

# "Miracles of Faith"

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## From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

WOW!! What a hot July we have had. Hopefully August will bring some more comfortable days. Especially, since it is going to be a busy month with five Official Visits, Texas Grand Chapter and the 4-State Exchange.

It is not too late to register for the 4-State Exchange scheduled for August 24-26 in Waco, Texas. The schedule and forms are enclosed in this newsletter. This is a good opportunity to fellowship with our neighboring states of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. I would like for Louisiana to make a good showing. We will have to work hard to beat Oklahoma. They usually come by the bus loads.

Our Pigeon Forge trip is coming together. Sister Nannette Gwaltney, our tour director, will be sending out the itinerary and other pertinent information shortly. Please respond to any questions from Nannette as soon as you receive them. It will help in planning our trip. The excitement is building up!

This month I am listing the members of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances. They are: Juanita Wilkinson, PGM, chairman; Roy Bankston, PGP; and Julio Morales, PGP. This is one committee I hope will not be busy because it will mean that we have peace and harmony in our Grand Chapter.

Some of our chapters do not meet during the months of July, August and September. This makes it harder for them to meet the Chapter Objectives that quarter. You may make up any of these requirements in the following quarter. Please make note of this in your quarterly report. Chapters who may have missed a meeting and fall short in fulfilling the requirements for one quarter can also do the same.

This is the year that we can revise our Book of Instruction at Grand Chapter. If you would like some part of our Book of Instruction clarified, please give these suggestions to the members of the Committee on Work and Ritual. The names of this committee are in the Roster and were listed in last month's newsletter.

As the school year begins again in August, please be on the lookout for the children and school buses.

**September 15** – Mid-Year Meetings, Masonic Temple, 1415 Horseshoe Drive, Alexandria. PGMs and PGMs, 9:00-10:00; Grand Representatives, 10:15-11:15; Past Grand Officers, 11:30-12:30.

**September 15** – District 9 Official Visit, Meeting at 3:00 PM at Shriner's Building, Alexandria. DDGM, Pat Ball, 318-554-9480.

**September 17-22** – Pigeon Forge & Smoky Mountain Show Trip.

**September 29** – District 4 Official Visit at Sunset Star #277, 5115 Bert Kouns Ind. Loop, Shreveport. Refreshments at 2:-- PM, Meeting at 3:00 PM. DDGM, Anne Rachall, 318-426-1321

**September 30** – District 6 Official Visit at Orange Chapter #224, 2439 E Hawthorne Road, Leesville. Salad and desserts at 12:30 PM, Meeting at 2:00 PM. Church Service at Old Anacoco Baptist Church, 2386 E Hawthorne Road, Leesville. Sunday School 3:30; church Service, 10:45 AM; DDGM, Jodi Cole, 318-508-0731.

**October 6** – District 10 Official Visit, TBA

**Grand Representative Appointments:**

**Massachusetts, Betty Nichols, 8808 Chadwick Dr. Shreveport 71129-5119 Expires 4/1/2020**

**Washington, Angela McNicoll, 7800 Youree Dr, Shreveport 71105-5819 Expires 4/1/2020**

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:**

**ROSTER UPDATES:**

Page 11, add James Marze, PP (10), 1 Yr, 325 Barron Chapel Road, Pineville 71360

Page 16, replace James Marze for District 7 on Regenerative Medicine with

Charles Greer, PP, (72), 228 Greer road, Pollock 71467-4147

Page 24, Denise Ammons, Home, 504-513-2534; Cell: 504-919-3194

Page 34, Broadmoor No. 233, Mrs. Linda Frazier, Pepper Ridge Dr, Zip is 71115-9412

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Remember, we walk by faith and not by sight

*Marilyn L. Abshire*

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**Upcoming events:**

**August 1-2** – Amaranth Grand Court, Denham Springs Lodge

**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](mailto:dcgunter@bellsouth.net).

**August 5** – District 5 Official Visit, in Natchitoches, 110 Masonic Drive. Meeting at 2:00PM with refreshments to follow. Church Service at 11:00 a.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 36, 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. Church service Little Farms United Church of Christ, 135 Sauve Road, River Ridge. Services start at 10:30 AM. DDGM, Denise Ammons, Phone: 504-513-2534, Cell: 504-919-3194.

**August 16-18** – Texas Grand Chapter

**August 19.** – District 11 Official Visit, Lunch at 1:00 PM, Meeting at 2:00 PM, Central Star #23, 11525 Sullivan Rd, Baton Rouge. Church Service at 10:30 AM at Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, 19421 Greenwell Springs Road. Housing Chairman DDGM Geri Rose, 225-276-1945; Norma Cagle, 225-665-5308.

August 24-26 – 4-State Exchange, Waco Texas (Forms enclosed)

**September 1** – District 1 Official Visit, Light refreshments 1:45-2:45PM, Meeting at 3:00PM, Creswell Temple, 1805 Creswell Ave., Shreveport, DDGM Carolyn Edgar ([cledgar1055@gmail.com](mailto:cledgar1055@gmail.com))

**September 9** – District 3 Official Visit, 2:00 PM at Guiding Star #66, 401 E Jefferson St., Oak Grove; Refreshments: Sandwiches, Bagged Chips, Canned Drinks, and cookies, after meeting; you may stay and visit while you eat, or take a snack with you. Church service at First Methodist Church, 104 S Horner Street, Worship Service at 11:00 AM followed by a “Dutch Treat” lunch at a local restaurant. Housing Chairman, Gena Dickinson or Mary Mills, 318-428-5420. DDGM, Nancy Lee, 318-281-4855.

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Fraternally,



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