

"God's Creations"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
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July, 2016 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

I can hardly believe that half of 2016 is gone. Time really does fly when having fun. Our events got off to a good start with the Homecoming in Leesville. Thank you again to all who made this gathering such a success.

Our first Official Visit was District 8. Sister Judy Beverly, you did a wonderful job of planning and executing those plans. I know how hard you worked to make it a success. On June 10th, the Rainbow Assembly welcomed us where I had the privilege of speaking on behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star. The girls are doing an excellent job of their work. A huge thanks belongs to those adult leaders who give so much of themselves and their time.

Districts 9 and 10 hosted their Official Visits. Even though District 10 fell on Father's Day, many chose to join us. Several told me they celebrated on Saturday so they could be present. Thank you for your dedication. Then we journeyed north for District 4 on Friday night and the LA/AR Exchange on Saturday.

The LA/AR Exchange saw members sharing a picnic with "family". Sister Mary Howell thank you for emceeing the event, Sister Diane Smith for the fun activities, and Carol Presley for decorating. Many others help by being present to help with set up, table favors, and anything else that needed doing. You are too many to mention because I know I would omit someone. But, I appreciate all that each of you did.

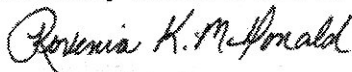
The 4-State meeting will be held September 16-17, 2016. This is a joint effort among Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas for our members to bond. Louisiana is hosting the first one and it is up Louisiana to move this forward. I encourage each

member to come be a part of this as we want to show off our state. Friday night will be a casual fish fry at the El Kruba Shrine Center in Shreveport. The events on Saturday will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bossier City. The Saturday lunch is a time when you will be able to really get to know those from the other states as it is a time of just visiting and talking. Saturday night will be a formal affair. I look forward to seeing all of you here in Bossier City. Information concerning hotel reservations and ticket ordering is enclosed.

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Lower your voice and strengthen your argument. -Lebanese proverb

Fraternally with Pearls of Love,



Rovenia McDonald
Worthy Grand Matron

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:

Washington: Danette Parker (23), 365 Shelby Drive, Baton Rouge, 70815

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 23 District 14, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, at Lafourche No. 251, 215 E 93rd St., Galliano. The meeting will be at 2:00 pm with a meal to follow. Sandra Ledet, DDGM.

July 24, District 15, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, at the Square and Compass Lodge, 600 Daniel St., Kenner. The meeting will be at 2:00 pm with light refreshments to follow. Melva Geiger, DDGM.

July 29, District 2, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, at the Monroe Scottish Rite Temple, at 205 University Ave in Monroe, La. Salad supper at 6:00 P.M. with meeting to follow. Dianne Sutton, DDGM

July 30, District 3, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, at Guiding Star No. 66, 401 E. Jefferson Street, Oak Grove. The meeting is at 2:00 pm with light refreshments to follow. Gena Dickinson, DDGM.

Aug 5, District 5, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, at Natchitoches # 13, 110 Masonic Drive, Natchitoches, salad supper at 6:00 pm, with meeting to follow. Alma DuBois, DDGM, Pat Ball Housing Chairman (318-357-1551)

Aug 6, District 7, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, Golden Star # 73, 3830 Patterson St., Pollock, meeting at 2:00 PM with light refreshments following meeting. (Meeting in Anchor Lodge #261 located at the corner of Patterson Street and Hwy 165N in Pollock, across from the Post Office and First Baptist Church. You may park in the lot behind the building.) Sandra Mask, DDGM

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, meeting 2:00 p.m., meal to follow. Address: 286 E. Pine, Ponchatoula.

Appreciation:

To my Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you so very much for the calls, cards, visits and expressions of sympathy after the passing of my father Charles J. Bonvillain. Your expressions of love and support have helped Denise & I tremendously during our time of sorrow.

Fraternal Love,

Chris A. Bonvillain, PP, Grand Warder

Other Dates to Remember:

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, WGM, and Gerald Houston, WGP, 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 Subordinate Chapters:

June 7: Star of Bethlehem # 93 Suspended Connie Riffe Carr, Carolyn Crump Pate, and Brenda Lynne Jacob for NPD

Corrections for Roster

Page 3, Worthy Grand Matron's cell number 318-294-4515

Page 3, Gerald Houston, Cell 337-396-8439

Page 15, Grand Representative of Arizona, Ward Mayet

Page 17, Robert Buxton was omitted as an aide to Gerald Houston

Page 29, Ray Roush is Worthy Patron at Crescent but not AP at Columbia

Page 31, Robert Bazzell, address 176 Bruce Street

Roster Changes

Page 10, Re-assigned on Distinguished guest:

Kathy Warmack, PGM, replacing Shirley Stroud

George Wilkinson, PGP, replacing Virginia Foster

Page 11, Danny Warmack, General Arrangements, not transportation

Page 14, District 5, Youth, Helen Wallace, 3108 Hwy 4, Ringgold, 71068

Page 14, District 12, Youth, Corrine Watson, PM, 1109 Rue Chalet, Hammond, 70403

Pages 14 and 24, Judy Williams, P.O. Box 16, Centerville, LA 70522

Page 24, Mrs. Valerie Knight, 3614 Fallon Drive, Houma 70363-7950

Page 33, Sunset Star # 227 Secretary—Sue Brown, PM, 1009 Francais Dr., Shreveport 71118, 318-840-6606

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