

GENERAL INFORMATION

General Chair: Ruth & Bill Sereni
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For those staying in either of our Headquarters Hotels (Marriott or Comfort Suites), please send your form to the Housing Chair. For all other hotels, reservations should be made directly with that hotel.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

Please be quietly seated in the Grand Chapter Session Room at least fifteen minutes before the start of your practice.

Only those participating in the practices at the designated times will be admitted into the Grand Chapter Session Room.

8:00 am Emblem Ceremony and Formal Opening

(Grand Officers, Grand Pages, participants in emblem ceremony)

8:30 am Ritualistic Opening (Grand Officers and Grand Pages)

9:30 am Entrance and Retiring Marches

(Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Deputy Grand Matrons, CA and Visiting Grand Representatives)

11:00 am Informal Opening (Honorary Marshals, Hostess and Host, General Chairmen, Grand Conductress, AGC, Bible Bearer and Escorts, and Emblem Bearers)

1:00 pm Flag Presentation (Grand Marshal, Flag Bearers)

1:30 pm Necrology (Grand Conductress, AGC, Grand Chaplain, Former Grand Esthers and Former Grand Sentinels)

2:00 pm 2024 Installation Practice (All Participants including 2023 and 2024 Grand Officers, 2023 and 2024 DGMs, CA and visiting Grand Representatives)

3:00 pm Cavalcade of Flags

(CA and Visiting Grand Representatives)

REGISTRATION

Visalia Convention Center

Tuesday	October 17	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Wednesday	October 18	8:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Thursday	October 19	8:00 am - 9:30 am 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Friday	October 20	8:00 am - 9:00 am 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Saturday	October 21	8:00 am - 9:30 am

A one-time registration fee of \$37.50 must be paid prior to attendance at any session of the Grand Chapter, except Informal Opening, Masonic Youth Session, and Installation. If lost, the credential will be replaced for an additional \$37.50. A 2023 dues receipt must be presented to pick up credentials. A validated credential must be presented for all admissions when requested.

Non-members of the Order may attend Informal Opening on Wednesday evening, Masonic Youth Session on Saturday afternoon, and Installation on Saturday evening. *(no credential required for guests)*

COURTESIES TO DIGNITARIES COMMITTEE

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DISTINGUISHED AND HONORED MEMBERS

Welcome to 2023 "Having Fun in the Southwestern Sun"

Distinguished Members (*WGMs, WGP's, PGMs, PGP's*) please refer to the Housing letter, complete the Housing Form, and submit it to the Housing Chair if you wish to stay in one of the Headquarters Hotels. All requests for Headquarters Hotel housing must be submitted no later than August 1, 2023.

Honored Members, please make your hotel reservations directly with one of the hotels listed on the Hotel Information Sheet.

Meals may be ordered and paid for online or download a meal request form and mail it with a check to the Grand Secretary. <http://oescal.org> The meal events will be available online approximately July 1.

Registration for all Distinguished and Honored Members and their escorts will be located in the Credentials Room. Please have your dues card with you when you register.

Please visit our Special Courtesies Room at the Convention Center to enjoy our hospitality.

1873 – 2023

Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star

We extend to you fraternal greetings
and invite you to attend our

One Hundred Forty-Ninth 2023

*"Having Fun in the
Southwestern Sun"*

Annual Session



October 18-21, 2023

Visalia Convention Center
303 E. Acequia Avenue
Visalia, California

Kimberlie Kruse
Worthy Grand
Matron

Gary Dunham
Worthy Grand
Patron

Tammy Kinzy
Grand Secretary

16960 Bastanchury Rd. Suite C
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TENTATIVE PROGRAM

You will receive the complete program at Grand Chapter

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

1:00 pm Credentials open

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

8:00 am Credentials and Vendors open
8:00 am – 4:00 pm Rehearsals (see schedule)
4:30 pm Distinguished Members Dinner
7:00 pm Informal Opening (formal attire)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023

8:00 am Credentials and Vendors open
9:00 am Call to Order (business attire)
Formal Opening
Annual Reports
Worthy Grand Matron
Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Secretary
Grand Treasurer
Controller
Business, Legislation and Reports
12:00 pm Dist. Guests and Grand Representatives Luncheon
2:00 pm Call to Order
Annual Reports and Presentation of Budgets
Finance Committee
Board of Trustees - Eastern Star Homes
Foundation
Necrology
7:00 pm Fun Night Kick-Off Party! (casual attire)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

8:00 am Credentials and Vendors open
9:00 am Call to Order (business attire)
Business, Legislation and Reports
10:00 am Elections - Grand Officers and Trustees of OES Homes
Business, Legislation and Reports
2:00 pm Call to Order
Senior Living Community Executive Director's Report
Business, Legislation and Reports
6:00 pm State Dinners/Socials (attire as per event flyer)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

8:00 am Credentials and Vendors open
9:00 am Call to Order (business attire)
Business, Legislation, and Reports
Closing
Farewell Address and Recessional of 2023 GOs
1:30 pm Masonic Youth Session
7:00 pm Installation of 2024 Grand Officers (formal attire)
Presentation of Past Grand Jewels

SOCIAL EVENTS

All Meal Event Reservations will be made with the **Meal Reservation Form**, available online approx. July 1 oescal.org/AnnualSession/MealEvents
Deadline for all meal events: SEPTEMBER 25, 2023
Payment may be made via credit card, PayPal, or checks in US funds to: **Grand Chapter of California**

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS DINNER

(WGMs, WGP, PGMs, PGP)

See event flyer online for cost-oescal.org.

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

4:30 pm Social 5:00 pm Dinner
Attire: Formal

Contact Person: Don Snyder

tenorplus@aol.com

Distinguished Members to receive additional information via email/US mail

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES LUNCHEON

"Come And Enjoy Our Fun In The Sun"

See event flyer online for menu and cost-oescal.org

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Noon

Attire: Straight from session

Contact Person: Barbara Johnson

bjjbrj@yahoo.com

FUN NIGHT KICK-OFF PARTY!

"Jumanji:

The Search for the Amethyst Elephant"

See event flyer online for menu and cost-oescal.org.

Thursday, October 19, 2023

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Attire: Casual

Contact Person: Julie Duty

thedutys@yahoo.com

STATE DINNERS

Friday, October 20, 2023

Meal Reservation Forms online for all State Dinners
oescal.org/AnnualSession/MealEvents

2023

"A Night at the Oasis"

See event flyer online for menu and cost-oescal.org.

6:00 pm Social 7:00 pm Dinner

Attire: Western/Jeans

Contact Person: Gina Vickerman

grvickerman@gmail.com

2024

"Holly Jolly Holiday"

See event flyer online for menu and cost-oescal.org

6:00 pm Social 6:30 pm Dinner

Attire: Casual

Contact person: Vera Bullard

vera.m.bullard@gmail.com

2025

"It's a Gift to Ride in 2025"

See event flyer online for menu and cost-oescal.org.

6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Dinner

Attire: Casual

Contact Person: Gail Hunt

Gailhunt2000@yahoo.com

2026

"Here Comes the Sun"

See event flyer online for menu and cost-oescal.org.

6:00 pm Social 6:30 pm Dinner

Attire: Casual Black & White

Contact Person: Sorrell Williams

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