

## **“JEWELS OF THE SEA”**

Grand Chapter of Louisiana  
Order of the Eastern Star

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September 2021 – Newsletter

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### **From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The “Jewels of the Sea” have been very busy, sailing here and there and all around the state visiting various districts. We had a wonderful Port of Call on July 24<sup>th</sup> in Ponchatoula for the District #10 Official Visit. Sister Mary Berthelot, DDGM, was our guide and we were all in awe of the beautiful decorations and the Worthy Grand Patron and I left with our own sun hat. The work was superb and the members of this District are certainly precious gems. Thank you to the members of District #10 for an unforgettable day.

The next day, July 25<sup>th</sup>, found us in Slidell, for the Official Visit of District #11. Sister Barbara Walker, DDGM, was our guide for the day. The dining room was beautifully decorated and the food and fellowship was exceptional. The work was performed perfectly and I especially enjoyed the phase of work performed by the members. Thank you, sister Denise Boone, Grand Ruth and to District #11 for their continued good work. You are all precious jewels.

August 4<sup>th</sup>, the Worthy Grand Patron, his beautiful wife Lisa, and myself, took a shore excursion to Denham Springs for the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session of the Grand Court of Louisiana, Order of Amaranth. The Worthy Grand Patron and I brought greetings from the Order of the Eastern Star. We were impressed with the ceremony and wish them the best in the coming year.

August 7<sup>th</sup>, we made a Port of Call in Zachary, for the Official Visit of District #9. Sister Paulette Spedale, DDGM, was our guide. She carried out our theme to perfection and the work of the Chapters was performed with knowledge and precision. This is an exceptional district and we all enjoyed our day with the members, who are all precious shining jewels. Thank you, Sister Susan Freeman, AGM, Brother Jeff Freeman, AGP, and Sister Frances Landrem, Gr. Warder, for a wonderful afternoon in your district.

A shore excursion was made by myself and several of the Grand Officers on August 10<sup>th</sup> to Golden Star #73 for a courtesy visit. We all enjoyed the meal, the meeting, and the honors bestowed upon us by this Chapter.

August 11<sup>th</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup> had the "Jewels of the Sea" sailing to Waco, Texas for the 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. The Worthy Grand Patron and I were accompanied by six Grand Officers, five Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, and eight members from Louisiana. We had a total of twenty-one in attendance and we could not have been prouder of all the members that came out to help celebrate their 138<sup>th</sup> session.

The Mississippi/Louisiana Exchange date has been changed. The new date is Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at the First Church of the Nazarene, 3428 Wisconsin Ave, Vicksburg, Ms. It will be an "Old Fashioned Christmas" theme, bring a Christmas ornament to exchange and wear red or green. Tickets may be purchased until Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you have a ticket, simply change the date to Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>., if you had purchased a ticket and are unable to attend the new date, please write for a refund. The date was changed because of the high rate of Covid 19 in Mississippi at this time.

Two of our Official Visits have been changed, please pay attention to the new dates listed below. These changes were made due to the high number of Covid 19 cases in their areas and the hope that they would subside given some time. They are District #3 in the Oak Grove area and District #12 in the Metairie area.

Doldrums are ocean regions near the equator, marked by calm seas, no wind and extreme heat. I think we are in the doldrums of summer, stay cool, and relax at home with a cool iced tea.



Kay McCray,  
Worthy Grand Matron

#### **Up Coming Events**

**August 15<sup>th</sup> – October 1, 2021**, Service Dogs is holding a Bakeless Cake Sale in the Central Section, please send your donations to Mindy Meyer, PM, 12009 Johnny Benoit Road, Welsh, La. Make checks payable to Order of the Easter Star (Service Dogs)

**September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**, District 8, Official Visit, Moss Bluff United Methodist Church, 735 Sam Houston Jones Parkway, Moss Bluff. Meeting in Educational Bldg. behind Church. Ivy

Schwartz, DDGM, H- 337-855-1641, C-337-278-5832. Formal Dress, Meeting at 2:00 p.m. Cold drinks available prior to meeting. No food served.

**September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Ice Cream Social**, immediately following District 8 Official Visit at the home of Juanita and George Wilkinson, 4130 Long Pine Lane, Lake Charles, 337-855-3080, enjoy lots of good food and fellowship, everyone invited. (Don't miss this great get together)

**September 11, 2021**, District 3, Official Visit, Guiding Star #66, 401 E. Jefferson St. 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.

**Four State Friendship Exchange**, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Hilton Garden Inn, Bossier City. We are the hosting state this year, come join in all the fun and fellowship. Registration should be completed by September 1, 2021.

**September 25<sup>th</sup> 2021**, Mid-Year Meetings, Masonic Temple, 1415 Horseshoe Drive, Alexandria, PGM's and PGP's 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., Grand Representatives, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Past Grand Officers, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**, District 6, Official Visit, Cenla Shrine Club, 1100 Vandenburg Drive, Alexandria, Charlotte Greer, DDGM, H- 318-817-5325, C-318-792-8187, Formal Dress, Receiving line at 12:30 p.m., Meal at 12:45p.m. Meeting at 2:00p.m.

**Work and Ritual Workshops: Southern Section:** October 2, 2021, Eunice Chapter #14, 4627 Church Street, Zachary, Meal at 11:30a.m., Cost \$10.00, benefitting Susan Freeman, AGM, meeting at 1:00p.m.

**Central Section:** October 23, 2021, Orange Chapter #224, 2439 Hawthorne Rd. Leesville, Meal at 11:30 a.m., Cost \$10.00, benefitting Donna N. Baker, AGC, meeting at 1:00p.m.

**Northern Section:** November 13, 2021, Magi Chapter #85, 111 N. Vienna St., Ruston, Meal at 11:30 a.m., Cost \$10.00, benefitting Susan R. Williams, GR. Cond., meeting at 1:00 p.m.

These meetings are open to all, regardless of your location in the state. We encourage you to come and help support our line officers and learn more about our craft.

**October 9, 2021**, District 12, Official Visit, Metairie Ridge #169, 2122 Causeway Blvd. Metairie, Kristina Donovan, DDGM, C- 504-452-3659, Formal Dress, Light refreshments at 1:00 p.m., Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

**Alabama Grand Chapter Session, October 14 – 17<sup>th</sup>, Birmingham, Alabama**  
**Oklahoma Grand Chapter Session, October 17 – 19<sup>th</sup>, Guthrie, Oklahoma**

**Mississippi/Louisiana Exchange**, Saturday, November 20, 2021, First Church of the Nazarene, 3428 Wisconsin Ave., Vicksburg, Ms. "Old Fashioned Christmas" Register by Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Bring a Christmas ornament to exchange and wear red or green.

**Notice:** Monetary donations should be sent directly to the Food Bank or Food Pantries, with a record kept by the Chapter secretary and reported on the form at the end of the year. Do not send donations to the Grand Secretary.

**Grand Representative Appointments:**

**Nevada:** Charla Blake, PM, (225, 242) 2306 Goss Rd. Lake Charles, 70611, Exp. 12/31/22

**Oklahoma:** Pat Ball, PM, (197, 13, 204) 246 B. C. Doyle Rd, DeRidder, 70634 Exp. 12/31/22

**South Carolina:** Lynn Palmer, PM, (10, 46), 151 Belle Trace, Lecompte, 71346, Exp. 7/1/23

**Australia:** Anna Hall, PM, Extended - Exp 12/31/23

**Roster/Chapter Changes:**

**Jo Stroud, PGP** – Page 5 – Email: [stroud.joea@gmail.com](mailto:stroud.joea@gmail.com)

**Dixie #175** – Meeting changed to 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays @ 7PM – No meetings July & August or Holidays

**Evangeline #253** – Suspended David Hebert for non-masonic affiliation

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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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