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**PROCLAMATION 11-2017**

- TO:** Deputy Grand Master Corey Shackleford, Sr., Past Grand Masters, Grand Senior Warden Primis James, Grand Junior Warden Jonathan White, Grand Secretary John Jefferson, Grand Treasurer Earl Perry, Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brothers
- TO:** Grand Worthy Matron Deaidra P. Wilson, Grand Worthy Patron Cecil "CJ" James, Grand Associate Matron, Saundra Parks, Grand Associate Patron McArthur Walton, All Past Grand Worthy Matrons, Past Grand Worthy Patrons, Elected and Appointed Grand Chapter Officers, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Worthy Matrons, Past Worthy Patrons, Officers and Members of the Order of the Eastern Star

***Jesus looked hard at them and said, "No chance at all if you think you can pull it off yourself: Every chance in the world if you trust God to do it." Mathew 19:26***

First allow me to say, hats off to Districts number 8,9 &10, for hosting an outstanding Prince Hall Day weekend celebration.....It was one to surely remember! Many thanks to our membership for an unbelievable turnout even after having to reschedule the date.

**ELECTIONS:**

All elections must be completed in the month of December. Your audit team should provide each member with a copy of the audit and the team members should not consist of the treasurer and secretary.

A list of the elected officers' names, positions, mailing and email addresses and cell phone numbers must be submitted to the Grand Lodge and/or Grand Chapter Secretary **no later than January 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**BACKGROUND CHECKS:**

**We are obligated by law to protect our youth from sexual molesters/predators/offenders.** There are absolutely **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule. Therefore, I cannot stress enough the importance of ensuring that **EVERYONE** who comes in contact with our youth **MUST** provide a copy of their background check. These highly sensitive documents are extremely confidential and should **NEVER** be communicated with anyone other than the respective person. **Anyone found guilty of divulging the contents will be suspended.**

**SOCIAL MEDIA:**

I strongly recommend that you read the constitution and Bylaws regarding the subject. Those using social media for the wrong purpose will be addressed accordingly.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY/DISTRICT MATRON & PATRON WORKSHOP:**

**It is MANDATORY** that all Deputies, Asst. Deputies, District Matrons and Patrons attend the meeting scheduled for **January 6, 2018, 9:00 a.m., at 7340 Old National Highway.**

**MID WINTER LEADERSHIP MEETING:**

The meeting will be held, **February 3, 2018, at 9 a.m., at the Augusta Marriott Convention Center, Two Tenth Street, Augusta, GA., 30901; (706-823-6593).** The attire is business casual. **NO sneakers, shorts, T-shirts, or jeans.** Brothers are not required to wear jackets/coats. I highly recommend and encourage everyone to register online.

**All armbands will be issued at the registration desk, so bring your receipt to verify payment. You will not be allowed to enter without your armband.** If you have any question, concerns or remarks, please place them in the Q&A Box at the entrance door. Please see website for details.

**GRAND LODGE TAXES, MRA & ENDOWMENT & GRAND CHAPTER REPORTS:**

Please be reminded that the due date for all reports is **April 30, 2018.** Please prepare to get your financial business in order. All checks must be made payable to each respective fund (MRA, Endowment, Masonic Supply, Grand Lodge/Chapter Tax, etc.). **PLEASE DO NOT COMBINE AMOUNTS INTO ONE CHECK.**

**ANNUAL GIVE-AWAY:**

Each year, our participation has increased and this year, I expect our participation to be a minimum of 95%. All tickets have been dispersed to the DD's and DWM's and they have been mandated to get the tickets to the lodges and chapters immediately. If you do not have your tickets, please contact your Zone Coordinator. All funds and/or tickets for the Annual Give-Away must be turned in on or before our Annual Mid-Winter Leadership Meeting. **All Elected and Appointed Officers' funds must be received three (3) weeks prior to the Mid-Winter Meeting. All funds and ticket stubs are to be mailed to: MWPHGL Attn: Pat Bostic or Gwen Davis, P. O. Box 490750 College Park, GA 30349.**

**MASONIC DIGEST:**

I ask that you send articles and good clear pictures of events, recognition programs, banquets, community service activities, KOP, Grand Youth, etc., to the editor, Bro. Brian Garner; mxnupe@me.com.

**MLK JR., PARADE**

I strongly encourage and recommend that you participate in parades in your respective communities. However, you must be organized and your attire should be uniform to represent our Jurisdiction well. **Absolutely NO alcohol, drugs nor anything else that does not represent who we are and what we stand for. Any deviation from such standards will result in disciplinary action.**

**GRAND COMMUNICATION/SESSION:**

**June 20-23, 2018** – I am pleased to inform you that we are hosting Grand Session at the **Marriott Marquis Downtown, 265 Peachtree Center Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30303.** This facility has in excess of 1200 rooms, huge meeting facilities and can accommodate any and all of our needs. Therefore, we will not have overflow hotels. Please see website for registration and other details. *Make your reservations now!*

**ST. JOHNS DAY CELEBRATION:**

For the first time in Jurisdiction history, we will host a **Jurisdictional St. Johns Day, June 24, 2018, 10:00 a.m., at the Marriott Marquis.** This is sure to be a well-attended, informative and spirit filled celebration. The attire is full Masonic regalia for Brothers and Sisters.

**PRINCE HALL DAY WEEKEND CELEBRATION:**

Brunswick District #7 will host PHD weekend in Kingsland, GA, **September 7-9, 2018**. Please see website for more information.

**IT TAKES A VILLAGE:**

Save the date, **April 21, 2018, 1-6pm, Fred Douglas High School**. With the exception of our KOP and Grand Youth, this is our signature program. I challenge and expect all districts to be present and bring your youth. More details to come at our Mid-Winter Meeting.

**JURISDICTIONAL PRAYER LINE:**

After giving the matter some serious thought and prayer, I realized that all of us, whether personally, family, friend, or co-worker are experiencing trials, tribulations, set-backs, illness, bereavement, financial and/or family problems. Therefore, I'm extremely pleased to announce that we have established a Jurisdictional Prayer Line that will be held the **first Monday in each month at 7:00 p.m.** Grand Chaplain Rev. W.B. Sales as well as our other Grand Chaplains will render prayer for you and our Jurisdiction. I strongly encourage you to call **712-432-3900 CODE #:251257**

*I ask that we never forget our mission on earth; "Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.*

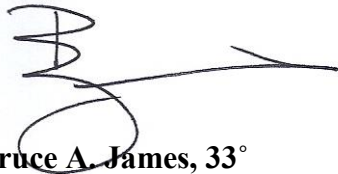
*1 Thessalonians 2:4*

**HOLIDAY SEASON:**

We are upon the Holiday season so I humbly ask and encourage lodges, chapters and/or districts to reach down and out to help those less fortunate families by providing Thanksgiving dinners and/or baskets. Likewise, I ask that you put a smile on a child's face by donating Christmas gifts and in doing so, **NEVER FORGET** that "To whom much is given, much is required". For God loves a cheerful giver and it is always better to give than receive.

Finally, I would like to **WELCOME** all of the Healed Brothers and Non-Blood Line Sisters to the **PRINCE HALL FAMILY!** I pray that you have found a Fraternal home that you are excited, encouraged and enthused about supporting. To all of our Brothers and Sisters, I say thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of the excitement and unbelievable support of our goals and objectives.... Simply said, "To God be the glory"!!

Fraternally,



**Bruce A. James, 33°  
17<sup>th</sup> Most Worshipful Grand Master**

