

“Love, Loyalty & Friendship”

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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July 2023 – Newsletter

From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Can you believe that half of this calendar year is now in the past! So many new and exciting things have come and gone. I am looking forward to the second half of 2023, who knows what new and exciting things are waiting for us.

Lodge Picnic time!

Not so long ago, we would gather at Metairie Playground for an entire day of fun. Barbecue pits going, watermelon and soda chilling in the bins. And the snoball machine, always a line for a snoball. But best of all—the famous or infamous baseball challenge between the Masons and Demolay boys (never quite sure who the winner was), but there was plenty of sore muscles after it was over. My baby brother was even born on a Lodge Picnic day! Always a great time for celebrating with our Masonic family! Does your Lodge still have an annual picnic? I would love to hear your stories.

We had a wonderful time with our Rainbow Girls during their Grand Assembly in Alexandria. The Cenla Shine Center was transformed with Rainbows and purple elephants. The WGP and I both brought Greetings on behalf of LA OES and the WGP gave the benediction. We had 10 Grand Officers, 3 GGCCMs, 1 PGM and many OES Sisters and Brother that were in attendance. Congratulations to Sister Emily Duckworth on a fabulous 2 years serving as Grand Worthy Advisor. To Sister Jane Zaruba, GWA, and the 2023/2024 Grand Officers, we wish a very harmonious Grand year.

Our fund raisers are off to an amazing start:

Breast Cancer research - The pink bucket shake - I have heard from our DDGMs that they have taken the pink bucket to some Lodge functions. Shake that bucket!!!

District Chairs don't forget to bring your quilt squares to our Official Visits.

We will be collecting \$5.00 per name written on the square, in memory of a loved one, survivor, or someone battling this Cancer.

Service Dogs:

A tour of the Angola training facility is scheduled for Friday August 11, 2023. Cost (\$35.00) \$25.00 service dog donation and \$10.00 lunch to be served at Angola. We will be able to see where the Service Dogs are trained at Angola.

Food Banks:

We are asking for everyone attending the Official Visits to bring donations for the Food Banks that District.

Take note - our first Official Visit we will be collecting children's underwear and socks for the Foster Care Program. This is a program sponsored by our Rainbow Girls.

It's time!

Our Official Visits are about to begin. Brother Charlie, our Grand Family and Me are excited to begin our travels. See you in Shreveport! "You'll travel safely, you'll neither tire nor trip...Because God will be right there with you; he'll keep You safe and sound." Proverbs 3:23,26

UP COMING EVENTS:**July 8, 2023**

Official Visit - District 1
 Creswell Masonic Lodge
 1805 Creswell Ave.
 Shreveport, LA 71101
 Carolyn Edger, DDGM
 Meal at noon - OV immediately following
 Ladies Long Dress
 Men Coat and Tie.
 Please bring sock and underwear for children in Foster Care:
 This is a special project for Rainbow Girls.

July 15, 2023

Official Visit - District 9
 Livingston Masonic Lodge
 286 E Pine St
 Ponchatoula, LA 70454
 Joy Ledet, DDGM
 Meal at Noon-OV immediately following
 Ladies - Short dress/slacks (no jeans or shorts)
 Men - Coat and Tie/polo/slacks (no jeans or shorts)
 Please bring can goods to donate to the local Food Bank.

July 21-23, 2023

Multi-State Gathering
 Ft. Smith, AK
 "Wild West in the Natural State"
 Forms on the Friendship Line

July 29, 2023

Ark/LA/Miss
 Roosevelt State Park Lodge
 Morton, MS
 Forms on the Friendship Line

August 5, 2003

Official Visit – District 6
 Pine Hill Baptist Church
 128 Pine Hill Church Road
 Leesville, LA 71446
 Regina (RJ) Steirmann, DDGM
 Meal at Noon, Meal to follow
 Ladies – Short dress/slacks (no jeans or shorts)
 Men – Coat & Tie/polo/slacks (no jeans or shorts)
 Plz. bring can goods for local Food Bank

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

Peace Be With You!

Susan Rabb-Williams

Worthy Grand Matron

Grand Officer Spotlight!

Hello. My name is Adrienne L. Pedneau. I am the daughter of the late Alfred L. Pedneau, Sr. & Ada L. Pedneau & I am currently Grand Adah.

I was born into a Masonic family dating back 4 generations on both sides of my family. I joined Rainbow at age 12. My mother was Mother Advisor for many years. At one time or another I held all the offices except Musician. I was Gr Rep to many Jurisdictions, received my Grand Cross of Color & Temple of Service (the highest honor they can bestow) right before becoming Gr Choir Director & served 2 years on the Junior State Ex Committee. When my Assembly in Pineville closed, I joined Deridder Assembly in order to stay active. Driving there to attend meetings I met many dear friends in the process. None of my extended family belong to Fraternal orders. They were living on farms or working on petroleum boards or owning their own companies and traveling and none of them live near us, so our Eastern Star members & my father's close Masonic friends became like our family.

I was initiated into H. C. & M. E. Duncan Chapter # 161 in Pineville on June of 1989. My petition was ready and presented on my 18th birthday in February, but my initiation was held until June so that both my grandmothers who lived out of state could be there. Both my grandfathers had passed years prior. We were often drug up to meetings and sat outside with the Sentinel since moving here at age 4 from Texas.

I have been WM many times & took over as Sec in 2016 for my mother. I have been DDGM in 2002, 2003, 2004 & 2011. It was honored to be Gr Page to Sister Joy Beth Williams, AGC & Grand Rep to Arizona. It was also my honor to serve on the Necrology team for Sister Kay McCray. Our family joined Electa #10 when they were struggling. Both my brothers were initiated there. I demitted 10 years later to concentrate my efforts & time into H. C. & M. E. Duncan Chapter. Later my primary chapter chose to move their meeting time up 30 minutes & meet once a month because of declining membership. As my family's pattern of being members of more than one chapter (even joining the chapter in Jena because my younger brother Andrew started working there & dating a young girl from there) a few years ago, I joined J. T. Charnley Chapter in Alexandria & recently decided to bring our OES roots back south Alfred Jr and I joined Encircler Chapter #191 last year. There is an interesting story of my grandmother's passing and how friends from down south saved our skin. I never married having taken care of both of my aging parents. I have no children of my own, but the many I work with at school, my neighborhood and church have sufficed plenty. I always say I get the special ones no one wants. I love animals and we have had several dogs, & cats having owned a Great Dane & an English Mastiff & had 2 horses I have help take care of along with my last surviving sibling Alfred Jr. who I am thankful to have escorted me at Grand Chapter. I always say writing my mother's and my younger brother's memorial tribute was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. Mom wrote Dad's. I am a very private person so this is a trial and honor for me this year.

Make a difference in your chapter - Serve as many are folding and merging. Looking forward to seeing you all this year.

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:

Grand Representative Appointments:

Kentucky – Fred Ammons (191) 750 Central Ave., Unit 101, Jefferson 70121,
Exp. 2/1/2025

Chapter/Roster Changes

New Address - Julio Morales, PGP, Magnolia Brook, 9394 Siegen Lane, Apt. 204,
Baton Rouge 70810

Electa No. 10 – Suspended for NPD – Candace Beachman

William D. White No.141 – Suspended for NPD – Christine Ledet

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

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Revised Book of Instruction, \$1.75

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Revisions, 2021, \$1.00

Constitution By-Laws Revision, 2022, \$1.00

Constitution Revision, 2023 \$1.00 – NOW AVAILABLE

Constitution Tabs, \$3.62

Constitution Pages and Tabs, \$8.10

Constitution Binder, \$6.00

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