

"BEACONS OF LIGHT"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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July 2014 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Can you believe July is already over? Time flies when you are having fun and we have had a lot of fun this month.

Thirty two Louisiana members attended the Multi-State Friendship Exchange in Springfield, Mo. The fun night Friday was a 50s night, your WGM was in a bubble gum blowing contest, a hula-hoop contest, and a question session on the 50s. The following day the lunches were great and the evening banquet was wonderful.

On the 17th we attended a courtesy visit to Mystic Star in Denham Springs. Here the WGP and I, and our teams, competed in a question and answer session where we tied. We then participated in a "Flip/Flop Night" where the WGM filled the station of WP, and the WGP filled the station of WM for the opening of the Chapter. Fun was had by all.

July 18th we attended the OV of District 16 with Shelly Thomas serving as DDGM. On the 19th we attended the OV of District 17 with Valerie Knight serving as DDGM. Both Districts did a great job. The decorations were outstanding, the food was delicious, and the membership welcomed us with Star love. Thank you to all.

July 26th we had the first Fraternal Relations Day. Sister Bonnie King did a great job organizing this event. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. Afterwards we attended the OV of District 4 with Pamela Duncan serving as DDGM. What a wonderful time. Thank you members of District 4 for your hard work and loving welcomes.

Reminders: Order your tickets for the MS/LA Exchange on September 13th. We have a Courtesy Visit on August 19th at Star of Bethlehem #93. There are several Courtesy Visits scheduled for September: 1st, Nova Stella #36; 8th, Fidelity No. 160; 11th Lafayette #46; 12th, Myrtle Celeste #231; and 23rd, Alice #5.

Quote of the Month: "Realize that true happiness lies within you. Waste no time and effort searching for peace and contentment and joy in the world outside. Remember that there is no happiness in having or in

getting, but only in giving. Reach out. Share. Smile. Hug. Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself. " – Og Mandino

Keep Your Lights Shining with Star Love,


Pamela Gill
Worthy Grand Matron

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

Saturday, August 2, District 14: Mystic Star # 108, Denham Springs Lodge #297, Corner of Benton & Centerville, Denham Springs. Meal at 4:30 p.m. with meeting to follow. Carmen Higgins, DDGM, 225-936-1569.

Friday, August 22, District 3: Scottish Rite Temple, 205 University Ave, Monroe. Meal at 6:00 p.m. with meeting to follow. Housing Chairman, Linda Lamkin, PGM, 318-513-1506. Nancy Hurst, DDGM, 318-368-8040.

Saturday, September 6, District 7: Natchitoches #13, 110 Masonic Dr., Natchitoches. Meal at 4:30 p.m. with meeting to follow. Joyce Boyt, DDGM, 318-322-1840.

Saturday, September 20, District 11: Cenla Shrine Club, 1100 Vandenburg Dr., Alexandria. Meal at 6:00 p.m. with meeting to follow. Directions: From the North: Travel south on US-165 to 28 W.. Follow 28W to Vandenburg Dr./LA-3054. Go north (right) on Vandenburg Dr./LA-3054 to the Cenla Shrine Club, 1100 Vandenburg Dr. which will be on the right. Phone #318-443-6149. From the South: Travel I-49 N to exit 80 to merge onto US-167 BUS N/US-71 N toward MacArthur Drive. Continue on MacArthur and keep to the right on the traffic circle to the second exit which will be U.S. Rte 71. Continue on U.S. Rte 71 (about 3 mins) and take a slight left onto LA-28W. Follow 28W to the 4th traffic light which will be Vandenburg Dr./LA-3054. Go north (right) to the Cenla Shrine Club, 1100 Vandenburg Dr. which will be on the right. Phone# 318-443-6149. Housing Chairman: Nina Sayer, DDGM, Cell #317-690-1004.

Friday, September 26, District 2: Shongaloo #177, Hwy 159S, Shongaloo. Meal at 6:00 p.m. with meeting to follow. Amanda Strange, DDGM.

Saturday, September 27, District #1: Creswell Lodge, 1805 Creswell St., Shreveport. Meal at 4:30 p.m. with meeting to follow. Wanda Hagemeyer, DDGM, (318) 798-9225.

Friday, October 3, District 6: Meeting will be held at Mt. Vernon Lodge in Logansport. (5th Street, 1/2 block off Hwy 84) Light refreshments will be served at 6:00 p.m. with meeting to follow. Dora Mestler, DDGM.

Friday, October 24, District 9: Ruby #72, 1796 Sycamore St., Jena. Meal at 6:00 p.m. with meeting to follow. Janice Daniel, DDGM (318/992-6396)

October 4, District 8, TBA
October 11, District 5, TBA
November 1, District 18, TBA
November 8, District 10, TBA

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Texas Grand Chapter, August 4-10, Waco, TX., Link: http://www.grandchapteroftexasoes/GC_session.asp
Amaranth - Louisiana Grand Court, August 7-9

September 20, Mid Year Association Meetings, at the Wesley Center, 2350 Methodist Parkway, Woodworth 71485. The Past Grands Association will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be available from 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m at a price of \$10.50 to be paid by members when arriving. The Past Grand Officers Association will meet from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m., followed by the Grand Representative Association from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. I will need you to RSVP for the lunch so I can give them a count.

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. \$250 reserves your place and payments are accepted till October.

ROSTER CORRECTIONS:

If you find an error in the Roster, please send that information to the Grand Secretary it can be corrected. Thank you.

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Pg 10: Communication-OES Friendship Line - laoesfriendship@aol.com

Pg 13: Scottish Rite Learning Centers - Dist 8 - Brad Williams, PP - 1646 Nolan Trace, Florien 71429-2505

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