

# "God's Creations"

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## **From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:**

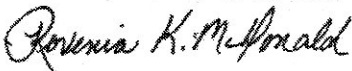
May has brought some wonderful times. The opportunity to visit with each other began on May 14, 2016 when the Homecoming of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron was held at the West Cenla Shrine Center in Leesville. This was the first time many of us had seen friends since Grand Chapter.

Most of the District Deputy Grand Matron Visits have been completed and some of the Schools of Instructions. I hope you enjoyed yours and were able to attend others. I miss these very much.

Soon the Official Visits will begin. The first will be District 8, June 4, the home district of our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Gerald. June 25, we will also be hosting the LA/AR Exchange at Creswell Temple, 1805 Creswell St., Shreveport. Be sure to get your tickets. Information for ordering tickets is further in this letter. Rainbow Assembly will be held in Bossier City June 10-12. Let's show our support for them. I look forward to each of you joining us as we begin an exciting journey through the year.

Thought of the Month: Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. -Leo Buscaglia, author (1924-1998)

Fraternally with Pearls of Love,



Rovenia McDonald  
Worthy Grand Matron

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:**

Oklahoma: Gary Hinckley, PP, (85) 108 Myrtle St., Jonesboro, LA 71251-3934

Rhode Island: Jewel Dickerson, PM, (46) 203 Christie Lea Dr., Opelousas, 70570, Expires: 4/1/2018

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**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

Aug 5, District 5, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, TBA

Aug 6, District 7, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, TBA

Aug 13, District 11, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, TBA

Aug 14, District 6, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, TBA (Sunday 2:00 PM)

Aug 26, District 13, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, TBA

Aug 27, District 12, 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 :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**

**August 20**, Mid-Year Meetings and GGCCM Fund Raiser at Lodge on Masonic Drive, Alexandria. We will have an auction and luncheon. Further details closer to that time, but start looking for that one GREAT item for our auction table.

**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.

**Disaster Relief Committee:** (This is Separate from Fraternal Assistance)

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

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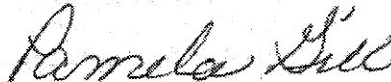
**FYI:** The stickers to update the Rituals are available. The cost is \$1 for Small, \$2 for Large, and \$4 for Extra Large plus postage.

The 2016 Rosters are available. Some of you received them with this Newsletter. We have tried very hard to find all the necessary changes from last year. If you find information that needs corrected, please let me know. If your personal address information is incorrect, please notify your Chapter Secretary as well. We get these addresses from the Annual Returns; therefore, the Secretaries need to correct their records also. If you received one and wish to reimburse Grand Chapter for the cost of your Roster or if you wish to order one, the cost is \$1.50 plus postage.

I will also have the 2016 Revised Book of Instruction ready for distribution in early June. You can order them now. The cost will be \$1.75 plus postage.

**2015 Constitution Revisions** - \$2.00 plus postage (2016 Revisions will be available at a later date)

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Gill".

Pamela Gill, PGM  
Grand Secretary

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