

By the power vested in me as Grand Worthy Matron, I declare September 28, 2019 as the date of the Royal Grand Chapter Mid-Year Session. **All grand chapter officers, local elected officers and star points are to register and be in attendance.**

Report of the June 22nd OES Workshop

June 22, 2019 Workshop was one of the best in my five years. Attendance was great, over 400 persons registered and were in attendance. The presenters were well informed and did an excellent job in their presentations. Special breakout sessions were conducted for youth sponsors & new members. My grandest appreciation to all presenters and members present.

Some of the presentation topics dealt with:

- demonstration & explanation of star points signs and symbols, and members practiced giving signs correctly;
- there was a demonstration and explanation of how to walk the labyrinth and volunteer star points participated in this demonstration;
- health issues and safety precautions for females with the rise of sexually transmitted diseases;
- one of our members, a state police sergeant, demonstrated safety tactics for females of all ages;
- the OES new website was shown;
- leadership roles and responsibility explained; and
- a discussion of best practices for community service projects and banquet protocol.

The greatest blessing for the jurisdiction was that members expressed their appreciation for the workshop and the hope that other local officers would begin attending workshops to learn and then share what they have learned to improve their chapter's membership participation and knowledge. Education is a continuous process; one never gets too old to learn and then to share that knowledge. A member nor chapter cannot grow if they are not interested in becoming correctly informed of the laws, procedures, and lessons of the Order.

Toss the Coin – Worthy Matrons' Fundraiser

Several Worthy Matrons have not reported funds, I still expect your contribution. I know so much was going on that you just over looked the date and event. That is understandable, but you have until **September 15** to send in your contribution. Again, as a leader you had one year to raise these funds; therefore, it is an obligation for you to honor as a leader. The funds are used for a worthy cause.

2019 RGC Scholarships Recipients

The 2019 scholarships are presented in honor of Demeto Jo Holt, Worthy Matron of Silver Star #306, of Crossett. She was the highest contributor in June 2018; over \$1000.

The scholarship committee has selected the 2019 recipients: each gets \$500.

*****High School – Sara Evans, McGehee; and Tommy Sproles, Little Rock

*****College – Ms. Carrington Brown, Marked Tree and Arlauna Sanders, Little Rock

Special Notes to Local Officers

During roll call at Grand Session in February, sixteen **worthy matrons** were absent. Some did arrive late and some of the ones present left early and did not return. Most of the ones absent did not send the associate matron to represent the chapter. This is no longer acceptable. If you do not plan to attend workshops, midyear, and grand session, you should not plan to seek the office of Worthy Matron for 2020.

This year all **line officers (associate matrons, conductress, and associate conductress)**, will be expected to register and attend mid-year and Grand Session the same as the worthy matron. **Secretaries and Treasures** are also expected to register.

Again, if you do not think attending these meetings are important, then you do not value your position as a leader of your local chapter. I realize special circumstances might arise to cause you to miss one event but not all of them every year.

Star Points are expected to attend workshops and midyear session. In these sessions we have time to teach and time for you to learn and ask questions.

Any officer that has a major objection to attending these meetings should call the Grand Matron and inform her of the issue.

Mid-Year Registration and Notes

Local Chapter Registration Forms have been mailed to the Worthy Matron. If the Worthy Matron does not return this form before the deadline date, she will be personally responsible for paying the \$25 late fee. This means, she will send in a \$35 check for the chapter and a personal \$25 check for the late fee. There is no reason to be late.

Membership registration forms will go out in a couple of weeks. The registration fee is \$20.00 in advance and \$35.00 late or on-site. The fee includes the Queen and King Coronation Lunch. Extra lunch tickets are \$15. Guest can attend the luncheon.

Post Sears Queen and PHGL King Funds are due on September 10, 2019. This year's **chairperson** is Agatha Trancy and co-chair is Priscilla McMurrain. Committee members are Michelle Johnson, Lashundra Dickerson, Angela Jacob, Priscila D Hatchett, & India Dillard.

Dress: Queens will wear a district tiara; long white dress **not** mid-length dress; color shoes of their choice; no sandal. The district is responsible for getting the queen a ribbon sash with the number of the district on it.

Kings and/or Queen's Escort: Black and White Masonic attire with a black bowtie.

The OES will not conduct a Special Mortgage Commitment donation drive from members during mid-year as we have done in the past. Chapters have already been assessed \$300 that is to be paid before the mid-year session. If your chapter has not paid, please send it in soon. The check is to be made out to the Royal Grand Chapter, in the memo section write mortgage donation, and mail it to the attention of Grand Matron Simon at 2906 East Harding Ave., Pine Bluff, AR 71601. This donation does not take the place of regular individual, chapter, or district donations. Individuals' donations are still greatly needed.

Car Raffle

Every chapter and member should have car raffle tickets. In fact, you should be just about finished with selling the number of tickets you received and are about ready to ask for more to sell. There are more tickets to sell. The more you sell the less we will have to buy and the faster we can pay off the mortgage. It's time for everyone to be a true member and become involved in the welfare of this Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge. SALE - BUY- SALE

Dispensation Fee

Beginning September 1, 2019, there will no longer be a fee to get a dispensation, but you must continue to request one for special events that requires approval. The request must be sent in early enough for it to be returned to you before the event. If you do not receive permission before the event, you cannot participate. NO Exceptions. Reminder, office staff comes to the office once a week; so, send all documents early. Send dispensation to the attention of the Grand Matron at 2906 East Harding Ave., Pine Bluff, AR 71601.

Queen of the South and Amaranth Certificates and Elections

Regardless to where you take the degree, the certificate should have on it your name and your chapter. Continue to send in copies of the degrees as you take the degree.

NO Queen of the South or Amaranth Degree will be given after October 5. Elections will begin in October and will continue through November and December. A list of chapters having an early election will be sent out soon. 2020 fees (\$75.00) is due in full before the assigned date of your election, no partial payments will be accepted. More instruction of election rules will be sent out later.

2019 Delinquent Fees

It was no idle talk, total fees were due on June 30th as written in the OES bylaws. Charter for six chapters were temporarily suspended until fees are paid by September 5, 2019. If not paid by that date, the charter will be picked up. Seventy officers have been removed from office for unpaid fees. Members are paying, but officers are not. Over one hundred fifty members have been dropped and more will be dropped in October if total delinquent fees are not paid in full by October 1, 2019. RGC members have to become efficient in their duties.

Bits and Pieces of Information

1. Only those persons with a zero balance on the tally sheet are financial members and are able to make decisions about the affairs of the chapter.
2. The OES website address is <https://arrgcoes-pha.com>
Check it out.
Monica Cato, webmaster and Felecia Bentley have done a remarkable job.

Mid-Year Registration Committee

Claudace Staples, #194 Chair
Jacqueline Moragne, #362 Co-Chr
Frankie Johnson, #190
Maurion Walton, #175
Patricia Freeman, #348
Deborah Gibson, #348
Zenobia Brown, #40

LIFE doesn't allow us to go back and fix what we have done wrong in the past, but it does allow for us to live each day better than our last.

Be true to yourself and others!

Be Strong!

Be Different!

Be You!

Youth Fraternity Grand Session

The Youth Fraternity session was another successful session. My thanks to the local sponsors for bringing the youth and state staff for planning an informative and entertaining meeting. There were breakout sessions for the males and females and special speakers for each group.

Youth talent session was added to the program. This year, every participant received a medallion and a monetary award. What kind of talent will next year bring?


There was one scholarship contestant that was awarded a second-place scholarship of \$500 per semester for four years. Sponsors prepare your seniors to participate in 2020.

2019-20 Youth Grand Chapter Administrators

Cheryl Moragne, Grand Juvenile Matron
Alphonso Jones, Grand Juvenile Patrons
Dionne Fail, Asst. Grand Juvenile Matron
Yolander Brown, Asst. Grand Juvenile Matron
Neka Hunter, Pearls of Love State Director
Haley Martin, Pearls of Love State Asst. Director
LaWanda Sykes, POL State Asst. Director

Shirley W. Inghram Youth Scholarship:

Yolander Brown, Chair
Sharon Holley, Co - chair
Jeannette Hill



THE MEMBERS OF THIS ROYAL
GRAND CHAPTER ARE AWESOME.

Remember when asking someone to participate in an event, join the Order or buy a raffle ticket and you get a NO answer just remember NO means "Next Opportunity." That is not the end of your effort because END means - Effort Never Dies. Remain Focus, Courageous, and Steadfast!