

**Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M.
State of New York And Jurisdiction**

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

All members of the New York Prince Hall Family must be aware of the potential impact that interactions on social networking sites can have on the reputation of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York and Jurisdictions, as well as freemasonry on a whole. While the Grand Lodge is committed to supporting your right to interact knowledgeably and socially, everyone must be aware of the risks and limitations. This Social Media Policy is designed to help you understand your responsibilities to this Grand Lodge in relation to social media and to help you represent yourself and our jurisdiction in a responsible and dignified manner.

- **You are always a member:** You are a member of the New York Prince Hall Family in the temples, in public, at home and in your public and private communications. As such, at all times you are bound by the obligations you voluntarily assumed when becoming a member. Be mindful that your actions reflect on the entire Fraternity as well as you as an individual. You should at all times strive to present a positive impression of yourself and our Fraternity.
- **Take Responsibility and Use Good Judgment:** You are responsible for the material you post on personal blogs or other social media. Be courteous, respectful, and thoughtful about how other members may perceive or be affected by postings. Incomplete, inaccurate, inappropriate, threatening, harassing or poorly worded postings may be harmful to others. They may damage relationships, undermine this Grand Lodge's brand or reputation, create disharmony, and negatively impact the institution's commitment to sound morality.
- **Protect Our Privacy and Brand:** Disclosing any information that reveals the secrets of freemasonry, our ceremonies, subordinate or grand lodge financial or membership information is strictly forbidden. In addition, creation of any group or web page that has the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York included in its title is strictly prohibited without the explicit permission of the Grand Master.
- **Respect Copyright and Fair Use Laws:** For the Grand Lodge's protection as well as your own, it is critical that you show proper respect for the laws governing copyright and fair use of copyrighted material owned by others, including the Grand Lodge's own copyrights and brands.