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The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated

OFFICE OF

M.W. James A. Parker, 33°

Grand Master



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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 # 2

September 1, 2019

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 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 Most Worthy State Grand Matron, Al-Shiah Grand Council of Deliberation, Daughters of Sphinx, AAODOS; and to all Grand Youth Advisors of the National Order of Trailmasters and the Order of Sunbeams.

Greetings:

As we transition towards the mid-year point in this year, 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 continue to put God first in all that we do, then *“We can do all things through Christ that strengthens us.”*

Grand Worthy Matron Verna Bickerstaff and I were truly blessed by the Transition and Installation Ceremonies held at the Grand East Temple in May. The events were well attended, and the Ceremonies were skillfully orchestrated and conducted by the Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Worthy Matrons and the afternoon concluded with a delicious reception in the beautifully decorated room. I have attempted to say “thank you” individually to the sponsors of the reception. However, if I omitted anyone please know that I was humbled by your thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity. Lastly, I am grateful to all Brothers, Sisters, family and friends that attended.

Let It Be Known: That during the 1st Quarterly Session in July, that M.W. Joshua D. Scruggs was re-elected Grand Secretary. Also, the newly appointed District Deputy Grand Masters were commissioned for the next ensuing year.

Whereas: That The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. 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.

Therefore, Let It Be Known: I, M.W. James A. Parker, 33^o, Grand Master of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Inc., do hereby proclaim October 18-20, 2019, as Founders’ Day Weekend.

“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

Let It Also Be Known: That this annual event is the only day set aside to raise funds for the maintenance and upkeep of 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 us in 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 Priests, Eminent Commanders, Chief Counselors, Ambassadors, Illustrious Grand Potentates, Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Commander-in-Chiefs, Trailmaster Directors, Sunbeam 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 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. All other Grand Lodge Officers, both elected and appointed, 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 Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Most Eminent

Prince Hall Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Arabic Grand Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, United Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho, Bessie E. Pierce Grand Council, Lady of Knights, and Al-Shiah Grand Council of Deliberation, Daughters of Sphinx.

Your contributions should be made payable to M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge and mailed no later than October 1, 2019 to the Grand Secretary at:

**M.W. Joshua D. Scruggs, 33° Grand Secretary
4410 N.W. 12th Court, Lauderhill, Florida 33313**

Let It Be Further Known: That the annual State Past Masters Council meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. with the President, Bro. Joe Adams, 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, FL. 32503**

The Second Quarterly Session of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Florida, Inc. will open on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 1:30 P. M. or immediately after the closing of the Past Masters Council. For those that require overnight lodging, arrangements have been made at APM Inn & Suites, 3155 John Young Parkway, Orlando, FL. 32805. This property is located at the intersection of John Young Parkway and McLeod Road. Identify yourself as a part of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge. The nightly group rate is \$69.00 for Single and Double rooms plus applicable taxes. For reservations call (407)704-3573 or (407)716-8602. Make your reservations as soon as possible.

Whereas: I will conduct my Official Visit for District Ten on Friday October 18, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Grand East Temple. Please be advised that the District Deputy Grand Masters of District Ten are responsible for coordinating the lodges in this District and arranging for the visit.

And Whereas: The Officers of the MBF Department, Trustee Board, Grand Communication Committee, and other reporting departments must be allotted ample time to prepare reports and make presentations. The MBF Board will meet on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 8:00 A. M. in the conference room at the Grand East Temple. The Trustee Board will meet in the Grand Master's Office at 10:00 A.M. Also, Head of Houses meeting will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 P.M. in the conference room. The Sunday Religious Observance of Founders' Day will be held at the Grand East Temple on Sunday, October 20, 2019 beginning promptly at 11:00 A.M.

Further Let It Also Be Known: That I am asking all lodges and chapters to support our Grand Lodge Fund Raiser and sell 250 "Give-A-Way" tickets to be used for repairs on our Grand East Building. Tickets will Be \$1.00, and prizes will be \$1,000.00, \$500.00, and \$250.00. We are proud and blessed to have our own Grand Lodge Building; however, many desperately needed repairs that we have, cannot be put off any longer. Instead of assessing members and lodges to obtain the necessary funds, I am asking everyone to participate in this very important fundraiser.

Let It Also Be Further Known: That the new and improved Grand Lodge Website is now up and running. Grand Webmaster Demetrious Anderson has worked diligently to ensure that our site will be a top-notch first-class production. Our new website address is www.tmwphglafamfl.com. So that Bro. Anderson does not get inundated with requests for

updates, I am requesting that each Head of House designate a person to be the liaison between your House and the Webmaster. Updates will only be accepted from a Head of House, or their designated liaison.

Finally, Let It Be Known: That there will be a “Grand East State Clean-Up” Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. I would like to invite everyone to join our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Officers in food, fun, and fellowship while cleaning up the Grand East Building and Grounds. Our Grand Lodge Building is in the middle of our community and should reflect the type of people that occupy it. Please remember that this is not District 10 building; but our state building that happens to be in District 10.

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

Announcements

Al-Shiah Grand Council of Deliberation, Daughters of Sphinx, will host their Annual State Daughters and Nobles Scholarship Weekend, September 27-29, 2019 in Jacksonville, Florida. Mecca Court #7 and Kalif Court #18 will serve as hosts for the Daughters and Nobles Scholarship Weekend 2019. The host hotel accommodations have been arranged at the Doubletree by Hilton Jacksonville Airport, 2101 Dixie Clipper Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32218. Room rate is \$112.00 per night plus tax. For reservations please call the Doubletree by Hilton Jacksonville Airport Hotel at 1-904-741-1997. (Group Code: Arabic Grand Council)

There will be an Appreciation Banquet, held in honor of M.W. Mark S. Jordan Sr., 33^o, Past Grand Master, on Saturday October 19, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. This banquet will be held at the Grand East Temple. The cost of the banquet is \$35.00 per person. All who plan to attend are asked to RSVP to either: R.W. Raymond Higgins 33, Deputy Grand Master at (850) 896-0554 and Sis. Juanita Edwards at (904) 382-6139, no later than September 30, 2019. Payments will also be taken at the door. All Lodges, Chapters, Brothers, Sisters, as well as other Houses are encouraged to make presentations to Past Grand Master Jordan. Additional information is available on the Grand Lodge Website at www.tmwphglafamfl.com. Or you may contact Committee Chairperson, Deputy Grand Master Higgins at (850) 896-0544.

The Most Eminent Prince Hall Grand Encampment of the Order of Knights Templar A.F. & A.M. of Florida and Bessie E. Pierce Grand Council of Lady Knights will be having a State Wide Workshop and Celebration of “The Holy Grail of Ancient History and The Christian Pilgrims to the Holy Land”, on November 16-17, 2019, at the Grand East Temple. The host hotel accommodations will be APM Inn & Suites at 3155 S. John Young Parkway, Orlando Florida, 32805. Room rates is \$69.00 per night plus tax, and reservation can be made by calling the hotel at (407) 704-3573 or (407) 716-8602 and use “The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge.”

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.

Done this first day of September, in the year of Our Lord 2019, 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:

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

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



The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Fl. 2019 Grand Master's Official Visitation Schedule

District #1

Official Visit: Saturday, November 8, 2019 Time: 6:00 P.M.

Lodges: E. L. Sowell #23, Jenkins #37, King David #55, Shiloh #56, King Solomon #62, Pride of Panama #81, Sharon #107, and Solomon #357

M.W. W. L. Campbell, P.G.M.; R.W. Vaughn Jenkins, Grand Treasurer; R.W. Jesse R. Barge, Grand M.B.F. Treasurer; R.W. Jimmie Witherspoon, D.D.G.M.

District #2

Official Visit: Saturday, October 5, 2019 Time: 7:00 P.M.

Lodges: W. L. Campbell #14, Wisdom #17, Eureka #51, Park #90, J-S-T- Lodge #101, South Jacksonville #106, Joshua #193, and Sons of Light #414, and R.J.E. #69

R.W. James E. Sanders, Grand M.B.F. Secretary; M.W. Kenneth M. Yates, P.G.M.; R.W. John Simmons, D.D.G.M.; RW Joe Sampson, D.D.G.M.; R.W. Douglas Harrell, D.D.G.M.; R.W. Shannon Flowers, D.D.G.M.

District #3

Official Visit: Saturday, October 5, 2019 Time: 12:00 P.M.

Lodges: Charles E. Sneed #43, Queen Victory #50, Goins #94, and Tribe of Benjamin #7

R.W. Alvin Dozier, D.D.G.M.; R.W. Milton Baker, D.D.G.M.; R.W. Edward Sapp Jr. D.D.G.M.

District #4

Official Visit: Friday, October 4, 2019 Time: 7:00 P.M.

Lodges: Fraternal #36, Athens #46, Springhill #65, Mt. Olive #79, and Abraham Lodge #163

R.W. Joe Adams, D.D.G.M.; R.W. Alvin Kilgor Sr. D.D.G.M.

District #5

Official Visit: Saturday, November 2, 2019 Time: 6:00 P.M.

Lodges: Melchizedek #19, Stone Square #42, Men of God #68, and True Light #6

R.W. Gregory Dunton, D.D.G.M.; R.W. Michael Vaugh D.D.G.M.

District #6

Official Visit: Saturday, November 2, 2019 Time: 12:00 P.M.

Lodges: Saint James #18, Kings Lodge #48, and Saint Paul #77

R.W. Terrance Horne, D.D.G.M.

District #7

Official Visit: Saturday, October 12, 2019 Time: 12:00 P.M.

Lodges: Welcome #9, Highlands #20, and United Brothers #5

M.W. Kenneth C. Holley, P.G.M.; R.W. Alfonzie Brown, D.D.G.M.; R.W. Kenneth A. Hawthorne, D.D.G.M.

District #8

Official Visit: Saturday, October 12, 2019 Time: 12:00 P.M.

Lodges: Grey Lodge #4, Okeechobee #54, Olympia #58, Queen Ester #61, Rising Star #67, Evans #72, and Mt. Moriah #96,

R.W. Arthur Jones, G.J.W.; R.W. Samuel Blue, D.D.G.M.

District #9

Official Visit: Friday, October 11, 2019 Time: 7:00 P.M.

Lodges: Joshua #1, New South #12, McDonald #70, Miller #100, and Jordan #102

R.W. Raymond Higgins, D.G.M.; M.W. Mark S. Jordan, Sr., P.G.M.; M.W. Joshua D. Scruggs, P.G.M./Grand Secretary; M.W. C. Brian Hart, P.G.M.; R.W. Paul Fields, D.G.M.

District #10

Official Visit: Friday, October 18, 2019 Time: 7:00 P.M.

Lodges: Baker #2, Yates #15, Early Rising #16, Harris #21, James #25, Jericho #28, Mt. Herman #45, Davis #47, Macedonia #49, Mt. Tabor #52, Memorial #66, St. Luke #78, Mt. Moriah #391, and Mt. Sears #416

M.W. Alexander H. Smith, P.G.M./Past President of the G.G.M.C.; R.W. Julius Gordon, D.D.G.M.; R.W. Willie Griffin, D.D.G.M.; R.W. James McCrae, G.S.W.; R.W. Lafayette Dowdell, D.D.G.M.



“A GRAND AFFAIR”

Let's prepare to celebrate with the

**Illustrious Most Worshipful Mark S. Jordan Sr., 33°
Past Grand Master**



Saturday, October 19, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Grand East Temple

Donation: \$35 (\$40 @ the door)

Make Cashier's Check/Money Order payable to MWPHGL

NO Personal Check

Mail to DGM Raymond M. Higgins, 33° 555 SW 20th Ave * Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.
33312

MUST RSVP no later than Saturday, October 5, 2019

Attire: Semi-Formal Royal Blue and White

Everyone is encouraged to express your love and make this a memorable occasion by purchasing an ad in the **Souvenir Journal**.

Ad Prices - Full \$60 Half \$40 Acknowledgement \$35

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made out to TMWPHGL to Sis. Dixon @ 8225 Hot Springs Dr. N Jacksonville
32244

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382-6139 for assistance**

RW Raymond Higgins, DGM - Chair (954) 529-8365
Sis. Juanita Dixon, PGM - Co-Chair (904) 382-6139