

**ROYAL GRAND CHAPTER  
OES-PHA  
PROCLAMATION & NEWSLETTER**  
Jurisdiction of Arkansas  
**Organized 1885**



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**Linda C. Hunter, Grand Associate Matron/Overseer**

**Johnny H. Carolina, Grand Worthy Patron**

**November 22, 2024**

*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain. 1Corinthians 15:58*

*Greetings to each of you,*

**By the power vested in me as Grand Associate Matron/Overseer of the Royal Grand Chapter,  
OES-PHA**

**I declare February 20-22, 2025 as the dates of the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Chapter Session to be held at the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Pine Bluff, AR. All OES Members, Grand Chapter Elected/Appointed Officers, local chapter elected/appointed officers are asked to register and be a part of our Annual Session.**

**This year the Royal Grand Chapter OES-PHA Jurisdiction of Arkansas will have a  
CLOSED SESSION.**

**'NO VISITORS'**

**We will be "Guests" to Each Other.**

We are thankful for each of you and pray that God will continue to Bless you and your Families.

We salute you and commend you for the sacrifices, support and untiring diligence that you have shown to our organization.

Let's continue to remain focused, steadfast, and unmovable in our great Sisterhood and Brotherhood.

**Annual OES Grand Session Information: Worthy Matrons please review the following information in the local Chapters.**

**Dress Attire: ALL WHITE** – not off white nor winter white, white gloves, white hose, and white shoes. White dressy boots are acceptable. **OES Full Regalia.** Dresses are to be mid-calf or ankle length. No head bands or hats during the meeting. Other considerations must be addressed with the Grand Associate Matron or Deputy Grand Matron.

Dresses should be below the knees when standing or sitting, no splits in the front or high splits in the back. Sisters, please dress properly: The Warders and Marshals will be prepared to discreetly ask you not to enter the OES Chapter Room if you are improperly dressed.

This year during our Annual Session the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and Royal Grand Chapter, OES-PHA will have a joint Community Service Project on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. (Joint donations of hats & gloves will go to the Pine Bluff Boys & Girls Club). More information is forthcoming once the final project flyer is approved. The **Chairperson for this special community project is Sis. Letitia Butler of Electa #5.** We are asking for your participation with this endeavor.

If you have members in your local OES Chapters that are listed on your tally sheet that have been blessed to reach the age of 90 years and above, please submit their names. We will honor these special members during our **Annual C. N. Toney Banquet on Friday night with the: Royal Grand Chapter OES-PHA Shining Star Life Achievement Award. The deadline to submit this information: January 28, 2025 to the Attn. of: GAM Linda C. Hunter P.O. Box 7606 - Pine Bluff AR 71611**

#### February 20<sup>th</sup> - Thursday:

- Elected Officers will meet at 12:00 noon
- Deputies and all appointed officers will meet at 1:00pm
- Practice will be at 2:00pm
- **Registration Desk Opens 2:00pm - 4:00pm & 8:30pm - 9:30pm for packet pick-up**
- Memorial Service 7:00pm – Line-up 6:15pm in the OES Room - (OES Full Regalia with white prayer caps and gloves) The speaker for the Memorial Service will be **Elder Kent Broughton of Acacia Lodge No. 98, Fordyce, AR.** The Memorial Services are open to the public.

#### February 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday:

- Devotion 8:30am
- Formal Opening 9:00am (Short Form)
- Lunch 12(noon) 1:15pm
- **The C.N. Tony Grand Lodge Trustee Banquet Friday- 7:00pm.**  
**Extra Banquet tickets \$45.00. Banquet tickets will not be sold at the door. Same procedure as last year - you must additionally pre-register online for the banquet. An ONLINE Link is forthcoming and will be sent from the MWPHGL.**
- Car Raffle Drawing

#### February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday:

- 8:30am Line-up OES Room prepare for joint session/Grand Master Mark McGraw's Allocution
- 10:30am OES Session reconvenes
- 10:30am – **Administrative Degree to all new 2025 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons in the Blue/White Room. This degree is required to serve as a WM/WP. (Registration Form must be returned to the Grand Secretary Magigor Love by the deadline with the proper fees)**
- 7:00pm-9:30pm OES Gala Night –  
**Theme: "PHAMILY REUNION" More information forthcoming**
- Live Entertainment- Delicious Food and Drinks
- **Casual & Covered Attire: blue jeans, slacks, capris, tennis shoes. NO Shorts or NO Short Cropped Tops.**  
Gala Tickets are \$20.00 and will not be sold at the door. If you do not order extra Gala tickets at time of Pre-Registration you may purchase extra tickets on Friday, or Saturday morning from the OES registration desk. Cut-off will be 12:00 noon on Saturday.



Kudos to our OES Sr. District Deputies and Deputies for working together on our 2025 'GALA Night'.

#### Car Raffle Ticket Sale:

Please continue to sale the car raffle tickets and report monthly sales to your District Deputies in order they may be able to report to the Car Raffle Committee. The tickets are \$5.00 each. The car is a 2025 Toyota Camry, and 3 chances to win \$500.00. The OES Chapters will receive 20% donation in return of ticket sales turned in by the deadline of **February 6, 2025** to the PHGL. **OES Chapter Worthy Matrons and Financial officers send ticket stubs and money in as some as you collect it, do not hold the money or stubs in your local treasurer.**

Attached are the OES Annual Session Chapter Registration Form, OES Member Registration Form, WM/WP Administrative Degree Form, and the Exemption List. Please complete the forms, mark all **Exempt Members** on the

**Registration List.** Worthy Matrons, Associate Matrons and Chapter Secretaries please review all information before it is sent to the Royal Grand Chapter OES-PHA.

**PLEASE MAIL ALL FORMS to: P.O. Box 7606 - Pine Bluff AR 71611.**

**Late Registration/On-Site Registration is \$120.00. Please bring the correct amount in Cash or a Money Order, No Personal Checks. Late/On-Site registration there is no guarantee of a grand session packet, banquet or gala ticket. It causes unwarranted planning when we do not pre-register. Fees will not be reduced if you plan to attend only one day. The Registration Committee will have copies of all OES Chapter Tally Sheets that must reflect a (0) balance.**

DGM Brenda Barnes and District 8 members will assemble registration packets.

**Hotel** lodging information has already been sent. It is to be shared with all members.

**Grievances** must be submitted in writing within sixty (60) days prior to the opening of Grand Session.

**Resolutions** must be mailed and submitted to the committee within sixty (60) days prior to the convening of Grand Session.

**Local OES Chapter By-law changes** must be submitted within sixty (60) days prior to the opening of Grand Session.

**Amendments to the RGC OES By-Laws** shall be presented to the RGC no less than (60) days prior to the opening of the Grand Session.

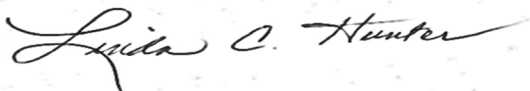
**“Let’s Revisit Our Mission & Remember Our Purpose”**

*May Your Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year be full of Love, Joy & Peace.....*

*Love One Another,*

*We Are Stronger Together.....*

*In the Spirit of Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness*



*Grand Associate Matron/Overseer*