

"The Stars in the Sky"

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Order of the Eastern Star

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May 2015 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

April showers bring May flowers and the April showers brought a lot of water. Toledo Bend Lake is at the highest that it has been in quite a while. On March 28, a total of one hundred twelve members including eight Texas Grand Officers, eleven Louisiana Grand Officers, one GGCCM from Louisiana and one GGCCM from Texas, eleven Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons from Louisiana, one Past Grand Matron from Texas attended the La/TX Exchange. It was a beautiful day after all the rain, and great fellowship with the Texas members.

The District Deputy Grand Matrons have finished their work, and are planning for the Schools of Instruction. I hope that you are planning to attend the School in your district which will be conducted by our Grand Supervisors. The "District" Schools of Instruction are also being planned. Please contact Sister Joye Denny, PGM, with your date and place for the "District School of Instruction". She is chairman of Work and Ritual. If you have any questions, please contact me or Sister Joye.

Wow!! What a wonderful homecoming and reception for the Grand Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, and District Deputy Grand Matrons. Hats off to Sister Ria Moore, DDGM of District 8, and Sister Becky Josker, DDGM of District 12. Thank you ladies for a great reception. The tables were decorated with our emblems, the food was delicious and the gifts were so nice. As always, the fellowship was the best.

Our Official Visits will start soon. I look forward to seeing many of you at our first Official Visit. There are several members who have lost loved ones, have had surgery, and been ill. Please remember to keep these in your prayers.

"M" is for the million things she gave me;
"O" means only that she's growing old;
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me;
"H" is for her heart of purest gold;
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining;

“R” means right, and right she’ll always be.
Put them all together, they spell “MOTHER”
A word that means the world to me.

With “The Stars in the Sky” and Star love,

Kathy Warmack

Kathy Warmack,
Worthy Grand Matron

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:

Manitoba: James Josker, PP (Ruth #16), 540 Goss Road, Westlake 70669-2124

Virginia: Barbara Turner, PM (Pinehurst #33), 591 Skinner St., Merryville 70653-3004

OFFICIAL VISITS

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

Saturday, May 30 - District 12: Calcasieu Chapter #164, 717 Hodges Street, Lake Charles. Receiving line at 2:30 p.m. Meeting at 3:00 p.m. Meal to follow the meeting. Becky Josker, DDGM, 337/433-8707.

Friday, June 19 - District 18: Alberta Retif Chapter #252, 1105 LeBeau St., Arabi. Receiving line for DDGM, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patrons and Grand Officer in the District at 6:00 p.m. with light refreshments. Meeting to follow. Joan Dumser, DDGM, 504/462-8830.

Saturday, June 20 – District 17: A.W. Connely #117, 1029 Bayou Black Dr, Houma. Receiving line at 1:45 p.m. for DDGM, Past Grand Patron and Grand Officer in the District. Light refreshments at 2:00 p.m. Meeting at 3:00 p.m. Housing Chairman: Joan Huffman, PM, 985/876-0259. Martha Porche, DDGM, 985/791-8203.

Friday, June 26 – District 16: Slidell Lodge #311, 2202 Front St., Slidell. Light refreshments at 6:00 p.m with meeting to follow. Beverly Cowart, Housing Chairman, 985/863-7108. Karen Porter, DDGM, 985/641-4321.

Saturday, June 27 – District 15: Nova Stella #36, 286 E. Pine, Ponchatoula. Light refreshments at 2:00 p.m. Meeting at 3:00 p.m. Brenda Kuhn, DDGM, 225/294-2584.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, May 17: 100th Birthday, Mystic Star #108, 313 Benton Street N, Denham Springs at 2:00 p.m. Bernadette Jones, WM.

Saturday, June 6: Cancer Luncheon will be rescheduled (more information to follow)

Friday, June 12 – 13: Rainbow Grand Assembly, Shreveport. Welcome Banquet, Friday, June 12 – tickets required

Sunday, June 28: 100th Birthday, Eleanor # 105 – 5361 Hwy 63 – Pine Grove. 2:00 p.m.

July 10-12: MULTI-STATE FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE, "Denim & Diamonds", Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas. If you are interested, contact the Grand Secretary for information and paperwork. Deadline for pre-registration is June 1, 2015.

COURTESY VISITS:

June 1: A.W. Connely #117, Houma. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Melissa Dumont, WM

June 23: Love Chapter #209, Sulphur. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Martha Bea Woods, WM

June 25: J.T. Charnley Chapter #197, Alexandria. Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Kay McCray, WM

ANNOUNCEMENT:

A motion was made and passed at Grand Chapter to hold a **Special Session** for the purpose of installing Brother Gerald Houston, as Associate Grand Patron, and that the time and place be published in the monthly newsletter, 30 days prior to the session. At least one-fourth of all the chartered chapters shall be represented at the transaction of ordinary business. **The Worthy Grand Matron has set the date for this Special Session for Saturday, May 30 at 3:00 p.m., prior to the first Official Visit at Ruth Chapter No. 16, at 717 Hodges Street, Lake Charles, La.**

APPRECIATION:

We would like to extend our appreciation to each of you for the many courtesies extended to us at the "Beacons of Light" Session. Many thanks to Sister Pam Gill, Junior Past Grand Matron, for putting this banquet on your schedule, and to Sister Linn McNary, PGM, and her committee for the wonderful banquet on Saturday - how kind of you. Our "thank you" seems so small compared to all you've done, but it comes from our heart. 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.

Please accept the gratitude of the Masonic Learning Center of Louisiana for your very generous gift of \$5,456.17 given to benefit the Dyslexia Training Program. Your gift will help us in bringing to hundreds of children in Louisiana specialized instruction in the language arts calculated to enable these children to read and achieve according to their academic potential. Sharon McCaskill - Educational Specialist Administrator, Masonic Learning Center.

Thank you for the generous donation of \$366.22 of BARAK's Patient Transportation Fund. Please convey our thanks to all LA chapters. Billy G. Davis, Recorder

