

"The Stars in the Sky"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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September 2015 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Summer is almost over and it's time for school. I hope that you will keep the teachers, schoolchildren, and bus drivers, and anyone else connected with education in your prayers. We've been so blessed to have our schools safe.

We've had a very busy August, and now it's time to begin our September calendar. September will be very busy, so be sure to check the Dates to Remember in this newsletter.

Thanks to Sister Terrie Castay, PGM, for bringing greetings at Amaranth Court. According to Sister Terrie, it was a well attended opening. Brother James Pantalion, our Grand Warder, was completing his term as Royal Grand Patron and was doing a great job. Sister Jane McDaniel, PGM, (Grand Associate Conductress-Amaranth); Sister Jerry Butters, Grand Ruth, and several other Eastern Stars attended the ceremony also.

Our courtesy visit at Rachel Jackson # 241 in Hammond was a "hot" meeting. The meeting was very good even though there was no air conditioning. Thank you to the Grand Officers and other visitors that attended. I know they were very proud to have us visit their chapter. There was a surprise that day, also. Be sure to ask Brother Charlie Sibley about it.

Nineteen members traveled to Texas Grand Chapter in Arlington. It is always great to be able to be with Sisters and Brothers of other Grand Jurisdictions. We ended that weekend with the General Grand Chapter Committee Member Luncheon at the SAI Convention Center in Alexandria on Saturday. There were 77 members in attendance. Thank you to those that gave of your time to attend. I felt it very important to honor our PMWGP, General Grand Chapter Committee members, and Special Appointment of the MWGM one last time as a state. Thank you Sister Juanita Wilkinson, PGM, Chairman and her committee for a wonderful day. Thank you Sister Linda Lamkin, PGM, for taking care of our ticket sales and expenses. These ladies have been great to work with at all luncheons. I thank you so very much.

Tickets are available for the La'Ms Friendship Exchange. Bring a cross to exchange with a Mississippi member. Sister Diane Smith, PGM is chairman. I know she has been preparing for this event, and it will be a fun time for all. Sister Linda Lamkin, PGM is ticket chairman. More information is included in the newsletter.

Labor Day is September 7th. There are no visits scheduled, so that we can all have some time off for some well deserved rest.

Sister Juanita Wilkinson, PGM, is chairman for the GGCCM Breakfast honoring Harles Creech, PMWGP; Sisters Terrie Castay, PGM–Ambassador to New Jersey; Diane Smith, PGM–Alzheimer, and Brothers George Barker, PGP–Cancer and Edward Burnitt, PP– one of Bobbie’s Forever Friends. This will be held at General Grand Chapter. If you would like to give a donation to honor these members, please give it to your Chapter Secretary. The Secretary will send it to the Grand Secretary. If you are planning on attending General Grand Chapter, please give your name to me or the Grand Secretary - we need this information to finalize some plans we are making.

We have pendants available for sale for a donation of \$25.00. Brother John Belanger has nice bags for sale for \$10.00 for the Scottish Rite Learning Center. Cancer pins are in and can be purchased for \$10.00 from Trent and Rejeana Bonnette. Please support these charities. Remember to give the money to the Secretary of your chapter to be sent in to the Grand Secretary.

I am so excited about the Mexico Shoes project. We have delivered several boxes to the ministry. We only have two more months to collect shoes. Please get them to me as soon as possible. I can’t wait to tell the State Chairman how many we have collected for her report. Thanks again, Sister Jane for giving the shoes right off your feet. That’s how the ministry got started.

There have been a few changes with the September meetings. District 10 will hold their Official Visit on Friday, September 18th. The mid-year meetings will be held on Saturday, September 19th, followed by the Official Visit of District 11 and the Official Visit of District 9 will be held on Sunday, September 20th.

Just a reminder that “**Caring & Sharing**” will be held at the Coughatta Lodge on September 21. Everyone is invited. The meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow. Don't forget to celebrate Christmas in September - use this time to share with your community.

It is time to finalize our Branson Extravaganza. If you need information, please contact the WGM, WGP or the Grand Secretary.

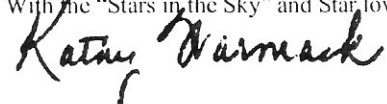
You will find included in the newsletter a copy of the OES Media Social Guidelines. The Secretary may make copies to pass out to the members. I am asking that each of you read these, and begin to implement them in your chapters. With the technology of the media, I feel we need to begin to address this issue.

Please remember those who have been ill, had surgeries, or have lost loved ones. Martha Bea Woods, Grand Organist had surgery on her ankle. She is home resting.

Once again, I forgot to thank someone. Thank you Dr. Anita Fields-Gold for serving as Installing Grand Marshal during the Special Session of Installation for the Associate Grand Patron. One very important office during an installation is the Installing Marshal. Your work was beautiful. I’d like to say a very special thank you to Dr. Anita for the gift that she gave me. A beautiful musical church that plays “How Great Thou Art.” I will cherish it forever.

Clarification Moment: Remember that all correspondence must be sent to the Secretary. Whether you are sending a certificate, invitation, or any other means of notification, it must be sent to the Secretary of the Chapter.

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



Kathy Warmack,
Worthy Grand Matron

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:

Alabama: Charlie Sibley, PP, (#105) 3449 Hwy 449, Pine Grove 70453-2304 - Expiring-Aug 1, 2017

Pennsylvania: Linda Frazier, PM (#130) 2069 Pepper Ridge Dr., Shreveport 71115-9412 - Expiring-Aug 11, 2017

w Hampshire: James Marze, PP (#10) 325 Barron Chapel Road, Pineville 71360-9182 - Expiring- July 1, 2017

OFFICIAL VISITS

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

Friday, September 18: District 10 – Pinehurst # 33, 320 Shirley St, DeRidder. Receiving line at 5:30 p.m., light refreshments at 6:00 p.m. with meeting to follow. Jeanette Bailey, DDGM, Phone: 337-396-4506

Saturday, September 19: District 11 - Cenla Shrine Club, 1100 Vandenburg Dr, Alexandria. Receiving line at 2:30 p.m. with light refreshments. Meeting to follow. Lani Smith, DDGM, Phone: 337-288-5174

Sunday, September 20: District 9 - Ruby Chapter #72, 1796 Sycamore St, Jena. Receiving line at 2:00 p.m., Meeting to follow. Light refreshments to follow the meeting. Janice Daniel, DDGM, 318-992-6396

Friday, September 25: District 2, Shongaloo Lodge # 352, Highway 159, Shongaloo. Light refreshments at 6:00 p.m. with meeting to follow. Amanda Strange, Housing Chairman, 318-245-2618. Nobie Morehead, DDGM, Home 870-694-1200 or Cell 318-578-0561.

Saturday September 26: District 1, Masonic Temple, 1805 Creswell Ave, Shreveport. Receiving line at 2:30 p.m. Refreshments and meeting to follow. Angela McNicoll, PM, DDGM.

Saturday, October 3: District 4, Mt Gerzim Lodge #54, 10506 Boswell St., Bastrop 71220. Housing Chairman: Ruth Watts, 318/281-2133 and Donna Gunter, 318/283-3162. Nancy Lee, PM, DDGM

COURTESY VISITS:

October 6 – Thelma Hackett #225, 782 Hwy 27, Bell City. Meal at 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m.

October 8 – Lafayette #46, 101 Carl St, Lafayette, Meal at 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

We would like to extend our deep appreciation to those who planned our "Stroll through the Garden" on Saturday, August 15th. The atmosphere was exciting, the food delicious and the program was delightful. We wish to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for setting this time aside for us and to Sister Juanita Wilkinson, PGM, for the special plans she made and we ask that you thank your committee for their work. But - we want to especially thank those who shared this time with us. Harles I. Creech, PMWGP; Terrie Castay, GGC-Ambassador to NJ; Diane Smith, Alzheimer Committee; George Barker, Cancer Committe and Edward Burnitt, Bobbi's Forever Friend.

Thank you for remembering us during our dark hour. Virginia was loved by many and had friends everywhere. Her ashes will be returned to Slidell, Carl and Sue Scale (Virginia Jenkins brother and sister-in-law)

Thank you for all the prayers, thoughtfulness and kindness you showed us during the loss of our Mother. Also to those of you that gave donations to the WGM projects in her memory was greatly appreciated. A special thank you to our WGM for traveling so far for the wake and funeral. We love and appreciate you more than you will ever know for that act of kindness. And to Richard and Martha Porche for being there for us at the wake and funeral. It was greatly appreciated and we will always remember you for that. Conrad (Grand Chaplain) and Dean Champagne

Thank you so much for awarding my wife and I the ESTARL Scholarship. This is a tremendous blessing that has come just in time for us to continue school. We have such desire to serve South Louisiana, and this gift will not only enable us to obtain the education required, but free us up to serve. We are very grateful for the generosity of the Board. In Christ, Ryan and Katy James.

Thank you for coming to Louisiana Grand Court. A donation has been made in your honor to Amaranth^e Diabetes Foundation. Nelda Lewis, GRM

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 11: Luau Myrtle Celeste #231, 3950 Florida St., Baton Rouge. Meal at 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. Shirley Stroud, PM, WM

September 12: LA/MS Friendship Exchange "Our Musical Stars" . 11:30 a.m. Tickets \$20.00. Correctional Center in Ferriday. Chairman: Diane Smith, PGM. Ticket Chairman: Linda Lamkin, PGM, 293 Bear Creek Rd, Ruston 71370-1646. Phone: 318-513-1506. Please include a self addressed stamped envelope.

September 19: Midyear Meetings – 1415 Horseshoe Dr., Alexandria. 8:30 a.m. Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons; 9:30 a.m. Past Grand Officers; 10:30 a.m. Grand Representative Club

September 21: Caring & Sharing Meal at 6:00 p.m. Silent Brotherhood Lodge, 1036 Ringgold Ave, Coushatta.

Oct 9-11: Alabama Grand Chapter, Birmingham, Alabama

October 17: Cancer Roundup Luncheon - 11:30 a.m. Tickets \$20.00. Masonic Temple, 1415 Horseshoe Drive , Alexandria. Trent and Rejeana Bonnette, Co-Chairman. Linda Lamkin, PGM ,Ticket Chairman 293 Bear Creek Rd, Ruston 71370-1646.

November 16 – 20: Branson Show Extravaganza \$610.00 plus gratuity. \$150 deposit per person. Details and sign up information is available from the Grand Secretary, Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron.

NOTIFICATION:

Vidalia Chapter #37 - Stated meeting shall be held in the Masonic hall of Concordia Lodge 305 on the 2nd Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Jewel Chapter #100 - Meeting will be on fourth Friday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m., with the exception of the month of December when stated meeting shall be the first Friday of month, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

ROSTER CORRECTIONS

Page 2: Marilyn L. Abshire, AGC - (2,46,64, 225) (Oscar)

Page 6: 2006 - Richard Shaw - email address: wgp2006@att.net) or rich5502@gmail.com

Page 20: Pages to AGC: Nanette D. Lejeune, PM (46) - 411 Azalea Dr., New Iberia 70563-2771

Page 23: Page to DDGM, Jeanette Bailey, DDGM #10, Frances Cloud, 7081 Hwy 463, Pitkin 70656

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

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

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

2015 Constitution Revisions are available for purchase.

2015-2016 Roster - \$6.00

Fraternally,
Terrie C. Castay, PGM
Grand Secretary

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