

“Love, Loyalty & Friendship”

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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November 2023 – Newsletter

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From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron

Well hello Fall, how brief was your visit. My AC kicked on yesterday.

We have been steadily crossing our state visiting with the Districts, in North, South and Central areas.

September 23,2023, 23 members of our Louisiana Grand Chapter attended the 4 State Exchanged hosted by the newly installed Texas Grand Family. We dressed in our finest western wear to attend a "Who Done It" play and barbecue dinner. At the formal banquet on Saturday night, Louisiana was awarded the traveling banner for the most members registered. Yeehaw!!!

Down south where, Sister Suzanne Sykes-Thurman, DDGM, and the members of District 8, welcomed us to Denham Springs, on September 30,2023. Purple, Green and Gold was the color of the day, with some eagles scattered throughout. Sister Paulette Spedale presented the WGM with a flamingo, a symbol of Denham Springs Mardi Gras celebration. I am still not sure if Sister Paulette or Brother Tony pulled the flamingo out of the lake? Check with them for the full story. Thank you to Brother William Free for being my escort for the day. A very special thank you to Sister Jane Zaruba, Grand Worthy Advisor, and the Rainbow Girls of Diamond Assembly, for serving and cleaning up following lunch. Our food bank donations were given to the Rainbow Girls for their service project.

Keynote: We are not perfect, and should never cast stones.

Our next visit was to the Central part of our beautiful Grand Chapter. J.T. Charnley Chapter hosted the mid-year meetings. Congratulations to the members of God's Chanel of Blessings Grand family on being imitated in the Past Grand Officers club. Following the meetings, we journeyed to the Cenla Shrine Center for District's 5 Official Visit. Thank you Sister Fran Slay,

DDGM, for an amazing day. Sister Kay McCray shared the beauty of all the various agricultural in this district.

Our donations of clothing and food were given to the Rainbow Girls for their service projects.

Keynote: I will forever: Love each one of you, am fiercely Loyal to each of you and cherish our Friendship!

We have just a few more Official Visits. Please join us! We always pass a good time!

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever" Isaiah 40:8

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 4, 2023 - Official Visit District 2, Susan Hinkley, DDGM Magi Chapter #85 111 N. Vienna St., Ruston, LA. Meal at Noon, Official Visit to immediately follow. Ladies — Casual attire — (no jeans or shorts, please) - Gentleman — Shirt/slacks (no jeans or shorts, please) Please bring donation for the Methodist Children's Home - They are asked us for assistance and are in need of: Under garments and socks — ages 12-19; Boys and girls' sizes small to 2/3 w.

November 12, 2023 - Official Visit District 11, Tara Marques-Greene, DDGM Metairie Ridge Chapter #169, 2122 N. Causeway Blvd., Metairie, La.: Meal at 1:00 (because of it being Sunday) - Official Visit to immediately follow. Ladies — Long Dress (no jeans or shorts, please) - Gentlemen — Coat/tie (no jeans or shorts, please)

Please remember to bring your food donations

November 13-18. 2023 - Susan and Charlie's Fun Kruise - Sailing out of New Orleans

Happy Thanksgiving!

Peace

Susan Rabb-Williams

Worthy grand Matron

From the Hospitality Chair:

The hospitably room for Grand Chapter will need 10 handmade items from each Chapter. WE will be hosting the MWGM and MWGP and other dignitaries. Please bring them to the Next few Official Visits.

Thank you; Jane McDaniel, Ambassador/GGCCM. PGM

District 4 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons would like to thank Sister Susan Williams, WGM, and Brother Charlie Smith, WGP and the Grand Family for the donation to the Service Dogs project. It is our duty and privilege as Past Grands to support the Grand Chapter. As the committee member of General Grand Chapter - Service Dogs, I am very pleased that you chose Service Dogs to make a donation in our honor. There is another trip to Angola State Penitentiary on January 5, 2024, we hope that you will be able to join us. Thanks again for the donation. Kathy Warmack, GGCCM, PGM, Mary Howell, PGM, Eldon Howell, PGP and Joe Stroud, PGP *PRISONERS ASSISTING WARRIOR SERVICES - THEY SIT FOR US, WE STAND FOR THEM* - **Kathy**

Greetings and Salutations from Sandra Lain, Grand Martha, 2023-2024:

I am the first light in the line of my ancestors to belong to the Masonic Order. I became a Rainbow Girl in 1972, Texas Chapter #8, Waco, Texas. I reached my majority in good standing. My husband, Mike, was a DeMolay in Waco, Texas.

We attended high school together. We eloped, but got married in our family church. And that is a Story for another time. We have been married 44 years.

When we moved to Houma in 2005, it was just before Katrina hit. We fell in love with our new Community. Through much pestering by our brother Eddie Lebouef, Jr., we attended a couple of OES dinners and were happy to join them. We were initiated into the order in March of 2018. I have had the privilege to hold many stations in the order. Worthy Matron from 2020 at the beginning of COVID through Hurricane Ida. I didn't get to do much for the Chapter obligations, but I did much more by keeping our Chapter opened and helping our community, as well as our Brothers at Unity Lodge. Through the hardest times we have been blessed to have the love and support from our Sisters and Brothers. Especially, the Brothers from Terrebonne Fellowship, who gave our Chapter a home while our Lodge was being repaired. I was DDGM for District #14 in 2022. I met so many wonderful people. It has been an honor to be a part of The Grand Family. At the time of this writing, I have been asked to stand in for my daughter, Sarah Lain, Worthy Matron of A.W. Connely due to her passing. We love the Order that we joined as a family. I hope to see you soon.

Be Blessed;

Sandra Lain, Grand Martha

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:

Grand Representative Appointments:

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Chapter/Roster Changes:

Page 1 – James Duncan, AGP – Email: jamduncan@gmail.com

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

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Page 7 – Marilyn Abshire, Work & Ritual; email: mlabshire@outlook.com

Page 7 – Grand Historian, Karen Mitchell – Chapters (13,3,26)

Page 8 – Dist. Guest Spec – Hosp. – Barbara Turner – Chapter (232)

Page 8 – Regis – Dist. Guests – Kathy Warmack, GGCCM – Chapters (3,224); Nancy Hickman (242); Danny Warmack (3,224)

Page 9 – Breast Cancer Research - 6. Sandra Rogers (204)

Page 14 – Dist. 4 – Ringgold (Chapter No. 131)

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

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Page 17 – Rebecca #2 – address should be: 728 N. Main Street, Jennings, LA

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Fraternally,



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