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Monday, January 2, 2012

*"Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. For their heart studies destruction, and their lips talk of mischief. Through wisdom is an house build; and by understanding it is established. And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches". Proverbs 24: 1-4*

Greetings and Happy New Year Brothers and Sisters,

It is my hope and prayer this communication finds you and family well and in good health and enfolded in the Spirit of the Deity, and you were blessed with a joyful and peaceful Christmas. May New Year's be filled with happiness, peace and prosperity.

**REMINDER:** Brothers and Sisters, HAZING is a violation of Federal Law and the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge and it will not be condoned nor tolerated by anyone who engages in such acts and un-Masonic behavior. Worshipful Masters, and Heads of Houses, you are to ensure that every member of the Prince Hall Masonic Family under your leadership are made aware of this message. Violators will be subject to punishment to the fullest extent of the law. Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

**WARNING NOTICE:** To all Head of Houses, Brothers and Sisters, before this matter become an issue, be forewarned, that any Body or Individual Social Networking Websites bearing the name, emblems, pictures, or any other identifying items of a Masonic Body under the umbrella of this Grand Lodge that displays inappropriate pictures, or other displays that may bring reproach upon the Prince Hall Masonic Family, i.e. such as consuming alcoholic beverages, etc, must be removed and discontinued immediately. These networks are included, but are not limited to: Facebook, Myspace, Twitter, Linkedin, Ning, Classmates, Hi5, Myyearbook, Tagged, Bebo, Mylife, Friendsters, Myheritage, Multiply, Orkut, and others. Personal Social Networking Websites that are not in violation of this notice will not be impacted by this warning.

**SPEAKERS:** The Grand Lodge Speakers Bureau is in need of distinguished speakers who can deliver the "Prince Hall" story eloquently, adequately, impressive, and clear to any and all interested audiences. Interested individuals who meet the criteria described herein are encouraged to contact RW Brother Daryl Andrews, No 91, President, Grand Lodge Speakers Bureau, (312) 489-6725

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**DISPENSATION:** All Worshipful Masters who have been installed, are hereby authorized to install their remaining officers during January 2012. Any installations after Jan 31, will require a dispensation from the Grand Master. For assistance, contact your District Deputy Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Lecturer. Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Thanks to all Heads of Houses who took time out of their busy schedules, 26 Nov to meet with me. The matters we discussed demonstrated communications continue to ensure the pillars that strengthen us and helps to maintain a good and wholesome Prince Hall Masonic Family to grow and become stronger. The Mega Raffle drawings will take place at Annual Session, and the Silent Auction at Mid-Year Session. For Mega Raffle questions, please contact RW Bro. Daryl Andrews, at (312) 489-6725, and for the Silent Auction, please contact Worshipful Brother Kerry Fitch, at (312) 835-3140.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- 1) Valentines Dinner and Dance, 11 Feb 12
- 2) Black History Month Programs, 18 and 19 Feb 12
- 3) Mid-Year Annual Session, 2-4 Mar 12, and banquet with a silent auction
- 4) Mason of the Year Banquet, 21 Apr 12
- 5) Welcome Orientation Presentation, 12 May 12
- 6) Saints John Day Program, 24 Jun 12
- 7) Mega Raffle 1 Apr - 31 Jul 12 (With many more chances to **WIN**)
- 8) Grand Lodge, Concordant and Subordinate Houses Unification Session, 26 Jul - 2 Aug 12

**DISTRICT AUDITS:** Worshipful Masters, Treasurers and Secretaries, lodge books will be made available during the following months for audit:

**JANUARY 21 or 28, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**FEBRUARY 4 or 11, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Worshipful Masters you are to ensure the books are prepared for audit and to contact the appropriate district coordinator listed below to make the appropriate arrangements.

**First District** – RW Brother Daryl Andrews, (312) 489-6725 Audits to be conducted at the GE

**Second District** – RW Brother Leroy Berry


**Third District** – RW Brother James Jones

**Fourth District** – Worshipful Brother Samuel Hurd (618) 233-6437

To all who will celebrate a Birthday or Anniversary during the month of **JANUARY**, Congratulations, Happy Birthday, and/or Happy Anniversary. May your New Year be prosperous, peaceful and joyful throughout the year.

Remember to pray for our Brothers and Sisters and their families that are experiencing illness or have someone that maybe sick or recovering from an illness or accident. Beseech the Deity in your daily supplications on behalf of our Brothers and Sisters and their Families. Pray for the Commander of all Troops in the Armed Forces, our children, the sick and shut-in during your daily suppositions to the Deity.

Fraternally and Sincerely,



Otis W. Cromartie, Sr.  
Most Worshipful Grand Master

**DIGNITY**

**RESPECT**

**HONOR**