"God's Creations"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana Order of the Eastern Star

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May 2016 - Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

The month of May is many things to many people. I always associate it with Mother's Day which we celebrate the second Sunday of the month. This is also the time when many of the flowers begin to share God's beautiful creations with us.

The DDGM meetings are continuing and many of the Schools of Instructions will begin. I encourage each of you to support the DDGM and the Grand Supervisors in your area by attending the meetings. I miss being at these as they are always special.

Mississippi Grand Chapter was held in Pearl, Mississippi. There were 36 who attended and a good time enjoyed by all. Several even took the opportunity to visit the Little Red School House which we all know is where Rob Morris taught.

Several important events will be taking place soon. On May 14, Brother Gerald and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Homecoming. This is being held at the West Cenla Shrine Center in Leesville, (H. M. Stevens Blvd., Leesville)

our official visits will begin on June 4 in Leesville. Then the race begins. There are a few dates that had to be changed because of conflicts, but those will be included closer to the time for those Official Visits.

Plans are being made for the Louisiana/Arkansas Exchange. This will be held in Shreveport at Creswell Masonic Temple on June 25, 2016 from 12:00-3:00. Let's turn out and get that boot back. Additional information for ordering tickets is included further in the letter.

Thought for the month: Thought is the blossom; language the bud; action the fruit behind it. -Ralph Waldo Emerson, writer and philosopher (1803-1882)

Fraternally with Pearls of Love, Rovenia K. M. Honald

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- June 4: District 8, Official Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers will begin with a Receiving Line 2:30, with Dinner and meeting to follow, at the First United Methodist Church located at 202 North Fifth Street, Leesville. Judy Beverly, DDGM(337)239-7319, Email: ojbev@suddenlink.net
- June 18: District 9, Official Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers at the Cenla Shrine Club located at 1100 Vandenburg Dr., Alexandria. Meeting at 3:00 PM with Salad Supper to follow. Dean Champagne (337)461-2805 Email:dwcl942@yahoo.com Housing Chair: Teena Satcher (318)613-5209
- June 19: District 10, Official Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers at 2:00 p. at the Masonic Lodge, 515 Hodges Street, Lake Charles, LA with refreshments following the meeting. Norma Jeanne Blake, DDGM (337)855-0389 Email:normajeanne37@yahoo.com
- June 24: District 4, Official Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers at Sunset Star #227 in Shreveport at 5:00PM. DDGM, Zoe Field (318)929-7704; Housing Chair, Faye Bacle 318)742-6142. Directions: Come North on I-49 to Bert Kouns Industrial Loop (Hwy 526), turn left and go 5.4 miles. The lodge is on the left across the road from Hot Wheels Skating Palace.
 - July 23 District 14, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, TBA.
 - July 24, District 15, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, TBA
 - July 29, District 2, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, TBA
- July 30, District 3, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, TBA

Other Dates to Remember:

- June 10, Rainbow Grand Assembly, Hilton Garden Inn in Bossier. The following will be on June 10: The Grand Cross Brunch will be at 9:30 AM; Registration Distinguished Guest, 5:00; the Opening Banquet at 6:00 PM; and the Informal Opening at 7:30 PM. Registration fee is \$15.00. Those attending only the Informal Opening and/or Installation MUST register, but will pay no fee. Please send your information to Beth Plummer, Registration Chairman, 5400 Barksdale Blvd., #534, Bossier City, LA 71112. The Ticket Order form is enclosed.
- June 25, LA/AR Friendship Exchange: A Friendship Picnic at the Creswell Masonic Temple located at 1806 Creswell Street, Shreveport from 12-3:00. Order tickets from Faye Bacle, 1509 Anita, Bossier City, LA 71112, Enclose SASE, Price is \$20.00. Make Checks payable to Rovenia's Baskets of Pearls. Deadline June 18, 2016

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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.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Received from the Subordinate Chapters:

Jan 11: Lee Emmett Thomas #198 Reinstated Lynn, Sommers

FYI: I have ordered the stickers to update the Rituals and will let you know when they are available.

2010 Book of Instruction - \$3.00 plus postage (Soon to be revised)
2015 Constitution Revisions - \$2.00 plus postage (2016 Revisions will be available at a later date)

Committee on Law and Jurisprudence:

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This is our first Bulk Mail from our new locations. Please let me know when you received your newsletter. If we need, we will send it earlier in the month.

Fraternally,

Pamela Gill, PGM Grand Secretary

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