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Participation in Peaceful Protests, Marches or Assemblies

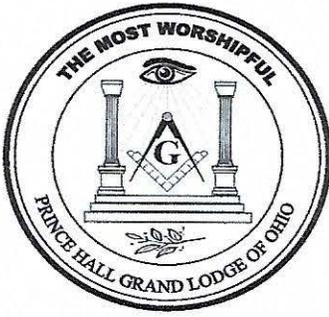
To: Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Past Masters and Brethren of all Subordinate Lodges of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio, Free and Accepted Masons

Greetings:

On Sunday May 31, 2020 I issued a statement from my Office regarding the horrific and senseless killing of George Floyd at the hands of Law Enforcement in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Since then, a number of questions have been raised regarding if and how our members may participate in peaceful protests, marches or other assemblies that are designed to honor the Floyd Family and bring forth meaningful change in policing practices and address the social Pandemic of systemic racism existing in communities throughout Ohio.

Brothers are permitted to participate in such activity as a Lodge, combined Lodges, or District-wide, provided the following are met:

1. The Worshipful Master(s) of the participating Lodge(s) and the RW Deputy Grand Lecturer of the affected District must be notified and approve of the activity.
2. The RW Deputy Grand Lecturer, after consultation with the MW Grand Master, will coordinate the logistics of the Lodge(s) participation.
3. Masonic Polo Shirts, hats, or other such paraphernalia may be worn. However, the preferred dress is Masonic Dress (Black Suit, White Shirt, Black tie, Black shoes and sox) in order that we may be uniform in both purpose and appearance.
4. Participation must be **PEACEFUL, with proper dignity and decorum being displayed at all times.** Any conduct that is derogatory or inconsistent with the tenets of our Order will subject the offending member to appropriate disciplinary action. At all times remember who you represent.



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5. We are still in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Every effort must continue to be made to maintain proper social distancing where possible and face covering is mandatory.

The Grand Lodge Trustees, Grand Lecturer and Deputy Grand Lecturers continue to explore ways to unite our Brotherhood Statewide behind Legislation, Legislative Reform, Resolutions, or other such efforts initiated by the State General Assembly (Ohio Legislative Black Caucus) or US Congress (Black Congressional Caucus) that will result in meaningful and long term change. You will be informed of any such opportunities as they present themselves.

Thank you for your willingness to be engaged as we remain steadfast in our efforts to do our part to eradicate injustice and discrimination. May God continue to richly Bless you and your families.

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 Columbus, Ohio this 3rd day of June, AD 2020, AL 6020. I remain.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

Chester C. Christie

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Most Worshipful Grand Master

