

# "The Stars in the Sky"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana  
Order of the Eastern Star

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## From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Brother Rocky and I hope that you had a very Merry Christmas and will have a healthy and prosperous New Year.

### Predictions for 2016

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
  2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth.
  3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
  4. God will still honor the praises of His people
  5. There will still be God-anointed preaching
  6. There will still be singing of praise to God
  7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people
  8. There will still be room at the Cross
- Jesus will still love you
10. Jesus will save the lost when they come to Him.

We may not know about our tomorrow, but we know who holds our tomorrow.

Our Grand Family Christmas party was great. Thank you Sister Kay McCray for all the preparations. It was fun to be together as a Grand Family. We missed several because of prior commitments.

Arkansas Grand Chapter was wonderful. The Christmas decorations were so very pretty. There were 19 Louisiana members in attendance. We were proud to have our General Grand Chapter Committee members introduced for the first time. I was honored to have the pleasure to bring the response at the Main Banquet. We love our friends in Arkansas.

The month of December was filled with many chapter Installations. I had the opportunity to assist in several of them. Thank you for that privilege.

**REMINDERS:** Remember to send your reports to the State Chairperson of each project, so they can prepare their reports for Grand Chapter. The money for the various projects is to be sent to the Grand Secretary with a copy of the amount to the Committee chairperson.

Two (2) copies of the chapter Annual Activity Report go to the DDGM, then forward a copy directly to the WGM. This will be used for the chapter Award of Excellence. **DO NOT INCLUDE THIS WITH YOUR QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE GRAND SUPERVISOR.**

Secretaries: Thank you in advance for sending the names, and addresses of the first five elected and installed officers to the Associate Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, Grand Conductress and Chairman of Committee on Credentials. Please be sure to include the phone number and email address on the Chapter Secretary.

Please send the names of those who have achieved the personal achievement award to Sister Beverly Brown. She needs these names as soon as possible, so that we may get the certificates completed. The months ahead of us will be preparing for our Grand Chapter Session. We still have a few of the project pins available. They are \$25.00 each. The money will be divided for our projects. There are some cancer pins available. They are \$10.00 each.

If you are interested in singing in the Grand Choir, please contact Sister Beverlyn Cowart. She would love to have a large number in the choir this year. Her contact information is 35118 Mockingbird Loop, Pearl River. Phone # 986-290-3425.

We will need assisting Grand Warder and Grand Sentinels at Grand Chapter. If you are able, and interested in helping, please contact the following: Grand Warder – Jamie Pantalion 318-865-1820 or 318-422-7828. Grand Sentinel – Richard Porche 985-791-7226. Your help and assistance and participation will be greatly appreciated.

The Southern Section Workshop was held in Houma on December 12<sup>th</sup>. There were a total of 79 members present. Thank you for giving of your Saturday to study the ritualistic work of our Order. Thank you Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons, and Past Grand Patrons that served in a station, or participated in other phases of the work.

The Northern Section Workshop will be held on January 16, 2016 at the Minden Lodge in Minden. The Central Section Workshop will be held on February 6, 2016 at the Winnfield Lodge in Winnfield. You can find more information about these workshops under Dates to Remember.

Remember to order your banquet tickets from Sister Linda Lamkin, PGM, send your registration to Sister Lynn Bankston, PGM, and send in your hotel reservation. Hotel reservations should be made on the hotel form included in the Grand Sessions information included in last month's newsletter. Grand Officers, please send me your information that was requested as soon as possible.

Please remember those who have been ill, had surgeries, or have lost loved ones, also remember our military and our government. Sisters Norma Lee, Beverly Fontaine and Sally Dowden passed away in the month of December. Please remember their families.

**Clarification Moment:** As per Constitution, Article Two, Revenues 1(f), page 11

Registration fee for all members shall be \$10.00

On site Registration fee for all members shall be \$15.00

We can't – but God can

With the "Stars in the Sky" and Star love,

*Kathy Warmack*

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Worthy Grand Matron

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT:**

Missouri: John Norwood, PP (#232), 210 Bud Reeves Rd., Reeves 70658-5935. Expiring: 12/1/2017

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

January 9, 2016: Pancake Breakfast at Central Star # 23, 11525 Sullivan Rd, Baton Rouge. Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. with auction to follow at 10:00 a.m. This is a fundraiser to assist Sister Rovenia McDonald, AGM, and Brother Gerald Houston, AGP, for Grand Chapter 2017 expenses.

January 16: Work & Ritual Workshop Northern Section: Minden #53 101 Ryans Way, Minden. Workshop 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with lunch to follow.

February 6: Work & Ritual Workshop, Central Section: Palestine #55, 106 N. Bevill St., Winnfield. Workshop 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with lunch to follow.

March 5: Fish Fry – Community Center, 26356 Hwy 15, Ferriday – 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Contact Rovenia McDonald, AGM, for tickets or more information.

March 19 – 23: Louisiana Grand Chapter, SAI Convention, Alexandria

October 9 – 16: Rovenia McDonald, AGM, and Gerald Houston, AGP, invite you to join them on their Fabulous 7 night Canada/New England Cruise. Royal Caribbean Cruise Line – Serenade of the Seas  
Ports of Call – Portland, Maine; Bar Harbor, Maine; St John, New Brunswick; Halifax, Nova Scotia. For more information contact Rovenia or Gerald.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Article 16, Page 65, Section 3 (i)

A plural member may simultaneously hold office in a chapter of which she or he is a primary or plural member, provided, that she or he shall not simultaneously serve as Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, or Associate Patron in more than one Chapter, nor hold more than one office in the

same chapter. A plural member may represent only one Chapter at a Grand Chapter Session. (Amended 2008)

**ROSTER CHANGES:**

Page 33: Fidelity #160 Secretary - email address: mlejeune01@spillwaycable.com

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:**

**Please note :**

--- Annual Returns have been mailed/e-mailed. If you have not received your copy, please contact me immediately.

**Received from the Subordinate Chapters:**

**Mar 5: Mystic Star #108** reinstated Mrs Deanna Hamilton

**May 26: Love #209** suspended Melvina Corbello and Keitha Cryer for NPD

**Oct 1: Mystic Star #108** suspended Darilyn Berthelot PM; Greg Berthelot, PP; Jarrod Minton; Michael Thomas; Julie Tripp and Kelly Tyler.

**Dec 7: Shongaloo #177** suspended Terri Howell and Anh Tri Tripp for NPD

**Dec 7: Moss Bluff #242** suspended Catherine O'Neill, Charlene O'Neill, Cynthia O'Neill and Robert O'Neill for NPD

**Dec 14: Fidelity #160** suspended Julie Carney, Brandon Keith David, Rachel Marie Wilson and JeNaye Durio Sibille for NPD

**Dec 15: Pearl River #237** suspended Patsy Ellis, Barbara Rogillio Richardson, PM; Rhonda Rush and Tamra Vanhoy for NPD

**Dec 21: Guiding Star #66** suspended Catherine Creech, PM; Charles Creech, PP; Frances Shopper; Patricia Steen and Tyrone Williams for NPD

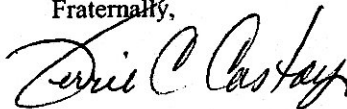
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**FYI:** Changes to the Ritual were approved at the General Grand Chapter Triennial Session and new rituals will be made available as soon as possible. I will make a note in the newsletter as to when they can be ordered.

**2010 Book of Instruction** - \$3.00 plus postage

**2015 Constitution Revisions** - \$2.00 plus postage

Fraternally,



Terrie C. Castay, PGM  
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