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

OFFICE OF

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PROCLAMATION #9

“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.

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

GREETINGS:

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

Whereas: I would like to take this time and opportunity just to say Thank You for your participation in our 2021 Annual Founders’ Day Activities. The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated designates the observance of Founders’ Day annually during the month of October to raise funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the Grand East Temple. The Founders’ Day Religious Service was held virtually, and it was well attended. Past Grand Master Kenneth C. Holley 33°, of Mount Olive

Missionary Baptist Church, Belle Glade, FL was the Messenger for the Service. He truly blessed us in the spirit with his message.

And Whereas: The Annual State Past Master's Council meeting held on Saturday October 16, 2021, with the President Milton Baker, Presiding, was well attended and very informative. I commend Brother Baker for his facilitation and instructions of a successful educational session.

Be It Known: That I am requesting all "Houses," "Lodges", and "Officers" that have not satisfied their Founder's Day donation, and/or assessment to please do so as soon as possible. Your contribution should be made payable to The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and mailed to the Grand Secretary at the address listed below.

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"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

Be It Also Known: That the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated; also, all Grand Cognate Branches will reopen as of January 1, 2022, to "face-to-face" masonic meetings, functions, and/or activities to take place on the state levels with strict restrictions. 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 Grand Lodge Guidelines. There is enough scientific and medical information to justify safely reopening our Grand Lodge; however, if the Delta and Omicron variants of COVID-19 continue to spike, we will do whatever is necessary to protect our members and their families. Our Grand Lodge officers will continue to regularly communicate and monitor the progression of this pandemic and determine how we can safely continue to work.

Be It Further Known: The month of December is election time for our lodges. Lodge dues must be current with the Grand Lodge and the M.B.F., in addition to all Temple Taxes to have election. Lodge reports should be made monthly throughout the year to be current. Look well among your members and elect those who are most worthy and willing to perform the duties and responsibilities of the office in which they are elected. After your election, take a picture of your lodge to be displayed on our Website, Facebook page and in our souvenir journal. All elections must be done by December 31, 2021, to avoid late fees and assessments.

Be It Also Further Known: The Third Quarterly Session of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated will open on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 12:30 P. M. (or immediately after the Mid-Winter Session). All brothers in good standing are eligible and encouraged to attend. The appropriate dress for is black suit, black bow tie, white shirt, black socks and shoes, proper Masonic regalia "All Zoom Rules, Regulations and Expectations" are to be always followed. The Zoom Third Quarterly Session Meeting ID and Passcode link will be provided upon pre-registration by the Grand and Assistant Grand Secretaries. I am encouraging everyone to begin pre-registering as soon as possible.

Let It Be Known: That all districts are expected to establish or restart their Past Masters Council and provide their President and Secretary contact information to Bro. Milton Baker, President of the State Past Master's Council as soon as possible.

Let It Also Be Known: That all districts are expected to establish or restart their Trailmasters Fortress in their district immediately and provide their contact information to Bro. William Haulstead 32°, State Youth Director as soon as possible.

Let It Be Further Known: That all districts are to engage and participate in working with the local N.A.AC.P. Branch in their city and/or county in voters' registration, voters' educations; in addition to other events, and activities that concerns communities of color!

Whereas: The Grand East Building has been undergoing major repairs and upgrades this year restoring our State Grand Lodge Building and I would like to thank everyone, every chapter, and every lodge that participated. During the three cleanup and workdays brothers and sisters came together to clean, restore, and sanitize the building, improve landscape, make minor repairs in addition to upgrading the lighting. Because of your donations, loans, ticket sales we have finally been able to replace our roof. I am eternally grateful to all of you that answered the call, accepted the challenge, and rose to the occasion.

And Whereas: I would like to commend those lodges that complied with my request to provide at least one turkey meal with the trimmings to a needed family for "Thanksgiving." I have also asked every lodge to purchase and provide at least one bicycle to a child in their community this Christmas. I realize that many lodges have been, and still are participating in various charities; but, because of the Coronavirus many families in our communities are still struggling. During this Holiday Season plagued with unprecedented pandemics we must assist those that are less fortunate.

Finally: Let us remain unified and focused, on the various tasks at hand. My prayer is that we as Brothers and Sisters will not represent division and disruption; but rather we work together moving in the same direction focused on achieving common goals and objectives, for the betterment of our "Grand Ole Order." If we all work together, in the pursuit of common visions, goals, and objectives, that all things are possible through Christ. If we continue to put God first in all that we do, then "We can do all things through Christ that strengthens us." It is imperative that we all work together. 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.

"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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Mid Winter's Conference Session of the Arabic Grand Council, Desert of Florida, of Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America will be held on Zoom, Saturday, January 8, 2022. Nobles, please attend and support this Session.

The Royal Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, State of Florida will celebrate Queen Ester Day on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. virtually on zoom. The registration fee for this event is \$10.00 and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information and to register please contact Sis. Vivian L. Hunter, Past Grand Worthy Matron at yhunter1@bellsouth.net.

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.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated Proclaim April 22, 2022, through April 28, 2022, for the One Hundred and Thirteenth (113Th) Annual Grand Communication at The Grand East Building in Orlando

Florida. The Annual Shriners/Daughters Ball will take place on Saturday night April 23, 2022 during our Grand Session. The hotel headquarters will be the Holiday Inn & Suites at Universal Studios 5916 Caravan Court Orlando, FL 32819. Reservation information will be forthcoming.

The General Grand Masonic Congress Proclaim July 14, 2022, through July 23, 2022, for The One Hundred and First (101st) Biennial Session to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. 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. The room rates shall be \$125 per night (plus tax) for single or double occupancy. Please make all reservations before April 2, 2022. All Master Masons are requested to pre-register at the cost of Three hundred and sixty dollars (\$360.00).

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 Grand Lodge/Grand Chapter Grand East Restoration Committee is having "Give-A-Way III" which will be held during the Grand Lodge & Grand Chapter Awards Banquet, Tuesday, April 26, 2022. Tickets are \$2.00, and each Lodge and Chapter is asked to be responsible for only 125 tickets. The prizes will be: First Place - \$500.00, Second Place - \$250.00 and Third Place \$125.00. This undertaking will require the participation, cooperation, and support of EVERYONE throughout the state.

The website has a new look. Be sure to visit the site and like it. The more views we receive the better the site performs. Please note that proclamations are posted on the website and is downloadable. To read the proclamations, you must enter the following code: Mason357#. This code is for members only!

"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 NIV

Done this Fifteenth Day of December, in the year of Our Lord 2021, A.D., 6021 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, Pro-Tem

