

# "The Stars in the Sky"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana  
Order of the Eastern Star

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July 2015 – Newsletter

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

We made it through the month of June. What a busy month it has been. The Worthy Grand Patron and I have been visiting chapters. We have surprised several by attending your chapter. Thank you for the courtesy and kindness that you have shown us.

The Official Visits have begun. Thank you District Deputy Grand Matrons and all the members for making these visits memorable. We thank you for your courtesy, hospitality, and wonderful friendships.

Congratulations to Brother Gerald Houston, AGP, as he is now official. He was installed at the Special Session held on May 30 in Lake Charles. Thank you to Sister Linda Lamkin, Brother George Barker, and Brother Ed Lamkin for the beautiful ceremony. The Grand Officers served in their stations, and I was very proud of you. You have experienced a small portion of Grand Chapter, and was a part of the history of having a Special Session of Grand Chapter.

The first Official Visit was held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at Ruth Chapter # 16 in Lake Charles. The day was special, the food was great and the hospitality couldn't have been any better. Thank you to the Wilkinson's for the wonderful ice cream and cobbler social.

The Worthy Grand Patron and I brought greetings at the Rainbow Grand Assembly at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bossier City. Eastern Star was well represented. There were eight Grand Officers in attendance, as well as several Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, members and one very special guest. Sisters Jane McDaniel, PGM, and Carolyn Blount, PM, accompanied ten young ladies from the newly formed assembly. I'll bet there will be stories to tell. The girls were very proficient in their work. Congratulations to Martha Bea Woods, Grand Organist. She was the recipient of the Louisiana Spirit of Rainbow Award. We appreciated the courtesies that the Rainbow girls gave us, and I hope that your chapter remembered to honor them during the month of June. They really do appreciate the support of the Order of Eastern Star.

Thank you to Sister Joye Denny, PGM, Chairman of Work and Ritual. She has been steadily scheduling the District Workshops. One district reported 40 members attending. I hope that you are reminded of the work, or even learned some of the work, as you attend these workshops. They are for your district to become more

proficient in your work. Thank you to the other members of the Work and Ritual Committee that have been assisting with these workshops.

It is time to sign up for the Branson Show Extravaganza. You can send in your deposit, and pay it out monthly. If you need information, please contact the Grand Secretary. If you have questions, please contact Nanette Gwaltney at 210-656-6668. She is ready to answer any of your questions.

We are to honor Rob Morris in the month of August. You can find information about him in the Ritual.

Don't forget about our projects. At each Official Visit, there will be a report from the State Chairman or District Chairman. We have the pendants ready for sale. They are \$25.00 each and the money will be divided among the projects. Brother John Belanger has nice bags available for \$10.00 each. This money will go to Scottish Rite Learning Center in Baton Rouge. If you would like to sell some for your district, please see him. He is visiting several meetings. Cancer pins are available for \$10.00. You can see Rejeanna and Trent Bonnette, Co State Chairmen of Cancer for these pins. The Cancer Luncheon is scheduled for October 17 at 11:30am at the Masonic Lodge on Horseshoe Drive in Alexandria.

**Clarification: You must exemplify the Signs and Passes and Obligation at every meeting. Opening the chapter, or an initiation does not count as the Signs and Passes. In these instances the complete Signs and Passes are not exemplified. The Obligation should be repeated by the members. Only candidates will repeat the obligation during an initiation.**

**General Grand Chapter Triennium 2015:** We hope that you will be attending General Grand Chapter in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. If you would like information regarding the Triennium Session, check the General Grand Chapter website or contact the Grand Secretary. A social event honoring Bro. Harles Creech, PMWGP, and our General Grand Chapter Committee Members will be held in Pittsburgh. More information will follow.

A love offering will be collected and given to the honored members listed above at the breakfast to show them how proud we are of them, and how much we appreciate their service to our state through General Grand Chapter. Donations may be sent through your chapter to the Grand Secretary.

Enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Fly your flag proudly!

With "The Stars in the Sky" and Star love,



Kathy Warmack,  
Worthy Grand Matron

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:**

Delaware: Geri Rose, PM (23) 11213 Buddy Ellis Rd., Denham Springs 70726-5949 - Expiring May 31, 2017

Idaho: Kay Short, PM (24) 25158 Harvey Lavigne Road, Ponchatoula 70454 - Expiring March 31, 2017

Ontario: Melissa Dumont, PM (117) 517 Marmande Street, Houma 70363 - Expiring December 31, 2017

## OFFICIAL VISITS

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

**Friday, June 26 – District 16:** Slidell Lodge #311, 2202 Front St., Slidell. Light refreshments at 6:00 p.m. with meeting to follow. Beverlyn 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.

**Friday July 24 - District 6:** Fair Park #18, 6407 Buncombe Rd, Shreveport. Light refreshments at 6:00 p.m. with meeting to follow. Faye Bacle, Housing Chairman 318-742-6142, Jennie Goodwin, DDGM, 318-865-2433.

**Saturday July 25 – District 7:** Natchitoches # 13, 110 Masonic Drive, Natchitoches. Light refreshments at 2:00 p.m. with meeting to follow. Joanna Wiggins, DDGM, 318-548-7651.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**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.

**August 1:** Arkansas / La Exchange “Flip Flops and Fun”. 12:00 Noon, 302 Stadium Street- Magnolia, AR 71753. Come join your AR/LA sisters and brothers in a day of exploring the wonders of friendship. Tickets: \$10.00 per person (No Refunds) Send stamped self-addressed envelope to: Rita Rhea, 122 Chinquepin Drive, Magnolia, AR 71753. Deadline for tickets: July 15, 2015. (Hawaiian casual dress)

**August 13-14:** Texas Grand Chapter. If you need information or registration forms, please contact the Grand Secretary

**August 15:** General Grand Chapter Committee Member Banquet – “Strolling thru the Garden” honoring Sisters Terrie Castay, PGM – Ambassador to New Jersey, Diane Smith, PGM – Alzheimer, Brothers George Barker, PGP – Cancer, and Edward Burnitt, PP – Bobbie’s Forever Friends. Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. SAI Convention Center 2301 N. McArthur Drive – Alexandria. Tickets: \$28.00. Chairman: Juanita Wilkinson, PGM, 337-855-3080. Ticket chairman: Linda Lamkin – 293 Bear Creek Road, Ruston 71270-1646 phone 318- 513-1506. Please send a self addressed stamped envelope.

**August 28:** Mississippi General Grand Chapter Committee Member Banquet. Tickets \$25.00

**August 29:** Little Red Schoolhouse Picnic \$15.00

**November 16-20:** Branson Show Extravaganza - \$610.00 plus gratuity. \$150 deposit per person. Information and sign up information is available from the Grand Secretary, WGM or WGP.

**COURTESY VISITS:**

**July 6:** Nova Stella # 36, Ponchatoula. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Brenda Kuhn, WM  
**July 7:** Pearl River # 237, Pearl River. Meeting at 7:30 p.m Cynthia Nobles, WM  
**August 9:** Rachel Jackson # # 241, Hammond. Meeting at 2 p.m. Irmgard Tizzard, WM

**APPRECIATION:**

Thank you for your generous donation to the Louisiana Rainbow Girls. We sincerely appreciate all that you do to support the girls by your presence and time, as well as your financial support. We have Rainbow Assemblies in the Shreveport/Bossier area, Lake Charles, Monroe, Metairie and Slidell areas, and we are pleased to announce that we have opened an assembly in Denham Springs. If the Rainbow Girls can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to call on them. Again, thank you. Miss Mickayla Blue, Grand Worthy Advisor and Debbi Cocran-Hock, Supreme Deputy in Louisiana.

The Jerusalem Shriners Children's Hospital Transportation Fund acknowledges with deep appreciation your contribution of \$366.22.

**NOTICE:** Istrouma Chapter #162 has merged with Central Star #23 and Vesper Chapter #107 has merged with Blanchard Chapter #236.

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

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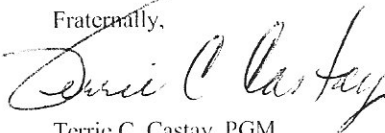
**FYI:** The only rituals available for purchase at this time are the small hardbound rituals - \$23.00. General Grand Chapter has informed me that there will be no reprinting of rituals until after the General Grand Chapter Triennium in November after which revisions to the rituals is anticipated and new rituals will be made available.

2010 Book of Instruction - \$3.00 plus postage  
Constitution Revisions through 2014 are available for purchase.

**RECEIVED FROM THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS:**

**June 2** - Star of Bethlehem #93 suspended Laura Sue Godwin and Nancy Monk for NPD

Fraternally,



Terrie C. Castay, PGM  
Grand Secretary

**WEBSITE:** [www.laoes.org](http://www.laoes.org)