

**MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF TENNESSEE, F. & A.M., P.H.A.**  
**156<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

**UNITED...**  
*For a Time Such As This!*



**July 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**SHERATON MUSIC CITY HOTEL | 777 MCGAVOCK PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37214**

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**M. W. PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M.  
FOR THE JURISDICTION OF TENNESSEE**

**HONORABLE L. LAMONT BANKS  
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

**TO: GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, CABINET MEMBERS, WORSHIPFUL MASTERS,  
SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS AND PAST MASTERS OF CONSTITUENT  
LODGES OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE, FREE  
AND ACCEPTED MASONS FOR THE JURISDICTION OF TENNESSEE**

By the authority contained in Article IV, Section I, of our Constitution and by the authority invested in me as Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons for the Jurisdiction of Tennessee, I, L. Lamont Banks, hereby **"CALL"** the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons for the Jurisdiction of Tennessee, to convene in its 156th Annual Communication in the City of Nashville, Tennessee, beginning **Thursday, July 23 – Sunday, July 26, 2026.**

Each and every Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Warden, Past Master, Officer and Cabinet Member of said Grand Lodge will take due and timely notice and make every effort to attend.

**Witness my Hand and Seal of my said office this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2026.**



**L. Lamont Banks  
Most Worshipful Grand Master**

**Attest: Lee V. Lester  
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary**

*156th Annual Session*  
*Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F & A M of Tennessee*

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Sheraton Music City Nashville Hotel, located at 777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, Tennessee 37214 is headquarters for all sessions of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and Excelsior Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

**REGISTRATION**  
**\$ 150.00**

Registrations are inclusive of all activities and functions presented by:  
The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and Excelsior Grand Chapter, OES

All delegates, representatives, and members planning to attend the Grand Communication are requested to **complete their registration requirements no later than June 20, 2026**. Complete the enclosed registration form (printable forms available on line @ MWPHGLTN.ORG and mail to M. W. P. H. Grand Lodge, P. O. Box 161066, Memphis, Tennessee 38186-3808, with the required fee and **a stamped self-addressed envelope for your receipt.** Checks or Money Orders **must** be made payable to M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE.** (MWPHGLTN.ORG) Registering online: payment must accompany your registration. Your registration will be considered voided without payment. A QR Code will be sent to your Email Address after your registration is completed. THIS CODE WILL BE USED FOR ENTRANCE IN ALL SESSIONS AND EVENTS.

**LATE REGISTRATIONS - \$200.00**

**Registrations received after the June 20th deadline, WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE. If your registration is accepted after the deadline date of Friday, June 20, 2026, the cost is \$200.00**

**A \$50.00 RETURNED CHECK FEE WILL BE ADDED TO ALL RETURNED CHECKS.  
NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> DEADLINE.**

**ALL DEADLINES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED**

**The Grand Lodge QR Code will be required for entrance into all sessions.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**Please note that a full refund is only guaranteed for cancellations made prior to  
deadline date**

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND ROOM RATES**

**Single / Double Occupancy: \$189.00 + Tax**

Those persons who plan to stay at the Sheraton Music City Nashville Hotel, will have to make their own reservation by calling the Sheraton Music City Nashville Hotel at: (615)885-2200.

**Reservations must be received by Thursday, July 3, 2026, in order to guarantee group/convention rates.**

**Booking Website:**

**<https://book.passkey.com/e/51143941>**

**GROUP NAME: Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee 2026**

**(One-night non-refundable deposit must be made to ensure reservation.)**

All cancellations must be made at least 48 hours prior to check in date. Cancellations made 24 hours or less will be charged one night cost/plus tax.

**Check-In 4:00 P.M.**

**Check-Out 12:00 P.M.**

### Early Departure Fee

In the event you have reserved a room with the Sheraton Music City Nashville Hotel and decide to early check-out, an early departure fee will be charged to you. **(\$50.00)** If you wish to avoid this fee, you must advise the hotel at or before check-in.

### **PARKING** **(Sales Tax Not Included)**

Overnight Self- parking is available at the Sheraton Music City Nashville Hotel at a charge of \$22.00 per night, per vehicle.

Overnight Valet parking is available for a charge of \$27.00 per night, per vehicle.

Day Parking for (non-guest) is \$22.00 per day

Tour Bus/Tractor Trailor - \$100.00 per night

### DRESS CODES

Masonic dress is required for *All Delegates* attending the Opening Session on Friday Morning, July 25<sup>th</sup>. You are directed to be clothed in a *black suit, black shoes, black socks, white shirt and black string tie.*

Saturday Night, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Arvin W. Glass Foundation Gala dress code is as follows: Formal  
Men: White Dinner Jackets                      Women: Long Formal Gown (Color of your choice)

### MANDATORY REPRESENTATION

Any lodge not sending a representative to the Annual Communication is required by Constitution to register with the Grand East by sending in the Certificate of Representation and a \$150.00 Fee

### SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD – MANDATORY

It is **MANDATORY** that **all Lodges** take out a full page ad, and highly encouraged that **all Grand Lodge Officers** take out a full page ads in our official and historic Souvenir Journal.

### **“Summer Bling All White Party”**

Friday, July 24, 2026 ~ 9:00 -11:45 PM

Registered: Entrance included with your registration

Extra Tickets: **\$40.00 each**

### **Arvin W. Glass Foundation Gala**

Saturday, July 25, 2026 ~ 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Registered: Entrance included with your registration

Extra Tickets: **\$60.00 each**

Arvin W. Glass Foundation Gala dress code is as follows: **Formal**

**Men:** White Dinner Jackets

**Women:** Long Formal Gown (Color of your choice)

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**156th Annual Session ~ Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
Sheraton Music City Hotel ~ Nashville, Tennessee**

Date	Start Time	End Time	Function	Meeting Room
Thursday July 23, 2026	5:30 PM	7:30 PM	Excelsior Grand Chapter, OES Cabinet Meeting	(TBA)
Thursday July 23, 2026	5:30 PM	7:30 PM	Grand Lodge Cabinet Meeting	(TBA)
Thursday July 23, 2026	10:00 AM	8:00 PM	Vendors	(TBA)
Thursday July 23, 2026	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	Registration	(TBA)
Thursday July 23, 2026	10:00 AM	8:00 PM	Office Will be Open	Medical (TBA)
Thursday July 23, 2026	7:30 PM	10:00 PM	OES Game Night	(TBA)
Friday July 24, 2026	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Occasional Grand Lodge Convenes 156th Grand Lodge Ceremonial Opening	(TBA)
Friday July 24, 2026	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	144th Opening Excelsior Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star	(TBA)
Friday July 24, 2026	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	VIP Lunch	(TBA)
Friday July 24, 2026	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Lodge of Sorrow (Hermitage Ballroom)	
Friday July 24, 2026	9:00 PM	11:45 PM	"Summer Bling" – "ALL WHITE PARTY"	(TBA)
Friday July 24, 2026	10:00 AM	8:00 PM	Vendors	(TBA)
Friday July 24, 2026	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	Registration	(TBA)
Friday July 45, 2026	6:00 AM	8:00 PM	Medical	(TBA)
Saturday July 25, 2026	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Grand Lodge Reconvenes	(TBA)
Saturday July 25, 2026	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Grand Chapter Reconvenes	(TBA)
Saturday July 25, 2026	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch (On Your Own)	
Saturday July 25, 2026	8:00 AM	9:00 PM	Vendors	(TBA)
Saturday July 25, 2026	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	Registration	(TBA)
Saturday July 25, 2026	6:00 AM	8:00 PM	Medical	(TBA)
Saturday July 25, 2026	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Arvin Glass Foundation Gala "A RED CARPET AFFAIR"	(TBA)
Sunday July 26, 2026	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	Grand Lodge 156th Ceremonial Installation & Closing	(TBA)
Sunday July 26, 2026	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	Grand Chapter 144th Ceremonial Installation & Closing	(TBA)
Sunday July 26, 2026	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Vendors	(TBA)
Sunday July 26, 2026	8:00 AM	11:00 AM	Registration	(TBA)
Sunday July 26, 2026	6:00 AM	12:00 PM	Medical	(TBA)

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M. W. PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE**

**SHERATON MUSIC CITY NASHVILLE HOTEL  
777 MCGAVOCK'S PIKE  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37214**

**Thursday, July 23 – Sunday, July 26, 2026**

**REGISTRATION FORM**



**LIFETIME MEMBER**

NAME: (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTING TITLE: (CIRCLE ONE)**

WORSHIPFUL MASTER

PAST MASTER

SENIOR WARDEN

JUNIOR WARDEN

WORTHY MATRON

PAST WORTHY MATRON

ASSOCIATE MATRON

WORTHY PATRON

PAST WORTHY PATRON

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE/CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGING: (NAME OF HOTEL WHERE YOU WILL BE STAYING)

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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER (S) \_\_\_\_\_

**M. W. PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE F & A M,  
TENNESSEE JURISDICTION  
156TH ANNUAL SESSION ~ NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
*SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD SUBMISSION & PAYMENT FORM***

Responsible Party: (Individual/Lodge/Chapter/Business/Etc.)

Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

E-mail Address:

Phone:

Type of Ad – Choose One:

<input type="radio"/> Full Page - \$100.00	<input type="radio"/> Business – Full Page - \$150.00
<input type="radio"/> ½ Page - \$ 50.00	<input type="radio"/> Business – ½ Page - \$ 75.00
<input type="radio"/> Multiple Ads on full page \$ 150.00 (minimum 2 ads)	<input type="radio"/> Business – ¼ Page - \$ 50.00
<input type="radio"/> Patrons - \$5.00	

**DEADLINE DATE FOR AD SUBMISSION: MAY 30, 2026**

ALL ADS SUBMITTED **MUST** BE CAMERA READY AND FORMATTED IN JEPEG. **PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT ADS VIA CELLPHONES.** MATERIALS SUBMITTED (PHOTOS, ETC.) BECOMES PROPERTY OF M. W. PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED. THE FOLLOWING SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED: PAPER PHOTOS, CUTOUTS, TYPE WRITTEN AND HAND WRITTEN ADS. PLEASE DO NOT ADD BORDERS TO YOUR SUBMISSION.

YOU MAY SUBMIT YOUR AD VIA EMAIL: [AD@MWPHGLTN.ORG](mailto:AD@MWPHGLTN.ORG)

MAKE CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: M. W. PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE

MAILING ADDRESS FOR PAYMENT ONLY: P. O. BOX 161066  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38186  
PHONE: 901-774-7230

*Certificate of Representation*

We, the undersigned, Officers of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, Prince Hall Affiliation, at \_\_\_\_\_, Tennessee, for the Masonic Year ending June 30, 2026, certify that:

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ is our representative to the 156th Grand Communication this year. (Nashville, Tennessee)

His official title is: (Please Circle) Worshipful Master, Past Master, Senior Warden, or Junior Warden.

**ONLY PAST MASTERS ATTENDING  
The 156th Annual Grand Lodge Session are to be listed below.**


In witness whereof, we hereunto set our hand and seal of

\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_,

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Lodge Seal

\_\_\_\_\_, W. M.

\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary