GLT & PHGLT VISITATION

Masonic Protocols:

1. Official Correspondence:

All official Masonic correspondence shall be conducted between the Grand Secretaries; but Grand Masters can communicate directly with each other. All correspondence for Lodges, Districts, or members shall be directed to its Grand Lodge who will then direct the correspondence to the other Grand Lodge. No Lodge, District, or member will correspond directly with any Grand Lodge, District, or member other than its own Grand Jurisdiction.

2. Official Visitation:

Members of Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas may have and exchange visitation at tiled meetings. Prior to visitation, the member will provide due notice of the intended visit in adherence with Masonic courtesy and practice. A brother wishing to visit a Lodge shall be required to hold in his possession a current year's dues receipt or membership card, picture identification, and be prepared to follow the usual Masonic practice of examination or avouchment of visitors.

Visitation Procedures:

- List of Lodges and sample dues cards. The two Grand Lodges will exchange a current list of Lodges with names, numbers, and locations working under their jurisdiction and a sample Dues Card. The List of Lodges along with the sample Dues Card will be made available to the Lodges of the Grand Lodge by a means deemed appropriate by its Grand Secretary. His information should be consulted by the Lodge during any visitation request.
- 2. A member wishing to visit a Lodge must provide a written or email request to his Grand Secretary, stating his full name, Lodge name and number, Masonic ID Number, and current contact information, and identify the Lodge name and number, location, and proposed date of the visitation. The Grand Secretary will transmit the request to his counterpart who will notify the Worshipful Master of the Lodge to be visited for his consideration. The Grand Secretary will so inform his counterpart. If there is no objection, the Grand Secretary may permit the Worshipful Master to reply directly back to the requesting brother with a copy of his communication to the Grand Secretary.
- 3. The visiting brother must present a current membership dues card and photo ID to the Lodge being visited and comply with the usual practice of examination or avouchment of visitors. Please note that the Grand Lodges use different grips during the examination but the grips are the ones used in the first three degrees. Also, see the attached document that depicts the dues card of the Prince Hall (current paper card and the plastic card that will become effecting later in 2015) and the current bar coded dues card of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Note: If there is more than one brother in the visiting party, the visited Lodge would examine one brother and let him vouch for the others in the group.
- 4. In subsequent visits, brothers who have visited the Lodge may communicate directly with its members without going through Grand Secretary's channels. Until told otherwise, visits to other Lodges will have to be processed through the Grand Secretaries channels as described above.





