

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE, CELEBRATIONS in DC

March 24, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It seems impossible that it is already 2025! The members of the Celebrations in DC Committee have been working diligently to provide you with events to commemorate the United States' 250th birthday in July 2026, and the General Grand Chapter's 150th anniversary in November 2026, two historical and extremely important times in our history. We are excited as we get closer to our celebrations in 2026. The goal of this Committee is to provide our members and their families and friends ways to enjoy, celebrate, and remember such milestones.

To recognize our nation's 250th birthday, a black tie event is scheduled for July 3, 2026 at the International Headquarters in Washington, DC. The night will be filled with delicious food, drinks, an auction, and amazing music. It will be a very special night. The cost is \$500.00 per person. This is open to all, but it is limited to a maximum of 200 people. All proceeds will benefit the Perry Belmont House Foundation, a portion of which is tax deductible to the purchaser.

For your convenience, we have reserved 40 hotel rooms at the Dupont Circle Hotel–very near the Headquarters. A flyer accompanies this letter to assist you in making your hotel reservations. Please be cognizant of the number of rooms available and appropriate deadlines for said hotel. Reservation information to attend the actual event will be coming to you no later than late summer, early fall.

More information on the November 13-15, 2026 event will be forthcoming closer to that date. If you have any questions or need more information, please reach out to me or any committee member. Contact information is below. Hope to see many of you in attendance.

Fraternally, Kathy

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United States 250th Birthday Celebration

July 3, 2026

Hotel Reservation Information

The Dupont Circle Hotel 1500 New Hampshire Ave, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036

Rooms have been blocked for this special event. Reservations can be made beginning July 1, 2025.

DEADLINE to make a reservation is June 11, 2026. Please call 202-483-6000 and reference "Order of the Eastern Star July 2026 Room Block."

Don't delay as only 40 rooms are reserved!

Room rates are \$229 (plus any applicable fees and taxes) for single & double occupancy. These rates are only good for July 2 – 5, 2026.

Valet parking is \$55 per night.

