Prince Hall Grand Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star
Jurisdiction of Georgia

Annual Address
Of the
14th Grand Worthy Matron
Sister Marilyn Moore

Strategizing THE STAR through the Synergy of Service:
Education, Wellness and Volunteerism

113th Annual Grand Communication
“Embracing SERVICE Boldly with Dignity, Grace and Honor”

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Savannah, Georgia
113th Emphasis of Prince Hall Grand Chapter’s Communication
“Embracing SERVICE Boldly with Dignity, Grace and Honor”
(The Heroine, Esther)

Salutations
To the Honorable Douglas M. Jones, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of Georgia; Brother Marvin Knight, Grand Worthy Patron; 13th Past Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Vashit Grimes Pullen; 12th Past Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Belle S. Clark; 11th Past Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Ruby C. Clayton; 8th Past Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Aaron Kent, 7th Past Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Felton L. Hudson; 6th Past Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Willie V. Coleman; Elected and Appointed Grand Chapter Officers Past and Present; District Worthy Matrons, District Worthy Patrons, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past and Present; Officers and Members of Subordinate Chapters; Visiting Jurisdictions, Heads of Concordant Bodies, and all assembled to make up this Grand Body at the 113th Annual Communications of Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Jurisdiction of Georgia, Good Morning!

Greetings and Accolades
WELCOME to Savannah, the city by the sea, the historic setting for the 113th Annual Grand Session and its communications. This is the city of our historic inauguration—the beginning, of Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Jurisdiction of Georgia. Now we witness another beginning, an “Embracing (of) SERVICE Boldly with Dignity, Grace and Honor” by the Tri County Masonic Districts as they have so beautifully and gracefully hosted this 113th Annual Grand Session. Thanks to the Savannah Masonic District No. 1, Sister Eddie Lee Marsh, District Worthy Matron, Brother Willie Williams, District Worthy Patron, Brother Joseph Hymes, DDGM; Baxley District No. 17, Sister Polandria Porter, District Worthy Matron, Brother, David Daniels, District Worthy Patron, Brother Carl Bacon, DDGM; Statesboro Masonic District No 18, Sister Chyrileen Kilcrease, District Worthy Matron, Brother Schubert Lane, District Worthy Patron, Brother William George, DDGM; and, Sister Patricia Jones, PDWM of Savannah Masonic District No. 1, District Chairperson, for the hosting of this 113th Grand Session. You have done an outstanding job! Thanks for laying the ground works. And thank you, our Sisters, Brothers and Visitors for attending. Welcome to the 113th Grand Communications where we are “Embracing SERVICE Boldly with dignity and honor.”

State of the Order
Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Jurisdiction of Georgia, for the most part is working together in joy, peace and harmony. Needless to say, we can do better to “embrace” the concept of totally working together in sincerity and unity for the good of the Order. We can no longer allow the character of Haman in our lives and within the Order. Such character plots to destroy the good works and the foundation of this great Order and the Masonic Family. We must boldly stand tall like Esther and cling to the Master’s hand and pray as He orders our steps to correct that which is out of sync. Together we can accomplish this awesome task by everyone working together to perpetuate the Order, its cause and not the selfish desires and whims of the heart—Working Together and following leadership Everyone Attains More. Despite these minute obstacles in our path, we are on the upward move. However, we must continue to be guided by the providential care of the gigantic Hand of the Great Architect of the universe. The challenge is to do that which is right; be guided by the right spirit; remove petty selfish motives; and, be governed by the oath of this great organization. Paraphrasing the scriptures, we can accept the challenge by laying aside that which so easily overwhelms us;

“Let all things be done decently and in order...and with love.”

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presenting ourselves holy and acceptable for the work and job that is ahead; and, foremost, by looking to the Author, the finisher of our faith to heed to the call and cause of this great Order. Then and only then, the Order will be “Embracing SERVICE with dignity, Grace and Honor!”

Goals Accomplished
- Settled all legal affairs
- All Properties in Savannah are renovated and yielding positive returns
- Practical and applicable Lecturer Guidebook for use by Districts and Chapters

Goals in Progress
- Implement and enforce an anti-hazing Policy to be included in the Constitution and Bylaws and make it effective immediately.
- Concentrate on community Service
- Upgrade the technology and computer systems
- Reassess the Grand Chapter’s Bylaws and align to current procedures and standards
- Partnership with the American Red Cross for Community Service projects and the wellness program through Morehouse College
- Work together for the good and growth of the order

Charitable Contributions
Charitable contributions were made to various organizations such as American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, NAACP, Fort Valley State University Scholarship Foundation, Community Support, and relief to distressed Eastern Star Sisters.

Necrology
Joy comes in the morning and will soon disrobe us all of what we now possess. Last evening we memorialized . . . Sisters and Brothers who made their transition from labor to reward. “Though they are gone, they still live on, In the garden of memory.” Therefore it behooves each of us to live our lives to the fullest being ever so ready to answer the Master’s call and take our place in His beautiful garden of flowers.

Youth
The future of this great organization continues to lie in our Youth--the Youth within the Order, our families and the society in which we live. Therefore we must invest highly in their training and welfare. Districts are assessed financially to help support the Grand Youth organization to provide the leaderships and training necessary to push the organization to greater heights. The 35th Annual Grand Session was held in Riverdale, GA, in our home, the Grand East, April 22-23. The Grand Youth Officers were on target and orchestrated the affairs of their Grand Youth Session. A wonderful time was had by all. We congratulate the Atlanta Masonic District No. 3 East and No. 3 West (Atlanta Masonic District No.3) for the splendid job of hosting the session. Accolades and commendations are also extended to Sisters Mary James and Hazel McIver for the excellent job of supervising the Youth of this Jurisdiction. In addition, the session would not have been possible without the Youth who demonstrated decent, orderly behavior; the District Coordinators and the Chapter Directors--Thank you! We anticipate a great time of leadership and fun in Waycross, GA at the 36th Annual Session in 2012.
The Grand Youth Retreat will be in Albany, GA, in July 2011. If we invest in our Youth, the Order will yield better dividends!

**Scholarship**
The Sol C. Johnson Scholarship program continues to be at the helm of the educational phase of the Order. The Lillian E. Blake Queens’ Extravaganza raised $122,307.09 for the Sol C. Johnson Scholarship fund. The scholarship program is an excellent manner to support the young people right out of high school to reach their educational and professional goals. Our assistance is needed more then ever in this economical declining time. Scholarships continue to be awarded upon the completion of the application and verification of school enrollment. Let us reach out and lend a helping hand for students attending college or continuing in college immediately after high school graduation. We will continue to Praise and support programs supporting the scholarship fund and the educational endeavors of young adults. All Districts are commended for their Queen’s representation at the bronze, silver, gold and platinum levels. We proudly applaud and salute the 2010-2011 Prince Hall Grand Chapter Queen, Savannah District No. 1, Sister Tommie Osborne. Thank you Savannah Masonic District No. 1 and the entire jurisdiction for outpouring support of the scholarship program. Now, let us salute the 2011-2012 Queen of Prince Hall Grand Chapter

**Conferences**
- The 62nd Conference of Grand Worthy Matrons and Grand Worthy Patrons, Jacksonville, FL. Attending with the Grand Worthy Matron were: Grand Worthy Patron Marvin Knight; the Grand Associate Matron Lynnette S. Hymes; the Grand Associate Conductress Saundra Parks; Past Grand Matrons Sisters Belles S. Clark and Vashti G. Pullen; Past Grand Worthy Patron Felton L. Hudson; Grand Trustee Lucille Hudson; Past Grand Adah Mary Williams. Your Grand Worthy Matron was re-elected Chairperson of the South East Region-Conference of Grand Worthy Matrons and Grand Worthy Patrons
- Attended Conferences, Grand Sessions, and other concordant bodies representing Prince Hall Grand Chapter.
- Grand Session:
  - Prince Hall Grand Chapter and Adopted Rite of the Order of the Eastern Star, Jurisdiction of SC, 101st Grand Session. Attending with the Grand Worthy Matron were: the Grand Associate Matron Lynnette S. Hymes, Grand Associate Patron Sam McDonald, the Grand Conductress Deaidra Wilson, Grand Associate Conductress Saundra Parks, Grand Secretary Theressa E. Hill, Grand Trustee Joyce Gilchrist, Past Grand Worthy Matron Vashti G. Pullen; Grand Financial Assistant Frankie Totten; Sisters of the Macon Masonic District No. 5, Sisters Brenda Grimes Little-Carswell, Faye Butts, PWM.
  - Greetings extended on behalf of Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Jurisdiction of Georgia, at the annual convocations of the Yorkrite Bodies-Wilhelmina H. Parrish Most Ancient Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho; Lillian E. Blake Most Royal Grand Court, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection; John A. Robinson, Sr. Royal Grand Court, Order of the Cyrene Crusaders. And, the Grand State Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle.

**State of the Country**
Amidst the seemingly economic decline of our country, still we will rise under the dynamic leadership of our great President, The President Barrack Obama. The poor we will have with us, yet we need to support the

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country’s efforts to remove itself from the adverse problems of these declining times. Daily issues are assessed and addressed to move us from economic decay to economic recovery. We are on the edge of an economic incline. Yes, we are rising slowly but surely. Nevertheless, we must not forget to exercise our inalienable right to vote; to do our part to move this country forward; and to support the only leader who has God as his Architect, to chart the course of history for these United States of America. In God we trust and entrust the President to lead this country!

**Recommendations**

1. Purchase and follow the Adoptive Rite Ritual, 1998 Revise Edition, for all ritualistic work (Article 21, Section 3).
2. Practice and conduct the ritualistic opening and closing at all meetings as outlined in the adoptive rites of our order.
3. Continue to Go Green (Technology TEAMS) for dissemination of information to chapters and districts throughout this jurisdiction.
4. Support the attendance at Conferences especially the Conference of Grand Worthy Matrons, Grand Worthy Patrons and the South East Region for the same.
5. Financially support the usual charities of the Order.
6. Align, update and assess the Constitution and By-Laws through the executive board and Jurisprudence committees.
7. Continue to allow all committees imperative to the operations of the Grand Chapter to work in the absence of the Grand Chapter.

**Directives**

- Abide by the Order of burial services for performing the rites to an O*E*S Sister. The Order is: 1) The Daughters of Isis; 2) The Order of the Golden Circle; 3) The Order of the Cyrene Crusaders; 4) The Ladies of the Circle of Perfection; 5) The Heroines of Jericho; and, 6) The Order of the Eastern Star.
- Chapters and Districts are to support the ritualistic schools of instruction on a quarterly basis as previously outlined.
- Continue to positively support the unifying efforts of the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the betterment of this Jurisdiction.

**Closing**

Embracing denotes joining forces to work together cooperatively and harmoniously to achieve a goal. Embracing implies taking on positions that are challenging and demanding. Embracing is yielding and submission to a higher authority without selfish gain for power or fame. Embracing means armoring oneself with Christ like attributes like courage, grace, wisdom and strength to add and improve statue. Such attributes as in the days of Esther blocked out evil plots of deception. It also overthrew arrogance to replace horror and terror with dignity, honor and joy in the lives of many. For Esther knew like we should know, “if my people who are called by (His) My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek (His) My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then (He) I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14).” With the right mind and spirit, we can embrace these qualities by transforming our minds and girding our loins with the character of our Heroines for the good and perpetual growth and solidarity of this Order. Today in all
sincerity of heart, mind and love for the foundation of this order, the Order of the Eastern Star can forge together the tasks which lie ahead while binding forces “Energized, to stand firm in Faith, Hope, and Unity. In the immortal words of Rudyard Kipling from his poem “If”.

If you can keep your head when all about you
  Are losing theirs and blaming it on you; . . .

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
  If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with triumph and disaster
  And treat those two impostors just the same; . . .

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
  Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
  If all men (sisters) count with you, but not too much; . . .
Yours is the earth and everything that’s in it,
  And—which is more—You’ll be a Man (Sister), my son (daughter)”

Thusly, be “Energized in Hope, Faith and Unity for SERVICE.” Then, let us be patient; run the course that is set before us; look to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith; so that we might “mount up on wings as eagles” and boldly, go to see the king (King of Kings; Lord of Lords). If I perish, I perish, “who knows . . . for such a time like this.” I am going to see the King!

With dignity, grace and honor for the Order----
Your humble servant,

Sister Marilyn Moore
The 14th Grand Worthy Matron
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Addendum: 2010-2011 Stewardship Itinerary attached

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Grand Worthy Matron’s Stewardship Report
June 2010 to June 2011

The following stewardship report outlines an account of visitations and other activities of the Grand Worthy Matron.

2010

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<td>September 6</td>
<td>Office: Processed out first mailing of scholarship checks</td>
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<td>Legal Briefing, Grand East</td>
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<td>September 10-12</td>
<td>Executive Board Meeting; Prince Hall Day Weekend Activities, Riverdale, GA</td>
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<td>September 18</td>
<td>Attended Sister Lue Wee Gibson’s (Aunt) Funeral, Dublin, GA</td>
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<td>Attended-Represented the order at Yorkrite Bodies Convocation (Heroines of Jericho, Cyrene Crusaders, and Ladies of the Circle of Perfection), Atlanta</td>
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December 20-22 Office Days, Riverdale
December 28-29 Visit Grand Associate Matron, PWP Coleman and Savannah Properties, Savannah
December 29 Visited Ogeechee Area Hospice Center, Sister Minnie Boston, Statesboro, GA

2011
January 7-8 Savannah Masonic District No. 1 District Meeting; Inspected Properties
January 6 Family Visitation, Sister Minnie Boston, PDWM-Statesboro District, Meter, GA
January 15 Represented and Participated in MLK Jr., Parade Activities, Dublin
January 29 Statesboro Masonic District Banquet, Statesboro, GA

February 1 Office, Riverdale
February 9 Family Visitation of Grand Esther’s Daughter, Sister Latonia Smith, Rentz, GA
February 10 Wake services and Performed Burial Rites for Sister Latonia Smith, No. 115
February 19 Mid Winter Planning Meeting; Grand Youth Session Planning Meeting, Forsyth
February 24 Attended Lloyd James, Grand Trustee, Funeral, Atlanta
February 26 Attended Grand Wilhelmina Parrish Grand Court Workshop, HOJ, Forsyth
Attended John A. Robinson Workshop, LOCOP, & Joint Banquet, Forsyth
February 27 Ideal Chapter No. 101 Anniversary & Esther Day Celebration, Wrightsville, GA

March 3-6 Attended/Represented GS, Grand State Assembly/Council of Deliberation, Augusta
March 11 Electric Lodge Centennial Anniversary, Columbus, GA
March 12 Albany Masonic District No. 11, District Meeting, Albany, GA
March 13 Saint Phillips Chapter No. 114 Chapter Anniversaries and Esther Day, Swainsboro,
March 19 Attended Macon Masonic District No. 5, District Meeting, Forsyth, GA
March 20 Rose Metter Chapter 249, Education Day & Esther Day Celebration, Metter, GA
March 27 Attended Esther Day Observance, Pulaski
March 28-29 Site Visit/Planned for 113th Annual Session, Savannah Marriott, Savannah, GA
Inspected Savannah Property Renovations
March 30-April 1 Office Days, Riverdale
April 2 Augusta District No. 2 District Meeting, Augusta
Al-Karim Potentate Ball, Newnan, GA
April 10 Fidelity Chapter No. 45 Anniversaries & Esther Day Celebration, Dublin, GA
April 15 Office Day, Riverdale
April 16 Attended Atlanta Masonic District No. 3, District Meeting, Riverdale, GA
April 22-23 Attended the 36th Grand Youth Session, Grand East-Riverdale, GA
May 11-15 Attended the Conference of Grand Masters, Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons, Jacksonville, FL
May 21 Atlanta Masonic District No. 3, Called District Meeting, Riverdale
May 21 Atlanta Masonic District No. 3 Anniversary Celebration
May 29 LaGrange District Meeting, Newnan, GA
May 31- Office Days, Riverdale
June 1-3 Office Day, Riverdale
June 4 Americus District No. 14 District Meeting

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