

Royal Grand Chapter Proclamation and Newsletter

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First, let me extend my sincere hope that this newsletter finds you, your family, and friends safe and in good health during this trying time. If you or a family member have been subjected to the Virus, I hope you have or are recovering well.

There are still far too many of persons still refusing to take any precautions to stay safe. I tell others to take precautions by wearing a mask, washing hands, and staying 6 feet away to protect me, since they seem to think they are immune to the virus. **WE** must continue to encourage the young, middle age, and elderly to follow the safety rules.

I will begin this publication with the same comment I made in the August 17, 2020 document. It's below for you to read again.

“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.*”**

SPECIAL NOTE: When information is sent to you from the Royal Grand Chapter Office, from the officers, deputies and/or Grand Matron, it must be read immediately and directives followed. This is not occurring.

COVID19 may change how we do things, but it should not have stopped the chapters from taking care of business and progressing. Meeting together by methods other than assembling yourselves together, has to continue. Do you know that the old fashion written communication is yet the best and most accurate method? To those of you that are **only** texting and emailing members, what is happening with your members that do not text or email? EVERY member on the roster must receive all communications. It does not matter if they do not attend a meeting, or if they are out of state. They are still on your local chapter roll and should receive all news.

There is no down time for local chapters. The RGC officers never stopped working; the Masonic Temple doors did not close. The business continued.

LEADERS and MEMBERS, do your individual role to keep the organization functioning and blooming. You should take pride in being a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. The organization has a mission and it goes far beyond holding an office and paying dues. It is a Fraternal (sisterhood/brotherhood) and Service organization.

PREPARING FOR 2021

November Relief is due- \$75

- A part of the building assessment is due for those still paying
 - Local dues are due

Local officers for 2021 will be handled from the state office and will be announced during the chapter meetings in November or December, and all membership dues have been sent to the financial secretary, and local officer reports have been submitted to the Grand Matron.

Mortgage contributions are still needed. If you haven't paid in a while, this is a great time to contribute. It is hard to believe we still have some non-contributors.

When we get back to having meetings, everyone will need a **plain white** mask. If you have a white mask with OES or with the star symbol, it will be accepted.



If a pandemic break does not soon occur, we will probably start meeting by one of the virtual means. Life activities must continue.

**INVEST IN SOMETHING GREAT AND WONDERFUL.
THE MASOINIC TEMPLE**

I AM OVERJOYED TO ANNOUNCE THAT EVERY WORTHY MATRON AND CHAPTER HAVE REPRESENTED IN THE **2020 "TOSS THE COIN" FUNDRAISER.**

The three top Worthy Matrons:

Priscilla McMurray, #122
Urbana
\$1200.00 1st place
The scholarships will be presented in her name.

Vertie Staples, #194
Eudora
\$700.00 – 2nd place

Maxine Ridgell, #64
Monticello
\$500.48 – 3rd place

The total proceeds were \$8,650.48.

These winners will receive special recognition and an award.

Just as a reminder, this money is used to pay our Royal Grand Chapter Scholarships.

MORTGAGE SPECIAL DONATIONS

Well, the gloomy news is that we had only 7% of the total OES membership to participate, the "Faithful Few". Kudos go to district eight that really up their participation.  Appreciation goes out to all the individual contributors. Four chapters and two concordant houses made donations. The best news is the September payment was made on time and extra funds were paid on the principal. If every 1,400 OES members would sacrifice just a little bit, we would soon have this mortgage paid off. We are so close. I am an optimist, so I will never give up on getting total support.

Poston-Sears Queen Contest

I sent to each deputy and worthy matron the chapter contributions for their district and the queen representative for each district. You have to wait until the Queen Coronation hopefully in February 2021 to find out the overall winners. I will let you know that each district participated and it was a battle for the title. I commend each of the participants for their continuous support of the OES functions. You are helping to develop a great sisterhood.

Future Events

Tentative plans are being made to hold a Grand Session in February 2021. It will not be a full scale conference. This will depend on what is happening with the Pandemic rates. As a subordinate chapter to the Royal Grand Chapter, all local chapters will submit a registration fee as an affiliate body. Put the registration fee in your 2021 budget \$90.00 or \$125 if submitted late. More information to follow.

The Phyllis Chapter will hold a Virtual National Conference in March. It will be a one day zoom conference held March 6, 2021.

There RGC fundraiser will continue in 2021:

- February - Youth Scholarship Drive
- June – "Toss the Coin" RGC Scholarship Fundraiser
- September – Poston-Sears Queen Contest



URGENT ANNOUNCEMENT...

Sisters you are members of the Royal Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star not the Prince Hall Grand Lodge in the Jurisdiction of Arkansas. The **day to day affairs** of the Royal Grand Chapter is handled by the Grand Worthy Matron with the assistance of the Royal Grand Chapter officers. The day to day affairs of the Grand Lodge is ran by the Grand Master and his officers. **STOP** trying to do what the Masons are doing and comparing policies and directives. You follow OES policies and regulations, and directives from the Grand Matron. Keep it real!