To the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Louisiana and the Distinguished Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions.

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

It is with excitement and anticipation that we extend this invitation to all Louisiana Members and Distinguished Guests to attend the 116th Annual Session of Louisiana Grand Chapter and celebrate the “Beacons of Light” Session at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge, LA. We look forward to putting the final touches to our “Beacons” and letting our lights shine brightly.

Thank you Louisiana Members for such a wonderful and fulfilling year. It has been great sharing all the good times with you.

Keep Your Lights Shining,
With Star Love,
Pamela Gill
Worthy Grand Matron

George Wilkinson
Worthy Grand Patron

Terri C. Castay, GGCCM
Grand Secretary

“Beacons of Light”
Social Events and Sessions
March 21-25, 2015
Crowne Plaza, 4728 Constitution Avenue
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Saturday, March 21, 2015

12:00 A.M. - Grand Officers Lunch – (Closed)

6:30 P.M. – “Our Stars, Our Blessings, Our GGCCM’s Banquet” Honoring our Ambassador and GGCCM’s of Louisiana – Harles I. Creech, PMWGP; Terrie Castay, Ambassador to NJ; Diane Smith, Alzheimer’s, George Barker, Cancer and Bobbi’s Forever Friend, Ed Burnitt, P. – Linn McNary, PGM, Chairman. Price: $35.00 (Formal-Open to All)

Sunday, March 22, 2015

9:15 A.M. – Musical Prelude
9:30 A.M. – ESTARL Service – 1st floor
10:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. – Registration/Credentials
Louisiana Members – 1st Floor Atrium
Out of State Distinguished Guests – 2nd Floor

11:00 A.M. - 6:00 PM – Vendors Open

12:00 Noon – “Stars Once Bright, Now Still Shining” – Past Grand Officer’s Luncheon – Mrs. Sandra Rogers, PM, Chairman. Price: $25.00 (Day Dress-Open To All)

2:00 P.M. – PGM and PGP Business Meeting

6:00 P.M. – “May Hope Light Your Way” Sessions Main Banquet - Honoring Pamela Gill, Worthy Grand Matron; George Wilkinson, Worthy Grand Patron; Harles I. Creech, PMWGP; Louisiana’s Ambassador and Committee Members of General Grand Chapter; Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Louisiana; 2014-2015 Grand Officers and other Distinguished Guests. Debbie Poche’, AGC, Chairman. (Open to All) Price: $34.00

Monday, March 23, 2015

7:00 A.M. – “Our Guardian Angels of the Light” Grand Representatives Association Breakfast Gabrielle Clark, PM, Chairman…Price: $23.00 (Open To All)

8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. – Vendors Open – 1st Floor

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM – Distinguished Guests Tour (LSU Rural Life Museum and Windrush Gardens)
Lynn Bankston, PGM, Chairman. (Open to All) Price: $33.00

9:00 A.M. – Rehearsal for Grand Choir, Flag Ceremony, Cavalcade of Flags, Presentation of Officers, and Presentation of Emblems

9:00 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. Registration/Credentials
Louisiana Members – 1st Floor
Out of State Distinguished Guests – 2nd Floor

1:00 P.M. – “Be A Beacon” Distinguished Guests Luncheon, Open to all. Laura Wall, PGM, Chairman. Price $25.00.

1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. Registration/Credentials
Louisiana Members – 1st Floor
Out of State Distinguished Guests – 2nd Floor

5:30 P.M. - Music – Lani Smith, Grand Organist

6:00 P.M. – Informal Opening - 116th Annual “Beacons of Light” Session

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

7:00 A.M. – “Breakfast In the Garden” - Secretaries and Treasurers Breakfast. (Present & Past Secretaries and Treasurers invited) – Bennye Randall, PM, Chairman – Price: $21.00

8:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. – Registration/Credentials
Louisiana Members/Distinguished Guests – 1st Floor

8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. – Vendors Open – 1st Floor

8:45 A.M. – Music – Lani Smith, Grand Organist

9:00 A.M. – Formal Opening – “Beacons of Light” Session


12 Noon – “Wish Upon the Stars” Line Officer’s Luncheon – Honoring Kathy Warmack, AGM; Rocky Schexnider, AGP; Rovenia McDonald, GC; Debbie Poche’, AGC. Betty Wade, PM, Chairman. Price: $25.00 (Open to All)

1:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. – Registration/Credentials
Louisiana Members/Distinguished Guests – 1st Floor

1:45 P.M. – Music – Lani Smith, Grand Organist

2:00 P.M. – Afternoon Session

4:00 P.M. – Rehearsal for Memorial Service and Grand Historian Report. and Installation

6:00 P.M. – Evening Session – Memorial Service and Grand Historian Report

8:30 P.M. – Candidates Reception/Receiving Line

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M Registration

10:00 A.M. - Registration Re-Opens

8:45 A.M. – Music – Lani Smith, Grand Organist

9:00 A.M. – Morning Session –

10:00 A.M. – Election of Grand Officers and Board Members

12 Noon – Lunch (On Your Own)

12:45 PM - Music – Lani Smith, Grand Organist

1:00 PM – Afternoon Session if needed

2:00 PM – Rehearsal for Installation

4:45 PM – Music – Lani Smith, Grand Organist

5:00 PM – Evening Session and Installation of 2015-2016 Grand Officers
GENERAL INFORMATION

Headquarters: All Events held at:
Crowne Plaza, 4728 Constitution Avenue
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Hotel Arrangements:
Make all arrangements directly with the Crowne Plaza
and use Code “Eastern Star” to receive OES rate of
$101. Phone: (225) 925-2244. To register online go to
www.crownebaton.com and use code: OES. Registration
cut-off date, February 19, 2015.

General Arrangements
Bill Rose, PP, 11213 Buddy Ellis Rd
Denham Springs, LA 70726
(225)202-5945

Distinguished Guests Chairman:
Laura Wall, PGM, 928 Pine Ridge Rd
Bogalusa, LA 70427-3060
(985)735-6819

Ticket Chairman:
Linn McNary, PGM, 9164 Oxford Place Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70809-2553
(225)292-2945
E-Mail: LMcNary2@cox.net
(Note: A form is enclosed for ordering tickets and must be received by March 7, 2015 accompanied with payment.
Tickets will be mailed, please enclose SASE with order.
Complimentary tickets must be ordered.

Transportation:
Contact: Joe Stroud, PGP
Phone: (225) 273-9425
E-Mail: stroudjoe@bellsouth.net

Transportation will be available for our Distinguished Guests beginning Saturday afternoon, March 21. Crowne Plaza also has a van to and from Baton Rouge airport.

Vendor Chairman:
Evelyn Blackwell, PM 13852 Brown Road
Baker, LA 70714 Phone: (225) 261-0096
E-Mail: blackwell178283@bellsouth.net

Committee on Credentials:
Anita Fields-Gold, PGM, 2339 21st Street
Lake Charles, LA 70601-7946
(337) 477-2489
E-mail: amgold1@suddenlink.net

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE:
$10.00 for each member (Non-refundable)

ON SITE REGISTRATION FEE:
$15.00 for each member (Non-refundable)
(LA Members and Distinguished Guest
Registration Forms attached – must register
to be introduced)

Registration:
Louisiana Members: 1st Floor Atrium
Distinguished Guests: 2nd Floor
(see schedule of events for times)

Important Information:
All delegates and members must present the “Registration
Card” at each session. (A $10.00 Pre-Registration Fee
for all members or a $15.00 On site Registration Fee).
Credentials properly executed by Chapter Secretary must be furnished for Chapter Officer. Proxies must be properly executed and signed by the Officer giving the Proxy and the Secretary of the Chapter. Ballots are not transferable and, if lost, cannot be replaced.

Two copies of all reports, addresses, welcomes, responses, etc. are to be filed with the Grand Secretary immediately after presentation of same. (PLEASE DO NOT USE ALL CAPITAL LETTERS. ALSO USE TIMES NEW ROMAN OR ARIAL FONTS). All remarks are to be limited to three minutes, please.

Message to Our Distinguished Guests: The Grand Chapter of Louisiana provides the following: All expenses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron when they make their Official Visit to Louisiana. One-day room rent for General Grand Chapter Officers one time during their three year term of office. Out of State Guests who have any part on the program will receive hotel accommodations for one night. Please pay for your own room when checking out and mail receipt to the Grand Secretary.

Complimentary tickets to the Sessions General Banquet will be available for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron on their Official Visit and for General Grand Chapter Officers one time during their official tenure. (Tickets must be ordered)