

Oziel Grand Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation
For the Jurisdiction of New Jersey, Inc.



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Jersey City
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www.ozielgrandchapternj.org

September 1, 2011

To: Most Worshipful Robert L. Oglesby Sr., Grand Master
Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Past Grand Worthy Patrons
All Elected and Appointed Grand Chapter Officers
All Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons
All Officers and Member of Subordinate Chapters of Oziel Grand Chapter
All Concordant Bodies of Oziel Grand Chapter

Greetings:

*Blessed are the peacemakers:
for they shall be called the children of God.*

Matthew 5:9

Proclamation

By the powers vested in us as the 46th Grand Worthy Matron and 44th Grand Worthy Patron, we do proclaim the opening of the 99th Administrative Year of Oziel Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation for the Jurisdiction of New Jersey.

As we continue this journey and face the challenges, we find encouragement knowing our State is untied and poised for improved accomplishments. We are honored to hold these positions. Thank you for the support and encouragement we have received thus far.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:7 “For we walk by faith, not by sight”

Motto: Always Act Faithfully

Theme: Serving with Gladness

Hymns: “Lord, Help Me to Hold Out”,

“It’s Been a Mighty Good Day”, “That’s the way of the world”, “What a Friend we have in Jesus”

Colors: Blue and Green

Flower: Yellow Cymbidium (Orchid)

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Communications:

Chapter communications must be read in the following order:

- 1) Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
- 2) Oziel Grand Chapter
- 3) Subordinate Chapters
- 4) Subordinate Lodges
- 5) Other Masonic Houses
- 6) Community Organizations

Do not summarize any communication coming from Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge or Oziel Grand Chapter. Their communication must be read in its entirety. Any other communication may be summarized.

Church Visitation: Please join Oziel Grand Chapter for a church visitation, Sunday, October 30, 2011. The location is St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Prospect Ave & Atlantic Ave, Asbury Park, New Jersey. The service will begin at 9:00 a.m. (8:40 AM assembly time).

Dates Clearance:

All dates Chapter functions must be cleared through your District Deputy Grand Matron and District Deputy Grand Master. You will receive notification of your approved dates and times. Your District Deputy Grand Matron will place the dates online in the District calendar.

Dispensations:

Refer to Oziel Grand Chapter's Grand Constitution and By-Laws and District Deputy Grand Matron.

District Meetings:

This year, Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 will host Saturday District meetings beginning at 11:00 AM. Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8 will host Sunday District Meetings beginning at 3:00 PM. Once again, Sunday meetings are open to any member in the state except those members of Districts holding their regular monthly School of Instruction on the same day. Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons are expected to provide a written report of their charitable activities for the year to the Grand Worthy Matron one week prior to their district meeting.

F.I.R.E. Ritualistic Competition:

We are extremely appreciative of all who participated in and worked on the competition. Next year, there will be changes that will allow contestants to better showcase their talents. We will have more fun, more friendly competition and bragging rights while improving our ritualistic knowledge.

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Grand Days to Remember:

- September 11th – Prince Hall Day, Pleasantville High School, 701 Mill Road, Pleasantville, NJ. Assemble time is 2:00 PM for a 3:00 PM service. Please come out and support our Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge.
- MWPHGL St. John the Evangelist Day – Sunday, December 18, 2011. Your District Deputy Grand Master will provide further information on locations and times.
- Esther Day – May 27, 2012. This event will be celebrated District-Wide. Your District Deputy Grand Matron will provide further information on locations and times.

Grand Education and Scholarship:

We will continue the “Change for Education” program. Your contributions will allow us to support the educational dreams of our graduating seniors.

Grand Visitations:

We cannot stress the importance of traveling, growing and learning enough. The invitation is still open for you to travel with us as often as your schedule allows to Grand Visitations inside the state as well as Sister Jurisdictions outside the state and the country. Visitations out of the jurisdiction require registration through the Grand Secretary. Join us, you can learn so much more by traveling.

Raffles:

No raffles are permitted while the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Raffle is in effect (**June 30, 2011 – November 4, 2011**). We encourage all Chapters to use this raffle as a fund raiser. Your Chapter earns two dollars (\$2.00) from every ticket sold. Reminder: the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron’s names **are not** to be printed on any chances, cocktail sips, bus trips or raffle books.

Seminar:

The Grand Chapter Seminar will be October 22, 2011 at the Grand East, 190 Irvine Turner Blvd., Newark, NJ. Registration and breakfast is at 7:45 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. The seminar will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 per person.

TO ALL GRAND LABYRINTH MEMBERS: BE PREPARED TO TAKE YOUR STATIONS.

Sisterhood Under Construction III:

The date and location for the retreat will be announced when the plans have been finalized.

T.O.R.C.H.:

Treasuring Our Ritualistic and Constitutional Heritage” is the ongoing a three-fold initiative including, a Mentoring Program”, our “New Member Committee”, and the “Ritualistic Competition”.

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Website:

Visit the site for events and information at <http://www.ozielgrandchapternj.org>. We would also like to remind the chapters to access their email addresses for internal updates and important messages. Send your concerns and suggestions to our webmaster, Sis. Brenda Burroughs at bburroughs@ozielgrandchapternj.org.

Youth Felicitaes:

Let us continue to support the efforts of our Youth. The State Director, Sister Dianne C. Robinson, Assistant Director, Sister Katrina Jones as well as all the District Chairpersons work very hard to guide and direct our young ladies. We certainly should do our part and support their efforts. You are also able to view their schedule of events on our website.

In closing, continue to “Serve Oziel Grand Chapter with Gladness” and “Always Act Faithfully”, remember brothers and sisters, whatever happens out there, we can find a haven in here. Because of what happens out there, our faith sometimes wavers. In spite of what happens out there, we are always the faithful ones in here.

This proclamation is to be read once in its entirety. The calendar of events for the upcoming month is to be read at each meeting.

Faithfully,

Signature on file

Daphne P. Roberts
Grand Worthy Matron

Signature on file

W. Spencer Person, Jr.
Grand Worthy Patron

Attest:

Signature on file

Brenda L. Burroughs
Grand Secretary

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