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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 #8

"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.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated; also, all Grand Cognate Branches should remain suspended until further notice. However, as of June 1, 2021, I allowed "face-to-face" masonic meetings, functions, and/or

activities to take place on the local level 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 accurate scientific and medical information to justify safely reopening our Grand Lodge at this time. Our Grand Lodge officers will continue to regularly communicate and monitor the progress of this pandemic and decide when it is safe enough for us to resume our activities as usual.

And Whereas: By the power and authority in me vested as Most Worshipful Grand Master, I, James A. Parker 33°, do hereby appoint the following worthy brothers to serve for the ensuing year:

Bro. James L. Porter 32° Right Worshipful Territorial Grand Master Right Worshipful Grand Marshall Bro. Charles Davis 32° Right Worshipful Grand Asst. Marshall **Bro. Leonard Pollard 32°** Right Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon **Bro. Dorsey Hutchinson 33° Bro. Milton Baker 32° Right Worshipful Grand Junior Deacon Right Worshipful Grand Senior Steward Bro. Jimmie Witherspoon 33° Bro. Jerry Helms** Right Worshipful Grand Junior Steward Right Worshipful Grand Asst. Treasurer **Bro. TBA Bro. John Brown 32°** Right Worshipful Grand Asst. Secretary Right Worshipful Grand Asst. Chaplain **Bro. Manuel Sykes** Right Worshipful Grand Asst. Chaplain **Bro. Jimmy Howard** Bro. James T. Golden, Esq. **Right Worshipful Grand Counselor Bro.** Lafavette Dowdell, 33° **Right Worshipful Grand Parliamentarian Bro. Robert Nivens 32° Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer Bro. Bro. Darryl Taylor 32°** Right Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer **Right Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer Bro. TBA** Bro. Willie Clark 32° **Right Worshipful Grand Worthy Patron Right Worshipful Grand Associate Patron Bro.** Willie J. Dennis 32° **Bro. Ronald Robinson 32° Right Worshipful Grand Sentinel** Bro. William Haulstead 32° **Right Worshipful Grand Youth Director** Right Worshipful Grand Asst. Youth Dir. **Bro. Markice Hayes Bro. Joe Adams 33° Right Worshipful Grand Architect** Bro. Bobby R. Henry, Sr. 32° **Right Worshipful Grand Publicist Right Worshipful Grand Photographer Bro.** Albert Page **Bro. TBA Right Worshipful Grand Webmaster**

GRAND LODGE TRUSTEES

M.W. Alexander H. Smith 33° R.W. Anthony Salary 32° R.W. James L. Porter 32° R.W. (TBA)

PAST GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL

P.G.M. W. L. Campbell 33° P.G.M. Kenneth M. Yates 33° P.G.M. Alexander H. Smith 33° P.G.M. C. Brian Hart 33° P.G.M. Kenneth C. Holley 33° P.G.M. Mark S. Jordan Sr. 33°

YOUTH AND EDUCATION COUNCIL

R.W. Willie Haulstead 32° R.W. Markice Hayes R.W. Arthur Jones 33° R.W. Willie Clark 32° M.W. Alexander H. Smith 33° R.W. William Gillard 32°

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

District #1

R.W. Sylvester Gainey, 32° R.W. Jimmie Witherspoon, 32° R.W. David Mack, 32°

District #2

R.W. Shannon R. Flowers R.W. Willie Earl Roberts

District #3

R.W. Alvin Dozier, 33° R.W. Milton Baker, 32° R.W. Walter Cason, 32°

District #4

R.W. Joe Adams, 33° R.W. Alvin Kilgore, 32°

District #5

R.W. Gregory L. Dunton, II 33°

District #6

R.W. Johnnie Adams, 32°

District #7

R.W. Alfonzie Brown, 33°

District #8

R.W. Willie Haulstead 32°

District #9

R.W. Paul Fields, 32°

District #10

R.W. Robert Nevins, 32° R.W. Charles Davis, 32° R.W. Willie Griffin, 32°

Be It Known: The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Florida, Inc. has designated the observance of J. A. Miller / Founders Day during the month of October each year, to be held in conjunction with the Second Quarterly Session of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge will be held virtually, and

Be It Also Enoun: That I, Most Worshipful James A. Parker 33°, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 16, 2021, as J. A. Miller / Founders Day. This year's Founder Day Activities and Meetings will take place via "ZOOM" and all attendees are required to be in full masonic regalia. Additional information will be provided by email, bulletins, and our website. All brothers and sisters can attend from the comfort of their own home.

Be It Jurther Known: That the Officers of the Grand Lodge, MBF Department, Trustee Board, Convention Committee, and other reporting departments must be allotted ample time to prepare reports and presentations.

Let It Be Known: that this annual event is the only day set aside to raise funds to maintain 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 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 Ancient Matrons, Joshua's, High Priest, Eminent Commanders, Chief Counselors, Ambassadors, Illustrious Potentates, Trail Master Directors, Sun Beam Mother Advisors, and local Council Presidents are requested to report \$25.00.

All present seated Grand 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 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, Past Grand Masters, and all elected Grand Lodge Officers. All appointed Grand Lodge Officers, 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 Royal Arch Chapter, Most Eminent Prince Hall Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, Arabic Grand Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, United Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho, Bessie E. Pierce Grand Council, Lady Knights, and Al-Shiah Grand Council of Deliberation, Daughters of Sphinx.

Your contribution should be made payable to The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, and I am requesting that all payments be mailed to the Grand Secretary at the address listed below no later than Saturday, October 9, 2021, so that a report can be prepared prior to the Founders Day / Second Quarterly Session.

Most Worshipful Alexander H. Smith, 33°, Past Grand Master 569 Strathclyde Court; Apopka, Florida 32712 Cell: (407) 908- 5685 Fax: (407) 889-9082 Email: smithcongress@aol.com

Let It Also Be known: That the Annual State Past Master's Council meeting (OPEN TO ALL MASTER MASONS) will be held on Saturday October 16, 2021, beginning at 8:30 A.M. with the President, Brother Milton Baker, 32° Presiding. The Zoom State Past Master's Meeting ID and Passcode link will be provided upon pre-registration. All Lodges are asked and encouraged to have your Secretary in attendance for this Session because important information concerning lodge record keeping and reporting will be discussed and disseminated. Also, each Lodge is to report \$1.00 for each member carried on your Lodge's roster. This assessment should be mailed prior to Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

Bro. William Gillard, Secretary; Past Masters Council, 1611 East Hayes Street, Pensacola, FL. 32503 gdaddy104@cox.net

Let It Be further known: The Second Quarterly Session of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated will open on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at 1:00 P. M. (or immediately after the Religious Service Benediction). 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 Second 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 Also Be Jurther Known: That each District is responsible for organizing their own initiation team to initiate and raise candidates for all lodges in their district under the supervision of their District Deputy Grand Masters. Worshipful Masters with candidates must contact District

Deputy Grand Masters to schedule and coordinate their initiations. Individual lodges cannot hold their own initiations and/or raisings at this time. All initiations in all houses must comply with the guidelines provided by the Grand Lodge at this time to eliminate the spread of COVID-19 through contamination.

I have enclosed within this Communication the schedule for my Official Visits for 2021. District Deputy Grand Masters in each District are requested to communicate with the Lodges in their respective Districts and make the necessary arrangements and coordinate the Grand Master's Visitation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge has initiated a Hatti Emergency Relief Campaign to assist and aid our brothers and sisters in Hatti after the catastrophic earthquake and hurricane that devastated their Country. Bro. Walter Cason will be giving leadership and coordinating this effort; and will be providing the districts additional information on needed items, collection instructions and transportation itinerary.

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 not proclamations are posted on the website and is downloadable. In order to read the proclamations, you must enter the following code: 123#. This code is for members only!

That District 10 District Deputy Grand Masters and District Deputy Grand Worthy Matrons will host a "Grand East Clean-Up and Restoration Day" Saturday, November 6, 2021, from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., at the Grand East Building in Orlando Florida. Everyone interested in helping clean, repair, and restore our Grand East Facilities and Grounds are invited to attend.

"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 twenty-first day of September, in the year of Our Lord 2021, 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:

Most Worshipful James A. Parker, 33° Grand Master Most Worshipful Alexander H. Smith, 33° Grand Secretary, Pro-Tem

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ZOOM RULES, REGULATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS

- All members must be in official dress at all times.
- Please indicate your name along with your office if you hold a position in the Grand Lodge.
- All video cameras must be on at all times.
- Video cameras should not be off more than 15 minutes for breaks.
- Please remain on mute, unless you are speaking.
- Please use the raise your hand feature to gain recognition from the chair (to speak).
- Please ensure that your area is free from intrusion
- Please refrain from walking around, driving and moving your computer excessively.
- Please do not eat or drink during meeting while video camera is on.
- Note: Technical Issues, Text Alexander Smith 407-721-4759, or John Brown 386-623-5173