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OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION NUMBER 1

September 27, 2013

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:

After fourteen and one-half years of unparalleled and distinguished leadership of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Alabama, our revered Grand Master, the Honorable Dr. William O. Jones, decided to pass the gavel of authority to a new administration, pledging his unswerving support. At this time, I pause to thank, to commend and to give reverence to our Grand Master Emeritus, Dr. William O. Jones, for his tireless years of service, vision, and relentless efforts to carry this Grand Lodge forward. I am standing on his shoulders, as well as on the shoulders of those who have preceded him. It is an honor to follow in the footsteps of so great a man as our beloved Grand Master Emeritus, Dr. William O. Jones.

I am eternally grateful for the confidence that the Craft has placed in me by electing me to the position of Most Worshipful Grand Master. I am deeply humbled by your overwhelming support. What is most humbling and most sentimental to me is that I was fortunate enough to have been elected and to have been installed as the Grand Master of this great jurisdiction in the presence of my

father, Brother Parker L. Hawkins, Lodge No. 198. It was a very touching moment for me, one I will cherish for the rest of my life.

I fully recognize the magnitude of sacred responsibility that I have to continue the operations of this great organization in a manner to which the Craft has become accustomed and in a way that all Prince Hall Masons will be proud. Craft, I ask you to repeat with me the same prayer that our beloved Past Grand Master, the late Honorable S. J. Bennett, asked the Craft to join in saying with him when he wrote his Official Communication No. 1, dated September 25, 1967:

“GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE!”

“In Thy name, we assume the leadership of this Grand Lodge, and in Thy name, we desire to proceed in all of our Acts and Doings. Grant that the principles which we espouse will subdue every evil passion within us; so harmonize and enrich our hearts and lives with Thine own love and goodness that the work of this Grand Lodge from this day forward may reflect that Order and Beauty which reigns forever before Thy Throne—Amen.”

143rd ANNUAL GRAND LODGE SESSION

Our 143rd Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama was a huge success! It was very well attended, and peace and harmony prevailed. I commend Brother Keith Lafayette and all the Brothers of District One for all their hard work and dedication. I thank you for your hospitality rendered and for going above and beyond the full length of District One’s cabletow. I also offer a hearty thank you to all the Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren for your outstanding participation and decorum shown during our annual communication. We are indeed a Class A organization, and we have a solid foundation upon which to build.

CHANGE

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”

President Barack Obama

Change is inevitable because new blood brings new ideas. Just as with anything else, when a new administration comes in, there will be changes. Some things will change, and some things will remain the same. Whatever decisions, changes,

and/or actions that are taken will be done after first invoking the aid of the all powerful Grand Architect of the Universe to guide me with His infinite wisdom. Every thing that is done will not be pleasing to everyone; however, we must all work together to help move this “Grand Ole Order” forward. Bill Cosby once said, “I don’t know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.” Medicine may not be pleasing to our taste buds, but when taken properly, it is good for our ailments. I am sure we all can remember a home remedy or some type of medication that our parents would give us that we did not like, but it sure was good for us.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The following is a list of the Grand Lodge Officers for Masonic year 2013-2014, both elected and appointed:

Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Esq. (33), Grand Master
Robert W. Glenn (89), Deputy Grand Master
Woodie Pugh, Jr. (866), Grand Senior Warden
Matthew Hardy, Jr. (406), Grand Junior Warden
Lucius C. Fleming (918), Grand Treasurer
George Echols (408), Grand Secretary
Ellias Thompson (922), Grand Trustee 3 years
Victor B. Pettus (407), Grand Trustee (Chairman) 2 years
Warren L. Duncan (67), Grand Trustee 1 year
Tyrone C. Means, Esq. (345), Grand Attorney
James L. Ford (345), Grand Senior Deacon
William Dean Anderson (67), Grand Junior Deacon
Clifton Gullett, Jr. (1), Grand Senior Steward
Acie Hale (14), 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
George Ball, Jr., (222), Grand Marshal
Freddie L. Armstead, Jr., (26), Grand Pursuivant
Godfrey Johnson (75), Grand Tyler
Dr. James Gray (490), Grand C. C. F. C.
Charlie Axle (82), Grand Orator
Kim Jones (67), Grand Musician
Dr. L. Ken Collins, II (340), Grand Historian/Corporate Liaison

Kevin Howard (216), Grand Recording Secretary
Johnny Isaac (398), Chief of Security/Special Deputy
James Littleton (918), Convention Coordinator
Quinton Burrow (59), Aide to the Grand Master
Armar J. Wagner (33), Assistant Grand Recording Secretary
Gregory L. Clark (218), Assistant Convention Coordinator/Corporate Liaison

GRAND DISTRICT DEPUTIES

The following are the Grand District Deputies for Masonic year 2013-2014:

District Number 1 Maurice Edwards (3)
District Number 2 John Mayfield (772)
District Number 3 George Gibbs (243)
District Number 4 George Wilson (199)
District Number 5 Jimmy Farmer (218)
District Number 6 Billy Morris (444)
District Number 7 Morris Tooles, Jr. (408)
District Number 8 Benjamin Beasley (842)
District Number 10 Dexter Madden (876)
District Number 12 Reverend Richard Wilson, Jr. (642)
District Number 13 Gregory Rice (650)
District Number 14 A. Derek Bowman (112)
District Number 15 Kenneth Hardy (178)
District Number 17 Andrew J. Fuller (6)

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.**

FUNERAL AND CORNERSTONE CEREMONIES

Effective immediately, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Alabama, will revert back to its Official Funeral and Cornerstone Ceremonies which were first introduced to the Craft by the late Past Grand Master, Attorney Charles V. Hendley. Any Brothers who are in need of these ceremonies may

purchase them from the Grand Lodge Office for \$6.00. Only checks and money orders are accepted. No cash payments will be accepted.

OFFICIAL FORMS UPDATE

The Grand Lodge Office personnel have updated our various forms used within this jurisdiction. Many of these forms will eventually be available for download on our website. This is another way of being cost effective and making our offices accessible to the Craft.

JURISDICTIONAL REGALIA GUIDE

Recognizing a dire need for dress code standardization within the jurisdiction, I have found it imperative to produce a regalia guide that will be used to inform and to educate the Craft on what can and cannot be worn as regalia in the Jurisdiction of Alabama. Within the guide will be a description of all the Ancient Craft regalia that is approved to be worn in this Jurisdiction. Anything other than what is described within the guide is **not** authorized by the Grand Lodge of Alabama and will be forbidden. The Jurisdictional Regalia Guide will be forthcoming in the very near future.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

Many Brothers from throughout the Jurisdiction have inquired about a Grand Lodge of Alabama Membership Certificate. We are now in the process of designing an official membership certificate to be presented to all newly raised Master Masons. The certificates will be available to the Brothers, for a minimal price, through the Grand Lodge Office.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES, 2013

Region #	District #	Applicant Name	College/University	Amount Given
1	1	Alexis Holifield	University of South Alabama	\$1,400.00
2	2	Trenton Moss	Alabama State University	\$1,400.00

Region #	District #	Applicant Name	College/University	Amount Given
3	5	Charles Corbitt, II	Stillman College	**
4	7	Alexia C. Peterson	Alabama A & M University	\$1,400.00
6	17	Damian Smith	Alabama A & M University	\$1,400.00

**Has not submitted school information required for check to be mailed.

**SOUVENIR JOURNAL FUNDRAISING PROJECT
External and Internal Fundraiser for Temple Renovation**

Awards for Contributing the Largest Amounts of Money

WINNING OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

1st Place

R. W. Corey D. Hawkins, Sr., Grand Marshal

2nd Place

R. W. William Dean Anderson, Grand Junior Deacon

R. W. Lucius C. Fleming, Grand Treasurer

R. W. Joseph T. Williams, Grand Secretary

3RD Place

M. W. William O. Jones, Most Worshipful Grand Master

WINNING DISTRICTS OF THE YEAR

Number 1 Fundraising District of the Year – District #7

R. W. George Echols, Grand District Deputy

Number 2 Fundraising District of the Year - District #12

R. W. Richard Wilson, Jr., Grand District Deputy

**Number 3 Fundraising District of the Year – District #15
R. W. Kenneth E. Hardy, Grand District Deputy**

WINNING LODGES OF THE YEAR

**Number 1 Fundraising Lodge of the Year – York Lodge #642
Brother Charlie J. Square, Worshipful Master**

**Number 2 Fundraising Lodge of the Year – Milton Howze Lodge #408
Brother Erwin B. Chambliss, Worshipful Master**

**Number 3 Fundraising Lodge of the Year – Golden Rule Lodge #11
Brother Marcus L. Hardnett, Worshipful Master**

WINNING DISTRICT DEPUTIES of the YEAR

1st Place Winner

R. W. George D. Echols, Grand District Deputy of District #7

2nd Place Winner

R. W. Richard Wilson, Jr., Grand District Deputy of District #12

3rd Place Winner

R. W. Kenneth E. Hardy, Grand District Deputy of District #15

CONCLUSION

As I assume the Oriental Chair, I realize that we are faced with many challenges. However, I am a firm believer that if we rely on Divine Providence to lead and to guide us and if we work together harmoniously, we can conquer all obstacles before us. **Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM)!** With your help, we can carry this Grand Lodge to higher heights. Let us commit ourselves to building a brighter future for this great organization. Let us build upon the foundation that has been laid for us, and make sure we understand that our primary goal is to serve others. Always remember the things that we do for ourselves are gone when we are gone, but the things we do for others remain as our legacy. God bless you, this great Grand Lodge and Prince Hall Freemasonry worldwide!

SUPERVISOR'S PRAYER

“Lord when I am wrong, make me willing to change; when I am right make me easy to live with. Strengthen me that the power of my example will far exceed the authority of my rank.”

Pauline H. Peters

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 27th day of September 2013, A. L. 6013.

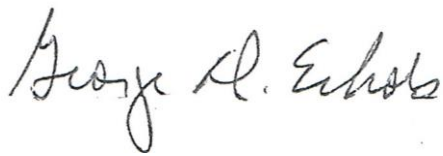


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**Most Worshipful Grand Master
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Attested:



**George D. Echols
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
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