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To: RWDGM, Douglas Jones, MW Past Grand Masters, Brothers: Willie L. Williams, Benjamin Barksdale, and Neal Mc Queen; All Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, All Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brothers.

To: The Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Marilyn Moore, The Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Marvin Knight. All Past Grand Worthy Matrons, All Past Grand Worthy Patrons, All Elected and Appointed Grand Chapter Officers, All Worthy Matrons, All Worthy Patrons, All Past Worthy Matrons, All Past Worthy Patrons, All Other Officers and Members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

I greet you all in the name of the Great I AM; the One who is the Giver of all good and perfect gifts. As we come to the end of another year let us all be reminded how blessed we are in spite of what is happening in the economy. There are several things I wish to share with you in this proclamation.

(1) Prince Hall Day in Rome, (2) Mid Winter Meeting in February, (3) Grand Lodge Meeting in 2010, (4) Our Directory, (5) Our Tag Campaign, (6) The recent Flood in the Atlanta Area, (7) The Governor's Race, (8) Growth, and The British Virgin Island, and (9) Open Blood Line.

Brothers and Sisters, Rome did an outstanding job hosting our Prince Hall Day Celebration. DDGM Charlie Morrison and the entire Rome District left no stone unturned to insure a good time for all who attended. Rome thanks for showing all of us an excellent time.

(2) Mid Winter meeting will be held February 13, 2010, in Forsyth, Georgia. Registration form enclosed.

(3) In June 2010, our Grand Session will be held in Columbus, Georgia. DDGM Grissom and his committee are busy at work in anticipation of our arrival next year. If you have not already reserved your room, please do so. It is expected that this will be one of our largest Grand Lodge Sessions ever. Let us repeat the excellent job we did last year relative to pre- registration. Pre-registration afford us the opportunity to do a better job in managing our finances.

(4) We have had very poor participation with our Family Directory of Businesses. Brothers and Sisters, as we move on to higher heights it is imperative that we do a better job of managing our finances. One way of doing this is to keep our dollars circulating within our community over and over again. If you have not registered your business, please contact Brother Mario Eury or Sister Sandra Parks to do so.

(5) Our tag campaign, chaired by Brother Nathaniel Hollis, is moving forward. It is our hope to have all necessary requirements in place by the end of October. This is a project that was started over six years ago and Brother Hollis has vowed to see it come to fruition.

(6) Atlanta and the surrounding counties were flooded a few weeks ago. Our Organization is working with Hosea Feed The Hungry to assist those flood victims in need. If you or anyone you know need assistance please call the Grand Lodge Office. While in Washington attending the Supreme Council, The Willard Allen class of 1986, My Class, donated \$500.00 to help us in this effort.

(7) Next year we will be going to the polls to elect a new Governor. One of our own, the current Attorney General, Thurbert Baker, is a candidate. I am confident that some of you will be working in his campaign. Please be reminded as a 501c Corporation we can not endorse any particular candidate. Therefore if you choose to work in the campaign please do not wear any thing with our Organization's name nor symbol on it.

(8) If we are to survive as a viable organization, we must have growth. As predicted, once we moved to the level we are currently operating growth would surely come. Please welcome our new Sisters and Brother as they join our ranks. I recently return from the British VI, where we now a new Lodge in Tortola. Sure, with growth there are challenges and our greatest challenge is space in the Atlanta area. If we work together with a cooperative spirit there is absolutely no challenge we can not handle.

(9) As in years past OES Chapters have the option of allowing Open Blood Line Applications; If Chapters decide to allow for Open Blood Line, they can do so from, January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010.

Finally, my Brothers and Sisters let us never forget other than God we are all that we have; therefore it behooves each of us to help bring out the best in each other.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ramsey Davis, Jr." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name below it.

Ramsey Davis, Jr., 33°
MW Grand Master Jurisdiction of Georgia