

"Miracles of Faith"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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July, 2018 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

What an enjoyable time we had visiting with our Sisters and Brothers in Mississippi. Thank you to all of you who were able to be there to represent Louisiana Grand Chapter. There were 15 Grand Officers, 2 General Grand Chapter Committee members, 10 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons as well as many more of our great members present. Mississippi always has some fun activities planned for us. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

The Grand Chapter Committee highlighted this month is the Committee on Work and Ritual. It consists of the following: Oscar Abshire, PGP, Chairman, (1yr), Northern Section; Otto Beverly, PGP, (1yr.), Central Section; Rovenia McDonald, PGM, (2 yrs.), Northern Section; Diane Smith, PGM, (2 yrs.), Southern Section; Gene Cagle, PGP, (3 rs.), Southern Section; and Kathy Warmack, PGM, (3 yrs.), Central Section.

So sorry we did not get enough to sign up for our Pigeon Forge Trip to get a second bus. Thank you to those who have signed up. Please remember to send in the remainder of your fees in July if you have not paid the full cost. This is going to be a fun and relaxing time.

Please note, there is a change in the Official Visit to District 3. It has been rescheduled from September 2nd to September 9th. Detailed information is in the announcements.

The District Deputy Grand Matrons are busy making their visits to the chapters in their districts. I know you are making them feel welcome. Take time to enjoy the fellowship.

August 5 – District 5 Official Visit, in Natchitoches, 110 Masonic Drive. Meeting at 2:00PM with refreshments to follow. Church Service at 11:00a.m. at Westside Baptist Church 6834 Hwy 1 By-pass Natchitoches, La 71457 Housing Chairman Donna Baker 318-332-1989 DDGM: Joanna Wiggins 318-548-7651

August 11.– District 12 Official Visit, Finger Foods at 2:00 PM, Meeting at 3:00 PM, Nova Stella Chapter 336,286 E Pine, Ponchatoula. Housing Chairman, Monica Baradell, Cell: 504-460-8502. DDGM, Lora Silvers, Phone:985-662-6062.

August 12 – District 15 Official Visit, Light meal at 2:00 PM, Meeting at 3:00 PM. Encircler Chapter #191, 600 Daniel Street, Kenner. DDGM, Denise Ammons, Phone: 504-734-7294.

August 16-18 – Texas Grand Chapter

August 24-26 – 4-State Exchange, Waco Texas

September 1 – District 1 Official Visit, TBA

September 9 – District 3 Official Visit, TBA

September 15 – Mid-Year Meeting, Alexandria

September 15 – District 9 Official Visit, TBA

September 17-22 – Pigeon Forge & Smoky Mountain Show Trip, \$595.00 per person based on double occupancy. See your chapter secretary for flyer and booking form or email the Worthy Grand Matron at omabsh@ktctelecom.net.

September 29 – District 4 Official Visit, TBA

September 30 – District 6 Official Visit, TBA

General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly, October 25-November 22, 2018. For those attending, there will be a breakfast **Wednesday , October 31**, at 7:00 AM honoring our 2015-2018 GGCCM Appointees and Harless Creech, PMWGP. The tickets will \$30.00 and can be ordered through the Grand Secretary, Pamela Gill, P.O. Box 1229, DeRidder, LA 70634-1229 with checks made payable to The Grand Chapter.

Also, the membership in the state is invited to send a love gift to our 2015 – 2018 appointments to show their appreciation for all of the hard work they have done or will do at General Grand in Orlando. Please note in the memo of your check GGCM Love Gift.

Appreciations:

“I will always remember your thoughts and prayers, during the illness and death of both, Margaret Dixon, on 3/2/18 and Bess Chance on 5/25/18. Your show of love is greatly appreciated and was a great help to the family, especially their daughters. Thank you. Star Love” Dora Kaylor, PM

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the members for their thoughts, cards and especially the prayers during the loss of my dad. I am so glad to be a part of this organization. Joanna Wiggins, PM & DDGM

It has been a punishment for me not being able to attend these events the last few years. I am looking forward to attending them next year.

Wishing you and your family a safe and happy Fourth of July celebration.

Remember, we walk by faith and not by sight

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Upcoming events:

July 7 – District 8 Official Visit, Meal 2:00 PM; Meeting 3:00 PM, Shrine Building at West Louisiana Forestry Festival Fairgrounds, 276 HM Stevens Blvd, Leesville, (West off Hwy 171 on Hwy 8 [Nolan Trace]). Ice Cream Social after to honor District 8 GGCCM, Joy Beth Williams, and the Grand Officers, Pamela Gill, PGM, Grand Secretary and Jeanette Bailey, Grand Martha. DDGM: Betty Gosewher, Phone: 337-353-8989.

July 8 - District 7 Official Visit, Coffee and light refreshments at 1:00 PM, Meeting at 2:00 PM at Kees Park Community Center, 2450 Hwy 28 E, Pineville. Church Services at Pineville Park Baptist Church Sunday Morning at 10:45 AM, 2455 Hwy 28 E. Adults are available to watch kids in Park if needed; please RSVP for the child care. DDGM, Lea Ann Fisher, Phone 225-931-7294, Email” lahawkins2@gmail.com.

July 20-21 – Multi State, Macon, Georgia Information website. (laoes.org)

July 28 - Mark your calendars! A state-wide fundraiser is being held for Support Our First Responders at the Shrine Club on the Fairgrounds in Leesville, 276 HM Stevens Blvd, Leesville, (West off Hwy 171 on Hwy 8 [Nolan Trace]). Plan on enjoying a table decoration contest, fun games, and entertainment along with meal. Tickets are \$20.00, they will be available from the District Chairmen and Chapter Secretaries, and at the Official Visits. Make checks payable to Grand Chapter and mail to Roxann Byrd, State Chairman, 142 Harvey Gill Road, DeRidder, LA 70634-7304. Please RSVP prior to July 25 to be included in the count.

July 29 – District 13 Official Visit, Meal 1:00 PM; Meeting 2:00 PM, Center Lodge, 344 Masonic Drive, Bogalusa; Paula Sue Stewart, Housing Chairman, Home phone 985-735-6493, Cell 985-516-4847; Worship together-Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 208 Mt. Pleasant Lane. DDGM: Judy Sanders, Phone: 985-735-0532.

August 4 – District 2 Official Visit, Salads at 2:00 PM; Meeting at 3:00 PM, Monroe Scottish Rite Temple, 205 University Avenue, Monroe. Parking is available in the front and back. DDGM, Donna Gunter, Phone 318-283-3162, Email: dcgunter@bellsouth.net.

Announcement:

Sisters and Brothers that have taken their Proficiency test during 2017-2018, the Awards are here!! I will have them at the Official visits for you to pick up. I hope you like them. I am so sorry I did not have them at Grand Chapter.

God Bless and Star love, Debbie Poche', PGM

Grand Representative Appointments:

Rhode Island, Samuel Lamkin, 104 Myrtle Street, Jonesboro 71251 Expires 4/1/20

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

ROSTER UPDATES:

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

General Grand Chapter is getting ready for the Triennium and the printing of new Rituals. They are trying to liquidate their inventory and have temporarily placed the Rituals on sale. They are approximately half price. If you purchase one now, you might need stickers after the Triennium; so keep that in mind. The stickers usually run from \$3 to \$5.

These are full prices:

Small Print, Hardbound, Black or Green \$19.00

Large Print, Hardbound, Navy, Maroon, or White \$23.00

Large Print, Spiral Bound, Navy, Maroon, or White \$25.00

Extra Large Print, Spiral Bound, Tan \$33.00

Revised Book of Instruction, \$1.75

Rosters, 2018-2019, \$1.50

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

Fraternally,



Pamela Gill, PGM

Grand Secretary

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