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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:

*“Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east: And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory.”
Ezekiel 43:1-2*

Our 144th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama was very successful and very well attended. This was one of our best attended Annual Communications in quite some time. Commendations go to R.W. A. Derek Bowman and all the Brothers of District Fourteen for all their hard work and dedication. The hospitality extended by the host district was immeasurable. I also commend all Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brothers for the magnificent way in which you conducted yourselves. You carried yourselves in a manner as just

and upright Masons should. If this year's Annual Communication is any indication of what next year's has to offer, I can hardly wait.

Also, our Inaugural Prince Hall Americanism Weekend was a great event. The Grand Master's Testimonial, the Prince Hall Americanism Football Classic, and the Prince Hall Americanism Program were all very successful. Our Brothers turned out in impressive numbers. The Grand Lodge Officers were proud to assemble on the football field and make a \$5,000.00 scholarship donation to Alabama State University. Thank you to all Brothers who attended and to all who helped to make the Prince Hall Americanism Weekend a huge success.

During our 144th Annual Communication and during our Inaugural Prince Hall Americanism Weekend we were fortunate enough to pay homage to two of our deceased Past Grand Masters, Dr. S.J. Bennett and Dr. S.S.H. Washington, respectively, by performing wreath laying ceremonies at both gravesites. It is my goal to lay wreaths at the gravesites of all our Past Grand Masters. It is our duty to acknowledge and revere those honorable Brothers who have paved the way for us.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

"I am a member of a team, and I rely on the team, I defer to it and sacrifice for it, because the team, not the individual, is the ultimate champion."

Mia Hamm

The following is a list of the Grand Lodge Officers for Masonic year 2014-2015, both elected and appointed:

Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Esq. (33), Grand Master
Robert W. Glenn (89), Deputy Grand Master
Woodie Pugh, Jr. (139), Grand Senior Warden
Matthew Hardy, Jr. (406), Grand Junior Warden
Lucius C. Fleming (918), Grand Treasurer
George D. Echols (408), Grand Secretary
Andrew J. Fuller (6), Grand Trustee 3 years
Ellias Thompson (922), Grand Trustee 2 years
Victor B. Pettus (407), Grand Trustee (Chairman) 1 year
Tyrone C. Means, Esq. (345), Grand Attorney
James L. Ford (345), Grand Senior Deacon
William Dean Anderson (67), Grand Junior Deacon

Clifton Gullett, Jr. (1), Grand Senior Steward
Acie Hale (14), Grand Junior Steward
Rev. E. Baxter Morris (7), Grand Chaplain
Charles L. Motley, Jr. (624), Grand Standard Bearer
Robert L. Goodloe (46), Grand Sword Bearer
Rev. Timothy Sanford, (319), Grand Marshal
Freddie L. Armstead, Jr., (26), Grand Pursuivant
Godfrey Johnson (75), Grand Tyler
Dr. James Gray (490), Grand C. C. F. C.
Charlie Axle (82), Grand Orator
Dr. L. Ken Collins, II (319), Grand Historian/Corporate Liaison
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
Armar J. Wagner, Sr. (33), Assistant Grand Recording Secretary
James Littleton (918), Class Organizer

GRAND DISTRICT DEPUTIES

The following are the Grand District Deputies for Masonic year 2014-2015:

District Number 1 Maurice Edwards (3)
District Number 2 John Mayfield (772)
District Number 3 George Gibbs (243)
District Number 4 George Wilson (199)
District Number 5 Jimmy L. Farmer (218)
District Number 6 Billy Morris (444)
District Number 7 Morris E. Tooles, II (408)
District Number 8 Benjamin E. Beasley, Jr. (842)
District Number 10 Dexter Madden (876)
District Number 12 Rev. Richard Wilson, Jr. (642)
District Number 13 Rev. Gregory L. Rice (650)
District Number 14 A. Derek Bowman (112)
District Number 15 Kenneth Hardy (178)
District Number 17 Anthony J. Johnson (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.

MASONIC LICENSE PLATE

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

Our pre-commitment campaign for the Prince Hall License Plate is going well; however, we need your help. We must have 250 paid pre-commitments so that our tag will be printed. We are currently half way there. A donation of \$41.25 of the \$50.00 fee will go to the Prince Hall Legacy Foundation for scholarship purposes. **You do not have to wait until your tag renewal month to pre-commit. You may pre-commit at any time. I am calling on all Grand Lodge Officers and Grand District Deputies to pre-commit to purchasing a minimum of one license plate. We must lead by example. I am also calling on all Worshipful Masters and members of the Craft to pre-commit to purchasing one license plate.** We should be proud to show the world that we are Prince Hall Masons. **Let your light shine!** Instructions on how to commit to the license plate are enclosed with this Communication.

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:

\$20.00 reinstatement fee
\$10.00 taxes
\$25.00 registration
\$50.00 assessment—**Have two years to pay the remaining \$150.00**
\$105.00 TOTAL

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\$10.00 taxes
\$25.00 registration
\$50.00 assessment—**Have two years to pay the remaining \$200.00**
\$105.00 TOTAL

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). Reinstatement does not include endowment and burial. A Brother can only rejoin endowment and burial by restoring. 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.

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, 2015.**

SELMA MARCH

On Sunday, March 8, 2015, the 50th anniversary of the historical "Bloody Sunday" will take place. The Jurisdiction of Alabama will participate in this event once again. I am asking all Brothers to start now making plans to attend. We had over 500 Brothers to attend this past bridge crossing. We are looking to increase our participation this year. More information on this event will be forthcoming.

STATEWIDE RAISING

After polling the membership and receiving an abundance of positive feedback, I have decided to implement a statewide raising at our upcoming Annual Communication. Lodges can bring their Fellowcrafts to the Annual Communication to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on that Tuesday afternoon. What better way to welcome our brothers into our ranks than by doing so at the Annual Grand Lodge Communication? 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.

GRAND LODGE TAXES

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT EACH LODGE SEND ITS GRAND LODGE TAXES TO THE GRAND SECRETARY BY DECEMBER 1ST AND BY MAY 30TH. All Worshipful Masters of all lodges are requested to send all Grand Lodge taxes to R. W. George

D. Echols, Grand Secretary, Post Office Box 3967, Auburn, Alabama 36831-3967, 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.**

SOUVENIR JOURNAL

Our souvenir journal efforts for 2014 were a great success. I congratulate and thank all who participated. The souvenir journal information for 2015 is enclosed with this Communication and will be available on the website. Please pay strict attention to the deadline date. **All subordinate lodges are required to purchase or to sell a full page ad or two half page ads.**

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES, 2014

Region #	District #	Applicant Name	College/University	Amount Given
2	2	Chelsea Glenn	Auburn University Montgomery	\$1,400.00
3	5	Freddie Smith	Stillman College	\$1,400.00
		Endowed Scholarship	Alabama State University	\$5,000.00

SOUVENIR JOURNAL FUNDRAISING PROJECT
External and Internal Fundraiser for Temple Renovation

Awards for Contributing the Largest Amounts of Money

WINNING GRAND LODGE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

R.W. George D. Echols, Grand Secretary

WINNING DISTRICTS OF THE YEAR

Number 1 Fundraising District of the Year – District #7

R. W. Morris E. Tooles, II, Grand District Deputy

Number 2 Fundraising District of the Year - District #12

R. W. Richard Wilson, Jr., Grand District Deputy

**Number 3 Fundraising District of the Year – District #5
R. W. Jimmy L. Farmer, Grand District Deputy**

WINNING LODGES OF THE YEAR

**Number 1 Fundraising Lodge of the Year – York Lodge #642
Brother Charlie J. Square, Worshipful Master**

**Number 2 Fundraising Lodge of the Year – Milton W. Howze Lodge #408
Brother Erwin B. Chambliss, Worshipful Master**

**Number 3 Fundraising Lodge of the Year – Golden Rule Lodge #11
Brother Marcus L. Hardnett, Worshipful Master**

WINNING DISTRICT DEPUTIES of the YEAR

1st Place Winner

R. W. Morris E. Tooles, II, Grand District Deputy of District #7

2nd Place Winner

R. W. Richard Wilson, Jr., Grand District Deputy of District #12

3rd Place Winner

R. W. Jimmy L. Farmer, Grand District Deputy of District #5

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.) Addresses and telephone numbers on lodge rolls must be updated at least once per year and as often as needed as members often relocate.

3.) As of January 1, 2014, our joining fee increased to \$25.00 and now includes a membership certificate.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

During this holiday season, 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 during this time and always. Let us pray for peace and prosperity for our families and for our beloved Grand Lodge during the holidays and for the upcoming new year. Please remember the true reason for this Christmas season, the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior. I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, 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 19th day of November 2014, A. L. 6014.

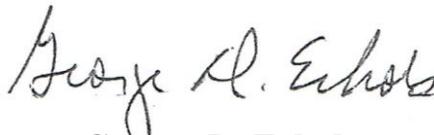


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Attested:



**George D. Echols
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
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