

**T A I T L W A T H A L N U T O U**

**The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated  
Office of  
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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 paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6

**PRORCLAMATION #5**

September 30, 2020

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 Worshipful 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; and to all Grand Youth Advisors of the National Order of Trail Masters and the Order of Sunbeams.

**Greetings:**

Brothers and sisters, It is indeed an honor to greet and address you in the name of The Great Architect of the Universe, Almighty God, and his Son our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who is the foundation and Chief Cornerstone of our lives. I hope, trust, and pray that this communication finds you, your family, and love ones in the best of health and in good spirit in the midst of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It was with deep regret that I had to inform you of the cancellation of the 2020 Grand Lodge Session. The decision to cancel was based on the updated scientific data being reported, and that the number of cases and deaths in Florida had become one of the highest in the United States. As of today, there are 34,478,930 known cases and 1,027,638 deaths globally, 7,247,851 known cases and 209,422 deaths in the United States, as well as 711,250 cases and 14,617 deaths in Florida and still growing. This action was taken to protect the lives of our brothers and sisters, as well as our families and loved ones. Many of us have already been affected and impacted by the Coronavirus with the sickness and death of brothers,

sisters, family, friends, and love ones. We are still in a crisis that affect how we live, work, and worship for the unforeseen future. As long as 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 be faithful to maintaining the practice of Free Masonry.

I would like to thank all the lodges, chapters, brothers, and sisters that contributed to our efforts to restore our Grand East Temple. I am humbly thankful, grateful, and honored for the faith and confidence that you have placed in this administration to address and rectify issues with The Grand East. We are still accepting loans and donation towards this effort. God can do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh within us.

**Whereas;** As of April 1, 2020, I required that all Masonic Activities of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated and all its Cognate Branches be suspended until further notice.

**Also, Whereas;** Because of the (COVID-19) Coronavirus the 111<sup>th</sup> Grand Session was postponed from April 2020 to July 2020, contingent upon the control of the Coronavirus pandemic and later cancelled because of the increase in the Coronvirus cases and deaths in Florida. It was unanimously decided that The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Florida, Incorporated 111<sup>th</sup> Grand Communication and the Cognitive Branches be cancelled this year and all elected officers retain their current offices until 2021

**Be it Known;** that all Lodges are required to submit all reports, taxes and assessments to the Grand Lodge and they should be paid as usual throughout the year and submitted to the Acting Grand Secretary by their deadline dates. All Lodges are required to submit their reports each month in order to be current with the Grand Lodge. This report should be mailed to:

Most Worshipful Alexander H. Smith 33<sup>o</sup>, Acting Grand Secretary  
569 Strathclyde Court, Apopka Florida 32712

**Be It Further Known;** The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Mason of Florida, Incorporated 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 Grand Lodge.

**Be It Also Known;** That I, Most Worshipful James A. Parker 33<sup>o</sup>, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 17, 2020 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.

**THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE  
ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF FLORIDA, INCORPORATED  
J. A. MILLER DAY / FOUNDERS DAY ITINERARY (TENTATIVE)**

<b>Grand Lodge / Grand Chapter Greeting / Memorial Service</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>
<b>State Past Master’s / State Grand Matron’s Council</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Grand Lodge/Grand Chapter Quarterly Session</b>	<b>10:30 A.M.</b>
<b>Founders Day Religious Service</b>	<b>1:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Head of Houses Meeting</b>	<b>2:00 P.M.</b>

<b>M.B.F. Executive Board Meeting</b>	<b>3:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Grand Lodge / Grand Chapter Executive Board Meeting</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>
<b>District Deputy Grand Master / District Deputy Grand Matron Meeting</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Trustee Board Meeting</b>	<b>TBA</b>

**Be It Known;** that this annual event is the only day set aside to raise funds to maintain our 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 Cognate Branch Head of Houses and State Presidents, including President of the State Past Masters Council and President of the State Matrons Council are requested to report \$25.00.

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, and Past Grand Masters; also, other elected Grand Lodge Officers \$50.00 and appointed officers inclusive of District Deputy Grand Masters are requested to report \$25.00.

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 mailed to the Acting Grand Secretary at address listed below no later than October 14, 2020. I am requesting that all payments be made prior to 12:00 P.M. on October 14, 2020 so that a printed report can be posted prior to the Founders Day Worship Service.

Most Worshipful Alexander H. Smith 33<sup>o</sup>, Acting Grand Secretary  
569 Strathclyde Court, Apopka Florida 32712

**Be It Further Known;** that the annual State Past Masters Council meeting will be held virtually on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. with President, Brother Milton Baker 32<sup>o</sup> 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, Florida 32503

**Be It Known;** that the Second Quarterly Session of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Florida, Incorporated will open virtually on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 10:30 P.M. or immediately after the closing of the Past Masters Council.

**Be It Further Known;** that the Sunday Religious Observance of J. A. Miller / Founders Day will be live streamed on Zoom Saturday, October 17, 2020 beginning promptly at 1:00 P. M. All Elected Grand Lodge Officers and Head of Houses are asked to give \$100.00; Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, including District Deputy Grand Masters are asked to give \$50.00; and all other

brothers are asked to give \$25.00 respectively. The Church Service Offering can be submitted by cash app, giveify and mailed to the Acting Grand Secretary at:

Most Worshipful Alexander H. Smith 33°, Acting Grand Secretary  
569 Strathclyde Court, Apopka Florida 32712

**Let It Also Be Further Known;** that when a brother is dropped from a lodge, it is that Lodge’s responsibility to notify the upper houses (both male & female) in writing immediately and inform that brother that he can no longer participate in any Masonic activities as a mason.

**Finally, Let It Be Known;** that when a brother demits from a Lodge it is that Lodge’s responsibility to notify the upper cognitive branches (both male & female) in writing immediately and inform that brother that he can no longer participate in any Masonic activities as a mason until he is accepted into another Lodge in good standing.

**Finally, Be It Further Known;** that all lodges must maintain a bank account for the purpose of paying assessments and receiving funds from the MBF Secretary in the case of a brother’s death.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2020 ELECTION TIMELINE**

Deadline to Register:	October 05, 2020
Deadline to request “Mail In Ballots”:	October 10, 2020
Early Voting Starts:	October 19, 2020 and ends November 1, 2020
2020 Election Day:	November 3, 2020

By the powers vested in me, I have caused the seal of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Inc. to be affixed. Done this Thirtieth day of September, in the year of Our Lord two thousand, twenty in the City of Ocoee, County of Orange, and State of Florida.

Done this Thirtieth day of September, two thousand twenty , in the city of Ocoee, county of Orange, state of Florida, I have caused the seal of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge to be hereto affixed.

Attest:



*Alexander H. Smith*

Most Worshipful Alexander H. Smith 33°  
Acting Grand Secretary

*James A. Parker*

Most Worshipful James A. Parker, 33°  
Grand Master