

“JEWELS OF THE SEA”

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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July 2021 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

What a wonderful and exciting Port of Call the “Jewels of the Sea” made on June 5th at Creswell Temple for the Official Visit in District #1. Our guide, Sister Theresa Stewart, DDGM, did a remarkable job in decorating to fit our theme this year and the “teddy bear” cakes and the beautiful tropical cake were delicious along with all the other good food and fellowship that was had by all that attended. The Chapters performed their work perfectly and all agreed that we were off to a wonderful start this year. Thank you District #1, Brother Johnny Byrd, Worthy Grand Patron and Sister Robin LaBorde, Grand Electa, for a wonderful day that we will not soon forget.

The next day was just as thrilling as we made our next port of call in District #5, at Natchitoches Chapter #13 for their Official Visit. They too had outstanding decorations, and their work was very well performed. Congratulations to Sister Susan Wilson, DDGM, for the outstanding job she did in preparing for our visit. We had a full house with all the Grand Officers in attendance and we were all so privileged to be a part of the 100th Anniversary of Ringgold Chapter #131. I hope they enjoy their beautiful commemorative plaque and display it for all their members. Thank you, Sister Donna Baker, Associate Grand Conductress and Brother Danny Warmack, Grand Chaplain, for the warm welcome and good wishes from your District.

The Worthy Grand Patron, myself and several members attended the 95th Annual Grand Assembly of the Order of Rainbow on Friday, June 11, 2021 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bossier City. The girls are spectacular and their work was very impressive. We enjoyed our time with them and wish them the best.

Remember to sign up to attend the Miss/La exchange in Vicksburg, MS on September 11, 2021. Also, the 4 State Friendship event in Bossier City on September 17th and 18th, 2021. Information for reservations for both events was in the last newsletter.

A fundraiser was held in the northern section for the Service Dog Project, Sister Linda Frazier, had a great turn out and fun and good fellowship was had by all that attended. Sister Pamela Gill, PGM, GGCCM for Service Dogs has worked hard this year for the Service Dog Project and is to be commended for the funds she has raised for this great cause.

June 1st, is the beginning of hurricane season and lasts until November. Get prepared now with any essentials you might need. We hope and pray each day that we will be spared the devastation caused by these horrific storms. A good sailor always has an "overboard bag" which contains essential paperwork, medicines, water and food for a few days, until they can be rescued should they have to abandon ship. Get ready now, should you have to abandon ship.



Kay McCray,
Worthy Grand Matron

Resignation of Grand Officer

To my sisters and brothers, I will not be submitting my name for another term as Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter. I have totally enjoyed my time as Grand Treasurer and thank you all for the faith you placed in me. I believe I have accomplished all my personal goals for the office and I leave it in proper accord. I do pledge our next Treasurer my full support and assistance during the transition and assistance in preparing the financial statements as much as needed.

Sincerely, Martha Jo Schexneider, PM, Grand Treasurer

Up Coming Events

July 10th 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., Refreshments "to go" will follow the meeting.

July 17th, 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, Meal at 12:30 p.m. and meeting to follow at 2:00 p.m. Call for directions

July 24th, 2021 District 10 Official Visit, Nova Stella Chapter #36, 286 E. Pine Street, Ponchatoula, Mary Berthelot, DDGM, 225-571-8553, Formal Dress, Meal at 1:00 p.m. and meeting to follow at 2:00 p.m.

July 25th 2021 District 11 Official Visit, Lakeshore Chapter #59, 2222 Front Street, Slidell, Barbara Walker, DDGM 975-515-6283, Day Dress, Meal at 1:00 p.m. and meeting to follow at 2:00 p.m.

August 4th thru August 6 Amaranth Grand Court, Baton Rouge

August 7th 2021 District 9 Official Visit, Eunice Chapter #14, 4627 Church Street, Zachary, Paulette Spedale, DDGM, H- 225-261-7767, C-225-931-4870, Formal Dress, Meal at 1:00 p.m. and meeting to follow at 2:00 p.m.

August 11th thru 13th, 2021 Texas Grand Chapter, Waco, Texas

August 14th, 2021 Central Section Fundraiser for GGC Service Dogs Project, 320 Shirley St., DeRidder, Food served 12:00 p.m until 3:00p.m. Food, fun and games, contact Mindy Meyer, Central Section, 337-789-8892 or Pamela Gill, PGM, GGCCM 337-257-4301 for tickets.

August 21st, 2021, District 3, Official Visit, Guiding Star #66, 401 E. Jefferson Street, Oak Grove, Nancy Lee, DDGM, H- 318-281-4855, C-318-351-0687, Formal Dress, Meal at 1:00 p.m. and meeting to follow at 2:00 p.m.

August 28th,2021, District #12 Official Visit, Metairie Ridge #169, 2122 Causeway Blvd, Metairie, Kristina Donovan, DDGM, 504-452-3659, Formal Dress, Meeting at 2:00 p.m., No food served.

Mississippi/Louisiana Exchange, Saturday, September 11, 2021, First Church of the Nazarene, 3428 Wisconsin Ave., Vicksburg, Ms. "Old Fashioned Christmas" register by Aug. 30, 2021.

Four State Friendship Exchange, Hilton Garden Inn, Bossier City, September 17th and 18th, 2021. We are the hosting state this year, reservation forms were in June newsletter.

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.

Chapter #10 – Recording error – Lea Ann Fisher Hawkins – not suspended.

Chapter #53 – Suspended (Lack of Masonic affiliation) – Melvin Fletcher

Chapter #224 – Suspended for NPD – Ronnie Abels, Robin Abels, Alana Abels & Martha Conley

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

Johnny Byrd, WGP – New Address - 574 Brunswick Gardens, Haughton, LA 71037 (same phone)

Page 4 & 8 Int'l. Headquarters – Janet Shook, PGM, new address: 3790 Cedarplaza Lane, Apt. #2227, Dallas, Tx. 75209-6373. Remove landline phone #225-261-4630.

Page 13 – Gr. Treas. Page: Emily Augustine – 1423 Bridlewood Dr., Lake Charles 70615

Page 13 – Gr. Chaplain Page: James Pantalion: 176 Kings Crossing, Shreveport 71105-3361

Page 17 - DDGM District 11 - Barbara Walker: Phone number: 985-515-6283

Page 18 (Chap. #16) & Page 25 (Chap. #225) – Jo Schexneider – Home Phone: 337-429-5454

Page 23 – Chap. #161 Secretary – Adrienne Pedneau, PM, Sec. - Phone: 318-445-1738

Grand Representatives

Nova Scotia & PEI – Rex Randall Jones – Extended to December 31, 2021.

<<<<<<<< **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 - \$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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