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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:

“You can never know where you are going unless you know where you have been.”

Amelia Boynton Robinson

The above quote by the late Civil Rights Movement icon, Amelia Boynton Robinson, is a true statement. We must know where we have been in order to know the path we are currently traveling. As we approach the month of February, designated as Black History Month, we must apply a more assertive effort to learn our history and enlighten others about our history. We should not only do this in February, but every month of the year. It is our duty, no one else’s, to teach our children and grandchildren about the struggles and the achievements of our ancestors and the present-day struggles and achievements of our people.

SELMA MARCH

For the seventh 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. Each year we have had hundreds of brothers and sisters to attend. 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.

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CRUISE

This year the Grand Lodge celebrates 150 years of existence. We will 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 Grand Lodge Communication. The cruise will span four days, July 30-August 3, 2020, from Mobile to Cozumel, Mexico. Several brothers and sisters have elected to go on the cruise. There are only a few cabins remaining. Please do not get left out. For more information about the cruise contact Traelle Poindexter of Amazing Vacations 24/7 by email at amazingvacation247@gmail.com or by telephone at 989-482-1707.

STATEWIDE RAISING

Our annual statewide raising will be held at our 150th Annual Grand Lodge Communication in Mobile, Alabama. Lodges can bring their Fellowcrafts to the annual communication to be raised on that Tuesday afternoon. It is not mandatory for those lodges that have Fellowcrafts to bring them to the session; however, I am

asking for each lodge's support in this endeavor. Those who are raised will never forget that they were raised at our 150th Annual Communication.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

The schedule for 2020 Regional Meetings is as follows:

Saturday, March 7, 2020 – Region #1: District Numbers 1, 3 and 4— Grand District Deputies Maurice Edwards (#1), Robert L. Stallworth, Jr. (#3) and Billy J. Stallworth (#4) at 10:00 a.m. at New Shiloh Baptist Church, 2756 Old Shell Road, Mobile, Alabama 36607.

Saturday, March 14, 2020 – Region #3: District Numbers 5 and 6—Grand District Deputies Rickey Allen (#5) and Billy Morris (#6) at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Peter AME Church, 1277 Blue Springs Street, Clio, Alabama 36017.

Saturday, March 21, 2020 – Region #5: District Numbers 13, 14 and 15—Grand District Deputies Alvin Crawford (#13), Walter Greene (#14), and Kenneth E. Hardy (#15) at 10:00 a.m. at Crumly Chapel United Methodist Church, 336 Crumly Chapel Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35214.

Saturday, March 28, 2020 – Region #2: District Numbers 2 and 12—Grand District Deputies Lurie Walton (#2) and Rev. Richard Wilson (#12) at 10:00 a.m. at Eastern Star Baptist Church, 112 Curl Road, York, Alabama 36925.

Saturday, April 25, 2020 – Region #4: District Numbers 7, 8 and 10— Grand District Deputies Erwin Chambliss (#7), Donald R. Parks (#8), and Edward Cobb (#10) at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 347 North Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

Saturday, May 2, 2020 – Region #6: District Number 17—Grand District Deputy H. Jerome Glover (#17) at 10:00 a.m. at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 6775 Old Highway 20, Leighton, Alabama 35646.

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, WARDENS AND BROTHERS ARE TO BE PRESENT AT THEIR REGIONAL MEETINGS. EVERY LODGE IS TO BE REPRESENTED.

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 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.) Please make sure that you mail in your lodge's annual election report.
- 2.) To enter the Alabama School of Masonry (masonic college) on our website, you must enter the password *established@1870*.
- 3.) The souvenir journal information for 2020 has been disseminated and is also available on the website. Please pay strict attention to the deadline date of May 15th. Please do not wait until the deadline approaches to submit your ads. Begin submitting your ads now. **All subordinate Lodges are REQUIRED to purchase or sell a full-page ad or two half page ads. All Grand Lodge Officers and Grand District Deputies are REQUIRED to purchase a full-page ad.** Let us make this year's souvenir journal the best ever.
- 4.) Addresses and telephone numbers on lodge rolls must be updated at least once a year and as often as needed as members often relocate.
- 5.) When filing a death claim, be sure to mail in the **original death certificate** along with the Endowment/Burial Claim. Please notate if the family wishes to have the original copy of the death certificate returned to them and we will return it after review.

6.) Brothers should not call the office for matters that can be handled by the Worshipful Master or the Secretary.

7.) Brothers who reinstate and demit must always reinstate to the lodge that they were members of when suspended and then demit to the lodge of their choice. 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 get him on another lodge's roll.

8.) Brothers who reach exemption status are exempt from endowment dues only. To be approved for exemption status, a brother must have been a member of the Endowment Department at least thirty-two (32) years without a break in time (i.e., suspension for non-payment of dues, suspension from the lodge, etc.). When requesting exemption status on a brother, please complete an Endowment Dues Exemption Application and mail it to the office. If the brother qualifies, you will receive a letter stating that he has been approved. If the brother does not qualify, you will receive a letter stating when he is eligible.

9.) 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.

10.) Please continue to make use of our Traveling Again Reclamation Program (TARP). It has been extended until July 31, 2020.

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 (\$270.00 to pay in full at once)

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 (\$320.00 to pay in full at once)

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).

10.) Any current or reinstating member who would like to receive a membership certificate may send a check or money order in the amount of \$5.00 to the Grand Lodge Office along with a note requesting a certificate.

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 24th day of January 2020, A. L. 6020



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Attested:



**Anthony J. Johnson
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
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