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OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION NUMBER 36

January 29, 2025

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:

“Resilience is not what happens to you. It’s how you react to, respond to, and recover from what happens to you.”

Jeffrey Gitomer

Happy New Year to all my brothers and to your families. It is my prayer that you have a blessed and prosperous new year. As we enter into a leadership change within the United States of America, I found it necessary to use the above quote. Brothers, we must remain resilient. Regardless of what our thoughts or beliefs may be about the election, we must remember that although it may rain today, the sun will shine tomorrow. We must endure and continue to move forward. God is in control! Isaiah 9:16 tells us – *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.* We must keep the faith!

SELMA MARCH

For the twelfth 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 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 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.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

The schedule for 2025 Regional Meetings is as follows:

Saturday, February 8, 2025 – Region #4: District Numbers 7, 8 and 10— Grand District Deputies Erwin Chambliss (#7), Loveless Belser (#8), and M. C. Reeves (#10) at 10:00 a.m. at Washington Chapel AME Church, 2508 West Montgomery Road, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama 36088.

Saturday, February 15, 2025 – Region #5: District Numbers 13, 14 and 15—Grand District Deputies Alvin Crawford (#13), Walter Greene (#14), and Dr. James Gray, II (#15) at 10:00 a.m. at Carver Community Center, 720 West 14th Street, Anniston, Alabama 36201.

Saturday, March 1, 2025 – Region #6: District Number 17—Grand District Deputy H. Jerome Glover (#17) at 10:00 a.m. at Big Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, 133 Maple Street, Madison, Alabama 35758.

Saturday, March 8, 2025 – Region #2: District Numbers 2 and 12—Grand District Deputies Lurie Walton (#2) and Rev. Richard Wilson (#12) at 10:00 a.m. at First United Baptist Church, 4481 County Road 20, Forkland, Alabama 36740.

Saturday, May 3, 2025 – Region #1: District Numbers 1, 3 and 4— Grand District Deputies Llewellyn Spencer (#1), Robert L. Stallworth, Jr. (#3) and Billy J. Stallworth (#4) at 10:00 a.m. at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 1151 Congress Street, Mobile, Alabama 36603.

Saturday, May 31, 2025 – Region #3: District Numbers 5 and 6—Grand District Deputies Rev. Robert Worlds (#5) and Rev. Raymond Franklin (#6) at 10:00 a.m. at Hideaway Events, 5780 County Road 7755, Troy, Alabama 36081.

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

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- 1.) The Traveling Again Reclamation Program (TARP) has been extended until further notice.
- 2.) To enter the Alabama School of Masonry (masonic college) on our website, you must enter the password XXXXXXXXXX.
- 3.) The souvenir journal information for 2025 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 we have ever had.
- 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 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.

7.) 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.

8.) 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.

9.) 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.

10.) 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.

11.) The current fee structure is as follows:

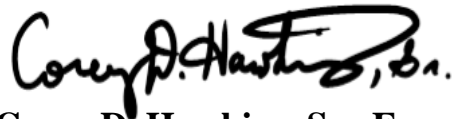
- a.) Reinstatement - \$25.00
- b.) New Membership (includes membership certificate) - \$30.00
- c.) Membership Certificates - \$5.00
- d.) Taxes - \$25.00
- e.) Registration - \$25.00
- f.) Cornerstone & Burial - \$6.00
- g.) Replacement Membership Card - \$10.00

- 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)

12.) Our 155th Annual Session is July 21-23, 2025, in Mobile, AL.

13.) Please remember to participate in the GO REGISTER OTHERS TO VOTE (GROV) INITIATIVE

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 29th day of January 2025, A. L. 6025.



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Most Worshipful Grand Master
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Attested:



**Anthony J. Johnson
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
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