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The Original Supreme Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star Of the United States of America, Incorporated



102nd Biennial Supreme Session

July 29, 2024 thru August 4, 2024

Crown Plaza Hotel

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PROCLAMATION

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another is psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:16-17 (NKJV)

To: All Grand Chapters, Grand Worthy Matrons, Grand Associate Matrons, Grand Treasurers, Grand Secretaries, Grand Conductresses, and Grand Associate Conductresses, (*Past and Present*), Officers and Members of The Original Supreme Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the United States of America, Incorporated.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS:

In accordance with Article 8, Section 1 of the Supreme Constitution and By-laws of The Original Supreme Grand Chapter, OES and by the Power and Authority vested in me, as the Supreme Grand Worthy Matron, I, *Sister Shirley D. Taylor*, do hereby call the Supreme Grand Chapter, OES from refreshment to Labor in its **2024 Supreme Biennial Session**, to convene in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on July 29, 2024 – August 4, 2024.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

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HOST GRAND LODGE United M.W. St. John's Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Inc. State of Louisiana

HONORABLE RAY F. LEWIS, 33°

Most Worshipful Grand Master 1809 O.C. Haley Blvd. New Orleans, LA Phone Number: (225) 806-8934 Lodge: (504) 273-3835

RESERVATIONS

Please make your reservation directly to the hotel:

Reservations should be made directly to the Crown Plaza Hotel. <u>ROOM RATES</u>: King, Double, - \$115.00 per night plus (current state/local taxes). The first night's deposit is required when making reservations. You card will be charged within 72-hours after making your reservation. **Second Overflow is the Embassy Suites- 4914** Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 : Link <u>https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/btrcses-102-370aaff5-8a24-4982-b3e2-97d6ec08d514/</u> or Booking Code:102 - Price: \$125 – Breakfast and Evening Cocktail Included. Self-parking: Free Parking.

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee is **\$65.00** per person; this includes a Journal & Badge. **There will be no Split Packages. State Night Tickets: \$30.00.** Tickets for The Arthur Searcy Memorial Dance \$55.00 (\$5.00 will be donated to the Shreveport Shrine Hospital. Elevation Ball (\$60.00) can be purchased. All delegates may have the opportunity to pre-register, purchase banquet tickets, etc. in advance. You may also access our website at <u>https://www.saintjohnsgl.com/about-us/grand-lodge/</u> where a specific link has been set up. Passcode: 6024

Pre-registration forms may be emailed to Sister Denise Emery at <u>DtrsofunivoesGrandChapter@gmail.com</u> or mailed to Bro. Henry Mitchell at 1809 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd. New Orleans, LA 70113. An online registration format has been activated; available banking payment options include CashApp, Zelle or Expo.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Ground Transportation fee from Baton Rouge Metro Airport is \$30.00 each way and Louis Armstrong International Airport is \$75.00 each way. Deadline for Information is July 1, 2024.

DIALYSIS CENTERS		
Fresenius Kidney Care Center	https://www.freseniuskidnecare.com/dialysis-centers/louisiana/	
Davita Essence Lane	https://www.davita.com/locations/LA/BatonRouge/7703PicardyAve5061	

BIENNIAL SUPREME SESSION AGENDA				
MONDAY: July 29, 2024	Time			
Registration	▶ 8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.			
Sunday School	▶ 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.			
TUESDAY: July 30, 2024:				
 Registration 	▶ 8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.			
Supreme Board Meeting	▶ 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.			
 Divine Worship 	▶ 2:00 P.M.			
WEDNESDAY: July 31, 2024:				
 Registration 	▶ 9:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.			
 Masonic Congress Joint Meeting with Supreme Grand Chapter 	▶ 8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.			
 Supreme Grand Chapter Meeting 	▶ 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.			

ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

All Grand Worthy Matrons, Grand Associate Matrons, Grand Treasurers, Grand Secretaries, Grand Conductresses and Grand Associate Conductress (*Past/Present*); Life Members and Affiliated Supreme Department Heads (*Past and Present*).

ATTIRE

All Officers and Members of the Original Supreme Grand Chapter are to make every effort to attend this Biennial Supreme Session. Please come in full Eastern Star Regalia including <u>Fez, except the wearing of your crown</u>. Remember: Grand Worthy Matrons please wear your white robes and white suits.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER AGENDA				
1. Opening Ceremonies	11. Report – Supreme Secretary and Treasurer			
2. Roll Call of Grand Chapters/Supreme Grand Officers	12. Report – Supreme Auditor			
3. Report – Rules of the Day Committee	13. Report – Finance/Expenses Committee			
4. Reading of Supreme Grand Chapter Proclamation	14. Report – Condolence Committee			
5. Reading of previous Biennial Supreme Session Minutes	15. Report – Supreme Grand Worthy Matron's Report			
6. Report – Grievance and Appeal Committee	16. Report – SGW Matron's Address Committee			
7. Report – Credentials and Returns Committee	17. Remarks: Supreme Department Heads			
8. Report – Scholarship Committee	18. Acknowledgments			
9. Report – Supreme Medical Assistant	19. Election & Installation of Supreme Officers			
10. Report – Supreme Pictorial Historian Committee	20. Closing			

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER ASSESSMENTS

Be advised, that each Grand Chapter of this Original Supreme Grand Chapter is required to send their annual report to the **Office of the Supreme Grand Secretary: Sister Dorothy Simmons, Supreme Grand Secretary, 1639 East Abbottson Street, Carson, CA 90746.**

Assessment will be due **no later than June 15, 2024.** If your Grand Chapter failed to send in your 2023 report, please submit it with *(fine included)* along with your 2024 report. (Please include Election Form)

All reports received after the due date will be assessed a late fee of \$25.00.

Grand Chapter Assessment		\$225.00
Legal Defense Fund		\$100.00
Charity		\$ 25.00
Distress Fund		\$ 25.00
Sub-Total Assessments	(plus Delegate Fees)	\$375.00
Delegate Fees (per person – Article XVI Section 1 and Article XX Section 3)		\$ 10.00
IMSF Scholarship	(2nd Check)	\$100.00
Late Fee		\$ 25.00

Please submit two (2) separate checks: (1) - \$375.00 (*plus your delegate fees and/or late fee*) (2) - \$100.00 payable to the Inez Miller Scholarship Fund.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Supreme Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the United States of America, Incorporated to be affixed hereto, this 31st day of March 2024 A.D. in the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge and State of Louisiana.

Fraternally yours,

Attested: brothy N. x mmons

Sister Dorothy W. Simmons Supreme Grand Secretary



Sister Shirley D. Taylor Supreme Grand Worthy Matron

Approved By:

Charles J. Clarke, 33°

Supreme Grand Worthy Patron