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To: Grand Chapter Officers Elected and Appointed, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons, Past Patrons, Officers and Members of all Subordinate Chapters of Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Connecticut, Inc.

Greetings:

By virtue of the power and authority vested in us as Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron, we do hereby issue this Proclamation No. 2 and proclaim the same **to be read at three (3) consecutive meetings commencing April 1, 2019 and request that copies be provided to each member, either by hand delivery, email or US Postal.** Please take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly to the information below.

“I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me.”

Philippians: 4:13

At no time during my Eastern star membership have I been more keenly aware of the immense trust which you, the members, have placed in me. It is my belief that a Grand Worthy Matron must at all time be a visible demonstration of the ideals and principles espoused by the order. I give you my assurance that with the aid of the Almighty, I will do my best to fulfill the pledge that I gave at the Altar; and uphold the high standards of those who have served before me.

Grand Session Information

The One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Annual Grand Session of the Order of Eastern Star will convene on September 12-15, 2019 (Thursday thru Sunday) at the **Sheraton South Hartford Hotel, 100 Capital Boulevard, Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067.**

Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations are now being accepted. The rate is \$95.00 per night plus 15% (\$14.25) occupancy tax for double or king size beds. Total is \$109.25. Check in time is 3:00 p.m. and check out time is 12:00 noon. Upon check in please verify your departure date to the hotel.

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1552501951716&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Registration

Advance Registration is due on or before August 10, 2019. The cost is Eight-Five Dollars (\$85.00) and will include your kit bag, two (2) lunch tickets, Souvenir Journal, I.D. badge and proceedings. **Friday Meal is Rotisserie Airline Chicken Breast. Meal Choice for Saturday is either Strip Steak or Roasted Halibut.** Vegetarian Meal is available. Please remember to provide your meal choice information to your Chapter Secretary. **There will be NO REFUNDS on Registration.**

Late Registration is Ninety Dollars (\$90.00) and must be paid by cash or money order. Please note – “personal checks” will not be accepted for late registration.

Pre-paid Breakfast has been reserved at the cost of \$15.00 per day. A variety of breakfast buffet items will be served.

Checks should be made payable to: **PHGC of CT** and mail to the **Registration Chairperson, PM Sister Sharon Lawrence, 232 Pembroke Street, Hartford, CT 06112.**

All Delegates must pre-register through their Chapters. (See attached form). There is **NO REGISTRATION FEE** for the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Chapter Secretaries please only list those Past Grands that plan to attend on your Chapter Registration Form.

All members will be responsible for picking up their convention kit and badge individually. Please have your 2019 dues card available for inspection.

Delegates and Credentials

We are requesting each Chapter to send four (4) delegates; Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron and Associate Patron. A proxy must be elected by each Constituent Chapter. **No Elected or Appointed Grand Chapter Officer** shall be elected as proxy. Two (2) copies of the Credential Form must be completely filled out and attested with the Chapter Seal; signatures of the Worthy Matron and Secretary. **Mail to the Grand Secretary, PGM Sister Phyllis Hargrove, 25 Avalon Drive Apt. 2311, Milford, CT 06460** postmark on or before August 10, 2019. Your second copy should be given to the **Credential Chairperson, PM Sister Ernestine J. Griffin**, upon your arrival at the Hotel. (See attached form)

It is the responsibility of the Worthy Matron to place the Credential Form in the hand of the Chairperson before the opening of our 125th Grand Session on Thursday, September 12, 2019

REPORTS

Annual Returns

Each Chapter must submit (one copy) their Annual Returns along with **current bonding insurance declaration page and a copy of your 990 filing** to the **Chairperson PM Sister Hazel Walker-Frankson**, 11-A Carillon Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 and **Grand Secretary, PGM Sis. Phyllis Hargrove** on or before August 5, 2019 (see attached form).

Charity and Good Cheer

Each Chapter is requested to submit a donation for Charity and Good Cheer. Donations are to be made payable to PHGC, OES of CT and mailed to the **Chairperson Sister Emma Coleman-Carr, 19-B Woodland Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002**. A copy of said donation is to be sent along with your **Annual Return to PM Sister Hazel Walker-Frankson**.

Constitution and Code

Any proposed changes, corrections or amendments to the Constitution and Code should be submitted to **PGP Brother William Randolph, 201 Park Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002**. Please mail a copy to **Grand Secretary, PGM Sister Phyllis Hargrove**. **The deadline is July 31, 2019**

Jurisprudence

The reporting deadline is **July 31, 2019** for submission on By-Law changes for Chapters. All matters for the Jurisprudence Committee must be submitted to the **Chairperson PGP Brother William Randolph (860) 242-5622**. Should you have any questions please call Brother Randolph. Please mail a copy to **Grand Secretary, PGM Sister Phyllis Hargrove**. Please remember to provide all proper form and documentation.

Note: If your Chapter has any action to be brought before the Constitution and Code or Jurisprudence Committees, it is mandatory that a representative be present when the Committee meets to act on your request. If there is no representation the committee will not act upon the request. All Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons are asked to be present at this meeting.

Arts and Crafts

We will continue the Basket Project. Each Chapter shall present a "**Surprise Basket**" on Thursday, September 12th to the **Chairpersons, PM Sister Edith Gooch and PM Sister Gladys Douglas** prior to Opening Ceremonies, to be raffled off on Saturday evening, September 14th. Additional information will be forthcoming. All baskets will be placed in the registration room each night; the door will be locked. For additional information if required please contact **PM Sister Edith Gooch at (203) 755-9185**.

Kit Stuffers

We are requesting items such as pens, pencils, crackers, water, candy etc. (no peanut products) to be placed in our Kit Bags. Please contact **PM Sister Robin Peoples (203 857-4145), 30 Merwin Street #7, Norwalk, CT 06850.**

Vendors

We are seeking Vendors for this year's session. The price for Friday and Saturday is \$75 per table each day and Sunday \$50 per table. If you know of any vendors seeking a venue to sell merchandise, please contact **Chairperson PM Sister Laura Johnson-Dawson 203-444-9484.**

Souvenir Journal

Grand Elected Officers and each Chapter are urged to place an ad in the journal. The deadline is August 3, 2019. The rates are as follows:

Full Page	\$ 65.00	Half Page	\$ 45.00
Quarter Page	\$ 30.00	Mr. & Mrs. Patron	\$ 5.00
Patron List	\$ 3.00	Outside Back Cover	\$ 250.00
Inside Back Cover	\$175.00		

Full Page and Half Page only are with or without photo. Camera ready is preferred. It is encouraged that ads be e-mailed directly to Grand Associate Conductress Sister Mary Armstrong at maryarm2001@yahoo.com or Grand Conductress PM Sister Debbie Basnight at debbiebasnight@sbcglobal.net

Thursday, September 12, 2019 Dedication of Meeting Hall and Opening Ceremonies

For the purpose of dedicating the meeting room for the Prince Hall Grand Session, all Grand Chapter Officers elected and appointed are requested to be in their respected stations by 5:45 P.M. (sound of the gavel). The Dedication of the Meeting Room and Ritualistic Opening will begin at 6:00 P.M. Sharp

Chapter of Sorrow

The Chapter of Sorrow will begin at 7:00 P.M. All Chapters are requested to cordially invite the families and friends of their deceased member(s) who departed this life between August 1, 2018 and July 31, 2019, in writing no later than August 10, 2019. Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons please stand with your members as the name(s) of your deceased member(s) is called. Please note one (1) floral arrangement per Chapter for your deceased member(s) is requested and is to be placed in the Grand East at the foot of the dais in memory of your deceased member(s). **Please mail your report to the Obituary Chairperson PM Sister Wanda J. Woodard,**

43 Sharon Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002, no later than August 10, 2019. Be sure to include your deceased member(s) full name and date of their demise. Worthy Matrons, please remember to pick up your floral arrangements after the closing of our Grand Session. Refreshment will be available following the Chapter of sorrow.

FULL BUSINESS DAY
Friday, September 13, 2019

Devotional Service

Friday morning from 8:15-8:45 A.M. we will begin our business day with Devotional Service under the direction of our **Grand Chaplain, Brother Steve Godfrey (Rev)**. Please join us in Praise and Worship.

The Gavel will sound in the Grand East on Friday morning at 9:00 A.M. and we will begin our business.

All Committees are requested to have your Reports prepared and e-mail or mail to the Grand Secretary, PGM Sister Phyllis Hargrove by **August 10, 2019**, except those reports unable to be completed until Grand Session. Please refer to your **Agenda** to see when you are scheduled to present your report. In order to expedite time, all Delegates are asked to review the Book of Reports prior to the beginning of the Session.

After the Roll Call of Subordinate Chapters, we will officially receive our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons; thereafter we will receive our Subordinate Chapters Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons.

Please be advised roll call of all Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and proxy will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Election of Officers

Election of Officers will take place at 3:00 P.M. on Friday, September 13, 2019.

Public Relations / Scholarship Programs

Public Relations and Scholarship Programs will start at 7:00 PM with **GAC Sister Mary Armstrong and PM Sister Dorothy Langly are in charge**. The program is open to the public and a cordial invitation is extended to everyone. The Grand Worthy Matron's chosen charity will be presented, community recipient will be acknowledged and student scholarships awarded. Refreshments will be available following the program.

Saturday, September 14, 2019
Reception of Visiting Jurisdictions

The reception of all visiting Jurisdictions Grand Worthy Matrons, Grand Worthy Patrons, Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons and their Delegations will begin to be received at 10:00 A.M., followed by our Connecticut Concordant Bodies.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, The Honorable David Pinkins and his Cabinet will be received at 12:00 Noon or at his will and pleasure.

Our Youth Department, The Order of Novae will follow under the direction of PM Sister Delandra Grey, Grand Youth Director and The Knights of Pythagoras under the direction of Brother Archie Butler, State Director.

Entertainment

The Grand Deputies are in charge of our evening entertainment. More information will be coming out directly to the chapters from Grand Special Deputy PM Sister Tracey L. Ware and Grand Assistant Special Deputy Brother Alex Miller.

Sunday, September 15, 2019
Devotional Service ~ 8:00 A.M.

Devotional Service will commence at 8:00 A.M., Communion will be served. Please show your support and join us in Worship & Praise.

Hotel Premises/Hospitality

While on hotel premises, please be courteous to other guest by avoiding loud music and loud voices especially during late hours. **If you have any questions, complaints or issues regarding the hotel please see PGM Sister Corine E. Adams; No one is to take matters in their own hands.** The hotel prohibits the use of candles, sternos or any electrical cooking appliances on hotel premises. The Grand Chapter will not be responsible for any liability levied for negligence of this policy. It is requested that you refrain from food and beverages being brought into the hotel unless you purchase it from the hotel.

Please Take Due Notice: Documents being mailed or emailed to **Grand Secretary, PGM Sister Phyllis Hargrove** is as follows: **25 Avalon Drive Apt. 2311, Milford, CT 06040** or gsecy@phgcoesct.org

Secretaries Please Note: Forms are available on the website in the Secretary's Corner.

Given under our Hands and Great Seal of Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star,
State of Connecticut, Incorporated, on this 27th day of March 2019.

Yours in the Star,

Vernelle J. Davis

Sis. Vernelle J. Davis
Grand Worthy Matron

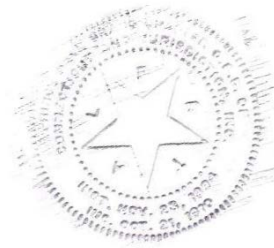
Samuel C. Mitchell

Bro. Samuel C. Mitchell
Grand Worthy Patron

Attest:

Phyllis M Hargrove

Phyllis M. Hargrove, PGWM
Grand Secretary



Attachments:

Annual Return
Ad Contract & Well Wisher Forms
Credentials
Registration Form
Vendor Letter & Contract