



**The Grand Chapter of Florida  
Order of the Eastern Star, Inc.**

Joyce A. Myers, Chairman  
Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project  
1514 Stafford Avenue, Merritt Island, FL 32952

(321) 961-8255 (C)  
[jalm@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jalm@cfl.rr.com)

April 16, 2026

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Chapters

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Ann Holt, has given me the opportunity to serve as Chairman of her Special Project, the Miami Heart Research Institute. They are an independent, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that relies heavily on the assistance of public and private donations to achieve its mission to stop heart disease through research, education and prevention. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease affects 1 in 4 Americans. Furthermore, it is the leading cause of death and disability for individuals in the United States, more than any other disease combined. Each year the Miami Heart Research Institute grants over one million dollars to community projects which include, but are not limited to college/university scholarships for both PhD candidates and cardiac nursing students as well as scholarships for Kids Tag Art (license plates)/Heart Smart Art for 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Florida's public school system which raises money for classroom supplies and teaches kids how to live a heart healthy life.

Our goal is to raise funds to further research in the prevention of cardiovascular disease. A chairman has been appointed in each of our 21 Districts and we are going to be proactive in our fundraising efforts. This year we will be selling music sheets which have been provided by some musically talented members, along with glass nail files, bracelets, coin purses, dove ornaments, password books, slips, ties and tie clips.

We have planned some fun-filled events including a Roast of our Worthy Grand Patron on September 19<sup>th</sup> in Panama City, on November 7<sup>th</sup>, a "Step Back Time" Initiation ceremony in Okeechobee, a Winter Wonderland on January 23, 2027 in Melbourne and our exciting Cruise to Cozumel, Mexico and New Orleans for Mardi Gras, February 5 – 12, 2027. Flyers for each of these events and more will be posted on the Florida Grand Chapter website [www.floridaoes.org](http://www.floridaoes.org). We look forward to seeing you at our events throughout the State.

Fraternally,

*Joyce A. Myers*

Joyce A. Myers, Chairman  
Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project

Sent with approval of the Worthy Grand Matron