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TO: Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Trustees, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brothers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of Alabama

GREETINGS:

“The joy of brightening other lives, bearing each others’ burdens, easing others’ loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of the holidays.”

W. C. Jones

Our 148th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama was magnificent and greatly attended. Our attendance at our Annual Communications continues to steadily progress each year. Our host hotels were sold out and our sessions and programs were very well attended. Commendations are due R.W. Maurice Edwards and all the dedicated Brothers of District One for all their hard work, dedication and hospitality rendered for yet, another year. I want to thank all the Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren for your outstanding participation and decorum exemplified during our Annual

Communication. You conducted yourselves as just and upright Masons should. Your attendance and conduct at the session is appreciated and is to be commended.

While at the 148th Annual Communication we were fortunate enough to induct five brothers (three posthumously) into our Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama's Hall of Fame. We were also blessed to welcome to this great fraternity newly raised Master Masons referred to as the Jimmy L. Farmer Class of 2018. We congratulate those inductees and newly raised brothers. We look forward to great things from them.

In September, we celebrated our Fifth Annual Prince Hall Americanism Classic Weekend on the campus of Miles College. Our Classic is progressively getting better each year. For the second consecutive year almost one hundred brothers and members of the Order of Eastern Star took the field at halftime and made a check presentation, from the Prince Hall Legacy Foundation, to Miles College in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Jimmy L. Farmer Scholarship. Thank you to all who supported our Prince Hall Americanism Weekend.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

“The strength of the team is in each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”

Phil Jackson

The following is a list of the Grand Lodge Officers for Masonic year 2018-2019, both elected and appointed:

Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Esq. (33), Grand Master
Robert W. Glenn (89), Deputy Grand Master
Woodie Pugh, Jr. (139), Senior Grand Warden
Matthew Hardy, Jr. (406), Junior Grand Warden
Dr. James Gray, II (490), Grand Treasurer
George D. Echols (408), Grand Secretary/CCFC
Victor B. Pettus (32), Grand Trustee (Chairman), 3 years
Andrew J. Fuller (6), Grand Trustee 2 years
Morris E. Tooles, II (408), Grand Trustee 1 year
Tyrone C. Means, Esq. (345), Grand Attorney
Acie Hale (14), Grand Senior Deacon
Carlton Jones (428), Grand Junior Deacon

John Manuel (1), Grand Senior Steward
Charlie Axle (319), Grand Junior Steward
Rev. E. Baxter Morris (7), Grand Chaplain
Charles L. Motley, Jr. (624), Grand Standard Bearer
Robert L. Goodloe (46), Grand Sword Bearer
Freddie L. Armstead, Jr. (26), Grand Marshal
George Wilson (199), Grand Pursuivant
William Garrett (410), Grand Tyler/Assistant Convention Coordinator
Dennis Simmons (778), Endowment Secretary
Dr. Belfondia Pou (772), Grand Medical Registrar
Dr. L. Ken Collins, II (431), Grand Historian/Corporate Liaison
Dr. Marxlyn David (71), Grand Musician
Kevin Howard (216), Grand Recording Secretary
Johnny Isaac (398), Chief of Security/Special Deputy
Gregory L. Clark (218), Convention Coordinator/Corporate Liaison
Quinton Burrow (59), Aide to the Grand Master
Desmond Thomas (33), Assistant Grand Recording Secretary
James Littleton (67), Class Organizer

GRAND DISTRICT DEPUTIES

The following are the Grand District Deputies for Masonic year 2018-2019:

District Number 1 Maurice Edwards (3)
District Number 2 Lurie Walton (694)
District Number 3 Robert Stallworth, Jr. (141)
District Number 4 Billy Joe Stallworth (196)
District Number 5 Rickey Allen (218)
District Number 6 Billy Morris (444)
District Number 7 Erwin Chambliss (408)
District Number 8 Donald R. Parks (345)
District Number 10 Edward Cobb (395)
District Number 12 Rev. Richard Wilson, Jr. (642)
District Number 13 Alvin Crawford (213)
District Number 14 Walter Greene (431)
District Number 15 Kenneth Hardy (178)
District Number 17 Anthony J. Johnson (50)

Our Grand District Deputies are the lifeline between the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges. They are the vocal pieces and the representatives of the

Grand Master in their particular districts. **All Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Brothers are expected to cooperate fully with their Grand District Deputies. All Grand District Deputies are expected to attend to their respective duties diligently.**

TRAVELING AGAIN RECLAMATION PROGRAM (TARP)

Our Traveling Again Reclamation Program (TARP) has been an asset to this great organization. “Out of Bounds” Brothers are continuing to come back home to Prince Hall Freemasonry. Let us continue to welcome those Brothers back and encourage more to come. **PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE TAX INCREASE THE TARP FEE HAS INCREASED BY \$15.00.**

Members suspended **before** June, 2002, can reinstate by paying the following:

\$20.00 reinstatement fee
\$25.00 taxes
\$25.00 registration
\$50.00 assessment—**Have two years to pay the remaining \$150.00**
\$120.00 TOTAL

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\$120.00 TOTAL

The two years to pay the assessment will be closely monitored by me. Those who do not pay the assessment will be suspended again for non-payment. If a Brother had already made payments on his assessment to the Grand Lodge he will be credited for his payment(s). If a Brother’s lodge no longer exists he is to be referred to his Grand District Deputy to help in completing the paperwork to place him on another lodge’s roll.

Brothers continue to go out and reclaim our lost membership. This is an excellent way to rebuild our lodges. **I have extended TARP through July 31, 2019.**

SELMA MARCH

For the sixth consecutive year and in an effort to be more involved in our communities, to remember our past, and to look to our future, I am calling on the entire jurisdiction to converge on Selma, Alabama, on Sunday, March 3, 2019, to participate in the 54th anniversary of the historical walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. I am asking all brothers and sisters to meet at 119 Washington Street, Selma, Alabama 36701, diagonally across from Washington Street Marketplace, at 11:00 a.m. The bridge crossing re-enactment will begin at 2:30 p.m. A large crowd is expected; therefore, I am asking all brothers and sisters to arrive at the designated time. Please bring plenty of water, snacks and lounging chairs as they will be needed, particularly by our elderly brothers and sisters. All brothers are to participate in the March dressed in proper masonic regalia to include a black suit (including the jacket), white shirt and solid black tie. It is very important that we assemble in Selma, Alabama in mass numbers. Last year we had hundreds of brothers and sisters to participate. Let us do our best to continue to increase our numbers this year. Consider this March as a time to remember for the seasoned brother and a history lesson for the younger brother. I am counting on you to help make this another great success.

GRAND LODGE TAX INCREASE

At our 148th Annual Communication the body voted unanimously to increase our taxes from \$10.00 per member, per year to \$25.00 per member, per year. A slideshow concerning our need for a tax increase was presented at each of our regional meetings. Thank you to the brothers for thinking rationally and doing the right thing by voting to support this tax increase. **IF YOUR LODGE PAYS ITS TAXES SEMI-ANNUALLY, THE AMOUNT DUE WILL BE \$12.50 PER MEMBER BY DECEMBER 1ST AND MAY 30TH. IF YOUR LODGE PAYS ITS TAXES ANNUALLY, THE AMOUNT DUE WILL BE \$25.00 PER MEMBER BY DECEMBER 1ST.** All Worshipful Masters of all lodges are requested to send all Grand Lodge taxes to R. W. George D. Echols, Grand Secretary, Post Office Box 3967, Auburn, Alabama 36831-3967, as soon as possible. **A \$25.00 late fee will be assessed to each lodge if the Grand Lodge taxes are received more than 30 days past the due dates.**

REVISED GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTION

Also, at our 148th Annual Communication, the body voted unanimously to adopt a Revised Constitution. This Constitution will be available in March of 2019 when our regional meetings begin. **Every subordinate lodge will receive one complimentary copy of the Revised Constitution. The complimentary copy is**

to remain with the lodge when officers change. Copies of the Constitution will also be sold at a price to be determined. If a lodge loses its complimentary copy it will have to purchase another. **The Constitution has a copyright; therefore, photocopies of the work are forbidden and punishable by law.**

SOUVENIR JOURNAL

Our souvenir journal efforts for 2018 were a great success. I congratulate and thank all who participated. The souvenir journal information for 2019 is enclosed with this Communication and will be available on the website. Please pay strict attention to the new deadline date of **May 15, 2019.** **All subordinate lodges are REQUIRED to purchase or to sell a full page ad or two half page ads.**

2018 HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS

Posthumous Inductions

- Bro. Roderick B. Thomas (First black judge in Alabama), St. Mark No. 4**
- Bro. A. G. Gaston (Entrepreneur), Triple Tau No. 104**
- Bro. Arthur Shores (Civil Rights Attorney), Triple Tau No. 104**

Other Inductions

- Bro. Jonathan McPherson (Civil Rights Advocate), Tuxedo No. 431**
- Bro. Joe Reed, Sr. (Political and Civil Rights Activist), Abraham No. 267**

2018 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Applicant Name	College/University	Amount Given
Jordan B. Thomas	University of West Alabama	\$1,400.00
Jeremy Kennedy	Alabama A.&M. University	\$1,400.00
Joseph Snider	Mississippi State University	\$1,400.00
Jeremiah Jordan	Enterprise St. Comm. College	\$1,400.00
Destiny Morris	Texas A.&M. University	\$1,400.00
Ariyan Johnson	Alabama A.&M. University	\$1,400.00
Alferia Agee	Troy University	\$1,400.00
Demetria Johnson	Lawson St. Community College	\$1,400.00
Kei'Aunna Chavis	Alabama A.&M. University	\$1,400.00
Nyeshia Benson	Jacksonville State University	\$1,400.00
Scholarships	Miles College	\$10,000.00

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Scholarships	Alabama A.&M. University	\$5,000.00
Scholarships	Tuskegee University	\$5,000.00
Scholarships	Alabama State University	\$5,000.00
Scholarships	Stillman College	\$5,000.00
Scholarships	Talladega College	\$5,000.00
Scholarships	Selma University	\$5,000.00

WINNING LODGES of the YEAR

RURAL LODGE of the YEAR

1st Place– Cyrene Lodge No. 844

Brother Adrian Lewis, Worshipful Master

2nd Place- Morrow Grove Lodge No. 800

Brother Robert Stewart, Worshipful Master

3rd Place- Goshen Lodge No. 132

Brother Cad Ford, Worshipful Master

CITY LODGE of the YEAR

1st Place– Morning Star No. 50

Brother Barrington Dames, Worshipful Master

2nd Place- Hamilton Lodge No. 365

Brother Loveless Belser, Worshipful Master

3rd Place- Goodway Lodge No. 222

Brother Jarvis Noel, Worshipful Master

Phoenix Lodge No. 428

Brother Keith Daniel, Worshipful Master

WINNING DISTRICT DEPUTIES of the YEAR

1st Place Winner

R. W. Walter Greene, Grand District Deputy of District No. 14

2nd Place Winner

R. W. Erwin Chambliss, Grand District Deputy of District No. 7

3rd Place Winner

R. W. Anthony J. Johnson, Grand District Deputy of District No. 17

WINNING DISTRICTS FOR SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD SALES

1st Place – District No. 7

R. W. Erwin Chambliss, Grand District Deputy

2nd Place - District No. 14

R. W. Walter Greene, Grand District Deputy

3rd Place – District No. 12

R. W. Richard Wilson, Grand District Deputy

WINNING LODGES FOR SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD SALES

1st Place – Milton W. Howze Lodge No. 408

Brother Mario Mitchell, Worshipful Master

2nd Place – York Lodge No. 642

Brother Charlie Square, Worshipful Master

3rd Place – Geometry Lodge No. 410

Brother Curtis Nelson, Worshipful Master

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CRUISE

In the year 2020, this Grand Lodge will be celebrating its 150th anniversary. It is our intent to celebrate this huge milestone in grand style. The Grand Lodge will be setting sail on a 150th Anniversary Celebration Cruise immediately following the close of our 150th Annual Communication. The cruise will span four days from Mobile to Cozumel, Mexico. The dates are July 30-August 3, 2020. Many of you have already signed up for the cruise. A sign-up sheet is enclosed for those who

have not signed up. Please feel free to make copies of the sign-up sheets. I invite all to take the Celebration Cruise with us. More information will be forthcoming in the very near future.

FORMATION OF OTHER ENTITIES

It has come to my attention that some subordinate lodges have formed other entities without the approval of the Grand Lodge. No subordinate lodge has the authority to form any other entity. Legally, the parent body (Grand Lodge) is responsible for the actions of its subordinates. The formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC), 501c3, etc. by a subordinate lodge is a danger to and threatens the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge and violates our Constitution. As Grand Master it is my obligation to protect the Grand Lodge's sovereignty. If there is ever a question about what authority a subordinate lodge has, a reliable source of reference is the lodge's charter. The charter explains what authority the Grand Lodge is empowering the subordinate lodge with.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH and DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE

Every member of the Jurisdiction of Alabama is currently covered by a \$2,500.00 accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy. The policy is provided by American Income Life Insurance Company and covers all present members and those who join our organization in the future. This insurance is at **no cost** to the membership. If a Brother does reach his demise by accident, please submit a death certificate to the Grand Lodge. It will be forwarded to American Income Life along with a letter of good standing from the Grand Master. You may have already received a letter concerning this policy. **If you are not interested in purchasing an additional insurance policy and/or if you are not interested in being contacted by an insurance agent, please DO NOT return the yellow card to American Income Life Insurance Company. Brothers please keep in mind this is a policy for accidental death and dismemberment only.**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1.) **Every Lodge is required to display its current roll on the Secretary's desk at every meeting. Every Brother has the right to look at the roll to make sure his money is being sent to the Grand Lodge.** Grand District Deputies, make certain that when you visit a lodge that you check to make sure that a current lodge roll is displayed on the Secretary's desk.

2.) The healing of a clandestine or irregular made Mason **must** be approved by the Grand Master and requires a dispensation. You may send a Request for Dispensation form to me at the Grand Lodge Office. Please check the “other” box and type or print: “to heal” and then list the individual(s). **Also, prior to healing, the lodge should obtain the full \$200.00 assessment, along with other required fees, from the individual(s).**

3.) Every lodge should have a copy of the Jurisdictional Regalia Guide. It is also available on the website. This guide is to be strictly adhered to by all members without any exceptions.

4.) Every lodge should have a copy of our Anti-Hazing Policy. This policy is also available on our website. Every lodge is to be in full compliance with the Anti-Hazing Policy. No ceremonies or initiation procedures should be used other than what is in our official ritual, *Lester’s Look to the East*. Non-compliance will result in suspensions and/or expulsions. Please familiarize yourselves with this policy thoroughly.

5.) When you renew your license plates please remember to purchase a Prince Hall Grand Lodge license plate. A donation of \$41.25 of the \$50.00 fee will go to the Prince Hall Legacy Foundation for scholarship purposes. We should be proud to show the world that we are Prince Hall Masons.

6.) Effective May 7, 2018, restoration into the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama’s Endowment and Burial Department is hereby discontinued. The only form of an out of bounds brother returning to the roll is through reinstatement, which does not include endowment and burial.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

During this holiday season, and always, let us be thankful for the many blessings the Grand Architect of the Universe has bestowed upon us, and let us remember the less fortunate. Let us pray for peace and prosperity for our families and for our beloved Grand Lodge during the holidays and for the upcoming new year. I implore each of you to please remember the true reason for the Christmas season, the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior. I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Prosperous New Year!

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Grand Lodge to be affixed and the same to be attested by the Grand Secretary on this 7th day of November 2018, A. L. 6018.

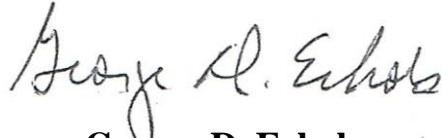


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