

“Peace, Love and Harmony”
Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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August 2024 – Newsletter

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From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

July has been a busy month, and hot month. I am so thankful that God has blessed us with some rain along the way. June ended with Sister Linn McNary, RWGT, Sister Jo Schexneider, AG M and me traveling to Louisville, KY for Triennial Orientation. We had a great trip and learned a few things while we were there. It is always so nice to spend time with our Sisters and Brothers from other Grand Jurisdictions.

July was filled with cookouts and fireworks as we celebrated our independence and those men and women who have served our great nation to keep us free. Many have given their all for the country that we love and to these brave souls, we are ever grateful. To our Veterans, we thank you for your service!

On July 2nd, Crescent Chapter No.64 voted to close their Chapter after 114 years. Like many other Chapters, they were having difficulty getting enough members to have a quorum. This is a sad reality that is plaguing our Order. If we don't step up and support our Chapter, this could be our Chapter next. We make time for the things that are important to us, is Eastern Star important to you? It breaks my heart to lose a Chapter and I pray that this is the only Chapter has to be picked up this year. Please be in prayer for these Sisters and Brothers as they decide their OES future.

July 20th found the Grand Family in Gretna for the Official Visit of District 11. Sister Nancy Bedwell, DDGM and her team served us a delicious meal of Spaghetti and the biggest Meatballs that I have ever seen. Sister Lisa Cotham, AGC surprised me with a special treat of Fried Oreos. If you were not there to have one, don't worry. I ate one for you and you loved it! Thank you,

Lisa! It was also nice to see several new members attending the meeting and filling stations. I enjoyed meeting these new Stars and I look forward to seeing them again in the future.

The Official Visit of District 9 is on July 27th. We are excited to go to Ponchatoula for the day with Sister Chris Cohea, DDGM and the District members. I hope that you all will be there to share the day with us.

August is going to get off to great start as we travel to Crossett, AR for the AR/LA/MS Friendship Exchange on August 3rd. Brother James and I are hoping to have a large group of Louisiana Stars joining us for a fun filled day. I hear that Karaoke is going to be the main event...Let me or sister Angela McNicoll, AC know if you are planning to go so that we can send you the video for the song that the Louisiana group is going to be singing. You don't want to miss out on the fun!

Texas Grand Chapter will be in Waco August 6-10. Have you made your plans to be there? If you need information, please let me know.

We have two Official Visits coming up in August, District 10 on the 17th and District 6 on the 24th. Please come out and support your Sisters and Brothers in these districts. Louisiana was blessed when Sister Glenda Winchester, MWGM appointed twelve of our members to be General Grand Chapter Committee Members. We are so proud of these Sisters and Brothers who have served us so well for the past three years. Their terms will be ending in October at the General Grand Chapter Session in Myrtle Beach, SC where we will be honoring them with a breakfast. You can be a part of honoring them by donating toward a Love Gift that will be presented to each member. I am asking each Chapter to send your donation to the Grand Secretary by October 15th.

Thank you all for everything that you are doing across our great state, we all know that it is the local chapters that make our Order great! We hope to see you at the Official Visits as we travel across the state. Remember that we love you, but Jesus loves you more!!

UP COMING EVENTS

August 3, 2024: AR/LA/MS Friendship Exchange will be held at First Baptist Church Mulita Ministry Building at 703 Pine Street, Crossett, AR. The event begins at 10 am and the meal will be served at noon.

August 6-10, 2024: Texas Grand Chapter will be held in Waco, TX. If you need information, please contact the Grand Secretary or me.

August 17, 2024: Official Visit District 10 will be held in Slidell at Lakeshore Chapter No. 59 (2222 Front Street). Please join Sister Anna Hall, DDGM for a Salad Lunch at noon with the meeting to follow.

August 24, 2024: Official Visit District 6 will be held at the DeRidder Lodge # 271 (320 Shirley Street). Sister Sandra Rogers, DDGM will serve a meal at noon, followed by the meeting.

August 31, 2024: Little Red School House Picnic will be held at 6796 Hwy 17, Pickens, MS from 10 am to 2 pm. The cost of the meal is \$20.

In the Spirit of the Star,

Donna Nelken-Baker, WGM

ADDENDUM

Sisters and Brothers, Louisiana was blessed to have 12 General Grand Chapter Committee Members during this Triennium. We will be honoring them with a breakfast at General Grand Chapter in October. I am asking each Chapter to donate for a Love gift to our GGCMs that will be presented to them at that time. Our GGCMs are:

Jane McDaniel, PGM Ambassador to Aruba

Oscar Abshire, PGP Eastern Star Journal

Donna Harrist, PGM EstarI

John Wayne Harrist, PGP Jurisprudence

Kathy Warmack, PGP Service Dogs

Otto C. Beverly, PGP Shrine Charities

Pierre "Rocky" Schexneider, PGP Youth

Joy Beth Williams, PGP CO-Chair Triennial Other Assembly-Colorful Note

Diane Smith, PGM Triennial Other Assembly-Colorful Note

Terrie C. Castay, PGM Triennial Other Assembly-Color Note

Pamela Gill, PGM Triennial Special Assembly-Faithful Note

Delores J. Woods, PM MWGM Special Appointment Triennial Other Assembly-Colorful Note

You can make your donations to the "Grand Chapter of Louisiana-OES" and mail to the Grand Secretary, marked as "Donation to GGCM Love Gift" prior to October 15, 2024.

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:

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Revised Book of Instruction - \$4.00 Each

Roster 2023-2024 — \$5.00 each

Ritual – Large Spiral Bound - \$26.00 each (5 ¼ x 8 ¼ - Green or white)

Ritual–Extra Large spiral bound-\$36.00 ea. (7x10 ¾ - blue)

Constitution Pages Only, \$4.00

Revisions, 2021, \$1.00

Constitution By-Laws Revision, 2022, \$1.00

Constitution Revision, 2023 \$1.00

Constitution Tabs, \$3.62

Constitution Pages and Tabs, \$8.10

Constitution Binder, \$6.00

Please contact the Grand Secretary at the following email address only: laoesgrsec@gmail.com. Also, please include your chapter name and number. Secretaries and Members, please make all checks payable to “Grand Chapter of Louisiana, OES”. Thank you.

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