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**The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated**

**OFFICE OF
M.W. James A. Parker, 33°
Grand Master**



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“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountain of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.” Psalms 133

Proclamation #1

May 22, 2019

To: The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Senior and Junior Grand Wardens. To all other Grand Lodge Officers both elected and appointed.

To all Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters; Honorary Past Grand Masters; Worshipful Masters; Past Masters; Wardens, Grand Lodge Life Members and Brethren comprising the constituency of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Masonic Jurisdiction of the State of Florida; and

To the Grand Patron and Grand Matron of the Royal Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Prince Hall Holy Grand Royal Arch Chapter; the Most Worthy Grand Joshua and Most Ancient Grand Matron, United Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho; to The Grand Eminent Commander of the Order of the Knights Templar of the State of Florida, the Grand Ambassador and the Grand Lady Chief Counselor, Bessie E. Pierce Grand Council, Lady of Knights; the Grand Inspector General; To the Illustrious State Grand Potentate, Arabic Grand Council, AAONMS, the Illustrious State Patron and the State President of Al-Shiah Council of Grand Courts of Deliberation, Daughters of Sphinx; and to the Grand Youth Advisors of the National Order of Trailmasters and the Order of Sunbeams.

Greetings:

First, I would like to thank our Grand Architect of the Universe who is the foundation and chief Cornerstone of my life, your lives and our order. I also would like to thank each and every brother for the Faith and Confidence that you have placed in me by electing me as your 34st Grand Master. I realize that I have very big shoes to fill because of the great Grand Masters that have come before me; but, with God as my guide, and your dedication and commitment to your vows and obligations,

we will take this “Grand Old Order” to higher heights. This can, and will be accomplished by setting aside differences, discourses, diversities and disagreements and working together in unity throughout the state on one accord. *“Trust In The Lord With All Thine Heart And Lean Not Unto Thine Own Understanding; In all thine ways, acknowledge Him and He will direct thy path.”* I am humbly thankful, grateful, and honored to serve as your Grand Master and I am committed to work tirelessly to uphold the honor and respect of this office and The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ancient Free And Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated. I look forward to working for you, and with you, during my tenure as your Grand Master. A family that prays together stays together. I offer my congratulations to the re-elected and newly elected Grand Lodge Officers and Head of Houses of our Cognate Branches.

Congratulations to our 2019 Grand Lodge Award Recipients:

Lodge of the Year, Okeechobee Lodge #54; District Deputy Grand Master of the Year, Bro. Arthur Jones 33°; Master Mason of the Year, Bro. Willie Roberts; and Grand Master’s Cup Award Bro. Willie Clark 32°.

Whereas: Pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws thereof: to wit, Article III, the following Officers were both elected and installed on Wednesday April 17, 2019 for the ensuing Masonic year.

Bro. James A. Parker 33°	Most Worshipful Grand Master
Bro. Raymond Higgins 33°	Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master
Bro. James McCrae Sr. 33°	Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden
Bro. Arthur Jones 33°	Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden
Bro. Vaughn Jenkins 33°	Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer
Bro. Joshua D. Scruggs 33° (recalled)	Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
Bro. Jesse Barge 33°	Right Worshipful Grand MBF Treasurer
Bro. James Sanders 33°	Right Worshipful Grand MBF Secretary
Bro. James Jones 32°	Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain
Bro. Frank McComb 33°	Right Worshipful Grand Tyler

And: By the power and authority in me vested as Most Worshipful Grand Master, I, James A. Parker 33°, do hereby appoint the following worthy brothers to serve for the ensuing year:

Bro. James L. Porter 32°	Territorial Grand Master
Bro. Charles Davis 32°	Right Worshipful Grand Marshall
Bro. Dorsey Hutchinson 33°	Right Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon
Bro. Milton Baker 32°	Right Worshipful Grand Junior Deacon
Bro. Jimmie Witherspoon 33°	Right Worshipful Grand Senior Steward
Bro. Michael Vaughan 32°	Right Worshipful Grand Junior Steward
Bro. John Brown 32°	Right Worshipful Asst. Grand Secretary
Bro. James T. Golden, Esq.	Right Worshipful Grand Attorney
Bro. Willie Clark 32°	Right Worshipful Grand Worthy Patron
Bro. Willie J. Dennis 32°	Right Worshipful Grand Associate Patron
Bro. Lonnie Hobbs	Right Worshipful Grand Sentinel
Bro. Joe Adams 33°	Right Worshipful Grand Architect
Bro. Albert Page	Right Worshipful Grand Photographer
Bro. Demetrious Sanderson	Right Worshipful Grand Webmaster

Grand Lodge Trustees

R.W. James L. Porter 32° M.W. Alexander H. Smith 33° R.W. Anthony Salary 32°

Council of Past Grand Masters

P.G.M. W. L. Campbell 33° P.G.M. Kenneth M. Yates 33° P.G.M. Alexander H. Smith 33°
P.G.M. C. Brian Hart 33° P.G.M. Kenneth C. Holley 33° P.G.M. Joshua D. Scruggs 33°
P.G.M. Mark S. Jordan Sr. 33°

Education and Youth Directors

R.W. Willie Haulstead, Grand Youth Director

M.W. Alexander H. Smith 33°

R.W. William Gillard 32°

R.W. Willie Clark 32°

R.W. Arthur Jones, 33°

Bro. Markice Hayes

District Deputy Grand Masters

(District Deputy Grand Masters Will Be Commissioned At the First Quarterly Session)

District #1

R.W. William Gillard, 32°

R.W. Jimmie Witherspoon, 32°

R.W. Jesse R. Barge, 33°

District #2

R.W. John Simmons, 33°

R.W. Joe Sampson, 33°

R.W. Shannon R. Flowers, 32°

District #3

R.W. Alvin Dozier, 33°

R.W. Milton Baker, 32°

R.W. Edward Sapp Jr., 32°

District #4

R.W. Joe Adams, 33°

R.W. William Bradley, 32°

District #5

R.W. Michael Vaughn, 32°

R.W. Gregory L. Dunton, II 33°

District #6

TBA (To Be Announced)

District #7

R.W. Alfonzie Brown, 33°

R.W. Kenneth A. Hawthorne, 32°

District #8

R.W. Arthur Jones, 33°

R.W. Samuel Blue, 33°

District #9

R.W. Raymond Higgins, 33°

District #10

R.W. James McCrae, 33°

R.W. Willie Griffin, 32°

R.W. Lafayette Dowdell, 33°

R.W. Julius Gordon, 33°

Be It Known: That the Transitional Ceremony of Most Worshipful James A. Parker 33°, as the 34th Grand Master of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Florida, Inc. took place on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 12:00 P.M. at the Grand East Temple. The Ceremonial Installation of Sister Verna Bickerstaff as Grand Worthy Matron of the Royal Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star immediately followed. These Grand Lodge Ceremonies proved to be most exciting as well as educational. I would like to thank all of the brothers and sisters that came out to make this event successful as well as memorable.

Let It Be Known: That to date, the fully paid Grand Lodge Life Members are: Joshua D. Scruggs, James A. Curley, Sr. William Richardson, Phillip L. Hardemon, C. Brian Hart, Burley Adams, Jimmy I. Johnson, Harold Lee, Julius B. Gordon, William I. Bradley, Joe Adams, Bobby R. Henry, Sr. Alfonzie Brown, Earnest Graham, Arthur Ward, Albert Moore, Jr., Charles E. Davis, Willie Dennis, Andrew Motley, Jeffery D. Gordon, Jr., Lester H. Wilson, Jr. Leonard Pollard, Bernard D. Adams, Kenneth C. Holley, James A. Parker, James Porter, Alexander H. Smith, Clifford Hughley, James A. Curley, Jr., Douglas Harrell, Mark S. Jordan, Sr., James McCrae, Davy Harmon, Milton Baker, Sr., James F. Jones, Leonard T. Johnson, Ransford Jones,

Tremaine Johnson, Walter Collins, Arthur Jones, John Dalley, Les R. Hewitt, Keith C. Holmes, Louis Desamour, Robert B. Walker, Melvin C. Butts, and Leonard Brown. Additionally, there are several Brothers that are currently making partial payments towards their Life Membership. Those that are still considering and are interested in participating in the program are encouraged to enroll and the new fee as of January 1, 2019 is set at \$1,500.00.

Let It Also Be Known: That each Subordinate Lodge is required to celebrate Saint John the Baptist Day on or as close as possible to the 24th day of June. I am requesting that this celebration take place in a church or lodge hall. Please take pictures for our history book. Also, each Worshipful Master is reminded to have your Secretary report \$3.00 for each member on your roster for Saint John's Day Tax. This should be mailed to: M.W. Joshua D. Scruggs, 33°, Grand Secretary, 4410 N.W. 12th Court, Lauderhill, FL 33313

Furthermore, Let It Be Known: The Arabic Grand Council, Nobles of Mystic Shrine, Desert of Florida, and Illustrious State Grand Potentate Dorsey Hutchinson, 33°, announces that the Annual Gala Day Celebration will be held on May 31, 2019 – June 2, 2019. Lodging for our annual Gala Day Celebration is at the Hampton Inn Daytona Airport, 1715 W. International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Florida for a nightly rate of \$99.00 plus applicable taxes and Junior Suites for \$149 plus tax. In order to secure these discounted rates, please call 386-257-4030 and ask for "Group Code: Nobles of the Mystic Shrine" on or before Wednesday, May 14, 2019. However, the hotel will continue to honor the group rate of \$99.00 after the deadline until the hotel is booked by contacting Amanda Dabkowski at 386-257-4030 ext 604. Registration fee for Gala Day will be \$40.00 dollars per person, which includes a Ball ticket.

Be It Known: The Imperial Grand Potentate ILL. Robert Barnes Jr. has hereby proclaimed the following dates for the Imperial Grand Session 101st Biennial Session, July 19, 2019 thru July 25, 2019, at the Hilton Memphis, 939 Ridge Lake Blvd., Memphis, TN 38120. The session package price is \$365.00. The nightly room rate with taxes includes singles \$155.08, double rooms \$177.45. All Reservations must be made before June 19, 2019 by calling 1-901-684-6664 and use Group Code: 1G0718.

Let It Be Known: That The Most Excellent Prince Hall Holy Grand Royal Arch Masons of Florida, and Companion Adnes D. Bronson, 33°, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, announces that the Annual Zerrubabel Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2019. The Most Excellent Prince Hall Holy Grand Royal Arch Chapter and The United Grand Court Heroines of Jericho sessions starts at 8:30 A.M., and the Zerubabel Day Religious Service will begin immediately after the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and Royal Grand Chapter Quarterly Session.

Let It Also Be Known: The First Quarterly Session of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at the Grand East Temple, 1199 Bruton Boulevard, Orlando, Florida. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the One Day Session of The Most Excellent Prince Hall Holy Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the United Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho. The Royal Arch Session will start at 8:30 A.M. The Grand Lodge First Quarterly Session will commence at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday July 13th, 2019. All District Deputy Grand Masters please plan to meet immediately following the session.

Also Let It Be Known: That during the 110th Grand Communication an illegal act took place. Once the gavel is turned over to the presiding officer for the purpose of holding elections that is the only business he can conducted. However, once he was given the gavel he entertained a motion to accept a letter of intent from MW Joshua Scruggs to accept nomination for the office of secretary. Because the only official duty the presiding officer can perform is the election of officers this acceptance of a motion and carrying it was an illegal act. Therefore, the election for the office

of Grand Secretary is being recalled and is null and void. During the first quarterly session in July: July 13, 2019 immediately following the Grand Royal Arch session the Grand Lodge will officially open for the purpose of electing a Grand Secretary, in addition to other Grand Lodge Business. The election will take place at the Grand East Temple located at 1199 Bruton Blvd, Orlando, FL 32805. This action comes as a result of thoroughly reviewing the situation and circumstances that occurred during the election for Grand Secretary at the 110th Grand Lodge Session. When all offices were declared vacant/gavel presented to the presiding officer that had a distinct impact on the outcome of election for that office. This administration will commit to doing what is right and in order, with compassion, consideration, and understanding; however, best is not always right; but, right is always best! Please take notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Furthermore, Let It Also Be Known: I am kindly requesting that all Heads of Houses please plan to meet with me immediately after the Zerrubabel Day Religious Service. If you are unable to attend please have a representative in attendance for your respective House. Thank You in advance for your participation and support.

Finally, Be It Known: That the Testimonial Appreciation Banquet for the Most Worshipful Mark S. Jordan Sr., 33°, Past Grand Master will be Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand East Temple. The donation for this event is \$35.00 and \$40.00 at the door, tickets can be purchased from R.W. Raymond Higgins, 33°, D.G.M and P.G.W.M. Juanita Dixon. The attire for this event is semi-formal and the colors are royal blue and white. Everyone is encouraged to express their love and appreciation by attending this event and purchasing an ad in the souvenir journal.

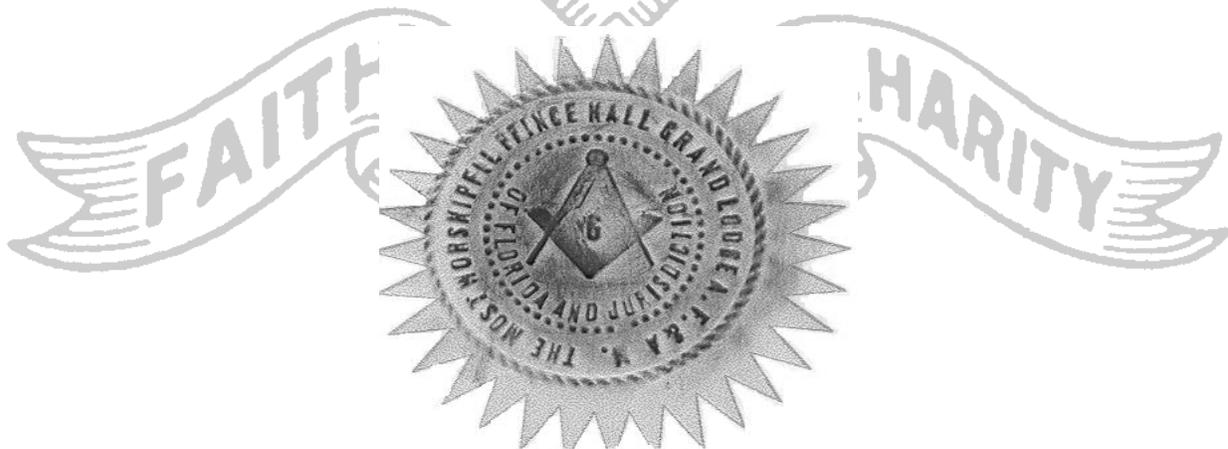
Done this twenty second day of May, in the year of Our Lord 2019, in the City of Ocoee, County of Orange, and the State of Florida.

By the authority vested in me, I have caused the seal of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge to be hereto affixed.

Attest:

M.W. James A. Parker, 33°
James A. Parker
Grand Master

M.W. Joshua D. Scruggs, 33°
Grand Secretary



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GRAND LODGE LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM



The implementation of this Grand Lodge Life Membership Program will potentially provide much needed income for the Grand Lodge. Additionally, it would grant a special level of recognition for those persons that purchase a Life Membership. Participation in this Program means that you will no longer be required to pay any Grand Lodge dues or assessments for the remainder of your life. Even if Grand Lodge dues and/or assessments are increased. Life Members will not be affected by the increase. They **will not** be required to make any additional payments.

Life Members will still be required to pay their MBF dues. The Life Membership **ONLY** pertains to your Grand Lodge dues and assessments. Additionally, local Lodge dues payments are still a requirement, and are to be paid as usual.

Everyone is encouraged to consider becoming a Life Member. However, if you do not, you will continue to pay your monthly/yearly Grand Lodge dues just as you are currently doing.

The benefits to the persons purchasing a Grand Lodge Life Membership are:

- ❖ Will no longer be required to pay monthly/yearly Grand Lodge dues or assessments.
- ❖ Will be issued a specially designed Life Membership Pin/Coat Lapel, an engraved plaque, a specially designed Grand Lodge Life Membership Card, their name engraved and displayed on a monument in the Grand East building, and the Life Membership is transferable... in other words even if you demit to another lodge...your Life Membership privileges transfer with you.

The cost of Grand Lodge Life Membership will be \$1,500.00. Should you choose to become a Grand Lodge Life Member you will have two (2) payment options to select from:

Option #1 Full payment in one lump sum in the amount of \$1,500.00. This amount must be paid on or before November of the year in which you enrolled in the program.

Option #2 Payment of the \$1,500.00 on a quarterly basis. Quarterly payments would be in the amount of \$375.00 every four months. The last quarterly payment must be received no later than December of the year in which you enrolled in the program.



“A GRAND AFFAIR”

Let's prepare to celebrate with the

Illustrious Most Worshipful Mark S. Jordan Sr., 33°
Past Grand Master



Saturday, October 19, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Grand East Temple

Donation: \$35 (\$40 @ the door)

Make Cashier's Check/Money Order payable to MWPHGL

NO Personal Check

Mail to DGM Raymond M. Higgins, 33° 555 SW 20th Ave * Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.
33312

MUST RSVP no later than Saturday, October 5, 2019

Attire: Semi-Formal Royal Blue and White

Everyone is encouraged to express your love and make this a memorable occasion by purchasing an ad in the **Souvenir Journal**.

Ad Prices - Full \$60 - Half \$40 - Acknowledgement \$35

DEADLINE FOR ADS - OCTOBER 5, 2019

Please send all camera ready ads to Sis. Juanita Dixon @
dixonjuanita@comcast.net & mail payment (cashier's check or Money Order)
made out to TMWPHGL to Sis. Dixon @ 8225 Hot Springs Dr. N Jacksonville
32244

**** If you are unable to send a camera ready ad please contact Sis. Dixon at
(904) 382-6139 for assistance**

RW Raymond Higgins, DGM - Chair (954) 529-8365
Sis. Juanita Dixon, PGM - Co-Chair (904) 382-6139