

# "God's Creations"

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

Haven't those few cool days we had been wonderful!! Even though we still have some warm days, fall is in the air. This is my favorite time of the year. Nature presents us with so many colors and reminds us of how wonderful God's creations are.

By the time this is printed the trip will have been enjoyed by those who were able to go. Louisiana was well represented at several Grand Chapters. Members attended Missouri, Oklahoma, and Utah during October. Thank you to those who went and represented our state. The two Official Visits that were postponed due to the flooding have been held. So October was a busy month in many ways.

November will be a little quieter. The first of the Work and Ritual Workshops will be Saturday, November 5 at Central Star, 10:00 am. Then there is breathing time as everyone one prepares for that BIG turkey day—Thanksgiving. There are so many things for which we can be thankful. We are fortunate to live in a country where we are free to worship, meet, and share. I wish for each of you a happy Thanksgiving whomever you share it with.

Thought: Should you shield the canyons from the windstorms you would never see the true beauty of their carvings. -Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, psychiatrist and author (8 Jul 1926-2004)

Fraternally with Pearls of Love,



Rovenia McDonald  
Worthy Grand Matron

### **Grand Representative Commissions:**

Georgia-- Charlotte Greer, 228 Greer Rd., Pollock, 71467

North Dakota--Patricia Knowles, 914 1/2 Lot 2, Main Street, Franklin, 70938

Arkansas--Pam Jewell, 5797 KenWay, Shreveport, 71107

Rhode Island--Jewel Dickerson, 203 Christie Lea Drive, Opelousas, 70570

### **Dates to Remember:**

**December 10, Mark your calendars! Support our First Responders!!** Dinner and Fashion Show. It will be at the DeRidder Lodge, at 320 Shirley Street in DeRidder. Dinner will be served at Noon with the Fashion Show to follow. The price will be a \$20.00 donation.

**January 14,** Central Section Work and Ritual workshop, Pinehurst 33, DeRidder, 10:00 am

**January 28,** Northern Section Work and Ritual workshop, Dixie 179, Monroe, 10:00 am

### **Appreciation:**

From John and Rovenia McDonald: To the many who offered prayers, calls, and sent cards, thank you so much. Knowing the love and concern of our members have help us get through this time of surgery and recovery. John is improving but not total yet. The prayers were the comfort we needed.

The members of Mystic Star #108 would like to thank the Fraternal Assistance Committee for the approval of the applications sent to them. The members involved are very appreciative of the money that was given to them. It is very helpful in rebuilding after the flood. Thank you, members and Chapters statewide for giving to this important fund.

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

#### **Received from the Subordinate Chapters:**

**Aug 2, 2016:** Alf Garrett #123 Suspended Debbie Emrick, NPD

**Aug 2, 2016:** Alf Garrett #123 Suspended Debbie Goodeaux, NPD

**Sept 20, 2016:** Pearl River #237 Suspended Patricia Sissac, NPD

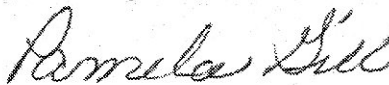
**General Grand is taking orders for the Spiral Bound 2015-2018 Rituals.** This will get us on the list for shipment when they receive them. The Prices are as follows:

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

Fraternally,



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**Resignation from Board of Fraternal Assistance, Northern Section**

As my term comes to a close, I would like to express my appreciation to the members of this Grand Chapter for your support and cooperation. This has been a learning experience for me as well as rewarding. It is hard to know that some of our members have had hard times, yet it is good to know that we can help in a small way to relieve a portion of their needs. I have enjoyed working with this Board and the members of the different chapters. I will not be a candidate for this Board for the 2017 session.

Thank you all so very much.  
Betty Nichols. P.M.

### Letter of intent for Worthy Grand Matron

I have enjoyed being your Associate Grand Matron this year, it was my honor to serve you. Thank you for your love and support. I now submit my name for the office of Worthy Grand Matron so I may continue to help this Order and you. With God's help and the members of this State we will have a Fun and Great 2017-2018 year!!

Signed: Debbie Poche', AGM  
9845 Van Dr., Baton Rouge, L.A. 70815

### Letter of intent for Worthy Grand Patron

My Sisters and Brothers,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you this year as your Associate Grand Patron. I have enjoyed meeting old friends and making new ones during the Grand Family's travels. I am humbly asking for your support as I place my name in nomination for Worthy Grand Patron, 2017-2018.

Alonzo (Lonnie) Smith, Jr., AGP

### Letter of Intent for Associate Grand Matron

It has been my honor to serve this Grand Jurisdiction as Grand Conductress this year. I look forward to continual service to Louisiana Grand Chapter. Therefore, I submit my name for Associate Grand Matron for the year 2017-2018.

Marilyn L. Abshire, Grand Conductress

### Letter of intent for Grand Conductress 2017-18

The honor of serving as Associate Grand Conductress for you, the members of the Louisiana Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, has been a privilege I never expected to be accorded. I sincerely appreciate your support and hope that I have justified the faith you placed in me. It would be an even greater honor to continue this service to our Order and for you, the members, as Grand Conductress of Louisiana for the coming year of 2017-2018.

Donna Harrist, Associate Grand Conductress