

"God's Creations"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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April 2016 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Just as a new season has begun with the coming of Easter, so a new year in the life of Louisiana's Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star has arrived. At Grand Chapter we each greeted many old friends and met new ones. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did.

We have many events which will be taking place in the next several months. The District Deputy Grand Matrons will be making visits to the Chapters in their districts. Then the Grand Supervisors will begin their work. The first state wide event will be the joint homecoming of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the West Cenla Shrine Center from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in Leesville on May 14, 2016. Brother Gerald and I look forward to seeing each of you there.

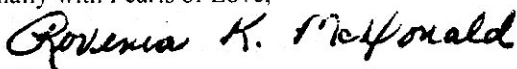
Congratulations to those who assumed new offices for the coming year. A special wish goes to Sister Pamela Gill, PGM, as she takes on the task of caring for the office of the Grand Secretary.

Thank you to each of you who made this a memorial occasion for me. I am very proud of the work performed and appreciate everything that was done. I could not have asked for more. Each of you so graciously accepted the task and your willingness showed.

Several have asked about the USB containing the pictures from installation. If you have not ordered one but would like to have it, please send me a check for \$15.00 made out to Rovenia's Baskets of Pearls no later than April 15. On April 16, I will call the photographer with a final count.

Today's Thought: The best vitamin for making friends.....B1!

Fraternally with Pearls of Love,



Rovenia McDonald
Worthy Grand Matron

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:

Arizona: Ward Mayet, PP (251), 114 West 98th St., Cutoff 70345-3322. Expires: Feb 1, 2018

British Columbia/Yukon: Tina Sharber, PM (210), 250 Roy Cooley Rd., DeRidder 70634.

Expires: 12/31/2017

California: Florene Keene, PM (55), 111 Dunn Ave., Winnfield 143. Expires: 12/31/2017

Connecticut: Suzanne Wustland, PM (131), 404 Ringgold Ave., Coushatta 71019-7154.

Expires: 12/31/2017

Kentucky: Arthur Roberts, PP (26), 155 Droddy Lane, Leesville 71446. Expires: 12/10/2017

Maine: Larry Bailey, PP (210), 4076 Hwy 1147, DeRidder 70634. Expires: 3/1/2018

Maryland: Donna Gunter, PM (12), 6308 Justus Rd., Bastrop 7120-7707. Expires: 12/31/2017

Oregon: Martha Adams, PM (18), 6042 Colquitt Rd., Keithville 71047-8984. Expires: 12/31/2017

Quebec: Robert Bazzell, PM (202), 175 Bruce St., Shreveport 71105. Expires: 3/1/2019

Scotland: Anne Rachall, PM (202), 820 Shirley Frances Rd., Shreveport 71119. Expires: 12/27/2017

Texas: Mona Drake, PM (224), 7539 Kurthwood Dr., Leesville 71446-8226. Expires: March 20, 2018

APPRECIATION:

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, called, and prayed during John's illness. Everyone has been so understanding and we both appreciate the concern shown to us during his illness. As you could see at Grand Chapter, he is progressing well. The prayers were certainly the most important.

John and Rovenia McDonald

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and the beautiful service at my sister's funeral. I know she would have been happy because that is what she told me she wanted. Thank you again, Julie Galliano (Betty LeBourgeois, PGM).

Pardon me for this long dissertation but I do want to thank all of you for the courtesies that were extended to me at the Session. The kind words that I received will always be in my heart and the beautiful necklace that was presented to me will forever remind me of the wonderful friendships that I've enjoyed over the last 15 years working with so many of our members, secretary's and those Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons that I've worked with during this "moment" in time.

I was surprised, and delighted, at my election as Grand Secretary Emeritus. Thank you Sister Kathy and Brother Rocky for your part in initiating this special recognition. The tribute written by my dear friend, Sister Lynn Bankston, PGM, was touching - - and thank you for not telling all our secrets!

My best wishes to our new Grand Secretary - Sister Pam Gill, PGM. I know she is dedicated, talented and excited to get started in her new job and I wish her the very best. Terrie C Castay, PGM, Grand Secretary Emeritus

SYMPATHY:

On the loss of a loved one the Benton's send our deepest sympathy on the passing of Sister Betty LeBourgeois. May the members of LA Grand Chapter always know that others from out of State truly care, and may this help in some small way to ease the sorrow that you in Louisiana bear. With sympathy and affection, Barbara and Tom Benton

DISPOSITION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 1 Passed as amended
Resolution 2 Withdrawn
Resolution 3 Passed as corrected
Resolution 4 Withdrawn
Resolution 5 Failed
Resolution 6 Passed
Resolution 7 Passed as Amended
Resolution 8 Failed