

SOCIAL EVENTS:

Vesper Service, Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at Masonic Temple, 821 Central Avenue.

All **Sessions** will be held at CMR High School, 228 – 17th Avenue NW.

All **Banquets and Luncheons** will be held at the Best Western Heritage Inn, 1700 Fox Farm Road.

All luncheon and banquet reservation forms must be received by Friday, June 8, 2012.

Any available tickets may be purchased no later than Wednesday, June 13, 2012.

Grand Representative Luncheon, Thursday, 11:00 a.m.

Angus Beef French Dip \$12.75

Chicken Salad Croissant \$11.55

Distinguished Guests Luncheon, Friday, 12:00 noon \$15.00

PGM & PGP Banquet, Friday, 6:00 p.m. \$25.00

AM & AP Banquet, Friday, 6:00 p.m. \$17.50

General Banquet - Friday, 6:00 p.m. \$25.00

PAGO Breakfast, Saturday, 6:30 a.m. \$9.50

Secretary/Treasurer's Association Meeting Only TBA

Please make reservations for breakfasts, luncheons and banquets on the enclosed forms with the designated Chairmen.

PRACTICES:

Designated Grand Chapter apparel is NOT to be worn for practice. Check schedule for exact time.

PICTURE SCHEDULE:

Pictures will be taken at the CMR High School in **Official Attire** immediately upon afternoon recess Thursday, June 14, 2012 as follows:

4:15 p.m. Flag Bearers, Escorts, Tributes

4:25 p.m. Tellers

4:35 p.m. Grand Pages

4:45 p.m. Grand Guards

4:55 p.m. Assisting Grand Warders

5:05 p.m. Assisting Grand Sentinels

5:15 p.m. Emblem Bearers/Escorts and Narrators

5:25 p.m. Montana Grand Representatives

5:35 p.m. Distinguished Guests and Grand Representatives from other Jurisdictions

5:45 p.m. Montana Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons

5:55 p.m. Grand Choir

6:05 p.m. Montana Grand Officers

Please report for pictures 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time and pay for the pictures you order at the time they are taken.

CHAPTER SECRETARIES:

Please read this invitation at the next stated meeting of your Chapter following its receipt and such portions of general information as may be of interest to those planning to attend. Also, please have each member attending from your Chapter read this invitation. Thank you.

We shall look forward to greeting you at the "Beacon of Hope" Session.

Fraternally,

Eleanor Tesch

Worthy Grand Matron

William "Bill" Stenerson

Worthy Grand Patron

Carol Zehntner, Grand Secretary

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MONTANA GRAND CHAPTER

Order of the Eastern Star



"Beacon of Hope" Session

June 13-16, 2012

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF MONTANA AND OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS:

Our aim is "to educate the public, bring in new members, retain the members we have and support our youth." We invite you to join us in our "Beacon of Hope" 123rd annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Montana.

INVITATION:

This is your advance invitation to attend the "Beacon of Hope" Session. Only the highlights of the session are outlined in this folder. The complete program will be available at the Registration Desk.

HEADQUARTERS:

Best Western Heritage Inn

1700 Fox Farm Road

Great Falls, MT 59404

(406) 761-1900 toll free reservations -817-333-5399

SESSION ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Beverly Mathis Chairman 406-761-6140

1025 – 17th Ave. SW, Great Falls, MT 59404

HOUSING:

Connie Brauer, 406-771-7074

1104 – 21st Ave. SW, Great Falls, MT 59404

BANQUET RESERVATIONS:

Virginia Naughten 406-454-5307

773-33A Avenue NE, Great Falls, MT 59404

PRE-REGISTRATION:

Moneen Ahlquist, 406-761-6650

501 Deer Drive, Great Falls, MT 59404

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS HOSTS:

Susan Lane, (GGCCM, PGM) 406-669-3166

6601 Buffalo Trail, Molt, Mt. 59057

PROGRAM:

(Any or all is subject to change at any time.)

Wednesday Afternoon, June 13, 2012

1:00 p.m. - Golf Tournament - Hickory Swing Golf Course
1100 American Avenue SW, Great Falls

12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. - Registration - CMR High School

1:00 p.m. - Grand Officers Practice

Wednesday Evening, June 13, 2012

4:00 p.m. - Grand Officer's Banquet - Best Western Heritage Inn

7:00 p.m. - Vesper Service, ESTARI. Scholarships Awarded – Masonic Temple

Thursday Morning, June 14, 2012

8:00 am. - 6:00 p.m. - Registration - CMR High School

9:00 am. - Grand Choir Practice

9:30 am. - Emblem Bearers/Escorts Practice

10:00 am. - Tellers Meet

10:30 am. - Flag Presentation Practice

10:00 am. - Grand Representatives' Meeting and

11:00 am. - Grand Representatives' Luncheon, both at Best Western Heritage Inn

Thursday Afternoon, June 14, 2012

1:00 p.m. - Informal Opening of Grand Chapter

Posting Flags and Tributes

Local Welcomes

Presentation of Grand Lodge Officers and Leaders of Our Masonic Family

Youth Program: Rainbow Girls, DeMolay and Job's Daughters

Memorial Service

4:15 p.m. Pictures (Formal Attire) (See picture schedule)

Thursday Evening, June 14, 2012

7:00 p.m. - Informal Opening of Grand Chapter

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Friday Morning, June 15, 2012

8:00 am. - Registration - CMR High School

8:30 am. - Formal Opening of Grand Chapter

Business Session and Reports

12:00 noon - Distinguished Guests' Luncheon- Best Western Heritage Inn

Friday Afternoon, June 15, 2012

1:30 p.m. - Business Session, continued

Friday Evening, June 15, 2012

All Banquets (see program for time and place)

8:00 p.m. -2012-2013 Grand Officers Practice- CMR High School

Saturday Morning, June 16, 2012

6:30 am. - PAGO Breakfast & Meeting - Best Western Heritage Inn

8:00 am. - 9:00 a.m. - Registration - CMR High School

8:30 am. - Business Session continued

10:00 am. - Election of Grand Officers

Saturday Afternoon, June 16, 2012

1:30 p.m. - Business Session continued

Saturday Evening, June 16, 2012

7:00 p.m. - Installation of 2012-2013 Grand Officers,
CMR High School

Reception following Installation

HOTEL INFORMATION:

ALL attending will make reservations for accommodations directly with the hotels or motels. Please indicate with your reservation that you are an O.E.S. member.

COURTESIES EXTENDED TO DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

The Grand Chapter of Montana will provide housing accommodations for our Session to present General Grand Chapter Elective Officers once within their tenure and for Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons for no more than three (3) nights.

CREDENTIALS:

All Montana Members are entitled to Credentials and must have the following for Registration:

2011-2012 Dues Receipt

Grand Chapter Credentials

\$20.00 Registration Fee (EXACT CASH OR CHECK)

Visiting Members (Out of State) must have the following:

2011-2012 Dues Receipt

\$20.00 Registration Fee in U.S. Funds only,

(PLEASE HAVE EXACT AMOUNT)

Advanced Registration will be in session Wednesday afternoon between 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. Registration will re-open at 8:00 am. Thursday morning. Your dues receipt card must be shown to the Credentials Committee before you can register. For those who have pre-registered, packets will be ready Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 12:00 noon at the Registration Desk at the CMR High School.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

All members of Committees will please report to the General Chairman immediately when their Committees are called. Any Committee Member unable to be present will notify the Worthy Grand Matron at once upon receipt of this Advance Invitation.

SESSIONS:

All informal and formal Sessions except the Vesper Service and ESTARL Scholarship presentation will be held at the CMR High School. They will be at the Masonic Temple on Central Avenue.

**ATTENTION: THOSE GIVING REPORTS,
WELCOMES, RESPONSES OR TRIBUTES:**

Please file with the Grand Secretary a typewritten, double-spaced copy or labeled computer disk, floppy or flash drive of your report, welcome, response, or tribute prior to or immediately after it has been given or e-mail the Grand Secretary before Grand Chapter or within one week after at oesmt@itstriangle.com. Please adhere to the two-minute limit, which is allowed for each presentation. Those more than two minutes in length will be asked to stop. Thank you.