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Proclamation

To: All Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Honorary Past Grand Masters, Past Masters, Honorary Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Subordinate Lodge Officers and Master Masons.

From: Most Worshipful, Wilbert M. Curtis, Grand Master

Date: March 20, 2017

Subject: **142nd Annual Grand Communication**

By the authority vested in the office of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and in accordance with the constitution of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Texas, I, Wilbert M. Curtis, am hereby calling the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Texas and its Jurisdiction into its 142nd Annual Grand Communication for official business beginning, June 15, 2017, and ending June 18, 2017, at the Embassy Suites Dallas-Frisco/Hotel, Convention Center & Spa. The headquarters hotel is located at 7600 John Q. Hammons Drive, Frisco, Tx 75034. All events will be held at the hotel/convention center.

On Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. an Occasional Lodge will be opened by the District of The Year, 2016. All Master Masons are here by summoned to attend. The three level certification training will be presented as instruction.

The Past Master Degree will be given on Thursday, June 15, 2017. The ceremony will promptly start at 2:00 p.m. All Master Masons receiving the degree must meet with the Grand Lecturer at 1:30 p.m. and be Masonically dressed. Master Masons receiving the degree must register with the Grand Lodge Office, prior to June 1, 2017.

All District Deputy Grand Masters and Special District Deputy Grand Masters are hereby summoned to attend the District Deputy Meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 10:50 a.m. District Deputy reports will be given at this time.

On Thursday evening starting at 7:00 p.m. the 142nd Grand Communication will host a Joint Queen Contest by the OES and HOJ. The festival will feature the Prince Hall Masonic Family Sisters at their finest. The attire is coat and tie.

On Friday, June 16, 2017, the 142nd Annual Grand Communication will officially convene at 9:00 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Masonic dress is required. There will be a awards luncheon at 12:00 noon Friday.

The Saint John's Day and Memorial Service will be held on Friday, June 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. A Lodge of Sorrow ceremony will be performed. Masonic Dress with white aprons is the appropriate attire. The High Twelve Club will sponsor a dance following the Memorial Service.

On Saturday, June 17, 2017, the Scholarship Luncheon will be held beginning at 12:00 noon. All Scholarship winners will be announced.

On Saturday afternoon after the close of the Grand Session, promptly at 3:30 p.m. all Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers are required to attend the Annual Joint Installation Ceremony. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

On Saturday evening, the Annual Prince Hall Masonic Family Banquet will be held at 7:00 p.m. The attire is white dinner jacket and shirt, black slacks and tie. The Masonic collar is optional.

On Sunday, June 18, 2017, closeout meeting, SINE DIE, have safe travels home.

Worshipful Masters, have this Proclamation read in three stated lodge meetings prior to the Grand Communication.

Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Wilbert M. Curtis

Most Worshipful Wilbert M. Curtis
Grand Master

Attested by:

Tracey "T. C." Bittle

Right Worshipful Tracey "T. C." Bittle
Grand Secretary

