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Worthy Grand Matron

January 1, 2012

Most Worshipful Brother Otis W. Cromartie, Sr., Grand Master; Bro Armand T. Harris, Worthy Grand Patron, Elected Grand Chapter Officers; Past Worthy Grand Matrons; Past Worthy Grand Patrons; Appointed Grand Chapter Officers; 2012 A T.E.A.M. of Faith and Love Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons; 2012 Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons Club; 2012 Conductresses and Associate Conductresses; Officers and Members of all Subordinate Chapters

GREETINGS:

⁶Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: ⁷For we walk by faith, not by sight: ⁸We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. ⁹Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 2 Corinthians 5:6-9

Happy New Years to each and every one of you, and may the grace of God grant you a New Years of Peace and Love. Also, may we give respect to ourselves and each other, and that we should "Walk By Faith, Not By Sight!"

Eureka Grand Chapter Annual Christmas Dinner and Toy Giveaway: Thank you, thank you, thank you to Sis Stephanie E. Atwood, Grand Conductress, Chairperson; Sis Lena D. Roberts, Associate Grand Conductress, Co-Chairperson; and all the sisters and brothers who made this event a Grand success. Good times and good feelings were had by all. The TEAM was just OUTSTANDING—I LOVE YOU ALL!

You are cordially invited to attend the **2012 Public Installation for the 2012 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons** of the Subordinate Chapters on *Saturday, January 7, 2012* at Camelot Banquet Hall - 8624 West 95th Street – Hickory Hills, IL from 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00 each and are available from the Worthy Matrons/Worthy Patrons. Please plan now to attend. Anyone needing a ticket should contact any Worthy Matron or you may obtain them at the Grand East on January 4, 2012—7:00pm from the Committee—Sis Wheatau A.H. Barsh, PWGM, Ticket Chairperson.

The 1st District is having a joint chapter Ritualistic "Mass Opening" on January 21, 2012 at the Grand East, starting at 10:00 A.M. Some chapters will have their normal "Openings". All of the incoming Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons have been working diligently to make their Chapters proud. Please come out to support them in their endeavors as they prepare to preside in the East in their respective Chapters.

The Schools of Instruction/Law School will not be held in January--Schools will resume in February at their regular times.

Enclosed are the forms for the Semi-annual returns, they are due in to the Office of the Grand Secretary by February 28th or the Chapter will have to pay a \$50 late fee. The Grand Secretary is still missing Election Returns. Please forward them immediately along with a updated roster. Any Secretary or Treasurer needing assistance please do not hesitate to call the Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Social media is a great method of communicating with our loved ones, friends and family. Social media is also a very efficient method of communicating organizational business to our counter parts. It is not, however, a means to communicate in a derogatory or disrespectful manner. All should again be warned against using any media to spread rumors, lies and/or disrespect our sisters and brothers or the organization. I have discussed this matter with our Grand Master, fully support and jointly issue the below warning.

WARNING NOTICE: To all Head of Houses, Brothers and Sisters, before this matter become an issue, be forewarned, that any Body or Individual Social Networking Websites bearing the name, emblems, pictures, or any other identifying items of a Masonic Body under the umbrella of this Grand Lodge that displays inappropriate pictures, or other displays that may bring reproach upon the Prince Hall Masonic Family, i.e. such as consuming alcoholic beverages, etc, must be removed and discontinued immediately. These networks are included, but are not limited to: Facebook, Myspace, Twitter, Linkedin, Ning, Classmates, Hi5, Myyearbook, Tagged, Bebo, Mylife, Friendsters, Myheritage, Multiply, Orkut, and others. Personal Social Networking Websites that are not in violation of this notice will not be impacted by this warning.

Another matter that all concerned should take heed. Intimidation of any of our sisters and brothers by anyone in this organization, no matter what rank or status, **shall not be tolerated.** All of us must be free to exercise our responsibilities and rights as a member without threats from anyone. We must show respect and be a teacher for our membership. This practice of intimidation and threatening by a few **must stop immediately.** Please take due notice!

The MWPHGL Annual Valentine Dance will be February 11, 2012 at the Grand East - 809 East 42nd Place. This event promises to be spectacular as there will be three levels to be entertained by. The donation is \$30.00 for dinner/dance and \$20.00 for dance only. Enclosed is flyer for this event. We are asking for your support.

Enclosed is the application for the **2012 Hazel Stillwell Scholarship Program.** The deadline is June 1, 2012. Please contact Sis. Vicki M. Yarbrough, Grand Director for any questions by email at vickimarie_y@yahoo.com

Beginning January 1st thru March 1st each Sister will pay a \$25 Per Capital tax per year. The Per Capital tax is to be paid to Eureka Grand Chapter. Each Sister must present their Subordinate Chapter Secretary a **check/money payable to Eureka Grand Chapter** in the amount of \$25. The Secretary is to prepare a list of names that matches the checks and mail to the Grand Secretary – **Sister Zandra Prince 7259 S. Oglesby Ave. Chicago, IL 60649.** We will submit these payments to the M.W.P.H.G.L. along with the names of the members who have paid.

The Hazel Stillwell Education and Scholarship Committee present a Western Caribbean Cruise to Key West & Cozumel, Mexico - Leaving Miami Thursday, May 24, 2012 and returning Monday, May 28, 2012. Rates include Taxes, Ground Transportation and Air Fare: Inside cabin - \$880.00; Oceanview cabin - \$982.00; Balcony cabin - \$1,010.00. Deposit of \$100.00 (nonrefundable) is due by December 31, 2011 (\$150.00 deposit required for Balcony cabin and **Oceanview cabin must be paid in full**). One half of balance is due by February 1, 2012 and the balance is due by March 15, 2012. However, we recommend weekly, bi-weekly or monthly payments. Please contact Sister Vicki M. Yarbrough, Grand Director at 708-451-0122 or Sister Raletta Ingram, Cruise Chairperson 708-715-2400 for additional details.

It's not too late to sign up for the "Miss Eureka" contest. "Miss Eureka" assists the Hazel Stillwell Education and Scholarship Committee in raising funds for scholarship and also represents the State of Illinois when crowned Queen. Please contact Sister Verona S.E. Portis, Grand Coordinator at 312-835-7581 for additional details.

Worthy Grand Matron's Special Effort—To be held March 31, 2012 at the Hilton Springfield Hotel, Springfield, IL. The WGM's Special Effort Committee will be providing details of this affair soonest. Please plan the attend/participate.

In my next February 2012 communications I will be making changes, additions and deletions, to the Grand Officer's List, especially in the area of DGMs, Special DGMs, DGPs and DGLs. Between now and then I will be meeting with my Line Officers to discuss and determine the best qualified.

NOTE: Effective immediately, Sis Priscilla R. Jackson will perform the duties of the Grand Lecture until further notice. Please provide her due respect and support required of this office/officer. Sis Ronda Y. Guyton submitted to me her resignation and I accepted. We appreciate Sis Ronda Y. Guyton's work while she was Grand Lecturer and wish God's blessings in her future endeavors.

The Annual Mid-Year Meeting of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM, State of Illinois will be held March 2-4, 2012 at the Doubletree Hotel Chicago- Oak Brook located at 1909 Spring Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523. On Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 8:00am – 1230 Eureka Grand Chapter will hold workshops/meetings. All Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Secretaries, Treasurers and subordinate chapter line officers should make plans to attend and participate. More/detailed information will follow.

REMINDER to all Worthy Matrons and Secretaries: Monthly communications from the Office of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Master shall be sent (or made available) to all members along with the subordinate chapter's monthly meeting minutes. No exception.

Worthy Matrons/Secretaries: If your chapter has a Web Site, request you provide to the Grand Secretary the URL (Link) to that site. We plan on linking all subordinate chapter Web Sites to the Grand Chapter Web Site. We are hopeful to improve the methods of communications between Grand Chapter and the subordinate chapters. Please provide this information soonest. Thank you.

Let us remember to keep our sick and shut-in in our prayers. Please provide appropriate information to Sis Winogene Pointer, Cheer & Charity Committee Chairperson.

Dates to Remember:

Event/Location

January 7, 2012

The Public Installation for all newly elected Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons will be Saturday January 7, 2012, at the Camelot Banquet Hall, 8624 West 95th Street, Hills, Illinois 60457, 12Noon 4:00pm.

January 21, 2012

Mass Opening of Chapters—Grand East

February 11, 2012

Valentines Dinner and Dance, Grand East

March 2-4, 2012

Mid-Year Annual Session, 2-4 Mar 12, and banquet with a silent auction

March 31, 2012

Worthy Grand Matron's Special Effort—Hilton Springfield Hotel, Springfield, IL

TEAM, WITH HOLY GHOST POWER AND LOVE, WE GOT THIS! WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT! Remember where there is no participation, there is no affiliation. May the knowledge of the Star continue to shine upon each and every one of you. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Fraternally,

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