

Grand Chapter of Missouri



Order of the Eastern Star

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Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers, All Distinguished Members of the Order, and Members of Subordinate Chapters:

*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

You are cordially invited to attend the One Hundred Forty Fourth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, OES. The “Stars in Our Garden” session is being held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, at 415 W. McCarty Street, in Jefferson City, Missouri. The date for the event is October 7 – 10, 2018. This location is in the central part of our state, and is in the home of our State Capitol, making it accessible to all members across the state. I hope you will plan to be there.

The Capitol Plaza Hotel is the Headquarters Hotel. You are encouraged to make your reservations at the Headquarters Hotel, as all Session Activities, Meetings, Registration, Social Events, Hospitality, Vendors and the Grand Secretary’s Office will be held at that location, under one roof, for your convenience.

In this packet, you are receiving important documents that are pertinent to this Session. Chapter Secretaries please provide copies of the enclosed information for your members. Several documents will need to be filled out and returned by the date shown on that document. Please be mindful of the instructions on each document. Fill out the document legibly and mail it to the address shown on that particular form, as each document will be sent to a different address. And please be mindful of the date show, as those dates may vary according to the document.

**YOUR PACKET CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING:**

- 1. Grand Chapter Pre-Registration Form** – Each person attending Grand Chapter MUST register, in order to attend the session. You are encouraged to pre-register at your earliest convenience. Fill out the enclosed form, and mail it in, along with the \$15.00 registration fee. You may send more than one pre-registration form in the same envelope. You may write one check to cover all the pre-registration forms you are mailing, or you may include multiple checks with the forms. Remember – one \$15.00 fee for every form filled out. Please fill out this form completely. Be sure to note the Distinguished Member title you hold as of the day you are filling out the form. So...if you are going to be a Grand Officer or District Deputy Grand Matron for the 2019 year, DO NOT note that title on this form for 2018. That information goes on your form for 2019, this time next year. Mail your form and pre-registration fee, by the due date shown on the form, to :

**Donna Miller, PM ([watercan99@yahoo.com](mailto:watercan99@yahoo.com)) or (816) 718-3382**  
**Registration Chairman**  
**PO Box 47316**  
**Gladstone MO 64188**

***Make your checks for PRE-REGISTRATION payable to GRAND CHAPTER OF MO, OES***

- 2. Housing Form** – There is a housing request form enclosed for the Capitol Plaza Hotel. One form is needed for each room you are reserving. There may be up to four (4) persons per room. Be sure to specify the type of room you are requesting, and you MUST include the name(s) of everyone who will be staying in that specific room together. If you need a handicap accessibility room, please make note of that, and get your reservation sent in as soon as possible, as these rooms are limited in availability. Mail your housing request form, by the date shown to:

**Bev Steelman, PM ([bevsteel52@aol.com](mailto:bevsteel52@aol.com)) or (573) 657-2172**  
**Housing Chairman**  
**P.O. Box 114**  
**Ashland, MO 65010**

***ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE WITH A MAJOR CREDIT CARD – NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED***

3. **Social Reservations Form** – A form listing all the Social Events for this session is enclosed, along with the menus that have been chosen for your pleasure, for each event. There **MUST** be one form for each person you are making any social event reservations for. You may mail in multiple forms together. You may write one check to cover the fees for every form you include in your mailing, or multiple checks can also be sent in together. You **MUST** have a reservation if you are planning to attend any social event, as there is no guarantee that there will be any extra tickets available to be sold at the door. The only tickets that might be available are those due to last-minute cancellations, but there is no guarantee any of them will be available. Tickets are required to be produced and turned in at each event, or you will not be served. Please be mindful of the deadline for mailing in this reservation form. Mail it to :

**Patti Sands, PM ([sandseasternstar@gmail.com](mailto:sandseasternstar@gmail.com)) or (573) 874-8977**  
**Social Reservations Chairman**  
**1813 E. Pointe Dr.**  
**Columbia, MO 65201**

*Make your check(s) for SOCIAL RESERVATIONS payable to:*

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4. **Letter from the Chairman of Session Nurses** – Please read the enclosed letter and comply with the request of Cookie Stude, PM, RN BA – Chairman of Session Nurses. This year the Nurse’s Station will be located inside the Chapter Room, for your convenience, and easy access for the nurses to get to anyone in need, in a moment’s notice.
5. **Tri-fold advanced program of events**

Secretaries – please reproduce these enclosed documents, as each member planning to attend Grand Chapter will need their own set of information.

**All forms (Pre-registration, Housing and Social Reservations) need to be completed and returned to the respective chairman listed on the form, by the deadline date noted. Make sure everything is filled out properly, mailed to the correct person and checks made payable as noted.**

As a reminder – **there can be NO IN-ROOM parties**, at the directive of the Hotel, and **NO signage may be affixed to walls or in the elevators.**

**Upon arrival at the Hotel, go to the Registration table in the Atrium to pick up your packet.** Inside your packet will be an envelope containing ticket for all the social events you requested. Keep them in a safe place, and accessible throughout your stay. I hope you will enjoy the plans that are being made, and you will attend the 144th “Stars in Our Garden” Session of the Grand Chapter of Missouri. Sister Karlene Baylous, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ken Sisemore, Worthy Grand Patron look forward to seeing you there, and so do I.

Linda Wilson, PGM / General Chairman