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Wednesday, September 1, 2010

“These words spoke Jesus; and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.”
St. John: 17, 1-2.

Greetings to All Who Hear These Words;

First, I would like to say thanks to the Grand Architect of the Universe for blessing me with the privilege to serve as Grand Master another term and thanks to all the brethren for having the confidence in me to serve as your Grand Master. I am humbled and honored to serve this grand body in the highest position available in the order. And now that you have given me the privilege once more, I shall strive to keep and uphold my promise to perform all duties, responsibilities, and task to the utmost of my ability.

Installation of all elected and appointed grand lodge officers that were not installed during the installation ceremony on Aug 6th will be installed on Saturday, Sep11th immediately following the Deputies meeting. Please be present if you want to hold the position. A list of grand lodge officers elected for Masonic year 2010-2011 is attached.

Worshipful Masters, and the Heads of all concordant and subordinate bodies are to ensure my monthly communication is read during there regular monthly meetings. And to forward a copy of the same with there monthly communication to all members that are unable to attend there monthly meetings due to illness, confined to a nursing home, hospital, or suffering from any other condition that will preclude their attending the meeting. You are to encourage the members to attend monthly meetings so that they are kept informed of actions pending taken and/or contemplated by there Grand Lodge. I hope this will also serve as an incentive to encourage attendance of lodges and other houses monthly meetings and any comments or questions raised may be entertained and a response received from your Grand Lodge.

On Monday, 6 September, the country will celebrate Labor Day. I encourage all who will be traveling to celebrate with others to do so with extra care and alertness and those who will celebrating at home with friends to do the same.

PRINCE HALL AMERICANISM DAY: The Grand Lodge will celebrate Prince Hall Americanism Day on Sunday, Sep12th at 3:00 p.m. at the Grand East. I ask that all Heads of houses, Brothers and Sisters come and join in celebrating this special days. The guest speaker will be Past Master Lloyd Womack, a dynamic speaker and orator, 2007-2008 Mason of the year and currently Grand Lodge Historian.

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Thanks to all who participated and supported the Bud Billiken Day parade. We all had a good time and I am looking forward to doing the same thing next year, but I will expect a little more participation from the brothers.

DISPENSATIONS: Request for dispensation requiring approval of the Grand Master, will be forwarded to the Deputy Grand Master for action. All other request for dispensations will be forward to the Grand Secretary for appropriate action. All request must be forwarded in sufficient time for appropriate action and a response returned to the requesting party.

This past year, RW Bro. Aubrey Barlow, Grand Coordinator, and W/Bro. Ron Wilson, Grand Director of the Junior Craft worked very hard to turn the program around and progress has been made we now have two active Junior Craft Councils. All districts are encouraged to establish an active Junior Craft Council. All present and past council representatives or supervisors are encouraged to contact RW Bro. Barlow @ (309) 242-7188 or Bro Wilson @ (217) 422-1412 to get your council re-activated.

The child identification program (CHIP) under the direction of RW Bro. Driskell, RW DGM, and his staff was launched into action on 14 Aug in Harvey and the event was highly successful. I encourage the District Coordinators to start getting their people ready now to expand the program into the districts. For questions and additional information, contact the DGM.

Brothers and Sisters we are encouraging the organizing of a Boy Scout Troop, Cub Scout Pack and Girl Scout Pack in the community. To do so, requires the participation of interested persons desiring to help with establishing a scouting program at the Grand East. I encourage you to contact Brother Norville R. Carter, District Commissioner, Greater Southside District, Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America for additional information.

To all who will celebrate a birthday or an anniversary during the month of September, Congratulations and Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary and may you be blessed with many more.

Our prayers go out to our Brothers and Sisters and the families that are experiencing illness or have someone that maybe ill or recovering from an illness. Let us continue to pray for our men and women in the Armed Services, our Children, our Brothers and Sisters that are sick and shut-in during our daily suppositions to the Deity.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Otis W. Cromartie, Sr.
Grand Master

1 Attachment

List of Grand Lodge Elected Officers