

**GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA
Order of the Eastern Star**

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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

It's a busy month for me, both personally and here at the office – by the time you read this I will have welcomed a new daughter-in-law into the Barrios zoo, er...family! Here at the office, we've gotten the C&L and IB updates to you, and should be getting the proceeding of last Grand Chapter Session to you soon.

1. The following chapters still, after several emails, owe me a **property report** and a \$50 fine: 45, 92, 141, and 390. A blank form was included in a previous communication. I also had James email you a reminder and copy of the report. It was due in my office by **MARCH 1**. I cut you all a LOT of slack last year as 2014 was the first year the due date was changed. PLEASE use that form and fill out the dollar amounts. It will make our job that much easier when we have to figure out values for insurance purposes. A PDF version and spreadsheet version are posted to the websites.
2. The cost of the **C&L and IB updates** is \$49. I'm begging you - **PLEASE** send your chapter check for \$49 made payable to "Grand Chapter of California" NOW. I should NOT have to ride herd on you all like this
3. Sister and Brother Secretaries – the annual **Festival** is around the corner! "Meet Our Stars At their Home Track" is the theme for the June 6th event, and the Secretaries and Treasurers are offering Bloody Marys (non-alcoholic, darn it!) again this year with breakfast. We did well last year, asking for donations instead of a flat charge, and will do that again this year. If you can come down and help, please contact Faye Bowen, our Chairman, at fbowe1940@verizon.net. If you can't, donations are ALWAYS gratefully appreciated – checks should be made out to the "Eastern Star Homes" with Sec/Treas. Booth in the memo line, and sent to me here at the office. If at all possible, you do NOT want to miss this fun event, complete with a car show (what else would we have in 2015?!), food trucks, shopping and fun to be had! There will also be a dinner that evening – more details on that to follow!
4. I've gotten feedback that not everyone takes or reads the minutes of the WGM/WGP's official visit or puts them in the permanent record book. A social style Official Visit is STILL an Official Visit and should have some sort of minutes taken and approved. You want a record of the business of the chapter, and the visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron IS business!! Please make sure minutes are taken, read and approved.

Ok, enough nagging for now.....I am looking forward to seeing you as we race around California!

Star love,
Maryann
Maryann Barrios, Grand Secretary

Dear Members of California:

By the time you receive this newsletter we will be on Daylight Saving time which means Spring is just around the corner. With spring come the rebirth of flowers and other blooming plants and the opportunity to enjoy the beauty that surrounds us.

Our Tri-State Event held in Laughlin Nevada was a huge success. The Worthy Grand Matrons of Arizona, California and Nevada were each given a check for \$1,500 to go toward their respective projects for 2015. This will be a wonderful addition to our Eastern Star Heart Fund Project. There were over 200 members and friends in attendance, a significant increase from the last event. Many of us enjoyed a boat ride on the Colorado River and, of course, visited our money in Nevada. The Worthy Grand Matron of Colorado was in attendance and glad to get away from the snow in her home in Colorado Springs.

At all of our Official Visits so far this year you, the members, have really embraced our Blue Star Mothers program. At each event there have been many filled bags and at some there even have been filled boxes in addition to the bags. The area representatives from Blue Star Mothers have attended many of the Official Visits and have been overwhelmed by our support. For those of you whose Official Visit is over, we would appreciate your continued support of this program thru the end of this year.

Our Fiesta at our Senior Living Community will be here before we know it. Look for a special flyer in this mailing for more details. Please plan to bring your family and friends to the Fiesta and show them our beautiful facility and enjoy all the booths, vendors and car show.

The 2015 Grand Officers are enjoying racing around California and meeting the members at their local race tracks. They look forward to visiting with you when we are in your area.

Remember, the race car driver is only as successful as their support team so support your Chapter by attending your meetings and participating in Chapter events.

Martha Peters
Worthy Grand Matron

Roger Nieder
Worthy Grand Patron

March 23, 2015

(Chapter Secretaries...please read at your next stated meeting. This letter is time sensitive.)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We need your assistance and support!

During our installation speeches at our 2014-15 Grand Chapter Installation we requested that each chapter create a Strategic Plan as well as concentrate on membership recruitment during the 2015 Grand Chapter year.

To assist our chapters we requested that the 2015 Leadership Committee at the 2015 IMPACT sessions present a training program concentrating on Strategic Planning and Membership.

Our California Leadership Committee has just completed four training sessions throughout the state. Their program included modules on creating a Strategic Plan, OES membership statistics and a Recruitment plan for new members. We thank the Leadership Team for presenting an informative and motivating training program.

At the 2015 IMPACT sessions, materials were presented to those in attendance which included a template for the Strategic Plan as well as sample vision statements. Those documents are attached to this letter. There is also a brief instruction sheet attached to the documents.

Please have your chapter review the instruction sheet and read the entire Strategic Plan. Thereafter present the signed Strategic Plan to your chapter. Make sure you inform your local Membership Committee and Deputy Grand Matron that you have a signed Strategic Plan.

Completed strategic plans must be submitted to your Deputy Grand Matron by July 1, 2015.

Once you have a signed Strategic Plan then begin working on the implementation of the plan within your chapter. The Leadership Team is available at caoesimpact@gmail.com if you need assistance.

Recognition of those chapters that have a signed and implemented Strategic Plan will be given at Grand Chapter.

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The Leadership Team also presented alarming statistics regarding the number of members in our Order. It is clear that our membership is decreasing at a fast and frightening pace. We are concerned about the future of Eastern Star in California. Remember to start working on your Strategic Plan, recruit new members by presenting them with a petition to your Chapter and welcome them into your Chapter.

It is our desire that the members of the each chapter work together for a continued growth pattern for the future of our Order by creating their strategic plan as well as recruiting new members.

Thank you so much for your anticipated support.

Fraternally,

Martha Peters
Worthy Grand Matron

Roger Nieder
Worthy Grand Patron

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INSTRUCTION SHEET - STRATEGIC PLAN

The model Chapter Strategic Plan is drafted for your consideration and use. It is a template or model plan. It is based on the Grand Chapter's Strategic Plan which was implemented in 2013 with the collaboration of the Grand Line. Please feel free to expand the document so it meets the needs, values and culture of your Chapter.

Remember that the Strategic Plan is what is called a "work in progress". It can be amended or modified. The work and assignments to implement the plan should be delegated among the Line Officers and members of your Chapter.

Once the Strategic Plan has been presented to and approved by your Chapter make sure you give a copy to your Chapter's Membership Committee. **Deliver a copy to your Deputy Grand Matron by July 1, 2015.**

Instructions on completing the Model Strategic Plan:

1. Read the four page model Strategic Plan and one page model Vision statement
2. Discuss the model Strategic Plan and Vision statement with your elected line officers
3. **6 Easy steps to follow:**
 - a. Insert name and chapter number on page 1
 - b. Insert Chapter Vision Statement on page 1
 - i. Use 2005 Chapter Vision Statement, if you still have it
 - ii. Create a new Vision Statement
 - iii. Use one of the model Vision statements
 - c. Strategic Initiative # 2 – Leadership and Training, statement # 3, page 2
 - i. Circle either monthly or quarterly
 - d. Strategic Initiative # 3 – Community Service/ Outside Donations, statement # 2, page 3
 - i. Circle one – annually/semi-annually/quarterly
 - e. Strategic Initiative # 5- Membership, statement # 7, page 4
 - i. Circle either annually or semi-annually
 - f. Approval and Signatures – page 4
 - i. Get signatures from your elected Line Officers
4. Present and read the signed document to your Chapter members
5. Have your Chapter Members approve the document
6. Implement the plan
 - a. Start working on the plan immediately
 - b. Delegate duties and assignments
7. Review your Chapter's progress

SAMPLE VISION STATEMENTS

Sample 1:

We are a philosophical family of Sisters and Brothers who have been transformed by our initiation into the Order of the Eastern Star. True to our Masonic heritage, we are banded together for self-improvement, social enjoyment and service. Through our Ritual and sharing our individual understandings of its Masonic principles, we learn more about ourselves and our relationship with our Creator and each other, each choosing from what we have learned and shared to make life more complete and fulfilling. We are a diverse group from many faiths and heritages, loving one another for who we are. This love extends beyond our Masonic family as we work also for the betterment of our communities. We enjoy one another's company, not only at chapter meetings but also in our homes and in our community work. We are Dr. Rob Morris Chapter.

Sample 2:

We are a group of Sisters and Brothers who have come together for friendship, fellowship, family, social enjoyment and service. We share the principles of Masonry and Eastern Star and work together for our own personal growth and the growth of others.

Sample 3:

We are members of Eastern Star. We are committed to an environment of fun, family and friendship. Our teachings are based on the heroines of our Order. We are dedicated to charitable endeavors within and outside of our Order. We are committed to community service and working with our Masonic Family.

CHAPTER STRATEGIC PLAN 2015-2017

_____ Chapter, No. _____

Eastern Star

Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization for men and women. Our fundamental landmarks include the belief in a Supreme Being and lessons that are scriptural, teachings that are moral, and purposes that are beneficent. We are guided by the tenets of Freemasonry which are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Our teachings are based on the lessons of the heroines of our Order which include fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love.

Grand Chapter Mission:

The mission of the Grand Chapter of California is to provide an atmosphere of fellowship and friendship while promoting charitable endeavors and community service. The Grand Chapter charters and guides Eastern Star Chapters within California and provides valuable resources and unity to Chapters and members.

Grand Chapter Vision Statement:

The Order of the Eastern Star is a fraternal organization of men and women committed to providing an environment of friendship and fellowship, regardless of age, by implementing innovative ideas, facilitating positive change, and planning for the future while working cohesively with our Masonic Family.

Grand Chapter Vision:

1. Overall Goals – Mutual Respect, Service and Membership
2. Achieved by 6 Strategic Initiatives – Ritual, Leadership, Charities, Community Service, Membership and Communication
3. Local Strategic Plan to follow the guidelines and initiatives of State Strategic Plan for California Eastern Star (2013-2017)

Chapter Vision Statement:

Strategic Initiative # 1 – Ritual

1. What we hope to accomplish – Create a system of training and education which assures that everyone who holds an office is proficient in their Ritual work and which increases the level of knowledge and understanding for our members in the meaning of the Ritual.
2. Duties of the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and Officers - Ritual
 - a. The Worthy Patron will meet with each of his officers within one month after Installation and preferably prior to the Chapter's first meeting practice called by the DGM to work on the officer's Ritual work and proficiency.
 - b. The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron will prepare a folder for each Chapter officer with that officer's special Ritual Instructions and any other materials for the year.
 - c. The Worthy Matron, with the assistance of the Worthy Patron, will assign each new officer a mentor to assist with the Ritual.
3. Duties of Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron – Education
 - a. The Worthy Matron, with the assistance of the Worthy Patron and their Membership Committee, will create a plan for the presentation of knowledge and educational programs at Chapter meetings or events. Such programs could include a walk-about, reading materials, lectures, guest speakers or discussion groups.

Strategic Initiative # 2 – Leadership and Training

1. What we hope to accomplish – Educate chapter leaders/members in Leadership and Management skills prior to taking office as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.
2. Worthy Matron will encourage Officers and Members to attend:
 - a. All Member Instructional (AMI)
 - b. IMPACT session
 - c. Conductress/Associate Conductress Retreat
 - d. Associate Matron & Associate Patron Workshop
 - e. Association Meetings
3. Worthy Matron will schedule Chapter Line Officer Meetings **monthly / quarterly**.
4. Worthy Matron, with the assistance of the Chapter Line Officers, will review the strategic plan yearly and update, at minimum, every five years.

Strategic Initiative # 3 – Eastern Star Charities

1. What we hope to accomplish – Increase awareness of and contribution to our Eastern Star Charities.
2. Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron will help educate our members on the available charities and services offered by our Order.
 - a. The Worthy Matron will encourage educational programs about our charities by inviting speakers from Grand Chapter to present information to the Chapter.
 - b. Provide and present Brochures and Packets to members with a list of available charities and a list of the services provided (to be obtained from Grand Chapter and the Worthy Matron/Worthy Patron Handbooks).
 - c. The Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron and Associate Patron will explore new programs for the Chapter to contact members in need of services.
 - d. Expand the use of a “single-point-of contact” campaign to reach members.
 - e. The Worthy Matron will calendar chapter events for the purpose of donating funds for specific OES charities.
 - f. The Worthy Matron will calendar chapter activities to work on charitable projects such as Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program, We Care Program and/or Relay for Life.

Strategic Initiative # 4 – Community Service and Outside Donations

1. What we hope to accomplish – To raise community awareness of Eastern Star and its value by participating in community service and charitable activities in our local community so as to be “visible”, “present” and “involved” in the community. To provide greater interest in Chapter activities by offering members opportunities to participate in community service and charitable activities. To increase involvement in Masonic Family activities to promote stronger relationships and better integration with related bodies.
2. The Worthy Matron will calendar **annually / semiannually / quarterly** community service project(s).
3. The Worthy Matron will partner with other organizations in our Masonic Family to participate at community events.

Strategic Initiative # 5 - Membership

1. What we hope to accomplish – To have every eligible member or affiliate of our Masonic Lodges and every member of our Youth Groups upon attaining Majority status desire to join Eastern Star and to encourage eligible members in our community who are not currently in the Masonic Family to join an appropriate organization. To retain every new initiate and member and assure that they become active and eager participants in our Chapter.
2. The Worthy Matron will calendar social, fraternal and educational programs.
3. The Worthy Matron, with the assistance of the Worthy Patron, will assign new members a mentor.
4. Our Chapter will have an active working Membership Committee focusing on increasing attendance and addressing the needs of our members.
5. The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, with the assistance of the members of our Chapter, will create and institute the use of a membership attraction program for our Chapter.
6. The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, with the assistance of the members of our Chapter, will create and institute the use of a member retention program for our Chapter.
7. The Worthy Matron will calendar a social activity **annually / semi-annually** that is open to friends and family members.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE # 6 – Communication

1. What we hope to Accomplish – To keep communications open at all levels of Eastern Star to promote the Order as a whole and each Chapter’s activities and growth.
2. Our Chapter will have a means of monthly communication with our members, whether implemented by newsletter, phone tree, internet or a combination of methods.
3. Our Chapter will have a means of communicating emergency messages to all our members.
4. Our Chapter will use social media and other innovative means of communication to promote Eastern Star.
5. Our Chapter will regularly communicate our events and activities with local Chapters and encourage them to communicate with us.

Approved on: _____

Worthy Matron: _____

Worthy Patron: _____

Associate Matron: _____

Associate Patron: _____

Conductress: _____

Associate Conductress: _____

BILL FOR CONSTITUTION & LAWS
AND INSTRUCTION BOOK

March 2, 2015

PLEASE RETAIN THIS PORTION OF THE BILL FOR YOUR RECORDS

You have been sent eight (8) copies of the 2014 Amendments to the Constitution and Laws for the eight Constitutions & Laws and eight (8) copies of the 2014 Amendments to the Instruction Book provided to your chapter by Grand Chapter.

The cost of these amendments is \$ 49.00.

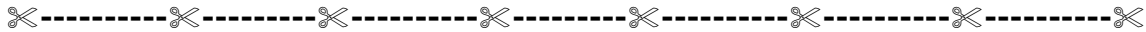
If you need additional copies of these amendments, they are available through the Grand Chapter Office. Please use the Price List that will be sent to you.

Please **send the lower portion of the bill** with your check payable to **GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, O.E.S.** Payment is due by June 30, 2015.

Grand Chapter of California, O.E.S.
16960 Bastanchury Road, Suite E
Yorba Linda, CA 92886-1711

FOR YOUR RECORDS:

Date Paid: _____ Check Number: _____



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Date Paid: _____ Check Number: _____

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Price list for 2014 Constitution & Laws and Instruction Book

The prices for the 2014 C&L and IB and amendments are as follows:

Constitution & Laws —	\$35.00
Instruction Book —	\$13.00
Both: C&L and IB —	\$48.00
C&L Amendments —	\$6.00
IB Amendments —	\$2.00
Both: Amendments —	\$7.00

Volume discounts are available from the Grand Chapter office at the following prices:

#	C&L	IB	C&L and IB	C&L Amendments	IB Amendments	C&L and IB Amendments
1	\$35.00	\$13.00	\$48.00	\$6.00	\$2.00	\$7.00
2	\$70.00	\$26.00	\$96.00	\$10.00	\$4.00	\$14.00
3	\$105.00	\$38.00	\$143.00	\$16.00	\$6.00	\$21.00
4	\$140.00	\$48.00	\$188.00	\$20.00	\$8.00	\$26.00
5	\$175.00	\$60.00	\$233.00	\$25.00	\$9.00	\$32.00
6	\$210.00	\$71.00	\$277.00	\$28.00	\$11.00	\$37.00
7	\$245.00	\$81.00	please call	\$32.00	\$12.00	\$43.00
8	\$280.00	\$92.00	please call	\$36.00	\$14.00	\$49.00
9	please call	\$103.00	please call	\$40.00	\$15.00	\$53.00
10	please call	\$114.00	please call	\$44.00	please call	\$58.00

The above prices are for all of the items. So, two sets of C&L and IB are \$96.00. The price that will be listed on the order form will only be the price for one C&L and one IB — please remember that there is a discount when more than one is purchased. If you want more than 10 of the above items, please call for a price.

In addition to the above prices, the Constitution & Laws, Instruction Books, and Amendments **may** be available at Grand Chapter event (they are available for pickup at the Grand Chapter office) at the following prices: Constitution & Laws — \$30.00; Instruction Book — \$10.00; 2014 C&L Amendments — \$3.00; 2014 IB Amendments — \$2.00. Please do not go to one of these events and expect to pick up large numbers of these items. If you call this office, we may be able to make arrangements to have a large order delivered to one of these events. But if you go to an event and expect to purchase more than four, you may be asked to wait until the end of the event.

If you wish to purchase more than 10 of any item, please call, 714.986.2380, or email, supply@oesca.org, Jim Hannum at the Grand Chapter Office. We may be able to reduce the price even further for larger orders. In fact, this is available to any large order of supplies. If you will contact Jim Hannum about a large order, he may be able to give you a discount from the price listed on the order form.

Price list for 2015 Rosters

The 2015 Roster will listed on the order form at the following price:

Roster - \$11.00

Multiple Roster can be shipped from the Grand Chapter office at the following prices:

#	Roster Price - Total	#	Roster Price - Total
1	\$11.00	6	\$56.00
2	\$21.00	7	\$64.00
3	\$31.00	8	\$72.00
4	\$40.00	9	\$80.00
5	\$48.00	10	\$87.00

The above prices are the total price to ship that number of Rosters. The price that will be listed on the order form will only be the price for one Roster. Please remember that there is a discount when more than one are purchased.

If you call this office, we may be able to make arrangements to have a large order delivered to one of these events. But if you go to an event and expect to purchase more than four, you may be asked to wait until the end of the event.

If you wish to purchase more than 10 of the Rosters, please call, 714.986.2380, or email, supply@oesca.org, Jim Hannum at the Grand Chapter Office.

Please remember that, in general, a discount may large order of any supplies.



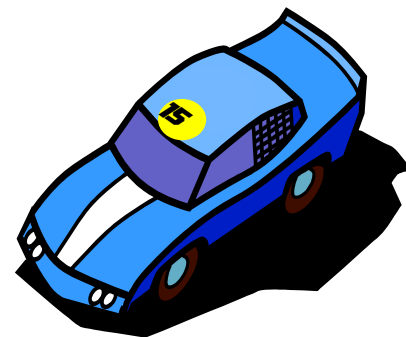
***Meet Our All Stars
At Their Home Track***

***Saturday, June 6, 2015
9am—4pm***

***Senior Living Community
for the Eastern Star
16850 Bastanchury Road
Yorba Linda
(Corner of Rose and Prospect)***

***Food * Car Show
Kid Zone * Jewelry
Formals/Costumes * Books
Community Vendors * Estate Sale***

***Albert & Sharon Jazwiecki
2015 State Chairmen
sharonkjz@gmail.com
714.602.9115***



The 16th Annual OES Summer Festival & Car Show

T-shirt Pre-Sale Order Form

Order by May 15th and save \$5 per shirt!

A limited amount of event T-shirts will be on sale at the event for \$15.



What color will it be?

	Price Each By May 15th	Price Each After May 15th	Qty.	Total
Adult S	\$10	\$15		
Adult M	\$10	\$15		
Adult L	\$10	\$15		
Adult XL	\$10	\$15		
Adult XXL	\$10	\$15		
Adult XXXL	\$10	\$15		
Grand Total				

Name:	
Phone Number:	Email Address:
Check enclosed (payable to Eastern Star Homes):	
Please charge my credit card (Visa/Mastercard): #	
Expiration date	
CVV Code	
Billing Name	
Billing Address	
Billing City, State Zip	
<p>Please submit all orders by May 15th to qualify for the Pre-Sale Pricing. Orders should be sent to: Emily Clark c/o Summer Festival 16850 Bastanchury Road Yorba Linda, CA 92886.</p> <p>T-shirts will be ready to pick up Wednesday, Thursday & Friday June 3 - June 5th from 10:00 - 12:00 pm at the SLC. Or, they will be available to pick up at the Information Booth at the Summer Festival & Car Show from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.</p>	

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA
Order of the Eastern Star
Grand Chapter Week 2015**

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Dear Eastern Star Members:

March 2015

You are invited to attend the 142nd "Victory Lane" Session of the Grand Chapter of California to be held in Visalia, California, October 13th - 17th, 2015. Informal opening is on Wednesday evening, October 14th, with Installation of the 2016 Grand Officers on Saturday, October 17th at 7:30 p.m.

It is very important that you make your reservation through Grand Chapter Housing, using 1 of the 2 below listed options, because every room booked directly through housing saves on the cost of Grand Chapter Sessions, which will help determine costs for future convention facilities and hotel room rates. **If you have a hotel "rewards" card, you will receive credit for your room nights. However, please DO NOT use your credits to reserve a room on your own as Grand Chapter Sessions Week will not receive credit for any of those room nights.**

This year you have **TWO OPTIONS** for making your hotel reservations:

Option #1 – Beginning on Monday, March 17, 2015 book your room online or by calling the participating hotels directly, using the group codes and contact information (online link and phone number) on the enclosed "Participating OES Hotels" flyer. This option is available 24 hours 7 days a week. Please note that cancellation policies vary by hotel property.

Option #2: Complete the housing form and email or mail it to Katie Nielsen (Housing Chair). A hotel confirmation letter will be emailed directly to your email address after the Housing Chair receives and submits your housing reservation through the online housing system. If you do not have an email address, a confirmation letter will be mailed to your address listed.

DISTINGUISHED AND HONORED MEMBERS, DESIGNATED GRAND CHAPTER WEEK CHAIRMAN/COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND SPECIAL DIGNITARIES AND GUESTS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON: You MUST complete the Housing Form and submit per Option #2 if you desire to stay at one of the Headquarters Hotels. The Marriott and Comfort Suites Downtown are not available for online booking. Please submit your Housing Form prior to July 6th to ensure your reservation at one of these hotels. If you **DO NOT wish to stay at the Headquarters Hotels, you may complete your reservation through the online process in Option #1.**

The Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center and Comfort Suites Downtown are the Headquarters Hotels and are for Distinguished and Honored members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Pages, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members and special dignitaries requested by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Key Grand Chapter Committee Chairman and committee members have been designated by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for housing at these hotels. If you have not been contacted by the Housing Chairman that the Worthy Grand Matron has approved you for Headquarters Hotels, please DO NOT make this request.

If you are not in one of those categories you will not be able to book a room at these two hotels. There are a limited number of rooms available and we are sorry that we cannot offer these hotels to the general membership.

DEADLINE FOR ALL RESERVATIONS VIA OPTION #1 OR #2 IS SEPTEMBER 11TH.

Any member requesting the Marriott or Comfort Suites Downtown due to medical reasons **MUST** submit a doctor's letter explaining their condition and attach that note to the housing form using **Option #2**. Please specify if you need a handicapped room and clearly explain what accommodations you need. (i.e handicap accessible/roll-in shower etc.)

We hope you will be able to attend and enjoy the events planned for this session. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me.

Fraternally,
Katie Nielsen
2015 Housing Chairman

Housing Form

“Victory Lane” 2015 California Grand Chapter Session

Deadline for reservations:

Headquarter Hotels (Marriott & Comfort Suites) – July 6, 2015 – All other hotels September 11, 2015

Cancellations MUST be made based on individual Hotel policy agreement made at the time of booking. Please refer to your Hotel's cancellation policy for information.

Mail or email this form to: Katie Nielsen, Housing Chairman
P.O. Box 911 (209) 599-9530
Ripon, CA 95366 Email: gchousing2015@yahoo.com

This form is also available on the Grand Chapter Session page of the California members website oescal.org or for Out-of-State members at oescal.org/old website

I/We will attend the 142nd Session of the Grand Chapter of California October 12-17, 2015 in Visalia:

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

Home Phone/Cell _____ Email _____

Chapter Name & Number or Jurisdiction _____

Hotel (Please indicate 3 *different* choices)

#1 Choice* _____ #2 Choice _____ #3 Choice _____

Accommodation request: Single (1 bed) _____ Double (2 beds) _____

Check In Date: _____ Check Out Date: _____

Names of those sharing the room:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

_____ **Medical request for Marriott or Comfort Suites. A letter from your doctor must accompany this form. Please be specific as to what you need.**

Other special requests _____

To hold your reservation, please provide your credit card information. **PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY.**

Name of Card Holder _____ Signature _____

Type of Credit Card _____ Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Billing Address (if different than above) _____

Billing Phone Number (if different than above) _____

Room confirmations:

If you provided email address – Confirmation will be emailed to you

If you did not provide email address – Confirmation will be mailed to you thru the U.S. Postal Service

***Marriott & Comfort Suites are the Headquarters Hotel for Distinguished and Honored members. Please see the attached housing letter for information regarding reservations at the Headquarters Hotels.**

**“VICTORY LANE”
Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star
2015 Grand Chapter Session**

HOTEL INFORMATION

Events are held at the Convention Center — 303 E. Acequia Ave, Visalia

PROPERTY NAME	RATE	DISTANCE TO CONV. CTR	BREAKFAST
HAMPTON INN 4747 W. Noble Avenue	\$115.00 + <i>tax</i>	Approx. 2.7 Mile	Yes (Continental)
LAMP LITER INN 3300 W. Mineral King Avenue	\$106.00 + <i>tax</i>	Approx. 3.5 Mile	Yes (Continental)
FAIRFIELD INN BY MARRIOTT 140 S. Akers Street	\$115.00 + <i>tax</i>	Approx. 4.3 Miles	Yes (Continental)
COMFORT INN & SUITES 9300 W. Airport Drive	\$77.00 + <i>tax</i>	Approx. 6.4 Miles	Yes (Continental)
HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER 9000 W. Airport Drive	\$104.00 + <i>tax</i>	Approx. 6.4 Miles	(2) \$5 off breakfast Coupons for on site Restaurant.

The following hotels are for Distinguished and Honored members and must be booked through the housing chair:

MARRIOTT HOTEL** 300 S. Court Street	\$125.00 + <i>tax</i>	Attached	No (Restaurant on site)
COMFORT SUITES DOWNTOWN** 210 E. Acequia Avenue	\$110.00 + <i>tax</i>	Across the Street	Yes (Continental)

****ALL Distinguished and Honored Members, Designated Grand Chapter Week Chairman/ Committee Members and special dignitaries and guests of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron MUST complete the attached housing form to reserve a room at the Headquarters Hotels. Please see the Housing Letter for more detail.**

To obtain tourist information on the Visalia area, please visit the following website: <http://www.visitvisalia.org>



Grand Chapter of California ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Visalia California Hotel Accommodations

Grand Chapter Session: October 14-17, 2015

Comfort Inn & Suites: \$77.00 + tax



9300 W. Airport Drive
Visalia, CA 93277
**Group Code: Order of Eastern
Star**
Call: (800) 424-6423

Holiday Inn: \$104.00 + tax



9000 W. Airport Drive
Visalia, CA 93277
Group Code: Eastern Star (ESR)
Call: (800) holiday

Click here to book online: [Eastern Star](#)

Fairfield Inn: \$115 + tax



140 S. Akers
Visalia, CA 93291
Group Code: OESS
Call: (559) 636-7600

Lamp Liter Inn: \$106.00 + tax



3300 W. Mineral King Avenue
Visalia, CA 93291
Group Code: Order Eastern Star
Call: (559) 732-4511

Hampton Inn: \$115.00 + tax



4747 W. Noble Avenue
Visalia, CA 93277
Group Code: OES
Call: (559) 732-3900

Click here to book online: [Hampton Inn](#)

Visalia Convention & Visitors Bureau

For Information about the City of Visalia and for things to do in the area please go to our website by clicking the icon below:



*rates are for room charge only, applicable tax is 10.06%

*please note that these discounted group bookings must be cancelled per each properties cancellation policy to avoid one nights room/tax charges, and cannot be combined with any other offer

**2015 Grand Chapter Session
COMMITTEE ROOM REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE:

CHAIRMAN/CONTACT PERSON:

_____ **PHONE:** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

ZIP: _____

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION: WORK PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

DATE(S) ROOM NEEDED: _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MEETING ACTIVITY:

NAME OF ROOM REQUESTED (If a specific room is being requested):

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS:

- Table(s) – No. needed: _____

- Chairs – No. needed: _____

- Microphone(s) – No. needed: _____

- Modesty Skirts – No. needed _____

- Head table required – No. needed: _____

**To help keep costs at a minimum for our Grand Session, please order only
that equipment which is essential for your committee's needs.**

Thank you!

Return form to:
Cynthia Smiley
120 Donnas Ln
Hollister CA 95023
Cooke13@aol.com

**LINDA KEPHART
CHAIRMAN OF ELECTION BOARD
2015 GRAND CHAPTER WEEK**

3516 Inglewood Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90066-2816
310/390-6364 ~ Email: catlover.la@gmail.com

March 2015

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is time to start making plans for our 2015 session of Grand Chapter to be held in Visalia. As Chairman of the Election Board for the upcoming convention, I need volunteers to serve on this very important committee.

The Election Board is responsible for the collection and counting of all written ballots. Any member of Grand Chapter may serve on this Committee. Members will be assigned to collect ballots while others will count ballots.

There will be an orientation meeting for the Election Board Committee on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 after 12 noon (time to be determined later). All members of the committee are required to attend this meeting. You will also need to attend all business meetings during Grand Chapter Week since a written ballot may be called for at any time.

If you are interested in serving on this important committee, please complete the form below and mail it to me at the address listed above. Even if you have served on the committee in previous years, you must let me know. Please respond no later than August 1st so I can plan assignments. I will send further information to you in September. Contact me if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.

Linda Kephart

Chairman
Election Board

2015 ELECTION BOARD COMMITTEE

I am interested in serving on the Election Board. I have _____ have not _____ served before.

I can climb stairs _____ I cannot climb stairs _____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Chapter Name and # _____

Hearts of Love



“GO RED”



WGM and WGP

2015 Special Project Dinner



June 6, 2015
Dinner 6:30 PM



\$35.00 Donation to the “Heart Fund”

Checks payable to California Eastern Star Foundation
Memo: Heart Fund 2015 WGM & WGP Project
Dinner by “Surf City Catering”

Join the fun!

Silent Auction of Gift Baskets!

Something new in the South, a Dessert Contest.

Our Southern Chapters’ top chefs will provide desserts for us to taste.

We will vote for best in taste and presentation. Prizes will be awarded!



WEAR RED - (No Jeans or Shorts)

Help to build healthier lives free of cardiovascular disease and strokes.



To RSVP or for more information contact, Janice Mullard PM,

Email: mullardrj@att.net or cell 714-310-9126



Place: DeMolay Center Anaheim,
303 W. Lincoln Ave., Anaheim CA 92805

All proceeds will be used to support the sponsor’s fraternal purpose 2015 WGM/WGP project - “Heart Fund”



Hearts of Love Dinner

Top Chefs Dessert Contest



We are looking for 10
Eastern Star Sisters or Brothers to make their
Best tasting Desserts!

We are asking you to donate them
as part of the “Hearts of Love” Dinner
on Saturday, June 6th at 6:30pm

The “Hearts of Love” Dinner Guests
will be the judges and vote for “Best in Taste”
“Best Presentation”. Prizes will be awarded!

- ♥ Portion sizes need to be approximately 1 ½ oz. serving
- ♥ You will need to bring enough dessert for 140 portions
- ♥ You will be given a container to place your portions into at the dinner
- ♥ If your desserts require temperature control, then you will need to provide it yourself
- ♥ Your dessert will be judged on its taste and presentation

**To enter or for more information contact, Janice Mullard PM,
Email: mullardrj@att.net or cell 714-310-9126**

*Order of the Eastern Star
Fun Day at Hearst Castle*

Saturday, June 13, 2015

10:00 a.m. (check in)



**Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument
750 Hearst Castle Road, San Simeon, CA 93452
(40 minutes northwest of San Luis Obispo on Highway 1)**

Group Rate

\$22.50 (adults)

\$10.80 (children ages 5-12)

**Price includes 45-minute guided tour, 40-minute movie,
and museum. Lunch is not included.**

**The Grand Rooms Tour includes about 106 steps, both up and down,
and a 2/3-mile walk. An Accessibly Designed Grand Rooms Tour
(wheelchair accessible) is available for those who may have difficulty
standing and walking.**

**Advance Ticket Sales Only - No Refunds!
Payment must be received by Friday, May 15, 2015.**

To register, send attached registration form and check per instructions.

**For more information, contact Kim Chudoba
at (805) 937-3280 or kimchudoba@yahoo.com.**

*William Randolph Hearst built a private retreat high above the Pacific on a site he called
The Enchanted Hill. Join us for the Grand Rooms Tour to get a broad overview of this
spectacular estate. Then explore the lavish gardens and pools at your leisure.*

*After your tour and stroll, check out the cafe, coffee bar, and deli in the visitor center.
Order off the menu or grab-n-go; then enjoy fellowship with our group. To learn more
about Mr. Hearst's legacy, see the museum and movie. And yes, there is a gift shop!*

Registration Form

**Order of the Eastern Star
Fun Day at Hearst Castle
Saturday, June 13, 2015 10:00 a.m.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Chapter Name and Number: _____

If you are making reservations for others, please list their names:

Adult Ticket x \$22.50 = \$ _____

Child (ages 5-12) Ticket x \$10.80 = \$ _____

Accessibly Designed Tour Adult Ticket x \$22.50 = \$ _____

Accessibly Designed Tour Child (ages 5-12) Ticket x \$10.80 = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Price includes 45-minute guided tour, 40-minute movie, and museum. Lunch is ***not*** included.

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who may have difficulty standing and walking.

Payment must be received by Friday, May 15, 2015.
Advance Ticket Sales Only - No Refunds!

Mail this form with check payable to Kim Chudoba (write Hearst Castle on memo) to:

Kim Chudoba
P. O. Box 1271
Santa Maria, CA 93456

For more information, contact Kim Chudoba at (805) 937-3280 or kimchudoba@yahoo.com.

The Track is Humming, the Moose are Running

Please Join District #30 for our Annual
J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund Breakfast

L.A. Harbor Masonic Center
1640 W. 9th St., San Pedro, 90731

Sunday April 19th, 2015

Time: 8:00 am to Noon

Menu Includes:
Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits,
Sausage, Gravy,
Juice, Coffee or Tea

Adults: \$8.00

Children under 8: \$5.00

General Chairman: Drury Ann Wisdom,
Deputy Grand Matron
(714) 335-5294

Assisted by the Worthy Matrons and
Worthy Patrons of the District

Please make checks payable to: Drury Ann Wisdom
Donations cheerfully accepted and are tax deductible
Breakfast tickets are not tax deductible

Proceeds will be used to support the sponsors' fraternal purposes.

District 29 Presents:
Beach Party!!

A Social Style Official Visit of
Martha Peters, Worthy Grand Matron And
Roger Nieder, Worthy Grand Patron



**April 18, 2015
at 7:30PM**

**El Segundo Masonic Center
520 Main Street
El Segundo, CA**

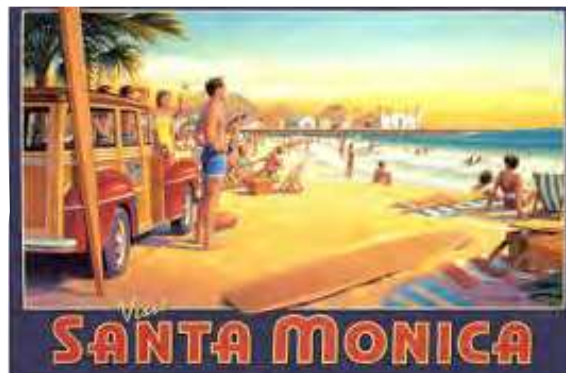
Ocean Park #245

Nova Star #319

Fuchsia #425

Dr. Rob Morris #651

*Life's a
Beach!*



**Parking in the lot is limited. Street parking is
available but please read all posted signs!**

RSVP by April 1 to Christie Ferreria, DGM
christieferreria@gmail.com or 310-691-3805



The Officers & Members of
District 32
invite you to

“CELEBRATE SPRING”

at the Official Visit
of
Worthy Grand Matron Martha Peters
and
Worthy Grand Patron Roger Neider

Sunday, April 19, 2015
1:00 PM

Orange Masonic Center
71 Plaza Square
Orange, CA 92866

Chapters of District 32
Ami Tai #147 (Brea)
San Clemente Saddleback #524 (Lake Forest)
Scepter #163 (Orange)
Seaside #259 (Huntington Beach)
Yorba Linda #347 (Yorba Linda)

Formal Attire

RSVP by April 6th to
April Hannum, DGM
17027 Leal Avenue
Cerritos, CA 90703
562-926-5169
aprilhannum.oes@gmail.com

Shuttle Service is provided from the
Public Parking Lot on the corner of Lemon & Maple

For information about Shuttle Service go to
<http://www.scepter163.org/parking-shuttle>

For information on Public Parking Lots in Downtown Orange go to
<http://www.cityoforange.org/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=2372>

Evangeline #9, Crystal #57 & Penrhyn #159



**“THE FOOTHILL 497 1/2...
ONE LAP TO GO!”**

**District 6 invites you to a Traditional Style Official Visit of
Martha Peters, Worthy Grand Matron
and
Roger Nieder, Worthy Grand Patron**

Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 1:00 pm

John H. Robinson Memorial Masonic Hall
956 1/2 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603

Lunch - 11:30 am
Formal Attire Please

Bring Your Favorite “Hot Wheels” Car to Compete On Our Race Track!

RSVP by April 26th: Cindy Murphy, DGM (916) 409-5101
or bcmurf22@gmail.com

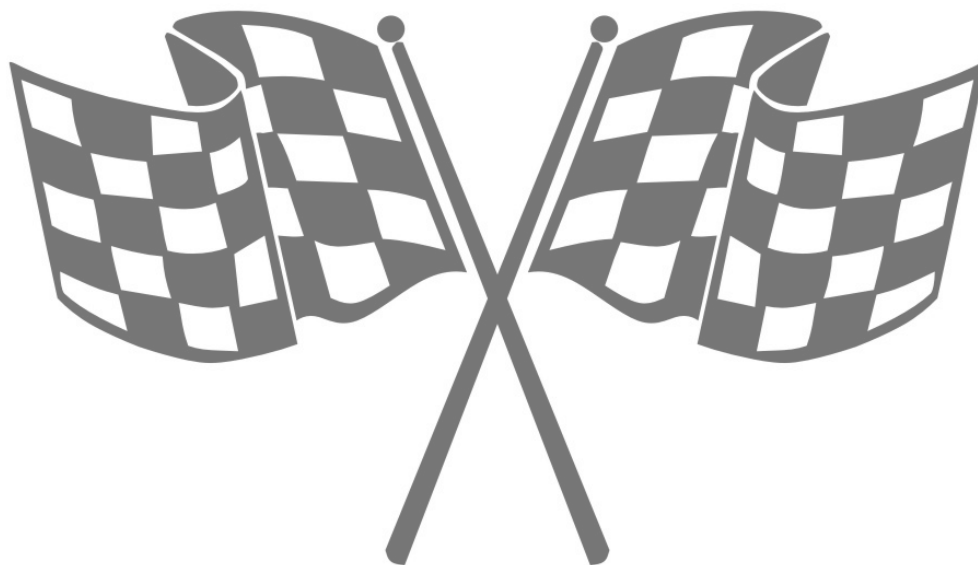
John H. Robinson Masonic Hall - AUBURN
956 1/2 Lincoln Way
Auburn, CA 95603

From the North or South
Take I-80 East towards Reno
Take the Hwy 49 Exit in Auburn
Turn RIGHT at light
Turn LEFT onto LINCOLN WAY
Masonic Hall is on the left



PARKING - There is a lot on the left side of the building or behind the Masonic Hall
PARKING BEHIND HALL: Continue past the Masonic Hall to signal light and turn
LEFT on LINCOLN WAY/HIGH STREET - Turn LEFT at signal light onto E. PLACER
STREET. Take the FIRST LEFT TURN into the Parking Lot behind the Masonic Hall.

NOTE: Elevator is located in the back of the building and is for use by only those
persons requiring assistance or in a wheelchair.





District 31 cordially invites you to a

Patriotic Picnic

a Traditional Style Official Visit

Honoring

*Martha Peters, Worthy Grand Matron
and
Roger Nieder, Worthy Grand Patron*



*Friday evening, May 15, 2015
8 PM*

*Norwalk Masonic Center
12345 Rosecrans Blvd.
Norwalk, CA*



Formal Patriotic, Picnic or "Ant" Attire

Patriotic Events for the Month of May:

May 1st, Loyalty Day~ Celebrating the pride of being an American

May 15th, National Peace Officer's Memorial Day

*May 16th, Armed Forces Day~Honoring Men and Women
currently serving in all armed services*

May 31st, Memorial Day, observed May 25th



A World of Possibilities

With love in our hearts we can open a world of possibilities!

Please join the Officers and Members of District 35



At a traditional style Official Visit of

Martha Peters, Worthy Grand Matron

&

Roger Nieder, Worthy Grand Patron

May 16th, 2015 at 1:00pm

Ontario Masonic Center

102 N. Vine Ave., Ontario, CA 91762

R.S.V.P. to Corinne Lacroix DGM

909-731-1464 lacroix.c2014@gmail.com

Formal Attire Requested