

# "God's Creations"

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

September was a busy month in many ways. This was the month when we recalled the tragedy of 911. Louisiana experienced its own tragedy when so many people had their homes flooded and many lost everything. However, our members have stepped up and given assistance when possible. Many of you donated items as well as financial aid, helped remove ruined items from homes, tore out walls and even used your own boats to rescue individuals. Thank you to all who did whatever they could. For some of you it was only a prayer said, but that is something all can do and we all know God hears those.

The MS/LA Exchange in Natchez, MS was a great success. I was told LA had over 100 members present. A great time was had by all and many friendships were renewed. The Patriotic Theme was one which I am sure touched the hearts of all present. Doris Moreton, Grand Chaplain and a former service member, gave a moving tribute to the POW/MIAs. The reading regarding the many trials our flag has endured followed. Then Jim Luttrell, Grand Warder, MS, thrilled us with his wonderful songs.

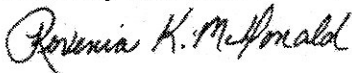
The weekend of Sept. 16-17, brought together Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas in forming a new, smaller friendship exchange. Friday members were treated to fried catfish with trimmings by Shane's at the El Karubah Shrine Temple on the Lake. The Saturday luncheon was one of "just visiting". This allowed members of the four states to get to know each other better. Saturday night at the banquet, we were blessed with the wonderful talent of Katie Ashcroft and her father, Harold Ashcroft. I extend to each member of the committee who planned, prepared and executed this event a sincere thanks for all your hard work. Texas won the attendance award. Louisiana members

thank you for your support in attending. Even though we were not eligible for the award, we paralleled Texas in number.

**Reminder:** Article One, Elections, Section 1 (a) p. 45 "The Annual Election of Officers shall take place at the first stated meeting in December. Nominations for office are permitted. In the event of only one nominee for a particular office, it is permissible to elect that person by acclamation. It shall be illegal to nominate and elect all officers under one motion and second. Each officer must be individually elected." Please check the remainder of the guide lines regarding elections. These are all on p. 45 of the Constitution, By-Laws or General Regulations of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Louisiana.

Thought: We all have our time machines. Some take us back, they're called memories. Some take us forward, they're called dreams. -Jeremy Irons, actor (b. 19 Sep 1948)

Fraternally with Pearls of Love,



Rovenia McDonald  
Worthy Grand Matron

**Grand Representative Commissions:**

Vermont: Virginia Foster, PM, (50), 600 Second St., Colfax, 71417-17-4, Expires: 10/1/2018

**Other Dates to Remember:**

**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.

**October 29, District 6,** Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, at Orange Chapter #224, 2439 East Hawthorn Rd., Leesville. Meeting at 2:00 pm with refreshments to follow. Housing Chairman, Jodie Cole, 318-5886-7742. Martha Porche, DDGM, 985-791-8203. The Officer dress will be Day Dresses.

**October 30, District 11,** Visit of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers, at Eunice Chapter #14, 4627 Church St., Zachary. Meeting at 2:00 pm. with refreshments to follow. DDGM, Paulette Spedale, 225-261-7767 The Officer dress will be Day Dresses.

**November 5**, Southern Section Work and Ritual workshop, place to be announced

**December 10, Mark your calendars! Support our First Responders!!** Dinner and Fashion Show.  
More Information to follow.

**January 14**, Central Section Work and Ritual workshop, place to be announced

**January 28**, Northern Section Work and Ritual workshop, place to be announced

**Appreciation:**

Thank you Sister Rovenia for allowing us to thank all of our sisters and brothers who were so gracious with calls and cards of interest in Buck's well being during his recent time in the hospital and recovery. He is getting stronger each day. Your cards were so encouraging but your prayers were the most important. God heard and answered. Our love and thanks.  
Buck and Joye Denny

**From the Office of the Grand Secretary:**

The consolidation between Moss Bluff Chapter No. 242 and Adah Chapter No. 34 was complete effective June 19, 2016. The remaining chapter is Moss Bluff No. 242.

The consolidation between Olive Chapter No. 50 and Tioga Chapter No. 60 is complete. The surviving chapter is Colfax Chapter No. 50.

**Roster Changes:**

Cell Phone Number for Rovenia McDonald, WGM, 318-294-4515

Martha Porche email: [marthaporche@yahoo.com](mailto:marthaporche@yahoo.com)

Magi Chapter #85, By Laws change, Meeting changed from 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

Nancy Hurst, New Address: 435 John Barnes Rd, Calhoun, 71225, Phone: 318-608-0303

**General Grand is taking orders for the Spiral Bound 2015-2018 Rituals.** This will get us on the list for shipment when they receive them. The Prices are as follows:

Small Print, Hardbound, Black or Green \$19.00

Large Print, Hardbound, Navy, Maroon, or White \$23.00

Large Print, Spiral Bound, Navy, Maroon, or White \$25.00

Extra Large Print, Spiral Bound, Tan \$33.00

**Available to Order:**

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

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