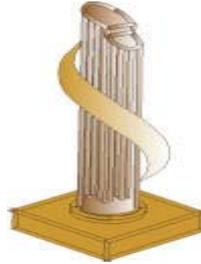


ROYAL GRAND CHAPTER, OES PROCLAMATION & NEWSLETTER
Flora J. Simon, Grand Matron **Johnny H. Carolina, Grand Patron**



136th Annual Grand Chapter Session: February 27, 2021

Attendance at this session will be by invitation to those officers necessary to have a conference. Those invitations will be sent out in February. All safety precautions are being taken to have as much of a well-being conference as possible.

IT WAS VERY COMFORTING to receive from the membership all sorts of deeds after the sudden and unexpected death of my younger sister. Although we know we live and then die, there is never the right preparation and thus death never goes un-mourned. You made it easier to cope with the death, services, and the aftermath.

*Thank
you
Flora J. Simon*

Conference Call Meetings: The end of the year calls were successful and members found out that such meeting is a constructive way to keep the chapter alive, members connected, and to move forward with their business. Every chapter will continue to meet on a monthly basis the same way. The conference call meeting will be held on the day and at the regular time for a chapter meeting. A quorum must be present on the call. Business must be conducted in an appropriate manner.

Finance of the chapter must be attended to on a regular basis and reports must be given at every meeting. Financial secretaries must be correctly recording and reporting dues paid and owed monthly. It is the member's responsibility to get their money to the secretary and in a timely matter. It is the financial secretary's responsibility to notify the member that she owes dues especially when she is delinquent. Give the member the address to where she can mail the fees. Develop and system, and then work it.

New Memberships: Beginning February 1, 2021, local chapters will be able to bring new members officially into the chapter. The Patron, Matron, and Conductress will be able to meet with the candidate to obligate her into the chapter by providing only the necessary information. You will only be able to conduct two candidates at a time and you must

remain 6 feet apart and wear your masks. You must clear the date with the district deputy who will report the date to the Deputy Advisor. Before a read in initiation can occur, all paperwork and fees must be paid and sent to the Royal Grand Chapter office. For additional information contact your Deputy who will contact the Deputy Advisor for additional instructions. The deputies will also instruct you on how to interview a candidate and take a vote.

Demits: At this time, request for a demit can be submitted to the local chapter. The process must be followed before sending the request to the Grand Matron for approval. The instructions are on the back of the form.

Membership Data Base: Since most of our communication is by mail, email, or by phone, it is important that our membership database is updated and correct. Therefore, every chapter's recording secretary is to update the **local membership roster** with the name, complete mailing address, phone number and email address. Send a copy of the roster to the **Royal Grand Chapter office by March 1, 2021**. Please type or print so information can be read correctly. Be sure to keep a copy for local files.

Tally Sheet: These sheets are mailed to the financial secretary listed on the annual return form. Worthy Matron, you are to check with the financial secretary to make sure she has the tally sheet (relief and building). If she does not, she must contact Linda K. Hunter for the relief sheet and Dene Spencer for the building fund sheet. All sheets for 2021 have been mailed out. There is no reason a secretary should not have a sheet. Once the tally sheet is sent into the RGC office and returned, it is to be checked immediately for errors. If some are found, return the sheet immediately to the RGC for corrections. Waiting makes errors harder to get straight!

The worthy matron, secretary, and treasurer are to get together quarterly to go over the tally sheets and bank accounts. Worthy Matrons must step up to the plate and take charge of chapter business – all of it.

District Deputies: Deputies have been assigned to chapters. There are a few changes. The information is being mailed to each worthy matron.

This year there are three District Deputy Advisors: DGM Brenda Barnes has districts 1, 4, 7South, and 8. GAM Linda C. Hunter has districts 5, 6, and 7North.

GC Nancy Sowers has district 3.

District Lectures: There were two lecturers appointed for each district. Two districts are being assigned new lecturers because the lecturers never attended any of the virtual training sessions. The lecturers' names will be sent out later.

This is a time when you need to remain alert and cautious to the people and activities occurring around you.

Stay Focus! Be Prayerful! Remain Safe!