

“Peace, Love and Harmony”

**Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star**

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September – Newsletter

From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

I thought that July was hot, but August had brought us the highest temperatures of the year! I hope that you all are taking precaution to avoid heat related illness and are checking on our elderly shut-in members.

On August 1, 2024 Brother James and I had the privilege to bring greetings to the Amaranth Grand Court in Alexandria. Congratulations to Grand Royal Matron Honored Lady Pamela Gill and Royal Grand Patron Sir Knight Harvey Gill on a successful Grand Court.

The AR/LA/MS Friendship exchange in Crossett, AR was a huge success. We had 28 Louisiana Stars singing Karaoke to “Louisiana Saturday”. We had a great time, but I don’t think that the next American Idol was in our group! Thanks to everyone who made the trip with Brother James and me.

Brother James and I, along with several other Sisters and Brothers, attended Texas Grand Chapter in Waco, TX. Eastern Star Road trips are the best! If you haven’t been on one lately, you are missing out on a fun experience! Get a bag packed and get ready to go, your adventure awaits, and you can’t go on an OES trip and not have a good time!

The Little Red School House picnic is coming up August 31st in Pickins MS and the Four State Friendship Exchange will be held in Texarkana, AR September 27-29. I hope that you will make plans to join us for these events.

Thanks to Sister Chris Cohea, DDGM of District 9. Your Official Visit did not disappoint! We appreciated all the work that you and your team did to make us feel welcome.

Slidell was our destination on August 17th and Sister Anna Hall, DDGM of District 10 did a fabulous job with delicious food and beautiful decorations. Thank you, Sister Anna for the

backpack, complete with snacks, that you gave me for my cruise. I may have to replace the snacks before I go.

Sister Sandra Rogers, DDGM of District 6 is finalizing her plans for the Official Visit on August 24th in DeRidder. We are excited to see what District 6 has in store for us and I hope that you will be there to join us for a wonderful day full of OES smiles and hugs!

September's Official Visit is coming up in District 3 with Sister Nancy Lee on September 21st at Sunny South #12 in Bastrop.

October 12th is the Official Visit for District 7 with DDGM Sister Sharon Powell.

The Members of District No. 7
Order of the Eastern Star
Cordially invite you to attend their
Official Visit
Of
Donna Nelken-Baker
Worthy Grand Matron
Accompanied by
James Duncan
Worthy Grand Patron
And other Grand Officers
Saturday, October 12, 2024
At Twelve O'Clock p.m.
Meal with Meeting to Follow
Habibi Shrine Center
2928 Pack Road
Lake Charles, LA

On September 3rd, Brother James and I will have a Courtesy Visit with Encircler Chapter #191 in Jefferson. We will also be attending a Courtesy Visit with William D. White in Gretna on Friday, October 11th. If you are either of these areas, we would love to have you join us. If you would like for Brother James and me to visit your chapter, please let us know and we will do our best to come see you.

The Alaska Cruise is only 19 days 14 hours 57 minutes and 3 seconds as I write this newsletter, but who's counting?? I wish that every one of you were going on the trip with us. We will make lots of memories in Alaska and will have plenty of stories and pictures to share when we get back home.

I hope that your chapter has voted to donate to the Love Offering for our General Grand Chapter Committee Members. Please send your checks to the Grand Secretary by October 15th.

As you know, Brother James covets your prayers as he is going through his Chemotherapy. Your prayers, cards, calls and texts are so important to him. Our prayer list has several others who need our prayers today: Brother Charles Smith, PGP and Sister Diane, Brother Roy Bankston, PGP and Sister Lynn, Sister Joy Beth Williams, Brother John McDonald and Sister Rovenia, PGM, Brother Otto Beverly, PGP and Sister Judy. I know that there are others who need our prayers as well. Please let me know if you have someone who needs to be on the friendship line for prayer.

Clinton Ardis Mills Board

I am Teena Satcher and I will not be submitting my name for re-election to serve on the Clinton Ardis Mills Educational Scholarship Fund Board, Central Section. I have enjoyed serving on this Board. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 3, 2024: Courtesy Visit of WGM & WGP to Encircler Chapter # 191 at 946 Jefferson Hwy in Jefferson. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

September 9-16, 2024: Worthy Matron's Alaskan Cruise from Seattle, WA

September 21, 2024: Official Visit District 3 at Sunny South #12 10506 Boswell St. in Bastrop. Sister Nancy Lee, DDGM will serve a meal at noon with the meeting to follow.

September 27-29, 2024: Four State Friendship Exchange at 5200 Convention Plaza Dr. in Texarkana, AR.

October 5, 2024: Official Visit District 1 will be held at Sunset Star # 227 at 5115 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop in Shreveport. DDGM Jean Tucker will have a meal at noon and the meeting will follow.

October 11, 2024: Courtesy Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to William D. White # 141, 501 Amelia Street in Gretna. There will be a meal at 6:00 pm and the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Sisters and Brothers, stay safe during this hot weather and remember that I love you all, but Jesus loves you more!

In the Spirit of the Star,

Donna Nelken-Baker, WGM

ADDENDUM:

Quick Reminder about Chapter Elections – From Committee on Law and Jurisprudence – Donna Harrist, Chairman

During Grand Chapter this past March when the Resolution concerning the Election of Chapter Officers passed, the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence reminded everyone that their Chapter By-laws needed to be updated in order to hold the Chapter Elections in November. We are working on several by-laws updates now and want to remind you it takes about two months to get the process completed. After the chapter has approved the amendments, they do not go into effect until the receipt of approval by the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence and the Worthy Grand Matron, attested by the signature and the seal of the Grand Secretary. Instructions on the process of changing Chapter By-laws can be found in The By-laws or General Regulations of the Grand Chapter, Chapter Two, Subordinate Chapters, **ARTICLE EIGHTEEN, By-laws, pages 66-68.**

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:

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