

"A Time for all Seasons"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
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September, 2017 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Wow, did you enjoy the eclipse?? It is awesome to see the wonders of God!!

September already and the season changes again. How it's time for school, football, and don't forget the Circus in Alexandria!!

I have failed to mention in the newsletter how awesome the Official visits are going and the support the members are giving their District Deputies. District 4 and District 9 have had the most in attendance and Dist. 4 had twenty (20) Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

Louisiana is getting excited about Eastern Star, we are having a lot of initiations going on over the state. We have a lot of community projects going on, bringing goodies to the First Responders in each area, food for the food banks, items for the school kids and many other good works. Let's keep these new members interested in the work we do and the projects we have going on in the Chapter.

Recap of Official visit: "A Time for a Place called Eastern Star" In today's world with so much craziness going on, Eastern Star is a safe place where we can come for relaxing, encouragement, inspiration and having fun with friends. We all have strengths and weaknesses, we all make mistakes. A gentle reminder for us all is, not to snip at each other, tell tales or gossip about each other or embarrass each other when mistakes are made. Remember we are family, we want the chapter meetings to be like home, safe, comfortable, and loving.

We had a great time at Texas Grand Chapter. We had eight Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Matrons and Patrons and about 6 other members. Thank you all for coming.

The "Go Red Heart" luncheon was styl' in with the Heart Hats and dancing to the music, emceed by Diane Smith, PGM. Sister Karen Porter, state chairman for Heart and Linn McNary, GGCC Chairman for Heart did a great job planning it all. The Rainbow girls helped serve the lunch and they now know how much fun Eastern Stars have.

I hope those that went to the MS banquet and Little Red School House picnic had a good time and tell me about it when I get back from the fun trip to California. I will tell all about our fun trip in the next newsletter.

Chapter Secretaries and Treasurers, remember there is a Workshop for you at the Official visits. Any of the other members that want to know about the workings of your chapter can attend also. Check the times for Official visit, they do vary.

There are again changes (not my fault) for the Courtesy visit to Fidelity Chapter #160 that honors the Grand Master and the WGM & WGP, is now Nov. 27th and the Official visit for District 11 is changed to Nov. 4th !!

"A time for courage is to stand up and speak; A Time for Wisdom is to sit down and listen."

God Bless, I love you all,



Debbie Poche
Worthy Grand Matron

Upcoming events:

September 9: District 1 Official Visit, at Magnolia Chapter #27, 1805 Creswell St., Shreveport. Secretary/ Treasurer Workshop, 1:00; Meeting, 2:00 Refreshments and meal to follow. Housing Chairman, Jean Stafford, Cell- 318-564-1384; Home 318-222-8412; Email jeffst65@yahoo.com. Sue Brow, DDGM, 318-840-6606.

September 10: District 8 Official Visit, at Pinehurst Chapter #33, 320 Shirley Drive, DeRidder. Secretary/ Treasurer Workshop, 1:00; Meeting, 2:00, with refreshments to follow. Sandy Rogers, DDGM, Home- 337-463-3423, Cell- 337-375-4882.

September 12: Courtesy Visit, Lake Shore Chapter #59, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting.

September 16: Mid-Year meetings are as follows - 9am - Past Grand Matrons & Patrons, 10am - Past Grand Officers, 11am - Grand Representatives, 717 Hodges St., Lake Charles.

September 16 – District 10 Official Visit at 717 Hodges St., Lake Charles. Meal at 12:15, Secretary/Treasurer Workshop at 1:00, with meeting at 2:00. Karen Young, DDGM, DDGM, 317-419-8023.

September 22-23 – Four State Exchange, Tulsa, Ok

September 22-24, Shrine Circus – Shreveport

September 25, Fidelity Chapter #160, Grand Master and WGM visit – 6:30

September 30 – District 15 at William D White, 501 Amelia St., Gretna. Secretary/Treasurer Workshop at 1:00, meeting at 2:00, with meal to follow. Kristy Taylor, PM, DDGM, Phone 504-782-8515.

September 30 – October 1, Shrine Circus, Lake Charles

October 8-10, MO Grand Chapter – Jefferson City

October 12-13, Alabama Grand Chapter, Birmingham

October 14, District 2 Official Visit at Farmerville Chapter #207, Highway 2 East, Farmerville.

Secretary/Treasurer work shop at 1:00pm, meeting at 2:00 pm, with refreshments to follow. Housing Chairman: Dianne Sutton 318-325-7134 or 318-537-0007, dandesutton@comcast.net. Susan Hinckley, DDGM, 318-259-8595 or 318-533-3310.

October 21 – District 5 Official Visit at Eastern Star Lodge #151, 210 Pecan Drive, Winnfield.

Secretary/Treasurer Workshop, 1:00 PM, Meeting at 2:00 pm. Refreshment to follow. Housing Chairman, Florene Keene, 318-628-6528. Danneda Perkins, DDGM, 318-210-4697.

October 22, District 6 Official Visit, Florian

October 24, Courtesy Visit – Love Chapter #209, Sulphur, 6:0 pm

October 27, Myrtle Celeste Luau, Courtesy Visit, Baton Rouge, 6:00 pm

October 28, District 3 Official Visit

November 4, District 11 Official Visits, Denham Springs

Appreciation:

A BIG HEARTFELT THANK YOU!!!

My Heart is so happy!

Thank you to all who attended and helped with the GO RED HEART Luncheon on Saturday, August 19 at the Shrine Center in Baton Rouge. Sister Diane Smith, PGM got 15 members to decorate a hat with a heart theme and to model to a heart themed song! Prizes were awarded!

Thanks to all that participated - all were good sports and the hats were really clever and showed a lot of imagination! Many thanks to Sister Karen Porter, PM who chaired the state Heart Committee. \$1,500 was raised for the American Heart Association from the luncheon, silent auction and donations (still accepting those!). Note - These monies will stay in Louisiana.

Heartfelt Star Love, Linn McNary, GGCCM-Heart Chairman

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Received from the Subordinate Chapters:

June 2, 2017, Harmony Chapter #6 Suspended Robert Harper, Loss of Masonic Affiliation

June 12, 2017 Friendship Chapter #210 Suspended Arthur (Huey) Gill for NPD

June 20, 2017, Independent Chapter #247 Suspended Stephen Breeland, Namio "Ruth" Breeland, William Percy Corkern, Eli Hollie, and Rose Marie Schauf or NPD

July 17, 2017, Fairest Star Chapter #235 Suspended Linda McDaniel for NPD

July 18, 2017, Lafourche Chapter #251 Suspended Donald Adams, Mary Gilliagan, Charleen Felarise, Roger Felarise, Angie Naquin, Danny Naquin, Bonnie Gisclair, Ryan Gisclair, Donna Felarise, Christine Cheramie, and Tikita Boudreaux for NPD.

Roster Changes:

Rebecca Chapter #2 meeting changed to 2nd Monday, still at 7:00 pm

Farmerville Chapter #207, Secretary, Mrs. Noverine Lowe, PM, 458 Sweetwater Rd., Quitman, LA 71268-1319

Lynn and Roy Bankston address update to 3195 McHugh Road

Esther Chapter #26, New Secretary, Nell Wright, PM, Sec., 143 Dogwood Drive, Anacoco 71403

Phone: 337-238-0170, Cell: 337-208-0170

Evangeline Chapter #253, New Secretary, Thelma Eukins, 107 S Marshall Blvd, Bunkie 71322,

Phone: 318-346-2396

Chapter Secretaries: The 2016 Chapter's 990-N forms have been mailed. This a tax record that you must keep. If you have any questions notify Fran Slay, Grand Treasurer.

General Grand had to reprint Rituals. I have placed orders in May and July, but have not received them yet. Please be patient if you are waiting on Rituals, I will send them as soon as I receive them.

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Small Print, Hardbound, Black or Green \$19.00

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Revised Book of Instruction, \$1.75

Rosters, 2017-2018, \$1.50

Constitution Revisions, 2016 \$1.00

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Fraternally,



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