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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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“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thine ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path.” Proverbs 3:5-6

Proclamation #12

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; Past Masters; Worshipful Masters, Wardens and brethren comprising the constituency of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated; and

To the Grand Worthy Patron and Grand Worthy Matron of the Royal Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Prince Hall Holy Grand Royal Arch Chapter; 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 Illustrious State Grand Potentate, Arabic Grand Council, AAONMS; the Illustrious Grand Patron and the Most Worthy State Grand Matron, Al-Shiah Grand Council of Deliberation, Daughters of Sphinx, AAODOS; and to all Grand Youth Advisors of the National Order of Trailmasters and the Order of Sunbeams.

Greetings:

As we transition towards the mid-year point of another year, let us remain unified and focused, on the various tasks at hand. Growth is the key to the survival and prosperity of this Grand Old Order and that must begin with the local lodges becoming more visible and viable in our churches and communities. We must focus on increasing membership in our state and increasing participation in state and supreme activities. Let us grow and glow together as one united and unified body in Florida, and in Christ.

Whereas: I am still strongly encouraging all brothers and sisters to continue complying with all restrictions and mandates by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Department of Health (DOH) in addition to The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Guidelines. The number of Floridians who have died of COVID-19 passed 80,000 this month, another tragic milestone amid the latest wave that is still killing as many as 400 state residents a week. Our Grand Lodge officers will continue to monitor the progression of this pandemic and determine how we continue to work safely.

Let It Be Known: That at the 101st Biennial Supreme Session of the General Grand Masonic Congress in Little Rock, Arkansas, Florida was selected to host the 102nd Biennial Supreme Sessions of the General Grand Masonic Congress and its Cognate Branches in 2024.

Let It Also Be Known: That the Florida delegation represented our state well at the 101st Biennial Supreme Session of the General Grand Masonic Congress. Congratulations to Past Grand Master Mark S. Jordan Sr. elected 2ND Vice President of The General Grand Masonic Congress; Most Excellent Grand High Priest Andes Brunson, Right Excellent Supreme Grand Scribe of the Most Excellent Supreme Royal Arch Chapter, and Grand Master James A. Parker re-elected Most Eminent Supreme Deputy Grand Master of The General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. Past Grand Master and Past President of The General Grand Masonic Congress Alexander H. Smith received the Master Mason of The Year Award was Inducted into The Masonic Hall of Fame in addition to the President's Cup Honor for his outstanding service to our State and The General Grand Masonic Congress. 10 Brothers received the honor of becoming Inspector Generals of The United Supreme Council; Also, in the Youth Department, Erinze Murphy, was elected Supreme Master Journeyman and Kyler Murphy, Supreme Senior Journeyman of The National Order of Trailmasters.

Whereas: The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Florida, Inc. has designated the observance of Founders' Day during the month of October each year, to be held in conjunction with the Second Quarterly Session of the Grand Lodge.

Therefore, Whereas: I, Most Worshipful James A. Parker, 33^o, Grand Master of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Inc., do hereby proclaim October 14-16, 2022, as Founders' Day Weekend.

Let It Be Known: That the Second Quarterly Session of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Florida, Inc. will convene on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 1:00 P. M., at The Grand East Temple in Orlando Florida. Accommodations for those requiring lodging, has been arranged at Holiday Inn & Suites, 5916 Caravan Court, Orlando, Florida 32819. Please use group code: "The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge." The group rate is \$125.00 for Single and Double rooms plus applicable taxes. For reservations call (407)351-3333 or (800)327-1364 or at: reservations@hiuniversalorlando.com. Please make your reservations as soon as possible because rooms are limited.

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor 9:7

Let It Also Be Known: That this annual event is the only day set aside to raise funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the Grand East Temple. Worshipful Masters are reminded that \$5.00 must be reported for each member carried on your Lodge roster. I am requesting that all Worthy Matrons of OES Chapters join us in this effort by reporting \$5.00 for each member carried on your Chapter roster.

All local Courts, Councils, Commanderies, Temples and Consistories are requested to report \$25.00. All local Head of Houses, including Worshipful Masters, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Most Excellent High Priests, Most Ancient Worthy Matrons, Joshua's, Eminent Commanders, Chief Counselors, Ambassadors, Illustrious Grand Potentates, Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Commander-in-Chiefs, Trailmasters Directors, Sunbeam Mother Advisors and local Council Presidents are requested to report \$25.00.

All present seated cognate branch Head of Houses and State Presidents, including President of the Past Masters Council and President of the State Matrons Council are requested to report \$50.00.

The following elected Grand Lodge Officers are requested to report \$100.00: Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, MBF Treasurer, MBF Secretary, Grand Tyler, Grand Chaplin, and Past Grand Masters. All other

Grand Lodge Officers, both elected and appointed, inclusive of District Deputy Grand Masters are requested to report \$50.00.

I am requesting that the following Grand Bodies make a contribution of \$1,000.00 towards this effort: Most Excellent Prince Hall Holy Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Most Eminent Prince Hall Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Arabic Grand Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, United Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho, Bessie E. Pierce Grand Council, Lady of Knights, and Al-Shiah Grand Council of Deliberation, Daughters of Sphinx.

Your contributions should be made payable to Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and mailed no later than Saturday, October 15, 2022, to the Grand Secretary at:

Most Worshipful Alexander H. Smith, 33°/96°, Past Grand Master/Grand Secretary
569 Strathclyde Court; Apopka, Florida 32712 Email: smithcongress@aol.com
Cell: (407) 721-4759 Fax: (407) 889-9082

Let It Be Further Known: That the annual State Past Masters Council meeting will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 9:00 A.M. at the Grand East Temple with the President, Bro. Milton Baker, Presiding. Each Lodge is to report \$.50 for each member carried on your Lodge's roster. This assessment should be mailed to:

Bro. William Gillard, Secretary; State Past Masters Council
1611 East Hayes Street, Pensacola, FL. 32503

Whereas: The Officers of the MBF Department, Trustee Board, Grand Communication Committee, and other reporting departments must be allotted ample time to prepare reports and make presentations. The MBF Board will meet on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 8:00 A. M. in the conference room at the Grand East Temple. The Trustee Board will meet in the Grand Master's Office at 10:00 A.M., and Head of Cognate Branches meeting will meet Sunday morning at 9:30 A.M. in the conference room. The Sunday Religious Observance of Founder's Day will be held at the Grand East Temple on Sunday, October 16, 2022, at 11:00 A.M.

Be It Known: That I will conduct my official visit for district ten on Friday October 14, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grand East Temple. Please be advised that the District Deputy Grand Masters of District Ten are responsible for coordinating with the lodges in this District to make arrangements to receive the Grand Master's on his visit.

Let It Be Known: That I would like to thank all lodges and chapters that supported our Grand Lodge's Fund Raisers; also, those individuals that contributed with their loans and donations to the Grand East Restoration Project. Thanks to your hard work, participation, and support, we were able to achieve our goal without assessing members, lodges and chapters to obtain the necessary funds to restore our aging Grand East Temple.

Let It Also Be Known: That R.J.E. Lodge #69 has surrendered their charter on their own free will and accord and is no longer a part of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Florida Inc. This Lodge and none of its members are allowed to participate in any of our meetings, activities, functions, events, or services.

Let It Be Further Known: That the Grand Lodge Website is up and accessible; however, we need your information, flyers, events, and pictures to make it a first-class site. Please visit the site and like it. Our website address is www.tmwphglafamfl.com. Proclamations, bulletins, and forms are posted on the website; however, to access the proclamations, you must enter code: 123# (for members only). Each House should submit their updates weekly to Grand Assistant Secretaries Bro. John Brown at brownje51@hotmail.com and Bro. Willie C. Barnes Jr. at Williecbarnesjr@gmail.com.

Let It Also Be Further Known: That there will be a "Grand East Clean-Up and Restoration Day" Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., at the Grand East Temple in Orlando Florida. Everyone interested in helping clean, repair, and restore our Grand East Facilities and

Grounds are invited to attend. Please join our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Officers in food, fun, and fellowship while restoring the Grand East Temple and grounds.

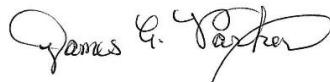
Finally, brothers and sisters it is my prayer that we will not represent division, disrespect, and disruption in our order; but rather work together moving in the same direction focused on achieving common positive goals and objectives that will positively impact our Order, Communities, and State. If we continue to put God first in all that we do, “we can do all things through Christ that strengthens us.” Therefore, be encouraged, remain vigilant in the performance of your duties and faithful to maintaining the practice of Free Masonry.

*“So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.”
Romans 12:5.*

Done this Fifteenth Day of September, in the year of Our Lord 2022, 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°/96°
Grand Secretary



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Al-Shiah Grand Council of Grand Courts of Deliberation, Daughters of Sphinx, will host their Annual State Daughters and Nobles Scholarship Weekend, September 27-29, 2022, in Orlando, Florida. The host Court is SHAMIKA #15, Daughter Playthel Douglas, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and assisted by Shafi Court #25, Arabia Court #2, Tyre Court #14 and Arabia Temple #1. Accommodations have been made at the Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819. The Room rate is \$129 plus tax. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 1-800-204-7234 or locally at 407-996-9842. Please request the group rate for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Florida. (The Nobles and Daughters Weekend)

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and The Royal Grand Chapter, OES will have an Appreciation Banquet, held in honor of Right Worshipful Willie Clark, 32°, Grand Patron, on Saturday October 15, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grand East Temple at 1199 Bruton Boulevard, Orlando, Florida. Tickets are \$40.00 and \$20.00 for Sunbeams and Trailmasters. Tickets can be

purchased from any committee member and can also be obtained at the door. Theme for this event is “A Wise and Noble Man” and the colors are black and white with a touch of silver. Additional information can be obtained from Right Worshipful Willie Dennis, 33^o, Grand Assistant Patron at (954)240-0051 and Past Grand Worthy Matron Vivian Hunter at (561)755-3978.

The Most Eminent Prince Hall Grand Encampment of the Order of Knights Templar A.F. & A.M. of Florida and Bessie E. Pierce Grand Council of Lady Knights will be having a Statewide Workshop, on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., at the Grand East Temple at 1199 Bruton Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32805.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Eastern Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Florida, Inc., and The Royal Grand Chapter Order of the Star, are excited to announce Florida’s First Annual Masonic Family Reunion which will be held in the beautiful city of Orlando, Florida, November 11-13, 2022. The host hotel will be the Holiday Inn & Suites at 5916 Caravan Court, Orlando, Florida 32819, across from Universal Studios Orlando. The Group Name/Group Rate: “Masonic Family Reunion”, and the hotel room rate are: \$125.00 (Single Beds & Double Beds). Make reservations by calling (407)351-3333; (800-327-1364 or by <https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect>. The deadline to make reservations is Thursday, October 15, 2022. For additional information contact any of the following Committee Members: Bro. Charles Davis, 407-756-2697 Sis. Monique R. Morris, 407-702-4223 Bro. Arthur Jones, 561-644-4593 Bro. Raymond Higgins, 954-529-8365 Bro. Dorsey Hutchinson, 904-613-9867 Bro. Alexander H. Smith, 407-721-4759 Sis. Brittany Baldwin, 407-235-0672 Sis. Conchita Baldwin, 321-695-9223 Sis. Nyree Washington, 305-205-8859 Sis. Temeka Walker, 404-259-4453 Sis. Wylene White, 321-301-2933, Sis. Vernalee Bickerstaff, Grand Matron and M.W. James A. Parker, Grand Master.