



ROYAL GRAND CHAPTER OES  
PROCLAMATION and NEWSLETTER

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

By the power vested in me as Grand Worthy Matron of the Royal Grand Chapter, OES, PHA, I declare September 23, 2023, as the date of the Mid-Year RGC Session. All local chapters and officers, and grand chapter elected and appointed officers are to register for the conference. Masks are still suggested for protection.

GWM

**Thanks to everyone for the birthday well wishes on Aug 14<sup>th</sup>! I WAS THRILLED.**

Prepare to be entertained with a differently structured mid-year session. It is being planned for business, education, and personal and professional development. You will learn from and enjoy every presentation.

**WORKSHOP INFORMATION**

Registration forms for the chapter and membership have been sent out to Worthy Matrons. Please send these items back as soon as possible. Do not wait for the deadline date. **Registration begins at 7:45am.**

**Administrative Degree:** Any Worthy Matron or Patron that has not taken the administrative degree must take it at this mid-year session. If the degree is not taken, you will not be able to serve in this position in 2024. The degree will be given Saturday at 8:00 am in the RGC Blue and White Room. Contact Magigor Love to register. The certificate fee is \$5.00.

**Opening Session: 9:00am** – The long form of the opening ceremony will be performed. **The alternate star points will perform.** Both the actual star points and the alternates will sit on the points.

**Breakout Sessions:** Conductress and associate conductress will have a through workshop session on duties and procedures. This workshop will be conducted by several members and officers and Grand Matron Simon.

**Worthy Matrons Panels:** Worthy Matrons will be selected before the session. This session will be conducted by Deputy Grand Matron Barnes and Grand Associate Matron Hunter and others.

**Informational Session on Election Procedures and Audit Reports:** This is a must attend session for **all** local officers and members.

**Special Recognition of our OES Veterans:** Come prepared to support our members that made many family and personal sacrifices to serve this country.

**Reports:** OES Officers, Committee, and Youth Leaders

**Door Prizes** are definitely on the agenda and will be handled in a different manner.

**A SPECIAL LUNCHEON/BANQUET EVENT:** 12:00 – 1:30pm in the Banquet Hall

Mental Health Issues: “How to Cope – Rewiring Your Mind to Deal with Mental Health Issues”

Speaker: Dr. Patricia L. Griffen, Clinical Psychologist (Little Rock)

**NOTES:** Many of you will be engaged in the planning and execution of this mid-year session. Lead persons will be contacting you with assignments.

Registration committee members, if for some reason you will not be in attendance contact the chairperson.

Roll call of Worthy Matrons will occur in the morning and evening sessions.

## **ALERTS!**

1. **Members two years behind in fees** will be dropped from the role/tally sheet beginning on **September 12<sup>th</sup>**. Worthy Matrons and Financial Secretaries, you must check the building assessment sheet and inform members of what they owe. There are several people in chapters that are current in relief but behind in their building assessment. If there is a member in your chapter that is delinquent and don't want to be dropped, contact them immediately.
2. I have been informed that each DD Grand Master has **PHGL Black and White Ball tickets**. There are only 250 tickets for distribution. If you want to attend, get your ticket early: \$100.00. Don't wait for November.
3. **Persons desiring to hold a Grand Chapter office still must make at least a \$300 donation to the Masonic Temple Preservation Fund/ Mortgage Fund. You might get elected or appointed to a position without making a donation but if the contribution is not made, you will be not be allowed to hold it the next year.**

***“You might have to fight a battle more than once to win it.”***