

"BEACONS OF LIGHT"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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September 2014 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

August was another great month for Eastern Star. With the beginning of a new school year, we prepare for fall. It is a time to start again as we work to make our world a better place. At the end of each day, if we feel down, there is always a new day tomorrow. I hope you will remember to let your lights shine everywhere you go. Our lights may affect people we don't even know.

The month started with a great Official Visit in District 14. It was very well attended and everyone did a great job. Thank you Carmen Higgins, DDGM, for such a great job. We ended the evening with an ice cream social in honor of our AGC, Debbie Poche'.

Several members accompanied the WGP to Texas Grand Chapter to attend the opening ceremonies. Others accompanied me to the closing and installation. Texas is always great to visit and we have many friends there.

Some of us attended the Amaranth Grand Court where I brought greetings from the Eastern Star. The Ladies and Sir Knights of the Amaranth do wonderful work and raise funds for diabetes.

On August 22nd we attended the Official Visit to District 3. The District members fed us a wonderful dinner, the entertainment was a blue grass band, and the decorations were perfect. Thank you, Nancy Hurst, for a job well done.

We are looking forward to a much busier month in September. I hope to see many of you at the MS/Louisiana Friendship Exchange on September 13th. There are four Official Visits and several Courtesy Visits scheduled for September.

Quote of the Month: "I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a good deal about their acts." – *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, September 6, District 7: Natchitoches #13, 110 Masonic Dr., Natchitoches. Meal at 4:30 p.m. with meeting to follow. Joyce Boyt, DDGM, Phone #318/322-1840.

Saturday, September 20, District 11: Cenla Shrine Club, 1100 Vandenburg Dr., Alexandria. Meal at 4:30 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-71N 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 miles) 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 No. 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. Phone #318/245-2618.

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

Friday, October 3, District# 6: Alf Garrett #123, 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. Phone #318/686-4375

Saturday, October 4, District 8: Many First United Methodist Church Fellowship Building - 1020 Main Street - Many. Housing Chairmen: Edward & Paula Burnitt - 318-567-2257. Meal will be served at 4:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow. Directions - coming from the North on Hwy 171 -Turn left on Alabama and then left on Magnolia Street. Church will be at the end of the street on the right. Coming from the South on Hwy 171, turn right on Alabama and then left on Magnolia Street. Church will be at the end of the street on the right. Parking will be available in front of the church, along the street, and at the First Baptist Church parking lot. Mona Drake, DDGM. Phone #318/238-2912.

Saturday, October 11, District 5: Lee Emmett Thomas 198, 1349 Broadway Street, Delhi. Meal at 4:30 p.m. with meeting to follow. Pat Copes, DDGM. Phone #318/428-2564.

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

Saturday, November 1, District 18: Encirler 191, 600 Daniel St, Kenner. Meal at 4:30 p.m. with meeting to follow. Rejeana Bonnette, DDGM. Phone #504/231-4875.

Saturday, November 8, District 10: West Cenla Shrine Center - Leesville. Receiving Line 4:00 p.m.; Dinner 4:30 p.m. with Meeting to Follow. Georganne Andrus, DDGM, Phone #337/239-9882

Directions: From North of Leesville travel south on Hwy 171. Turn right on Nolan Trace (landmark-
ic light by police station). Go 1.2 miles, turn right on HM Stevens Blvd. Enter fairgrounds. The Shrine Center is the 3rd building on the left. From South of Leesville travel north on Hwy 171. Turn left on Nolan Trace and continue with directions above.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 20, Mid Year Association Meetings, at the Wesley Center, 2350 Methodist Parkway, Woodworth 71485. The Past Grands Association will meet from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ***Please note time change.*** Lunch will be available from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m at a price of \$10.50 to be paid by members when arriving. ***Please note time change.*** The Past Grand Officers Association will meet from 1:00 p.m. - 2 p.m., followed by the Grand Representative Association from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP to the WGM if you plan to stay for lunch.

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.

APPRECIATION:

Dear wonderful sisters and brothers, words cannot begin to express my appreciation to all of you who traveled the distance for Ma's Service. You'll never know how much it meant to see so many there. My sincere thanks for all the beautiful cards I've received and are still receiving, for the phone calls and most of all for your concern and prayers. Ma loved you all and so do I. Diane Fazekas Smith

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ESTARL BOARD RESIGNATION

The undersigned regretfully wishes to resign my position on the ESTARL Board, Northern Section, as of March, 2015. It has been a very rewarding and successful ten (10) years of service to the Order of the Eastern Star and to the recipients of the scholarship awards. God has blessed our organization for the efforts of promoting religious education. Thank you for the privilege of serving on this Board.

Dianne Sutton, PM

ESTARL Board Chairman

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

ROSTER CHANGE:

Pg 5: Wayne Harrist, E-mail: jwhpgp86@lusfiber.net

Pg 24: Central Star #23 - meeting time changed to 7:00 p.m.

Pg 28: Jewel #100 - change meeting time to 7:00 p.m. and meeting days to 4th Friday only

Pg 31: Metairie Ridge #169 - new secretary - Melissa Pritchett, 400 Sadie Ave., Metairie 70003-4844.
Phone: 504/810-1032

Pg 35: Pearl River #237 - due to the death of W.M. - Lydia Tierney, PM, P O Box 116, Bush 70431-0116 was elected to fill vacancy

<<<<<<<< AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE >>>>>>>>>

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.

NOTE: The spiral bound rituals are on back order with General Grand Chapter - should be mailed in September. GGC has hardbound rituals in stock.

2010 Book of Instruction - \$3.00 plus postage

2013 Constitution Revisions - \$2.10 plus postage

2014 Constitution Revisions - \$1.00 plus postage

RECEIVED FROM THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS:

Feb 20: Ruby #72 reinstated Sarah Jane Whatley Stinger

May 15: Ruby #72 reinstated Martha Phillips Trussell

June 10: Friendship #210 suspended Charles Earl for lack of Masonic relationship

June 10: Sunny South #12 suspended Dorslene Doyle and Susan Ione Deering for NPD

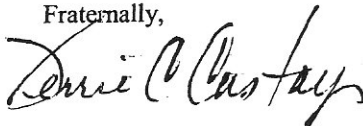
July 4: Pushepatapa #239 suspended Dawn Ard and Rhonda Carroll for NPD

July 10: Morgan City #21 suspended Linda Killion, David Trautman and Mrs Nema Trautman for NPD

Aug 5: Orange #224 suspended Jerianna McGhee (Lanie) for NPD

Aug 12: Alice #5 suspended Darlene Morgan, Larry Morgan, Jr. Kim McChesney, Karen P. Gillen, Glynn Rodrigue, Sonya Rodrigue for NPD

Fraternally,



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