

**Together in Perfect Harmony
Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star**

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May 2026 – Newsletter

From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Are you a member of the Order Eastern Star? A simple question but for some reason a very hard question to ask. Brother Ray and I were invited to attend the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and bring greetings from the Grand Chapter of Louisiana. I was absolutely amazed at the number of men attending Grand Lodge and looking around wondering why some of them and their wives are not members of our Order. I have been given reasons like: “the guys don’t like OES in their lodges”; “they don’t like OES”, and “they don’t want to attend another meeting”. Has any one of the chapters heard these excuses? If so, have you thought about how you might change their perception?

Today is the day that we need to start to change their perceptions. One thing you can do is volunteer to help your lodge with their events. Remind them that OES is something they can do with their spouse. Also, they may not know but tell them how we support their charities each year. By supporting your lodges maybe, they will turn around and support your chapter. Give it try and see what happens. Pass out those petitions and whichever chapter brings in the most new members will be recognized at Grand Chapter and whichever member brings in the most new members will also be recognized at Grand Chapter.

The State of the Order Committee is working on other ideas that may help your chapter to grow, so stay tuned. If you have any ideas that are working pass those on to the Chairman of State of the Order Committee, Sister Jane McDaniel, PGM.

The competition is on!!! District 10 (Brother Ray’s district) has challenged District 1 (my district) to having the most members earn the Personal Achievement Award. Ask your secretaries for a copy of the Personal Achievement Award and get your district to challenge another district. Let’s have some fun and see which districts come out on top. We will announce the winners at Grand Chapter.

Lastly, be supportive as the Grand Supervisors are holding their schools and the District Deputy Grand Matrons are making their Official Visits. Be there and participate to show your support.

Angela McNicoll
Worthy Grand Matron
Harmonizing our future!

Birthdays for May

Jeff Freeman, PGP May 8
Pamela Gill, PGM May 29
Roy Bankston, PGP May 31

Upcoming Events:

May 2nd - Homecoming for the WGM & WGP, 12:00pm – 2:00pm at Sunset Lodge in Shreveport located at 5115 W. Bert Kouns Industrial Dr. Shreveport

May 10, 2026 – Mother’s Day (Honor the mothers in your family)

May 25, 2026 – Memorial Day (Honor the fallen soldiers)

June 5 – 7 – Rainbow Grand Assembly, Best Western of Alexandria Inn & Suites & Conference Center, Alexandria, LA.

June 13th – First Official Visit - District 10

The Members of District 10 O.E.S. cordially invite you to attend their Official visit honoring Ms. Angela McNicoll, Worthy Grand Matron, accompanied by Mr. Ray Bedwell, Worthy Grand Patron, And other Grand Officers, June 13, 2026, Metairie Ridge Chapter #169, 2122 N Causeway Blvd, Metairie LA 70001. Receiving line 11:30 am, Lunch to begin at 12 noon, with meeting to follow.

June 27th – Official Visit - District 3

The Members of District #3 Order of the Eastern Star cordially invite you to attend their Official Visit of Ms. Angela McNicoll, Worthy Grand Matron, accompanied by Mr. Ray Bedwell, Worthy Grand Patron, and Other Grand Officers, June 27, 2026, at 1:00 PM, Winnfield Masonic Lodge, 106 Beville Street, Winnfield, LA. A meal will be served at 12:00 PM.

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:

For items available to purchase, please check out the Grand Secretary’s page on the Richard Shaw Memorial Website at www.laoes.org

Roster Changes Meetings:

Magi #85 new meeting time. Changed to 7:00 PM on the 2nd Tuesday.

Fidelity #160 meeting time. Changed to 2nd Saturday @ 10:00am.

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.

Fraternally,
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Check out the Richard Shaw memorial website at: www.laoes.org.