

GRAND CHAPTER INFORMATION AND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

We extend to you a personal invitation to attend the 135th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota, Order of the Eastern Star. Only the highlights are outlined in this tri-fold. The complete program will be provided during registration.

HEADQUARTERS

Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center
920 W Sioux Ave
Pierre SD 57501
605-224-6877
www.Ramkotahotels.com/pierre.html

You will make your room reservation directly with the motel. A list of motels in Pierre is available.

<https://pierre.org>

NOTE: Admission to Grand Chapter will be by a current Dues Card and Proof of Registration.

All registration and meal reservation forms are available on our website: www.sdoes.org

IN-STATE REGISTRATION

South Dakota Members: Please pre-register by completing the pre-registration form and mail it with your payment to:

Karen Steptoe, PM
410 Vista Drive
Miller SD 57362

Phone: 605-870-0312 (Cell)

Email: rkstep@hur.midco.net

Use form entitled "2024 Registration Form".

OUT OF STATE REGISTRATION

Out-of state members: Please pre-register and send your form and payment to:

Nancy Gonsor, PGM
510 N Grand Ave
Pierre SD 57501
605-222-1395 (cell)

Email: gonsorj@pie.midco.net

Use form entitled "2024 Out of State Registration Form".

BANQUET REGISTRATION DEADLINE 9/13/24

Registration for all meals must be received by Sept. 13, 2024 through the Banquet Chairman. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

Complete the reservation form and mail it with your payment to:
Karen Willis, PGM
29998 242nd St
Presho SD 57568
(cell) 605-280-3998

Email: jkwillis@kennebectelephone.com

Please use form entitled "2024 Meal Reservation Form".

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024

1:00 - 6:00 PM Grand Officer Practices

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024

INFORMAL OPENING

6:45 PM Musical Prelude
7:00 PM Introduction of Grand Officers
Grand Attendant's March
Bible and Emblem Placing Ceremony
Call to Order
7:30 PM Opening March - Grand Officers
Invocation
Civic and Ramkota Welcomes
Presentation of Flags & Tributes
Welcome to Masonic Bodies
ESTARL Awardees

FORMAL OPENING

Opening Ceremony
Presentation of Distinguished Guests
Adoption of Minutes

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024

8:30 AM Musical Prelude
8:45 AM Call to Order
Grand Officers' Reports
Fraternal Correspondence

1:15 PM Musical Prelude
1:30 PM Call to Order
Election of Grand Officers
Appointment of 2024-2025 Officers and District Assignments
Committee Reports

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024 (cont.)

Presentations: A.C.T.S. Board Corporation Report
Fifty-Year Members

6:30 PM Musical Prelude
6:45 PM Introduction of Grand Officers
Grand Attendants March
Bible and Emblem Placing Ceremony

7:00 PM Call to Order

Presentations: 25th Anniversary Guests
Joyce Jones, PGM T Archie Ireland, PGP*
*Deceased

INITIATION IN SUBORDINATE FORM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

8:30 AM Musical Prelude
8:45 AM Call to Order
Committee Reports

Presentations: Buckin' Bronco Travelers
2024 Honored Stations (Marshals, Esthers and Warders)
Worthy Matrons & Worthy Patrons
Necrology Report

MEMORIAL HOUR

(All officers and pages leave the floor informally)

1:15 PM Musical Prelude
1:30 PM Call to Order
Home Board Corporation Report
Final Committee Reports
Final Report of Registration Committee
Farewell of the Worthy Grand Matron
Farewell of the Worthy Grand Patron

4:00 PM **INSTALLATION**
2024-2025 Grand Officers

Receiving line for 2024-2025 Grand Officers in the foyer immediately following the installation.

Closing of 135th Grand Chapter Session

SOCIAL EVENTS

All functions will be at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center, Pierre, SD 57501

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024

Grand Attendant's Luncheon
11:30 AM

Worthy Grand Matron-Worthy Grand Patron Banquet
5:00 PM

Social Hour after Evening Session

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024

Grand Representative's Breakfast
7:00 AM

Distinguished Guests Luncheon
12:00 PM

Past Grand's Meeting and Banquet
5:00 PM

No Host Dinner
5:00 PM

Social Hour after Evening Session

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

PAGO Breakfast
7:00 AM

Home Representative's Luncheon
12:00 PM

Meal tickets may be picked up at the Banquet Registration table or at the specific banquet if after hours. Refer to Registration Hours.

Meal tickets for Distinguished Guests can be picked up in the Distinguished Guest Registration area.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE HOURS

Wednesday	October 2	1 PM - 6 PM
Thursday	October 3	8 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday	October 4	8 AM - 5 PM
Saturday	October 5	8 AM - NOON

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE HOURS

Wednesday	October 2	1 PM - 6 PM
Thursday	October 3	8 AM - 6 PM
Friday	October 4	8 AM - 6 PM

DISTINGUISHED GUEST/VISITOR REGISTRATION

Wednesday	October 2	1 PM - 6 PM
Thursday	October 3	8 AM - 6 PM
Friday	October 4	8 AM - 6 PM

GENERAL SESSION CO-CHAIRPERSONS

Brandi Schlechter, PM
2200 S Camden Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
605-366-1652 (cell)

Wanda Dally, PM
PO Box 456
Armour SD 57313
605-786-4558 (cell)

Lost & Found

Items will be at the Grand Secretary's desk.

COURTESIES FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Grand Chapter of South Dakota extends the following courtesies to our visitors at Grand Chapter. Complimentary tickets to the Distinguished Guests Luncheon for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, WGMs and WGMs; and one night's lodging to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron once during each triennium.

**THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF SOUTH DAKOTA
ORDER OF EASTERN STAR**



Extends Fraternal Greetings
and
Cordially Invites You
to the
135th Annual Session

"THE WONDER OF GOD'S HAND" SESSION

Lavonne Gesling Worthy Grand Matron	John Helms Worthy Grand Patron
Sandra Vanneman, PGM Grand Secretary	

**GRAND CHAPTER
OCTOBER 3 - 5, 2024
RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA**