

**Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star
and Rite of Adoption for the State of South Carolina and Jurisdiction**



Sister Linda Owens Neal
Grand Worthy Matron

Brother Reginald Y. Scott, 32°
Grand Worthy Patron

“Exalting the Star through Community Building, Education and Service to Humanity”

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Sister Mary M. Ennis
Grand Associate Matron

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Brother Jermaine C. Nowline, 33°
Grand Associate Patron

To: Prince Hall Grand Chapter Executive Board, Grand Supervising Deputies, Grand Associate Deputies, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, and Members of Subordinate Chapters

Sister Artonya C. Scott
Grand Treasurer

Greetings,

Sister Tamiquia T. Simon
Grand Secretary

By Decree of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, E. Spencer Scott, and Grand Worthy Matron, Linda Owens Neal, that during the 6 month period of January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020 there will be a relaxation of the blood line requirement for females desiring to join the Order of the Eastern Star who reside in South Carolina.

Sister Blanchie J. James
Grand Conductress

Sister Ella McGee
Grand Associate Conductress

*“In consultation with and at the request of the GWM, it is my directive that there be a period from January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 where there is hereby authorized a relaxation of the bloodline requirement for interested females residing in South Carolina to join the South Carolina Order of Eastern Stars, Rite of Adoption. During this six-month period, a petition **MUST** be received, petitioner investigated and initiation into a Chapter must be completed. All petitioners under this umbrella must be approved by the Grand Worthy Matron. Any chapter found in violation of these procedures will be subject to having your charter arrested as well as the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron suspended for an undetermined amount of time. Any chapter found extending these procedures **AFTER** the deadline will be subject to having your charter arrested, unavailable to conduct ANY OES business or activities until restored as well as the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron subject to being suspended for an undetermined amount of time.”*

Past Grand Matrons

Sister Joyce M. Durant
Sister Juanita D. Edwards
Sister Sheila B. Danforth
Sister Jeanette P. Singleton

Past Grand Patrons

Brother Fred Herriott, 33°
Brother Herman L. Rivers, 33°
Brother Lewis H. Nelson, 33°
Brother Terry B. Law, Sr., 33°

The following guidelines **MUST** be followed with- out compromise.

All petitions for Non-Bloodline Membership must be:

- completed in its entirety by the petitioner during the 6-month period of January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020.
- submitted with a **fee of \$125.00** (*Check or money Order*) made payable to Prince Hall Grand Chapter OES ~ SC.
- Submitted for approval to the local chapter that the petitioner is desirous of joining.
- Vouched for by at least one active member of the receiving chapter.
- Recommended by two (2) members of the community.
- Investigated by the receiving chapter and written report given to the receiving chapter.
- Voted on by the receiving chapter. ***Only favorable petitions will be referred to the Grand Worthy Matron.***
- Sent to the Grand Worthy Matron for final approval.
- Initiated by the receiving chapter **ONLY** after approval from the GWM.