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TO: All Worshipful Masters, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren

SUBJECT: Grand Lodge Proficiency Excellence Award Program

Greetings

This correspondence is to provide guidelines for the Grand Lodge Proficiency Excellence Award Program. Our Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge has established an incentive program for brethren throughout the jurisdiction to strive for excellence in their Masonic Ritualistic work and other endeavors.

The following guidelines have been established for selecting nominees:

INTEGRITY:

To maintain the validity of this prominent award, please refrain from nominating members whose performance does not merit this award.

ELIGIBILITY:

Any Master Mason who is a current member in good standing of a subordinate lodge of this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Nominees for this esteem honor must demonstrate proficiency on the **Third Degree only**, since all master masons are required to show proficiency on the first and second degrees before being advanced.

The oral and/or practical examination will be limited to the following areas:

1. *Opening and Closing*
2. *Ecclesiastes 12: 1-7*
3. *Second Section of the Historical Lecture*
4. *Masonic Emblems*
5. *Ceremonies and Symbolism*
6. *Charge*
7. *Entering on 3, 5 and 7*
8. *The Tyler's Oath*
9. *Knowledge of conferring the first thru third degree*

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NOMINATIONS:

1. Worshipful Masters may nominate up to three members of their lodge.
2. Nominations must be in writing; provide full name and date of examination.
3. To preserve the integrity of this program, assessment must be observed by either the Worshipful Masters, (Past Masters of respective Lodges) or District Deputy Grand Master.
4. Nomination package(s) must be signed by the Worshipful Master, District Deputy Grand Master and mailed to the Office of the Grand Lecturer at:

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5. For any nominations to be considered, they must be received not later than May 31, 2010. This date is in compliance with the Grand Lodge Code Any nominations received after the aforementioned dates will not be considered. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

NOTE: All awards are subject to the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Dated this 10th day of February 2010, AL 6010

R. W. Gregory D. Wraggs
Grand Lecturer