

## GRAND CHAPTER INFORMATION AND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

We extend to you a personal invitation to attend the 136th 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.Ramkotohotels.com/pierre.html](http://www.Ramkotohotels.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 Registration Card.

**All registration and meal reservation forms are available on our website: [www.sdoes.org](http://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:

**Judy Albrecht, PM**  
39902 119th St  
Columbia SD 57433

Phone: 605-396-2472 (Home)  
Telephone inquiries only.

Use form entitled "2025 Registration Form."

### OUT OF STATE REGISTRATION

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

**Lavonne Gesling, PGM**  
47738 274th St  
Harrisburg, SD 57032  
605-262-0752 (Home)

Email: [mges11@yahoo.com](mailto:mges11@yahoo.com)  
Use form entitled "2025 Out of State Registration Form."

### BANQUET REGISTRATION DEADLINE 9/17/25

**Registration for all meals must be received by Sept. 17, 2025** 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](mailto:jkwillis@kennebectelephone.com)

Please use form entitled "2025 Meal Reservation Form".

### TENTATIVE PROGRAM

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

1:00 - 6:00 PM Grand Officer Practices

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

##### INFORMAL OPENING

6:45 PM Musical Prelude  
7:00 PM Introduction of Grand Officers  
Grand Attendants March  
Bible and Emblem Placing Ceremony  
Call to Order  
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 10, 2025

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 2025-2026 Officers and District Assignments  
Committee Reports

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025 (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  
Donna Whaley, PGM\* Wilbur Albrecht, PGP  
\*Deceased

### INITIATION IN SUBORDINATE FORM

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025

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

Presentations: Boots on the Ground Travelers  
2025 Honored Stations (Chaplains and Adahs)  
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**  
2025-2026 Grand Officers

Receiving line for 2025-2026 Grand Officers in the foyer immediately following the installation.

### Closing of 136th Grand Chapter Session

### SOCIAL EVENTS

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

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

Grand Attendants Luncheon  
11:30 AM

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

Social Hour after Evening Session

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025

Grand Representatives 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 11, 2025

PAGO Breakfast  
7:00 AM

Home Representatives Luncheon  
12:00 PM

\*\*\*The only available beverage with meals is water.\*\*\*

Meal tickets may be picked up at the Banquet Registra-  
tion 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 8	3 PM - 5 PM
Thursday	October 9	10 AM - 4 PM
Friday	October 10	10 AM - 4 PM
Saturday	October 11	10 AM - NOON

### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE HOURS

Wednesday	October 8	3 PM - 5 PM
Thursday	October 9	10 AM - 4 PM
Friday	October 10	10 AM - 4 PM

### DISTINGUISHED GUEST/VISITOR REGISTRATION

Wednesday	October 8	3 PM - 5 PM
Thursday	October 9	10 AM - 4 PM
Friday	October 10	10 AM - 4 PM

### GENERAL SESSION CO-CHAIRPERSONS

Wanda Dally, PM  
PO Box 456  
Armour SD 57313  
605-770-6758 (cell)

Nancy Fixen, PM  
20619 469th Ave  
Brookings, SD 57006  
605-695-0521 (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 WGP; 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  
136th Annual Session

## "JOURNEY WITH THE STARS" SESSION

Grace Bick  
Worthy Grand Matron

Keith Sorge  
Worthy Grand Patron  
Sandra Vanneman, PGM  
Grand Secretary

GRAND CHAPTER  
OCTOBER 9 - 11, 2025  
RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER  
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA