

# MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF ARKANSAS

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## Communication 2025-1

Greetings Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter Elected Officers, Brothers and Sisters,

We pray that this communication finds you all in good spirits and health.

### 2025 Grand Lodge Session

The 2025 Grand Lodge & Royal Grand Session was a huge success. I am of the belief that the spirit of God was reigning throughout the entire session. From the spirit filled Memorial Service on Thursday until the OES Gala with the theme "Family Reunion", we had a fun filled time of fellowship. During our annual session, we as a jurisdiction donated over 500 sets of needed winter caps and gloves to the youth in Pine Bluff & Jefferson County. Thank you to the committee that worked on the project and the members that donated items for the community service project. I hope all members enjoyed the food the Grand Lodge and Royal Grand chapter provided each day. A lot can be accomplished when working together and being on one accord. We pray the session was to your satisfaction.

### Annual Elections

I want to publicly congratulate everyone that was elected in the Grand Lodge as well as the Royal Grand Chapter. I pray for a successful year for our new Grand Worthy Matron, Linda C. Hunter, No. 362. Sister Hunter did a great job of overseeing the Royal Grand Chapter last year and I look forward to working with her and the other elected Royal Grand Chapter Officers. I congratulate Past Master Orlanda Winston on being elected as a Grand Lodge Trustee. He has always been one that works to make sure the grand lodge is set up and things are in order. All other Grand Lodge Officers were re-elected to serve another year. On behalf of the entire elected staff, I say "Thank You" for having the continued confidence in our leadership. Let's continue the work we've started and keep the momentum going.

### Courtesy in Grand Lodge and Local Lodge Sessions

I for one feel that this should not be something we need to bring up as we are men of principle and have respect for all our brothers. We understand that our organization is predominantly African American and/or people of color. We must understand that we do have non-black ethnicities in our local and grand lodge meetings. We must be mindful of the words we say when we are speaking in the lodge. I understand sometimes we speak about what is on our mind and want to get our point across. We have no problem with that. We do need to be aware that we have non-black members that may take what is said in a negative way. We never want any of our brothers to feel disrespected or despised as we understand that the tenets of Freemasonry are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

### 2025 Car Raffle

I want to thank everyone that participated in our annual car raffle. This year was just as successful as previous years. The brothers and sisters that worked on this project made it possible for us as an organization to continue to be a jurisdiction that others look to for guidance. The Car Raffle results are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place 2025 Toyota Camry – Lekeisha W. Pine Bluff

2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$500 – William R. of Texarkana

3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$500 – Jerry S. of Little Rock

4<sup>th</sup> Place \$500 – Jeffrey B. of Jacksonville

"Unity and Education Through Action"

We thank everyone that participated, and we look are looking forward to the 2026 Toyota Camry Car Raffle that will be raffled off in February of 2026.

**Conclusion**

We are looking forward to prosperity, togetherness, and Agape love for one another. New Masonic Year and New Leadership is a great time to have a New Mindset. Our organization can only reach its full potential if we work together to make it what it is supposed to be. I understand that there will be naysayers and doubtful members, but if you look back over the last two years, we as a jurisdiction have been moving in our purpose and gaining the respect we once had as we work with others and do our part to make our world a better place. We plan to continue communicating and keeping everyone informed about the work and happenings around the jurisdiction. God Bless!

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark A. McGraw".

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