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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 # 6

“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: Past Masters; Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Grand Lodge Life Members; and Brethren comprising the constituency of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, AF&AM of Florida, Incorporated.

To the Grand Patron and Grand 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 President of Al Shiah Council of Grand Courts of Deliberation-Daughters of Sphinx, AAODOS; To the Grand Inspector General; and to the Grand Youth Advisors of the National Order of Trail Masters and the Order of Sunbeams.

Greetings:

*“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thou soul prospereth.”
3 John 1:2*

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

Whereas: Brothers and sisters, I wish everyone a “Joyous and Prosperous New Year!” I hope, trust and I pray that this communication finds you, your family, and love ones in the best health and in good spirit in the midst of Social Injustice, Systemic Racism and the Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic. The year 2020 will be remembered as the deadliest year in the history of the United States of America, and the Month of January 2021 the deadliest month and we must embrace the future with hope and faith.

And Whereas: The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated; also, all Cognate Branches activities should remain suspended until further notice. I am still requiring that no “face-to-face” masonic meetings, functions, and/or activities take place at this time. As of today, there are 114,996,913 known cases and 2,554,914 deaths globally; 29,000,070 known cases and 521,504 deaths in the United States; as well as 1,924,114 cases and 31,828 deaths in Florida and still growing. This Coronavirus has now mutated into approximately 20 new strains with the UK strain being 70% more contagious with 690 confirmed cases in the United States and 201 of them in Florida. I am still strongly encouraging all brothers and sisters to continue to comply with all restrictions and mandates by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Department of Health (DOH). There is not 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. We are in a crisis that is un-proportionally affecting people of color that will impact the way we live for the unforeseen future. Even with the roll out of the vaccines the number of cases and deaths are still climbing, but at a slower rate. This action was made because of deep concern for the health and wellbeing of our members as well as our families and love ones.

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,

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

Also, Whereas: That the purpose of the 112th 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.

Further 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.

Therefore: I, Most Worshipful James A. Parker, 33^o, 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 virtually in the City of Orlando, County of Orange, State of Florida, April 17, 2021 - April 21, 2021, to celebrate our 112th Annual Grand Communication.

Be It Known: That the 112th Grand Communication and its Cognate Branches Grand Sessions will convene virtually on zoom and everyone is expected to register separately in each house. The deadline to make registration is April 10, 2021. I am encouraging everyone to avoid waiting until the last minute and begin to register now!

And Be It Known: That all Master Masons in good standing with their Lodge, and their Lodge in good standing with The Grand Lodge is eligible to register to attend the Grand Sessions. The appropriate dress for all masonic events is black suit, black bow tie, white shirt, black socks and shoes, proper Masonic regalia and badge.

Also Be It Known: Everyone must pay the required registration fee for ALL preceding Houses. A registration badge will be provided with each paid registration for each House. Additionally, to attend and participate in the Grand Convocation (Royal Arch Grand Session), and the Grand Encampment (Knights Templar Grand Session) your Subordinate Lodge must be square with the Grand Lodge and registered with the preceding houses. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Be It Further Known: 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, Incorporated
Itinerary For 112th Annual Grand Communication (Tentative)
Saturday, April 17, 2021 – Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Saturday	April 17th	8:30 A.M.	Consecration of Sessions
Saturday	April 17th	9:00 A.M.	Trailmasters/Sunbeams Grand Sessions
Saturday	April 17th	3:00 P.M.	Youth Department Social Activity
Saturday	April 17th	3:00 P.M.	Nobles/Daughters Jazz Hour
Sunday	April 18th	9:00 A.M.	MBF Board Meeting
Sunday	April 18th	12:00 P.M.	Grand Lodge Religious Service
Sunday	April 18th	2:00 P.M.	Grand Lodge/Grand Chapter Workshop
Sunday	April 18th	3:30 P.M.	Royal Arch/Heroines of Jericho Workshop
Sunday	April 18th	5:00 P.M.	Knights Templar/Lady Knights Workshop
Sunday	April 18th	6:30 P.M.	D.D.G.M /D.D.G.M. Meeting
Monday	April 19th	9:00 A.M.	Royal Arch/Heroines of Jericho Grand Sessions
Tuesday	April 20th	9:00 A.M.	Grand Lodge/Grand Chapter Sessions
Tuesday	April 20th	3:00 P.M.	Grand Lodge/Chapter Virtual Awards Banquet
Wednesday	April 21st	9:00 A.M.	Knights Templar/Lady Knights Grand Sessions
Wednesday	April 21st	3:00 P.M.	Head of Cognate Branches Meeting

Be It Known: That all Worshipful Masters are directed to report \$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 112th 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 30, 2021 so that the Grand Secretaries will have ample time to close their books. Please forward all Grand Lodge monthly reports, payments, and all other Grand Lodge correspondence to:

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

And Be It 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. The registration fee for the 112th Annual Grand Communication will be \$75.00, which includes the following:

- \$ 20.00 Youth Department Donation
- \$ 25.00 Souvenir Journal & Souvenir Bag
- \$ 10.00 Grand Lodge Registration Badge
- \$ 20.00 Grand Lodge/Grand Chapter Virtual Awards Banquet

****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.****

A registration form has been included at the end of this communication and on the Grand Lodge Website to be downloaded and/or copied for brothers to submit with their registration fee. Checks should be made payable to The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and should be submitted no later than April 10, 2021. The registration form and fee should be mailed to R.W. John Brown, Grand Assistant Secretary and he will provide you with the information needed to join into the Grand Lodge's Virtual (Zoom) Meetings, Workshop, Religious Service and Activities.

Right Worshipful John Brown, Assistant Grand Secretary,
12315 N.W. 147th Place, Alachua, Florida 32615 Ph:(386) 623-5173
E-Mail: brownje51@hotmail.com

Also Be It Known: That the Souvenir Journal Committee solicits the support of each Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, Court, Temple, 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 April 1, 2021. Refer to the attachment/enclosure for all the pertinent details concerning the Souvenir Journal.

Be It Further Known: That the Annual State Past Master's Council meeting and workshop will be held on Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. with President Milton Baker presiding.

Furthermore, Be It Known: That the Annual Grand Lodge/Grand Chapter Awards Banquet will be Tuesday April 20, 2021, at 3:00 P.M. Please refer to the enclosed letter for all pertinent details concerning BOTH the Virtual Grand Lodge Banquet and the Souvenir Journal.

Additionally, Let It Be Known: The Grand Lodge annually presents awards in three (3) categories: Master Mason of the Year, Blue Lodge of the Year, and District Deputy Grand Master of the Year. 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 1, 2021. If you have any questions, require additional information, or need a nomination package, please contact Grand Lodge Awards Committee Chairman R.W. Raymond M. Higgins, Deputy Grand Master, at (954) 529-8365. Your completed nomination forms should be submitted to D.G.M. Higgins at.

R.W. Raymond M. Higgins 33°, Deputy Grand Master
555 S.W. 20th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312
Email: rmhiggins516@yahoo.com

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.

Please be advised that the cost for the Life Membership increased to \$1,500.00 effective January 1, 2015 and all payment plans totaling less than \$1,500.00 has expired because of the year term limit.

And Be It Known: That the month of December is normally election time for our Lodges and Chapters; however, considering that the Grand Lodge and the Cognitive Bodies is not meeting “face to face” because of COVID 19, the Coronavirus elections will not be held in December this year and all present officers will retain their office until further notice and are in good standing with the Grand Lodge.

Also Be It Known: That Most Worshipful Alexander H. Smith, 33°, P.G.M., has consented to continuing fill in and serve as the Grand Secretary until further notice. Please forward all Grand Lodge monthly reports, payments, and all other Grand Lodge correspondence to:

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569 Strathclyde Court; Apopka, Florida 32712 Cell: (407) 721-4759 Fax: (407) 889-9082
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Be It Further Known: That all monthly reports and Temple Taxes must be always kept current and up to date. “Grand Lodge reports are due monthly!” Lodges that are not current not only risk losing their charter; but their member’s MBF benefits and membership in the upper houses.

Also, Be It Known: All Lodges should obtain and maintain a bank account. A bank account assists in the transparency of your Lodge handling of your member’s money. The account also provides easier reporting to the state and faster disbursement of M.B.F. benefits in the death of a member.

Finally, Be It Known: That The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and The Royal Grand Chapter Renovation Project Committee’s Fundraisers took place both times last year and 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 historical building. I am extremely grateful and appreciative to Grand Worthy Matron Vernalee Bickerstaff and the Royal Grand Chapter that stepped up to help make this fundraiser a success. I also would like to thank our fantastic brothers and sisters that are participating in our \$1,000.00 and \$500.00 Club, in addition to those that just donated. We did make strides in obtaining funds to make urgent needed repairs on our aging state’s “Grand East Building; however, we did not achieve our desired goal.

Therefore, The committee is having “Give-A-Way III” which will be held during the Grand Lodge & Grand Chapter Awards Banquet, Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 4 O’clock. Tickets will be \$2.00 and each Lodge and Chapter is asked to be responsible for only 100 tickets. The prizes will be: First Place - \$500.00, Second Place - \$250.00 and Third Place \$125.00. This time I am strongly soliciting everyone’s help to support our efforts to achieve our goal and make this fundraiser a great success. This is an awesome undertaking that will require the participation, cooperation and support of EVERYONE throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Imperial Grand Council Potentate Michael J. Smith Sr. has hereby proclaimed the following dates for the 102nd Biennial Session Imperial Grand Session, July 16th-July 22nd, 2021.at the Hilton Jackson, 1001 East County Line Road, Jackson, MS 39211 will be the host site. The nightly room rates are \$129.00 + tax for all rooms. The reservation code is ICG21, call 601-957-2800 or follow the link:

[https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups//personalized/J/JANJHHF-ICG21-20210716/index.jhtml?WT.mcid+POG.](https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups//personalized/J/JANJHHF-ICG21-20210716/index.jhtml?WT.mcid+POG)

Finally: Trust in the Lord with All Thine Heart and Lean Not Unto Thine Own Understanding; In all thine ways, acknowledge Him and He will direct thy path.” If we all continue to work together, in the pursuit of common visions, goals, and objectives, that all things are possible through Jesus Christ that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh within us. It is imperative that we all work together. If 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 Twenty-eight day of February 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:



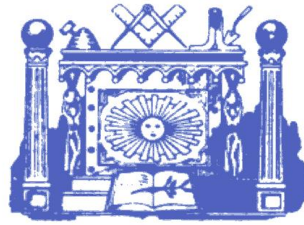
**M.W. James A. Parker, 33°
Grand Master**



**M.W. Alexander H. Smith, 33°
Grand Secretary, Pro-tem**



THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE ANCIENT FREE AND 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 dues or assessments 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 will not 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 each twice a year.

Option #3 Quarterly Payment Plan---Four (4) payments in the amount of \$375.00 every four months.