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From the Worthy Matron

I hope that everyone had a nice summer. We are “getting back in to the swing of things” with our meetings and practices.

We had great practices and fellowship over the summer. Thank you to all officers for the participation in the practices. It was helpful for me and the new officers to go over our ritual work.

We had a practice scheduled for Thursday, October 2, to have our practice for initiation and balloting for the District Deputy to see and certify our ritual work. When we

arrive3d at the lodge, it was being used by the Masons. All officers were notified to cancel, but not before most of the officers had arrived. The next practice is scheduled for Thursday, October 30, at 7:00 PM. We will be working on balloting and initiation for our Deputy Inspection. Monday, November 17, 7:30 PM, will be a practice for our Official Visit.

Our Star Love goes out to Sister Sherry and Brother John Johnson who had a kitchen fire in their home the first weekend in October. They are

fine and waiting for all the clean-up work to be done.

We have some exciting fundraisers coming up—
anew one that has the potential of being a great success for our Chapter. We are planning a **Family Photo Event** Saturday, November 22, 10 AM-6 PM, at the Lodge. Pictures will be taken by Olan Mills Portrait Studios. These pictures will be back in time for Christmas.



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From the Worthy Matron (continued)

There is a \$10 sitting fee. Packages available are Family Portrait (10x13) or "Just for Kids Collection" that includes 1 8x10, 2 5x7s, and 8 wallets. Limit 1 per household.

We have collected many items to be sent to Iraq. Thank you to all who have contributed. I am sending a box this week, but don't think that this was your only opportunity to donate items. Another box will be going out around the middle of November and will include special items for

Christmas. If you would like to contribute, please contact me and I'll be glad to pick any items up, or better yet, bring them to the next Chapter meeting.

For our October meeting, I am hoping to have a special program to honor veterans and the flag (Veteran's Day is November 11). Come join us for an enjoyable evening.

Our Official Visit is planned for November 24. The Associate Grand Matron, Kay Bryden, will

be visiting us. There will be a banquet prior to the meeting. You will be contacted regarding items to bring for the meal. Dinner will be at 6 PM; meeting at 7:30 PM. Please come out and support your officers and your Chapter.

Included in this newsletter are the proposed changes to the Chapter Bylaws. Words/Sections to be eliminated have a line through it and items that are being added are in red. A justification is listed for each change and

is indicated in blue.

Bylaws will be discussed at the October Stated meeting.

Hope to see you in Chapter soon.

Star Love,

Sue



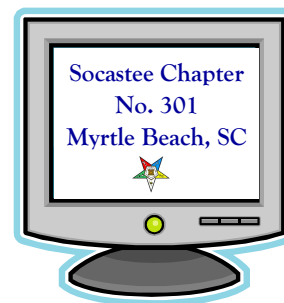
From the Worthy Matron

Sisters and Brothers, I have been remiss in one of my duties as Worthy Patron.

I have not visited our sister chapters in our district. As I found out on Thursday, September 25, this has been a mistake. I, along with Worthy Matron Sue, Conductress Linda, and Sister Michelle—Ruth—visited Jordanville Chapter No. 303 for the official visit of the Worthy Grand Matron. While outside the weather may have been a little rainy and chilly, inside the

sisters and brothers made it a pleasant evening with their warmth. I encourage everyone to visit the other chapters in the 20th District whenever possible.

Hank



Correction to website:

The correct web address is below.

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

Books-A-Million

Thank you to Books-a-Million! They are assisting non-profit organizations be designating a weekend to that non-profit organization. A couple of weekends ago, Socastee Chapter 301 was designated as the recipient of a part of their profit from sales that weekend. We will be receiving a check for \$400 from that weekend!

It is possible that we will have another weekend designated this year for Socastee Chapter.

What a great way to make money!

So, if you are an avid reader, or buy books for your children or grandchildren, please stop by Books-a-Million. Even if it is not "our weekend," you could be helping another charity.



Bakeless Bake Sale

Each Chapter has been asked to have a "Bakeless Bake Sale" to benefit ESTARL. Please give me your donation—either cash or check made out to Socastee Chapter No. 301. In return for "baking," I'll give you an easy recipe for one of WP Hank's favorite things for Fall. I won't tell you what it is, but you can make it for Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas!



Linda Hodges,
Conductress



Socastee Members' Birthdays

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

October

Helen Wilson 10/18

November

Sandy Shilling 11/17



I failed to list **Sister Dottie Alexander's** birthday for **September 22**. If you see her, please wish her a happy belated birthday.

I also just received **Sister Angel and Brother Jason Jackson's** birthdays—Angel's is Aug. 11 and Jason's is Mar. 22. Happy belated birthday to both of you.

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 yearbook — if your birthday is not listed, then I don't have it.

Official Visit

Our Official Visit is scheduled for Monday, November 24, 2008. We will be visited by the Associate Grand Matron Kay Bryden. She will be accompanied by Associate Grand Patron Lowell McDaniel. We look forward to their visit.

There will be a banquet prior to the Official Visit. The banquet will start at 6 PM. The menu has been planned and it will be delicious.

Please come out and join us for an enjoyable evening.

This will be a regular meeting and will start at 7:30 PM. Please come out and support your Chapter for this Official Visit. We are proud of our work and enjoy sharing it with others.

By-Laws
Socastee Chapter # **No. 301**
April 25, 1968 **October 27, 2008**

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 area of 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. **Upon a vote of the Chapter, the Chapter may suspend meetings in July and August.**

This sentence was added to allow the Chapter to not go dark automatically during the summer.

Section 2. Special Meetings

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

ARTICLE IV III
Fees and Dues

Section 1. Fees

The initiation fee of this Chapter shall be \$40.00 **\$45**, which shall accompany the Petition. \$1.00 of the fee **A fee of \$1.00** 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.

We are currently spending \$40.50 when a new member comes into the Chapter. Raising the fee to \$45 would cover our expenses. The \$1 fee for the International Temple Fund is not optional.

Section 2. Dues

The dues of this Chapter shall be \$20.00 **\$18 plus Grand Chapter per capita** 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 \$20.00 **prorated at \$1.50 per month** on or before receiving the degrees and will be issued their dues card **at the time of** initiation on **upon** the signing of the By-Laws. , unless, the degrees are received after September 1st., in which case they will pay only \$10.

Changing the wording of dues will allow for future increases in Per Capita dues without our Chapter having to revise bylaws to cover dues and increases by Grand Chapter. A new member coming into the Chapter will have dues pro-rated which will save the member money and allow the Chapter to collect appropriate money due.

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.~~

This wording was removed to eliminate having to revised our Bylaws if the page changes.

ARTICLE V IV

The **Secretary's** and **Treasurer's** books shall be audited annually by a committee appointed by the **retiring** Worthy Matron and a report made on or before the stated meeting in May of each year. **No elected Officer shall serve on the audit committee.**

This wording clarifies which Worthy Matron is responsible for the audit and that no elected office shall serve on the committee.

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 V

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

ARTICLE VIII VI Expenses

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 1. Grand Chapter

At the last stated meeting to be held before each **prior to the** annual Grand Chapter session, it will be brought before the Chapter and decided upon a to the amount of money to be given to the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron **or their proxy** Associate Matron and Associate Patron, who attends Grand Chapter in the current year in person, **shall be given \$100 each if they attend Grand Chapter.**

Sets forth when, for whom, and how much money shall be given to the Worthy Matron/Worthy Patron or their proxy for attending Grand Chapter. In the past, a motion was made for the expenditure. This has not been done the past three years as the Worthy Matron/Worthy Patron did not attend Grand Chapter. This year, no motion was made and no money expended.

Section 4 2. Sickness and Cheer

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.

Birthday cards shall be sent to members. In case of the death of a member or a member's immediate family (spouse, parent, or child), a Memorial in the amount of \$25 will be made in their honor. The Chairman shall be advanced \$50 at the beginning of each Chapter year for the purchase of cards and stamps. Any additional expenses will be reimbursed. Any funds remaining at the end of the Chapter year shall be returned to the Chapter along with all receipts for expenses.

Section 3. Ways & Means

The Chairman of Ways & Means shall be advanced \$200 at the beginning of each Chapter year for the purchase of items necessary to start a fundraising project. At the conclusion of each fundraiser, all receipts shall be submitted to the secretary. The Ways & Means Chairman shall replace expended funds from the profit so that a Ways & Means fund of \$200 shall be maintained. At the end of the Chapter year, the \$200 shall be returned to the Chapter.

Section 4. Installation

In March, the incoming Worthy Matron shall be given \$100 for the Installation of Officers. Receipts shall be submitted.

These three paragraphs allow for the Chairman of the respective committees and the incoming Worthy Matron to receive reimbursement for expenses as specified in each paragraph.

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 5. Secretary and Treasurer Fees

The Secretary **shall be paid \$50** and **the** Treasurer **shall be paid \$25** at the end of each chapter year, a salary based on the vote of the Chapter.

This wording was added to eliminate the need to have a motion each year. The secretary and treasurer are essential to the operation of the Chapter. They spend their own time in keeping our books and handling our correspondence and should be paid.

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.

Section 6. Chapter Newsletter

The Worthy Matron, or her designee, may publish a monthly newsletter. Postage and printing costs shall be paid by the Chapter.

Communication is essential for any organization. This reimburses the Worthy Matron or her designee to publish a Chapter newsletter and receive reimbursement.

Section 7. Official Visit

On the occasion of their Official Visit, monetary gifts shall be given.

Inspecting Grand Officer	\$25.00
Worthy Grand Patron	\$15.00
District Deputy	\$15.00

This was moved from the guidelines section and places it in the Expenses Section. These items will not require a vote of the Chapter. This brings monetary gifts up to a modern amount. Other positions were deleted from the list as the committee felt that these were the only three who should receive a monetary gift.

Section 8. Jewels

The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron shall be given \$100 and \$75 respectively toward their Past Matron and Past Patron jewel.

This will authorized the Chapter to pay toward the Worthy Matron/Worthy Patron jewels.

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 VII**Miscellaneous****Section 1.**

Each Worthy Matron shall present a proposed budget for the Chapter's decision **approval** no later than the 2nd **May** stated meeting of her year.

This establishes a timeline for a budget to be presented to the Chapter for approval.

Section 2

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

ARTICLE XI VIII**Alterations and Amendments**

Alterations, amendments, or revisions 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 **with 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 nights 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.

Some of the changes were basically moving items from one section to another where it is more appropriate. Some items were removed as it is already required by the Grand Chapter and does not need to be included in Chapter Bylaws.

I would like to thank the members of the Bylaws Committee: Linda Hodges, Bernie Heavey, Billy Simmons, and Naomi Reese for serving on the committee. Their job is not yet done! Once the bylaws have been approved by the Chapter, their duty is to put these changes in the appropriate format and send to the Worthy Grand Matron for approval.

October 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Myrtle Beach #180/7:30 PM	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Jordanville 7:30 PM	24	25
26	27 Stated mtg. 7:30 PM	28	29	30 Practice— 7:00 PM	31	

November dates:

November 17–7:30 PM—Practice for Official Visit – Opening, Closing, Introductions, and business portion

November 22–10:6—Olan Mills Portraits—at the lodge

November 24–6:00 PM—Dinner; 7:30 PM Official Visit



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