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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:

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

Isaiah 7:14

The 149th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama was another huge success and was greatly attended. Each year the attendance at our Annual Communication continues to increase. Our host hotels were sold out and our sessions and programs were filled to the masses. Commendations are due R.W. Walter Greene and all the dedicated Brothers of District Fourteen for all their hard work, dedication and hospitality rendered. 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. Your attendance and conduct at the session is appreciated and is to be commended.

While at the 149th Annual Communication we were fortunate enough to induct eight brothers (two 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 of the Godfrey Johnson Class of 2019. We congratulate those inductees and newly raised brothers. We look forward to great things from them.

In September, we celebrated our Sixth Annual Prince Hall Americanism Classic Weekend on the campus of Miles College. Our Classic continues to get better each year. For the third consecutive year several 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.

On September 18, 2019, this jurisdiction suffered a severe blow with the loss of Right Worshipful Grand Secretary and CCFC, as well as, Honorary Past Grand Master, George D. Echols, who passed away peacefully at his home. R. W. Echols was a pillar within this organization and within his community. He was a man, friend and brother who led by example and was always willing to impart good and wholesome instructions, as well as, words of wisdom. Brother Echols will be deeply missed. May God rest his soul. Let us keep the Echols family in our prayers during this time of bereavement.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

Andrew Carnegie

The following is a list of the Grand Lodge Officers for Masonic year 2019-2020, 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
Morris E. Tooles, II (408), Grand Trustee 3 years
Victor B. Pettus (32), Grand Trustee (Chairman), 2 years
Andrew J. Fuller (6), 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 2019-2020:

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 H. Jerome Glover (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.

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

Members suspended **after** 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 \$200.00**
\$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, 2020.**

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 1, 2020, to participate in the 55th 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.

SOUVENIR JOURNAL

Our souvenir journal efforts for 2019 were a great success. I congratulate and thank all who participated. The souvenir journal information for 2020 is enclosed with this Communication and will be available on the website. Please pay strict attention to the deadline date of **May 15, 2020**. **All subordinate lodges are REQUIRED to purchase or to sell a full-page ad or two half-page ads.**

GRAND SECRETARY'S CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Effective immediately, the Grand Secretary's address has changed. His new address is as follows:

**Anthony J. Johnson
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
Post Office Box 6468
Huntsville, Alabama 35813-6468**

Please make sure that all Grand Lodge taxes and correspondences intended for the Grand Secretary are sent to the above address.

2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS

Posthumous Inductions

- ◆ **Bro. Demetrius Newton (Civil Rights Attorney, Alabama State Rep. 1986-2013), Geometry No. 410**
- ◆ **Bro. Wytasha Carter (Fallen Police Officer), Geometry No. 410**

Other Inductions

- ◆ **Bro. Bobby Singleton (Alabama State Senator 2005-Present), Paragon No. 26**
- ◆ **Bro. Rodger Smitherman (Alabama State Senator 1995-Present), Holding No. 459**
- ◆ **Bro. Anthony Daniels (Youngest & First Black House of Rep. Minority Leader), Morning Star No. 50**
- ◆ **Bro. Roderick Scott (Alabama State Rep. 2006-Present), Tuxedo No. 431**
- ◆ **Bro. Artis J. McCampbell (Alabama State Rep. 2006-Present), Paragon No. 26**
- ◆ **Bro. U.W. Clemon (Civil Rights Attorney, Alabama State Senator 1975-1980, Federal Judge 1980-2009) Holding No. 459**

2019 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Applicant Name	College/University	Amount Given
Jaylandis Sistrunk	University of West Georgia	\$1,400.00
Asineade Fuller	Alabama A.&M. University	\$1,400.00
Dacarmeyen S. Hines	Alabama State University	\$1,400.00
Malaysia Watford	Wallace Community College	\$1,400.00
Devin Daniels	University of Alabama	\$1,400.00
John Radford, VI	University of Georgia	\$1,400.00
Scholarships	Miles College	\$10,000.00
Scholarships	Alabama A.&M. University	\$10,000.00
Scholarships	Alabama State University	\$10,000.00

Applicant Name	College/University	Amount Given
Scholarships	Tuskegee University	\$7,500.00
Scholarships	Stillman College	\$1,250.00
Scholarships	Talladega College	\$1,250.00

WINNING LODGES of the YEAR

RURAL LODGE of the YEAR

1st Place– Shorter Lodge No. 533

Brother Willie Smith, Worshipful Master

2nd Place- Goshen Lodge No. 132

Brother Cad Ford, Worshipful Master

3rd Place- Morrow Grove Lodge No. 800

Brother Robert Stewart, Worshipful Master

CITY LODGE of the YEAR

1st Place– New Beginning No. 970

Brother Ronald Boone, Worshipful Master

2nd Place- Hamilton Lodge No. 365

Brother Loveless Belser, Worshipful Master

3rd Place- 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. Anthony J. Johnson, Grand District Deputy of District No. 17

3rd Place Winner

R. W. Donald R. Parks, Grand District Deputy of District No. 8

LENGTH OF MY CABLETOW AWARD

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

WINNING DISTRICTS FOR SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD SALES

1st Place – District No. 14

R. W. Walter Greene, Grand District Deputy

2nd Place - District No. 4

R. W. Billy Joe Stallworth, Grand District Deputy

3rd Place – District No. 7

R. W. Erwin Chambliss, Grand District Deputy

WINNING LODGES FOR SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD SALES

1st Place – New Beginning Lodge No. 970

Brother Ronald Boone, Worshipful Master

2nd Place – York Lodge No. 642

Brother Johnny Austin, Worshipful Master

3rd Place – Rose of Sharon Lodge No. 196

Brother A.Z. Stoudmire, Worshipful Master

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CRUISE

In the year 2020, this Grand Lodge will be celebrating its 150th anniversary. We are going 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 to be held in Mobile, Alabama. The cruise will span four days from Mobile to Cozumel, Mexico. The dates are July 30-August 3, 2020. Our members have booked over one hundred cabins. There are

approximately only thirty cabins left. I invite all to take the Celebration Cruise with us. You may book a cabin by contacting Traelle Poindexter of Amazing Vacations 24/7 at amazingvacation247@gmail.com or at (989) 482-1707.

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.) Grand Lodge taxes are \$25.00 per member, per year. **IF YOUR LODGE PAYS ITS TAXES SEMI-ANNUALLY, THE AMOUNT DUE WILL BE \$12.50 PER MEMBER BY DECEMBER 15TH AND MAY 30TH. IF YOUR LODGE PAYS ITS TAXES ANNUALLY, THE AMOUNT DUE WILL BE \$25.00 PER MEMBER BY DECEMBER 15TH.** All Worshipful Masters of all lodges are requested to send all Grand Lodge taxes to R. W. Anthony J. Johnson, Grand Secretary, Post Office Box 6468, Huntsville, Alabama 35813-6468, 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.**

4.) The 2018 revision of the *Book of Constitutions of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama* is on sale in the Grand Lodge Office at a cost of \$20.00 each. **The Grand Lodge has a copyright on this document; therefore, there will be absolutely no reproducing of the Constitution. Any reproduction of this publication is copyright infringement and punishable by law, as well as, subject to masonic discipline.**

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

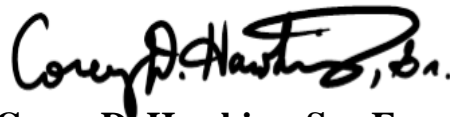
Prince Hall Legacy Foundation for scholarship purposes. We should be proud to show the world that we are Prince Hall Masons.

6.) **A Request for Dispensation should be made as early as possible and must be made no fewer than fourteen (14) days prior to the event, emergency circumstances excepted. Requests must be made to the Most Worshipful Grand Master.**

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 others, our families and for our beloved Grand Lodge during the holidays and for the upcoming new year. I petition 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 13th day of November 2019, A. L. 6019.



**Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Esq.
Most Worshipful Grand Master
of the**

**Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama**



Attested:



**Anthony J. Johnson
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
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