of Texas and its Jurisdictions, Free and Accepted Masons



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 3, 2015

Subject: 2015 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 2015 Mid-Winter Session for degree work on November 13, 2015, a Special Session and workshops on November 14, 2015 at the Grand Masonic Temple, located 3433 M.L.K. Freeway, Ft. Worth, Texas. The headquarters hotel will be the LaQuinta Inn & Suites 3346 Forest Hill Circle, TX 76140 817-293-5800 (79.00 plus tax)

In support of the <u>7th Annual Prince Hall Masonic Family Toy Drive and Christmas Give-Away</u>, 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)

I am asking each District Deputy Grand Master to bring a minimum of 10 Fellow Craft Masons to be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason 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 Malachi Dews** and **Masonic District 3**. 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. **I want to raise a minimum of 100 Master Masons that night.** The dress for Master Masons is **Masonic Dress** for both Friday and Saturday Sessions.

The 2015 Mid-Winter Special Session will officially convene at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 14, 2015 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. This year's Mid-Winter session will include a lunch.

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, 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 2016 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.

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

M. W. Grand Master

Wilbert M. Curtis

Attested by: T. C. Bittle

T.C. Bittle

R. W. Grand Secretary



The Mid-Winter Session Tentative Agenda

Friday – 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	On-Site Registration and pickup Adv. Registration Badges	Grand Masonic Temple, Atrium
5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Candidates with Lodge Representative report to Grand Lecturer for degree work	West End of Master Masons Hall
6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Open Occasional Lodge	Master Masons Hall
6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Degree Work on the Third Degree	Master Masons Hall
9:10 p.m.	Call From Labor to Refreshment	Master Masons Hall

Saturday – 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	On-Site Registration and pickup Adv. Registration Badges	Foyer
8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.	Call From Refreshment to Labor for Workshops	Master Masons Hall
8:50 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.	Reception of Grand Master	Master Masons Hall
9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Call on Grand Lodge, Transact required business, Call off Grand Lodge	Master Masons Hall
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Workshops	Master Masons Hall
12:30 p.m. to 1:30p.m.	Lunch	HOJ Hall
1:35p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Resume Workshops Q & A Close Special Session and Mid- Winter Session	Master Masons Hall

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

La Quinta Inn & Suites

3346 Forest Hill Cir. Forest Hill, TX 76140

817-293-5800

Room Rates:

\$79.00 plus tax

ADDITIONAL HOTELS

Best Western Inn & Suites

3230 Forest Hill Cir. Forest Hill, TX 76140

817-293-1667

Room Rates:

\$89.00 plus tax

Hampton Inn & Suites

6555 Park Brook Forest Hill, TX 76140

817-551-7775

Room Rates:

King \$89.00 plus tax

Double \$89.00 plus tax

Suites \$99.00 plus tax

Make Reservations Under the Name of: Masonic Prince Hall Winter Conference

Deadline for Reservations: Friday, October 9, 2015