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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:

“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:10-11

The 153rd Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama was another huge success and was greatly attended. Yearly 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. Thank you to R.W. Llewellyn Spencer and all the dedicated Brothers of District One for all their hard work, dedication and hospitality rendered. I also want to thank all the Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren for your outstanding participation and decorum exhibited during our Annual Communication. Your attendance and conduct at the session is greatly appreciated and is to be commended.

While at the 153rd Annual Communication we were fortunate enough to induct three brothers (one posthumously) into our Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama's Hall of Fame. We congratulate those inductees.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

"The key to teamwork is to learn a role, accept a role, and strive to become excellent playing it."

Pat Riley

The following is a list of the Grand Lodge Officers for Masonic year 2023-2024, 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
Andrew J. Fuller (6), Grand Trustee 3 years
Morris E. Tooles, II (408), Grand Trustee 2 years
Victor B. Pettus (32), Grand Trustee (Chairman), 1 year
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. Cedric S. Hrabowski (31), 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 C. 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

GRAND DISTRICT DEPUTIES

The following are the Grand District Deputies for Masonic year 2023-2024:

- District Number 1 Llewellyn Spencer (2)
- District Number 2 Lurie Walton (694)
- District Number 3 Robert Stallworth, Jr. (141)
- District Number 4 Billy Joe Stallworth (196)
- District Number 5 Rev. Robert Worlds (356)
- 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 Dr. James Gray, II (490)
- 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:

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

\$125.00 TOTAL

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

\$25.00 reinstatement fee

\$25.00 taxes

\$25.00 registration

\$50.00 assessment—**Have two years to pay the remaining \$200.00**

\$125.00 TOTAL

*** Add \$5.00 if the reinstating member desires a membership certificate.**

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, 2024.**

TAX EXEMPTION

The Grand Lodge is currently exempt from all state, county, and municipal fees and taxes pursuant to Alabama Legislature Act 2022-350, until September 30, 2027, unless extended by an act of the Legislature. You may view Act 2022-350 at the following link: <https://arc-sos.state.al.us/ucp/L0931038.A11.pdf>.

Enclosed is an updated State Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption (Form: STE-1) and a Rationale for Tax Exempt Use Form. The Grand Lodge will have to report on how and where our tax exemption is used; therefore, whenever a lodge uses our tax exemption status, it **MUST SUBMIT** to the Grand Lodge, in care of Grand Master Hawkins:

- 1.) a copy of the completed and signed State Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption (Form: STE-1),
- 2.) a copy of the receipt for the transaction, and
- 3.) a Rationale for Tax Exempt Use Form

Brothers, these guidelines **MUST** be followed. Please do not abuse our tax exemption status. Use it for what it is meant, the lodge.

SELMA MARCH

For the tenth 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, 2024, to participate in the 59th 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 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 attend and 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 2023 were a great success. I congratulate and thank all who participated. The souvenir journal information for 2024 is enclosed with this Official Communication and will be available on the website. Please pay strict attention to the deadline date of **May 15, 2024**. **All subordinate lodges are REQUIRED to purchase or to sell a full-page ad or two half-page ads.**

2023 HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS

Inductions

- ◆ **M.W. Dr. Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Esq. (11th Grand Master of Alabama, 11th Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, SJ), Ruth No. 33**

- ◆ **R.W. Robert W. Glenn (37th Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment), Grove No. 89**

Posthumous Induction

- ◆ **Rev. Bro. John Cade (12th Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment), Triune No. 430**

2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Applicant Name	College/University	Amount Given
Ashton D. Kidd	Alabama A.&M. University	\$1,500.00
Koen Davis	Xavier University	\$1,500.00
Cameron Johnson	University of Alabama	\$1,500.00
Ayanna Norton	Wallace Community College	\$1,500.00
Jaden O. Simpson	Auburn University	\$1,500.00
Shalyn Croone	Alabama A.&M. University	\$1,500.00
Autumn Hawkins	University of Alabama	\$2,500.00
Scholarships	Alabama A.&M. University	\$10,000.00
Scholarships	Alabama State University	\$5,000.00
Scholarships	Tuskegee University	\$5,000.00
Scholarships	Stillman College	\$5,000.00
Scholarships	Miles College	\$5,000.00

WINNING LODGES of the YEAR

RURAL LODGE of the YEAR

**1st Place- Morrow Grove Lodge No. 800
Brother Robert Stewart, Worshipful Master**

**2nd Place– Shorter Lodge No. 533
Brother Willie Smith, Worshipful Master**

**3rd Place- Goshen Lodge No. 132
Brother Cad Ford, Worshipful Master**

CITY LODGE of the YEAR

**1st Place– Hamilton Lodge No. 365
Brother Loveless Belser, Worshipful Master**

**2nd Place- Morning Star Lodge No. 50
Brother Taurean Dawkins, Worshipful Master**

**3rd Place- Pride of North Birmingham Lodge No. 319
Brother Gerren K. Whitlock, Sr., Worshipful Master**

WINNING DISTRICT DEPUTIES of the YEAR

1st Place Winner

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

2nd Place Winner

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

3rd Place Winner

R. W. H. Jerome Glover, Grand District Deputy of District No. 17

WINNING DISTRICTS FOR SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD SALES

1st Place – District No. 7 (\$14,150)

R. W. Erwin Chambliss, Grand District Deputy

2nd Place - District No. 14 (\$12,200)

R. W. Walter Greene, Grand District Deputy

3rd Place – District No. 17 (\$4,750)

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

WINNING LODGES FOR SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD SALES

1st Place – Shorter Lodge No. 533 (\$5,850)

Brother Willie Smith, Worshipful Master

2nd Place – Phoenix Lodge No. 428 (\$4,750)

Brother Felton Harley, Jr., Worshipful Master

3rd Place – Council Lodge No. 778 (\$3,750)
Brother Dennis C. Simmons, Worshipful Master

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.) **Be sure to send all endowment reports to our Endowment Office Supervisor, Mrs. Kathy Dunnigan-Taylor, Post Office Box 10504, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-0504, each month—but not later than the 20th of the month.**

- 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.

7.) To enter the Alabama School of Masonry (masonic college) on our website, you must enter the password [REDACTED].

8.) 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.) Alabama Prince Hall Monitor (Supplemental Guide) - \$15.00
- k.) Assessment - New Members and those suspended before June 2002 - \$200.00. Those suspended after June 2002 - \$250.00 (all have two years to pay)

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

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 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 12th day of December 2023, A. L. 6023.

Corey D. Hawkins, Sr.

**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

**Anthony J. Johnson
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
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