



**THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, INC.**

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Dear Grand Instructors,

I am requesting that the Chapters return to the regular Floor Work with the exceptions of the following:

1. Wearing of Masks.
2. Social Distancing as much as possible.
3. Hand Sanitizing before entering the Chapter room and within the Chapter room.
4. Temperature needed to be taken before entering the Chapter room.
5. No singing of the National Anthem, but you should play the National Anthem keeping with the Most Worthy Grand Matron's Guidelines.
6. Do not sing the Opening or Closing Odes at this time.
7. Back to normal introductions with Social Distancing .
8. We will follow page 24 of the Ritual for escort of the Worthy Matron to the East. The Worthy Patron will assist her to the East and present her the gavel. Also follow escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on page 17 of the Red Book.
9. Back to opening march and closing marches with Social Distancing.
10. No holding hands within the prayer circle during Ceremony of Initiation.
11. Silver Drill with Social Distancing.
12. Social distancing in Fellowship Hall with proper protocol.
13. Remember to follow the protocol set by the Worshipful Master of your Lodge.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron is in agreement with these guidelines for Florida chapters.

Thank you for your continued compliance with the Guidelines as we want to remain as safe as possible during this time of Pandemic.

I am happy to say that many Chapters are doing initiations which helps our order to grow. We wish for each Chapter to "Stand Tall, Wear a Crown, Be Sweet and Tell everyone you meet about the Order of Eastern Star."

Lovingly and Fraternaly,

Donna

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