



The Most Worshipful

Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio

...Free and Accepted Masons

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“Remember the Past, Embrace the Present and Secure the Future Together”

To: Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Past Masters, MW Past Grand Masters, Past 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 JRE 2021-2

The Foundational tenets of our organization are based on Biblical Principles. In order to give due and proper respect to those Principles and afford our members the opportunity to exercise their Worship Observances;

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.

Directive JRE 2021-3

It is my Directive that no functions are scheduled or held during the communications of Appendant, Concordant, Affiliate, or Adoptive Rite Grand Bodies of this Jurisdiction. Namely:

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge; Amaranth Grand Chapter, O.E.S; Grand Chapter of Ohio Royal Arch Masons; Grand court, Heroines of Jericho, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; Grand Court, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection; Grand commandery of Knights Templar; Grand Guild, Heroines of Templar Crusades; Ohio Council of Deliberation; Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle; Ohio Desert Conferences; Alpha Priory #1 KYCH; Hannibal Tabernacle #78, Holy Royal Arch

Knight Templar Priests; Grand Chapter, Order of Pythagorans and Grand Girls Assembly.

On social events will be scheduled on Prince Hall Day, Esther Day, St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist Days.

Directive JRE 2021-4

It is my Directive that requests for Dispensations be sent to the office of the MW Grand Master no less than two (2) weeks prior to the event. All requests for Dispensation must be in writing with the Lodge seal affixed thereto and accompanied by the required fee. Dispensation requests that are Ritualistic in nature (i.e., changes in meeting dates, times or locations, the number of candidates being initiated, etc.) are \$5.00. Dispensation requests that are non-Ritualistic in nature (i.e., Banquets, Balls, Raffles, or other fundraisers) are \$10.00. Requests received within three (3) days of the event or meeting will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee plus the cost of the Dispensation. (No exceptions).

Checks are to be payable to "M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio".

You must secure a Dispensation for any social affair, raffle, or another fundraiser prior to having tickets printed and distributed. **Non-compliance is not an option.**

In order to have greater consistency and uniformity in how we execute the proper protocol, it is my Directive that all event programs are to be submitted to the Deputy Grand Lecturer for his review to ensure that proper protocol is observed and executed. The Deputy Grand Lecturer's review and approval must be obtained prior to the program going to print.

Directive JRE 2021-5

It is my Directive that the Worshipful Master of each Subordinate Lodge appoints the Junior Warden of their Lodge to serve as the Liaison to the Pythagorans. As such, the Junior Warden shall, as often as possible, attends the regularly scheduled meetings of the Pythagorans Chapter. He shall ensure that the Worshipful Master, Officers, and members of the Lodge are kept abreast of the Chapter's programs as well as their need for financial and other support. He shall be the point person for the distribution and accounting for the sale of the Pythagorans raffle tickets, and shall attend the Pythagorans Advisor's Workshop and the Pythagorans Grand Session in July.

The name and address of the appointed officer (Junior Warden) must be submitted to my office no later than October 1, 2021, with copies sent to the RW Director of Youth Activity and the RW Junior Grand Warden. Worshipful masters that are newly elected in

December 2021 will be under the same obligation. The names of any newly elected Junior Wardens shall be provided by no later than January 5, 2022.

Directive JRE 2021-6

It is my Directive that every Subordinate Lodge establish a Widows program that is executed on at least an annual basis. The program may range from something as formal as a banquet, luncheon, or other social events to cards and love tokens distributed during the holidays season. Photographs programs or other remembrances from the event should be retained for inclusion in the Lodge scrapbook.

Directive JRE 2021-7

Chapter 34 Section 34.01 of the Masonic Code provides that casual dress may be worn at the first stated meeting night when only business is to be conducted. it is my Directive that casual dress shall be defined as a suit or sports jacket, slacks (no blue jeans) shirt, and tie. No gym shoes or athletic footwear of any kind are to be worn to any lodge meeting. Exceptions may be made by the Worshipful Master to accommodate rare, unavoidable, circumstances where a brother is unable to comply with the dress code as specified in this directive.

Directive JRE 2021-8

Brethren, it is our duty to see that our lodge halls are safe for us to conduct our meetings. No firearms will be tolerated at any time at any Lodge Hall (exception are law enforcement officers)

It is my Directive that no firearms be worn by any members who owes allegiance the Prince Hall family at any lodge meeting or at any meetings attended by a Master Mason in a Lodge Hall, Temple or Mosque,

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 Akron, Ohio this 30th day of August, AD 2021, AL 6021. I remain.

Respectfully and Fraternaly

Jerry R. Ellerson

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65th Most Worshipful Grand Master
MWPHGL of Ohio

