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## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION NUMBER 27 January 31, 2022

**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:

*“Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.”*

*Exodus 3:10-12*

The 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama was a great success. Although, the circumstances were very different, our session was very well attended. COVID protocols were followed and I am not aware of anyone who caught COVID-19 while at our Annual Communication. Commendations are due to R.W. H. Jerome Glover and all the devoted Brothers of District Seventeen for all their hard work and hospitality rendered. Thanks to all the Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters,

Past Masters, Wardens and Brothers for your participation and cooperation. Your dedication and support are greatly appreciated.

The world continues to be plagued by COVID-19 and its variants. This is very unfortunate; however, we must move forward safely. We now have a vaccination and more and more people are taking it. Although, many are still catching COVID-19, the death rate has slowed down and most of our churches and schools have returned to in-person settings.

As of January 1, 2022, I enacted a “Soft” Re-opening directive. During this “soft” re-opening, lodges will have the option of meeting in person or may opt not to meet. **REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE LODGES OPT TO MEET IN PERSON OR NOT, ALL LODGES ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OBLIGATIONS TO THE GRAND LODGE.** If lodges do opt to meet in person, they must conform to a list of **mandatory** stipulations. To see the “Soft” Re-opening of the Jurisdiction of Alabama directive in its entirety and to study the list of mandatory stipulations please log on to [www.mwphglfal.org](http://www.mwphglfal.org).

### **GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**

*"The truth is that teamwork is at the heart of great achievement."*

*John C. Maxwell*

The following is a list of the Grand Lodge Officers for Masonic year 2021-2022, 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  
Maurice Edwards (3), Junior Grand Warden  
Dr. James Gray, II (490), Grand Treasurer  
Anthony J. Johnson (50), 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  
(Vacant), 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. 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 2021-2022:

District Number 1 Llewellyn Spencer (2)  
District Number 2 Lurie Walton (694)  
District Number 3 Robert Stallworth, Jr. (530)  
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.**

### **SELMA MARCH**

After having to go virtual last year, the Selma March will actually take place in person this year on Sunday, March 6, 2022. I am calling on the entire jurisdiction to converge on Selma, Alabama to participate in the 57th 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. 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. This is an opportune time to stand in solidarity in support of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which is currently under attack nationwide, in a state where a federal court recently struck down the newly drawn congressional map (gerrymandering). All brothers and sisters must wear masks and practice social distancing. This is an opportunity to show the state of Alabama that, although we are in the midst of a pandemic, the Master Masons and Eastern Stars in this state are still actively involved. 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 2020-2021 were a great success. I congratulate and thank all who participated. The souvenir journal information for 2022 is enclosed with this Communication and will be available on the website. Please pay strict attention to the deadline date of **May 15, 2022**. **All subordinate lodges are REQUIRED to purchase or to sell a full-page ad or two half-page ads.**

### **VIRTUAL REGIONAL MEETINGS**

The schedule for 2022 Virtual Regional Meetings is as follows:

Saturday, March 5, 2022 – 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.

Saturday, March 12, 2022 – 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.

Saturday, March 26, 2022 – Region #6: District Number 17— Grand District Deputy H. Jerome Glover (#17) at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 9, 2022 – Region #3: District Numbers 5 and 6— Grand District Deputies Rickey Allen (#5) and Billy Morris (#6) at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 16, 2022 – Region #2: District Numbers 2 and 12—Grand District Deputies Lurie Walton (#2) and Rev. Richard Wilson (#12) at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 30, 2022 – Region #1: District Numbers 1, 3 and 4—Grand District Deputies Llewellyn Spencer (#1), Robert Stallworth, Jr. (#3) and Billy Joe Stallworth (#4) at 10:00 a.m.

**WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, WARDENS AND BROTHERS ARE TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR VIRTUAL REGIONAL MEETINGS. EVERY LODGE IS TO BE REPRESENTED. ZOOM CREDENTIALS WILL BE EMAILED OUT TO THE GRAND DISTRICT DEPUTIES BY GRAND SECRETARY JOHNSON. THE GRAND DISTRICT DEPUTIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DISSEMINATING THE ZOOM CREDENTIALS TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS AND BROTHERS IN THEIR DISTRICTS.**

**2021 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES**

<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>College/University</b>	<b>Amount Given</b>
Makiyah Griffith	Jacksonville State University	\$1,400.00
Charsade Howard	University of West Alabama	\$1,400.00
Cam’Ron Ruffin	Tennessee State University	\$1,400.00
Jordan Pearce-Wells	Troy University	\$1,400.00
Natavious Shealey	Southern Union St. Comm. College	\$1,400.00
Kyah Smith	Spelman College	\$1,400.00
Jermya Kennedy	University of Alabama	\$1,400.00
Amber Scott	University of Alabama Birmingham	\$1,400.00

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Scholarships	Alabama State University	\$10,000.00
Scholarships	Alabama A. & M. University	\$15,000.00
Scholarships	Miles College	\$1,500.00
Scholarships	Tuskegee University	\$4,000.00
Scholarships	Stillman College	\$1,500.00
Scholarships	Talladega College	\$1,500.00

**WINNING DISTRICTS FOR SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD SALES**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – District No. 14**

**R. W. Walter Greene, Grand District Deputy**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – District No. 17**

**R. W. H. Jerome Glover, Grand District Deputy**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place - District No. 4**

**R. W. Billy Joe Stallworth, Grand District Deputy**

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**ACCIDENTAL DEATH and DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE**

Recently the Grand Lodge renewed its agreement with American Income Life Insurance Company. Every member of the Jurisdiction of Alabama is currently covered by a \$2,500.00 accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy. The policy 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.**

## **FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS**

Residential households in the United States can order one set of four free at-home COVID-19 tests from the United States Postal Service (USPS.com). There is a limit of one order per residential address. One order includes four individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests. Orders will ship for free. You may order your free tests at <https://special.usps.com/testkits>.

## **GRAND LODGE OFFICE CLOSED TO APPOINTMENTS and WALK-INS**

In a continued attempt to eliminate risk of exposure to our employees, the Office of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Alabama remains closed to appointments and walk-ins until further notice. The business of the Grand Lodge will continue to be transacted via U.S. Mail, email, telephone, and/or facsimile, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- 1.) Currently, degree work can only be performed by dispensation from the Grand Master.
- 2.) **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.**
- 3.) The Traveling Again Reclamation Program (TARP) has been extended until further notice.
- 4.) 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.
- 5.) Addresses and telephone numbers on lodge rolls must be updated at least once a year and as often as needed as members often relocate.
- 6.) The current fee structure is as follows:
  - a.) Reinstatement - \$25.00
  - b.) New Membership (includes membership certificate) - \$30.00
  - c.) Membership Certificates - \$5.00

- d.) Taxes - \$25.00
- e.) Registration - \$25.00
- f.) Cornerstone & Burial - \$6.00
- g.) Replacement Membership Card - \$10.00
- h.) Membership Card Sticker - 25¢
- i.) Book of Constitutions - \$20.00
- j.) Assessment - New Members and those suspended before June 2002 - \$200.00. Those suspended after June 2002 - \$250.00 (all have two years to pay)

**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 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2022, A. L. 6022.**

*Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Esq.*

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Most Worshipful Grand Master  
of the**

**Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
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Attested:

*Anthony J. Johnson*

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Right Worshipful Grand Secretary  
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