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TO: Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Trustees, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brothers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of Alabama

GREETINGS:

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

Luke 2:13-14

On Tuesday, December 12, 2017, the citizens of the State of Alabama will be asked to participate in the democratic process and go to the polls to elect a U.S. Senator to be our voice in Washington, D.C. It is our fundamental right and imperative duty to get out to the polls and vote. Many have sacrificed their lives for us to have the fundamental right of voting. Do not take this election for granted! Exercise your right! Go vote! Let us help others who may need transportation to the polls. We should do all we can to make sure that all, who are registered to vote, actually go and vote. **VOTE! VOTE!! VOTE!!!**

Our 147th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama was outstanding and very well attended. Our attendance at our Annual Communications continues to increase each year. I commend R.W. Maurice Edwards and all the dedicated Brothers of District One for all their hard work, dedication and hospitality rendered during our 147th Annual Communication. I want to thank all the Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren for your outstanding participation and decorum exemplified during our Annual Communication. Your conduct at the session is appreciated and is to be commended.

Our 147th Annual Communication was filled with many highlights; some of which were our Hall of Fame Induction, wreath layings at the gravesites of Past Grand Masters Reuben R. Mims and Walter T. Woods, as well as, our statewide raising. This year we added eight inductees to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama Hall of Fame. The class raised at our Annual Communication was named in honor of the late Clifton Gullett, Jr.

Our Fourth Annual Prince Hall Americanism Weekend was a huge success. Brothers and Sisters, from throughout the jurisdiction and beyond, attended in impressive numbers and supported the Grand Lodge. Approximately ninety Brothers and members of the Eastern Star were proud to march out on the football field during halftime of the game and make a \$10,000.00 scholarship donation, from the Prince Hall Legacy Foundation, to Miles College. Thanks to all who supported our Prince Hall Americanism Weekend.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

“Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.”

Mattie Stepanek

The following is a list of the Grand Lodge Officers for Masonic year 2017-2018, both elected and appointed:

Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Esq. (33), Grand Master
Robert W. Glenn (89), Deputy Grand Master
Woodie Pugh, Jr. (139), Grand Senior Warden
Matthew Hardy, Jr. (406), Grand Junior Warden
Dr. James Gray, II (490), Grand Treasurer

George D. Echols (408), Grand Secretary/CCFC
Andrew J. Fuller (6), Grand Trustee 3 years
Morris E. Tooles, II (408), Grand Trustee 2 years
Victor B. Pettus (32), Grand Trustee (Chairman), 1 year
Tyrone C. Means, Esq. (345), Grand Attorney
Acie Hale (14), Grand Senior Deacon
Carlton Jones (428), Grand Junior Deacon
John Manuel (1), Grand Senior Steward
Charlie Axle (319), Grand Junior Steward
Rev. E. Baxter Morris (7), Grand Chaplain
Charles L. Motley, Jr. (624), Grand Standard Bearer
Robert L. Goodloe (46), Grand Sword Bearer
Freddie L. Armstead, Jr. (26), Grand Marshal
George Wilson (199), Grand Pursuivant
Godfrey Johnson (75), Grand Tyler/Assistant Convention Coordinator
Dennis Simmons (778), Endowment Secretary
Dr. Belfondia Pou (772), Grand Medical Registrar
Dr. L. Ken Collins, II (319), Grand Historian/Corporate Liaison
Dr. Marxlyn David (71), Grand Musician
Kevin Howard (216), Grand Recording Secretary
Johnny Isaac (398), Chief of Security/Special Deputy
Gregory L. Clark (218), Convention Coordinator/Corporate Liaison
Quinton Burrow (59), Aide to the Grand Master
Armar J. Wagner, Sr. (33), Assistant Grand Recording Secretary
James Littleton (67), Class Organizer

GRAND DISTRICT DEPUTIES

The following are the Grand District Deputies for Masonic year 2017-2018:

District Number 1 Maurice Edwards (3)
District Number 2 Lurie Walton (694)
District Number 3 Robert Stallworth, Jr. (141)
District Number 4 Billy Joe Stallworth (196)
District Number 5 Rickey Allen (218)
District Number 6 Billy Morris (444)
District Number 7 Erwin Chambliss (408)
District Number 8 Donald R. Parks (345)
District Number 10 Edward Cobb (395)
District Number 12 Rev. Richard Wilson, Jr. (642)

District Number 13 Alvin Crawford (213)
District Number 14 Walter Greene (431)
District Number 15 Kenneth Hardy (178)
District Number 17 Anthony J. Johnson (50)

Our Grand District Deputies are the lifeline between the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges. They are the vocal pieces and the representatives of the Grand Master in their particular districts. **All Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Brothers are expected to cooperate fully with their Grand District Deputies. All Grand District Deputies are expected to attend to their respective duties diligently.**

TRAVELING AGAIN RECLAMATION PROGRAM (TARP)

Our Traveling Again Reclamation Program (TARP) has been an asset to this great organization. “Out of Bounds” Brothers are continuing to come back home to Prince Hall Freemasonry. Let us continue to welcome those Brothers back and encourage more to come.

Members suspended **before** June, 2002, can reinstate by paying the following:

\$20.00 reinstatement fee
\$10.00 taxes
\$25.00 registration
\$50.00 assessment—**Have two years to pay the remaining \$150.00**
\$105.00 TOTAL

Members suspended **after** June, 2002, can reinstate by paying the following:

\$20.00 reinstatement fee
\$10.00 taxes
\$25.00 registration
\$50.00 assessment—**Have two years to pay the remaining \$200.00**
\$105.00 TOTAL

The two years to pay the assessment will be closely monitored by me. Those who do not pay the assessment will be suspended again for non-payment. If a Brother had already made payments on his assessment to the Grand Lodge he will be credited for his payment(s). Reinstatement does not include endowment and burial. A Brother can only rejoin endowment and burial by restoring. If a

Brother's lodge no longer exists he is to be referred to his Grand District Deputy to help in completing the paperwork to get him on another lodge's roll.

Brothers continue to go out and reclaim our lost membership. This is an excellent way to rebuild our lodges. **I have extended TARP through July 31, 2018.**

SELMA MARCH

For the fifth consecutive year and in an effort to be more involved in our communities, to remember our past, and to look to our future, I am calling on the entire jurisdiction to converge on Selma, Alabama, on Sunday, March 4, 2018, to participate in the 53rd anniversary of the historical walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. I am asking all brothers and sisters to meet at 119 Washington Street, Selma, Alabama 36701, diagonally across from Washington Street Marketplace, at 11:00 a.m. The bridge crossing re-enactment will begin at 2:30 p.m. A large crowd is expected; therefore, I am asking all brothers and sisters to arrive at the designated time. Please bring plenty of water, snacks and lounging chairs as they will be needed, particularly by our elderly brothers and sisters. All brothers are to participate in the March dressed in proper masonic regalia to include a black suit (including the jacket), white shirt and solid black tie. It is very important that we assemble in Selma, Alabama in mass numbers. Last year we had hundreds of brothers and sisters to participate. Let us do our best to continue to increase our numbers this year. Consider this March as a time to remember for the seasoned brother and a history lesson for the younger brother. I am counting on you to help make this another great success.

AMITY/MUTUAL RECOGNITION

As voted upon and passed unanimously at our 147th Annual Communication, to go into effect simultaneously with their passing of the same, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama has entered into an amity/mutual recognition agreement with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama (Caucasians). The amity/mutual recognition went into effect on November 14, 2017, when the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama (Caucasians) voted in favor of the amity/mutual recognition agreement.

The amity/mutual recognition agreement contains the following safeguards in addition to both Grand Lodges maintaining our separate existence:

- 1.) There shall be **no visitation** at neither the Subordinate Lodge nor Grand Lodge levels;
- 2.) The Amity/Recognition Agreement shall **never constitute future merger**;
- 3.) There shall be **no instance of demitting to the other Jurisdiction**; and
- 4.) The Amity/Recognition Agreement **shall not be amended nor revisited within ten (10) years** from the date of acceptance, November 14, 2017.

This amity/mutual recognition does not change anything as it relates to our lack of interaction with the Grand Lodge of Alabama (Caucasians). It simply opens the door for recognition with other Grand Lodges. I have clearly stated what the safeguards of this agreement are. One may ask, "What good is recognition without visitation?" I say to you, although this is 2017, unfortunately there are some thoughts and ideas of the Jim Crow era that still exist here in the State of Alabama. Realistically, we have some brothers from both sides who do not wish to have visitation. However, I do believe that the amity/mutual recognition agreement is a move in the right direction. We must crawl before we walk. We will continue to operate as we have for the past 147 years. Take notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

GRAND LODGE TAXES

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT EACH LODGE SEND ITS GRAND LODGE TAXES TO THE GRAND SECRETARY BY DECEMBER 15TH AND BY MAY 30TH. All Worshipful Masters of all lodges are requested to send all Grand Lodge taxes to R. W. George D. Echols, Grand Secretary, Post Office Box 3967, Auburn, Alabama 36831-3967, as soon as possible. **A \$25.00 late fee will be assessed to each lodge if the Grand Lodge taxes are received more than 30 days past the due dates.**

SOUVENIR JOURNAL

Our souvenir journal efforts for 2017 were a great success. I congratulate and thank all who participated. The souvenir journal information for 2018 is enclosed with this Communication and will be available on the website. Please pay strict attention to the new deadline date of **May 15, 2018**. **All subordinate lodges are REQUIRED to purchase or to sell a full page ad or two half page ads.**

2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS
Posthumous Inductions

Bro. Herschel V. Cashin, Esq. (Ala. St. Legislator 1874-1878), St. Mark No. 4
Bro. William Hooper Councill (1st President of AAMU), Evening Star No. 6
Bro. Jeremiah Haralson (U.S. Representative 1875-1877), St. Mark No. 4
Bro. H. Councill Trenholm (Pres. of ASU 1925-1960), A.A. Peters No. 900
Bro. Benjamin S. Turner (U.S. Representative 1871-1873), St. Mark No. 4

Other Inductions

Bro. Parker L. Hawkins (Contribution to the GL of AL), Hopewell No. 198
Bro. James I. Herndon (Outstanding Service to Masonry), Hamilton No. 365
Bro. Lionel Richie (Singer, Composer and Entertainer), Lewis Adams No. 67

2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Applicant Name	College/University	Amount Given
Alisha Chaney	University of West Alabama	\$1,400.00
Iriel James	University of Southern Miss.	\$1,400.00
Rosa Ivery	Wallace Community College	\$1,400.00
Alexandria Henry	Bevill State Community College	\$1,400.00
Trent G. Hall, Jr.	Williams College	\$1,400.00
Justus Garrett	Auburn University Montgomery	\$1,400.00
Jarquez Lawson	Huntingdon College	\$1,400.00
Scholarships	Alabama A.&M. University	\$5,000.00
Scholarships	Miles College	\$10,000.00

WINNING LODGES of the YEAR
RURAL LODGE of the YEAR

1st Place– Cyrene Lodge No. 844
Brother Adrian Lewis, Worshipful Master

2nd Place- Morrow Grove Lodge No. 800
Brother Robert Stewart, Worshipful Master

**3rd Place- Goshen Lodge No. 132
Brother Cad Ford, Worshipful Master**

CITY LODGE of the YEAR

**1st Place– Phoenix Lodge No. 428
Brother Mark Carnes, Worshipful Master**

**2nd Place- Morning Star Lodge No. 50
Brother Larry Tisdale, Worshipful Master**

**3rd Place- Hamilton Lodge No. 365
Brother Loveless Belser, Worshipful Master**

**Lincoln Lodge No. 99
Brother Brian Benford, Worshipful Master**

WINNING DISTRICT DEPUTIES of the YEAR

**1st Place Winner
R. W. Anthony J. Johnson, Grand District Deputy of District No. 17**

**2nd Place Winner
R. W. Alvin Crawford, Grand District Deputy of District No. 13**

**3rd Place Winner
R. W. Kenneth Hardy, Grand District Deputy of District No. 15**

R.W. Erwin Chambliss, Grand District Deputy of District No. 7

WINNING DISTRICTS FOR SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD SALES

**1st Place – District No. 7
R. W. Erwin Chambliss, Grand District Deputy**

2nd Place - District No. 5
R. W. Jimmy L. Farmer, Grand District Deputy

3rd Place – District No. 12
R. W. Richard Wilson, Grand District Deputy

WINNING LODGES FOR SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD SALES

1st Place – Magnolia Lodge No. 218
Brother Jimmy L. Farmer, Worshipful Master

2nd Place – Milton W. Howze Lodge No. 408
Brother Erwin Chambliss, Worshipful Master

3rd Place – Phoenix Lodge No. 428
Brother Mark Carnes, Worshipful Master

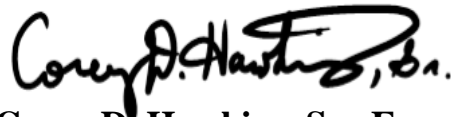
IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- 1.) **Every Lodge is required to display its current roll on the Secretary’s desk at every meeting. Every Brother has the right to look at the roll to make sure his money is being sent to the Grand Lodge.** Grand District Deputies, make certain that when you visit a lodge that you check to make sure that a current lodge roll is displayed on the Secretary’s desk.
- 2.) Every lodge should have a copy of our Anti-Hazing Policy. This policy is also available on our website. Every lodge is to be in full compliance with the Anti-Hazing Policy. No ceremonies or initiation procedures should be used other than what is in our official ritual, *Lester’s Look to the East*. Non-compliance will result in suspensions and/or expulsions. Please familiarize yourselves with this policy thoroughly.
- 3.) When you renew your license plates please remember to purchase a Prince Hall Grand Lodge license plate. A donation of \$41.25 of the \$50.00 fee will go to the Prince Hall Legacy Foundation for scholarship purposes. We should be proud to show the world that we are Prince Hall Masons.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

During this holiday season, and always, let us be thankful for the many blessings the Grand Architect of the Universe has bestowed upon us, and let us remember the less fortunate. Let us pray for peace and prosperity for our families and for our beloved Grand Lodge during the holidays and for the upcoming new year. Also, please pray for Prince Hall Masonry worldwide and the United States of America. This great organization, as well as this country, stands in the need of constant prayer. Last, but certainly not least, please remember the true reason for the Christmas season, the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior. I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Prosperous New Year!

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Grand Lodge to be affixed and the same to be attested by the Grand Secretary on this 1st day of December 2017, A. L. 6017.

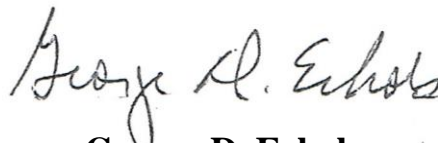


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**Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama**



Attested:



**George D. Echols
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
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