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Greetings Worshipful Brothers;

It please me to greet you with your new title, Worshipful Master, and as a Worshipful Brother, we Honor you, and will help you to be the best Master of your lodge during your tenure. As Grand Master, I will help you in any way that I can and I offer the District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lecturers to assist you with all matters within their power as a representative of the Grand Master.

This public installation is the first of several gatherings we will be attending together. I look forward to seeing you and the members of your lodge at our Saint Johns Day Services, Prince Hall Americanism Day and Black History Month Celebration, and Bud Billikins (Back to School) Parade. Please give these date's your utmost attention and do encourage the members of your lodge to join you on these special days.

You are responsible for the leadership of your lodge and that all officers are knowledgeable of their duties and prepared to perform them. To help your principal officers grow, encourage them to attend the Grand Lodge classes. The Law classes and Leadership classes will prepare them to lead in the future and the Ritualistic classes will give them the skills needed to lead the lodge in all of the ceremonies' that you and your staff must be prepared to perform. You must be prepared to perform degree work, the burial ceremony, opening and closing the lodge, and to hold an election.

The formal business of the lodge also requires your attention and continuous involvement. You must insist that you sign all documents forwarded to the Grand Lodge. You should check the quarterly reports and your lodge annual returns report at the end of the year. Ensure that your membership numbers as well as the payments are indeed correct.

You will be provided a copy of the Grand Lodge Officers Roster for 2010-2011 with the phone numbers of the Grand Lecture and Grand Secretary. They will be able to provide you with answers to many of your questions. However, keep in mind that the chain of command begins with you and it includes your DDGM and DDGL. They will be available to assist you with your administrative and ritualistic needs.

Take due notice and govern yourself accordingly;

Fraternally and Sincerely;

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Grand Master