

Royal Grand Chapter Proclamation and Newsletter

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HELLO to My Royal Grand Chapter Sisters and Brothers.

*Thanks to all of you for continuing to attend to OES business because it is imperative that chapter affairs continue in an organized and confident manner. I applaud you for your attention and service. **United during turmoil, we will survive.***

Remember:

**SUCCESS IS ALMOST ALWAYS PRECEDED BY
ADVERSITY.**

Local Officers, continue to correspond monthly with your members. Three way calling, conference calling, letters, postcards, an organized calling tree are all ways to stay in the touch. I know most of you see each other from time to time, because none of us are totally confined to the house because of COVID19. I recommend that you have a conference call and study on the phone. Matrons can also send to members study sheets and quizzes for them to complete and return. If the worthy matron, associate matron, and conductresses are not doing something to keep the members alert, membership will surely begin to drop off. Don't let this occur.

Youth: The August Youth Meeting was cancelled. We are still awarding the youth scholarship. If the youth sponsor turned in the name of a graduating senior, she/he should have received the scholarship information. It is due back in soon. Check with your youth. Sponsors you should also be calling your youth and keeping them active and informed of youth affairs. You can plan at home activities for them; give a reward for completing the task.

Toss the Coin Fundraiser: It was a success. Thank You. All Worthy Matrons except two met the deadline; I was gratefully impressed by your response. You are a group of leaders interested in the educational welfare of the youth. Next month, I will be sending out a list of all contributions & name the matron (highest contributor) that will have the scholarship awarded in her honor. The past winning Matrons were Vertie Staples of Eudora and Demeto Joe Holt of Crossett.

Scholarship Challenges: We had many applicants, but most sent in applications (high school and college students) that were incomplete. Although we want to reward

and help students, we cannot reward poor performance. Therefore, instead of four scholarships, we are only rewarding two. Maybe, we will offer the other two during the second semester. Our children need help in education. That is why I am uneasy about our children with Virtual learning and home schooling during COVID19. Most just will not succeed because no parent is home during the day to enforce studying rules. Some students have difficulty comprehending in the class... need I say more!

This could become a statewide concern for the RGC; a great community service project: individual and small group tutoring. Think about this.

District Deputies and Worthy Matrons: You are to stay in close contact with each other. Deputies should be having a conference call with all worthy matrons and associate matrons at least bi-monthly. Deputies during the last conference call you were told to get a copy of each annual return form for the chapters assigned to you so you can contact all officers. Have you been successful in getting this information from the worthy matron? If not, contact your deputy advisor immediately for assistance.

Worthy Matrons stay in contact monthly with your associate matron and secretary and treasurer. You should be requesting a monthly report from them. Keep informed on your members' financial status, thus the chapter's status.

New Membership Applications: I applaud those of you that have continued to recruit during this time. It is permissible. During COVID19, for people to still want to join is a plus for your chapter and all of us. Just be sure the new applicant understands that at this time we are under quarantine (separation) and not meeting. If you have an applicant and have not informed your OES deputy and deputy advisor, contact them for further instructions.

Consent Burial Forms: Based on information I am receiving, secretaries/chapters are no longer giving out the burial forms to all new members. This procedure was to be a continuous process not a one-time event. The form was to be completed by all members. A copy of the form was to be returned and kept forever by the local secretary, and one copy given by the OES sister to the family member that would be in charge of her /his burial arrangements. These forms are significant in time of death because funeral decisions have already been made and expressed by the member. Where are your chapter forms? If they are not on hand, you will have to get each member to complete another form. THESE FORMS MUST BE KEPT ON FILE. As a predominately Black Historical Organization, we must start doing a better job of keeping and preserving records.

Wear your mask, stay back 6 ft., wash your hands, and use common sense!

COVID 19 Assignments:

1. Review and update your local chapter bylaws. (**Be imaginative**; you can do this by email, verbal calls, in writing, etc.)
2. Review and update your chapter history. You should be adding new information every year such as local officers, state officers from your chapter, membership numbers, and deaths if nothing else.
3. Fundraisers and community projects can still take place. The chapter still needs money to function. **Be quick-witted.**
4. Use this time to read carefully the opening ceremony and initiation ceremony in your OES ritual. You will be surprised as to how enriched your minds will become.
5. **Most Important!** Do not let COVID 19 take away your zest for life. Don't use it as an added excuse to do nothing. Stay mentally, physically, and emotionally active.

Dates to Remember:

Sept 1 – Queen and King Donations. I have sent the reporting forms out to the deputies. Ladies, make sure the male deputies received a copy. The King and Queens will be recognized at our first meeting.

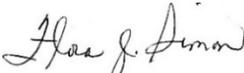
- Special mortgage donations that were requested from all members for the September payment. Everyone, send something, no amount is too little. ***“Replace All Negatives with Positives.”***

Oct – United Supreme Council has been cancelled.

**Nov 24– -----ALL Local reports due in the RGC office: ATTN: GWM FLORA SIMON,
2906 E. Harding Ave, Pine Bluff 71601**

- **Worthy Matron-** leadership and activity report
- **Recording Secretary** - chapter activity report
- **Financial Secretary-** report of all income taken in and approved expenses since the 2019 reporting period
- **Treasurer** - report of all income taken in and expenses paid out by cash and check since the last annual report in 2019.
- **Audit-** A total financial review of the financial secretary and treasurer records for 2020. At least three members should be on this committee. Treasurer and financial secretary is not a member of this committee.
- **Dec – Election – Final information later**

The Royal Grand Chapter is 2nd to no other OES chapter. I would test your persistence, determination, and courage against all others.


Grand Worthy Matron