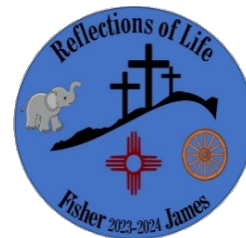




**Reflections of Life Session
Grand Chapter of New Mexico
October 16th – 19th, 2024**



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

With Grand Chapter just a few short months away the tentative schedule for the 121st Grand Chapter of New Mexico, “Reflections of Life” session (October 16th - October 19th) is now available on the website. I hope that many of you are making plans to attend. This will be a delightful time for us all to gather, meet, and take care of business. Christel and Jesse are looking forward to seeing all of you in Las Cruces for their Reflections of Life session.

This year, our Grand Chapter Session will be held at the Las Cruces Convention Center, with the hotel located right next door at the Courtyard by Marriot. It has a restaurant on site (breakfast is not included). There is an outdoor pool, free Wifi and a 24-hour fitness center. We are very excited to work with this hotel and the Convention Center they both have gone above and beyond to meet our needs for Grand Chapter.

Please go to our website www.oesnm.org to find the Grand Chapter Session Information Packet, Registration/Meals links and forms and the Courtyard by Marriot online reservations link and instructions. We are very excited about the new online registration system Eventbrite that we are using this year for online registration and meal tickets. You will be able to register for more than one person at a time with this system. The QR codes at the bottom of this letter will take you to the Eventbrite registration link and the hotel link for rooms.

New Mexico's Patron Association is once again lovingly covering the cost of Grand Representatives to NM from other Jurisdictions that wish to attend the Grand Representative's luncheon on Thursday afternoon. When registering online there will be a special option for other Jurisdictions to register for the meal. If you have any questions, please contact me or the president of the Patron's Association Keith Elder at 505-401-0298. The luncheon is a great way to visit with our sisters and brothers from other Jurisdictions while enjoying a wonderful meal.

Chapters, please start considering items for the registration tote bags. We are planning for 250 members and visitors for Grand Chapter this year. We would like to continue to show our energetic southwestern hospitality to all our members and visitors. If you have any questions on tote bag items/needs, please call or text me at 575-921-8886. I am hoping to have the tote bags filled and ready before arriving at Grand Chapter. You can mail items to my home (2200 N Florida Ave #74, Alamogordo, NM 88310), or you can also contact me to arrange pick up.

Those who are members of General Arrangements – setting up of the Grand Chapter room begins on Wednesday October 16th at 8:00 am. The Informal Opening of Grand Chapter will be on Wednesday, October 16th, so the Chapter Room needs to be ready to go by 10:00 am so practices can start on time. I am planning to be at Aztec lodge by 12:00 pm on Tuesday to start loading the furniture to take it over to the Convention Center. If you can be there for either activity – PLEASE be there. I understand that not everyone will be able to. If you are not a member of General Arrangements but are available to help on Tuesday or Wednesday – you are certainly welcome, many hands make light work, so the more the merrier. I feel certain that we'll be able to find something for everyone to work on.

I hope to see many of our Sisters and Brothers at Grand Chapter this year. I'm hoping that many of you will be staying at the Courtyard by Marriot Hotel and eating the meals that have been arranged for this session. Our Meals Coordinator, Sister Ella, has worked very hard to plan delicious, creative meals for our Grand Chapter session that highlight our southwestern flavor. We'd love to see all of you for the All-Member Luncheon and Banquet. We need to make our minimum in meals so that we may make our contract. Please sign up for the meals, as they will help us to cover this cost. This is a time for us to sit back, relax, and enjoy each other's company. See you all soon.

Fraternally,

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Session Location:

Las Cruces Convention Center

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Registration/Meals Link