



ROYAL GRAND CHAPTER OES PROCLAMATION

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By the power vested in me as Grand Worthy Matron of the Royal Chapter, OES, PHA, I declare February 23-25, 2023, as the dates of the 138th Grand Chapter Session. All local chapters and officers, and grand chapter elected and appointed officers are to register for the conference. COVID rules remain in effect.

Grand Chapter Events Thursday – Saturday:

Registration forms for chapter and member registration have been emailed to worthy matrons. A registration exempt list has also been emailed. Registration fee paid by February 6 is \$90; afterwards it is \$110.00. There is no reduced fee if you plan to attend only one day. You must mark on the registration form if you plan to attend the banquet. The registration fee includes the banquet and Gala. **DO NOT GO ONLINE AND MARK YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE BANQUET; THAT WILL CREATE A DUPLICATE COUNT.** There will be a registration period slotted on Thursday afternoon.

- At the registration desk, members must show a **membership card** with **fees paid in full** for 2023.
- DGM Barnes and District 8 members will stuff registration bags. Any member that has items she wants to donate to put in the bags, bring the items to the Temple by February 7, 2023. Pens and hand sanitizer we have already.
- A draft agenda will be sent out in February.

Memorial Service will be held on Thursday night. Remember this event is open to the public. Invite family and friends. Wear white with white prayer caps, and full regalia.

Trustee Banquet will be held Friday night the dress wear is semi-formal to formal. This year the banquet will be honoring Grand Master Cleveland K. Wilson for his 18 years of service to the Jurisdiction of Arkansas as the Most Worshipful Grand Master. **No tickets sold after February 7, 2023, or at the door.**

There will be a **Gala** this year on Saturday from 6:30 to 10:00 pm. Meal will be served. District 6 is the sponsor. **The Theme** is “A Night with Oldies but Goodies 60s and 70s”. Casual Dress: flair skirts, poodle skirt, bell bottom pants, tennis shoes, and flat shoes. Ticket at the door is \$25.00.

Hotel lodging information has been sent out by Patricia Jones to all Worthy Matrons. It is to be shared with all members. Deputies make sure worthy matrons with no email are receiving this information by mail from Magigor. Rooms are going fast; so, do not wait to make a lodging reservation. We are also expecting a large number of guests this year as we have opened the session up to visitors.

Dress wear: All white (we do not wear off white or winter white), white gloves, white shoes. White dressy boots are acceptable. Full regalia. Dresses are to be mid-calf or longer. No at or above the knee dresses standing or sitting, and no high splits. Ladies, please be properly dress or you will be dismissed.

Officers meeting on Thursday at 11am for all elected and appointed officers.

RGC First Statewide Fundraiser:

Online Popcorn Sale that will be conducted Tuesday, January 17 (begin at 10am) through Saturday, Jan 21 (ending at 10 am). It is a four day sale event and all members are expected to participate. You will not have a lot of time to think about who to ask to buy; so, go on and make out a list of persons to send the link to. You will send the link from your cell phone. Most of you have purchased popcorn this way from someone or have sold it; so, you understand how this works. Help others members to understand and get on board.

The Worthy Matrons and Deputies have all the set up information to share with members. Contact them for directions to set up the online store. The name of the fundraiser is AR Royal Grand Chapter and the Event Code **LDGIEW**. All you have to do is download the Double Good App, put in the event code, follow directions and set up your store. Once you receive the link, send the link out to as many people as you know in state and out of state to support you in this competitive fundraiser. Set your goal and work to reach it. I have set a very competitive goal for myself. I know you will beat. You can set the store up now but cannot start selling until the 17th.

Car Raffle Ticket Sale:

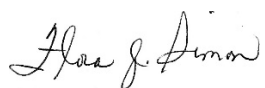
Ticket sale should be wrapping up, and all funds should be sent to PHGL no later than the first week in February. That time is almost up on us. So please get busy and sell the tickets. Chapter Matrons and Finance officers send ticket stubs and money in as soon as you collect it, do not hold the money or stubs.

District Deputy Grand Matrons:

The deputies that served in 2022 will continue to serve in the same positions until my appointments are made for 2023. Hopefully, appointments will occur this month.

Appreciation to All:

I am most appreciative of all the assistance and support provided in pleasant and troublesome times. Prayers for me and my family, gifts of care, concern, and love, and all the encouraging words and support from my OES and Masonic Family and friends. Sisterhood and friendship binds us close together at all times. Even when arrows have been unjustly shot, In the Lord I put my trust. He is my refuge. (Reference: Psalm 11:1-7)



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