Polishing Our Pearls

Monthly Theme: *Greetings & Forms of Address at Chapter Meetings*

**At a Chapter Meeting, the main greeting would be the following:**

“To Madam Basileus, to our Former Basilei, and all others who serve Alpha Kappa Alpha — Good Morning Sorors...”

This greeting, or other appropriate wording, is stated only by the first speaker of the event.

All others who follow need only acknowledge the leader — the Basileus:
- “To Madam Basileus – Good Morning Sorors”
- There is no greeting before offering a prayer, meditation, grace, and/or invocation. These guidelines are applicable for plenary sessions, luncheons and events.

**Forms of Address**

- The correct address for the presiding officer is “Madam Supreme Basileus, “Madam Regional Director” or “Madam Basileus.” This formal address helps to depersonalize issues under discussion and enhances respect for the position.
- The correct way to address a member is “Soror” followed by her first or last name.