulous job as Mom and Dad to his young son was honored. It is so in our beautiful Order. I give thanks to those "Moms" who helped me on my Eastern Star journey. Betty Tizzard, Kay Dozier, Ruth St. Cyr and Terrie Castay. At times a struggle, they did a great job with this rebel child!

"And His Mother treasured up all these things in her heart" Luke 2:51

Twenty-three Louisiana Grand Chapter members attend the 116th. "The Good Shepherd" Session of Mississippi Grand Chapter. I think we may have beat Arkansas for the loudest "Whoop, Whoops" when our members were introduced.

Myself, the Worthy Grand Patron and few of our members attended the 212th. Grand Lodge Session in Alexandria. As the daughter of a Master Mason, I was humbled to bring greetings on behalf of our Louisiana Grand Chapter.

Please note: May 6th had been scheduled as the Homecoming for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We have postponed it until later in the year. If you have a Grand Officer in your Chapter, please give them warm welcomes!

Join us on our cruise!!! We will set sail the day after our last Official Visit in District 11, November 13, 2023. Fun, Fun! Please see the "flyer" enclosed.

Information will be sent later regarding the Multi State to be held in San Antonio, TX in mid-September, 2023.

One of our special projects this year is supporting your local Food Banks. Collection of food, love offerings, or a unique piggy bank designated for your Food Bank are just a few ideas. Please contribute as best you can. All collections are to go to the Food Bank of your choice, not to Grand Chapter. Also, please keep a record of your monetary donations to your Food Bank.

Salute a Veteran always!

Well, it's still pouring outside (we should have lots of flowers) - can't wait for it to stop - might even see a Rainbow.

Happy Mother's Day!

Peace Be with You!

Susan Rabb-Williams

Worthy Grand Matron

Grand Officer “Spot Light”

Peace Be with You; Hi, I'm Colleen Tierney Cucinotta – Grand Organist 2023-2024. I was born into a Masonic family and started in 1971 as a Rainbow Girl. My highlights from that time include serving New Orleans Assembly #1 as Worthy Advisor twice, then as Grand Representative to Georgia, Grand Musician and Grand Cross of Color Musician. All this excitement and I was completing a BS in biochemistry at Newcomb College.

While still in Rainbow, I petitioned Orleans Chapter #167 OES and was initiated by my parents on my mother's birthday with a Mardi Gras parade passing in front of the Masonic Temple building on St. Charles. What a day that was! At the end of my first year, I was elected Associate Conductress and was installed after serving all the line offices in December 1981 at the age of 21. My 22nd birthday came before my first meeting! That was a special year because I was the third generation of my family to serve our chapter – my grandmother Emily Baggese in 1934, my mom Emily Tierney in 1956, and my aunt Aurelia Frentz in 1979. My dad Charlie served as Worthy Patron twice – with Mom, then me. He, my grandfather Charles Baggese and my uncle CJ Baggese were all Past Masters.

In 1982, I served as Personal Page to Pat White, WGM. I have served as both a state and district chairman several times, DDGM, Grand Representative, and Grand Organist. I am so excited to be planning my year as WM of Encircler Chapter #191, to serve with my husband, Frank. We

met when he was in DeMolay and a fellow student at Tulane. It took us a few years to find each other again, but we were married in 2019. After working 18 years at LSUMC as a Research Associate studying cardiovascular disease, I earned an MS in Secondary Education from Loyola then taught high school chemistry and other sciences for 20 years. I look forward to meeting you at our Official Visits!

Hi Everyone, I am Jerry Ann House Butters. I am very proud to be your Grand Marshal this year. Just when you think you know a person, there is always something you may not know. Like, you probably knew that I was a Rainbow Girl, but you didn't know that neither of my parents were masonic at the time. My grandfather was my masonic affiliation. My mother joined Eastern Star later in life. I have been going to Metairie Lodge for either Rainbow or Eastern Star for 54 years. I was initiated into Metairie Assembly #70 in 1969 and initiated into Metairie Ridge Chapter #169 in 1975, I will receive my 50 Year certificate in 2025. It wasn't until we voted to meet once a month, that I decided to join Sts. John Chapter #35 in 2021; therefore, still attending chapter twice a month. It just feels right.

I have served Grand Chapter in many rolls. My first was DDGM of District 20, State Chairman for project Change, Grand Representative of Australia, Grand Ruth in 2015. I was on the ESTARL Board, and I was a personal page for several people going up the line. I have learned so... so much and feel that I have a lot more to learn. I will always accept my responsibility and do whatever I need to do to fulfill my obligation.

I am married to Carl Butters now for 17 years. We own a business called "Monkeyboy Screenprinting", and of course there is a story behind the name; but we will save that for a later date. I am a secretary for St. Luke's United Methodist Church and have been since 2008. I have 2 children, Jeremy and Melissa Pritchett, a daughter in law, Becky, a grand cat Bentley and my two fur babies. Allie my 16 year old, and Sadie my 16 month old, and boy what a difference. Some days I say "What was I Thinking?" but most days I can't wait to get home to them, just super excited to see me.

Well, anyone who really knows me, knows that I love to travel and I love shoes, especially shoes that sparkle. Can't wait to see you down the road, and especially can't wait to see you on our cruise. Don't forget to sign up. It's not too late.

Love Ya,
Jerry Ann

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:

Chapter/Roster Changes:

Mt. Carmel No. 3 – Suspended for NPD – Benda 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)

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Revised Book of Instruction, \$1.75

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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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