

"Unexpected Possibilities"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
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October, 2019 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

As I sit down to compose my thoughts and happenings to share with you, the trying times for our members and our neighbors are on my mind. Though I know it is our age, it seems that all across the state we have been losing numerous links of our Golden Chain. Our prayers are for those families to find strength in their faith and peace in treasured memories.

Just to the west, our sisters and brothers in Texas are trying to put things back together after tropical storm Imelda flooded many of the areas that flooded in 2017 by Hurricane Harvey. Having experienced this type of devastation in our state in 2016, we understand the unpredictable nature and loss these natural events can cause. The purpose of our Disaster Relief fund is to assist members in these situations as well as support other jurisdictions during their trying times as they did for us. Your support of this fund through donations, memorials or honorariums is a true act of charity and love.

Magnolias were in full bloom during our official visit in District 10 where our Service Dog co-chairman, Jessica Canning, shared more information on the program and plans. Your District Chairman should be sharing this with you now that we have established goals with the three groups we are supporting. This enjoyable afternoon was well attended and the chapter histories revealed facts which we were unaware of. I appreciate how each chapter has embraced my request to share with us the heritage of your members.

Against a background of dogwood trees and owls in District 7, we received a warm and gracious welcome. While in Leesville for this visit, Brothers and Sisters in Arms Dog Training presented information about their program of training dogs for Veterans. We hope that members in that part of the state will share the information with family and friends so they will be aware of the great service this group provides.

Please note that the Official Visit to District 6 in Pollock had to be rescheduled. It will be held in Pollock on Friday, October 25th at 6 pm.

Our "Thirty's Spa Weekend" was a trip back in time that was filled with fellowship and fun. Twenty-four Louisiana member and two friends were surrounded by the beauty of Hot Springs National Park while experiencing the historical setting of The Arlington Hotel. Each experience was unique and I am sure everyone will tell you something interesting about the weekend. Ask Keith about Hurricane Pontchartrain.

October 19- District 7 honors 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, Guthrie

October 25 - 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 at 6:00 pm.
Fran Slay DDGM 601-443-1629

October 26 – Mid Year Meetings: Masonic Temple 1415 Horseshoe Drive, Alexandria. Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Association 9:00 am; Past Grand Officers Association 10:30; Grand Representatives Association 11:30.

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

November 3-9 The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum – Experience a Showcase of Kentucky Treasurers including Rob Morris author and speaker, Dr. Nancy Stearns Thiess.

November 16 – Northern Section Workshop 10:00 am

IN APPRECIATION:

Dear Louisiana Grand Chapter members,
Our most sincere thanks to each of you for your prayers during Tom's last days. Prayers, phone calls and cards were so much appreciated. Tom would have been so pleased to see the attendance of members at his beautiful Masonic and Eastern Services. Our love to all of you, Irmgard Tizzard and the Tizzard Family

LINE OFFICER CORNER:

From Kays Jewels of the Sea:

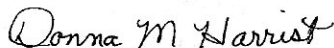
Mark your calendars now! **Saturday, October 19th** District 7 will host a fundraiser for Kay McCray, AGM, at the Leesville Lodge, Esther Chapter #26, 100 W South Street, Leesville. We will sell gumbo with the trimmings beginning at **6:00 pm** with a live auction to follow. Come support our Associate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

Building our membership should be a goal for each chapter. A chapter's greatest asset in this goal is YOU. How you represent our Order, the way you share our purposes and your interaction with others. The observances section of the Chapter Objectives along with the community service suggestion, include activities that could assist you in this goal. Socials can include family and friends. Let them meet the members and become aware of the relationships that can be found in Eastern Star. An open meeting with Masons, family and friends with our emblems and altar in place along with information will introduce them to the ideals we promote. Providing food for a Masonic meeting promotes good relations and honoring Veterans can be done with others outside the Order. Be creative and reach out to share all our Order has to offer others.

In Service and Love,



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Love is sharing a part of our selves with others.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 222 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

October 10-12 Alabama Grand Chapter, Mobile

October 13-15 Missouri Grand Chapter, Jefferson City

From Susan's Sweet Peas: It's finally here! We've waited months! Susan's Sweet Peas Formals & more Fundraiser is **Saturday, October 19**, Acacia Shrine Center -7991 Commerce Ave, Baton Rouge, LA. 70815 - 9:30 am to 2:00 pm - A wonderful meal is available for \$8.00 - Chicken Étouffée with rice, Cole Slaw, Bread, Dessert, Tea - Eat in or take out - Meal available 11:30 - 1:00. Don't need a dress? We have many other items for sale plus the great meal!

Grand Representative Appointments:

Alberta - Joanne Travis (158), 440 Peacock Lane, Kentwood 70444, Exp.9/30//21

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY: ROSTER CHANGES

- Pg. 2, WGM songs – What the WORLD Needs Now
- Pg. 7, Tom Tizzard, PGP, Address-1101 Sunset Blvd, #323, Kenner 70065-6809
- Pg. 12, Irmgard Tizzard, PM, Address 1101 Sunset Blvd, #323, Kenner 70065-6809
- Pg. 17, WGM page – Bennye Randall new address – 19 Billyday Avenue, Kenner 70065-3101
- Pg. 17, AGM page – Barbara Turner, PM - add chapter (33)
- Pg. 18, GC pages – Add: Carmen Higgins, PM (23) – 15922 Greensboro, Greenwell Springs 70739-4110
- Pg. 18, GC pages – Add: Paulette Spedale, PM (23) – 10721 White Pine Drive, Greenwell Springs 70739-5260
- Pg. 22, Marilyn Abshire, PGM correct Email: omabsh@ktctelecom.net
- Pg. 24, Pamela Gill, PGM correct Email: pamgill921@outlook.com
- Pg. 24, Judith Avery, PM, Sec #46 Email: jujuavery@gmail.com
- Pg. 27, Margaret LeJeune, PM, Sec #160 Email: mlejeune01@yahoo.com
- Pg. 31, Terry Howes #231 – Add: Phone: 225-664-3453/225-931-1836 Email: terrell.howes@gmail.com

CHAPTER CHANGES & NOTIFICATIONS:

Rebecca Chapter #2 – Suspended Michelle Mouton for NPD
Greenwood Chapter #202 – Meeting changed to 4th Monday only each month at 7:00 PM (Dec- 2nd Monday @ 7:00)

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

- New 2019-2020 Roster now available - \$1.50
- New Rituals –Large spiral bound - \$26.00 each (5 ¼ x 8 ¼ - navy blue or white)
- New Ritual – Extra Large spiral bound NOW AVAILALE - \$36.00 ea. (7 x 10 3/4 – purple only)
- 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,



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