

*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 13, 2016

Subject: 2016 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 2016 Mid-Winter Session for degree work on November 11, 2016, a Special Session and workshops on November 12, 2016 at the Grand Masonic Temple, located 3433 M.L.K. Freeway, Ft. Worth, Texas. **The headquarters hotel will be the La Quinta Inn & Suites 3346 Forest Hill Circle, TX 76140 817-293-5800 (79.00 plus tax).**

In support of the **8th 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 Marvin Kelker and Masonic District 24**. 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 2016 Mid-Winter Special Session will officially convene at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 12, 2016 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 “Denim & Diamonds Dance” Saturday night from 9:00pm – 1:00am at the Masonic Temple. (see the enclosed flyer for detailed information).

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 2017 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-One” workshop will be presented for the Master Masons who did not take part in it at The 141st 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
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M. W. Grand Master

Attested by: T. C. Bittle
T.C. Bittle
R. W. Grand Secretary

