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From the Worthy Matron

I hope everyone is having a good summer! Time sure flies! It sure has been a busy time for me!

We would like to thank the Masons of Pawleys Island Lodge who have asked us on three occasions to cook and serve for their meals prior to their Lodge meetings. We enjoy serving the Masons and look forward to future dinners. Thank you Masons of Pawleys Island for the opportunity to serve you!

By the time you read this, July will be gone – along with all of the activi-

ties! Several of our members have attended meetings at Waccamaw, Myrtle Beach, and Jordanville Chapters. In addition, I traveled with Brother John and Sister Sherry Johnson and members of Myrtle Beach Chapter to Brunswick Chapter (Brunswick, NC) for their Official Visit. It was a wonderful experience and an opportunity to see how other jurisdictions conduct their meetings.

On July 15, Sister Ginger Kilbreth, WM, Waccamaw Chapter, and I had the opportunity to travel to Columbia to attend a School of Instruc-

tion. If you are new to Eastern Star (or new to SC Star as I am), this is a great way to learn the “rules” of the Order; and a good way to meet new friends.

On July 28, we had our first practice for the summer. We had a wonderful potluck meal prior to the practice. We had 16 officers, 5 members, and our District Deputy in attendance. **What a turn out!** Thank you to all who attended. It was great to have all of the stations filled for a practice!

August 1 was District 20's School of Instruction

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From the Worthy Matron (continued)

(our district) held at Waccamaw Chapter. We had 6 in attendance from our Chapter. What a great turnout for our Chapter! There was a lot of information covered. This information will be discussed at our next practice on August 25. If you can attend, please do so. The more you hear and see our work, the easier it gets.

I'll be attending local Chapters in August—if you would like to join me, I love company! Give me a call if you would like to go.

The next “event” to be thinking about is Surfside Beach’s Family Day on October 4, 10-4PM. In the past, we have attended and rented space. We will be discussing this event at the September 22 meeting. The cost of the booth is \$45. We will probably (unless it is decided otherwise) have baked goods and face painting.

Mark Your Calendars! We have been informed that our November meeting (Nov. 24) will be our Official Visit. The Inspect-

ing Officer will be Kay Bryden, Associate Grand Matron. We will start preparing for her visit in September. There will be a banquet prior to the Official Visit. More information will be published as plans are finalized. We hope that you can come out and support your officers for the Official Visit.

If you have been traveling to visit other Chapters, etc., there is a travel pin being awarded to those members who meet the following criteria:

- Attend 3 of our Chapter meetings
- Visit 3 Sister Chapter

meetings

- Attend 1 School of Instruction
- Make 3 visits or calls to sick and/or shut-ins
- Attend 10 events listed in the Itinerary

Pins are presented at Official Visits and at Grand Chapter. You have all year to meet the criteria.

Thank you, officers and members, for all of your continued support. Enjoy the rest of the summer; see you soon!

Sue Cornell
Worthy Matron

From the Secretary

Just a reminder..... Dues are to be paid by each member by March 31 each year. There are several members (8) who have not yet paid dues for 2008-2009. If you are not sure if you have paid your dues, check your dues card — it should be yellow and have a “2008” on it. If you have not, please contact Sister Joyce Elliott (address on front). If you plan to visit a Chapter, or if you are sitting on our own sidelines, you will have to have a current dues card.

Contact Sister Joyce as soon as possible.

Dues are \$20 annually. Make your check payable to Socastee Chapter #301, OES.



Surplus Formalwear

Do you have formalwear in good condition that you don't need anymore? If you do, bring them in to the next Chapter meeting. Prior to the September meeting, we will have the formalwear on display. The cost to buy will be \$10 each and will go to the Chapter. Please be sure the formalwear has been clean or washed.

If you have any questions, please contact Sister Joyce Elliott or Sister Sue Cornell.



Grand Chapter Projects

Each year the Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Patron have special projects. The proceeds from these projects help the Grand Chapter and for scholarships.

- Squirrel Pin—Assisted Care
- Fans and Sunflower Pin—Benevolence
- Map Books—ESTARL
- Peanuts, Flamingo bracelet, Flamingo pins & tie tacs, \$1 a month—General Fund

- Flamingo Wind Spinner—WGM/WGP Special Project
- Palmetto Star News—New subscriptions, renewals & Souvenir Issues

If you can, please contribute to these projects and support SC Grand Chapter.

Visit our website by typing in the following:
<http://mastermason.com/PI409/oes301.html>



Socastee Members' Birthdays

Please join me in wishing HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our members who have birthdays in June, July, and August.

August

Bob Armstrong	8/13
Diane Dunaway	8/14
Theron Burdick	8/26

September

Floreine Creel	9/6
Hank Hodges	9/8
Betty McArn	9/8
Kay Hudson	9/22
Steve Bosch	9/25



Supporting our Troops



The Mission Statement of the Order of the Eastern Star in South Carolina is Community Service. As the mother-in-law of a Marine who just left for Iraq, I plan to send "care packages" to his unit—items that all can share and enjoy. It has been suggested by one of our members that we make this a Chapter project. I will be collecting the items listed. If you would like to join in to help a serviceman/woman, please start bring-

ing your items to our meeting and I'll box them up and send them off for Matt's unit to enjoy. I'll be sending the first box sometime in October. So, join me in helping our troops.

- Beef Jerky
- Sunflower seeds
- Hand sanitizer (not the small purse-size bottles)
- Razor Blades: Gillette Mach 3, Gillette Fusion
- Kool-Aid to Go—any flavor
- Copenhagen: Long

- cut chewing tobacco
- Cigarettes—any Marlboro
- Crystal Light—Any flavor
- Phone Calling Cards

requested by the troops.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Flyers have been distributed to local Chapters and the District Deputy Grand Master. Call me if you want items picked up; or bring them to the next practice or meeting.

Another box will be sent in November and will contain items for the holidays as well as more of the items that have been



From the Conductress

Thank you to all who have worked at our “fun” fundraisers serving dinner to the Masons at Pawleys Island Lodge. We have been having a lot of laughs in the kitchen.

Remember to go through your “Masonic” jewelry & knick knacks. Give them to me so we can reap the benefits by selling them on e-Bay.

If you would like a Socastee Chapter No. 301 apron or shirt, let me know. I’ll have more in-

From the Worthy Patron

Thank you for the many well wishes for my thyroid cancer. I’m back at work now and regaining my energy.

If you haven’t been to our Chapter meeting lately, come to our September meeting. I promise it will be fun. It would be great to see you and have our sidelines filled.

Hank Hodges

Worthy Patron



formation at our next meeting.

Linda Hodges

Conductress

Care and Concern

Please keep the following members in your prayers...send them a card....give them a call as they are dealing with family crisis or health issues.

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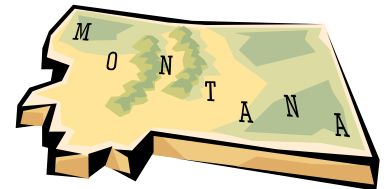
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Introducing.....

At our School of Instruction, Worthy Grand Matron Kathy Gerner announced.....

*Joyce Elliott,
Grand Representative
to Montana!*

Congratulations Joyce! What an honor for our Chapter to have a Grand Representative. We know that you will enjoy your appointment!



Notice

Due to the vacancy in the office of Treasurer created by Sister Betty Sanders moving, election for that officer will be held at our September meeting. We will also be installing the offices of Treasurer, Warder, and Electa (due to the resignation of Sister Dottie Alexander).

Did You Know.....

How many officers are needed for a quorum?

In order for a Chapter to legally open, a quorum of seven members is needed. These officers must be the following:

- Worthy Matron
- Associate Matron
- Secretary
- Conductress
- Chaplain
- Warder
- Sentinel

A Brother need not be present unless there is

balloting or initiation.

Let’s hope that Socastee Chapter No. 301 will always have enough members to fill the chairs!



August 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 School of Instruction District 20	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 7:30 PM– Waccamaw	15	16
17	18	19 7:30 PM Myrtle Beach	20	21	22	23
24	25 6:30 PM Potluck; 7 PM Practice	26	27	28 7:30 PM– Jordanville	29	30
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 15—Practice for September meeting (probably for initiation)—7 PM, potluck dinner at 6:30 PM.

Sept. 22—Stated Meeting—7:30 PM, Election for the office of Treasurer; Installation of Officers. Honoring Past Matrons and Past Patrons. If you know of a Past Matron or Past Patron who no longer drives and would like to attend, please bring them to our meeting so that we can honor all of those who have served in the East in our Chapter.

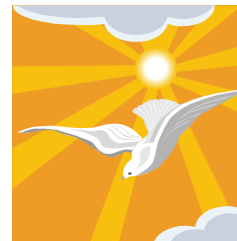
District 20 Chapter Meetings:

- Jordanville #303, 4th Thursday @ 7:30 PM
- Palmetto (Mullins) #2, 3rd Monday @ 7:30 PM
- Myrtle Beach #180, 3rd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
- Swamp Fox (Marion) #87, 1st Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
- Waccamaw (Conway) #89, 2nd Thursday @ 7:30 PM
- Loris #106, 2nd Monday @ 7:30 PM
- Lake View #237, 1st Monday @ 7:30 PM

What is ESTARL?

ESTARL stands for *Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership*.

Scholarships are presented at Grand Chapter for those who are pursuing religious leadership. Please support this worthwhile project so that we can help our future religious leaders.





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