

*“Peace, Love and Harmony”*

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Order of the Eastern Star**

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**November – Newsletter**

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This year is flying by so quickly. It is hard to believe that it is already November! October has been a month that began with the Official Visit of District 1 in Shreveport. Sister Jean Tucker, DDGM and her team did a fabulous job preparing for our visit. The meal was wonderful as were the decorations. I had the honor of presenting a Grand Representative appointment to Indiana to Brother Dan Heggenstaller, PP.

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, I attended the regular meeting of Goldonna #244 where I presented a Grand Representative appointment to Nevada to Sister Connie VanWye, PM.

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, Brother James and I along with Sister Linn McNary, RWGT attended a courtesy visit at William D. White Chapter in Gretna. The food was delicious, and everyone made us feel so welcome. Thanks to Sister Lisa Cotham, AGC WM for inviting us to visit your chapter.

Mid-Year meetings were held October 12<sup>th</sup> in Lake Charles prior to the Official Visit of District 7. Sister Sharon Powell, DDGM did a great job coordinating with her team to make the visit special for us all. The DeMolay boys did an outstanding job of serving the meal, thank you for your service. The decorations were beautiful, and the program was great. Again, I was honored to present a Grand Representative appointment to Italy to Brother Craig Barker, PP.

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, I got an early start on my journey to Boston, MA for the birth of a grandson. Roman Elliot Levine-Franklin was born on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is doing well, and I have certainly been reminded why young people have children! Three-year-old Fitz has really been keeping me on my toes!

Next stop will be Myrtle Beach, SC for General Grand Chapter. We will say “thank you” to our outgoing General Grand Chapter Ambassador and Committee Members as we congratulate our newly appointed General Grand Chapter Committee Members. Thank you all for accepting your appointment and for representing Louisiana in your travels for the next three years.

November is a month of Thanksgiving. It is a time to gather with our families for a delicious meal and to remember what we are thankful for. As I am writing this newsletter, I am thinking of the many things that I have to be thankful for. I have been blessed with a wonderful family and just this week a new grandson. I have also been blessed with a huge Eastern Star Family that I am so proud to be a part of. I am thankful that I live in America, the greatest nation in the world and that I am free to worship as I choose. I am thankful for those who have died to protect our freedom and to keep us safe. There are so many things that I have been blessed with that I often take for granted, but there are so many people in the world who will live their entire life without them, things like a home, a car, electricity, clean water, and food on the table. Most of all, I am thankful for Jesus and the gift of Salvation.

We also need to remember our Sisters and Brothers who have been affected by the recent hurricanes in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. Louisiana Grand Chapter has made donations to these Grand Jurisdictions who have supported us in the past when we were in need following a hurricane. If any chapter, or individual would like to donate to Disaster Relief you may do so by sending a check to the Grand Secretary. If you would like to donate to another Grand Jurisdiction, please make a note on your check.

November 9<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Official Visit of District 5 to be held in Pineville at Solomon Lodge. Sister Adrienne Pedneau has been working hard to make this a great day for us and we appreciate her efforts. The following day, November 10<sup>th</sup>, HC & ME Duncan will be initiating 2 new members and could use some assistance. If you can help with the initiation at 2 pm, please let Sister Adrienne Pedneau, PM and Secretary of HC & ME Duncan #161 know.

November 16th will be the Official Visit in Winnfield. Sister Susan Wilson, DDGM, has been planning for our final official visit to be memorable. Brother James and I are looking forward to this visit and we hope that you will join us at this meeting and at the meeting in Pineville.

As you go about your day, don't forget that in November we will elect a new President as well as other leaders. Please exercise your right to vote, it is a privilege that not everyone in the world has. Do your homework, pray and then go to the polls and cast your ballot for the candidate that you feel will be the best person for the job!

Remember that I love you, but Jesus loves you more!

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

**ESTARL BOARD** – I will not be submitting my name for re-election on the ESTARL Board for the year 2025. I would like to thank this Grand Chapter for the opportunity to have served.

Fraternally, Faye Bacle

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**November 9, 2024:** Official Visit of District 5 at Solomon Lodge #221 at 229 Hwy 28 E in Pineville (located behind Rapides Urgent Care) Light refreshments will be served at noon and the meeting will follow. Sister Adrienne Pedneau, DDGM 318-794-3312

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

**December 4, 5, 6, 2024:** Arkansas Grand Chapter in North Little Rock, AR at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel. Please let me know if you need the registration information.

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

**Grand Representative Appointments:**

**Indiana:** Brother Dan Heggenstaller, PP Magnolia #27, 10695 Monroe Dr., Keithville 71047 – Expires August 1, 2026

**Nevada:** Sister Connie VanWye, PM Goldonna #244, 180 Ism Monroe Lane, Goldonna 71031 – Expires August 1, 2026

**Italy:** Brother Craig Barker, PP Ruth #16 239 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Lake Charles 70601 – Expires August 1, 2026

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