

**Garden of Faith, Transformation, and Acceptance
Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star**

**Martha Jo Schexneider
Worthy Grand Matron
1523 Tuscany Dr.
Lake Charles, LA 70605-6681**

**Rocky Schexneider, PGP
Grand Secretary Protem
1523 Tuscany Dr.
Lake Charles, LA 70605-6681**

March 2026 – Newsletter

.....
From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

As my year comes to a close, I sincerely hope that my service has been kind, just, and met your expectations. It has moved fast and Grand Chapter will be upon us in just a few short weeks. I really do hope a representative from each chapter is present. This is your Grand Chapter, and we really need the membership to share their voice.

This year has truly fulfilled all that I had hoped for, and I am deeply grateful for the experiences and memories we have created together. Thank you Carmen Higgins for bringing our website to life. I offer my heartfelt thanks to Brother Arthur for accompanying me on this incredible journey; your presence has been a source of strength and encouragement. To our Grand Family, each and every one of you has contributed to making this journey the best it could possibly be. I traveled to all corners of our state, seeking to bring us together and forge a lasting bond of friendship. The relationships we have built will remain with me for a lifetime, and I sincerely thank you all for being part of this remarkable Grand Family. My appreciation to Wayne, Diane, and Rocky for your dedication to our Order and your commitment to our Grand Family. To the line officers—Angela, Ray, Lisa, and Martha—your support throughout this year has meant so much to me. Even as you move forward and form your own Grand Families, please know that you will always be family to me. I wish Sister Angela, Brother Ray, and their upcoming Grand Family every success in the year ahead. May your journey be as rewarding and fulfilling as mine has been, and may it bring you all that you hope for.

As we reach the close of this chapter, I am reminded of the butterfly effect—a gentle creature whose flight can stir the air and bring about profound change. Imagine a butterfly in a garden, its wings barely whispering as it moves from flower to flower. Though its impact seems small, the ripples it creates can influence the world in ways we may never fully understand. In our Order, each act of kindness, every thoughtful word, and all moments of encouragement are like those delicate wingbeats. They may seem minor in the moment, but together, they shape a legacy of goodwill and unity.

As I say goodbye and prepare to take my place among friends on the back row, I encourage each of you to continue being that butterfly—to embrace the power you hold to inspire and uplift. Your influence matters, and the beauty you bring into our Order will echo into the future. Farewell, and may your journey be blessed with gentle winds and new beginnings. I love you all!

Always remember,
Be the Butterfly!

Martha Jo Schexneider
Worthy Grand Matron (soon to be Past!)

Upcoming events:

126th Session of Grand Chapter, The Garden of Faith, Transformation, and Acceptance.

The International Peace Garden Pilgrimage. Please visit the Richard Shaw Memorial website at: www.laoes.org for registration information.

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:

If you would like to go paperless, email me your preference. If you would prefer the newsletter on 8.5x11 paper, let me know. This is your newsletter.

Gentle Reminder, all invoices and indebtedness must be paid to obtain your vote at Grand Chapter. If you need to know if you owe anything, email the Grand Secretary at laoesrsec@gmail.com.

For items available to purchase, please check out the Grand Secretary's page on the Richard Shaw Memorial Website at www.laoes.org

Roster Changes

Sunset Star #227 meeting day change. Change to the 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 pm.

Email change for Fairest Star #235 Secretary, now chasisysibley@gmail.com.

Secretary changes:

Sunny South #12 – Greg Hare, 2493 Hwy 594, Monroe, 71203, 318-884-8328, gbhare5674@comcast.net

Noble Queen #45 – Anna Hall, 817 Dupard St, Mandeville, 70448-4328, 985-630-5280, rn4skins@aol.com

Guiding Star #66 – Karen Dickinson, PO Box Oak Grove, 71263, 318-501-0634, kld5450301@yahoo.com

HC & ME Duncan #161 – Heather Hendricks, 1569 Hwy 1241, Dry Prong, 71423, 318-451-3837, heather.nicole2311@gmail.com

Dixie #179 – Bekki Hare, 2493 Hwy 594, Monroe, 71203, 318-547-2046, gbhare5674@comcast.net

Broadmoor #233 – Debbie Dietrich, 8701 Edgewood Drive, Haughton, 71037, 318-840-7706, debdsec233@gmail.com

Rachel Jackson #241 – Donald Pietrucha, PO Box 116, Bush, 70431-0116, 985-249-0689, marine0182@yahoo.com

Grand Representative Appointments:

Nebraska - Virginia Foster, 600 Second St, Colfax, 74017-1704, grannymat1945@gmail.com

Massachusetts - Judy Lord, 527 Rogers Road, Ruston, 71270, judy1519@icloud.com

Mississippi – Dianne Sutton, 107 Thomas Drive, West Monroe, 71292-6326, dandesutton@comcast.net

Please contact the Grand Secretary at the following email address only: laoesrsec@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,
Rocky Schexneider, PGP
Grand Secretary, Protem
laoesrsec@gmail.com

Check out the Richard Shaw Memorial website at: www.laoes.org.