

# *“Love, Loyalty & Friendship”*

Grand Chapter of Louisiana  
Order of the Eastern Star

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## **From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron**

How was your Memorial Day? Was it a barbeque or crawfish boil? Swimming in the pool? Spending time with your family! I hope with some reflection on the day. Remembering those who gave the solemn surrender of their lives for our Freedom. We must never forget! And isn't it fitting that June is Flag month. I hope that your Chapters are planning a special program to pay tribute to our Flag and for those who served our Country.

Graduations are in full swing! I have enjoyed checking out your Graduates on Facebook. The most adorable kindergartener (my granddaughter, Audrey Diaz), high school Seniors, (Nate Nixon, my grandson) and a few leaving College/Law School (Evan & Lindsay Tizzard) - Congratulations!!!! The skies the limit.

Don't forget about Dear Ole Dad. For Father's Day in my church, we honored our Dads by bringing their favorite pies. We enjoyed, or should I say the honored fellows enjoyed a wide variety of pies. My Dad's favorite - chocolate cream pie, my Husband's – key lime pie. Share a pie with your special guys. Happy Father's Day!

Several members from Louisiana traveled to South Carolina's Grand Chapter. Our Sister Lynn Palmer gave the response following the introductions of the Grand Representatives. Thank you for representing our Grand Chapter.

Make your calendars - the first Official Visit will be July 8th. District 1, Sister Carolyn Edger, DDGM. Creswell Masonic Lodge, 1805 Creswell Ave. Shreveport, 71101. Meal at Noon, meeting to follow. Attire Long dress (there are two Grand Officers) for the ladies, coat and tie for the men.

This year we will continue to support Service Dogs, and Breast Cancer Research. Thank you to Brother Jim Josker and Sister Dee Dee Walker for co-Chairing Service Dogs and Sister Lisa Cotham, chairing Breast Cancer Research.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

Peace Be With You,

*Susan Rabb-Williams*

Worthy Grand Matron

Whether you’ve experienced cancer firsthand or supported a friend or loved one, we’ve all been touched by this dreadful disease. There is still no universal cure for breast cancer, but there are more treatment options than ever before. It is my hope that this Grand Chapter will generously support the effort to help find a cure.

We have two statewide projects this year. Each District Chairman has 25 ink pens that support breast cancer research. Every \$10 donation includes an opportunity to win a custom-made quilt. The District Chairmen will also have a fabric square for their District that you can memorialize with your signature for just \$5. All the District squares will be sewn together to make the back of the quilt – a real keepsake! It will be awarded at Grand Chapter 2024.

Also, each District Deputy has a pink kettle, just like the Salvation Army kettles, to carry with them wherever they visit throughout the year to collect more donations. All those small donations will add up.

Here are several ideas your Chapter can consider as fundraisers: an Empty-Your-Pockets, pink donation box at each meeting; a Pink Tea Party - sell tickets for an afternoon tea party or luncheon with all pink decorations; a “Guys In Pink Car Wash” with all the men wearing something pink – be creative and come up with your own pink activity; or send donation request letters to community members and local business owners.

All money raised will be turned in to the Chapter Secretary who will forward it to the Grand Secretary. Your support will help Detect It! Treat It! and Defeat It!

Lisa Cotham, PM, State Chairman  
Breast Cancer Research

The OES Service Dog Charity was instituted as our predominant charity by the MWGM in 2018. We, in Louisiana, determined that we would partner with two functioning organizations, Brothers and Sisters in Arms Dog Training in Leesville, and Prisoners Assisting Warriors in Angola State Penitentiary. Our goal has been to assist them with needs that they may have, so that Veterans are able to be paired up with a dog, therefore enhancing the lives of the Veterans, at no cost to the Veterans. Fraternaly, Jim Josker, PP, Service Dogs Committee

## **From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:**

### **Grand Representative Appointments:**

South Dakota, Larry Bossier, PP (160), P. O. Box 135, Lottie 70756-0135  
Exp.11-30-24

### **Chapter/Roster Changes**

**Linda Lamkin, PGM** (85) – New Address – Avanti Senior Living Center, 2234 Watercross Pkwy., Covington 70433-8251

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

**Ringgold No. 131** – Suspended for NPD – Elaine Braswell

**Magnolia No. 232** – Suspended for NPD – Diane Engle & Patsy Reeves

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Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Neane Smith".

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