

Royal Grand Chapter, OES, PHA Proclamation and Newsletter

Flora J. Simon, Grand Matron

Johnny H. Carolina, Grand Patron

Proclamation:

By the power vested in me as Grand Worthy Matron for the Royal Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, PHA, Arkansas Jurisdiction, I declare that **September 25, 2021, is the date of the Mid-year Conference. The meeting will be held by zoom.**

Mid-year Conference Information:

Each chapter will register for the session. The registration form is attached to this document. Please observe the deadline date for fee payment. The zoom link will be sent to selected officers and worthy matrons by September 23. Worthy Matron if you are not familiar with zoom, get someone in your chapter to give you a quick lesson on how to register and join the meeting. Participants will be able to join using a cell Phone or computer. If you have not downloaded the zoom app, do it now. Get someone to help you. Everyone on the conference will mute their device unless they are speaking. An agenda will be sent out before the meeting.

Grand Chapter Minutes:

Grand Chapter minutes from February were emailed to you for your review and to send in corrections or questions. If you have a correction or question concerning the minutes, please send it immediately to Cherry Smith at cherrylsmith@prodigy.net.

Grand Session Program Book:

Program books were printed. Unfortunately, they were not available for distribution in June at the workshop. Since Mid-year is going to be virtual, a book will be mailed to each worthy matron and RGC officer.

2021 Elections:

Elections will be held during the months of October and November. You should have already received election information. The election meetings will be virtual and will follow the general format as last year. The grand chapter officer overseeing your chapter election will contact you soon. Remember, all members must have paid fees by the end of this September for 2021 and 2022. The financial secretary should start collecting fees now.

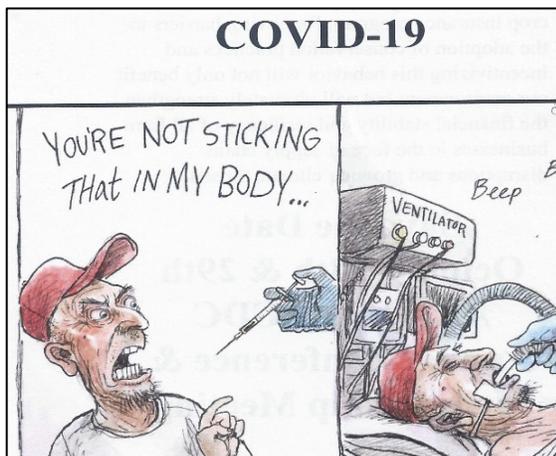
All members are to be on the conference call during the election, but a member cannot hold an office if she has not paid fees in full. Members support your chapters and call in. There is no excuse for not participating.

Local Meetings and Business:

There are many chapters that have a large number of members participating in their meetings by phone call or by zoom. Then, there are chapters that cannot get seven members to call in to have a meeting. It worries me as to why members are not participating. I am puzzled by the unconcern. Business of the chapters must continue. **SUPPORT YOUR CHAPTER AND LEADERSHIP.**

There is really no excuse because one can call in from any location in the United States. Some members pull over and call in as they are traveling across the state. Since you only have to listen, you can lay the phone down and keep your eyes on the road. Written or verbal communication between members and leaders must continue. Financial obligation and other activities have to continue. All members have an important role to play in the operation of the chapters.

The Grand Chapter office remains open on Tuesdays.



Don't speak before you know the consequences of what you say.

Follow all COVID-19 Rules.

Do not get too relaxed.

Do not trust that others have taken the vaccine or that they have not been affected.

Wear your mask.

Protect yourself and others.