

To the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Louisiana and the Distinguished Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions.

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you, to each member of Louisiana who has made this such a memorable year for us. Your support has been unlimited. We are honored to extend to all Louisiana Members and Distinguished Guests this invitation to attend the 118th Annual Session of Louisiana Grand Chapter as we complete our year with "God's Creations Session" being held at the Alexandria Convention Center, Alexandria, Louisiana, March 25-29, 2017.

Fraternally with Pearls of Love,

Rovenia K. McDonald,
Worthy Grand Matron

Gerald Houston
Worthy Grand Patron

Pamela Gill, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

***"God's Creations"
March 25-29, 2017***

**Alexandria Convention Center,
2301 N. MacArthur Drive
Alexandria, LA**

Saturday, March 25, 2017

12:00 P.M. – Grand Officers' Luncheon (Closed)

4:00 P.M. - Grand Officers' Practice – Alexandria Convention Center

5:00 P.M. – "Strings of Pearls" GGCCM Banquet (Open to All) – Terrie Castay, PGM, Chairman – Alexandria Convention Center

Sunday, March 26, 2017

8:45 A.M. – Musical Prelude

9:00 A.M. – ESTARL Service – Alexandria Convention Center

10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. – Registration/Credentials

Louisiana Members – Alexandria Convention Center
Out of State Distinguished Guests Registration,
Hospitality Room, Alexandria Convention Center

10:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M. – Vendors Open

Alexandria Convention Center

12:00 Noon – "Seasons of OES" – Past Grand Officers' Luncheon, Fay Bacle (Open to All)

2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. – "Gathering of Friends" – Honoring Rovenia McDonald, Worthy Grand Matron; Gerald Houston, Worthy Grand Patron; Harles I. Creech, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron; Louisiana's Committee Members of General Grand Chapter; Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Louisiana; and the 2016-2017 Grand Officers. (Open to all) Alexandria Convention Center.

5:00 P.M. – "Wonders of Creation" – Sessions General Banquet – Alexandria Convention Center – Honoring Rovenia McDonald Worthy Grand Matron; Gerald Houston, Worthy Grand Patron; Harles I. Creech, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron; Louisiana's Committee Members of General Grand Chapter; Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Louisiana; 2016-2017 Grand Officers and other Distinguished Guests. (Open to all). Donna Harrist, AGC, Chairman.

Monday, March 27, 2017

7:00 A.M. – "Pearls of Wisdom" Distinguished Guest Breakfast (Open to all) Alexandria Convention Center – Mrs. Linda Lamkin, PGM, Chairman.

8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. – Vendors Open – Alexandria Convention Center

9:00 A.M. – Rehearsal – Cavalcade of Flags, Presentation of Officers, and Presentation of Emblems – Alexandria Convention Center

9:00 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. Registration/Credentials

1:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Registration/Credentials
Louisiana Members – Alexandria Convention Center
Out of State Distinguished Guests – Hospitality Room, Alexandria Convention Center

12:00 Noon – "Sharing of Harvest" Grand Representative Luncheon – Alexandria Convention Center; Becky Dobbins, Chairman. (Open to all)

1:30 P.M. – Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Business Meeting.

4:00 P.M. – Pictures – Alexandria Convention Center

4:45 P.M. - Musical Prelude – Jean Tucker, GO

5:00 P.M. – Informal Opening - One Hundred Eighteenth Annual "God's Creations" Session – Alexandria Convention Center

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

7:00 A.M. – "Precious Pearls- Secretaries' and Treasurers' Breakfast. (Present and Past Secretaries and Treasurers invited) – Alexandria Convention Center – Mrs. Sharon Powell, PM, Chairman.

8:00 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. – Registration/Credentials

1:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. – Registration/Credentials

Louisiana Members – Alexandria Convention Center
Out of State Distinguished Guests – Hospitality Room, Alexandria Convention Center

8:45 A.M. – Musical Prelude – Jean Tucker, GO

9:00 A.M. – Formal Opening – "God's Creations" Session, Alexandria Convention Center

12 Noon – "Miracles Within Our Circle of Life" Past Grands Association Luncheon. Alexandria Convention Center – Honoring Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons (Visiting Past Grands welcome) Juanita Wilkinson, PGM, Chairman.

12 Noon – "Traveling Ladies and Their Gents" Line Officers' Luncheon – Debbie Poche', AGM; Lonnie Smith, AGP; Marilyn Abshire, GC; Donna Harrist, AGC; Mrs Lynn Palmer PM, Chairman. (Open to all)

1:30 P.M. – Musical Prelude – Jean Tucker, GO

1:45 P.M. – Afternoon Session – Alexandria Convention Center

4:00 P.M. – Rehearsal – Memorial Service, Grand Historian Report, & Installation.

6:00 P.M. – Evening Session – Alexandria Convention Center (Memorial Service and Grand Historian Report)

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Registration – Alexandria Convention Center

8:45 A.M. – Musical Prelude – Jean Tucker, GO

9:00 A.M. – Morning Session – Alexandria Convention Center

10:00 A.M. – Election of Grand Officers and Board Members

12 Noon – Lunch

12:45 P.M. - Musical Prelude – Jean Tucker, GO

1:00 P.M. – Afternoon Session – Alexandria Convention Center

3:45 P.M. – Pictures

4:45 P.M. – Musical Prelude – Jean Tucker, GO

5:00 P.M. – Evening Session/Installation of 2017-2018 Grand Officers

GENERAL INFORMATION

HEADQUARTERS:

Louisiana Members and Distinguished Guests - Baymont - 2301 North MacArthur Drive, Alexandria
Out of State Distinguished Guest. Room reservations made directly with hotel: **318-619-3300**, mention **LA OES** for session rate.

Banquet/meal tickets must be purchased through Linda Lamkin, PGM, ticket coordinator on form.

SESSIONS:

Alexandria Convention Center, 2301 North MacArthur Drive, Alexandria

HOUSING: Baymont Hotel, 318-619-3300

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS CHAIRMAN:

Mrs. Linda Lamkin, PGM, 293 Bear Creek Road, Ruston, LA 71270-1646; Phone: 318-513-1506
E-Mail: linda.ed@att.net

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Raymond Edwards, PM, 100 Stephens Street, Boyce 71409; Phone: (318) 487-1418

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN:

Mrs. Lynn Bankston, PGM, 2895 McHugh Road, Zachary 70791-5811. Phone: 225-658-1776
E-Mail: Lawgm98@bellsouth.net

TRANSPORTATION:

Co-Chairman: Ray Moses, PP, 18085 Hwy. 165, Iowa 70647. Phone: (337) 582-6558.

Transportation will be available for our Distinguished Guests beginning Saturday afternoon, March 25, 2017 throughout the Session.

REGISTRATION:

Louisiana Members: Alexandria Convention Center – 2301 MacArthur Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana
Distinguished Guests: Hospitality Room, Alexandria Convention Center

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE:

\$10.00 for each member (Non-refundable)

ON SITE REGISTRATION FEE:

\$15.00 for each member (Non-refundable)

members). Credentials properly executed by Chapter Secretary must be furnished for Chapter Officer. Proxies must be properly executed and signed by the Officer giving the Proxy and the Secretary of the Chapter. Not replaceable or transferrable. **Voting will be electronic and lost machine will \$50.00 paid by member assigned that device.**

Three copies of all reports, addresses, welcomes, responses, etc. are to be filed with the Grand Secretary immediately after presentation of same. **PLEASE DO NOT USE ALL CAPITAL LETTERS. ALSO USE TIMES NEW ROMAN OR ARIAL FONTS.** All remarks are to be limited to three minutes, please.

MESSAGE TO OUR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS: The Grand Chapter of Louisiana provides the following: All expenses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron when they make their Official Visit to Louisiana. One-day room rent for General Grand Chapter Officers one time during their three-year term of office. Out of State Guests who have any part on the program will receive hotel accommodations for one night. Please pay for your own room when checking out and mail receipt to the Grand Secretary.

Complimentary tickets to the Sessions General Banquet will be available for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron on their Official Visit and for General Grand Chapter Officers one time during their official tenure.



2016- 2017

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

***Extends Fraternal Greetings
And Cordially Invites
You to Attend the***

***ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH
ANNUAL SESSION***

“GOD’S CREATIONS”

***March 25th - March 29th
Two Thousand Seventeen***

***Rovenia McDonald Gerald Houston
Worthy Grand Matron Worthy Grand Patron***

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All delegates and members must present the “Registration Card” at each session. (A \$10.00 Registration Fee for all

***Pamela Gill, PGM
Grand Secretary***