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**OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION NUMBER 35
November 25, 2024**

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:

“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.”

Matthew 2:1-2

The 154th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama was very fruitful and was a great success. 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 capacity. Kudos are extended 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 not taken for granted. It is greatly appreciated and is to be commended.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

"Teamwork appears most effective if each individual helps others to succeed, increasing the synergy of that team; ideally, every person will contribute different skills to increase the efficiency of the team and develop its unity."

Andrew Carnegie

The following is a list of the Grand Lodge Officers for Masonic year 2024-2025, 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 2024-2025:

- 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 Rev. Robert Worlds (356)
- District Number 6 Rev. Raymond Franklin (91)
- District Number 7 Erwin Chambliss (408)
- District Number 8 Loveless Belser (365)
- District Number 10 M. C. Reeves (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, 2025.**

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 twelfth consecutive year and in an effort to be more involved in our communities, to stand against voter suppression, 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 9, 2025, to participate in the 60th 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 approximately 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 several hundred 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 2024 were very successful. I congratulate and thank all who participated. The souvenir journal information for 2025 is enclosed with this Official Communication and will be available on the website. Please pay strict attention to the deadline date of **May 15, 2025**. **All subordinate lodges are REQUIRED to purchase or to sell a full-page ad or two half-page ads.** Let us do our best to increase the number of ads sold.

2024 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Recipient Name	College/University	Amount Given
Sarah Franklin	Alabama A.&M. University	\$1,500.00
Nyla Crittenden	Auburn University	\$1,500.00
A'mya Day	University of Alabama at Birmingham	\$1,500.00
Davarus Raby	Culver Stockton College	\$1,500.00

Recipient Name	College/University	Amount Given
Robert Gathers	Auburn University	\$1,500.00
Zaylen Burke	Alabama State University	\$1,500.00
Autumn Hawkins	University of Alabama	\$2,500.00
Scholarships	Alabama A.&M. University	\$15,000.00
Scholarships	Miles College	\$10,000.00
Scholarships	Tuskegee University	\$5,000.00
Scholarships	Stillman College	\$5,000.00
Scholarships	Alabama State University	\$5,000.00

WINNING LODGES of the YEAR

RURAL LODGE of the YEAR

1st Place- Shorter Lodge No. 533

Brother Marvin Richards, Worshipful Master

2nd Place– Morrow Grove Lodge No. 800

Brother Robert Stewart, Worshipful Master

3rd Place- Liberty Star Lodge No. 333

Brother Johnny Anderson, Jr., Worshipful Master

CITY LODGE of the YEAR

1st Place– Pride of North Birmingham Lodge No. 319

Brother Gerren K. Whitlock, Sr., Worshipful Master

2nd Place- New Beginning Lodge No. 970

Brother Gerald Beal, Worshipful Master

3rd Place- Morning Star Lodge No. 50

Brother Taurean Dawkins, Worshipful Master

WINNING DISTRICT DEPUTIES of the YEAR

1st Place Winner

R. W. Dr. James Gray, II, Grand District Deputy of District No. 15

2nd Place Winner

R. W. Rev. Robert Worlds, Grand District Deputy of District No. 5

3rd Place Winner

R. W. H. Lurie Walton, Grand District Deputy of District No. 2

WINNING DISTRICTS FOR SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD SALES

1st Place – District No. 14 (\$12,450)

R. W. Walter Greene, Grand District Deputy

2nd Place - District No. 7 (\$8,900)

R. W. Erwin Chambliss, Grand District Deputy

3rd Place – District No. 4 (\$4,250)

R. W. Billy Joe Stallworth, Grand District Deputy

WINNING LODGES FOR SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD SALES

1st Place – Shorter Lodge No. 533 (\$4,450)

Brother Marvin Richards, Worshipful Master

2nd Place – Rose of Sharon Lodge No. 196 (\$2,000)

Brother A. Z. Stoudmire, Worshipful Master

2nd Place – Council Lodge No. 778 (\$2,000)

Brother Dennis C. Simmons, Worshipful Master

3rd Place – Occidental Lodge No. 31 (\$1,950)

Rev. Cedric Hrabowski, Worshipful Master

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1.) ALL LODGES ARE REQUIRED TO MEET IN PERSON. (*Official Communication No. 29, December 7, 2022*). Failure to do so will result in the lodge’s charter being revoked.

2.) **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.

3.) 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).**

4.) 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.**

5.) **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.**

6.) 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.

7.) **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.**

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

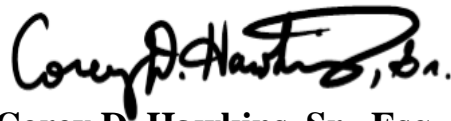
9.) The current fee structure is as follows:

- 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 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 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 25th day of November 2024, A. L. 6024.



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

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Attested:

Anthony J. Johnson

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Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
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