



The Most Worshipful

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## **“Remembering Every Accomplishment and Climbing Higher”**

**To: Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Past Masters, MWP Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren of all Subordinate Lodges of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, Free and Accepted Masons.**

The following Directives are issued and immediately in full force until otherwise revoked.

### **Directive RME 2023-1**

It's imperative that we continue to represent Prince Hall Masonry with dignity and respect.

Therefore it is my Directive that all casual dress as it relates to Chapter 34 Section 34.01 of the Masonic Code and Constitution related to the first stated meeting night when only business is to be conducted will be defined as masonic dress or tie with sports jacket or suit. No gym shoes or athletic footwear of any kind is to worn to any lodge meetings.

### **Directive RME 2023-2**

Prince Hall Masonry, while based on Religious Principles is not a Religion.

Therefore, it is my Directive that no Masonic Blue Lodge activities be held between the hours of 6:00 AM and 2:00 PM, on Sundays. (District meetings, Degree Work, Cookouts, etc.).

### **Directive RME 2023-3**

Brethren, it is our duty as Masons to see that our Lodge Hall are safe for us to conduct our meetings. No firearms will be tolerated at any Lodge Hall (exception law enforcement officer). It is my Directive that no firearms be worn by any member who owes allegiance to the Prince Hall family at any Lodge meeting or at any meeting attended by a Master Mason in a Lodge Hall, Temple or Mosque.

### **Directive RME 2023-4**

Request for Dispensations are to be sent to the office of the MW Grand Master two (2) weeks prior to the event. All requests for Dispensations must be in writing with the seal and

accompanied fee (obtain form from website - Grand Secretary) . Dispensations that deal with activities that are Ritualistic in nature - such as meeting dates and times, etc. is \$5.00. All Dispensations requested within three (3) days of event or meeting will cost \$25.00 late fee plus cost of the Dispensation. (No exceptions)

Banquets, Balls, Raffles, and Non-Ritualistic functions are \$10.00. Checks are made payable to "M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio".

You must secure a Dispensation for any social affair or raffle prior to having tickets printed and distributed. This is not an option.

Consideration in case of an emergency will be made.

#### Directive RME 2023-5

During my travels throughout the Jurisdiction, attending various affairs - banquets, balls, etc., I have observed the programming did not conform to proper protocol (see Protocol Manual) nor was the program executed in a fluent manner. If a person cannot speak before an audience adequately, do not select them to be the Master of Ceremonies. How the program and the participants are perceived is how the public and your peers will perceive you and Prince Hall Masonry.

Therefore, it is my Directive that all programs are to be submitted to the Deputy Grand Lecturer before it goes to print, for his review to ensure that proper protocol is followed. All participants on the program, the Master of Ceremonies, the person doing the Welcome, Introductions, etc., shall rehearse those parts and become proficient as you would any good degree work.

#### Directive RME 2023-6

The Order of Pythagorans is a Fraternity for young men. The primary aim is to create in the minds of our youth the desire to be better sons as they develop into manhood. Our Order of Pythagorans is in need of Advisors, which will come from our Subordinate Lodges.

It is therefore my Directive that the Worshipful Master of each Subordinate Lodge appoint the Junior Warden of their Lodge to serve as an Advisor to the Pythagorans and a direct link to Pythagorans. The name and address of the appointed officer (Junior Warden) must be submitted to my office no later than January 1, 2024.

#### Directive RME 2023-7

It is my Directive no social functions are scheduled or held on the Constitutional dates of the Grand Bodies of the State of Ohio:

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Amaranth Grand Chapter, O.E.S., Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron Testimonial Banquets, Prince Hall Day, Esther Day, St. John the Baptist and Evangelist Day, Ohio Council of Deliberation, Ohio Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Grand Thrice Illustrious Master Testimonial Banquet, Grand

**Assembly of the Golden Circle, Alpha Priory #1 KYCH, Ohio Desert Conferences Joint Sessions, Imperial Council/Imperial Court Session, Daughters of Isis-Feast of Isis, Grand Court Heroines of Jericho, Grand Guild of Heroines of Templar Crusades, Prince Hall Grand Court Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, Grand Council Order of Pythagorans, and Grand Girls Assembly.**

**These dates are published well in advance and there is no excuse for not being aware of them. No Dispensations will be granted on those dates.**

**No events will be scheduled in the entire month of November without a Dispensation from my office. (Exception MW Grand Master Testimonial or Grand Worthy Matron Testimonial).**

**Take due and timely notice of the foregoing and govern yourselves accordingly.**

**Given under my hand and the private seal of the Grand Master at Dayton, Ohio this 14th day of November, AD 2023, AL 6023. I remain.**

**Respectfully and Fraternaly,**

*Robert M. Estelle, Jr. 33°*

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