O. E. S. Has Long And Fruitful History For Its 42 Years Here

J. T. Charnley, special deputy for the Order of Eastern Star, was in the city when Lafayette Chapter No. 46 instituted the local unit in 1907, and it was with his assistance that the primary steps were taken.

The early group which met in the Masonic Temple that August 12, 1907, included:

Mrs. Rosa F. Jagou, Mrs. Emma Breeding, Mrs. Nellie L. Avery, Mrs. Fannie L. Larrabee, Mrs. Ula Abramson, Mrs. Gussie Levy, Mrs. Dora Rosenfield, Mrs. Rose Kahn, Ernestine Plonsky, Mrs. Lavinia M. Hopkins, C. Webb Breeding, William J. Avery, Hypolite Jagou, Clinton Young, Stephen J. Del Manley, C. G. Larrabee, Mrs. Myrtle Meyer Sigmund Kahn, Harold Demanade, J. Ovey Herpin, Oren B. Hopkins.

During an impressive ritual first officers of Lafayette chapter were conducted to their stations.

They included Mrs. Jagou, worthy matron; Mr. Breeding, worthy patron; Mrs. Avery, associate matron; Mrs. Abramson, conductor; Mrs. Kahn, associate conductor; Mr. Del Manley, secretary; Mr. Kahn, treasurer; Mrs. Rosenfield, Adah; Mrs. Levy, Ruth; Mrs. Larrabee, Esther, and Mrs. Breeding, Martha; Mrs. Hopkins, Eletta; Mrs. Meyer, Warden; Mr. Herpin, sentinel and Mrs. Hopkins, chaplain. Mr. Young, Mrs. Larrabee and Mrs. Hopkins were appointed to frame the by-laws for the chapter.

Regular meetings were set for the first and third Mondays of each month, and the schedule was initiated with 40 members on the rolls by the end of 1908.

The charter was granted June 5, 1908, and in the ensuing years, the local O.E.S. has grown in membership and in the service it renders. At the present time 215 members enjoy the fellowship of the fraternal organization.

Lafayette chapter assists in virtually every community project. Members give of their time and finances to such projects as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Mental Health units; cancer control, cancer research, Red Cross, Salvation Army, crippled children's clinic, Christmas seals, Community Christmas tree.

In addition to these community projects, they give to the Shriners' hospital in Shreveport, the Masonic home in Alexandria and other grand chapter projects.

The Assembly of rainbow of Girls is a unit dear to the hearts of the chapter, and they constantly assist the girls in many ways.

One of their principal endeavors is the spreading of cheer and good fellowship. They accomplish this through cards and messages to those who are ill, coupled with other services in the name of the chapter.

Meetings are now held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Present officers of the chapter are:

Mrs. E. N. Mancill, worthy matron; C. J. Russell, worthy patron; Mrs. Hilda Guidry, associate matron; F. B. Laffleur, associate patron; Mrs. Bessye Faulk, secretary; Mrs. Gertrude Relote, treasurer; Mrs. Lily Brooks, conductress; Miss Evangeline Gerac, associate conductress; Mrs. Ulna Brummett, Marshal; Mrs. Florence Sims, chaplain; Mrs. Mattie Laffleur, organist; Mrs. Lily Babb, Adah; Mrs. Mary Cobb, Ruth; Mrs. Marjorie Becnel, Esther; Mrs. Jessie Adkins, Martha; Mrs. Clara Rush, Electa; Mrs. Ruby Slaughter, warden; C. J. McNulty, sentinel.

Past matrons and past patrons have recently organized a club which will meet monthly. The first installation of officers for this group was planned for November 12 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lishony. Twenty-three past matrons and 11 past patrons are eligible.