

# **“JEWELS OF THE SEA”**

Grand Chapter of Louisiana  
Order of the Eastern Star

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June 2021 – Newsletter

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## **From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The “Jewels of the Sea” made a stop on their journey in Alexandria at the Cenla Shrine Club, where the Grand Officers were welcomed and everyone had a great shipboard experience. Good food, lots of laughter and catching up with friends.

Our next port of call was Rosepine Chapter #204 in Rosepine, La. where our Grand Esther, Barbara Turner, was honored. She is an exceptionally talented lady and gives honor to her station of Grand Esther. We are proud to have her on board.

We also made a stop at Orange Chapter #224 where our Grand Chaplain, Danny Warmack was honored. He is a very spiritual person and will keep our ship headed in the right direction as he prays for our safe journey this year.

Our first Official Visit is on June 5<sup>th</sup>, at Creswell Temple in Shreveport with District #1. Sister Theresa Stewart, DDGM, will be our guide and we anxiously await this day. Please join us as we visit the Worthy Grand Patron’s district.

June 20<sup>th</sup> is Father’s Day and I hope you honor or remember your father in some way on that day. Fathers have a great responsibility to rear their families and provide for their needs.

The DDGM’s and Grand Supervisors are beginning their visits and schools, please attend and encourage other members to attend. We are all a little “rusty” in our work and need this little extra instruction.

To get the true wind direction, turn until you can hear the wind in both ears. A good sailor knows this trick. Do you find out all you can before making decisions or do you jump to conclusion without all the facts? If you do, you won't be going in the right direction and you won't have the wind (facts) in your ears.



Kay McCray,  
Worthy Grand Matron

**To all our Sisters and Brothers:** We cannot express in words the deep comfort your calls, texts, cards, and visits have meant to our family. The loss of our dear son, husband, brother, father, has left an emptiness that his family and ours will feel forever. The love expressed by all of you is appreciated more than you will ever know. God bless you all,  
Jo and Rocky Schexneider, Emily and Beau Augustine, Logan Augustine

#### **UP COMING EVENTS:**

**June 5, 2021** District 1 Official Visit, Creswell Masonic Temple, 1805 Creswell Avenue, Shreveport. Receiving Line 12:15 p.m. Meal 12:30 p.m., Meeting 2:00 p.m. Theresa Stewart, DDGM, 318-990-9245 Formal Dress

**June 6, 2021** District 5 Official Visit, Natchitoches Chapter #13, 110 Masonic Dr. Natchitoches, Meeting 2:00 p.m. Susan Wilson, DDGM 318-286-6510 Day dress

**June 6, 2021** 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ringgold Chapter #131 immediately after District 5 Official Visit, refreshments served

**June 19, 2021** Northern Section Fundraiser for GGC Service Dogs Project-Creswell Masonic Temple, 1805 Creswell Ave., Shreveport. Fun Activities followed by Chicken Spaghetti Dinner for \$10.00.....2:00 p.m. (To Go Plates available) Come Join Us!

**June 26, 2021** District 4 Official Visit, Sunset Star Chapter #227, 5115 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport, meeting at 2:00 p.m., refreshments to follow, formal dress, Angela McNicoll DDGM, 318-773-3878. (**Notice: Date has been changed due to cancellation of the Ark/La Exchange**)

**July 10, 2021** District 2 Official Visit, Magi Chapter #85, 111 N. Vienna Street, Ruston, Susan Hinckley DDGM, 318-533-3410 Formal dress, meeting 2:00 p.m.

**July 17,2021** District 7 Official Visit, Shiloh Baptist Church, 1253 Mitchell Harper Road, DeRidder, Jeanette Bailey DDGM H-337-328-8307 C-337-396-4506, Formal Dress, meeting 2:00 p.m.

**July 24, 2021** District 10 Official Visit, Nova Stella Chapter #36, 286 E. Pine Street, Ponchatoula, Mary Berthelot, DDGM, 225-571-8553, Formal dress, meeting 2:00 p.m.

**July 25, 2021** District 11 Official Visit, Lakeshore Chapter #59, 2222 Front Street, Slidell, Barbara Walker, DDGM, 975-515-6283, Day Dress, meeting 2:00 p.m.

**Mississippi/Louisiana Exchange**, see enclosed order form for tickets. Come join our sister state in celebrating an “Old Fashioned Christmas” on September 11, 2021 at the First Church of the Nazarene 3428 Wisconsin Ave. in Vicksburg, Ms. You must register by Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This is always a fun day and we can catch up with old and new friends.

**Four State Friendship Exchange**, will be hosted by Louisiana this year at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bossier City, on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Hotel reservations and meal information is enclosed. Let’s show Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas how we can turn out for an event in our state, and show them our great Louisiana hospitality.

**Notice: Committee/Roster Change : Page 7 - Disaster Relief**

**Northern Section: Oma Frank Lee, PP, Chairman**, 9476 McCowin Road, Bastrop 71220-7153, phone 318-281-4855.

**Disaster Relief:** Due to the flooding caused by the recent monsoon rains, I have appointed the following to assist in disaster relief, along with the original appointments, should it be needed in the three sections of the state.

**Northern Section:** SuEllen Kirk, PM, 201 Spivey Rd. Haynesville 71038-7554, 318-433-3549

**Central Section:** Wm. Keith Powell, PGP, 446 E. Telephone Rd, Lake Charles 70611-6058, Home- 337-855-9675, Cell – 337-263-7821.

**Southern Section:** Richard Porche, PGP, 130 Harding Dr. Houma 70364-2512, 985-791-7226.

Please contact any of the Disaster Relief team in your section if you are in need of assistance.

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:** Please include your **Name and Chapter Number** on all correspondence to the Grand Secretary; i.e., Emails, texts, phone calls, etc.

**District Deputy Grand Matron for District #3 changed:** Nancy Lee, 9476 McCowin Road, Bastrop 71220-7153, Phone: 318-351-0687, email: [leenancyd@suddenlink.net](mailto:leenancyd@suddenlink.net)

**Electa #10 – Suspended for NPD:** Melissa Bromley, Janis Carson, Shannon Dykes, Robert Helton, Rebecca Helton, Louis Leger, Nina Sayer, Deborah Stokes, Patricia Tambalus & Lea Ann Fisher Hawkins

**Natchitoches #13 – Suspended for NPD:** Charles Scott Weatherford

**Golden Star #73** – Suspended for NPD: Tina Best, Barbara Earline Black, Margaret Carter, Doris Phillips, Rodney Phillips & Martha Phillips Trussell

**Greenwood #202** – Suspended for NPD: Betty Easom; Christi Permenter Hensel; Glenda Pettis & Josephine Waters Phares

**Roster Changes: (If you would like to keep your Roster up-to-date, please note the following changes in the 2021-22 Roster)**

**Page 5 – Year 2017** - Email address – Lonnie Smith, PGP: [smithllc2@yahoo.com](mailto:smithllc2@yahoo.com)

**Page 5 -Year 2011 & Page 7 Comm. On Necrology** – Email Address - Oscar Abshire, PGP: [omabsh@ktctelecom.net](mailto:omabsh@ktctelecom.net)

**Page 9 – Distinguished Guests Spec/Hospitality** – Karen Porter – 61004 N. Military Rd., Slidell 70461-1800

**Page 17 – Chapter #2** - Assoc. Patron - Gregory Lyon

**Page 20** – Mailing address – Lonnie Smith, PGP: 603 Rue Chavaniac

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

**Roster 2021-2022 – Now available** - \$2.00 each

Ritual – Large spiral bound - \$26.00 each (5 ¼ x 8 ¼ - navy blue or white)

Ritual – Extra Large spiral bound NOW AVAILALE - \$36.00 ea. (7 x 10 ¾ – purple

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 “**Grand Chapter of Louisiana, OES**”. Thank you.

Fraternally,



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