

" A Time for all Seasons"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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May 2017 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Lord has Risen! He has Risen Indeed!! Hope everyone had a very Happy Easter. We enjoyed good fellowship with a very delicious meal and a cute program after the meeting at my Chapter Homecoming. We had 12 Grand Officers attend. Thank you to all that came we enjoyed having you there. Thank you for the gifts they are most appreciated.

I had a wonderful time at MS Grand Chapter, hope everyone else that went did too. Thank you all for coming, I think we had about 40 members there. We need that many and more in July at Multi-State in Vicksburg to win the banner.

Next stop was in Lafayette at Brother Lonnie's homecoming. We had 11 Grand Officers attend. Thank you for all the courtesies and fellowship extended to us.

There has been some questions about the Monthly activity sheet. My hope is that all members either get a sheet for themselves to complete or at each meeting fill out a sheet and turn in to the chapter secretary. She will compile the totals for the Quarterly reports. The good deeds you do is for everyone, members, family, friends, church members, neighbors, and strangers. Let them know this is what Eastern Star is all about.

Our first Official Visit is June 10th in Alexandria.

There is a correction on the LA/MS Exchange form, the date should be June 17, Saturday.

LAST CALL: The FUN TRIP!! We are going to California. Monterey, Carmel, Yosemite National park, Alcatraz, and Napa valley. August 27th thru Sept. 3rd. **Deadline** for reservations with half payment due **May 15th**, balance due June 25th. The more people that come the cheaper the price for everyone!! Invite non-members, family and friends. All places are fun, educational and interesting for all ages. We have some grandchildren signed up with grandparents already. Get in touch with SuEllen Kirk as soon as possible at 318-433-3549 or email at kirkdaddy10@yahoo.com.

Wishing everybody a Mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Time is the most valuable thing a man can spend, especially with family and friends.
God Bless and Star Love,

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Appreciation:

Dear sisters and brothers:

Words cannot express the gratitude James and I feel for the love you showed us during this time of mourning for the loss of our son. Your phone calls, cards and contributions in his honor are deeply appreciated by our family. Jimmy is with our Lord and we will miss him. You make that grief easier to bear. Thank you for your love.

James and Lois

Invitations:

A W Connely Chapter # 117 - Invites you to attend our Chapter's 100th Birthday celebration to be held 2pm on Sunday, May 7, 2017, at Unity Lodge # 267 located at 1029 Bayou Black Drive Houma, LA 70360.

You are cordially invited to attend the Grand Family Reception honoring Sister Debbie Poché, WGM, and Brother Lonnie Smith, WGP, and the 2017-2018 Grand Officers at the Acacia Shrine Center, 7991 Commerce Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70815, on Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 2-4 p.m. Hosted by Districts 9 and 11.

Upcoming events:

May 7, 2017: A.W. Connelly #117 – 100th Chapter Birthday - 2pm on Sunday, at Unity Lodge # 267 located at 1029 Bayou Black Drive Houma, LA 70360.

May 20, 2017: Grand Family Reception – 2-4pm – Acacia Shrine Center, Baton Rouge.

June 1, 2017: Rainbow Grand Assembly – Informal opening

June 8 – 9, 2017: Georgia Grand Chapter (check their website for details and forms)

June 10, 2017: District 9 – Official Visit at the Cenla Shrine Club, 1100 Vandenburg Dr., Alexandria. The Secretary and Treasurer Workshop will begin at 1:00 PM, with refreshments at 2:00, and the Official Visit at 3:00 PM. Sharollette Finley, DDGM, 337-942-9486 Cell: 337-278-2857
Email: sharlottefa@charter.net

June 12, 2017: Courtesy visit – Noble Queen #45 – Dinner 6pm – Meeting 7pm.

June 16, 2017: District 7 – Official Visit, at HC & ME Duncan #161, 2191 Hwy 28 E, Pineville. 5:00 PM, Workshop for Secretaries and Treasurers; 6:00 PM, meal with Official Visit to follow. Charolette Greer, DDGM, 318-827-5325 Cell: 318-729-8187 Email: greer9770@bellsouth.net

June 17, 2017: LA/MS Exchange – Ferriday

June 20, 2017: Courtesy visit – Central Star #23, 11525 Sullivan Rd. Baton Rouge, Dinner at 6pm, Meeting at 7pm.

June 24, 2017: District 14 – Official Visit at Bayou Fellowship Lodge #484, 215 East 93rd Street, Galliano. 1:00 PM, Workshop for Secretaries and Treasurers; 2:00 PM, Official Visit, with refreshments to follow. Darlene Mayet, DDGM, 985-772-9822, Email darlenemayet@gmail.com.

July 8, 2017: District 4 – Official Visit at Sunset Star Masonic Lodge, 5115 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport; 1:00 PM, Workshop for Secretaries and Treasurer; 2:00 PM, Finger Foods; 3:00 PM, Official Visit. Housing Chairman is Ms. Bess Chance, 318-686-6741. Jennie R. Goodwin, DDGM, 318-865-2433.

California Napa Valley Trip – Aug. 27-Sept. 3 –Deadline for deposit -- May 15th
Call SuEllen Kirk - 318-433-3549 or email at kirkdaddy10@yahoo.com.

Corrections to the Calendar:

Add: June 20th – Courtesy Visit – Central Star #23, 11525 Sullivan Rd. Baton Rouge, Dinner at 6pm, Meeting at 7pm.

Change: Nov.4th Official Visit to – Oct. 22nd – Sunday

I apologize to Olive Chapter #50 and Metairie Ridge #169, I left you off of the Calendar when I was cutting and pasting. I am sorry.

Roster Change:

Brother Richard Shaw, PGP, has been appointed to finish Brother Edmond Hays' year on the Clinton Ardis Mills Scholarship Award Board.

Social Media: Something that we need to be very mindful of is postings to Facebook or any other media. We need to be careful when posting our fun adventures on Facebook or any other media. Some of our members are not on Facebook. They don't want to be on Facebook.

Please DO NOT post anything about our members without permission from them first. No Pictures, not who you are with, do not name names of who is at the events without permission. Always ask those involved before posting. Let's keep our members safe as we enjoy each other's company at our events!!

Attention: Be sure and check the web site (laoes.org). Information and forms for Multi-State Exchange, our Four-State Exchange, our LA/MS exchange, and the Lil Red School House picnic are available. There is also a link to the pictures of the Grand Officers, 2017-2018 and Official Visits and events for this year.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Received from the Subordinate Chapters:

March 14, 2017, Electa #10 Suspended Deanna Pennington, NPD

April 18, 2017, Central Star #23 Suspended John Ramey, NPD

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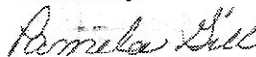
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Secretaries and Members, Please make all checks payable to **The Grand Chapter**. Thank you.

Fraternally,



Pamela Gill, PGM

Grand Secretary

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