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**Communication 2025-2**

To: Andre Singleton, Deputy Grand Master; Jaquet Gilbeau, Grand Senior Warden; Tracy Ford, Grand Junior Warden; Ralph Hicks, Grand Sec; JohnL Colbert, Grand Treas; Kenneth Ferguson Jr., Grand Sec\Treas. Relief; Kaylon McDainel, Asst. Grand Sec\Treas. Relief, Grand Lodge Trustees, Grand Matron Linda C. Hunter; Grand Patron Johnny H. Carolina; Past Maters, Worshipful Masters, Past Matrons, Worthy Matrons, Officers, Brothers and Sisters;

Greetings,

We pray that this communication finds you all in good spirits and health. I first want to say, "THANK YOU!" again, to the brothers of this jurisdiction on re-electing me as your Grand Master of Masons in the state of Arkansas. I will continue to lead this jurisdiction to the best of my ability. The vision and mission have not changed. We will work to give our members and the communities we serve our very best.

**153<sup>rd</sup> GRAND LODGE SESSION**

The 153<sup>rd</sup> Grand Lodge Session was well attended by the membership. Thursday night was spirit filled as we took the time to reflect on the lives of our dearly departed brothers and sisters. The Lodge of Sorrow's team, led by Brother David Collins, was on point. The message was brought by Worshipful Master Elder Kent J. Broughton who spoke word that seem to be directly from GOD. He spoke on several points that we all could take and implement in our daily lives. Thank you, Bro. Broughton, for your inspirational message and songs. Please continue to pray for our bereaved families.

Brotherly Love was shown during our session from sister jurisdictions as we had delegations from Maryland, Michigan, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, Iowa, New Mexico, Kansas, and Indiana. They all expressed their deepest appreciation of the hospitality given by our membership and I am grateful for all the relationships we have. We will continue to extend the olive branch of Fraternal love to all of our sister jurisdictions.

Friday night's CN Toney Banquet was one for the books. A huge thank you to our Grand Senior Warden, Jaquet Guilbeau, Monique Love, Norma Armstrong, Laketa Lockett and the Banquet Committee for a job well done. We appreciate the help we received from the UAPB students that worked with Sister Dominique Mack. We thank the caterer, Mr. Rice and his team as the food was delicious and very fulfilling. On Saturday, February 22, 2025, we completed all of the necessary business and had our annual elections which were held by our very own Grand Master Emeritus, Cleveland K. Wilson.

**Lodge Elections and Appointments:**

Most Worshipful Grand Master: Mark A. McGraw, #8  
 Right Worshipful Deputy Gr. Master: Andre Singleton Sr., #151  
 Right Worshipful Gr. Senior Warden: Jaquet Guilbeau, #100  
 Right Worshipful Gr. Junior Warden: Tracy Ford, #224  
 Right Worshipful Gr. Secretary: Ralph Hicks, #151  
 Right Worshipful Gr. Treasurer: John L Colbert, #347  
 Right Worshipful Gr. Sec\Treas. Relief: Kenneth Ferguson, #345  
 Right Worshipful Gr. Asst. Sec\Treas. Relief: Kaylon McDaniels, #345

Right Worshipful Grand Trustees are as Follows:

Right Worshipful Gr. Trustee: James Tenner, #281      Right Worshipful Gr. Trustee: Orlanda Winston, #8  
 Right Worshipful Gr. Trustee: Andre Ben, #281      Right Worshipful Gr. Trustee: Carl Davis, #407  
 Right Worshipful Gr. Trustee: Doug Seull, #9      Right Worshipful Gr. Trustee William Bryant #296

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers for this ensuing year. As Grand Master it is my prerogative to appoint the non-elected Grand Lodge Officers within the Grand Lodge. These are the listed office appointments for 2025:

Grand Patron	Johnny H. Carolina	Grand Tyler	Thomas Brown Jr.
Gr. Associate Patron	Alvin Flenory	Grand Tyler	Larry Duncan
Chief DDGM(1,6)	Rev. Billy Ward	Grand Tyler	Darnell Henderson
Chief DDGM(5,3,7S)	Jaquet Guilbeau	Grand Tyler	Cedric Moody
Chief DDGM(4,8,7N)	Andre Singleton	Grand Tyler	Terrance Rowe
DDGM District 1	James O'Neal	Grand Senior Deacon	Jerry Harvell
DDGM District 1	Rev. Billy Ward	Grand Junior Deacon	Kenneth Chambers
DDGM District 3	Shenandoah Burns	Grand Senior Steward	Victor Bryant
DDGM District 3	Marvin Ward	Grand Junior Steward	Christopher Cribbs
DDGM District 3	Akari Alexander	Grand Security	Charles Clark
DDGM District 4	Brandon Boatner	Grand Security	Alvernon Rogers
DDGM District 4	Ken Ellis	Grand Security	Jamaal Starks
DDGM District 5	Reginald McElroy	Grand Lodge Auditor	Cleveland K. Wilson
DDGM District 5	Jerry Harvell	Grand Lodge Auditor	Darryl Coleman
DDGM District 6	Author Berry	Grand Lodge Auditor	Akari Alexander
DDGM District 6	Tyrone Burton	Grand Lecturer	Dave Collins
DDGM District 6	Jonathan Wilkerson	Grand Lecturer	Brian Johnson
DDGM District 7N	Eric Hunter	Grand Historian	Tommy VanBuren
DDGM District 7N	Spencer Brown	Grand Historian	Alex Benton

DDGM District 7N	Gary Winters	Grand Recorder	James O'Neal
DDGM District 7S	Dewayne Newton	Grand Recorder	Derrick Lucas
DDGM District 7S	Fred Hill	Grand Webmaster	Karl Roberts
DDGM District 7S	Howard Dilworth	Grand Musician	Curtis Adams
DDGM District 8	Donnie Savage	Grand Chaplain	ALL MINISTERS
DDGM District 8	Glen Jackson Jr.	Grand Marshall	Reginald McElroy
Grand CCFC	William Bryant	Grand Marshall	Bobby Washington
Grand Pursuivant	Carlton McGee	Grand Marshall	Paul Isbell
Grand Trustee	Emma Nelson	Grand Trustee	Irene Thomas

Also on February 22, 2025, the Royal Grand Chapter elected Sister Linda C. Hunter of Silver Star\Roseola Chapter No. 362 as the 15<sup>th</sup> Grand Worthy Matron of the Jurisdiction of Arkansas. We are praying for a successful year. The members of the Grand Lodge are here to support all your efforts as you lead our Royal Grand Chapter. Congratulations to all other Royal Grand Chapter elected and appointed officers. "We are Better Together"

### **Annual Returns**

All Annual Returns should be in by now. They are a valuable tool to this Grand Lodge. If you have not sent in a complete form, please do so as soon as possible.

### **Car Raffle Project**

We had another successful year with the car raffle project. I do believe we could have done more in pushing this project. We appreciate Karl Malone Auto Group for their efforts assisting with the marketing and of course the handling of the 2025 Toyota Camry. Everyone that participated deserves an arousing vote of thanks for a job well done! The district rankings for the most ticket sales were as follows: For Lodges 1<sup>st</sup> – District 4; 2<sup>nd</sup> – District 5; 3<sup>rd</sup> – District 7S. For Chapters: 1<sup>st</sup> – District 4; 2<sup>nd</sup> – District 5; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7S. We are looking to take the Car Raffle to even higher heights next year for the 2026 Toyota Camry. The Grand Lodge Give Back to the jurisdiction was \$24,397. We do appreciate everyone's efforts.

### **Grand Lodge Building**

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM and Royal Grand Chapter OES Building had many updates in the last year. Notable updates were as follows. The installation of a new sound system and projectors in the Banquet Hall, Masonic Hall, and OES Chapter room. Men and Women Bathrooms updates\upgrades. New security cameras all around the building. New commercial copier in Building manager office. We will continue to make updates, keep, and preserve our building.

### **Education\Scholarship**

Once again, we are at the time of year where we can do something to better our students that are going to college and\or are already in college. We will be giving \$1,000 per District for disbursement. It is up to the district to vet the applications and choose the recipients of the awards. There will be two \$1,000 awards to be given to a current college student. All applications must be submitted to the Districts by April 4, 2025. The district chosen awardees must be submitted to the Grand Lodge in Care of "Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee" by May 6, 2025 Please do not wait on getting the applications out to the proper people.

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It is my order that proper Masonic Dress in Arkansas will be Black suit, White Shirt, Plain Black long or bow tie, Black socks, and Black shoes with Black soles. Apron and Collar with proper jewel. All Collars must have jewels and bars of current office attached. (No collars without jewel) Apron and Collar must be the same color. Past Grand Lodge Elected officers, as a courtesy, can wear purple collar and purple trimmed Apron.

**In Conclusion**, I feel that we are truly going in the right direction. With the leadership we have and the members backing and supporting, we can really make a difference in the lives of the people in Arkansas. Let's keep our eyes on our purpose, which is to take care of one another and put our best intension forward to make our communities better. Get involved, continue to pray, and watch God take us all to higher heights. "May the Blessings of Heaven Rest on the Jurisdiction of Arkansas"

Fraternally Yours

  
Mark A. McGraw  
Grand Master



ATTESTED  
  
Ralph Hicks  
Grand Secretary