

“Peace, Love and Harmony”

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

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March 2025 – Newsletter

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From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I cannot believe that here we are back to March again! This has been a busy year. We have traveled many miles, shared many smiles, enjoyed many hugs, and met many new friends! I thank you all for everything that you have done this year to make Brother James and I welcome as we visited your district. You have touched our hearts and given us a lifetime full of wonderful memories.

Please encourage your members to attend Grand Chapter. It is an honor to be able to go and represent your Chapter for the annual meeting where the business of the Grand Chapter is conducted. Your voice matters and we need you.

Grand Representatives, I hope that you have ordered your ticket for the Grand Representative Luncheon. This is always one of the favorite events at every Grand Chapter. If you would like to decorate a table, please let Sister Anna Hall know. For the Hospitality Room, each chapter is to provide ten homemade gifts that you can give to your District Deputy to bring to Grand Chapter. Grand Representatives are asked to provide drinks for the Hospitality Room. If your last name begins with A-M, bring 2-liter Diet Drink or Dr. Pepper; N-Z, bring 2-liter Sprite or Coke. If you would like to serve as an assistant Warder, or Sentinel, please let me know and I will pass your name along to the Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel.

If you want to sing in the choir, please let me know. It is always so nice to hear the beautiful voices of our members.

Thank you again for everything that you do for your Chapter, your District, and our Grand Chapter. Everyone is busy with life, but we make time for the things that are important to us.

Thank you for giving of your time to Eastern Star. Remember that I love you, but Jesus loves you more!

In the Spirit of the Star,

Donna Nelken-Baker
Worthy Grand Matron

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 1, 2025: Fish Fry fund raiser for AGM and AGP at the Cenla Shrine Center at 1100 Vandenburg Dr., in Alexandria from 10 am until 2 pm. You may purchase your tickets from 2025-2026 incoming Grand Officers and DDGMs, or at the door. Cost is \$20. Please mark your calendar and come out for a delicious meal and great fellowship. Sister Jo and Brother Arthur will be introducing their Grand Family. Bring your items for the auction and your \$\$\$!

March 23-26, 2025: 125th Grand Chapter “Peace, Love and Harmony” Session at the Alexandria Convention Center 2225 N. MacArthur Dr., Alexandria, LA. If you have not booked your room, please note that the Four Points by Sheraton is full.

HOTEL OVERFLOW: Best Western Alexandria Western at 2720 N. MacArthur Drive.

The room rates for March 22nd-27th are as follows for the overflow rooms for Eastern Star:

Outside Rooms	\$90.00
Atrium (inside) Rooms	\$95.00
Suites	\$105.00

To make reservations, call 318-445-5530. Block/code name “Eastern Star” for those who call and make reservations with the hotel directly.

**Letter of Intent
Fraternal Assistance Board
Southern Section**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I, Connie S. H. Billedeau, respectfully submit my name for re-election to serve on the Board of Fraternal Assistance, Southern Section, for the 2025-2027 term. I have been honored by your support in me as I find the best way to serve our fraternal order working with wonderful people with sincere hearts, dedicated, and committed to aiding our Sisters and Brothers in their time of financial need promoting our charitable endeavors and mission.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie S. H. Billedeau, P.M.
Sts. John Chapter No. 35

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:

Grand Representative Appointments:

Michigan - Mary Mills #66 PO Box 328 Oak Grove 71263 Exp. 8/1/26

Alabama – Diane Barr #207 171 Barr Rd. Farmerville 71241 Exp. 6-1-26

Ruth #16 – Suspended for NPD – Laverne Shotwell & George Tucker

Golden Star #73 – Suspended for NPD – Darla Poole, Lauren Poole & Dane Lane Turley

Thelma Hackett #225 – Suspended for NPD – Rslain Baker & Lella LeJeune

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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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