

# *“Love, Loyalty & Friendship”*

Grand Chapter of Louisiana  
Order of the Eastern Star

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## **October 2023 – Newsletter**

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

Fall has arrived! Where is it! Oh, why won't summer let go???

It has been a very busy September for our Love, Loyalty and Friendship Grand Chapter.

On September 9, Sister Becky Lee White, DDGM and the members of District 3 extended us a very warm Welcome. This was the first visit for many of our Grand Family to the North East corner of our State. I always enjoy the drive to Sunny South Chapter, passing through many of the cotton fields. We all enjoyed the wonderful salad lunch and delicious cake. Sister Becky shared fond memories of attending the Cotton Festival, (it has not been held since COVID). Sister Mary Miles told us about the Yam Festival, one of the largest crops now in their area. Please take to time to visit District 3, you won't be disappointed! It was my honor to be escorted into the Chapter room by Brother Carl Gunter, thank you Brother Carl. Our food donations were given to the Care and Hope Ministry in Bastrop.

Keynote: Never Forget 9/11, the many lives and plans changed that day forever!

Our next stop was in Ragley with the members of District 7, Sister Jackie Dowden, DDGM was our hostess. Thank you to the members of Charles F. Buck Chapter for sharing the day with us. Master Councilor, Nolan Dominique, did an amazing job presenting the DeMolay Flower Talk. At the conclusion, the young men presented each Grand Officer with a rose. Job well done, gentlemen. Special thank you to Past Grand Master, Terry Fowler, for being with us for lunch. Our food donations were given to Charles F Buck Chapter as part of their service project. All donations were brought to the Beau Care Food Pantry.

Keynote: Prayer – Beside enjoying fellowshiping with each other, we are the strongest as a Praying community.

“When we pray together, we experience God's Presence” Matthew 18:20

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 14, 2023 - Mid-Year Meetings** – J.T. Charnley Chapter #197  
1415 Horseshoe Dr., Alexandria

8:30-9:15am - Grand Representatives  
9:15-10:00am - Past Grand Officers  
10:00-11:00am - Past Grand Matrons and Patrons

**(To follow immediately after Mid-Year Meetings)**

**Official Visit District 5** - Sister Fran Slay, DDGM

Cenla Shrine Center

1100 Vandenburg Dr.

Alexandria, LA

Meal at Noon, Official visit to immediately follow

Attire: Ladies – long dresses

Gentlemen - coat and tie (no jeans or shorts please)

Remember to bring you donations for the food bank

**October 21,2023 – Official Visit District 4** - Sister Joanna Wiggins, DDGM

Phoenix Lodge #38 - 110 Masonic Dr., Natchitoches, LA

Meal at Noon, Official visit to immediately follow: Attire - Ladies – long dresses Gentlemen -coat and tie (no jeans or shorts please) - Remember to bring you donations for the food bank

**October 28, 2023**

“Pink Party with A Purpose” – Please see enclosed Flyer

Once again, I have been asked about the Chapter elections –

Chapters may have election of officers at their November or December meetings.

However, officers cannot be installed in November. Installation of those elected will be held in December or prior to your first meeting in January.

Peace Be With you!

*Susan Rabb-Williams*

Worthy grand Matron

### **Message from Brother Wayne Harrist, GGCCM, Grand Treasurer:**

It seems for some reason that several secretaries may have received a notice from the IRS that their chapter has NOT filed with the IRS the Form 990-N for Tax-Exempt Organizations for the year 2022. I assure each chapter that the Grand Treasurer has filed for them on their individual EIN number for each year including 2022. I am asking each chapter that HAS received a letter from the IRS to please send the complete letter to me and I will contact the IRS myself. The forms that we gave out at Grand Chapter were the receipts for the year 2022 and I have copies of these for each chapter.

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### **Grand Officer Spotlight:**

Hi, I am Denise Ammons, Grand Esther for the Love, Loyalty and Friendship Grand Chapter Session. I started my journey in this wonderful order as a Rainbow Girl. I was initiated in 1966. I served in many stations and was Worthy Advisor in 1971. In November 1972 I, along with my mother, were initiated into Metairie Chapter #169. That was a very special night for both of us.

I have served in many stations and served as Worthy Matron 7 times. My first time was in 1979 at Metairie Chapter #169. I served as Worthy Matron of Germania Chapter #190 3 times and 3 times for Encircler Chapter #191. I am currently serving as Worthy Matron of Encircler #191. I have also served as District Deputy Grand Matron 3 times in 3 different districts and all of them in the New Orleans area.

I met my husband, Fred Ammons at Jefferson Presbyterian Church when we were in Senior High Sunday School. When I first met him I knew he was the one I was going to marry. We dated for 8 years, most of that was while we were in college, I attended UNO and he attended LSU. We married in 1979 in Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and have been married for 44 years. My husband and I have never had children but we do have a 4-legged child, Rhett. He is our black cat who is our "fur baby".

My father, Everett Duplantis was a deceased member of Square and Compass #417 who gave me my masonic relationship. I am proud to be a daughter, wife and sister of Master Masons. My husband, Fred is a member of Louisiana #102 and my brother was a member of Invincible Lodge and Alpha Home Lodge. Next month, I am proud to announce that, I will be a 50-year OES member!

I never thought I would ever be a Grand Officer and I was shocked and surprised when Sister Susan asked me. Thank you for this honor. I am truly enjoying all my travels and have been to places that I have never even heard of. I am looking forward to further travels and seeing all of you.

Fraternally,  
Sister Denise

**From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:**

**Grand Representative Appointments:**

**Page 10 – Mississippi - Geneva Dolph** (202), 9630 Wesso Circle, Shreveport 71118 Exp. 7/1/25

**Page 11 - South Carolina – Danny Dowden** (232) 1221 Andrew Mouhot Rd., Ragley 70657 Exp. 8/31/25

**Chapter/Roster Changes:**

**Page 1** - Martha Jo Schexneider, Gr. Conductress – Phone No. (337) 274-4909; **Page 7** –Fraternal Correspondence – Phone No. (337) 274-4909; **Page 13** – (337) 274-4909; **Page 24** – Delete home phone

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**Page 6** - Rocky Schexneider, GGCCM - email: rockyschexneider@gmail.com & Phone No. (337) 274-1900

**Page 15** - R. J. Steyerman, DDGM, District 6 – email: oessteyerman3126@gmail.com

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Fraternally,



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