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The Nurturing of Strong Roots Brings Forth New Growth

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To: Grand Worthy Matron, Renae Willis; Grand Worthy Patron Greg Allen; All Grand Chapter Officers - Present and Past; Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons; Officers and Members of Subordinate Chapters of Amaranth Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, P.H.A., Inc. State of Ohio; All Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Past Masters, Officers and Brethren of the Subordinate Lodges of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, Free and Accepted Masons

Greetings:

Effective January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019, there will be a period of open enrollment to afford women who are not related to Master Masons an opportunity to join the Order of Eastern Star as outlined in the Constitution of Amaranth Grand Chapter (Article V, Section 1): Open enrollment by a special edit from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Master, State of Ohio, and former members of Girls Assembly in good standing, those who have been legally adopted or affiliated Master Masons in good standing or who were affiliated and in good standing at the time of their respective deaths.

This is an opportunity to invite women who have a desire to join the Order of Eastern Star to request a petition. There are many women who desire to share in the sisterhood, to build relationships that will contribute to the stability and growth of the order and who possess characteristics conducive to a harmonious organization and fellowship.

It will be the responsibility of each sister or brother to ensure that they have knowledge of and are familiar with those they invite to become members. We should only put our signature on petitions that we are willing to vouch that the potential member shares our values and our commitments to the principles of our Order. Each of us must hold ourselves accountable for the members we help to bring into our Chapter.

This is a great opportunity for Chapters that have a scarce or non-existent masonic bloodline to increase their membership and our hope is that we will use this time to recruit the best members possible.

The voting will be adhered to by Article V, Section 7 in the Eastern Star Code and Constitution: which implies all ballots must be inviolably secret, without debate. One negative vote will reject the applicant. When a negative vote appears, the Matron shall

therefore immediately order a second ballot which shall be final. A legally prepared ballot shall contain at least as many white balls as there are members present and shall also contain ten black balls for each one hundred white balls. No ballot shall contain less than eight black balls.

It is our Prayer that the 2019 Open Enrollment Period will be a blessing to your Chapter and that Order of the Eastern Star will gain new members with all the love and zeal that our Order deserves.

This letter is to be read in the stated meetings in the months of December, January, February, March, April, May and June 2019.

Take due and timely notice of the foregoing and govern yourselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the private seal of the Grand Master at Cincinnati, Ohio this 5th day of November, AD 2018, AL 6018. I remain.

Respectfully & Fraternaly,

Kelvin J. Davis

Kelvin J. Davis, PM #106 - 33°
Most Worshipful Grand Master