

# "A Time for all Seasons"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana  
Order of the Eastern Star

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June 2017 – Newsletter

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Hope everyone had a very Happy Mother's Day!

The 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration of A.W. Connely # 117 in Houma was a blast. The chapter members did an excellent job with the decorations and especially the history. It was very interesting.

Lonnie and I would like to thank everyone that came out to the Reception of the 2017-2018 Grand Family. We had a great time visiting with everyone. Thank you to District 9 and 11 for hosting the event, the decorations were all of our symbols and emblems, the background music was perfect and the food was delicious. Those that could not make it, please know that you were missed.

Also at the reception it was my pleasure to allow Linn McNary, GGCCM, Heart chairman, to present a check to the Representative of the Heart Association. We thank the members that gave to this charity last year.

It's **Time** to start our busy Season. All are invited to come share our excitement and fun.

June 1<sup>st</sup> is the Opening of Rainbow Grand Assembly, New Orleans Airport Hilton at 7:30pm. Formal attire. Let's show our support for these beautiful girls.

Our first Official Visit is June 10<sup>th</sup> in Alexandria. District 9 is the home district of the WGP, Lonnie Smith, Gr. Organist, Lani Smith, G.C, Donna Harrist, and A.G.C, Kay McCray.

Chapter Secretaries and Treasurers, there will be a Workshop for you at the Official visits, any other members can attend also. Check the times in the invitation of your District below.

The LA/MS Exchange form, needs to be turned in to Diane Smith, PGM by June 9<sup>th</sup>. Dress is casual. Come enjoy the fellowship and make new friends by visiting with Mississippi Eastern Stars.

Time to get your reservations, registration and meal tickets for the Multi-State Exchange in Vicksburg, MS turned in. Let's bring home the banner of the most out-of-state members being there!! Forms on our website laoes.org or msgrandchapter.com.

The FUN TRIP!! To California, includes Monterey, Carmel, Yosemite National park, Alcatraz, and Napa Valley. August 27<sup>th</sup> thru Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Deadline** for final payment due **June 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you to those members that went to Tennessee Grand Chapter and represented L.A. I heard they had a great time!

Keep checking our website for updates in the calendar of events, pictures, forms, newsletters, etc. at: laoes.org.

Hope everyone has a great Father's Day!!

"Time to plan for the Future: When you want to make the future better than the present. Vision what a wonderful future would look like. Plan to make it happen. Put your plan into action in the Present"

God Bless and Star Love,



Debbie Poche'  
Worthy Grand Matron

#### **Appreciation:**

To all members of Louisiana Order of the Eastern Star: Thank you for a wonderful year serving as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Your love and support was felt in each endeavor we undertook. Grand Chapter went extremely well due to the attention members gave to details and each committee properly prepared for the reports. We look forward to continuing to serve our Grand Chapter. Fraternally, Rovenia McDonald, PGM, Gerald Houston, PGP

I wish to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the Sisters and Brothers who attended the Wake and/or the Funeral of my wife Jackie Edwards. I know it was demanding of you to be there for me and my family seeing as how it was only 2 and 3 days after Grand Chapter and I know how exhausting that can be. Your loyalty and devotion is greatly appreciated. When Sister Jane McDaniel, P.G.M. while conducting the O.E.S. Funeral ask for all Eastern Star members to please stand, I turned and looked and there was a great turn out. Jackie loved working for the Order and was most happy being on the committee for Property and Decorations. I can visualize her still wanting to arrange the setting in the GRAND CHAPTER IN THE SKY. Star Love, Raymond Edwards, P.P. W.P.

The Officers and Members of A W Connely Chapter # 117 would like to thank all from around the state who attended our chapter's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration on May 7. It was a beautiful day and your presence made it all the more special!

#### **Upcoming events:**

**June 1:** Rainbow Grand Assembly – Informal opening

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

**June 10:** 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](mailto:sharlottefa@charter.net)

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

**June 16:** 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](mailto:greer9770@bellsouth.net)

**June 17:** LA/MS Exchange – Ferriday

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

**June 24:** District 14 – Official Visit at Bayou Fellowship Lodge #484, 215 East 93<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:darlenemayet@gmail.com).

**June 29-July 1:** Grand Lodge

**July 3:** Courtesy visit – Nova Stella #36, Ponchatoula – 6:30 pm

**July 8:** 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.

**July 15:** District 13 – Official Visit at Pushepatapa Chapter #239, 344 Masonic Drive, Bogalusa; 1:00 PM Workshop for Secretaries and Treasurers; Official Visit at 2:00 PM with meal served after meeting. Housing Chairman, Mrs. Karen Porter, 985-641-4321 or 985-640-2361, Email: [kfporter@bellsouth.net](mailto:kfporter@bellsouth.net). Denise Boone, DDGM, 985-732-9103 or 985-516-9685.

**July 21-22:** Multi-State Friendship Exchange, Vicksburg, MS.

**July 26-30:** Demolay, JC Deason Leadership Conference, Wesley Retreat & Conference Center Woodworth LA

**August 3-5:** Amaranth Grand Court

**August 12:** District 12 Official Visit, Ponchatoula

**August 25-26:** MS Banquet and Lil Red School House Picnic

**August 25-27:** Shrine Circus - Alexandria

**August 27-September 3:** Napa Valley Trip

#### **Corrections to the Calendar:**

I was given the wrong information about Alabama Grand Chapter.

Here it the correct date and a change in the calendar:

Alabama Grand Chapter – Oct. 12-13

Change the Myrtle Celeste Luau to Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – 6pm

**Grand Representative Commissions:**

Saskatchewan: Don Jackson, 387 Flounroy Lucas Rd, Shreveport, 71106-8709 Expires: Dec. 31, 2018

**Roster Changes:**

Page 5, Grand Conductress, Donna Harrist Email:dmharrist@lusfiber.net

Page 6, Grand Martha, Angela McNicoll

Page 26, Allen #21 Changed Meeting to 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, no longer Dark in July, Aug, & Sept

Page 31, Baton Rouge #163 Changed Meeting to 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Page 34, Converse No. 218 was off the page and didn't print. It is in later printings.

**Converse No. 218**, 107 Railroad St, Converse 714197:30 PM, 2nd Monday

Mrs. Betty Ryals, PM, WM..... P.O. Box 22, Converse 71419-0022

Mr. William Ryals, Jr., PP, WP..... 507W Caddo Ave, Converse 71419

Mrs. Peggy Waters, AM.....491 Lynch Clements Rd, Noble 71462

Mr. William Ryals, Sr., PP, AP..... P.O. Box 22, Converse 71419-0022

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Phone: 318-567-2257.....Email: edwardburnitt@att.net

**Attention:** Be sure and check the web site (laoes.org). Information and forms for Multi-State Exchange, our Four-State 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:**

At the Secretary/Treasurer Work Shops we would like to address any questions or concerns of our Secretaries, Treasurers, and other Members in each District. If you have specific questions or concerns please send them to myself at [lgrandsec2016@outlook.com](mailto:lgrandsec2016@outlook.com) or to Fran Slay, Grand Treasurer at [fslay28@bellsouth.net](mailto:fslay28@bellsouth.net) prior to your Official Visit.

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Fraternally,



Pamela Gill, PGM

Grand Secretary