

# Socastee Star News



## Special points of interest:

- July 18—Pelicans Baseball Game
- July 25—District 20 School of Instruction at Myrtle Beach Chapter 180
- July 27— NO Practice
- August 22—7 PM Practice
- September 28—6:30 Dinner  
7 PM—DeMolay Flower Talk  
7:30 PM—Meeting
- October 26—Meeting



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## From the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron

**T**he 102nd Session Grand Chapter Session, "Blessing of Friendship," was held in Spartanburg, SC, June 15-18. Sister Sue Cornell, PM and I attended. The Informal Opening was Monday afternoon when all of the dignitaries (Past Grands, hotel representatives, etc.) were introduced. Business sessions were Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Wednesday, Election of Officers was conducted. Sister Sarah Jane Mock was elected as Associate Grand Conduress. Sister Sarah will be our inspecting officer for

our Official Visit this year (details at a later date).

Voting and the Installation of the new 2009-2010 Grand Officers.

Our Chapter has been rewarded with the election of our Sister Sue Cornell, PM, as the new editor of the Palmetto Star News. Congratulations Sue!

We sure enjoyed our trip and enjoyed time together, good fun, and good memories. We enjoyed our meals in the hotel restaurant. We got to know Derek, who also doubled as the front desk manager. We teased him during meals and on Wednesday night, he called our room and invited Sue and I down

to the lobby for free ice cream—yes I said **free!**

Attending Grand Chapter is a wonderful experience as you get to know each other, but you also get an opportunity to meet Sisters and Brothers from other Chapters—that makes for lasting friendships! So, next year I really hope more from our chapter can go and well all have a good time.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming events:

July 18—Masonic Night at the Pelicans Baseball Game 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$9. We have tickets—please contact us to reserve your tickets.

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**From the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron (continued)**



**“Our goal is not to use our rituals.”**

Hope you can go and we can all sit together.

**July 25**—12 noon—District School of Instruction at Myrtle Beach Chapter. All officers are requested to attend and all members are encouraged to attend. These Schools are very informative — even if you have been in Eastern Star a long time, there is always something new to learn. We hope to see you there.

**July 27**—NO Practice. John and I will be in Canada. If you need anything please call Sister Linda, or Sister Sue. Have a great summer.

**August 22**—7:00 PM. PRACTICE. Everyone, please learning your opening parts. Our goal is not to use our rituals. We want to do our best work with pride, so please do your best to learn your work.

**Sept. 28**—6:30 Dinner 7:00 DeMolay Flower Talk 7:30 Meeting

Brother Jason Jackson has been promoted by Bi-Lo. He and Sister Angel will be leaving the area for NC. We wish them well and hope to keep in touch with them.

Have A Great Summer and see you in August. Star Love,

*Sherry, WM John, WP*

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Please join us in wishing HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our Sisters and Brothers.

<b>July</b>	
Alex Lutz	7/1
Melody Reese	7/1
Joyce Elliott	7/6
Linda Hodges	7/11
Shirley Cochran	7/18
Kathy Bosch	7/18
Naomi Reese	7/22
Jennifer Hudson	7/27
Amanda Shoe	7/28
<b>August</b>	
Jeff Stafford	8/2
Angel Jackson	8/11
Bob Armstrong	8/13
Diane Dunaway	8/14
Theron Burdick	8/26
<b>September</b>	
Floreine Creel	9/6
Hank Hodges	9/8
Betty McArn	9/8
Susan Carroll	9/9
Kay Hudson	9/22
Dottie Alexander	9/22
Steve Bosch	9/25



If we don't have your birthday, please let me know so that we can be sure to wish you a happy birthday. Look in the yearbook — if your birthday is not listed, then I don't have it.

### From the Associate Matron

**G**reetings from the West! I thought summer was supposed to be slower, but that hasn't been the case. I've been really busy with personal things, and the Masonic activities have had to sneak in whenever possible. It has been nice to see some of you in my travels.

Be thinking about membership this summer. We need to "replace ourselves" with new members. Keep a Petition with you – in your pocket, purse and car. There are so many men and women who would love to be asked to join our Chapter. Talk about Eastern Star with your friends. You never know who might have the necessary credentials/

relationship to join. They just want to be asked.

Please keep Brother Hank and me in your prayers. He's had a hard 1½ years with thyroid cancer and now faces more treatment.

See you at the Pelicans game! It will be lots of fun.

Star Love,

*Linda Hodges,*

Associate Matron

### From the Associate Patron

**I** hope you are having a great summer and are staying cool during these hot days. Summer means baseball season is going strong. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on July 18 when we root on the Pelicans. It should be a fun evening.

Many of you have asked about my health. One day we got news that I was thyroid cancer free. The next day, an MRI showed four masses in my lower back area that are consistent with cancer. We just got back biopsy results that showed the thyroid cancer went to my lower back. I'll find out the next steps to take soon.

So, please keep me in your prayers.

Faternally,

*Hank Hodges, PP*

Associate Patron

### From the Secretary

**I** hope everyone has had a great summer so far.

There are still some members who have not yet paid their 2009 dues. Please remit your dues as soon as possible. Dues notices for the coming

year will be sent out in the near future—you don't want to be dropped for nonpayment of dues. Please remit your 2009 dues as soon as possible.

Don't forget to check out our website at:

[www.mastermason.com/PI409/oes301/oes301.html](http://www.mastermason.com/PI409/oes301/oes301.html)



**Summer Events**  
**Mark your Calendars!**

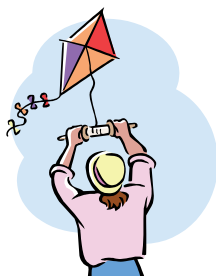
July 18.....	Pelican's Baseball Game .....	7:00 PM
July 21.....	Myrtle Beach Chapter No. 180 .....	7:30 PM
July 23.....	Jordanville Chapter No. 303 .....	7:30 PM
July 27.....	NO PRACTICE	
August 11 .....	Winyah Chapter No. 148 .....	7:30 PM
August 13 .....	Waccamaw Chapter No. 89 .....	7:30 PM
August 18 .....	Myrtle Beach No. 180 .....	7:30 PM
August 24 .....	Socastee Chapter No. 301, practice .....	7:30 PM
August 27 .....	Jordanville Chapter No. 303 .....	7:30 PM
September 8 .....	Winyah Chapter No. 148 .....	7:30 PM
September 10.....	Waccamaw Chapter No. 89 .....	7:30 PM
September 15.....	Myrtle Beach No. 180 .....	7:30 PM
September 24.....	Jordanville Chapter No. 303 .....	7:30 PM
September 28.....	Socastee Chapter No. 301 .....	7:30 PM
	Dinner .....	6:30 PM

#### June Meeting Happenings

At the June meeting, the following issues were addressed:

1. Practiced Opening March, Signs & Passes, Retiring March
2. Sister Sue Cornell was introduced for the first time as the newly-elected Editor of the Palmetto Star News (PSN)!
3. One petition for membership read; one petition or dual membership read.
4. The members of Socastee Lodge have again requested we provide dinners for their meals with an increase in fee.
5. Memorial held for a Past Grand Matron and a Past Grand Patron.
6. September, we will have a memorial for Sister Marge Gray who passed away in May.

If you want more information about the last meeting, contact Sister Sherry.



## From the Editor, Palmetto Star News

**I** am very excited about the opportunity that has been afforded me as the newly-elected editor of the Palmetto Star News (PSN). The PSN is the statewide newsletter for the Grand Chapter of SC, Order of the Eastern Star. It contains Chapter articles, Stargrams (personal “thank you” from Sisters and Brothers to another Sister and/or Brother or Chapter), and other information.

I have been working with Worthy Grand Matron Kay Bryden regarding changes to the PSN. We hope that the changes will make the PSN more informative and interesting to everyone throughout the state. If you don’t have a subscription, please contact me. The cost for a yearly subscription is \$12— what a deal!

I hope to be at several Official Visits and Schools of Instruction to “drum up business”! So far in attending two Chapter meetings, I have added four new subscriptions

for the PSN. Any new subscriber will receive a small gift from me. So, give me a call to start your new subscription! Below are the rates for submitting articles, etc., for publication.

- ¼ Page –
- Chapter Article..... No Charge
- Stargrams.....\$5 each
- Club Articles.....\$10 each
- Pictures.....\$10 each
- Subscriptions.... US - \$12
- Canada - \$20 US/year

The deadline for submitting articles, etc., has changed to the 7th of each month. All items received by the 7th of each month will be published in that month’s PSN.

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

*Sue Cornell, PM*

Editor, PSN



District 20  
School of Instruction

Saturday  
July 25, 2009  
12 Noon

Location—Myrtle Beach Chapter  
905 Highway 501  
Myrtle Beach

Lunch at 12  
School Starts at 1 pm

All officers and members are encouraged to attend this informative event.  
You’ll be surprised at what you will learn!



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