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**From the Desk of L. Lamont Banks, KYGCH, 33°
Most Worshipful Grand Master**

May 30, 2025

Qualifications to be Grand Worthy Matron of Excelsior Grand Chapter

To all elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers

To all Prince Hall Masons that owe allegiance to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of TN

To GWM, GWP, and all elected & appointed Grand Chapter Officers

To all members of Excelsior Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, PHA

Greetings one and all,

Arvin W. Glass, the 16th Most Worshipful Grand Master, of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of TN issued a Directive during his tenure as Most Worshipful Grand Master that changed the eligibility for the position of Grand Worthy Matron of Excelsior Grand Chapter. He made this change to have the OES rules for leadership in Tennessee mirror the Prince Hall Grand Lodge rules for leadership. In this same spirit, I do issue the following directive:

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I, L. Lamont Banks, 17th Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of TN do direct that the clause of Excelsior Grand Chapter Code & Constitution on page 8, titled Election of Officers, section 6. which states, "only a Past Worthy Matron, who has held an elected office in the Grand Chapter, can be elected to the office of Grand Worthy Matron" is hereby reinstated as law effective immediately. This directive supersedes all previous communications, rules, laws, and regulations, be they written or unwritten in nature. Please take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly.

I remain,

MWGM L. Lamont Banks
17th Most Worshipful Grand Master
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