

"The Stars in the Sky"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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March 2016 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you for a year of memories, fun, lots of food, and all the friendships that we have made. Each of you has made this a special year for Brother Rocky, WGP, and me. We would like to thank our Grand Officers. You have honored us with your presence at many of the meetings. You made us laugh, shared in our adventures, and travels. I will always have special memories, and count you as my special friends. To each of you that has supported us, we thank you. The year is coming to a close, with Grand Chapter scheduled March 20 – 23, 2016 at the Sai Convention in Alexandria. Brother Rocky and I will be looking forward to seeing you. Soon we will begin a new chapter in our life, called Past Grands.

Thank you to Danny and Jo. Brother Rocky and I could not have completed this year without your love and support. Thank you for encouraging us, praying for us, and helping to keep us on track.

On February 6, we held our last Work and Ritual workshop in Winnfield. Thank you to the members of Palestine Chapter No. 55 for assisting us in the meal and allowing us to use the chapter room. There were 113 members present. It was the largest one held, and I was proud to see you interested in learning the work. When performed correctly, the work is beautiful. Thank you to Sister Joye Denny, PGM for all that you have done this year in serving your appointment as Chairman of Work and Ritual. You are special. I can't wait to hear your report at Grand Chapter.

Don't forget to send in your registration and meal order for Grand Chapter. We have booked the Sai Convention Hotel to capacity. If you haven't registered, and need a room, you may contact Best Western at 318-445-5530.

The first weekend in March, I hope to see you at the fish fry in Ferriday. Proceeds go the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron. Let's support them. My support and best wishes go to Sister Rovenia McDonald, Associate Grand Matron and Brother Gerald Houston, Associate Grand Patron, as they become the leaders of our Order on Wednesday evening, March 23, 2016.

Our hearts were saddened at the passing of Sister Betty LeBourgeois, PGM. She was a very special lady. Each of us have our own special fond memories of her. She loved Eastern Star. She will be missed. Also our sympathy goes to Sister Linda Frazier and her family for the passing of Brother Al. He was one of the many faces that you would see at Grand Chapter. He helped me the year that I served as Grand Marshal repairing all the flag poles before the Flag Ceremony.

Please remember to pray for those who have been ill, had surgeries or lost loved ones, and remember our government and military.

We can't – but God can

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

Kathy Wasmack

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:

Indiana: Georganne Andrus, PM (26) - 2026 Ruth St., Leesville 71446 - Expires: Jan 1, 2018
Michigan: Charla Blake, PM (225) - 2306 Goos Rd., Lake Charles 70611-6702 - Expires: Jan 1, 2018
Minnesota: Roger Taylor, PP (224) - 149 Gaskin Rd., Anacoco 71403-2016 - Expires: Dec 31, 2017
New Mexico: Clyde Morgan, PP (228) - 408 Phillips Road, Westlake 70669-6334 - Expires: Dec 31, 2017
Wyoming: Debbie Richard, PM (46) - 217 Spyglass Lane, Broussard 70518 - Expires: Dec 27, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

April 17 - 19: Mississippi Grand Chapter - Clyde Muse Convention Center, Pearl, Mississippi.

Information can be found on the Mississippi Grand Chapter website or by contacting the Grand Secretary.

May 14: Homecoming for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron-elect at the Leesville Shrine Center 1:00 pm to 4:00 PM. Directions to follow in the April newsletter.

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.

ROSTER CHANGES:

Page 28: Lafayette Chapter #46 - Benny Randall, Secy - email address: bcsrandall@cox.net. Delete home phone - use cell phone #37/288-2729.

Page 38: Independent #247 will meet on 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Received from the Subordinate Chapters:

Nov 20, 2015 - Pushepatapa #239 suspended James Cockrell, Stacey Cockrell and Carrie Holden for non-payment of dues

Feb 12, 2016 - Wm D White #141 suspended Kenneth Bertucci, Lisa Bertucci, Linda Bowie, Janice Favaloro, Belinda Jordan (Young) and Mary Lee Carleton for non-payment of dues

Feb 15 - A W Connely #117 suspended Mary Avet, James Bedell, Janae Bosse, Tracy Gisclair, Shirley Laurent and Vanessa Walker for non-payment of dues

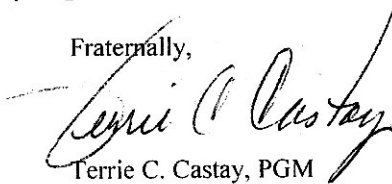
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FYI: Changes to the Ritual were approved at the General Grand Chapter Triennial Session and new rituals will be made available as soon as possible. I will make a note in the newsletter as to when they can be ordered.

2010 Book of Instruction - \$3.00 plus postage

2015 Constitution Revisions - \$2.00 plus postage

Fraternally,



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**LETTER OF INTENT
ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON**

I have spent many sleepless nights praying and contemplating about what I am writing to you about. For personal reasons I am respectfully withdrawing as a candidate for Associate Grand Patron. This has been an interesting and exciting time. I have met so many wonderful members of our Order and I thank them for their encouragement and support.

Trent Bonnette, PP