

“Peace, Love and Harmony”

**Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star**

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January 2025 – Newsletter

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From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Where did 2024 go? I must say that it has been a whirlwind year. We have had good times and sad times, but through them all, we have grown as a family. We have welcomed new members into our beautiful order and said farewell to Sisters and Brothers who have gone to that land from which no traveler returns. December 13th, we said farewell to Sister Jean Smith, PGM. Thank you to those who were able to attend her service and take part in the OES service. On December 16th, Brother John McDonald, PP and husband of Sister Rovenia McDonald, GGCCM, PGM was laid to rest. The OES and Masonic services were beautiful.

We have elected the new officers to lead our chapters into the new year. Secretaries, please be sure to send your first 4 officers to the Line Officers, to Sister Debbie Poche', GGCCM who is Credentials Chairman. Debbie's email is dpoche72@yahoo.com and to the Grand Secretary – email: laoesgrsec@gmail.com. To those who have been elected and have graciously accepted to serve, thank you for your service to your chapter and Eastern Star. Without you, we would have no order. Sisters and Brothers, I urge you all do your part to support your Worthy Matron as she leads your chapter. It really does take everyone to have a successful chapter.

Arkansas Grand Chapter was well attended with 12 Louisiana members present. I had the honor of bringing the response on behalf of distinguished guests from other grand jurisdictions during the formal opening. Traveling to other grand chapters has been one the highlights of this past year. If you get an opportunity to visit another state's grand

session, please go. You will make so many memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

The Grand Family got together for a holiday meal in Alexandria on December 14th. For those who were unable to attend, I promise you that even though you were missed, the rest of us had enough fun for you too! I look forward to annual Christmas events with you in the coming years!

It is time to start getting your reports completed and sent to the Grand Secretary. Please make sure to get them in timely. We are busy finalizing plans for Grand Chapter. More information will be posted on the OES website as well as on the Friendship line as soon as it is available.

As we move forward into 2025, please remember that we are all one family and we must continue to treat each other with the kindness and respect with which we want to be treated.

Have a safe and happy new year and embrace every opportunity that God places in your path! Never forget that I love you all, but Jesus loves you more!

In the Spirit of the Star,
Donna Nelken-Baker, WGM

UPCOMING EVENTS: 1/4/2025- Pancake Breakfast to benefit the clubs of Sister Jo and Brother Arthur hosted by District 8 from 8 am-11am. Central Masonic Lodge 11525 Sullivan Rd. Baton, Rouge. Cost is \$8 and may be purchased in advance or at the door. Please bring something for the auction, and \$\$\$!

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:

Grand Representative Appointments:

South Dakota - Glen Jackson, PP (175) 413 Dru Circle, Shreveport 71106-2311

Chapter By-Law Changes:

Eunice Chapter No. 14 – Stated meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7PM

Baton Rouge Chapter No. 163 – Changed to read: Election of officers may be elected at first stated meeting in November or December.

Change of Address:

Juanita Wilkinson, PGM, has a new mailing address: 2313 LaCache Drive, Lake Charles LA 70601.

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Roster 2024-2025 - \$5.00 Each

Revised Book of Instruction - \$4.00 Each

Ritual – Large Spiral Bound - \$26.00 each (5 ¼ x 8 ¼ - Green or white)

Ritual–Extra Large spiral bound-\$36.00 ea. (7x10 ¾ - blue)

Constitution Pages Only, \$4.00

Revisions, 2021, \$1.00

Constitution By-Laws Revision, 2022, \$1.00

Constitution Revision, 2023 \$1.00

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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