

# "BEACONS OF LIGHT"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana  
Order of the Eastern Star

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## **From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:**

I hope you have all had a great start to a new year. The DDGMs are all working so hard to complete their visits. Thank you for how well you have received them. Also, thank you to the chapter members who work so hard in preparation and then attend these visits. Don't forget to keep up with your points for the Personal Achievement Award.

Nine of us got the year off to a traveling start by attending Florida Grand Chapter. I was accompanied by the GGC Ambassador of New Jersey, three Past Grand Matrons, Grand Adah, and three special friends. The next week Brother George and Sister Diane - Committee Members of GGC, six Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, seven Grand Officers, and 15 members attended Mississippi Grand Chapter. We were in Tupelo, the birth place of Elvis, so of course during the Main Banquet, Elvis was in the building. A good time was had by all.

Our project pins are in and are being disbursed throughout the state. The pins have the following charms; Masonic emblem to represent the Grand Lodge Dyslexia Program; a purple ribbon, Alzheimers; a pink ribbon, Cancer; a blue ribbon, Special Olympics; and the Scottish Rite emblem for the Scottish Rite RiteCare.

We will be educating you about the different projects as we travel. However, it has come to my attention that few know about the Scottish Rite. The Speech and Language Centers provide speech and language services to children who need additional services than those provided by schools. My grandson received 2 ½ years of speech therapy at no cost to my daughter.

Reminders: On May 18th join us for the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Jewel Chapter #100 in Glenmora. A light meal will be served at 1:30 p.m. and the celebration begins at 2:30 p.m. Don't forget to order your tickets for the LA/AR Friendship Exchange. We want to bring the boot back to Louisiana! Also check the schedule of the Official Visits which will be starting June 14. It is time to make arrangements to attend the "Get Your Kicks on Route 66" OES Friendship Exchange in July.

**CANDIDATES:** Candidates for AGP, AGC and other Elected Boards, get your Letters of Intent into the Grand Secretary ASAP. During my remarks at the Official Visits I will be asking you to introduce yourselves. I think it is important that the membership know who they will be voting for at Grand Chapter!

Quote of the Month: "I will love the light for it shows me the way, yet I will endure the darkness for it shows me the stars." Og Mandino

Keep Your Lights Shining with Star Love,



Pamela Gill  
Worthy Grand Matron

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:**

Indiana - Jean Ward, PM (197) - 45 Chester Street, Alexandria 71301

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**LA/AR Western Roundup Friendship Exchange:** June 7, 2014 at Noon. Scottish Rite Temple, 205 University Ave, Monroe, LA. Tickets are \$20.00. Send money and SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) to Fran Slay, P.O. Box 71, Vidalia, LA 71373-0071. Deadline for ticket orders is May 24, 2014. Dress is Casual Western Wear.

**"GET YOUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66":** July 11-13, Springfield, Missouri. Deadlines: June 1, 2014. Contact Grand Secretary for additional information or check website. Also check: [www.missourioes.org](http://www.missourioes.org) or contact information - - [Multistate2014@gmail.com](mailto:Multistate2014@gmail.com)

**CRUSING:** Join Pamela and George for a great time on the "Navigator of the Seas" January 11-18, 2015. We will leave out of Galveston for Ports of Call, Roatan, Belize, and Cozumel. To book your cruise - contact Nanette Gwaltney, Vacations by Design, 210-656-6668 or 210-373-5580.

**OFFICIAL VISITS**

of the Worthy Grand Matron accompanied  
by the Worthy Grand Patron and Other Grand Officers

**Saturday, June 14, District 12:** Scottish Rite Temple, 717 Hodges Street, Lake Charles, Receiving Line at 4:00, meal at 4:30 with meeting to follow. Jo Schexneider, DDGM, 337/474-7619

**Friday, June 20, District 13:** Scottish Rite Consistory, 14598 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge. Snack supper at 6:00 with meeting to follow. Ruth LeCompte, DDGM, 225/744-1321

**Saturday, June 21, District 15:** Fern Leaf #24, 203 E. Morris, Hammond. Meal at 4:30 with meeting to follow. JoAnn Travis, DDGM, 985/229-87649

**APPRECIATION:** "Thank you" just doesn't cover how much we appreciate the many courtesies extended to us at this Grand Chapter Session. Every kind word, smile and hug will be remembered and made a part of our treasured memories. Terrie C Castay, Ambassador of NJ, PGM/Grand Secretary of LA, Diane Smith, Alzheimer's Committee, PGM of LA. and George Barker, Cancer Committee, PGP of LA of the General Grand Chapter.

The Reception following the Informal Opening of your Grand Chapter Session was beautifully done. The food provided was really good!!! I can't begin to tell you how much I have loved attending your Grand Chapters and how much I love receiving your Honorary Memberships to LA. The experiences through these many years of coming to Louisiana Grand Chapter shall never, never, be forgotten. Affectionately, Barbara Benton, PMWGM.

What a lovely time I had at your Grand Chapter Session! Bill and I both were so impressed with the hospitality, kindness and friendship we were shown the entire time, and from everyone we spoke to. Thank you for making our visit one that I will cherish forever. Janet Miller, Grand Representative of Louisiana in New Jersey, 2012-2014.

On behalf of the Biomedical Research Foundation I want to thank you for the generous gift of \$11,826.26 to the New Ideas Award assisting researchers to find cures and help to diagnose Alzheimer's and other related diseases. Your generosity will be used to impact the lives of many in our community. John F. George, Jr., M.D., President & CEO.

Sisters and Brothers: Thank you all so much for your very generous donations to the Rainbow Girls of Louisiana. Thank you for the donation to the Cancer Fund also. We will forward it on at Grand Assembly. We love and appreciate your support. In Rainbow Love, Debbie Cocran-Hock, Supreme Deputy and all of Louisiana Rainbow.

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:**

**ROSTER CHANGE:**

**Page 29: Mystic Star #108** - meeting time changed to 7:00 p.m.

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**FYI:**

**HARDBOUND RITUALS:** Small Print Green Rituals. Large Print Blue Rituals-\$23.00. Large Print White Rituals - \$23.00. Extra Large Print Rituals - \$33.00.

**SPIRAL BOUND RITUALS:** Large Print Blue Rituals - \$25.00. . . Extra Large Print Rituals - \$33.00.  
**2010 Book of Instruction** - \$3.00 plus postage **(There were no revisions in the 2010 Book of Instructions and they are available for purchase.)**  
**2013 Constitution Revisions** - \$2.10.  
**2014 Constitution Revisions** will be available for purchase in a few weeks.

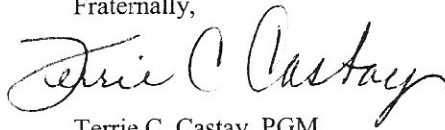
**RECEIVED FROM THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS:**

**Dec 10: Natchitoches #13** suspended Mrs Shirley Coe and Mrs Beverly M. Whitehead for NPD

**Dec 19: Istrouma #162** suspended Willie Watson and Shirley Higgins for NPD

**Jan 14: Esther #26** suspended Ramon Grant, Elois Sigler, Diana Smith, Cherie Fenison and Clarice Nash for NPD

Fraternally,



Terrie C. Castay, PGM  
Grand Secretary

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