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**Grand Chapter of California  
Order of the Eastern Star  
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Visalia, California**

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You are most cordially invited to attend the "Treasures of Freedom" Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of California. This letter explains your housing options for our Session. Please refer to our Trifold schedule for the dates and times of specific activities and meal events.

It is very important that you reserve your room by use of our Housing Form if you are staying at one of the Headquarter Hotels, or that you use our group code for your preferred hotel choice from our Participating OES Hotels. Every room booked in one of these two ways gives us credit against the costs charged for our Grand Chapter Session. **If you have a hotel "rewards" card, you will receive credit for your room nights, however please DO NOT use your credits toward your reservation. We will not receive credit against our session costs for any room nights for which you use credits.**

The Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center and Comfort Suites Downtown are the Headquarter Hotels. **Distinguished Members, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, California Grand Officers (2017 & 2018), Grand Pages, Deputy Grand Matrons, Designated Grand Chapter Week Chairmen/Committee Members, Special Dignitaries, and Guests of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron shall be allowed to book rooms in the Headquarters Hotels.** If you fall in one of these categories and wish to stay at a Headquarters Hotel, you **must** complete the Housing Form and submit it, via email or mail, to Katie Nielsen (Housing Chair). A hotel confirmation letter will be emailed directly to you. If you do not have an email address, a confirmation letter will be mailed to the address you provided. The Marriott and Comfort Suites Downtown **are not available for online booking.** Please submit your Housing Form no later than July 7, 2017, to ensure your reservation at one of these hotels. If you are unsure if you qualify for a Headquarters Hotel, please contact the Housing Chairman to check before you send in a Housing Form..

If you are not on the list of those entitled to rooms at the Headquarters Hotels or do not wish to stay at one of the Headquarters Hotels, there are five lovely hotels from which you can choose. Any time after Monday, March 20, 2017, you can book your room through the participating hotels directly, using the group codes and contact information on the "Participating OES Hotels" flyer, available on our web site on the same page as this letter. Please note that cancellation policies vary by hotel. The deadline for reservations at any of the Participating OES Hotels is September 10, 2017.

Any member not otherwise allowed a room at one of the Headquarters Hotels who wishes to request a room there due to medical reasons **MUST** submit a doctor's letter explaining their condition and medical needs along with a completed Housing Form to the Housing Chairman for consideration. Please specify if you need a disabled access room and clearly explain what accommodations you need. (i.e. accessible/roll-in shower, open space under sink, etc.) Please contact the Housing Chairman for further details or questions. Rooms are very limited.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me.

Fraternally,  
Katie Nielsen, 2017 Housing Chairman