

1895 PROCLAMATION 2024

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



JOHN V. THORNTON
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
March 20, 2024 thru March 23, 2024

‘BRIDGING THE GAP’ – Part XIII

Double Tree Hotel by Hilton
Chicago-Oak Brook
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PROCLAMATION

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer: my God, my strength, in whom I will trust: my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. Psalms 18:1-3

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.

GREETINGS:

In accordance with Article 8, Section 2 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 **John Vernon Thornton Mid-Winter Conference**, to convene in Oak Brooks, IL on March 20, 2024 thru March 24, 2024.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

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RE: JOHN VERNON THORNTON MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

HOST GRAND LODGE
Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
Jurisdiction of Illinois

HONORABLE TOMMY FURLOW, 33°

Most Worshipful Grand Master
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RESERVATIONS

Please make your reservation directly to the hotel:

Reservations should be made online or by contacting the Hotel. **ROOM RATES:** Single, Double, - **\$125.00**; triple & Quads \$135.00 + tax. Breakfast included. A one (1) night advance deposit is required to hold your reservation(s). **Please call (630) 472-6000: RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE 6:00 PM EST, February 14, 2024.**

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee is \$125.00 per person, this includes a Journal, Badge, Friday Night Social, and Saturday Evening Banquet, **however; non-registered guests and attendees will be charged a fee of \$25.00 for the Friday Night Social and \$65.00 for the Saturday Night Banquet.** Please make checks or money orders payable to: Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge, and forward to: Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of IL.; 600 West 138th Street. Riverdale, IL 60627.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Ground Transportation from O'Hare \$40.00 round trip. Midway \$50.00 round trip.

Dialysis Centers:

US Renal Care Oak Brook	1201 Butterfield Road, Suite B Downers Groves, IL 60515	(800) 550-9664
Nxstage Kidney Care Oak Brook	1600 W. 16th Street Oak Brook, IL 60523	(630) 475-4340 Ref# 302534
FMC Downers Groves	3825 Highland Avenue Downers Groves, IL	(630) 964-9414 Ref# 100333

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE AGENDA

THURSDAY: MARCH 21, 2024	Registration 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Grand Masters' Council Meeting	8:30 A. M. to Noon
Grand Matrons' Meeting	9.00 A. M. to Noon
Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Workshop	2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P. M.
Supreme Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho Workshop	2:00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M.
FRIDAY: MARCH 22, 2024	Registration 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M
Joint Meeting Masonic Congress & Supreme Grand Chapter	8:00 A.M.
Supreme Grand Patron O. E. S. Workshop	10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
Supreme Grand Chapter Opening Ceremonies	11:00 A.M.
Dignitaries Luncheon	12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.
State Night	7:00 PM until 11:30 PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024	Registration 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.
Joint Meeting Masonic Congress & Supreme Grand Chapter	8:30 A.M.
Supreme Grand Chapter Reconvenes	10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
Lunch	12 Noon TO 1:30 P.M.
Supreme Grand Chapter Reconvenes	1:30 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
L.H. Bostick Banquet (after 6:00 Attire):	7:00 P.M. Until...

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER AGENDA

1. Opening Ceremonies	6. Reading of Appointed Committees
2. Roll Call of Grand Chapters	7. Supreme Grand Chapter Workshop
3. Roll Call of Supreme Grand Chapter Officers	8. Remarks: Supreme Officers and Members
4. Reading of the Supreme Grand Chapter Proclamation	9. Remarks: Affiliated Supreme Department Officers
5. Reading of Minutes from March 2023	10. Closing Ceremonies

This Supreme Grand Chapter may be called into special session at any time during this Mid-Winter Conference to consider any and all matters that may affect its welfare.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER ASSESSMENT

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, 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 its 2023 report, please submit it with *(fine included)* along with your 2023 report.

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)**
(2) - \$100.00 payable to the Inez Miller Scholarship Fund.

ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Grand Worthy Matrons, Past Grand Worthy Matrons, Grand Associate Matrons, Grand Treasurers, Grand Secretaries, Grand Conductress, Grand Associate Conductress (*Past and Present*); Supreme Department Heads, Worthy Matrons, (*Past and Present*), Lifetime Members and all Eastern Stars.

***The Election form must be in the Office of the Supreme Grand Secretary no later than 30-days after Election.**

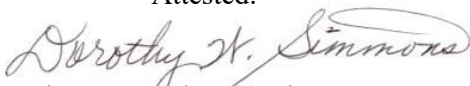
All members of this Supreme Grand Chapter are expected to make every effort to attend this Mid-Winter Conference in **full Eastern Star Regalia (including Fez)**. **Exception: Matrons DO NOT wear your crown.**

COVID: (1) For the General Meetings - COVID guidelines will be strictly followed. (2) Those who have medical conditions that prevent them from being vaccinated, the six feet rule will apply. (3) It is highly encouraged that all Grand Matrons get vaccinated. (4) Only vaccinated officers will be able to attend the Supreme Grand Chapter Staff meeting. It is time as leaders that we must step up and help our community to get vaccinated. Therefore, I highly encourage each of you to help.

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 27th day of November 2023 A.D. in the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge and State of Louisiana.

Fraternally,

Attested:

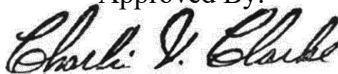


Sister Dorothy W. Simmons
Supreme Grand Secretary



Sister Shirley D. Taylor
Supreme Grand Worthy Matron

Approved By:



Honorable Charles J. Clarke, 33°
Supreme Grand Worthy Patron