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

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To: All Members of Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and Rite of Adoption for the State of South Carolina and Jurisdiction

From: Blanchie J. James, 18th Grand Worthy Matron

Date: October 22, 2026

Subject: Prohibition of Alcoholic Beverages /Cocktail Hour

BJJames – Edict #3

The use or promotion of a "Cocktail Hour" is strictly prohibited at all events, functions, or gatherings associated with Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and Rite of Adoption for the State of South Carolina and Jurisdiction, its Districts, and subordinate Chapters. As an organization that is founded on Christian principles, the Order of the Eastern Star maintains values that oppose the promotion or consumption of alcohol at its programs, events, and activities. Therefore, any program, event or activity implying or encouraging the use of alcoholic beverages — including, but not limited to, those labeled as "Cocktail Hour" — is not permitted under any circumstances.

Failure to comply may result in disciplinary actions. Thank you for your attention and commitment to maintaining the principles and values of our organization, as we are "Standing on Points in Oneness to Achieve Excellence While Serving Others."

This Edict is being issued on the 22nd day of October 2026. It is to be read in every Subordinate Chapter in the Jurisdiction of South Carolina. **(Revised: 10/27/2026)**

This edict was originally issued on April 8, 2025.