

# SOCASTEE EASTERN STAR NEWS



## Socastee Chapter #301 Order of the Eastern Star



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### Officers 2008-09

**Sue Cornell**, PM, Worthy Matron  
**Hank Hodges**, Worthy Patron  
**Sherry Johnson**, PM, Assoc. Matron  
**John Johnson**, PP, Assoc. Patron  
**Linda Hodges**, Conductress  
**Naomi Reese**, PM, Assoc. Cond.  
**Joyce Elliott**, PM, Secretary  
**Betty Sanders**, PM, Treasurer  
**Judy Brothis**, Chaplain  
**Betty Heavey**, Marshal  
**Ricki Wright**, Adah  
**Michelle Lutz**, Ruth  
**Kathy Bosch**, Esther  
**Arlene Armstrong**, PM, Martha  
**Dottie Alexander**, Electa  
**Bob Armstrong**, PP, Sentinel  
**Bruce Wright**, Warder  
**Dru Chavis**, Waccamaw Chapter  
Pro-Tem Organist

### From the Worthy Matron

I would like to thank Sister Sherry Johnson for filling in for me at the last minute at our May meeting so that I could be present for the birth of my first grandchild! I would also like to thank all of the other programs for that evening. All reports are that the meeting went well—especially the Ceremony of Initiation.

Welcome to the new members of Socastee Chapter #301: Susan Carroll, Jason Lee and Angelic Jackson, and Janice Powell. Please see me after the June meeting – I

would like to have pictures taken. We look forward to seeing you at our Chapter meetings and our events and activities.

Sister Betty Sanders has announced that she has sold her home and will be moving to Alabama to be near her family. Sister Betty is a Past Matron of Socastee Chapter #301 and has served our Chapter the last six years as Treasurer.

Sister Betty will be leaving the area on or about June 30. We wish her well in her new home and we know she will enjoy spending time with

her family. Before Sister Betty leaves, we will have a farewell luncheon on Sunday, June 29, at 1 PM at Ryan's across from Lowes at 17 BYP and 544. Join us as we wish Sister Betty a safe journey on her new adventure.

June's meeting will be Monday, June 23. Because I was not present for the May meeting, I would like to honor Mothers as well as Fathers and the U.S. Flag. Please come out and join me in honoring Mothers, Fathers, and the U.S. Flag.

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## From the Worthy Matron (continued)

The Masons of Pawleys Island Lodge asked us to prepare and serve dinner for their meeting on June 3. A BIG thank you to Sisters Kathy Bosch, Linda Hodges, , Michelle Lutz, Angelic Jackson (one of our new members), and Arlene Armstrong for their successful efforts in preparing and serving the dinner. We look forward to serving the Masons again, soon.

Included in this newsletter is the chapter budget for 2008-2009. This budget was presented

at the May meeting and will be voted on at the June meeting. In light of the fact that we have been doing well with fundraising, some items were increased or added to the budget. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

I plan to travel this summer to the nearby Chapters that are not "dark." If you would like to go with me, please let me know so that we can carpool to save on gas. A list of chapter meetings is listed under the calendar.

What better way to get to know your Sisters and Brothers in other Chapters than to go visit! Come join me – the more the merrier!

Our project over the summer is the revision of the 1986 Chapter bylaws. A copy has been included in this newsletter. Please review for any changes and send your recommendations to Sister Linda Hodges, Conductress (address on the front). Revisions will be presented at the September meeting, discussed in

October, and voted on in October. This will be a major undertaking revising the 22-year old bylaws. Please let us know your thoughts on changes so that we can operate with up-to-date bylaws.

Have a wonderful summer. I hope to see the officers at practices in July and August.

Remember, if you want to get to know your neighboring sisters and brothers, join me when I visit other Chapters!

*Sue Cornell, WM*

## Technology Arrives at Socastee Chapter No. 301

I firmly believe that communication is essential to the success of any group, especially when meeting only once a month and members are spread out over the region.

We have started to e-mail newsletter to cut down on printing and postage costs. And, now, we have added a Socastee Webpage! I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Sister Kathy and Brother Steve Bosch for designing and posting our webpage.

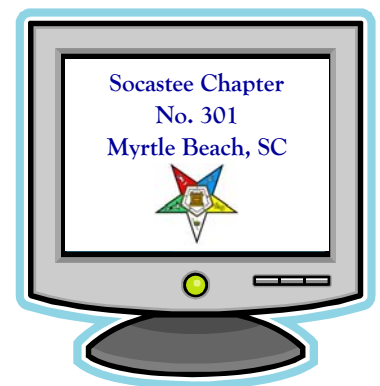
This webpage contains information about when we meet, where we meet, contact numbers, calendar of events, pictures of special events, and a link to all of the newsletters. The webpage will be sent to Mitchell Floyd who distributes electronic news of all Masonic organizations in SC. The Grand Chapter will also be given the link so that when anyone visits the Grand Chapter website, we will have an active link so take views directly to our webpage.

This is a great tool for

the Chapter to publicize our fundraisers. With the influx of new residents to the area, it will also serve to give information to new residents who are looking for a new Chapter, or to just visit.

We will be adding to the site as we go.

Again, thank you Sister Kathy and Brother Steve for all of your hard work. We appreciate your enthusiasm for our Chapter and Order.



Type in the address in its entirety to reach our new website.

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

## Yearbook Changes

Please make the following changes to the 2008-09 Yearbook:

**Add:**

**Susan Carroll**  
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Sunset Beach, NC 28468  
Phone: 910-579-9142  
Birthday: 9/9

**Jason Lee & Angelic Jackson**  
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Conway, SC 29526  
Birthdays: 3/22 & 8/11

**Janice Powell**  
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Longs, SC 29568  
Phone: 877-3228  
Birthday: 10/13

**Change:**

**Bruce & Ricki Wright**  
Phone: 947-0031

**Everette Poole, PP**  
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If you have any changes to the Yearbook, please let me know and I'll include it in the next newsletter.



## Socastee Members' Birthdays

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

**June**

Sherry Johnson	6/2
Billy Simmons	6/2
Kathryn Wall	6/6
Betty Sanders	6/8
Teri Carter	6/12
Isla Mae Floyd	6/14
Judy Brothis	6/16
William Shoe	6/26

**July**


Alex Lutz	7/1
Joyce Elliott	7/6
Linda Hodges	7/11
Kathy Bosch	7/18
Naomi Reese	7/22
Jennifer Hudson	7/27
Amanda Shoe	7/28

**August**


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



## Do You Know...

 **D**uring balloting, when a member enters the Labyrinth to ballot, where and to what should the salutation sign be given?

The answer will be given at the June meeting. Join us and see if you are right!

 Also, Did You Know....during our Official Visit, the Chapter is "graded" on the following: 100% attendance of Installed Officers; Exemption of Ritualistic Work without Rituals being used; Chapter contributing to 5 Grand Chapter Projects; 5 subscriptions/renewals to

Palmetto Star News; and Line Officers having up-to-date Rituals and Bylaws & Constitution. (We were deficient in three areas. We hope to improve our deficiencies this year.)



# June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Waccamaw Chapter Mtg., 7:30 PM	13	14  <b>Flag Day</b>
15 <b>Father's Day</b>	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>GRAND CHAPTER</b>						
22	23 Stated Meeting 7:30PM Honoring Fa- thers, Flag	24 Myrtle Beach Chapter, 7:30 PM	25	26	27 Jordanville Chapter Mtg., 7:30 PM	28
29	30					

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 28**—Practice—7 PM; potluck dinner at 6:30 PM

This is our regularly scheduled meeting night—we will practice all ritual portions of our meeting for anyone who would like to attend. Please come out for the best part—food and fellowship and a little bit of work.

**August 1**—School of Instruction at Waccamaw Chapter

All officers and members are encourage to attend. The School of Instruction is put on by the Grand Officers and will demonstrate the ritual work. Bring your ritual and Book of Instructions (if you have one).

**August 25**—Practice—7 PM; potluck dinner at 6:30 PM

This is our regularly scheduled meeting night—we will practice all ritual portions of our meeting for anyone who would like to attend. Please come out for the best part—food and fellowship and a little bit of work.

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

This is our practice for our first meeting after the summer break. All officers are requested to attend to refresh memories (especially the Worthy Matron's!). If you cannot attend, please let me know.

**Sept. 22**—Stated Meeting (Possibly Initiation)—7:30 PM, 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.

### Chapter Meetings Over the Summer:

Jordanville #303, 4th Thursday @ 7:30 PM  
Myrtle Beach #180, 3rd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM  
Waccamaw (Conway) #89, 2nd Thursday @ 7:30 PM

Palmetto (Mullins) #2, 3rd Monday @ 7:30 PM  
Swamp Fox (Marion) #87, 1st Tuesday @ 7:30 PM  
Loris #106, 2nd Monday @ 7:30 PM

Lake View #237, 1st Monday @ 7:30 PM

**Socastee Chapter #301**  
**Myrtle Beach, SC**  
**Proposed Budget 2008-2009**

<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
Dues (53 members @ \$20)		\$1,060
Initiation Fee (5 new members @ \$40)		200
International Temple Fund	\$53	
Per Capita Tax (\$7.50 per member)	398	
Rent	480	
Bulletins, Postage, Supplies		
Postage and Printing	100	
Supplies (Rituals for new members, dues cards, Ledgers, warrant books, etc)	500	
Secretary's Gift	50	
Treasurer's Gift	25	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$1,606</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,260</u></b>
Installation -Given to incoming WM	\$150	
Gifts		
Inspecting Grand Officer	15	
Worthy Grand Patron	10	
District Deputy	10	
Grand Officer in District	10	
Grand Representative in Chapter	5	
Grand Appointed Officer in Chapter	5	
Sickness and Cheer (Cards & Postage)	25	
Birthdays (Cards & Postage)	25	
Miscellaneous Charities	300	
Misc. Grand Chapter Donations	200	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$755</u></b>	
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$2,361</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,260</u></b>
<b>Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,361</b>	<b>\$1,260</b>
<b>Receipts from Dues and Fees</b>	<b>\$1,260</b>	
<b>Total Required from Ways &amp; Means</b>	<b><u>\$1,101</u></b>	

\$200 is advanced to Ways and Means Chairman at the beginning of the year and is reimbursed at the end of the year. This is for "start-up" money for fundraisers.

Receipts are required when submitting bills.

"Miscellaneous Charities" includes Sun Fun Float \$20, Sponsor Family at Christmas \$100, Scottish Rite Book, Amaranth Calendar, Rainbow Girls, etc.

"Miscellaneous Grand Chapter Donations" includes ad for **Palmetto Star Newspaper** \$10, District School of Instruction \$40, Grand Chapter Hospitality Room \$6, Memorial \$5, etc.

**By-Laws**  
**Socastee Chapter #301**  
**April 25, 1986**

**ARTICLE I**  
**Name, Number, and Location**

The name of this Chapter shall be Socastee Chapter, 301, Order of the Eastern Star of South Carolina located in the Socastee areas Myrtle Beach, South Carolina under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, Order of the Eastern Star.

**ARTICLE II**  
**Grand Chapter By-Laws and Ritual to Prevail**

The laws, rules and regulations as contained in the Grand Chapter By-Laws governing Subordinate Chapters and the Ritual, hereby becomes a part of these By-Laws and this Chapter shall be governed accordingly.

**ARTICLE III**  
**Meetings, Time and Place**

**Section 1. Stated Meetings**

Stated Meetings of this Chapter shall be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 PM except December. The December meeting shall be held on the third Monday at 7:30 PM.

**Section 2. Special Meetings**

Special Meetings may be called pursuant to Grand Chapter By-Laws Article III, Section 2 (c), page 69.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**Fees and Dues**

**Section 1. Fees**

The initiation fee of this Chapter shall be \$40.00 which shall accompany the Petition. \$1.00 of the fee shall be designated and remitted to the International Temple Fund. The fee for affiliation shall be \$5.00 which shall accompany the Petition. A copy of the Ritual and By-Laws of this Chapter and Grand Chapter shall be presented to new members upon the completion of the degrees.

**Section 2. Dues**

The dues of this Chapter shall be \$20.00 per year, payable in advance on or before the first day of April each year. A new member receiving the degrees shall pay their regular dues of \$20 (or \$10) on or before receiving the degrees and will be issued their dues card on the signing of the By-Laws, unless, the degrees are received after September 1<sup>st</sup>., in which case they will pay only \$10.

**Section 3. Suspension of Non-Payment**

Suspension for non-payment of dues shall be handled in accordance with the Grand Chapter By-Laws - Article X, Section 5, page 10.

**ARTICLE V**

The Secretary and Treasurers books shall be audited annually by a committee appointed by the Worthy Matron and a report made on or before the stated meeting in May of each year.

**ARTICLE VI**

The Treasurer shall sign on the respective bank accounts of this Chapter. The Secretary shall hold keys to the Post Office Box of the Chapter.

**ARTICLE VII**

The Secretary and Treasurer shall be paid, at the end of each chapter year, a salary based on the vote of the Chapter.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Section 1.**

Funds deposited in the Coastal Federal Savings and Loan Association of Myrtle Beach, shall not be withdrawn for any purpose other than repairs, improvements to Chapter room, a new Temple or unless an emergency arises and approved by the vote of the Chapter.

**Section 2.**

At the last stated meeting to be held before each annual Grand Chapter session it will be brought before the Chapter and decided upon as to the amount of money to be given to the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron and Associate Patron, who attends Grand Chapter in the current year in person.

**Section 3.**

Property of Socastee Chapter, 301, may not be loaned to any organization or individual without prior approval of the Chapter.

**Section 4.**

Cards will be sent to all ill members, also flowers may be sent to the seriously ill as determined by the Worthy Matron and Chairman of the Sick and Cheer Committee. Flowers or Memorials will be sent to the immediate family in case of death.

**Section 5.**

Any major new business to be brought up at a regular stated meeting is to be presented to the Worthy Matron or Secretary one hour prior to the stated meeting for preparation of the agenda.

**Section 6.**

The Secretary will present to the Chapter an itemized statement of each bill due for payment and for the purpose of the Chapter.

**ARTICLE IX**

Long white dresses shall be worn by the Lady officers for Initiation Inspection, and Installation, except for the Worthy Matron. The Worthy Matron may select a color of her choice. Men shall wear tuxedos or suits. Star points may wear the color of their point (station).

**ARTICLE X**

Each Worthy Matron shall present a proposed budget for the Chapter's decision no later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> stated meeting of her year.

**ARTICLE XI****Alterations and Amendments**

Alterations, amendments or additions may be made in these By-Laws, provided such action is handled in accordance with the Grand Chapter By-Laws, Article IV, Section 6, page 98. A two-thirds majority vote of members present is required.

**COURTESIES**

Everyone on the gift list should be included.

**HONORARY**

Honorary memberships should be voted on at the regular meeting prior to the official visit.

**LODGING**

One night's lodging for the Inspecting Officer, Worthy Grand Matron, and their traveling companion to be provided.

**JEWELS**

\$100.00 for Past Matrons jewel and \$75.00 for Past Patron jewel. Jewels to be chosen by retiring matron and patron and ordered by the Chapter Secretary at least four (4) weeks prior to Installation. If cost exceeds the above allowance the additional charge will be assumed by the respective receiver.

**INSTALLATION**

The Associate Matron should check with the District Deputy regarding a date then at the February meeting get the Chapter's approval for the date and for a closed or open installation.





## Worthy Matron's Grand Chapter Report

**W**hat a wonderful, exciting, and different experience that I had at Grand Chapter! Although I have attended Grand Chapters in Virginia, this was an exciting experience meeting and making new friends and seeing how this jurisdiction works.

Monday night's opening included the introduction of Distinguished Guests including our District Deputy, Jean Murdock; Grand Marshal to the District Deputy, Pat Vereen; Deputy Grand Marshal to the Chairman of Trustees; Special Grand Page to Grand Esther, Ginger Kilbreth; our own Bernie Heavey, WGP, 2007-2008; and me, Sue Cornell, W M,

2008-09. Tuesday committee reports were given. This included amendments to the Grand Chapter Bylaws as follows:

- 8 housekeeping amendments changing references to the Eastern Star Home to Assisted Care (as approved at Grand Chapter last year).
- Moving ESTARL service from Monday to Sunday taking it easier for recipients to attend the scholarship service on Sunday.
- Allowing Appearance in Public without approval of the Worthy Grand Matron (pg. 65)
- New wording regarding the WGM and

WGP projects (pg. 25)

All other proposed amendments were either defeated or withdrawn.

Wednesday morning brought another session and the election of officers. Newly elected officers are:

Beatrice Ayers, Assoc. Grand Conductress

Don Benson, Grand Sentinel.

Barbara Campbell, Grand Trustee

Larry Reiss, Home Board

Cindy Jones, Home Board

Congratulations to these newly elected officers. Also, congratulations to Pat Vereen who has been appointed our new District Deputy for Dis-

trict 20. I would like to also congratulate all of the other members who received Grand Appointments.

Next year's Grand Chapter Session will be held in Spartanburg, SC, June 15-17, 2009. If you can, try to attend!

Each Chapter is entitled to four voting delegates consisting of the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Assoc. Matron, and Assoc. Patron, as elected officers; and all Past Matrons and Past Patrons. Your vote counts. This year we had only two votes for the Chapter as those entitled to a vote did not give their proxy to anyone attending Grand Chapter.

## Wanted.....The Identify of These Characters!







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