

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

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August 2026 – Newsletter

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From the desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

August holds a special place in the hearts of Eastern Star members as we celebrate the life and legacy of **Dr. Rob Morris**, the founder of the Order of the Eastern Star. Born on **August 31, 1818**, Dr. Morris was a respected educator, minister, author, poet, and devoted Mason. While serving as the Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, he envisioned an organization that would allow women to share in the teachings and values of Freemasonry through lessons drawn from Scripture and exemplified by the lives of five remarkable heroines.

On **December 28, 1850**, Dr. Morris introduced the first ritual of the Order of the Eastern Star. His vision was revolutionary for its time. He believed that women and men could work side by side in an organization founded upon faith, truth, fidelity, loyalty, and loving kindness. The lessons of Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, and Electa continue to inspire us to live lives of service, compassion, courage, and unwavering faith.

More than 175 years later, we are the beneficiaries of Dr. Morris's dream. Every chapter meeting, every act of charity, every word of encouragement, and every hand extended in friendship reflects the foundation he established. His vision has grown from a single idea into an international Order that continues to make a positive difference in communities around the world.

As Brother Ray and I continue our Official Visits throughout Louisiana, we see Dr. Morris' vision alive in every chapter. During the ArkLaMiss meeting, we were reminded that the bonds of our Order extend beyond state lines. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, renewing friendships, and celebrating the unity that makes Eastern Star so special.

We were also honored to visit District 8 under the leadership of Sister **Joy Ledet**, District Deputy Grand Matron. Sister Joy and the members of District 8 welcomed us with genuine warmth and outstanding hospitality. A special thank you to Sister Joy for preparing the delicious meal that we all enjoyed. It was evident that every detail of the day had been thoughtfully planned, making everyone feel welcomed and appreciated. The wonderful fellowship, laughter, and friendships we shared were a beautiful reflection of what our Order is all about and a true example of living **Together in Perfect Harmony**.

As we continue our travels and prepare for the events ahead, I encourage each of us to reflect on the legacy Dr. Rob Morris left for future generations. He did not simply establish an organization—he created a family built on Christian principles, mutual respect, and a desire to serve others. His dream continues only because each of us chooses to live the lessons of our Order every day.

Our theme, "**Together in Perfect Harmony**," beautifully reflects Dr. Morris's vision. Harmony is achieved when each member contributes their unique gifts while keeping our common purpose at heart. When we work together with kindness, patience, and love, we honor not only the founders of our Order but also ensure that future generations will inherit an Eastern Star that is stronger than ever.

Thank you for your continued support, your prayers, and your dedication to our beloved Order. May we always remember the legacy we have inherited and strive to leave an even greater one for those who follow us.

Fraternally,

Angela McNicoll
Worthy Grand Matron
Harmonizing our future!

Birthdays for August

Aug 5 – Marilyn Abshire, PGM

Aug 16 - Frank Cucinotta, G Sentinel

Aug 26 – Sue Richards, G Chaplain

With permission of the Worthy Grand Matron:

HI!

I sincerely thank each one of you who sent a card, email, text message when my mother suddenly passed May 3.

Each condolence provided us with comfort knowing you were praying for us and thinking of us.

When Mother received a card from an OES member/chapter, it brought her such joy.

She would call me to express her excitement; someone thought of her and sent her a beautiful card.

You always sent such beautiful cards with inspiring messages.

You are a wonderful, caring family and I thank you for providing my mother with moments of joy.

With my deepest gratitude,

Susan Freeman, GGCCM, PGM of the most thoughtful jurisdiction.

Upcoming Events:

Amaranth Grand Court Aug. 6-8, 2026, Bently Hotel, Alexandria

Multi-State Exchange Aug. 14-16, 2026, Duluth, GA

Tailgate Party - Sept. 5, 2026, Cenla Shrine Club, Alexandria (see flyer attached)

Aug 22nd – Official Visit – District 2

The Members of District #2 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, Aug 22, 2026, at 1:00 PM, Sunny South #12, 10506 Boswell St, Bastrop. A meal will be served at 12:00 PM. Meeting to follow. Rebecca Hare, DDGM, 318-547-2046, gbhare5674@comcast.net.

Aug 29th – Official Visit District 4

The Members of District #4 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, Aug 29, 2026, at 1:00 PM, Solomon Lodge, 2191 Hwy. 28 E. Pineville. Refreshments to follow. Angela McNicoll, 318-773-3878, akmcnicoll@hotmail.com.

Sep 26th – Official Visit District 6

The Members of District #6 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, Sep 26, 2026, at 1:00 PM, Ruth Chapter #16 will host at the Lake Charles #165 Lodge located at 717 Hodges St. Lake Charles. As a fund raiser for Daniel Ledet, a meal will be served at 12:00 PM for a donation of \$10. Karen Young, DDGM 337-240-0717, joeysmom0613@gmail.com.

Oct 3rd – Official Visit District 7

Join the Saints who will be marching into Eunice Chapter, for the Official Visit of the WGM, Sister Angela McNicol & WGP, Brother Ray Bedwell, October 3, 2026. They will be accompanied by their Saintly Grand Officers. We will teach the World to Sing in Perfect Harmony at Eunice Chapter #14 which is located at 4627 Church Street, Zachary. Shining Stars will cruise to the tables at 12:00 noon for a meal. At 1:00 pm the eagles and tigers will gather in the chapter room for the Official Visit. Beth Holden, DDGM 225-931-6214 madelinelamotte77@gmail.com.

Oct 17th – Official Visit District 5 - pending

Oct 24th – Official Visit District 9

The Members of District #9 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, Meal will be served at 12:00 PM, with meeting to follow. Pearl River Chapter #237, 64468 LA-41, Pearl River. Lorraine Munlin, DDGM, 985-264-9704, munlinw@bellsouth.net.

Nov 14th – Official Visit District 1

The Members of District #1 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, Nov. 14, 2026, location Masonic Temple, 1801 Creswell Ave. Receiving line at 11:30 AM, lunch at 12:00 pm with meeting to follow. Rovenia McDonald, GGCCM, 318-294-4515, roveniaoes2@yahoo.com.

****MID – YEAR Meetings****

September 26th hosted by Ruth Chapter #16 at the Lake Charles #165 Lodge located at 717 Hodges St. Lake Charles. As a fund raiser for Daniel Ledet, a meal will be served at 12:00 PM for a donation of \$10.

8:00 AM – Secretaries and Treasurers meeting NEW*** This will now be our Business Meeting. Ele

A review of Grandview will be presented on the big screen at the Lodge. If you are a secretary, please try to attend.

9:00 AM – PAGO (Past Appointed Grand Officers)

10:00 AM – Grand Representatives Club

10:30 AM – Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons Association

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary:

Grandview Rollout:

We have let the secretaries that are the District Support in so they can fix their chapters and get familiar with using Grandview. We are ready to let the other secretaries in and start working on theirs. You should be receiving an email from Grandview to create an account. Once you have done that, please send me an email (to laoesgrsec@gmail.com) and I will add you as an admin for your chapter. We have the training recorded along with some step-by-step PDF's that Jo put together. I will be sending those to secretaries in separate emails.

Reminders for Secretaries: Know your duties.

Page 52 in Constitution, Article 5, Section 4 (d) The Secretary shall annually at the close of the term of office submit a complete report of all the transactions of the office for the year ending December 31st and shall carefully make and forward to the Grand Secretary the annual returns of the chapter with such detailed and complete information as is requested thereon.

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

The Roster and the Book of Instruction are available and will be with me at each official visit. If you would like to order extras for your chapter, and have them mailed, please send orders for each to laoesgrsec@gmail.com. Please DO NOT text or call, I need a record in email. The revised Constitution is ready for print, \$8.00. Not updates but the completely revised Constitution. The cost for updates would be more expensive. Please email your order. These are printed on demand, and I usually do not print more than one or two extras. I may have one or two with me at OV.

Please note, there are plenty of Honorary Membership Cards available in the Grand Secretaries office for a cost of \$1.50.

Roster changes:

Angela Luneau, DDGM for District 4 has resigned.

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".

Fraternally,

Rocky Schexneider, PGP, Grand Secretary

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