



## ROYAL GRAND CHAPTER OES PROCLAMATION and NEWSLETTER

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### **RGC Grand Session Events:**

The first full RGC Session since COVID-19 was held on February 23-25, 2023 at the Masonic Temple; the home of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and Royal Grand Chapter. All local chapters registered and all except one had a representative present. There were approximately 380 persons in attendance. We had the worthy matron or her representative and guests from Texas, Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee, Maryland, Oklahoma, and Mississippi. The fellowship was great, the meeting was informative and pleasant, and the events well attended. It was a full agenda meeting but everything went off just as scheduled and in a timely manner.

Appreciation goes out to everyone that worked tirelessly beginning in September 2022 to make the February 2023 session be a success. A lot goes into planning a statewide three day event; so, that on the final days all goes well with as few challenges as possible. Just to name a few of the behind the scene early players that assisted your grand matron:

- Registration forms – DGM Barnes and GAM Hunter
- Registration name tags and other items – Felecia Hester, #424, PB
- Registration bag items – DGM Barnes and some district 8 members
- Lodging and Communications – Pat Jones
- Awards – DGM Barnes
- Banquet, Reception, and Lunches – GAM Linda C Hunter and SDDGM Tylisha Charles
- Checked Relief Fees of registered members to determine if they could attend the session – GFS Linda Hunter, GT. Barbara Dixon, Dene Spencer
- Gala Plans – SDDGM Williams and District 6 Committee & Members
- Room setup – GAP Alvin Flenory and GJP Sylvester Redix
- Communication with Visitors – GCCFC Brenda Binns
- All persons that served as a hostess for any of the events
- Registration Committee
- Committee handling Literature Sales
- All members and officers that were present and assisted in many ways as needed.

# Mortgage Burning Celebration

“This is the Lord’s  
doing; it is marvelous in  
our eyes.”  
Psalm 118:23



**Cleveland King Wilson  
19<sup>th</sup> Grand Master**

In 2005, he proposed the purchasing of  
this site for the new Masonic Temple.

## “His Vision”



The building dedicated on 09/27/2007

**The Mortgage Journey**  
08/30/2006 – 02/07/2023

**“SOMETIMES YOU WILL NEVER KNOW THE  
TRUE VALUE OF A MOMENT LIKE THIS UNTIL  
IT BECOMES A MEMORY.”**

**The Reality of the Vision - - GM Wilson**



GM Wilson, Earnest Larry, GM Simon

## DAY OF CELEBRATION

Friday, February 24, 2023  
at 3:30 PM

**Most Worshipful Prince  
Hall Grand Lodge  
and Royal Grand  
Chapter, OES  
Masonic Temple**

2906 East Harding Ave.  
Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Chief Deputy Marion Butler,  
#454, MC

## **Masonic Calendar Change**

Youth will not meet on May 6. They will meet during the OES workshop scheduled for June 24. Plan to have youth present.

**Conference Calls for Local Meeting:** On the 2023 Election Return form each chapter had an opportunity to designate two months when there meetings would be by conference calls. The idea of allowing the chapters to have two regularly scheduled conference call or zoom meetings was to allow participation of members that are home bound, disable, or out of state.

If a chapter had a conference call meeting scheduled for a certain date and missed having that meeting as a conference or zoom but met onsite another date cannot be set. You just missed a virtual meeting.

**New Building Assessment Clerk:** Patricia Jones is the new building assessment clerk. Dene Spencer is no longer serving in that position. Please direct all information and questions to her. You should continue to mail the information to P O Box 7606, Pine Bluff.

- Pat Jones still handles the Mortgage commitment donations. These donations are ongoing. Send your

**Building Assessment vs Mortgage Commitments:** There seems to be some misunderstanding of the two. The building assessment is the \$300 that every member in the RGC must pay. The full amount can be paid in one payment, and that person will be given a plaque on the building pledge board, or the member can pay a minimum of \$100 per year. The building assessment is a must for new members. The building pledge boards are on the back middle wall of the foyer.

The mortgage commitment is a charitable donation made for the payment of the building note. A donation of \$300 or more gets you a plaque on the Mortgage Tree in the foyer on the south wall.

Although, the mortgage has been paid off, there is still building upkeep. So, those of you that did not make the initial \$300 donation still should consider sending a donation to Pat Jones. There are a lot of members who have not contributed to the cause; you really should fulfilled this voluntary financial obligation to the Royal Grand Chapter. It is an investment you should be proud to make.

**Veteran List:** Worthy Matrons send to me the names of all the sisters in your chapter that are veterans, and give the branch of the service and their retirement rank. Also, note if they are still active.

**Three Degrees of the OES:** In the RGC chapter it has been **mandated** that before any Order of the Eastern sister applying to another subordinate house for membership must show proof that they have taken the Queen of the South and Amaranth Degrees; that has not changed. Please make sure you have these degrees before applying for an application. DO NOT attempt to side-step this rule.

- Subordinate houses are the Heroines of Jericho and Guild
- Concordant body is the Golden Circle.

**FUNDRAISING DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

**June** - "Toss the Coin" RGC  
Scholarship

**June Workshop:** Charitable Donations  
to Charitable Organization (s)

**September:** RGC Statewide Fundraiser

**December:** District Scholarship Drive –  
Youth Fraternity Scholarship

**THOUGHTS FOR THE GOOD OF  
THE ORDER**

**"Until, we as OES members change  
our thinking, we will always recycle  
our leadership experiences."**

**"Knowledge, Confidence, Courage  
and Respect are strong traits of  
assertive and God fearing women."**

