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GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA
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Grand Chapter Week 2023



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“2023 – Having Fun in the Southwestern Sun”

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

You are invited to attend the 149th “2023 – Having Fun in the Southwestern Sun” Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of California to be held in Visalia, California, October 18th – 21st, 2023. Informal opening is on Wednesday Evening, October 18th, with installation of the 2024 Grand Officers on Saturday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m.

It is very important that you make your reservation through Grand Chapter Housing, instead of on your own because every room booked directly through housing saves on 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.**

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL RESERVATIONS (Visalia Marriott or Comfort Inn & Suites Downtown): For those **eligible** to stay at one of the Headquarter Hotels, you **MUST** complete and return the **Housing Form** to the Housing Chairman (Nancy Throne) no later than August 1, 2023, to ensure your reservation at one of these hotels. If you are not sure you qualify to stay at these hotels, please contact the Housing Chairman before completing the form.

The following are eligible to stay at the Headquarter Hotels:

- General Grand Chapter Officers and General Grand Chapter Committee Members
- Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons
- California Grand Officers (2023)
- Deputy Grand Matrons
- Guests of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron
- Grand Pages
- Grand Chapter Week Chairman & **Designated** Committee Members
- Grand Secretary Emeritus

PARTICIPATING GRAND CHAPTER HOTELS: If you are not eligible for a room at the Headquarter Hotels or do not wish to stay at one of the Headquarter Hotels, there are **six** lovely hotels from which you can choose. Please select your hotel from the **“Participating OES Hotels”** flyer available on our website following this letter. By using the hotel’s online link, you will be taken directly to the hotel reservation site where you can book your room. If the hotel does not have an online link, then you will need to call the hotel. Please be sure to enter or ask for the **group code** to receive your discounted convention rate. You will receive your confirmation directly from the hotel. Please note that changes and cancellation policies vary by hotel. **The deadline for reservations at any of the Participating OES Hotels is listed on the attached Hotel Booking Information form.**

MEDICAL REQUESTS: Any member not otherwise eligible for a room at one the Headquarter Hotels who wish to request a room there due to medial 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.**

We look forward to seeing you in Visalia for our “2023 – Having Fun in the Southwestern Sun” Grand Chapter Session.

Fraternally,
Nancy Throne
Housing Chairman

Cc: Ruth & Bill Sereni – GCW General Chairman