

“Peace, Love and Harmony”

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

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October – Newsletter

From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

September has been another hot month; I am ready for some Fall football weather as we cheer on our favorite teams!

September was a busy month, starting with a courtesy visit to Encircler #191 in Jefferson. The food and fellowship were wonderful as the members greeted Brother James and me. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers for making us feel so welcome.

On September 5th, Sister Angela McNicoll, Grand Conductress and I attended the Honor Night at Harmony #6 in Coushatta. We enjoyed a delicious meal and a had a great time visiting with Sister Jill Pepper, WM and the members of the chapter.

The next thing on our agenda for September was the Alaskan Cruise out of Seattle. There were 30 travelers in our group arriving in Seattle on various days and enjoyed sightseeing around the city. We boarded the ship on Monday September 9th for an unforgettable trip to Alaska. The weather was better than I had anticipated, and the ship was magnificent. We dined as a group for dinner in the evenings and explored the ship and the ports during the day. I think I can say that we all ate too much, walked more than usual, spent too much but there was no way to have too much fun!! We returned safely to Seattle with everyone that we left with! Thank you to everyone who joined Brother James and me on our special adventure. Now, let's all be looking forward to learning where Sister Jo and Brother Arthur will take us next year???

September 21st we traveled to Bastrop for the Official Visit of District 3 with Sister Nancy Lee, DDGM. As expected, the meal was delicious. District 3 is a small district

with big heart! Thanks to everyone who came out and joined us. I had the privilege of presenting a Grand Representative Appointment to Rhode Island to Brother Gregory Hare, PP of Mer Rouge Chapter #148. Congratulations again, Brother Greg!
The 4 State Friendship Exchange is coming up September 27-29, 2024, in Texarkana, AR. I hoped that you have made plans to join us for a fun filled weekend!

In October, we have an Official visit in District 1 in Shreveport on Saturday October 5th and a courtesy visit at William D. White in Gretna on Friday October 11th.

Mid-Year meetings will be held on October 12th prior to the Official Visit of District 7 at the Habibi Shrine Center in Lake Charles. The Past Grand Officers will meet at 9 am, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons at 10 am and Grand Representative Association will meet at 11 am. The Official Visit will be held at the same location with the meal to be served at noon and the meeting to follow.

General Grand Chapter will be in Myrtle Beach, SC October 25-31, 2024. If you are planning to attend, please let me know. Also, please let me know if you will be attending the Breakfast honoring our Ambassador and GGCCMs on October 29th. There will be NO Tickets printed, your name will be on the list at the door. The cost is \$40 with checks made out to LA OES. A Love Offering for our General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and GGCCMs will be presented at the breakfast. If your chapter would like to contribute toward this gift of appreciation, please send your checks to the Grand Secretary with a notation that it is for this love offering.

I appreciate you all and I wish you a safe and peaceful transition into the fall season! Take time to look around you and enjoy the beautiful fall colors and the smells of the season. I pray that you will have good health, that your team will win the game, that there is an abundance of Pumpkin Spice, and most of all that you remember that I love you, but Jesus loves you more!

In the Spirit of the Star,
Donna Nelken-Baker, WGM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 5, 2024: Official Visit District 1 at Sunset Star 5115 Bert Kouns Ind Loop, Shreveport. The meal will be served at noon with the Meeting to follow. Sister Jean Tucker, DDGM

October 12, 2024: Mid-Year Meetings at Habibi Shrine Center 2928 Pack Rd. Lake Charles. Schedule for meetings: Past Grand Officers at 9 am, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons at 10 am and the Grand Representative Association at 11 am.

October 12, 2024: Official Visit District 7 at Habibi Shrine Center 2928 Pack Rd. Lake Charles. The meal will be served at noon with the Meeting to follow, Sister Sharon Powell, DDGM.

October 25-31, 2024: General Grand Chapter in Myrtle Beach, SC. October 29th at 7 am will be the Breakfast honoring Louisiana's Ambassadors and GGCCMs in Room 106 at the Sheridan Hotel. Cost of the Breakfast is \$40.

November 9, 2024: Official Visit District 5 at H.C. & M.E. Duncan Chapter 229 Hwy 28E Pineville with meal at noon and meeting to follow. Sister Adrienne Pedneau, DDGM

November 16, 2024: Official Visit District 4 at Palestine #55 at 106 N. Bevill St. Winnfield. The meal will be served at noon and the meeting to follow, Sister Susan Wilson, DDGM.

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:

Grand Representative Appointment:

Rhode Island – Gregory Hare (148) 2493 Hwy. 594, Monroe 71281 – Exp. 7/1/2026

By-Law change – Greenwood #202 – Change of location – 5115 West Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport 71129 – 2nd Monday at 7:00 PM -

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