

## GRAND CHAPTER INFORMATION AND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

We extend to you a personal invitation to attend the 137th 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](http://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 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 "2026 Registration Form."

### OUT OF STATE REGISTRATION

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

**Suzanne Willadsen, PM**  
7712 W Benelli Circle  
Sioux Falls SD 57106  
605-929-4563

[suzwilladsen@gmail.com](mailto:suzwilladsen@gmail.com)

Use form entitled "2026 Out of State Registration Form."

### BANQUET REGISTRATION DEADLINE 9/17/26

**Registration for all meals must be received by Sept. 17, 2026** 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 "2026 Meal Reservation Form".

### TENTATIVE PROGRAM

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

1:00 - 6:00 PM Grand Officer Practices

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

##### 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  
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 9, 2026

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 2026-2027 Officers and District Assignments  
Committee Reports

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026 (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  
Agnes Kline, PGM\* Charles Bryan, PGP\*  
\*Deceased

### INITIATION IN SUBORDINATE FORM

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

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

Presentations: Corvette Travelers  
2026 Honored Stations (Secretary, Electa, and Marshal)  
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**  
2026-2027 Grand Officers

Receiving line for 2026-2027 Grand Officers in the foyer immediately following the installation.

### Closing of 137th Grand Chapter Session

Details on a formal reception will be announced.

**SOCIAL EVENTS**

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026**

Grand Attendants Luncheon  
11:30 AM

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

Social Hour after Evening Session

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026**

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 10, 2026**

PAGO Breakfast  
7:00 AM

Home Representatives Luncheon  
12:00 PM

\*\*\*The only available beverage with meals is water.\*\*\*  
\*If donated - the ticket will display coffee is served.\*

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 7	3 PM - 5 PM
Thursday	October 8	10 AM - 4 PM
Friday	October 9	10 AM - 4 PM
Saturday	October 10	10 AM - NOON

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE HOURS**

Wednesday	October 7	3 PM - 5 PM
Thursday	October 8	10 AM - 4 PM
Friday	October 9	10 AM - 4 PM

**DISTINGUISHED GUEST/VISITOR REGISTRATION**

Wednesday	October 7	3 PM - 5 PM
Thursday	October 8	10 AM - 4 PM
Friday	October 9	10 AM - 4 PM

**GENERAL SESSION CO-CHAIRPERSONS**

Carol Helms, PM  
PO Box 143  
Buffalo, SD 57720  
605-210-0619 (cell)

Karen Willis, PGM  
29998 242nd St  
Presho SD 57568  
605-280-3998 (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  
137th Annual Session

**"PATCHWORK OF FRIENDSHIP" SESSION**

**Terri Veen**                      **Jeff Marchetti**  
Worthy Grand Matron      Worthy Grand Patron  
**Sandra Vanneman, PGM**  
Grand Secretary

**GRAND CHAPTER  
OCTOBER 8 - 10, 2026  
RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER  
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA**