

“Love, Loyalty & Friendship”

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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September 2023 – Newsletter

From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron

Hot! Hot! Hot! Summertime is in full swing. We have been trying to stay cool as we travel the state and beyond. Hand fans going as fast as our arms can wave them.

We started in August with a visit to the Informal Opening of the Grand Court of Amaranth in Denham Springs. Our Associate Grand Patron, Brother James Duncan served as Grand Royal Patron. Job well done Sir Knight James Duncan. Congratulations to Honored Lady Pamela Gill and Sir Knight Harvey Gill on being installed as the Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron of the Louisiana Grand Court of Amaranth for 2023/2024. We wish for you a very harmonious year!

On August 5, 2023, Sister Regina (RJ) Steyerman and the members of District 5 gave the Grand Family and visiting members a very warm welcome to Leesville. Rainbows and red, white and blue were the colors for the day! We were honored to have several Rainbow Assemblies and the DeMolay Boys of Charles F. Buck Chapter, and their adult leaders assist in serving our meal. Also, these young folks made sure everything was cleaned up as we began the Official Visit. G-D's Food Bank was the recipient of our can good donations.

Keynote: We must all pull together to make things happen. One person can't do it alone!

Twenty-seven members of our Louisiana Grand Chapter attended the fundraiser trip to the Angola P.A.W.S. training facility. It was an amazing day. We toured Angola - met men on death row, had lunch prepared by trustees, and had a short demonstration on the training of the service dogs. We met Adah, one of the dogs we sponsor. Ruth, our other dog, was waiting for the birth of her litter. Thank you, Sister Kathy Warmack and Brother Jim Josker; your dedication to our Service dogs' program is outstanding. Let's do it again. Maybe when it is a tad bit cooler.

And talk about it hot! Dallas, Texas-108 degrees late in the evening!!!! Good thing Texas Grand Chapter was in one hotel. Our Grand Chapter of Louisiana was represented by 11 members. We had an excellent time visiting with Sisters and Brothers from all around the globe.

Our final stop for August was in Slidell. District 10 members welcomed us with a delicious salad lunch. And as always ice cream and dump cake. A special thank you to Sister Betty Smith for our special dessert-Hummingbird cake. Thank you, Sister Michelle Hall, for saving me two pieces. Delicious! Shamrocks table runners and red, white and blue centerpieces graced the tables. Thank you, Sister Karen Porter, DDGM for an amazing day!

Our food donations will be given to The Help Center of Churches, Franklinton.

Keynote: Be kind and respectful to one another; as the lessons of Electa have taught us.

It has come to my attention by way of our Law and Jurisprudence Committee, that Resolution #6-2023 has caused confusion among the members, regarding election of officers.

Please suspend any by-law revisions until Grand Chapter. I will be sending a letter to each Chapter with further explanation.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such thing there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23

Peace Be With You!

Susan Rabb-Williams

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 9, 2023 – Official Visit – District 3 - Becky Lee White, DDGM

Sunny South Chapter #12, 10506 Boswell St., Bastrop, LA.

Meal at 12:00 – OV to immediately follow

Casual Attire: Ladies – short dress/slacks (no jeans or shorts). Gentlemen – coat/tie or polo/slacks (no jeans or shorts). Please bring can goods to support District 3’s Food Bank.

September 16, 2023 – Official Visit – District 7 – Jackie Dowden, DDGM

South Beauregard Recreation Center, 6719 LA Highway 12, Ragley, LA 70657

Meal at 12:00 – OV to immediately follow

Formal Attire – Ladies long dress (no jeans/no shorts) – Gentlemen – coat & tie (no jeans/no shorts)

There is a Grand Officer in this district. Bring can goods for District 7’s Food Bank.

September 22-24, 2023 – 4 State Exchange Visit – San Antonio, TX

Arkansas-Louisiana-Oklahoma-Texas

September 30, 2023 – Official Visit – District 8 – Suzanne Sikes-Therman, DDGM

Mystic Star Chapter #108, 313 Benton Street, Denham Springs, LA

Meal at noon, OV to immediately follow

Formal Attire – There are Grand Officers in this District. Ladies – Long dress (no jeans or shorts)

Gentlemen – coat/tie (no jeans or shorts). Please bring can goods to support District 8’s Food Bank.

Grand Officer Spotlight:

My name is Mindy Meyer and I am honored to serve as your Grand Electa this year. I am a proud daughter and granddaughter of a Master Mason as well as them being part of the Habibi Shriners. My mother, father and grandmother were all Eastern Star. I started my Masonic journey as a Rainbow girl.

I have many fond memories of Shrine parades, Shrine circuses and of course the weekly Bingo at Habibi Temple. My dad and grandfather were part of the Fliver unit and drove the model T cars. It was so much fun following them in the parades.

I only started my Eastern Star membership in December of 2016 after the loss of my father. I saw it as a chance to spend time with mom and it turned into a family that I am proud to belong to. I served as Ruth and Esther my first two years and then in 2019 when my mom sat in the East for the first time I served as her Associate Conductress. From there I proceeded her and became Worthy Matron for the first time in 2020. Since then I have served as Worthy Matron three times, and I have been Paige to two grand officers. I served as District Deputy Grand Matron for Sister Susan Freeman in 2022.

When Sister Susan Williams asked me to serve as her Grand Electa, I was honored and thrilled to be part of the 2023 Love Loyalty and Friendship grand family. I look forward to a long journey.

I have a wonderful husband, Allen, and two children, Kaitlyn and Jon David. I have two grandsons, Kipp and Kase and one grandson, Cohen, on the way. I love to travel and all love to make handmade crafts.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Grand Electa and be part of the best organization. I look forward to all the memories yet to be made.

Star Love;

Mindy Meyer

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:

Grand Representative Appointments:

West Virginia – Michael Hall, 817 Dupard St., Mandeville, LA 70488 - Expires July 31, 2025

Chapter/Roster Changes

Lakeshore #59 – By-Law change - Meeting on 4th Tuesday only, except March & December will be 2nd Tuesday due to Grand Chapter & Christmas

