

# Socastee Star News



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## Special points of interest:

- March 23—  
Stated Meeting
- March 25 Luncheon  
Fundraiser
- April 10—Practice
- April 20—Practice
- April 25—Installation
- April 27—Stated Meeting

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## From the Worthy Matron

**D**ear Sisters and Brothers,

Well.....I cannot believe that almost one year has gone by since Installation. I would like to thank all of the members of Socastee Chapter No. 301 for the honor as serving this year as Worthy Matron. I have made many new friends in our Chapter as well as in other Chapters.

I attended three Schools of Instruction, many Sister Chapter meetings, Official Visits, and Grand Chapter of SC. Although I have been in Eastern Star for 20 years, only 2 of those years have been in SC. I have learned that there is more than one "right" way to do things. I have enjoyed learning and I

know that I have more to learn!

I would like to thank Sister Pat Vereen, District Deputy, for all of her support as she helped me learn new ways of doing things! Thank you Sister Pat.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Sister Dru Chavis, Waccamaw Chapter, for attending as many of our meetings as she could attend and providing us with our

music. We truly miss her when she is not able to attend. Thank you Sister Dru.

I would also like to thank Sister Audrey Casaer and Brother Charles Casaer, Myrtle Beach Chapter. You are faithful attendees at our meetings and routinely asked to pro-tem for us. Thank you for your support to our Chapter.

This year we have had several social functions as well as "working" social functions. We had a great Official Visit by our Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron. The highlight of this year will be on Tuesday, March 31, as we initiate 7, yes 7, new members! What a wonderful addition to our Chapter to have new members join us



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### Worthy Matron (continued)

and share in our fellowship. Please join us as we welcome these new members into our Chapter. (Details listed on page 2.)

We have extended our Honorary Membership to the Associate Grand Matron Kay Bryden and Associate Grand Patron Lowell McDaniel, Sister Pat Vereen, and Brother Charles Casaer. We will present another Honorary Membership at this month's meeting.

Please join us for our March Meeting—this will be our election of officers.

Wednesday, March 25, is our large fundraiser at Inlet Affairs, Murrells Inlet. Please see the article on page 4 for details.

We have enjoyed many meals before our meetings with wonderful fellowship. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Sister Sherry and Brother John

Johnson who have been instrumental (cooks!) in our wonderful meals.

Socastee Chapter No. 301, thank you for a wonderful experience this year.

Star Love,

*Sue Corness*

Worthy Matron

### From the Worthy Patron



**T**his year has really gone fast. I have enjoyed serving as your Worthy Patron. It has been fun sharing the East with Sister Sue. I look forward to assisting the next group of Officers. I know Socastee Chapter No. 301 will be in good hands.

Election time is here. Please

come to the meeting and cast your vote. Our Chapter needs the participation of each member whether you hold an office, serve as a pro tem or sit on the side. The fellowship of being together and working together keeps our Chapter strong.

Thank you to everyone for your many calls, cards

and concerns this year both during my health problems and my father's death. It means so much to have caring Sisters and Brothers surrounding you.

Fraternally,

*Hank Hodges,*

*WP*



### Called Meeting for Initiation—March 31, 2009



**W**e will be initiating seven new members on Tuesday, March 31 (the 5th Tuesday of the month) at 7:30 PM. We will have a dinner at 6:30 PM to honor our new members. We are so excited about initiating so many new members. Please come out and sup-

port our officers as we have our initiation and exemplify our beautiful work.

Attire for the initiation will be: ladies—long white dress; men—suite and tie or tux.

We will have a practice on Monday, March 31, at 7 PM (the 5th Monday of the month). All officers are requested to attend so that

when practicing, we will not have any "holes" in our work. If you can't make the practice or called meeting, please let me know as soon as possible.

## From the Conductress

**T**hank you for allowing me to serve as your Conductress this year. I have enjoyed it. We've had fun at our Ways and Means projects while we raised money to help our Chapter and other charitable endeavors. We've gotten to know each other better and become closer doing these things together. Thank you to everyone for all the help this year.

In February, we started serving meals every other month to the Masons of Socastee Lodge No. 421. This is also a fundraiser. We were also asked to serve a second meal last month. The men love the dinners. Thank you to the wonderful cooks and all the great helpers! We are coordinating our meals every other month with Murrells Inlet Court No. 20, Order of the Amaranth. This is a way for all the groups to

work together and support each other. Fraternal relations within our Masonic Family at the Lodge have already improved in this short time. That alone makes this project worthwhile! Our next dinner will be in April. See you in the kitchen!

I have enjoyed this year with Sister Sue (aka "Flit") and Brother Hank (aka "Grumpy") leading the way. Socastee Chapter No. 301 has worked hard and

played hard. It has been profitable in that we have given to many charitable causes. I am looking forward to working with the next corps of officers. I know it will be another fun year with lots of interesting things in store.

I encourage all the members to come to meetings and events. You're missed when you're not with us.

## Socastee Birthdays



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

### March

Russell Hudson	3/1
Sally Burdick	3/6
Arlene Armstrong	3/8
Genola Williams	3/22

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

# Happy Birthday!



## Mark Your Calendars—Installation of Officers

### Installation of Officers is quickly approaching!

Installation of Officers will be Saturday, April 25, at 11 AM. We will have a practice for installation on Friday, April 10, at 7 PM. At this practice, we will focus on practicing for Installation of Officers.

There will be another prac-

tice on Monday, April 20, at 7 PM. This practice will finish up for Installation and work on ritual for the first meeting, April 27. All officers involved with installation (current officers and incoming officers) are requested to attend the practices.

There will be a Potato Bar Dinner prior to the April 27 meeting. The dinner will start at 6:30 PM and our

meeting will follow at 7:30 PM.

Sister Sherry Johnson will fill in the details about installation at our March meeting.

### Installation—

**April 25**

### Initiation—

**March 31**

### Luncheon—

**March 25**

## From the Secretary



This is just a reminder that Socastee **Dues are now due for 2009.** Dues are \$20 and should be mailed to Sister Joyce Elliott as soon as possible.

If you are going to be an officer starting in April, your dues must be paid prior to

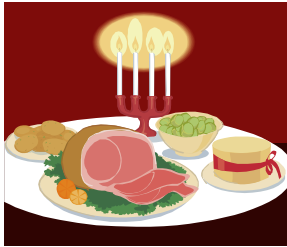
installation. If you have not yet done so, please bring your dues to Sister Joyce Elliott at the next meeting (March 23).

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




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## Lunch at Inlet Affairs—March 25



This year our large fundraiser is a luncheon at Inlet Affairs on Wednesday, March 25, 11:30 AM—1:30 PM. Cost is \$6.

The main course for our luncheon is stuffed pork chops, baked potato, vegetables, rolls/butter, and dessert.

All members have been sent tickets to this fundraiser. Please try to sell your tickets to make this a success. Contact Sister Sue Cornell or Sister Sherry Johnson to report how many meals you have sold so we can make sure we have enough food prepared.

Send your money to Sister Joyce Elliott. If you are paying by check, please

make your check out to Socastee Chapter No. 301, OES.

We hope to see many of you at our luncheon. If you are close to Inlet Affairs, please stop in. In you have a business close to Inlet Affairs, we will deliver; but please let us know in





# April 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Waccamaw— Installation of Officers—7:30 PM	10 Practice for Installation— 7 PM	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Practice for Instal- lation & first meeting—7 PM	21	22	23 Jordanville— 7:30 PM	24	25 Installation of Officers— 11 AM
26	27 Stated Meeting— 7:30 PM Dinner—6:30 PM	28	29	30		

## Important Dates for March

- Tuesday, March 17 Myrtle Beach #180—Stated Meeting
- Monday, March 23 Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM—Election of Officers.  
Dinner at 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, March 25 Luncheon fundraiser at Inlet Affairs—11:30 AM—1:30 PM.  
Tickets \$6/person
- Thursday, March 26 Jordanville #303—Stated Meeting



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