

"Unexpected Possibilities"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
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September, 2019 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

What ever happened to those Lazy Days of Summer? They seem to have just flown by and fall is just around the corner. I hope each of you were able to enjoy time with the younger members of your family before they headed off to school. You have been very supportive by sharing some of that time with us. During these days, we have been from the top of the state in Shreveport with District 1 and a most creative history of chapters to the southern end with District 14 and District 13. Penalty flags were flying in Arabi, but the WGP still managed possession of that Saints football. We found a generous welcome on the Bayou in Houma with great food and fellowship. Our visit in District 5 was a treat when we discovered the tables decorated by each chapter with inventive use of our emblems and aims for this year. What unique personalities each area brings to our Order. I am encouraged by your energy, creativity and interest. Thank you to all who participated.

Our members had a wonderful time as thirty-three of us joined our friends in Texas for the 137th Harvest Session. It is always interesting to see the unique traditions of other Grand jurisdictions. We have an opportunity to share a fun time with our neighbors in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas for the annual Four State Exchange in September in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Members of the Work and Ritual Committee are anxiously waiting for you to make an appointment to earn an Officer Excellence Award. You will be recognized at Grand Chapter. Any Chapter whose members have collectively earned at least one of each Officer Excellence Award will also be recognized.

With fall almost here, I hope you are working on the Chapter Objectives. A few things this year are different in an effort to have some variety in our meetings. The choices for Objective Number five were selected with the idea that it would not take too long if your three choices were spread over several meetings. Remember also that you need to do at least two community projects.

Please rededicate yourselves to supporting our youth organizations. The leadership and confidence that Rainbow and DeMolay instill in youth can make a difference far into the future for them, for our communities and this country. I hope you have continued the custom of donating the Silver Drill for two months with one for DeMolay and one for Rainbow. Encourage the youth you know to be a part of these fine organizations. Visit their meetings when possible. Make a difference in the lives of youth who share our ideals and purposes.

In Service and Love,

Donna M Harrist
Worthy Grand Matron

Love is the greatest gift that one generation can leave another.

October 19- District 7 will honor Beth Cuevas, Grand Martha, and the District GGCCM and PGM/PGPs at 5:00 PM. The location is the Leesville Lodge, Esther Chapter #26, 100 W South Street, Leesville. Let's show Sister Beth how much we appreciate her.

October 20-23 Oklahoma Grand Chapter

October 26 – Mid Year Meetings

October 26 - District 8 cordially invites you to the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron accompanied by the Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers. The Official Visit will be held at the Cenla Shrine Center, 1100 Vandenburg Drive, Alexandria, LA. on Saturday, October 26, 2019. Receiving Line to begin at 1:30 p.m. followed directly by a light meal and the meeting. Directions: From I-49 exit onto MacArthur Drive. Continue to the roundabout and take the 2nd exit from the roundabout to stay straight on MacArthur Drive. Continue on MacArthur drive 1.9 miles until you reach Coliseum Blvd. Turn left onto Coliseum Blvd. and then continue 3 miles to Vandenburg Drive. Turn right onto Vandenburg Drive. Travel .8 mile to the Cenla Shrine Center. (337) 254-5550 Debbie Richard, DDGM and Housing Chairman.

IN APPRECIATION:

The Powell Family would like to thank all Sisters and Brothers for their cards of sympathy, thoughts of wishing us well in our time of sorrow, your prayers for comfort and for those who drove to either attend the Visitation, Masonic Service or Funeral. You all brought a great comfort to my family and me. You touched my heart when I was able to look at you all and give as many as I could a hug and handshake. My Sister, Debbie, Sharon and I will remember your kindness and Eastern Love you extended to us and the Family.

Fraternally, sincerely, and affectionately,

Keith Powell, WGP, Sharon Powell, Debbie Hansen and the Powell Family.

LINE OFFICER CORNER:

From Kays Jewels of the Sea:

Mark your calendars now! **Saturday, October 19th** District 7 will host a fundraiser for Kay McCray, AGM, at the Leesville Lodge, Esther Chapter #26, 100 W South Street, Leesville. We will sell gumbo with the trimmings beginning at **6:00 pm** with a live auction to follow. Come support our Associate Grand Matron as she plans for her session and enjoy fun and fellowship.

From Johnny's Teddy Bears and Hugs:

Halloween Extravaganza hosted by Bossier City 175 on Thursday, October 31 at 6:30 PM. Prizes for Best Costume, Silent Auction, Food and Fun. \$5.00

Join the WGM and WGP for the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum November 3 – 9, 2019

We still need to fill seats on the bus for The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum Trip in November and the deadline is near. Remember this is open to family and friends as well. Even the day with the Rob Morris speaker and author will be interesting to non-members. He spent a year traveling in the Holy Land and spent a devoted life in education and as a poet and writer. Forms are available on laoes.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 7 – District 7 Official Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers with refreshments at 1:30 with the meeting to follow. Located in the Shrine Building on the West Louisiana Forestry Festival Fairgrounds, 276 HM Stevens Blvd, Leesville. Directions: From Alexandria take 28 West to Leesville. Turn left at the traffic circle (171 South) to the intersection of Nolan Trace. Turn right on Nolan Trace due West about two miles. Turn right on H.V. Steven Street, Leesville Fairground to the Shriners Building. From Shreveport take 171 South to Nolan Trace in Leesville. From Lake Charles take 171 North Turn left on Nolan Trace and continue to Leesville Fairground. Housing Chairman, Betty Gosewehr, PM, 337-353-8989. DDGM: Marie Finch 337-238-4156.

September 14 – District 6 Official Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers to be held at Golden Star Chapter No 73 located at 3830 Patterson, Pollock. Refreshments will be served at 2:00 with the program and meeting to follow. Fran Slay DDGM 601-443-1629.

September 20-22, Four State Friendship, Hot Springs, Arkansas

September 27 – Myrtle Celeste Luau, 6:00 pm, 3950 Florida St, Baton Rouge

September 28 – District 12 Official Visit – The members of District No. 12, Order of the Eastern Star cordially invite you to attend their Official Visit of Donna Harrist, Worthy Grand Matron, accompanied by William Keith Powell, Sr, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers Saturday, September 28, 2019. Light refreshments at 2:00 p.m. with meeting to follow at Slidell Lodge No. 311, located at 2222 Front Street, Slidell, Louisiana. Karen Porter, DDGM 985-641-4321

September 29 – District 11 Official Visit - District 11 members are cordially inviting you to attend the Official Visit of our WGM Donna Harrist, WGP Keith Powell, Sr. and other Grand Officers on Sunday, September 29, 2019. A Light meal will be served at 1 p.m. with meeting to follow at Pine Grove Lodge No 288, located at 286 East Pine St. Ponchatoula, Louisiana. Christina Cohea, DDGM 985-215-1409

October 5 – District 2 Official Visit – Members of District 2 Order of the Eastern Star cordially invite you to attend their Official Visit of Donna Harrist, Worthy Grand Matron, accompanied by William Keith Powell, Sr, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers at Magi Chapter No.85 located at 111 North Vienna Street, Ruston. Refreshments will be served at 2:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow. Susan G. Hinckley, DDGM 318-533-3410

October 6 – District 4 Official Visit - of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers at 2:00 p.m. to be held at Sunset Star Chapter No.227 located at 5115 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport. Refreshments will follow the Official Visit. Dorothy Procell, DDGM 318-751-4436.

From Susan's Sweet Peas: the Gr Conductress's club, is having a dress sale, **Saturday, October 19, 10:00 am** at the Baton Rouge Shrine Center.

We are asking for donations of freshly cleaned ready to wear formals and page dresses that you no longer wear. Please include the size. You may contact one of us to make arrangements to get the dresses.

Susan Freeman, Grand Conductress 225/937-7023, Lynn Bankston, PGM, Norma Jenkins, Norma Cagle, Mary Berthelot, Judith Duncan, Carmen Higgins, Paulette Spedale

From Susan's Krewe: the Associate Grand Conductress's Group is offering claddaugh pins \$10, OES Koozie 1 color for \$5 or all 5 for \$15. Contact Melva at Krewe@gmail.com

Letter of Withdrawal:

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the Central Section of the Order of the Eastern Star, State of Louisiana, as the elected board member of ESTARL for the past two (2) terms. I will not seek re-election to this esteemed position. Thank you for your love and support.

Sharon Powell, Chairman, ESTARL Board

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

New Book of Instruction – Correction – Please add the following to the very bottom of Page 45, if not shown in your copy:be pinned on by the Conductress(es).

CHAPTER CHANGES & NOTIFICATIONS:

Greenwood Chapter #202 – Meeting changed to 4th Monday only each month at 7:00 PM

Fidelity Chapter #160 – Suspended the following for NPD: Herbet Anti; Virgie Anti & Annette Anti

Mystic Star Chapter #108 – Suspended the following for NPD: Jerri Foster Gregoire; Tiffany Foster Petersen & Helen Hungate

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

New 2019-2020 Roster now available - \$1.50

New Rituals – The Large only are now available, spiral bound, in navy blue or white - \$26.00 each

Revised Book of Instruction, \$1.75

Constitutions are available. They are as follows:

Constitution Revisions, 2018, \$1.00 (If you only want to update you Constitution)

Constitution Revisions, 2019, \$.50 (If you want to update your Constitution)

Constitution Pages Only, \$4.68 (You have your binder and tabs but want new updated pages)

Constitution Tabs, \$3.62

Constitution Pages and Tabs, \$8.10

Constitution Binder, \$6.00

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

Fraternally,



Diane Smith, PGM
Grand Secretary