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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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“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

Proclamation # 3

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:

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

First: I would like to thank all the brothers throughout the state for their warm welcome, and acts of love and kindness that I received during my official visits across the state.

Be It Known: The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Inc. will not convene for the Third Quarterly Session; however, The State Past Master's Council will have a very important workshop on "Signs, Grips, and Passwords" on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 P.M. Accommodations will be at the Doubletree by Hilton Airport Hotel, 2101 Dixie Clipper Dr, Jacksonville, Florida. Reservation can be made by calling toll free 904 741-1997 Or 1-800-445-8667, Ask for Group code, (Arabic Grand Council). All Reservation must be made by December 27, 2019. The nightly standard room rate is \$119.00 plus tax, Single/Double rooms.

Let It Be Known: That there will be a head of houses meeting Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the Doubletree by Hilton Airport Hotel. All Head of Houses are asked to please be present or send an officer if you are unable to attend. There will also be a Grand Lodge Executive Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Grand Master's Suite.

Let It Also Be Known: I would like to take this time and opportunity just to say Thank You for your participation our 2019 Annual Founders' Day Weekend. The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons 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. The Sunday Religious Observance of Founders' Day, held at the Grand East Temple on Sunday, October 20, 2019 and the Reverend Kenneth Holley of St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church of Belle Glade, Florida, was the Messenger for that Service. He truly blessed us in the spirit with his message.

Be It Further Known: The Appreciation Celebration for Past Grand Master, Mark S. Jordan Sr., 33°, on Saturday October 19, 2019 at the Grand East Temple, was a tremendous success! Our theme: "A Man of Service" was befitting of this humble honoree.

Let It Also Be Further Known: That the Annual State Past Master's Council meeting held on Saturday October 19, 2019 with the President, Brother Joe Adams, 33° Presiding was well attended, and very informative. I would like to congratulate Brother Milton Baker 32° on being elected as the new President of the State Past Master's Council.

Whereas: The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida Inc. 111th Annual Grand Session will be April 17, 2020-April 24, 2020 in Orlando Florida at the Grand East Temple on 1199 Bruton Boulevard. The Holiday Inn & Suites at 5905 Kirkman Road, Orlando Florida 32819 has been selected as the Host Hotel. Nightly room rate is \$89.00 for a Standard Deluxe, \$109.00 Standard King, \$149.00 1 Bedroom Suite, and \$179.00 2 Bedroom Suite. Telephone number to make reservations is (800)216-0635.

And Whereas: The 2020 General Grand Masonic Congress A.F. & A.M., USA 100th Biennial Supreme Grand Session will be July 24-31, 2020 in Little Rock, Arkansas. The Most Worshipful Hiram of Tyre Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Arkansas, Inc. will serve as host. The General Grand Masonic Congress registration fee is \$350.00 and must be paid by June 30, 2020. The host hotel accommodations have been arranged at the Little Rock Marriott 150 West 5th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. Room rate is \$125.00 per night plus 15% tax. For reservations please call the Little Rock Marriott at (877) 759-6290.

Finally: The Prince Hall Grand Lodge/Grand Chapter Renovation Committee's "Give-Away" will take place Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the Royal Grand Chapter's Queen Esther Day Banquet at the Grand East Temple in Orlando Florida. All ticket stubs and money should be returned to your District Deputy Grand Master by Saturday, January 18, 2020, in Jacksonville Florida, and forwarded to M.W. James A. Parker. All checks and money orders should be made out to "Prince Hall Grand Lodge/Grand Chapter Renovation." I am extremely grateful and appreciative to Grand Worthy Matron Verna Bickerstaff and the Royal Grand Chapter, lodges, chapters, brothers, and sisters that stepped up to help make this fundraiser a success to enable us to reroof our aging Grand East Temple.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mid-Winter Session will be held in the Oasis of Jacksonville, The Desert of Florida. Host Temple is Mecca #1, supported by the Daughters of Kaliff Court #18 and Mecca Court # 7. The accommodations for the 2020 Mid-Winter Session will be held at The DoubleTree by Hilton, 2101 Dixie Clipper Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32218. Reservation can be made by calling toll free 904 741-1997 Or 1-800-445-8667, Ask for Group code, (Arabic Grand Council). All Reservation must be made by December 27, 2019. The nightly standard room rate is \$119.00 plus tax, Single/Double rooms.

Mecca Temple # 1 is our fine host. The following is the schedule for this session:

Friday	January 17, 2020	Hospitality 6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M.-Reopen after Joint Meeting
Friday	January 17, 2020	Joint Meeting 8:00 P.M.
Saturday	January 18, 2020	Nobles Workshop 8:30 A.M.
Saturday	January 18, 2020	Daughters Workshop 8:00 A.M.
Saturday	January 18, 2020	Nobles & Daughters Family Picnic 2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.
Saturday	January 18, 2020	Roaring 20's Dance 8:30 P.M. Donation \$30.00
Sunday	January 19, 2020	Religious Service 8:30 A.M

Attire for Mid-Winter Session Friday, Joint Meeting -Temple Uniform Saturday, Workshop-Temple Uniform Saturday, "Roaring 20's Dance Attire Sunday Religious Service Attire Burgundy suite /Bowtie Fez and white gloves

The Royal Grand Chapter Order of The Eastern Star, State of Florida will celebrate Queen Esther Day on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the Prince Hall Grand Lodge at 1199 Bruton Blvd. in

Orlando Florida. The registration fee for this event is \$10.00 for workshop only, and \$50.00 including banquet ticket. The attire for this event is casual; however, no pants. Events start with the workshop beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and the banquet starting at 7:00 p.m. Come out and celebrate our sisters Barbara Coulton, Kay Johnson, and Glory Jackson accomplishments and achievements in the Royal Grand Chapter.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and The Royal Grand Chapter will host a “Town Hall Meeting, Forum, and Protocol Workshop” Saturday, February 22, 2020 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 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.

“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 fifth day of January in the year of Our Lord 2020, 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°
James A. Parker
Grand Master



M.W. Joshua D. Scruggs, 33°
Joshua D. Scruggs
Grand Secretary

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE 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 Bi-Annual 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.