

Eureka Chapter No. 5 Order Of The Eastern Star

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"Eureka Gold



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Regular Stated Meetings – OES VISITORS WELCOME!

All regularly scheduled meetings of our beautiful Eureka Chapter are held at the St. Petersburg Masonic Lodge #139, located at 114 Fourth Street South, St Petersburg, Florida 33701-4217. Our stated meetings are on the **first and third Thursdays** each month with the **call to order at 7:30 p.m.** We welcome all OES members to all of our Chapter meetings.

Message from the East

Eureka is off to a flying start this year beginning with our installation of new officers; followed up with rehearsal for our School of Instruction (and that was an eye-opener for all of us as to why the need for one) – next day our School. Our Grand Instructor Bonnie Perry is awesome, thorough, and helpful; her presentation made it easy to understand the new procedures along with maintaining our former ones. This challenge was

immediately followed up with our upcoming Official. Then in June we will have our Grands and Past Grands.

Looking ahead to the fall – the remainder of our meetings should be fun and enjoyable. Our goal is to have Eureka be the "place to come be." Our Program Chair, Mary Cantrell can't wait to implement the first program that she already has "ready to go."

Remember to keep in your prayers our sisters and brothers whom we know to have on-going health issues. This is a priority for all of us as from time to time each of us are in need of prayer.

Though we have combined two chapters, we still struggle to have our 18 stations full at each meeting using our own members to pro-tem. We will not succeed as a chapter if we cannot recruit new members. One possibility, if you know any Daughters or Sons of the American Revolution, many of them have had family members in the Masons years past. As you know, many of our early presidents were Masons. Tip: when shopping, etc., try to wear shirts or jackets that have our OES logo on them. To get our name out in public is crucial for us to let it be known we exist and that we are a contact person.

I want to thank each of you who have phoned in early to let me know that you would not be able to make a meeting. It provides me ample time to gather a pro-tem for you. Happily I am retired and available throughout the day. On that subject, I know we miss the Cameron's who are "ever ready" to be there for us and Bethlehem. We sure look forward to seeing them back in the fall.

I thank our officers who were willing to take stations this year. You are a valuable asset to us **"For the Good of the Order."** So glad that some that were rotating officers each year are able to take a break. That's only good for this year though, you will be recruited back next time around. LOL. Thanks for being willing to pro-tem as you have been called upon so often.

We will snail mail our newsletters to those who do not have an email address then to save on postage; those who have email will receive theirs that way. Please, if you have an email address, be sure to give it to Bonnie. We know email addresses change frequently and we do not want you to miss out, let's bring her up to date. We are very lucky to have Bonnie as our Secretary and to have Judy Smedile as our Treasurer. Those are two positions that are not easily filled.

I wish to fervently thank Sister Wanda Ray and Sister Karon Price for being there for us in setting up the dining room for our special events this spring. What a team effort they put forth as they have a special talent for showcasing our special events. Just beautiful!

I want to thank Bruce Ward, WP, as he has been my right hand; we are working together well in the East. He is right there when any of us need him for a word or words to keep us on track. I am most fortunate that Bruce was willing to serve with me. **In Star Love, Sister Brenda, WM**



Thank you, Louis Cantrell, for offering to publish this newsletter. It is always appreciated. Officers need to make it a priority to get articles to Louis in time for the next publication.

Thanks to Sister Wanda Ray and Sister Karon Price for all they do setting up our dining room. Please, anything besides our stated meetings MUST be coordinated through Wanda. She is our contact with the Lodge.

A big shout out to Sister Bonnie Perry, our District 19 Instructor for this year for the great job she did at our School of Instruction.

If anyone wants help with the published work or the secret work, I will be available before each meeting at 7 p.m. It looks like it is shaping up to be a fantastic year. I love seeing each of you at our meetings. **In Star Love, Bruce Ward, WP**

Message from the Southeast



Some 2014 dues remain unpaid. Please! If have not paid your dues, remit them as soon as possible. Postage keeps going up and I am trying to save the Chapter money by not having to send extra notices. If you have a change of address, phone number or email please contact me. This will also help with expenses. Thank you so much for your assistance. I enjoy having phone call from all members as it gives me a chance to get to know

each of you. Also don't forget to include Rob Morris - August 24 at Eureka, yes there will be air by then. <u>In Star Love,</u> <u>Bonnie Perry, Secretary</u>

Up-and-Coming Meetings for District 19

July – Dark

• July 12 - Eureka Tea Hosted by the West. 3 to 5 p.m. Please support our West; if you are unable to attend, a donation would be appreciated.

August - Dark,

• August 24 - Rob Morris Celebration

September - Dark



Happy Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11 Happy Father's Day Happy 4th of July **To All Star Members**



Mrs. Floye S. Hyslop Worthy Grand Matron



Mr. Jim Marshall Worthy Grand Patron



Ms. Betty Beasley Assoc. Grand Matron



Mr. Mike Harrell Assoc. Grand Patron

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Eureka Chapter #5 Order of Eastern Star Invites You to a High Tea July 12, 2014 3:00 – 5 00 PM Cost: \$10 per person Location:

Proceeds benefit the West

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