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Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge

Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliated
District of Columbia, Incorporated

September 12, 2026

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED, WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, WARDENS, PAST MASTERS, AND BRETHREN OF THE WARRANTED LODGES OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, PHA OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, INC.

Greetings:

Know ye that pursuant to Article V, Section 1, of the Corpus Juris of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia, and by the authority in me vested as Most Worshipful Grand Master, that I, Alvin F. Smith, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, hereby and herein summon the Craft to convene for the 177th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia, December 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2026. On December 9, 2026, the session will begin at 8:00 AM. On December 10th and 11th, 2026, the sessions will begin at 9:00 AM at the Masonic Temple, 1000 U Street, NW, Washington, DC, for the purpose of reviewing the state of the Craft and to transact such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before it.

REGISTRATION

To Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters, and Brethren: The Advance Registration Fee is **$150.00** and must be received in the Grand Secretary's Office no later than November 30, 2026. The late Registration Fee is **$250.00**, which applies to registrations received December 1-8, 2026. The on-site Registration Fee **is $350.00. Each Grand Lodge Officer MUST register for this Annual Communication.**

To all Warranted Lodges: Each Lodge is required to be represented by the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, and the immediate (Junior) Past Master. The Advance Registration Fee is **$150.00** per officer, which must be received in the Grand Secretary's Office **no later than seven (7) days after the lodge's election**. **The Late Registration Fee is $250.00** per officer, which applies to those registrations received after the seven (7) day period. Registration Fee covers registration, breakfast on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, lunch on Wednesday and Thursday, and Awards Banquet Dinner on Thursday.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO THE GRAND LODGE

Be ye advised that all fees, assessments, and other indebtedness must be paid in full to the Grand Lodge to be officially seated in the Annual Communication.

REPORTS

Each Principal Grand Lodge Officer, Grand Director, and Committee Chairman shall submit their annual report to the Grand Secretary's Office no later than November 10, 2026, for inclusion in the Annual Communication Reports Booklet.

Pursuant to Article III, Section 4A of the Corpus Juris, each Worshipful Master is hereby reminded that the lodge's Annual Return, to include all work done from November 1, 2025, to October 31, 2026, shall be submitted to the Grand Secretary's Office no later than **November 10, 2026.** All fees and assessments must be paid in full before the lodge shall be seated.

ELECTION

Be ye further advised that, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1 of the Corpus Juris, the election of Grand Lodge officers shall be held on Friday, December 11, 2026 at 11:00 AM.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Reservations for the event will be made individually. A block of rooms has been set aside at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008, at a daily rate of **$179 plus applicable taxes.** You may ask for reservation using the group name, group code **"120925GPHLDGM**" or the web link below or call 1-800-THE-OMNI (800-843-6664), direct 202-234-0700.

https://booking.omnihotels.com/event/washington-dc-shoreham-2026-prince-hall-lodges

Parking: $10 off the prevailing parking rate. **All reservations are required by Sunday, November 8, 2026 at 5 P.M.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

For the Annual Communication Schedule of Events, visit the Grand Lodge's website at www.mwphgldc.com.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The MWPHGL Annual Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM. The Craft is expected to attend.

This Proclamation, issued under my hand and seal on September 11, 2026, shall be read each October and November Stated Communication. Take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly.

THE HONORABLE ALVIN F. SMITH JR.
Most Worshipful Grand Master

ATTEST: Arthur T. King
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary