

**MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE**  
**of**  
**FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS of the STATE of SOUTH CAROLINA**



**Victor C. Major, 33°**

27<sup>th</sup> Most Worshipful Grand Master

*"Bridging the gap of the Past, with an eye on our Future, while protecting our Brand"*

April 28, 2022

I pray that all is well with you and your families.

We bring you greetings from the Grand East! I would like to say thank you to the Jurisdiction of South Carolina for electing me as the 27<sup>th</sup> Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Let me start by saying in making myself "crystal clear" as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of South Carolina. The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of South Carolina is the only entity that chooses which Masonic bodies it recognizes. It determines which and whom it will hold fraternal relations with. Any masonic organization not recognized by this Grand Lodge has no fraternal relationships with Prince Hall masons within the sovereign Jurisdiction of South Carolina. It has come to my attention that some have misspoken about my acknowledgement of other Scottish Rite organizations. The only Scottish Rite organizations the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of South Carolina recognizes are:

- *United Supreme Council, 33° Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Prince Hall Affiliation, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc. Where the Sovereign Grand Commander is none other than Ill. Cory D. Hawkins, Sr, 33°*
- *United Supreme Council, 33° Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc. Where the Sovereign Grand Commander is none other than Ill. Melvin J. Bazemore, 33°*
- *Supreme Council, 33° Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, USA. Where the Sovereign Grand Commander is none other than Ill. Peter J. Samiec, 33°*
- *The Supreme Council, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, USA. Where the Sovereign Grand Commander is none other than Ill. James D. Cole, 33°*

All other Scottish Rite bodies or organizations outside of this, is considered clandestine and not recognized by this Jurisdiction. Please be reminded of your Masonic oath and the 17<sup>th</sup> Landmark of Freemasonry:

**17th Landmark**

*"That every Freemason is amendable to the laws and regulations of the Masonic Jurisdiction in which he resides."*

If you have any questions or concerns, please see your Most Worshipful Grand Master, Victor C. Major, for clarification.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely, I am

Victor C. Major, 33°  
27<sup>th</sup> Most Worshipful Grand Master

**Lynwood F. Givens, 33°**  
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