**MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE**

**OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, JURISDICTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

***Honorable E. Spencer Scott, 33o, Most Worshipful Grand Master***

***HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!***

January 1, 2020

***2020 EDICTS***

**TO GRAND WORTHY MATRON, GRAND WORTHY PATRON, ALL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED, ALL CHAPTERS, WORTHY MATRONS, WORTHY PATRONS, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF EASTERN STARS, RITE OF ADOPTION FOR THE STATE AND JURISDICTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Greetings:**

As Grand Master, it is my responsibility to assure that all needed and pertinent information and instructions are provided to assist the Subordinate Lodges in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities as outlined in the Constitution of this Most Worshipful Prince Grand Lodge.

Therefore, I, E. Spencer Scott, I, by the powers vested in me as Most Worshipful Grand Master, do hereby inform all Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Lodge Officers and Master Masons of the Edicts given at our 151st Annual Session per Most Worshipful Grand Master E. Spencer Scott, I, 33⁰.

**EDICTS**

1. It is my directive that there is ONE protocol for the Jurisdiction of South Carolina and it is found on page 48 in the Constitution of South Carolina 2011 revised edition. It shall not be changed, altered, added to, subtracted from or deviated in ANY way. At ALL Master mason or Eastern Star events only three names shall be called. Those names shall be the current Grand Master, the current Grand Worthy Matron and the current Grand Worthy Patron.
2. It is my directive that the one-time Building Fund amount, passed at last year’s session, be paid and recorded through your local lodges and be submitted to the Grand Lodge by Grand Lodge Session of 2020.
3. 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.
4. It is my directive that the dress code for all master masons who are MEMBERS of the Order of Eastern Stars, at regular monthly meetings, district meetings, Grand Chapter Communications, Star Day AND Prince Hall Day shall be white shirt, black suit, black tie, black socks and black shoes, effective immediately.
5. It is my directive that the only functions held at any lodge hall under the auspices of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of South Carolina will be regular lodge or chapter meetings or programs, district lodge or chapter meetings or programs, community meetings or programs, church services, weddings and or receptions or birthday gatherings. NO unlawful extracurricular activities will be held and all uses have to be approved by the Worshipful Master or the head of the rental department of the lodge.
6. It is my directive that no meetings, functions or activities be held in ANY masonic house during September 25-27, 2020. All roads will lead to 2324 Gervais Street as we will celebrate our 2020 Prince Hall Weekend. Details soon to follow.
7. These edicts are in addition to the previous edicts given in 2019.

Fraternally Submitted,

E. Spencer Scott, I, 33o  Attest:

E. Spencer Scott

Most Worshipful Grand Master McDuffie Bartelle, RWGS

**PROTOCOL for the MWPHGLSC**

The Grand Architect of the Universe

The Most Worshipful Grand Master

(E. Spencer Scott, I, 33⁰)

Grand Lodge Officers Elected and Appointed

Past Grand Masters

Master Masons

Grand Worthy Matron (Sis. Linda Owens Neal)

Grand Worthy Patron (Bro. Reginald Y. Scott, 32⁰)

Grand Chapter Officers Elected and Appointed

Past Grand Matrons

Past Grand Patrons

Order of the Eastern Stars

Heads of Concordant Bodies

Officers of Concordant Bodies Elected and Appointed

Members of Concordant Bodies

Elected Public Officials, Clergy if any present

Ladies and Gentlemen