

"God's Creations"

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From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

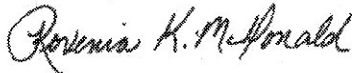
July brought many activities for OES Members. We hosted the LA/AR Exchange and completed eight of the Official Visits. The DDGM's have done wonderful jobs of preparing for our visits. Several LA's members traveled to the Multi-State in Birmingham and represented our state well.

The Mid-Year meetings will be held in Alexandria at the Masonic Lodge on Horseshoe Drive on August 20th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Following those, the fund raiser for the GGCCM projects will be held. There will be a silent auction and a luncheon. The tickets for the meal are to be purchased from Linn McNary, GGCCM, Chairman, Heart, 9164 Oxford Place Drive, Baton Rouge 70809-2553. The cost is \$20.00. If you have not ordered yours already, be sure to contact Linn. Your support is vital in this endeavor. I am requesting that individuals choose a special item for the auction that would appeal to others. Item and description information needs to be sent to Sandra Rogers, 2521 Hwy 112, DeRidder 70634-7058. The ticket purchase from Linn and the item information to Sandra needs to be completed by August 12. When sending the description of your item, please give Sandra an idea for the opening bid. The money raised will be divided among Heart, Regenerative Medicine, and Support First Responders.

Reminder: LA will be hosting the Four State Exchange Sept. 16 & 17 in Bossier City and Shreveport. Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas will be joining us. Let's have a good showing from LA as we really want this event to be a success. Your help is needed by being part of the hosting state. Information about ordering tickets and room reservations are included in this newsletter.

Thought for the Month: The bookends of success are commitment and consistency. Without commitment you'll never start, and without consistency you'll never finish. Author unknown

Fraternally with Pearls of Love,



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DATES TO REMEMBER:

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, Mystic Star #108, 313 Benton St., Denham Springs. Meeting at 3:00 pm with refreshments and Ice Cream Social to follow. Paulette Spedale, DDGM, Housing Chairman, Linn McNary, GGCM, PGM 225-292-2945 or LMcMnary2@cox.net.

Aug 14, District 6, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, Mt. Carmel #3, 154 W. Port Arthur Ave., Florien, refreshments at 1:00 pm with meeting to follow. Martha Porche, DDGM, Housing Chairman, Jodie Cole, (318)586-7742.

Aug 26, District 13, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, Pushepatapa #239, 344 Masonic Drive, Bogalusa. Meal at 6:00 with meeting to follow. Joyce Coon, DDGM (985-848-9114)

Aug 27, District 12, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, Nova Stella #36, 286 E. Pine, Ponchatoula. Meeting 2:00 p.m. with meal to follow. Elizabeth Sibley, DDGM

Sept 24, District 1, Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, Jean Stafford, DDGM

Other Dates to Remember:

August 20, Mid-Year Meetings at Lodge at 1415 Horseshoe Drive, Alexandria:

Following Meetings: Join us for a Lunch and Silent Auction Fundraiser for our GGCCM Committees

August 22 – Annual of visit of Worshipful Grand Master, WGM, and WGP at Fidelity #160, 1100 Hwy 77, Marigouin. Eat at 6:30, meet at 7:30

August 31 – September 1, Texas Grand Chapter

September 9, Annual Luau, Myrtle-Celeste #231, 3950 Florida St., Baton Rouge, Meal at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm

September 10, MS/LA Friendship Exchange, The first Baptist Church Family Life Center, 150 Devereaux Drive, Natchez, MS 39120. We will have a Red, White and Blue Day beginning at 9:30 am with Barbeque Chicken and all the fixens at 12:00. Come casual wearing your Patriotic color and bring a Patriotic exchange gift. Tickets are \$20.00 each and may be ordered from Jo Ann Herring, 141 Hollingwood Drive, Vicksburg, MS 39183. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope for return tickets. Deadline for ordering tickets is Sept. 1, 2016. (An order form is enclosed)

September 16-17, New Beginnings, Four State Friendship Exchange, order form enclosed. Make room reservations directly with the Hilton Garden Inn, 318-759-1950, reference the OES Exchange Meeting to receive the \$119.00 plus tax room rate.

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.

Appreciation:

To all Eastern Star members and Masonic Brothers, a sincere Thank you for your love, cards, prayers, and visits during Harold's illness and death. All outpouring love has been a great comfort to me and my family. Eastern Star Love, Mrs. Mary Carlisle & Family

To my Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers, Thank you so very much for the calls, cards, visits, and expressions of love and support during my recent surgery and recovery. All have helped during this time. Missing all of you.
Star Love, Nanette Lejeune, PM, Grand Adah

Clarification: There is a conflict on the forms for the requirements for Chapter Award of Excellence. It should be "open in long form once per quarter". The sheet for listing the requirements says 60% of the time. Secretaries: The WGM needs a copy of the quarterly report.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Received from Subordinate Chapters:

June 6: Bossier City #175 Suspended Emma Cargill for NPD

Feb. 9: Natchitoches #13 Suspended Wilda Bridges, Angela Bullock, Rena "Ray" Carson, Kathryn Gentry, Martha Hagelin, Kristy Jorday, Michael Jordan, Kristen LaTour, Cindy, Price, Kathryn Rhodes, and Scarlett Vascocu for NPD

May 24: Natchitoches #13 Suspended Denny Boyt and Joyc Boyt for NPD

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

June 13 Rachel Jackson #241 Suspended Alicia Gannon, Marilyn Jones, Diane Nata, and Joseph Nata for NPD

Roster Changes:

Magi Chapter #85 has changed meeting times to "second Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. except that the Chapter may option to recess during the months of July and/or August or any portion of these two (2) months."

Eunice Chapter #14 meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, except during July, August, and September, when they meet the 3rd Monday only. Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. at the Plains Lodge, 4627 Church Street, Zachary

Available to Order:

2016-2017 Roster	\$1.50
Revised Book of Instruction	\$1.75
Constitution Revisions	\$1.00

Fraternally,



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