

Note to Chapter Secretaries:

Please bring to Grand Chapter: extra 2024 Dues Cards & the Chapter Seal.

Please notify the Worthy Grand Patron AND the Grand Secretary (in writing and prior to March 1st) the name of any member of your chapter who wishes to receive her/his 50-year pin at Session.

NO SUPPLY ORDERS will be filled during the months of April and May.

Before September 15, 2024, please remember to submit the order for Proceedings which may have been requested by member(s) of your chapter.

*Thank you for your understanding
and cooperation!*



THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT, O.E.S., INC.

NOTE TO SECRETARIES: Pursuant to our Law, please read the *asterisked paragraphs only, of this call twice – once in your February meeting and once in your March meeting.

January 24, 2024

*To the Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Connecticut Order of the Eastern Star, Inc.

*The One Hundred and Forty-ninth Annual Session of The Grand Chapter of Connecticut will be held in the Wyndham Hotel of Southbury Friday and Saturday, April 26th and 27th 2024.

*Housing: Reservations must be made directly with the Wyndham Southbury Hotel by calling 833-720-4538. Ask for *The Grand Chapter of Connecticut, Order of the Eastern Star, Inc. Block Rate. Room Rate \$127.75 per night which includes 7.35%. 3:00 P.M. is check-in time and no rooms can be expected earlier. Check-out time is 11:00 A.M.. Use code 042424THE.*

*The Informal Opening will take place in the Nutmeg Ballroom on Thursday evening, April 25th at 7:00 P.M., with greeting and reception of appendant bodies and OES dignitaries, and other presentations. Formal attire.

*Registration Fee of **\$20.00 (non-refundable)** is required from all members attending the Grand Chapter Session. Advanced registration is preferred via enclosed form. Personal check-in at Session is a must. **Your credential document and your signed and sealed 2024 dues card are required.**

***Please keep your Session Packet AND your 2024 Dues Card on your person at all times** because business and legislation may be received and acted upon during Friday and Saturday.

*REGISTRATION and CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE on duty:

Thursday: 2 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Friday: 8 A.M. to 10 A.M. and 2 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Saturday: 8 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.- **closing promptly** at 9:30 A.M.

*No one will be permitted to register to vote after 9:30 A.M. on Saturday. **No exceptions!** Members who have not registered and who arrive late wishing to attend the Session, must register with the Grand Sentinel and must pay the required registration fee of **\$20.00**. No voting privileges for registration after 9:30 A.M.

*Your Chapter Secretary will provide information and reservation forms to all members at their request. April 1st is the deadline for all social reservations. April 1st is the deadline for housing .

PHOTOS will be taken in the Grand Chapter Meeting Room. Please be on time for group photos. Come dressed in Session attire. The Worthy Grand Matron wishes that only those who are to be photographed gather at the designated time(s):

Thursday:

5:30 P.M. – CT’s Kindness Crew Grand Officers

5:45 P.M. – CT’s Past Grand Matrons &
Past Grand Patrons

6:00 P.M. – 2023-2024 CT’s Worthy Matrons &
Worthy Patrons

Friday:

12:00 noon – Grand Representatives of
Sister Jurisdictions in/near CT

The Annual Meeting of the Eastern Star Charity Foundation of Connecticut, Inc. is scheduled for **Saturday** afternoon at 2 P.M.

*By direction of:

**Caroline V. Maselli*, Worthy Grand Matron

**Lynn S. Wakefield*, PGM – Grand Secretary

SOCIAL EVENTS (Each social event is open to everyone)

Reservations are required for everyone wishing to attend
(including guests)

**All reservation forms, with checks, must be received by
April 1, 2024**

No Refunds. No Substitutions.

Friday, April 26 th	
"Color the World with Kindness" Luncheon Buffet	\$40.00
Friday, April 26 th – Nutmeg Ballroom	\$64.00
"Two by Two" Dinner Buffet	
Saturday, April 27 th	
Grand Representatives' Early Bird Breakfast	\$33.00
Saturday, April 27 th	
The Busy Kokua – WM/WP's & AM/AP's Luncheon Buffet	\$40.00

HOSPITALITY ROOM

(hosted by CT Grand Representatives Association)

Located in the Portland Room

Wednesday: 5 P.M. to 9 P.M.

Thursday: 7 A.M. to 5 P.M.

(re-opening after the Informal Opening and closing at midnight)

Friday: 7 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS' COMMITTEE ON DUTY:

Thursday: 2 P.M. until all guests have been received
in Session

Friday: 8 A.M. until the close of the afternoon session.

Saturday: 8 A.M. to 10 A.M. and 5 P.M. until 7:30 P.M.

CREDENTIALS – Four (4) credential documents accompany this Call. One each for the 2023-2024 Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron and Associate Patron or their duly appointed proxies. These credentials must be completed by the chapter secretary, the chapter seal affixed and given to the member whose name appears thereon. To receive a ballot and 'packet' at Session, each delegate must file the credential with the Credentials Committee and show a signed & sealed 2024 Dues Card.

*Delegates are those members who are regularly elected and installed in the four top offices of the chapter, and whose names appear on the Annual Returns – (from which the Credential List is compiled). Once a credential is filed, a proxy cannot be appointed. According to Grand Chapter law, a fine of \$25.00 shall be imposed upon Chapters who are not represented at the Session by at least one of the first four officers or their legally appointed proxies.

*A Past Matron or a Past Patron who is regularly elected and installed as Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron or Associate Patron MUST REGISTER AS A DELEGATE and will not be permitted to register as a permanent member if she or he has appointed a proxy.

VOTING: Any member in good standing of a subordinate chapter of The Grand Chapter of Connecticut and registered for the session is entitled to a vote on all matters coming before the Grand Chapter Session.

*REPORTS, RESPONSES, INVOCATIONS, AND REMARKS, ETC. must be **typed, double spaced and must be filed** with the Grand Secretary **immediately** after presentation or send electronically to oesctgs@gmail.com. All remarks shall be limited to two minutes.

*2024 Proceedings: Members desiring the 2024 Proceedings are asked to place their order with their chapter secretary. The Proceedings will be available on line, in book format or as a CD. Please indicate your choice when ordering.

PARKING: Parking is free for overnight guests of the hotel. The Management of the Wyndham Southbury Hotel requests there be no Motor Homes or Campers. If this is a problem, please contact Brother J. Arthur Carbonaro, PGP at 860-546-6094 or jacarbonaro@snet.net

GENERAL CHAIRMAN:
Brother J. Arthur Carbonaro, PGP
860-402-8084 or jacarbonaro@snet.net

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS who are present at the Session will be recognized on Saturday. Any member eligible to receive a 50 year pin and not having already received it, may be presented with their pin at this time. The Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Secretary shall be notified in advance.

JUNIOR PAST MATRONS and JUNIOR PAST PATRONS OF CT (i.e. Matrons & Patrons for Sister Caroline and Brother Wayne) will receive individual instructions as to their assigned tasks.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF Sister Jurisdictions **in/near** The Grand Chapter of Connecticut (**i.e. Connecticut members**) will answer to the Roll Call and be received on Friday afternoon. Please assemble in the area outside the Grand Chapter Meeting Room. A group photo will be taken at 12 noon in the Grand Chapter Meeting Room.

*The following will be recognized on Friday afternoon:
Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions

*The following will be recognized on Saturday:
Fifty-Year Members
Secretaries & Treasurers (current & past)
Former Grand Officers
Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons