



## Grand Chapter

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Hello Sisters and Brothers:

I hope you all have had a restful summer and are ready to get back in the swing of things in September when we hit the ground running.

In August we met with the Grand Cabinet of Oziel Grand Chapter PHA and it proved to be very enlightening. The guidelines we established for visitations are as follows;

- All invitations for visitations are to go through the Grand Secretary of each jurisdiction. Please send your invitations to Sister Patti Rhinesmith.
- At this time, we cannot protem at each other's meetings
- When visiting, you must present your current dues card
- PHA will ask for the pass from everyone attending during their opening ceremony.
- Our procedure is unchanged; the Conductresses will ask for the pass at the door.
- Prince Hall has the following dress code; business meetings is short white, white stockings, white shoes, no bare arms, the sleeve must be at least to the elbow. Formal meetings they switch to long white with the same requirements as short white. They will always wear white when visiting our chapters.
- When we attend a meeting of Prince Hall, we will wear street length dress or skirt and stockings at their business meetings and long color at formal meetings, initiation, official visits etc. NO SLACKS!!

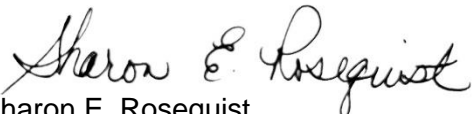
All Chapters are encouraged to invite the members of Oziel Grand Chapter Prince Hall Affiliate and New Jersey Grand Chapter, to attend meetings. We are to go through Patti Rhinesmith, Right Worthy Grand Secretary who will contact the Worthy Grand Secretary of Prince Hall to be sure of information about apparel, and clarification of information we would need. These guidelines may change in the future as both jurisdictions learn more about each other and all our procedures.

We are happy to bring back our Motivational and Membership program this year. Your Deputy will have copies of these materials. They include a new member booklet that we encourage you to give to all your new members on the night of their initiation. The "Best Bud" project is a program of rewarding a mentor of new as well as returning members. We are working to get all the Deputies the thumb drive with power point presentation that can be used to promote Eastern Star. If your Chapter has a good relationship with your lodge, the Deputies also have a letter you can ask the Lodge to give to their new members that introduces Eastern Star.

We have a team assembled, ready and willing to help any Chapter that would like help to increase your membership or member participation. One or two team members will be assigned to your chapter to help plan and execute programs tailored to your chapter's needs. The Motivational and Membership Committee is **NOT** a part of the Merger Committee and will not report to the Merger Committee. The committee was formed to help you and your Chapter reach your Chapters goals for membership and participation.

Remember Sisters and Brothers "Love Makes the World Go Round". Please remember to Be Kind, Be Fair, Be Honest, Be True and all these things will come back to you, as you Live by Faith, Grow in Grace, Walk in Love.

In Star Love, Friendship and Humility,

  
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Attest: Patti L. Rhinesmith, PGM,  
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