



ROYAL GRAND CHAPTER OES PROCLAMATION and NEWSLETTER

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2023 Theme: *Making Strong Efforts to Move beyond the Basics*

OES Statewide Workshop:

The Royal Grand Chapter Statewide Workshop will be held Saturday, June 24, 2023, at the Masonic Temple in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. All local chapters elected officers are expected to be in attendance. All members should attend. You will never learn about the Order of the Eastern Star unless you attend the workshops. Learning Never Ends!

OES Workshop Information:

Pre-Registration is \$5.00; onsite will be \$10.00. Registration will begin at 8:00. The workshop will begin at 9:00 am. A draft of the agenda will be sent out before the workshop. Registration forms are being emailed with this proclamation.

The agenda will include:

- A New Members Class
- A class for Financial Officers: Recording and Financial Secretary and Treasurer
- Workshop on the OES Initiation and the Lecture that should follow it.
- Myths and Facts: Interactive activity on the most common errors made and most common questions asked.
- Be Positive When it comes to Dress Wear: Make a Positive Fashion Statement.
- Identifying Your Personality Traits: Who are you? Do You Know Yourself?
- Leadership Skills that All OES Sisters Must Possess.

OES Youth Fraternity Workshop:

The Youth Fraternity Registration Forms will be mailed out by the Youth Department Leaders. June 24, they will meet with the OES in the Chapter Room for the opening and then separate to go to their meeting area.

Members exempt from all OES registration fees this year because of their top popcorn sales:

- Gwen Davis, #374 – West Helena
- Melinda Shields, #389 - Crawfordville
- Lititia Carolina, #295 - Jonesboro
- Sheree Jackson, #348 -- Dermott

WORKSHOP ATTIRE

OES is casual dress no pants.

Female Youth casual dress no pants.

Male Youth casual dress; no shorts.

YOUTH FRATERNITY AND PEARLS OF LOVE ANNUAL SESSION

The youth start back to meeting two days this year. They will meet on August 4 – 5. Annual Meeting and Scholarship Information will be shared at the workshop in June. Have the youth present in June.

Clarification on 'Toss the Coin Fundraiser'



The funds are due on June 30, 2023. The absolute deadline is July 30, 2023. ALL Chapters must represent with no less than \$150.00. Start turning in your coins at the next local meeting. The chapter winner will be chosen on June 30 and the Worthy Matron will have the 2024 scholarship presented and named in her honor. Funds reported in July will not be a part of the winners circle.

The Toss the Coin Funds supports the Royal Grand Chapter Scholarship. Two scholarship are given to graduating seniors and three scholarships are given to students already in a college. They have to be an Arkansas High School Graduate or GED recipient but do not have to go college or vocational school in Arkansas. These scholarship applications have already been mailed to each Worthy Matron and hopefully the district deputies have a copy of it. Due date is in June 30th..

Shirley W. Inghram Youth Fraternity Scholarship

This scholarship is for Youth Fraternity Members only.

Bring to the Workshop: Everyone a notebook, ritual, short form of the initiation ceremony, and an open mind and positive attitude.

- Financial Secretaries should bring a copy of the latest tally sheet.
- New members should bring policy and procedural manual and ritual.
- Recording Secretaries a copy of one set of local minutes.
- Treasurer bring one copy of the semi-annual audit conducted in April 2023.

NOTE: Chapters please share the dates of your OES initiation with chapters in your district. Also share when the Queen of the South and Amaranth Degrees will be given. Other chapters might want to join you and bring their candidates. Service to each other is one of our mission statements.