



Jerusalem Grand Chapter



Order of the Eastern Star

State of Florida & Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliated

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TO: All members of the Jerusalem Grand Chapter,
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RE: Administrative Edict 2021-02

"So WE built the wall, and the ENTIRE wall was joined together up to half its height, for the PEOPLE had a MIND to WORK."

Nehemiah 4:6

Grand Worthy Patron

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What an exciting time to be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in the Great State of FLORIDA!!! And it is a wonderful thing to witness the hard work going forward to grow our beloved Jerusalem Grand Chapter!!!

Grand Associate Matron

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The Growth Challenge is well underway, and I hope that you and your chapter are taking full advantage of this opportunity to increase your membership and grow our SiStarhood! I would like to thank the DDGWMs, ADDGWMs, and Worthy Matrons for taking the time to meet with me over the last few weeks. The virtual fellowship was EVERYTHING!!!

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While we are in an opportune season for growth, we must remember that we are yet amid a global pandemic. I am thankful to GWM Lillian L. Carter for allowing me to assist in authoring our original COVID-19 guidelines. As an official State of Florida, Department of Health COVID-19 trainer, I am charged with teaching awareness, vaccination necessity, and promoting safety in face-to-face interactions during the current pandemic. For these reasons, as we move forward with our Growth Challenge, I would like to remind all our members of the following:

Grand Conductress

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1. Chapters are now allowed to conduct their initiations and reinstatements **independently or collectively** (with other chapters).
2. The Worthy Matron (and Worthy Patron) will be responsible for making sure that Center of Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines (CDC) are followed. This includes:
 - a. Station 1: There shall be a person stationed at the entrance to record temperatures. Persons with temperatures exceeding 100.4°F (38° C) will NOT be allowed to participate and must leave the premises.
 - b. Station 2: All persons with temperatures less than stated above, must complete the required COVID-19 forms, which will be sent to the Grand Chapter for record. (Stations 1 & 2 should be at least 6 feet apart)
 - c. Within and without the meeting space, a minimal of 3ft must be always maintained for social distancing.
 - d. All reinstating members shall receive a white Bible and a white mask in a sealed bag.
 - e. All candidates for initiation will receive a white Bible, a white mask, a sheer white veil, and a Ritual in a sealed bag.
 - f. Everyone should always wear a mask.
 - g. The degree work may be performed in "short form" where the Conductress demonstrates the "Winding of the Labyrinth," along with explanation of each Heroine. At the conclusion, the Worthy Patron administer the obligation to the candidates while standing at their respective seats.
 - h. After the ceremony, Worthy Matrons must send all documentation and monies to the Officer of the Grand Secretary. The Worthy Matron must also send a copy of such information to the Zone Coordinator and her assigned DDGWM (ADDGWM) for record.

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Worthy Matrons, please note that you were elected to lead your chapters! Your Zone Coordinator, DDGWM and ADDGWM stand ready to assist you when needed, but ultimately...YOU are the leader!!! During this time of our Growth Challenge, your initiations and reinstatement ceremonies do not require the presence of your Zone Coordinator, DDGWM, ADDGWM, Grand Lecturer or Grand Instructor. However, you may invite them accordingly and as YOU see fit. In addition, it is your responsibility to submit all documents and monies to the Jerusalem Grand Chapter, in accordance to the Constitution and By-Laws.

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

And finally....O' Jerusalem, I am excited to see our GROWTH in the months to come!

Worthy in White (Rev. 3: 4-5),



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Grand Worthy Matron

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