



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 22-24, 2024, as the dates of the 139th Grand Chapter Session. All local chapters and officers, and grand chapter elected and appointed officers are to register for the conference.

Grand Chapter Events Thursday – Saturday:

At the present time, despite the flooding of the building and the extent of renovation needed, plans are to hold the Grand Session at PHGL and RGC Masonic Temple. Thus, the basic session information is being provided below. I am sure there will be some adjustments.

Registration forms for chapter and member registration have been emailed to worthy matrons. A registration exempt list has also been emailed. There is no reduced fee if you plan to attend only one day. The registration fee includes the banquet and Gala. There will be a special registration period slotted on Thursday from 2 - 4 pm.

- **At the registration desk, members must show a membership card with fees paid in full for 2024. If fees are not posted on tally sheet by Feb 13, the member will not be admitted to attend the session even if registered.**
- DGM Barnes and District 8 members will stuff registration bags. Any chapter or member that has items she wants to donate to put in the bags, bring the items to the Temple on February 13, 2023.
- A draft agenda will be sent out before the session.

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. Tickets must be purchased with your registration. No tickets sold at the door.

REMEMBER, YOU, AS AN INDIVIDUAL, MUST GO ON LINE AND RESERVE THE BANQUET TICKET. YOU CAN GET ANOTHER MEMBER TO DO IT FOR YOU, BUT SHE MUST REQUEST THE TICKET IN YOUR NAME. Be sure an immediate email response is provided that the ticket is reserved. <https://www.mwphglar.com/cn-tonney-awards-banquet>

RGC Gala will be held on Saturday from 6:30 to 10:00 pm. Meal will be served. District #8 is the sponsor. **The Theme** is “*The Wild, Wild West of Arkansas*”. Dress wear will be western outfits. Ticket at the door is \$25.00. The brothers can request a ticket in advance on your registration form; contact them.

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. **There are a few rooms still available at one of the hotels. Rooms will be held until this Saturday, (2/10/24). If interested, call Pat Jones immediately at (870) 413-9481.**

Dress wear: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday all white. Full regalia. NO off white or winter white, white gloves, white shoes and white stockings. White dressy boots are acceptable.

Dresses are to be mid-calf or long. All dresses must be below the knee when standing and sitting. NO splits in dresses above the knee. If members are improperly dressed will be asked to leave and change outfits. Friday, all grand chapter officers wear long white. Saturday dresses may be mid-length or long.

Officers Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 22 at 10am for all elected and appointed officers.

Office Assistance and Building Condition: The building is not available for office work; therefore, there will not be anyone in the OES office on a regular schedule. Mail is being picked up from **P O Box 7606, Pine Bluff 71611.** DO NOT bring mail to the Temple. We will not be responsible for items left with anyone at the Masonic Temple.

Car Raffle Tickets: Continue to send the reports and money to the PHGL at 2906 East Harding Ave, Pine Bluff 71601.

Administrative Degree for Matrons and Patrons: All new worthy matrons and worthy patrons are required to take the administrative degree in order to continue to serve as the matron and patron this year. This is the only time it is given. Forms were mailed early for you to register to take the degree. The fee is \$5.00. The degree will be given Saturday morning at 8am in the blue and white room.

Masonic Calendar: Refer often to the Masonic Calendar for upcoming events and be prepared to attend them.

Statewide Fundraisers for 2024: Two statewide fundraisers are being planned for the OES Relief Department for 2024. (1) Online Popcorn Sale is a four day event that every chapter is to participate in. It is the quickest, easiest and most profitable activity

(2) The Queen drive will be started again this year. The funds will be for the Royal Grand Chapter and its' charitable funds.

NOTES: All chapters must be represented on Friday and Saturday..

Both the star points and alternate star point will perform during the session.

Face Masks are not required but are recommended.

SPECIAL THANKS to all members that have gone to the Masonic Temple at different times during this disaster period to provide some service in any manner.

Food for Thought: "Try not to become a sister or brother of self-fame and position but rather try to become one of Value."