



The Most Worshipful
Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio
...Free and Accepted Masons

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“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers”.

- Ephesians 4:29

“Masonically United, Serving, Inspiring and Cementing”

May 1, 2026

Proclamation - MDP 2026-2

To all Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Past Masters and Brethren of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio

Greetings,

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand of Ohio, Free and Accepted Masons, Know Ye that I, Maurio D. Powell I, do hereby proclaim that the One Hundred and Seventy-Seventh (177th) Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, Free and Accepted Masons will convene at the Westin Cleveland Downtown 777 St Clair Ave NE, Cleveland, OH 44114 on Friday, July 31st through Tuesday August 4th, 2026.

Prior to the opening of our 177th Annual Communications, several key events will be hosted, including the following:

Events & Activities:

Friday, July 31, 2026

3rd Annual Golf Outing

Time: 12:00PM

Location: Briardale Greens Golf Course - 24131 Briardale Ave, Euclid, OH 44123

Details will be provided in a separate communication.

Saturday, August 1, 2026

Masonic Education – 2nd Edition

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Westin Cleveland Downtown

We will hold the 2nd Edition of our Masonic Education session. Details will be provided in a separate communication.

Annual Aron Moss, Jr. Awards Program - Prince Hall Scholarship Foundation

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Westin Cleveland Downtown

The Craft and their guest are highly encouraged to attend

Details will be provided in a separate communication

I do further proclaim that the Grand Lodge Sunday morning Divine Service will be held August 2, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. The Craft and guests will assemble in the Grand Ballroom at the hotel. Assembly time for the brethren to parade to the Memorial Service/Lodge of Sorrow is 6:00 PM outside of the hotel. The Memorial Service will be in the Grand Ballroom of the hotel and will begin at 7:00 PM.

Opening of Grand Communications:

I further declare and ordain that a Lodge of Master Masons shall be opened at 8:30 AM on Monday, August 3, 2026. The opening will be conducted by the Brothers of the 7th Masonic District under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, Tony J. Dye, together with Grand Lodge Officers, representatives, and members from their subordinate Lodges.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master will be received at 9:15 AM. The business will continue until its completion on Tuesday, August 4th, 2026. The Grand Chaplains and their Associates will conduct the joint devotional period at 7:45 AM. on Monday and Tuesday. It is directed that all Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters in good standing, be present and registered with the “Credentials Committee” upon arrival. All other Master Masons in good standing are encouraged to register and attend.

Dress:

Proper attire for all sessions beginning Sunday night for the Grand Lodge Memorial Service shall be black or dark suit, white shirt and dark or black tie or bowtie, black dress shoes (no tennis shoes) white gloves and white aprons for Memorial Service.

All Grand Lodge Trustees will be formally attired Sunday evening in Tails (Black accessories) for Memorial Service, Monday Grand Lodge Session Tails (White accessories), and Black tuxedos (Black accessories) on Tuesday. All appointed Grand Lodge Officers, (i.e., Deputy Lecturers, Marshall, Deacons, Stewards, Standard Bearer, et.) the dress will be black Tuxedos with regalia and white gloves.

The proper attire for the banquet on Monday evening will be a White Dinner jacket, black pants, white shirt, black bowtie and black shoes with black accessories.

Registration:

To register for Grand Communications this year, you can visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/2026PHGLGCRag>

Advanced Registration: \$125.00 (Received on or before July 1, 2026.

Late / On-site Registration: \$150.00 (Received on or after July 2, 2026. Note: No guarantee of banquet tickets, availability will be subject to availability).

Payments can be made via online registration form or by mailing checks to:

MWPHGL of Ohio
50 Hamilton Park, Apt 6
Columbus, Ohio 43203

Note: Make Payable to “MWPHGL of Ohio”

There will be a 4% processing charge for payment of all on-line registrations. This link will be sent out via PHA Ohio and can be found on the Grand Lodge website on the Grand Secretary page. All advanced registration payments must be received by the Grand Secretary office no later than July 1, 2026, no exceptions. The registration form is on the Grand Lodge Website.

If you need assistance, please contact your lodge secretary or the RW Deputy Grand Lecturer for further assistance.

Hotel Information:

Westin Cleveland Downtown
777 St Clair Ave NE
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

The rate for the hotel is \$169.00 plus tax. Valet Parking is available for \$45.00 overnight or \$25.00 daily. The phone number for the hotel is (888) 627-8085.

The link to the hotel is:

<https://book.passkey.com/event/51044448/owner/10593221/home>

Per the hotel's policy, all reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. They are implementing a new 48-hour cancellation policy that applies to all reservations. If one does not cancel more than 48 hours in advance, the person will be charged one night stay. If you need to cancel your room ahead of this deadline, please contact the Convention Department at "Darylecobb@gmail.com" prior to making any changes. Take notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly.

Reminder: The Convention Department is only responsible for making reservations for elected officers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio F.& A.M., MWGMs, PGMs and the Amaranth Grand Chapter OES. All other attendees are asked to make their own lodging arrangements.

Please do not contact the Convention Director regarding hotel general accommodations, as the Convention Director will not be providing rooms. Securing lodging is the responsibility of each attendee. Please remain accountable for yourself and for any guests accompanying you to the session.

This Proclamation is to be read at the Business and Work Night meetings during the months of May, June and July.

Given under my hand and seal as the Most Worshipful Grand Master, this 1st day of May 2026, AL, 6026 AD. Take due and timely notice of the preceding and govern yourselves accordingly. I remain.

**Respectfully and Fraternally,
Bro. Maurio D. Powell I, PM No. 52**



**Most Worshipful Grand Master
M.W.P.H.G.L. of Ohio F&AM**

