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MW Darren M. Morton, Ed. D., Grand Master

September 28, 2026

To: Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brothers, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and Members

Greetings:

The **2027 Annual Vincent E. Best Mid-Year Assembly** will be held on Friday, January 22, 2027, through Sunday, January 24, 2027, at the **Hilton Albany, located at 40 Lodge Street, Albany, NY 12207.**

Mid-Year Assembly **Registration** and Grand Master's **Ball Ticket Purchases** will be made **ONLINE**, payable by credit/debit card. Please go to <https://midyear.princehallny.org/> and follow the instructions. **Purchases can be made as of October 6, 2026, at 9:00a.m.** Registration and Ticket Purchases are Non-Refundable.

**** ONLY Lodges and Chapters may choose the option to Pay by Check when Registering/Purchasing Tickets for their members ****
Make checks payable to: MWPHGL and Mail to: PGWM Lisa D. Horton, P.O. Box 2038, Ossining, NY 10562. Checks must clear before tickets will be released. Personal Checks will NOT be accepted, and **Checks must be RECEIVED by Saturday, January 9, 2027.**

For **Vendor Space**, please contact R.W. Henry Rowlett at (914) 523-4489 or R.W. Richard Providence at (917) 836-2084.

The MWPGHL will host a **"Meet and Greet"** on Friday, January 22, 2027, from 8:00pm -11:00pm. The event is free of charge. There will be music by DJ, music by a live Jazz Band, light refreshments and cash bars will be available.

The Assembly Meeting will convene on Saturday morning, January 23, 2027, with Worship Service beginning at 7:30am and Roll Call commencing at 8:30am. **ALL Brothers**, the **Dress Code** for the day is **Business Attire**. Sisters, you will govern yourselves accordingly and follow the directions of the Grand Worthy Matron.

Everyone attending the Mid-Year Assembly **MUST** Register (Brothers and Sisters).

Registration Fee for the Brothers:	10/06/26 – 12/16/26: \$25	12/17/26 – 1/11/27: \$35	1/12/27 – 1/23/27: \$50
Registration Fee for the Sisters:	10/06/26 – 12/16/26: \$15	12/17/26 – 1/11/27: \$25	1/12/27 – 1/23/27: \$35

Take Due Notice: The Daniel W. Simmon Center for Masonic Education will hold **Workshops during the Mid-Year Session**. These workshops will be held on Friday afternoon from 4pm - 6pm and Saturday 2pm - 4pm. A schedule of workshops will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

There will be workshops for District Deputy Grand Masters, Elected Lodge Officers, and a General Session for the brothers. **District Deputy Grand Masters and Worshipful Masters are mandated to arrive on Friday prior to 4pm.** If there is a conflict you are to contact your DDGM or the Deputy Grand Master prior to the Mid-Year Session. Brothers are strongly encouraged to participate on Friday and are expected to do so on Saturday. **All hospitalities will be closed during the Saturday workshop time.** Workshop details and registration information will be provided to the Craft in the upcoming weeks.

The Grand Master's Ball will take place on Saturday evening, January 23, 2027, from 8:00pm to 1:00am. **Tickets are \$125.00 each. The Deadline to purchase Ball Tickets is Saturday, January 9, 2027.** The Ballroom doors will open at 7:30pm. The Grand Master will host a Champagne Toast and Photo Session with the Worshipful Masters and Worthy Matrons at 6:00pm, in the Hudson Ballroom. **Brothers**, your **DRESS CODE** for the evening is **Tuxedo or Dark Suit ONLY **NO EXCEPTIONS****. Sisters, your attire is **Formal**, you will govern yourselves accordingly and follow the directions of the Grand Worthy Matron.

Hotel Room Reservations can be made as of October 6, 2026, at 9:00a.m.

The Host Hotel is **The Hilton Albany, located at 40 Lodge Street, Albany, NY 12207.** The Hotel Room Rate per night is **\$154.00** plus 14% tax. **TAKE DUE NOTICE:** At the time of booking, your Credit Card will be charged *One Night Deposit (room rate +tax).

The cut-off date for the room rate is Monday, December 28, 2026, or when the room block sells out, whichever comes first.

Note: Hotel Reservation Policy Change: An individual may reserve a **MAXIMUM of TWO (2) rooms**, within the Mid-Year hotel block.

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To provide a fair opportunity to secure hotel accommodations while knowing the extremely high demand for sleeping rooms and the speed at which our room block sells out, this limit is necessary. This limit applies whether reservations are made online or by telephone.

There will be no exceptions to the two-room maximum, so please plan accordingly. Reservation(s) exceeding the two-room maximum will be released and applicable deposit for the additional room(s) will be refunded in accordance with the hotel's procedures.

Hotel Suites are \$1,000.00 (Covers 2 nights and includes applicable taxes). Note: A limited number of Suites are available and are on a "first come first served basis".

The Parking Rate is \$10p/day. Please note that this discounted parking rate is for registered guests of the Hilton Albany only.

It is **IMPORTANT** that you follow the directions of the Housing Committee for Room/Suite Reservations:

- 2027 Worshipful Masters: Contact R.W. Richard Providence at (917) 836-2084
- 2027 Worthy Matrons: Contact PGWM Lisa D. Horton at (914) 373-9370
- To Reserve a Suite: Contact W.B. Parker Burton at (347) 513-0196

Note to all 2027 Worshipful Masters and Worthy Matrons, the DEADLINE to book your room through the Committee is Monday, December 28, 2026. Reservations can be made as of October 6, 2026, at 9:00a.m. The Hotel Room Rate per night is \$154.00 plus 14% tax. **TAKE DUE NOTICE: At the time of booking, your Credit Card will be charged *One Night Deposit (room rate +tax).** Your attire for Pictures and the Grand Master's Ball include your **Worshipful Master Collar and your Worthy Matron Sash.**

Hilton Albany:

Call for reservations at (518) 462-6611. Use code: **4PH** or ask for the **Prince Hall Foundation group rate**. Reservations can also be made on-line at: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/vincent-e-best-mid-year-assembly-2027/>. The cut-off date for the room rate is **Monday, December 28, 2026**, or when the block sells out, whichever comes first. The **Parking Rate is \$10 per day**. Please note that this discounted parking rate is for registered guests of the Hilton Albany only.

For your convenience, listed below are additional hotels in the area. **These hotels ARE NOT CONTRACTED.** The Hotel Rate will be quoted as what is available at the time of booking.

Fairfield By Marriott Albany Downtown

74 State Street - Albany, NY
(518) 434-7410

Renaissance Albany Hotel

144 State Street – Albany, NY
(518) 992-2500

Hampton Inn & Suites Albany Downtown

25 Chapel Street – Albany, NY
(518) 432-7000

Hyatt Place Albany

82 Montgomery Street – Albany, NY
(518) 977-7778

Country Inn & Suites

300 Broadway – Albany, NY
(518) 434-4111

We thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to seeing you.

Fraternally,

W.B. Parker Burton, III

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Chairman

cc: M.W. Darren M. Morton, Ed. D., Grand Master

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