

"Miracles of Faith"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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September, 2018 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It was an honor to attend the Opening Session of the Amaranth Grand Court in Denham Springs. I was pleased to see that we shared Grand Officers as well as many mutual members. The ceremonies were beautiful. Thank you, Sister Jane McDaniel, Past Grand Royal Matron, for all the courtesies shown to us.

Our Official Visits to the Districts are moving right along. It has been great visiting with all of you and the attendance has been very impressive. The church services we attended have been very inspiring. We have had as many as twenty of our members in attendance. Thank you, District Deputy Grand Matrons for arranging for these worship times.

The Committee on State of the Order is the committee to highlight this month. It consists of: Dr. Anita Fields-Gold, PGM, chairman (1yr.); James Premeaux, PGP (2yrs.); and Shirley Boone, PGM (3yrs.). This committee works on a five-year strategic plan for our Grand Chapter and reviews all matters to come before Grand Chapter at the Grand Chapter Session.

The annual meetings for the Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons, Grand Representatives and Past Grand Officers clubs is scheduled for September 15th in Alexandria. The time and place are included in the announcements. Please make plans to attend. Your presence and participation are important.

Our General Grand Chapter Committee Members have worked very hard for their respective committee. A love gift will be given to them at Grand Chapter where they will be honored at a breakfast. If you or your chapter would like to contribute, a donation may be sent to our Grand Secretary.

Remember, we walk by faith and not by sight

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Upcoming events:

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 (cl Edgar1055@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.

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

September 15 – District 9 Official Visit at Cenla Shrine Club, 1100 Vandenburg Drive, Alexandria. Light Refreshments at 2:00 PM, Meeting at 3:00 PM. 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 2:00 PM, Meeting at 3:00 PM. Housing Chairman, Delores Woods, 318-588-2682 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 9:30; Church Service, 10:45 AM; DDGM, Jodi Cole, 318-508-0731.

October 6 – District 10 Official Visit at the Scottish Rite Temple, 717 Hodges Street, Lake Charles. Receiving line at 1:30 PM, Meal at 2:00 PM, Meeting at 3:00 PM. Housing Chairman, Jo Schexneider, 337-602-2333; Co-Chairman, Sharon Powell, 337-855-9675. DDGM, Jackie Dowden, 337-515-9135. An ice cream social will be held at Sister Juanita Wilkinson PGM, and Brother George Wilkinson, PGP’s, 4130 Long Pine Lane, immediately following the meeting. Directions will be provided at the registration table.

Announcements:

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.

Sister Lynn Bankston, PGM, must give a count of the number attending the Breakfast honoring our PMWGP and GGCCMs on September 9th. Therefore, if you have not already ordered your tickets you need to do so, immediately.

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.

Grand Representative Appointments:

California, Becky Josker, 542 Goss Road, Westlake 70669-2124

Oklahoma, Carl Gunter, 6309 Justus Rd, Bastrop 71220-7707 Expires 4/3/2020

Invitation:

You are cordially invited to the last Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marilyn Abshire accompanied by the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Richard Porche and the Grand Family on October 6, 2018 at 717 Hodges Street, Lake Charles LA.

The receiving line will be at 1:30, the meal will be at 2 pm and the meeting begins at 3pm.

The housing chairman is Jo Schexneider 337-602-2333 and the co-chairman is Sharon Powell 337-855-9675 the District Deputy Grand Matron is Jackie Dowden 337-515-9135.

An ice cream social will be held at Sister Juanita Wilkinson, PGM and Brother George Wilkinson, PGP 4130 Long Pine Lane, immediately following the meeting. Directions will be provided at the Official Visit registration table.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

ROSTER UPDATES:

July 28 – William D White #141 elected new WP,

Mike Kitzman, PP 2444 Bristol Place, New Orleans 70130-3712

Received from the Subordinate Chapters:

Vernon Atkinson suspended due to lack of Masonic Affiliation

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Rosters, 2017-2018, \$1.50

Constitution Revisions, 2016 \$1.00

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

Fraternally,



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