

*The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
of Texas and its Jurisdictions,  
Free and Accepted Masons*



## **Proclamation**

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

From: Hon. Wilbert M. Curtis  
M. W. Grand Master

Date: September 7, 2017

**Subject: 2017 Mid-Winter Session**

By the authority vested in the office of the Grand Master and in accordance with the Constitution of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas, Article III, Section 2, I, Wilbert M. Curtis, am hereby calling the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas into the 2017 Mid-Winter Session for degree work on November 10, 2017, a Special Session and workshops on November 11, 2017 at the Grand Masonic Temple, located 3433 M.L.K. Freeway, Ft. Worth, Texas. **The headquarters hotel will be the Best Western 3230 Forest Hill Circle, Fort Worth Texas 76140. The rate will be \$89.**

In support of the **9th Annual Prince Hall Masonic Family Toy Drive and Christmas Give-Away**, each brother attending the Mid-Winter Session is asked to bring one un-wrapped toy for children 16 and under, with a minimum of 10 toys per lodge. (See and post enclosed flyer)

Any and all Fellow Craft Masons to be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in the last quarter of this year will be raised by the Grand Lodge Degree Team and the Grand Master. The Fellow Craftsmen will be required to register for the Mid-Winter Session. They are to report to the Grand Lecturer at 5:45 p.m. An occasional lodge will open promptly at 6:00 p.m. by **District Deputy Marcus Walker** and **Masonic District 11**. Ritualistic work will begin at 6:45 p.m. The Worshipful Master of the Fellow Craftsmen is responsible for properly preparing and clothing your candidates. The dress for Master Masons is **Masonic Dress** for both Friday and Saturday Sessions.

The 2017 Mid-Winter Special Session will officially convene at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the Grand Masonic Temple to transact business that requires the attention of the Grand Lodge. Afterwards, the Grand Lodge will be called from labor to refreshment for the purpose of training, workshops and other presentations on topics of importance. Lunch is provided as part of the registration.

The Knights of The Noon Day Sun is sponsoring a “ The Dance” Saturday night from 9:00pm – 1:00am at the Masonic Temple. (Check the Grand Lodge Website for details to come)

There is a \$25.00 per lodge registration fee and a \$25.00 advanced registration fee for each Master Mason that attends the Mid-Winter Session. The on-site registration will be \$40. (This includes candidates that will be raised at this Session). When you register for the Mid-winter Session you may make a \$5 donation for the WMCTPH Library Museum and the Christmas Gift Give-Away. (See the Mid-Winter Registration form) Donations for the library will help purchase much needed document supplies to preserve our documents.

**Note:** The **Subordinate Lodge, Worshipful Master and both Wardens are required to register for the Mid-Winter Session whether or not they attend. Any lodge that does not fulfill these obligations will be declared un-square and will not be represented at the 2018 Grand Communication until the Mid-Winter Session obligations are fulfilled.** It must be paid in order for the lodge and members of the lodge to participate in the Mid-Winter Special Grand Lodge Session and have a voice in the very important issues that will come before the Grand Body.

The “Local Lodge Operations Level-Three” workshop will be presented for the Master Masons who did not take part in it at The 142<sup>nd</sup> Grand Session. The “Local Lodge Operations Level-Two” workshop will be presented for the Master Masons who completed “Local Lodge Operations Level-One”. There will also be officer training workshops for both line officers and fiduciary officers of the Lodge.

I look forward to seeing all of you there, ready to learn and ready to go to work.

Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.  
I remain...

Fraternally yours,

Wilbert M. Curtis      Attested by:

T.C. Bittle

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Wilbert M. Curtis  
M. W. Grand Master

T.C. Bittle  
R. W. Grand  
Secretary



The Mid-Winter Session Tentative Agenda

<b>Friday – 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>On-Site Registration and pickup Adv. Registration Badges</b>	<b>Grand Masonic Temple, Atrium</b>
<b>5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Candidates with Lodge Representative report to Grand Lecturer for degree work</b>	<b>West End of Master Masons Hall</b>
<b>6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Open Occasional Lodge</b>	<b>Master Masons Hall</b>
<b>6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Degree Work on the Third Degree</b>	<b>Master Masons Hall</b>
<b>9:10 p.m.</b>	<b>Call From Labor to Refreshment</b>	<b>Master Masons Hall</b>
<b>Saturday – 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>On-Site Registration and pickup Adv. Registration Badges</b>	<b>Foyer</b>
<b>8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Call From Refreshment to Labor for Special Session</b>	<b>Master Masons Hall</b>
<b>8:50 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.</b>	<b>Reception of Grand Master</b>	<b>Master Masons Hall</b>
<b>9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Call on Grand Lodge Transact required business Call off Grand Lodge</b>	<b>Master Masons Hall</b>
<b>9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Workshops DD Adderley tax exempt procedures Procedures for Dispensations Level 3 Training Officers Training DDGMs Workshop</b>	<b>Master Masons Hall</b>
<b>12:30 p.m. to 1:30p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>HOJ Hall</b>
<b>1:35p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Resume Workshops Q &amp; A Close Special Session and Mid- Winter Session</b>	<b>Master Masons Hall</b>
<b>9:00pm to 1:00am</b>	<b>Knights of Noon Day Sun Social</b>	<b>HOJ Hall</b>

# **HEADQUARTER HOTEL**

Best Western Plus  
3230 Forest Hill Cir. Forest Hill, TX 76140

**817-293-1667**

Room Rates: \$89.00 plus tax

Make Reservations under the name of:  
Masonic Prince Hall Winter Conference

Deadline for Reservations:  
Friday, October 27, 2017