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March 1st, 2018

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, PRESENT AND PAST, OF THIS MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS; WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS, PAST MASTERS AND MEMBERS OF ALL SUBORDINATE LODGES OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND JURISDICTION.

GREETINGS:

Be it known that I, LARRY MITCHELL, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS in the State of New York and Jurisdictions, and by virtue of the authority in me vested, in accordance with Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph 11, of the Constitution and General Regulations of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York and Jurisdiction, do hereby SUMMONS ALL GRAND LODGE OFFICERS PRESENT AND PAST, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL SUBORDINATE LODGES UNDER THIS JURISDICTION to convene for the One Hundred and Seventy Third (173rd), ANNUAL GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION. It will commence on Thursday June 14th, 2018, continuing through Friday June 15th, 2018, and end that evening, at The Rochester Riverside Hotel located at 120 E. Main Street, Rochester, New York, 14604

Annual Reports from all Officers will be received; the State of the Craft will be reviewed; and such other business as may legally be brought before the Session.

LODGE REPRESENTATION

Every Lodge is expected to be represented by the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens. If a Lodge is to be represented by proxy, Article X of the Constitution and Statutes must be followed.

Protect The Legacy, Promote The Brand

ANNUAL DIVINE SERVICE

All members are requested to cease all labors on Sunday June, 10th, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. and repair with me to **the New Jerusalem Worship Center, located at 122-05 Smith Street, Jamaica, NY, 11434**, for the 173rd Annual Divine Worship Service. Please assemble in dark suits, white gloves and aprons, THE GRAND WORTHY PATRON, GRAND WORTHY MATRON, and members of Eureka Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and the presiding Officers of all Affiliated Bodies of the Prince Hall Family are cordially and fraternally invited to worship with the Craft.

LODGE INDEBTEDNESS

Lodge must pay ALL indebtedness to Grand Lodge on or before May 1st, 2018, as per Article XVII, Section 1, Paragraph H, of the Grand Lodge Constitution. Article XIII Paragraph 209 Sec 2 states: "Every Lodge shall meet at least once in each year, and the neglect of a Lodge to hold any meeting for one year, or to make returns and pay dues for two years successively, shall subject it to the forfeiture of its Warrant: and a Lodge neglecting to pay its annual dues at the time specified in this Constitution, shall not be entitled to be represented at the Grand Lodge Session following same".

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports are to be typed, properly filled out, signed by the Worshipful Master, attested by the Secretary, with the Seal of the Lodge affixed, and returned to the Office of the Grand Secretary on or before April 1st, 2018. You are to peruse the Roster accompanying these Forms and make the necessary changes on the appropriate Form and return the REPORT, ROSTER and CORRECTION FORM (Monthly Grand Lodge Report) to the Office of the Grand Secretary as prescribed above. Failure to comply with this LAW governing Lodge Returns will warrant such action as provided by The Grand Lodge Constitution (Article LVIX, §(366) Section §1, (367) Section §2(a, b) and (368) Section §3.)

PLEASE NOTE: THE FISCAL YEAR IS NOW JANUARY 1ST THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST

REGISTRATION

Every Master Mason attending the 173rd Annual Grand Communication must pay a Registration Fee of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) in advance or One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$175.00) after Friday, May 30th, 2018. The Registration fee includes lunch on Thursday June 14th, 2018, the Grand Lodge Reports and the Kits; pursuant to Article XVII, Section 1, Paragraph 85, Sub-section N, page (20) of the Constitution and Statutes.

To avoid delay at the Session, Lodges should mail the List of their Elected Officers, Past Masters and Brothers who will attend, together with a check to cover the Fee of \$150.00 for each member attending the Session. Checks should be made payable to the "MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE" and to the attention of P.G.M. Johnnie H. Joyner (92), Chairman of the Credential's Committee

CREENTIAL COMMITTEE

Worshipful Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens and Past Masters who are eligible to vote while at the Grand Lodge Session, must have their names certified by the Credential Committee before entering the Session. Identification badges issued by the Committee **MUST BE WORN DURING THE SESSION.**

The Registration and Credential Committee will be on duty Wednesdays, April 4th, April 11th, April 18th, April 25th, May 2nd, May 9th, May 16th, May 23rd from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and Wednesday June 6th, 2018, at The Rochester Riverside Hotel located at 120 E. Main Street, Rochester, New York, 14604-US. Nominations for Election of Officers will be held on Thursday June 14th, 2018, and Elections will be on Friday June 15th, 2018, between the hours of 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm.

WE WILL BE BALLOTING WITH THE USE OF ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINE

ELIGIBILITY

Article VII page (10), (14) Section §1: "No brother shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, unless he has been elected and installed as a Grand Warden nor to any other office in the Grand Lodge unless he is a Past Master *IN GOOD STANDING AND A MEMBER OF A WARRANTED LODGE IN GOOD STANDING IN THIS JURISDICTION*".

HOUSING

Activities of the 173rd Annual Grand Communication will be held at The Rochester Riverside Hotel located at 120 E. Main Street, Rochester, New York, 14604. Reservations: (585) 546-6400. Representatives are required to make reservations in advance. Sufficient rooms at reasonable rates have been set aside by request of Worthy Brother Parker Burton (347) 513- 0196, General Chairman.

Contact number to make Reservations: (585)546-6400, ask for hotel reservations under the group name "**Prince Hall Masons**" block. Please use the link below to book rooms online, and insert the group Booking Code "**180613NYSP**" assigned.

<https://www.rochesterriversidehotel.com/>

BY-LAWS—RESOLUTIONS—GRIEVANCES

By-laws, Resolutions and Grievances to be acted upon at this 173rd, Annual Grand Communication must be received in the Office of the Grand Secretary on or before May 1st, 2018. A copy of the By-laws previously acted upon by your Lodge must accompany the proposed set, which must be submitted in quadruplicate (4 sets) and signed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

All reports covering the period of January 1st, 2017 through December 31st, 2017, must be typed, double spaced in triplicate on eight and a half by eleven Plain White Bond Paper and mailed to the Office of the Grand Secretary on or before May 1st, 2018.

ASSOCIATIONS OF LODGES AND MEMBERS

The attention of all Lodges are directed to page (60) Article LXI, Section 1 and 2, of Paragraphs 370 and 371 of the Statutes, and shall be strictly adhered to. Required reports regarding such properties shall be forwarded to the Office of the Grand Secretary no later than May 1st, 2018, for referral to the Board of Grand Trustees.

THIS PROCLAMATION MUST BE READ NOT LESS THAN THREE SEPARATE TIMES DURING EVERY LODGE STATED COMMUNICATION PRECEDING JUNE 1st, 2018;

Given under my hand and seal of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York and Jurisdiction, This 1st, Day of March, A.D. 2018, A.L. 6018.



Attest:

Pedro Rivera-Bey
R.:W.: Pedro Rivera-Bey
Grand Secretary

Cordially and Fraternally,

Larry Mitchell
M.:W.: Larry Mitchell
Grand Master