



NSAC News

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Certifications Issued

Certifications have been granted as follows, during the period from October 1 through December 31, 2018:

Ordained Minister: Debra (Deedee) Freeman, San Francisco, California; Linda Lauts, Santa Barbara, California; Judith Schaefer, Derry, New Hampshire

National Spiritualist Teacher: Linda Lauts, Santa Barbara, California

Congratulations to these members for this achievement. They have continued their Spiritualist education and applied for and been granted certification.

Inside The Memorial Spiritualist Church

The Memorial Spiritualist Church in Norfolk, Virginia is located outside of the busy downtown area of the city, near the zoo and waterways. It was organized on October 13, 1938 and chartered by the NSAC in May 1939 as First National Spiritualist Church. Another charter was issued when the name was changed to The Memorial Spiritualist Church (MSC) on April 5, 1945.

MSC is one of the few churches which was built as a Spiritualist Church and has been continuously used for that purpose for over 79 years. During that time, the church building has undergone many changes, including installation of stained-glass windows, each with a different flower in the center and an antique stained-glass window (circa 1830) that was installed behind the podium, creating a lovely backdrop for services in the chapel.

Church membership has been approximately 70 over the past few years. The Church has a wonderful organist/pianist, who leads a choir that includes two soloists.

An adult Lyceum meets every Sunday morning for coffee and cake, and lively discussions. The children's Ly-

ceum meets during the morning service and is led by one of the members who grew up in the Church.

Two services are held each week, on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. The last Wednesday of the month is always designated as a healing service, led by MPI students and our resident healers.

Development classes are held several times a year for those seeking to develop their own mediumship.

Classes and workshops are offered on Platform Decorum and Public Speaking, healing, basic philosophy, angels, message circles, picture boards, table tipping, trance circles, and many other subjects.

The Church is led by The Reverend Lelia E. Cutler, NST and Certified Medium.

All are welcome for services, workshops, and a monthly pot luck luncheon.

Nomination for NSAC Awards Closes March 31

March 31 is the deadline for nominations for an NSAC Award. Awards are presented at the Annual Convention in October, in four categories: Teacher Award, Literary Award, Outstanding Achievement Award, and Lifetime Service Award. Nominations must be on NSAC Form 14, Nomination for Award, available on the NSAC website forms page, www.nsac.org/member-pages/forms. Guidelines for submission are on the back of the form.

Gratitude Corner

In early December the secretary of Plymouth Spiritualist Church in Rochester, New York placed an order for several Spiritualist Manuals and CDs from the NSAC Bookstore. After the order was placed he realized that there is usually no one at the Church when the mail is delivered. Unfortunately it was too late to have it sent to a more secure location and they wait-

ed anxiously, hoping the package would not be stolen as there had been a rise in package thievery in the area.

After several days they contacted the Bookstore and learned that the order had been delivered on December 6, so obviously their fears were realized. It had been stolen. Plymouth needed the Manuals for new members joining on December 16. They discussed how nice it would be if the thief or someone would return the package. Arriving at the Church for a meeting on December 15, the president found the package sitting by the door, torn open and contents spilling out as he picked it up. We are grateful to spirit and a kind neighbor, who probably found our package discarded by the thief as worthless. There are good people in the world.

Are there members in your church or camp who deserve special recognition for their continuing service in helping build and support your auxiliary? Gratitude Corner is a place where they can be introduced and publicly thanked.

To express appreciation to these members in this column, simply contact NSAC Administrator Bobbie Caswell with details at 716-595-2000 or nsacadmin@nsac.org

Reminder

January 25: Observance of Founders Day honoring Andrew Jackson Davis and the founding of the Children's Progressive Lyceum

January 31: Renewals of Credentials for LM, CM, and CH due at NSAC. (OM holding CM and CH are exempt from this filing) (file with church secretary; payable to church; church secretary forwards as group to NSAC Headquarters)

Bookstore News

Featured this month . . .

NSAC Spiritualist Manual, 20th Edition. Newly revised and expanded,

including a 22-page Spiritualist Glossary. BKS 010, \$25.00

NSAC Religious Services. This new, 257-page comprehensive publication is a tool (*not only for ministers*) for every Spiritualist that can help plant spiritual seeds. It is both a guide and provides explanations, detailing regular, Anniversary, Holiday, Patriotic, Life, Funeral and Memorial, among other religious services. Also includes hands-on Spiritualist Healing and how it can be most effective. More than a how-to book, one can find extensive resources: prayers for all occasions,

Spiritualist Ceremonials; Platform Decorum, helpful hints for preparing to serve our church platforms, concluding with 37 pages of historic Spiritualist-inspired poetry. Should be on every Spiritualist bookshelf.

BKS1000, \$30.00

NSAC Spiritualist Hymnal, 5th Edition

BKS009, \$17.00

NSAC Bylaws, as adopted October 4, 2018

BKS002, \$12.00

Order from NSAC Bookstore, PO Box 217, Lily Dale, NY 14752, nsacbookstore@nsac.org, 716-595-2000. Checks and credit cards accepted. If

order total is \$100 or more, prepayment of 50% is required.

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