Eastern Star Charity Foundation: The Annual Meeting of the Eastern Star Charity Foundation of Connecticut, Inc. will convene during the morning session.

Basket Raffle: This year's Basket Raffle will be by silent auction. Please see the enclosed flyer for specifics.



By direction of: *Jennífer L. Wíllích, WGM* Jennifer L. Willich – Worthy Grand Matron *Marílyn C. Mattoon, PGM* Marilyn C. Mattoon, PGM – Grand Secretary



CALL to THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT, O.E.S., INC. - 2021

<u>Note to Secretaries:</u> This Call must be read in full, in Chapter, during the month of May.

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

May 1, 2021

The **One Hundred and Forty-sixth Annual Session** of The Grand Chapter of Connecticut will convene on **Saturday**, **June 19, 2021** at the Scottish Rite Building (handicap accessible) 207 Deming Street, Newington CT. *Due to Covid, this Session will be open to Connecticut members only and all health mandates will be strictly enforced. Social distancing will be in place and the wearing of masks is required.* Additional parking available at 3066 Berlin Turnpike (Sphinx Temple).

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Business & Elections only 2:30 p.m.–Installation: in person attendance by invitation only

The Installation may be viewed via Zoom. The link to join Zoom will be posted on the website <u>ctoes.com</u>.

Box lunches will be available for purchase. Please see enclosed registration form.

Registration: Fee of **\$15.00** (non-refundable) is required from all members attending the Session. All registrations must be done in advance, using the enclosed form or on-line (new this year) at <u>ctoes.com</u>. There will be no in-person registration on the day of the event. All registrations must be received by May 31, 2021 and postmarked no later than May 30, 2021. **Required for check-in:** All attendees must bring with them a signed and sealed 2021Dues Card and are reminded to keep the Card on their person at all times! Those holding credentials must bring her/his credential form.

Registration and Credential Committee: The Committee will be on duty from 7:30 a.m. and <u>closing promptly</u> at 9:30 a.m. All pre-registered members must check-in during those hours and must present her/his signed and sealed 2021 Dues Receipt Card. Those holding Credentials must file the document with the Committee at the time of check-in. Any member arriving after 9:30 a.m. must check-in with the Grand Sentinel, Charles A. Rowland, P.P. Late arrivals will not receive a vote 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 <u>Worthy Matron</u>, <u>Worthy Patron</u>, <u>Associate Matron or Associate Patron</u> *must register as a delegate* and will not be permitted to register as a permanent member if she or he has appointed a proxy.

Past Matrons and Past Patrons are permanent members of The Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

Voting: Any member in good standing of a subordinate Chapter of The Grand Chapter of Connecticut is entitled to a vote on all matters coming before the Grand Chapter Session, as long as they have registered. All Reports, Responses, Invocations, etc. must be double -spaced and must be filed with the Grand Secretary before June 2, 2021. Send to either: P.O. Box 143, Plymouth, CT 06782 or <u>oesctgs@gmail.com</u>.

Distinguished Members (as follows) will be introduced from their seats. **DRESS CODE** (unless personally notified by the Worthy Grand Matron) IS STREET DRESS/BUSINESS ATTIRE. Meaning: Skirts/Dresses for the Ladies and Suits/ Jackets & Trousers for the Gentlemen. No Jeans.

> CT's General Grand Chapter Committee Members Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of CT Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons of CT Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions in/ near Connecticut 50-year members Secretaries and Treasurers of Subordinate Chapters Former Grand Officers of Connecticut

Photos will be taken after 1 p.m. (time and location to be announced) of the following groups:

2019-2021 Grand Officers (Piecemakers) Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons of CT Grand Representatives 2019-2020 Worthy Matrons & Worthy Patrons 2020-2021 Worthy Matrons & Worthy Patrons 2021-2022 Grand Officers (Memory Makers)

2021 Proceedings: Members desiring the 2021 Proceedings are asked to place the order with your Chapter Secretary. The Proceedings will be available in book format or as a CD. Please indicate your choice when ordering. Reports from 2020 will be included in the 2021 printing.