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The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated Office of

Most Worshipful James A. Parker, 33°, Grand Master



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Proclamation # 10

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountain of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore." Psalms 133

To: The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Senior and Junior Grand Wardens. To all other Grand Lodge Officers both elected and appointed. To all Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters; Honorary Past Grand Masters; Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and brethren comprising the Constituency of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Florida, Inc. and

To the Grand Worthy Patron and Grand Worthy Matron of the Royal Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Prince Hall Holy Grand Royal Arch Chapter; To the Most Worthy Grand Joshua and Most Ancient Grand Matron, United Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho; To the Grand Eminent Commander of the Order of the Knights Templar of the State of Florida; the Grand Ambassador and the Grand Lady Chief Counselor, Bessie E. Pierce Grand Council, Lady of Knights; To the Deputy of the Valley; To the Illustrious State Grand Potentate, Arabic Grand Council, AAONMS; To the Illustrious Grand Patron and the President of Al Shiah Council of Grand Courts of Deliberation---Daughters of Sphinx---AAODOS; and To the Grand Youth Advisors of the National Order of Trailmasters and the Order of Sunbeams.

Greetings:

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one member's one of another." Romans 12:5.

The following comes for your information and guidance. Please take due and timely notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Whereas: In compliance with the Constitution of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge; to-wit, Article IV, Section 1, which states that the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge shall convene in April of each year,

Also, Whereas: In compliance with the Law, ratified at the 88th Annual Grand Communication, stating that all Cognate Branches of Freemasonry operating within the confines of this Masonic Jurisdiction will meet in April, during the week of the Annual Grand Communication.

Let It Be known: That the purpose of the 113th Annual Grand Communication is to hear Annual Reports from all Departments and Grand Lodge Officers; to make new laws for the advancement of the Order; to ratify or revoke edicts; issue Charters; to conduct workshops; to elect new officers; and the transaction of any other such business deemed necessary for the good of the Order.

Therefore; I, Most Worshipful James A. Parker, 33°, Grand Master, acting by virtue of the power and authority vested in me, do hereby submit this official call and summons to the above constituency to assemble in the City of Orlando, County of Orange, State of Florida, Friday, April 22, 2022 thru Thursday, April 28, 2022, to celebrate our 113th Annual Grand Communication.

And Whereas: Ample time is necessary for all Subordinate Lodges and Officers of the Grand Lodge to prepare Annual Reports for the prompt expedition of the business at the said Grand Session, and

Be It Further & Nown: That the Convention Committee has arranged for the Host Hotel to be the Holiday Inn & Suites. The deadline to make reservations for our block of rooms is March 22, 2022. I am encouraging members to avoid waiting until the last minute to make your reservations and please begin making your reservations now to obtain these incredible low rates! The room block code is: "GPC" to receive the above listed room rates. The cancellation policy is 72 hours before arrival date.

Holiday Inn & Suites 5916 Caravan Court, Orlando, Florida 32819 Telephone Number to Make Reservations (800) 327-1364 (Reservation) or (407)351-3333 (Direct)

Making Reservations online: Please click on the link below:

https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en®ionCode=1 &hotelCode=mcous& PMID=99801505&GPC=tmw&cn=no&viewfullsite=true

Making Reservations over the phone:

- To Make Reservations: (800) 327-1364 (Reservation) or (407)351-3333 (Direct)
 - Monday thru Friday, 9am 5pm EST
 - Calls outside of the above hours will be directed to offsite reservations
- Provide group code: GPC or "The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Florida"
 - Cut-off Date to make reservations under room block at contracted rate.
 Important date and information to remember:
 - March 22, 2022

The nightly room rate is \$99.00 (doubles) plus applicable taxes and \$119.00 (King) plus applicable taxes. Sales tax currently is 12.5%.

Be It Also Further Enount: That the following schedule of meetings and events is tentative and subject to changes and adjustments:

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. Of Florida, Inc. Itinerary For 113th Annual Grand Communication (Tentative)
Friday, April 22, 2022 – Thursday, April 28, 2022

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NOTE ALL Sessions & Events will be held at the Grand East Temple. (Both Religious Services on Sunday and the Banquets on Monday & Tuesday Evenings). The Youth Department Activities Will Be At The Holiday Inn on Friday, and The Grand East on Saturday. *

Furthermore, Be It Exnown: That all Worshipful Masters are directed to submit \$10.00 for every member carried on your Blue Lodge roster (\$8.00 Grand Lodge Tax and \$2.00 for Youth & Education). To be seated and have a vote at the 113th Annual Grand Communication, your Subordinate Lodge must be square with BOTH the Grand Lodge and MBF Departments. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS unless granted by the Grand Lodge while in session. Worshipful Masters are urged not to mail any reports after March 31, 2022, so that the Grand Secretaries will have ample time to close their books. Only cash, cashier checks and money orders will be accepted as payment of indebtedness during the Grand Lodge Session. So please make every effort to act in a timely fashion.

Furthermore, Be It Also Known: That the 89th Grand Communication authorized the Grand Lodge to assess a registration fee to be paid by all participants in any Cognate Branch Grand Session. In that there was no set fee, thus it has been determined that in the best interest of the Order that each Cognate Branch would be responsible for their own registration fee. A registration form has been included at the end of this communication to be downloaded and/or copied for brothers to submit with their registration fee. Checks should be made payable to <u>The</u>

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and should be submitted no later than April 15, 2022. The registration fee should be forwarded to:

Right Worshipful John Brown, Assistant Grand Secretary, 12315 NW 147th Place, Alachua, Florida 32615.

The registration fee for the 113th Annual Grand Communication is \$100.00, includes the following:

\$20.00 Youth Department Donation \$20.00 Souvenir Journal & Souvenir Bag \$10.00 Grand Lodge Registration Badge \$50.00 Grand Lodge/Grand Chapter Awards Banquet

Also please be reminded and advised that everyone must pay the required registration fee for ALL succeeding Houses. A registration badge will be provided with each paid registration for each House. Please be prepared to wear all your registration badges when attempting to enter the Grand Session of each Cognate Branch. Additionally, in order to attend and participate in the Grand Convocation (Royal Arch Grand Session), and the Grand Encampment (Knights Templar Grand Session) your Subordinate Lodge <u>must</u> be square with the Grand Lodge and with EACH of the other Cognate Branches. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Be It known: That the Souvenir Journal Committee solicits the support of each Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, Council, Temple, Court and Consistory through the purchase of an ad in the Souvenir Journal. Additionally, I am asking that you also solicit ads locally from your business associates. The deadline for ads has been set for Thursday, April 7, 2022. Refer to the attachment/enclosure for all the pertinent details concerning the Souvenir Journal.

Be It Also Enount: That the Youth Department will conduct their Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser during the 113th Annual Grand Communication. I am encouraging all brothers, and all Lodges, to support our Youth Department in this endeavor. Your assistance and support are encouraged through bringing and donating items to the Youth Department which they can include in the auction. Additionally, please support our Trailmasters and Sunbeams by bidding on and purchasing items offered during the Silent Auction. Kindly direct all inquires concerning the Silent Auction to Grand Youth Director Bro. William J, Haulstead at (321)225-0005.

Be It further Also Enount: The Grand Lodge annually presents awards in four (4) categories: Master Mason of the Year, Worshipful Master of the Year, Lodge of the Year, and District Deputy Grand Master of the Year. I will also present to a Worthy Brother the 2022 Grand Master's Cup Award, selected at the discretion of the Grand Master, for meritorious and outstanding service rendered to our Masonic Jurisdiction. The Grand Master's Cup Award shall be considered the highest award that can be bestowed upon a member. The Grand Lodge Awards Committee is currently accepting nominations in each of these categories. All Lodges are encouraged to submit your nominations to the Committee. The deadline for nominations is April 7, 2022. If you have any questions, require additional information, or need a nomination package, please contact Grand Lodge Awards Committee Chairman R.W. Raymond Higgins, Deputy Grand Master. Be advised that the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Awards will be presented during the Grand Lodge/Grand Chapter's Awards Banquet on Tuesday night. Your completed nomination forms should be submitted to:

R.W. Raymond M. Higgins 33°, Deputy Grand Master 555 S.W. 20th Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33312.

Email: rmhiggins516@yahoo.com Phone: (954)529-8365

Be It further known: That to date, the fully paid Grand Lodge Life Members are: Joshua D. Scruggs, James A. Curley, Sr., William Richardson, Phillip L. Hardemon, C. Brian Hart, Burley Adams, Jimmie L. Johnson, Harold L. Lee, Julius B. Gordon, William L. Bradley, Joe Adams, and Bobby R. Henry, Sr., Alfonzie Brown, Earnest Graham, Arthur Ward, Albert Moore, Charles Davis, Willie J. Dennis, Andrew H. Motley, Jeffery D. Gordon, Jr., Lester H. Wilson, Jr., Bernard D. Adams, and Kenneth C. Holley, Leonard Pollard, James A. Parker, Alexander H. Smith, James L. Porter, Clifford Hughley, James A. Curley Jr., Douglas Harrell, Mark S. Jordan Sr., James McCrae, Davy Harmon, Milton Baker Sr., Dr. James F. Jones, Leonard T. Johnson, Ransford Jones, Tremaine Johnson, Walter Collins, Arthur Jones, John Daley, Les R. Hewitt, Keith C. Holmes, Louis Desamour, Robert B. Walker, Melvin C. Butts, and Leonard Brown.

Also, There are several Brothers that are currently making partial payments towards their Life Membership. Be advised that the cost for the Life Membership has increased to \$1,500.00 effective January 1, 2019.

NOTE* Grand Lodge Life Members do not have to pay any Grand Lodge dues or assessments. However, they must pay the above Grand Lodge Registration Fee. ***

Renovation Project Committee's made strides in obtaining funds to make urgent needed repairs on our Grand East State Building; however, we did not completely achieve our projected goal. Therefore, the committee is having a final "Give-A-Way" which will be held during the Grand Lodge & Grand Chapter Awards Banquet, Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Tickets will be \$2.00, and each Lodge and Chapter is asked to be responsible for only 125 tickets and the prizes will be: First Place - \$500.00, Second Place - \$250.00 and Third Place \$125.00. I would like to thank those Chapters, Lodges, Sisters and Brothers that thought enough of our Grand East Building to support our efforts to renovate and restore our aged 65-year-old building and I am once again soliciting everyone's help to make this final "Give-A-Way" a success.

Abbitionally: Let us be mindful of the restrictions regarding the posting of images, photos, etc...on social media of persons without their consent. Please refer to the enclosed <u>Photo Release Consent Form</u>, which MUST BE completed, prior to posting anyone's image or likeness via the internet. Several members have recently voiced complaints/concerns that photos of them were posted on various social media venues without their knowledge or consent. Consent must be written...not verbal. Thank You for your cooperation!

Jinally: If we all work together, in the pursuit of common visions, goals, and objectives, that all things are possible through Christ. It is imperative that we all work together. As long as we continue to put God first in all that we do then "We can do all things through Christ that strengthens us." We must continue to strive for excellence, for the principles of Brotherly Love, Truth and Relief. Therefore, be encouraged, remain vigilant in the performance of your duties and faithful to maintaining the practice of Free Masonry.

"May The Lord Bless you and Protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May The Lord show you His Favor and give you His Peace." Numbers 6:24-26

Done this Twentieth Day of February, in the year of Our Lord 2022, A.D., 6022 A.L., in the City of Ocoee, County of Orange, and the State of Florida.

By the authority vested in me, I have caused the seal of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge to be hereto affixed.

Attest:

M.W. James A. Parker, 33° Grand Master M.W. Alexander H. Smith, 33° Grand Secretary

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BE IT KNOWN: The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and The Royal Grand Chapter will host a "Town Hall Meeting, Forum, and Protocol Workshop" Saturday, February 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., at the Grand East Building in Orlando Florida. The panel for this event will consist of Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Past Grand Masters. Florida's best kept secret is the knowledge and wisdom that we have in our Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Past Grand Masters. Knowledge is power and we are providing you with opportunities to grow in knowledge and be productive and contributing sisters and brothers in our order.

BE IT ALSO KNOWN THAT: The official Headquarters for this session shall be The Little Rock Marriott in Little Rock, AR, 3 Statehouse Plaza, Little Rock, AR 72201, (888) 236-2427. Please make all reservations before April 2, 2022. The room rates shall be \$125 per night for single or double occupancy. *Reservations for suites can be made but will not be guaranteed by the hotel until approved by the President. The current tax rate is 15% and is subject to change and applicable to the room rate. One night's room and tax are considered to be a non-refundable deposit and will be required per reservation. Upon check-in the hotel will reconfirm your departure dates. Any adjustments to the departure date can be made at that time. After the departure date adjustments are made, shorten lengths of stay, thereafter, will result in an early departure fee of \$75 and will be charged to the guest's individual account. There will be a charge of \$22.00 for guest's overnight valet parking. Day use of the valet parking services is normally \$15.00 per day (including tax). Individuals are responsible to pay any increase. Additional offsite self-parking is available at the Second & Main Parking Garage, which is operated by the City of Little Rock and located two blocks from the hotel. Every Brother and Sister is asked to be considerate of the time and effort that has been put forth to prepare for this session. Therefore, we are asking for the entire membership to use the selected Headquarters Hotel for their stay while in Arkansas, while attending the session. The Little Rock Marriott does have an airport shuttle service provided to and from the Airport. You may call the Marriott for transportation. In addition, you may contact The M.W. Hiram of Tyre Grand Lodge (AR) Convention Committee in advance to determine if additional transportation will be provided from and to the Airport. Additional information will be provided by the State of Arkansas under a separate document.

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN THAT: All Master Masons in attendance are requested to pre-register with rates according to "The Package." The cost of the Package shall be Three hundred and sixty dollars (\$360.00). No registration badges will be issued except within The Package, NO EXCEPTIONS!!! Remember all Master Masons must register, even those attending meetings of other Houses. Your badges are to be worn prominently on your person at all times during the Session (Congress, Royal Arch, Knight Templar and Supreme Council). Receipts will be made available to those who pre-register in order that you may present them for your package. Your individual package will contain Souvenir Book and your Registration Badge will be used for admission to the following events: Trailmasters/Sunbeam Luncheon, Black and White Ball, 101st Biennial Session Banquet, Grand Matrons Luncheon and Grand Masters Luncheon. Late arrivals are not exempted from the full package price. In order to obtain a badge, you must purchase the package. Packages are to be paid for by April 2, 2022. After April 2, 2022, the cost of the package will be Four Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$410.00). Should you need extra tickets (individuals not a member of the order) for any Congress event, event prices accompany this Proclamation.

BE IT ALSO FURTHER KNOWN THAT: The use of recording and photographic devices will not be permitted without the expressed written permission of the President of the Congress. Recording devices however can be used for special events open to the public, such as the Thanksgiving Service, 101st Biennial Session Banquet, Grand Matrons Luncheon, Grand Masters Luncheon, Banquets and etc. However, please be reminded of the guidelines about posting pictures; written permission of each individual in each photo must be obtained and is neither transferable nor inclusive for any photo. Forms may be downloaded from the Congress web site.

The Annual Gala Day Session of the Arabic Grand Council, Desert of Florida, of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America, Desert of Florida will be held Friday June 10, 2022, through Sunday, June 12, 2022, at the Courtyard Marriott in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Please support this session, events, and activities.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Inc.

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Royal Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

113th Annual Grand Communication Souvenir Journal Advertisements

The Grand Lodge Souvenir Journal Committee is currently soliciting ads for the 113th Annual Grand Communication Souvenir Journal. We are asking that every Lodge, Chapter, and Cognate Branch purchase an ad for the booklet. We need the support and assistance of everyone to make this endeavor a success.

All ads should be sent to Sis. Nyree Washington. Your camera-ready ads may be sent to her via email or regular mail. Her contact information is shown below.

The ads must be sent along with corresponding payment. No ads will be printed in the souvenir book unless they have been paid for in advance. See the attached page for prices for the ads. **DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ADS AND PAYMENTS IS THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022.**

Ads should be sent to: nywash07@gmail.com

And proper payment should be sent to:

DGM Raymond M. Higgins 33°; 555 S.W. 20th Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33312.

Phone: (954)529-8365 Email Address: <u>rmhiggins516@yahoo.com</u>

OR

Sis. Monique Morris 1019 Ocoee Apopka Road Apopka, FL 32703 Phone: (407) 702-4223 Email Address: <u>deanqueen456@gmail.com</u>

All checks must be made payable to:

"The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge"

113th Annual Grand Communication Souvenir Journal Advertisements Price List

ALL ADS MUST BE CAMERA READY (READY TO PRINT)

BELOW LISTED PRICES INCLUDE ADS WITH OR WITHOUT PHOTO

Outside Back Cover	\$200.00
Inside Front Cover	\$150.00
Inside Back Cover	\$150.00
Full Page Ad	\$100.00
Half Page Ad	\$ 75.00

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THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF FLORIDA, INC.; LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM



The implementation of the Grand Lodge Life Membership Program will potentially provide much needed income for the Grand Lodge. Additionally, it affords a special level of recognition for those persons that purchase a Life Membership. Participation in this Program means that you will no longer be required to pay any Grand Lodge <u>dues or assessments</u> for the remainder of your life. Even if Grand Lodge dues and/or assessments are increased. Life Members will not be affected by the increase. They <u>will not</u> be required to make any additional payments.

Life Members will still be required to pay their MBF dues. They must also continue to pay all dues and assessments owed to other Cognate Branches (Order of the Eastern Star, Heroines of Jericho, etc...). The Life Membership ONLY pertains to your Grand Lodge dues and assessments. Additionally, local Lodge dues payments are still a requirement, and are to be paid as usual.

Everyone is encouraged to consider becoming a Life Member. However, if you do not, you will continue to pay your monthly/yearly Grand Lodge dues just as you are currently doing.

The benefits to the persons purchasing a Grand Lodge Life Membership are:

- ❖ Will no longer be required to pay monthly/yearly Grand Lodge dues or assessments.
- ❖ Will be issued a specially designed Life Membership Pin/Coat Lapel, an engraved plaque, a specially designed Grand Lodge Life Membership Card, their name engraved and displayed on a monument in the Grand East building, and the Life Membership is transferable... in other words even if you demit to another lodge...your Life Membership privileges transfer with you.

The cost of Grand Lodge Life Membership is \$1,500.00. Should you choose to become a Grand Lodge Life Member you will have three (3) payment options to select from.

- Option #1 Lump Sum Payment Plan---One (1) lump sum in the amount of \$1,500.00.
- Option #2 Biannual Payment Plan---Two (2) payments of \$750.00 twice, in a year.
- Option #3 Quarterly Payment Plan---Four (4) payments of \$375.00 every four months.

ALL PROCEEDS GENERATED FROM THIS LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM SHALL BE PLACED IN ESCROW IN A LIFE MEMBERSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND. FUNDS PLACED INTO THIS ACCOUNT SHALL BE USED ON AN EMERGENCY OR AS NEEDED BASIS ONLY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL COSTS AND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE GRAND LODGE OR GRAND EAST.

The General Grand Masonic Congress A.F. & A.M. of the United States of America

Photo Release Form

(To Be Used By All States In The Congress)

"Permission To Use Photographs"

Name of individual: ______

Subject\Location of photo:
I grant to, the right to take photographs of me in connection with the above-identified subject\location. I authorize the grantee the right to use and publish the above-mentioned photo either in print and\or electronically. The above-mentioned photo cannot be assigned, transferred or copyrighted to any person or persons other than the individual listed above.
I agree that the individual named above may use such photograph(s) of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.
This written permission is to be kept on file by the individual posting pictures for a period of five years. Such permission slips shall be made available upon request; verbal permission shall not be accepted . A separate form must be completed by each individual included in the photo.
I have read and understand the above:
Name of Grantee
Signature of Grantee
Address
City State ZIP
Date
Signature of individual in photo:
Date
Witness Signature (Required)