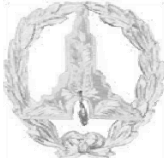


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**TO:** Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren of all Subordinate Lodges residing under the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of Washington and Jurisdiction

Fraternal Greetings,

It is with a great deal of gratitude that once again I express to you my genuine appreciation for the assurance and expectation by electing me Grand Senior Warden (GSW) for the 2009-10 masonic year.

*“For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. **Romans 12:3-5”***

My 2008-2009 tenure as GSW went as well as expected. The jurisdiction as a whole overwhelmingly supported me in all areas of responsibilities as noted in my annual report at our past grand communication. You can also view my annual report under my area of the GL Website.

I will continue forward with the same attitude and mindset of **Integrity, Service Before Self Attitude** and pursuit of **Excellence In All You Do** while focusing ways to work smarter than ever before.

The office of GSW responsibilities are outlined in our masonic code and state in part under **Article 16** and entails that the Grand Wardens, particularly the GSW shall assist the Grand Master in the discharge of his office as he may direct, perform all duties incumbent on the said office by established custom or usages and exercise such powers as may by contingency arise under the provisions of **Section 10.01, Article 10**, of the Constitution; and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law.

Additionally, **TITLE 54** states it shall be the duty of the GSW to supervise all special programs (to include Special Projects), the department of Public Relations and to act as 1st Vice Chair of Grand Entertainment for this Grand Lodge.

### **Special Programs/Projects:**

The bloodline of this grand lodge when it comes to raising funds falls squarely on this office. Again, I will make sure it's clearly understood by all entrusted responsibilities repose in this office that every special projects/fundraisers unless otherwise stated by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master will emanate through this office with no exceptions.

I've forecasted the following special projects for the ensuing year with the release a **Grand Lodge Planner** to the Jurisdiction in **September 2009**. Unlike the Masonic Calendar last year I'm focusing on the mass of the jurisdiction and making it affordable to all; with that said the price of the planner will be only **\$10**.

We still have a few of the official **Masonic Lapel Pin** which I hope to have every member of this jurisdiction equipped with and worn as a part of our Washington Masonic attire. Its cost is **\$10**.

The **Washington Community Monitor** subscription is still available and subscriptions to date this early in the masonic year are higher than ever. The cost is **\$10** for an annual subscription that printed quarterly.

Lastly, we will have our Annual Raffle that will conclude at our annual communication. Last year was an overwhelming success as we use some ingenuity to generator a profit of over **\$7,000**. This year we look to do better and look forward to the challenge of breaking the **\$10,000** barrier in profit. The cost per ticket is still a **\$1** donation to win 1st place prize of \$1000; 2nd place of \$600 and 3rd place of \$300. I will continue to give the opportunity to choose between the cash or specified gift for each category.

In order for any of our special projects to be successful I will be calling on the assistance of our District Deputies and Worshipful Master of their respective areas and lodges to assist me in this Grand Lodge Fundraising Project.

### **Public Relations:**

**TITLE 68, Section 68.01** states that the GSW may assist the Grand Master in appointing as many brothers as may be necessary to facilitate the operation of this department. The overall programs shall operate to build better relationships among our subordinate lodges with all affiliated bodies within the several communities. To develop a working relationship with all civic, community, and human rights organizations, also religious organizations; and to concern ourselves with all economic, social and political activities which may tend to improve the status of our membership. This will happen with our annual Joint Raising with the Grand Lodges of Washington and British Columbia and annual Unity March to name a few.

It further states that this department should, at the discretion of the Director or Grand Master, publish a website, newsletter, bulletin, pamphlet or booklet heralding the activities, programs and the important events of the Grand Lodge, the subordinate lodges, and their members and shall be published quarterly. Over the last eight (8) years I've worked as Chief Editor of your **Washington Community Monitor** as well as your **Grand Lodge Website Administrator** for the most diversified Prince Hall Grand Lodge to date. My current position as Director of Publication makes the task at hand that much more challenging...again I stand ready.

Our **WA Community Monitor staff** will reach out to all lodges and affiliated bodies residing under the umbrella of this Grand Lodge and capture their community involvement on a quarterly basis. Subscriptions can be obtained from this office or from our website. Again, we will need everyone cooperation through annual subscription to make our Washington Community Monitor sustainable.

Your Grand Lodge will provide real-time information as it become available. I pledge to communicate with decision makers whom you put trust in for this grand lodge to live up to the billet and reasons why it has over 247,000 visits to date.

This office acknowledge the importance of security as well as legality standpoint the need for guidance and operating instructions (OI) on the publication of websites for subordinate lodges, which directly represents this Prince Hall Grand Lodge worldwide. This office will make this year a primary focus in drafting the fore mentioned and present to the Grand Master for his approval and then on to the lodges. It is my ultimate intentions for it to be presented in the form of a resolution at our next stated grand communication the incorporations of guidelines on publishing website in our masonic jurisdiction.

In closing, I again extend my warm thanks to each of you in advance for your prayers, confidence, and support as we embark upon what I see will be another successful year.

Let's not forget to **"Be Kind to Each Other and Do Good Unto All"** and may the Supreme Ruler bless and keep you and yours, and may Peace and Harmony prevail.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gardner M. Torrence, Sr.", written in a cursive style.

**GARDNER M. TORRENCE, SR. 33°**

Grand Senior Warden