

Note to Chapter Secretaries:

Please bring to Grand Chapter: extra 2025 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, 2025, 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 20, 2025

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

*The One Hundred and Fiftieth Annual Session of The Grand
Chapter of Connecticut, “The Aloha Spirit” will be held at the
Wyndham Southbury Hotel, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April
24th through April 26th 2025.

*Housing: Reservations must be made directly with the
Wyndham Southbury Hotel by calling 203-653-8179 or online at
Wyndhamhotels.com/hotels/Southbury-ct. For OES special rate
(\$119.00 plus tax), use code **042325GRA**. 3 :00 P.M. is check-in
time and no rooms can be expected earlier. Check-out time is
11:00 A.M.

*The Informal Opening will take place in the Southford Ballroom
on Thursday evening, April 24th at 7:30 P.M., with greetings and
reception of appendant bodies and OES dignitaries not attending
Friday Formal Opening, 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 or online at **cto.es.org**. Personal check-in at Session is a must. **Your credential document and your signed and sealed 2025 dues card are required.**
Registration – Woodruff Hill, Suite B.

***Please keep your Session Packet AND your 2025 Dues Card on your person at all times** because business and legislation may be received and acted upon during Friday and Saturday. PHOTOS will be taken in the designated meeting rooms. 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).

*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 registrations 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 following designated areas:
Thursday – Nutmeg Ballroom

6:15 P.M. Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions in CT

6:20 P.M. Grand Representatives of CT in other Jurisdictions

6:25 P.M. Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions in/near Sister Grand Jurisdictions

Friday: Immediately following the Morning Session in the Southford Ballroom

2024-2025 Worthy Matrons & Worthy Patrons

2024-2025 Grand Officers and Escorts

Connecticut General Grand Chapter Committee Members

Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons

Friday:

The Annual Meeting of the Eastern Star Charity Foundation of Connecticut, Inc. is scheduled for **FRIDAY** morning.

*By direction of:

**Wendy L. Batteredton*, 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 payments, must be received by
April 1, 2025**

No Refunds. No Substitutions.

Thursday, April 24th 4:30 P.M. Gand Representatives Buffet Banquet
Nutmeg Ballroom

Friday, April 25th 12:00 P.M. Grab & Go Box Lunch – Nutmeg Ballroom

Friday, April 25th 6:00 P.M. 150th Anniversary Banquet & Ball Dinner
Southford Ballroom

Saturday, April 26th 7:00 A.M. Hearty Buffet Breakfast
Nutmeg Ballroom

Saturday, April 26th 12:00 P.M. Distinguished Guest Buffet Luncheon
Nutmeg Ballroom

Saturday, April 26th 5:00 P.M. Grab & Go Box Dinner
Nutmeg Ballroom

HOSPITALITY ROOM –

(Hosted by CT Grand Representatives Association)

Located in the Oxford Suite – Room 322/340

Wednesday 4/23: 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Thursday 4/24: 7 :00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Friday 4/25: 7:00 A.M .to 11:00 A.M.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS’ COMMITTEE ON DUTY:

Thursday: 2:00 P.M. until all guests have been received in session.

Friday: 8:00 A.M. until the close of the afternoon session.

Saturday: 8:00 A.M. until 9:30 A.M. and 5 P.M. until 7:30 P.M.

CREDENTIALS – Four (4) credential documents accompany this Call. One each for the 2025-2026 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 2025 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 sent electronically to oesctgs@gmail.com. All remarks shall be limited to two minutes.

*2025 Proceedings: Members desiring the 2025 Proceedings are asked to place their order with their chapter secretary. The Proceedings will be available on line and in book format. CDs are no longer available.

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 Gary S. Adams, PGP at 203-515-9267 or email at mrclipper69@yahoo.com.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN:

Brother Gary S. Adams, PGP

mrclipper69@yahoo.com or 203-515-9267

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS who are present at the Session will be recognized on Friday afternoon. 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 Wendy and Brother Bill) 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 Thursday evening in the Nutmeg Ballroom during the Grand Representatives Banquet.

*The following will be recognized on Friday afternoon:
Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions
Fifty-Year Members
Junior Past Matrons & Junior Past Patrons

*The following will be recognized on Saturday afternoon:
Secretaries & Treasurers (current and past)
Former Grand Officers