



Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters Commonwealth of Virginia Prince Hall Affiliated Chartered on April 26, 1998

2022 Midyear Session

November 12, 2022

Room concreated at 8:30am with Prayer, Song, and Scripture by Illustrious Companion Rev Larry Day #5.

Session opened Ritualistically by G. A. Betts Council #5

Grand officers elected and appointed were received.

RGTIM Hairston received and given Grand Honors

Roll call of officers:

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| RGTIM Michael Hairston | Present | | GI Asst Recorder James Smith | Present |
| GIDM Carl Albritton | Present | | GI Asst Recorder Keith Jones | Present |
| GIPCW William Moore | Excused | | GI Asst Treasurer Ashley Avery | Present |
| GI Treasurer LeAndre Bennett | Present | | GI Asst Lecturer | ? |
| GI Recorder James Manning | Excused | | GI Asst Chaplin Damien Wainwright | Absent |
| | | | GI Marshall Frank Stokes | Present |
| GI Trustee (1yr) | | | GI Asst Marshall William Christian | Absent |
| GI Trustee (2yr) | | | GI Asst Marshall Curtis Hairston | Present |
| GI Trustee (3yr) | | | RG Chief Advisor Charlie Alexander | Excused |
| | | | ARGCA Morris Mitchell | Absent |
| GI Capt. of Guard William Wood | Present | | | |
| GI Cond of Council Herbert King | Absent | | GIDD Council #1 Victor Garcia | Present |
| GI Steward Michael Coffey | Present | | GIDD Council #2 Vernon Long | Excused |
| GI Inside Sentinel Gerard McShepard | Excused | | GIDD Council #3 William Breckenridge | Absent |
| GI Lecturer Corey Mosley | Present | | GIDD Council #5 Rodger Hall | Present |
| GI Asst Lecturer Roger Redd | Present | | GIDD Council #6 Dale Wright | Present |
| GI Chaplin Paul Carter | Present | | GIDD Council #7 Robert S. Ashton Jr. | Excused |

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| GI Musician George Hundley | Excused | |
| GICCFE Steven Legette | Present | |
| GICCFE Reginald Tolbert | Excused | |
| GI Advisor Ronald Blakley | Excused | |
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| Matthew McGuffey Council #1 | | TIM plus 3 |
| James E. Fuller Council #2 | | TIM plus 4 |
| Hampton/Newport News Council #3 | | Absent – No Representation |
| Richmond Council Council #4 | | TIM, DM plus 4 |
| G.A. Betts Council #5 | | TIM, DM, IPCW, plus 13 |
| Leonard Cox Council #6 | | TIM, DM plus 2 |
| Hiram Abiff Council #7 | | TIM, plus 5 |

Order of Business:

First time attendees welcome given by GI Deputy Master Albritton which was responded by a first-time attendee.

RGTIM Michael Hairston requested the treasurer's report which was given by GI Asst Treasurer Ashley Avery. Motion made, and properly seconded, to accept Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

RGTIM Michael Hairston requested a report from the Grand Recorder. GI Asst Recorder James Smith gave the following information:

- Council elections report due April 15
- Each council must file a 990-tax form
- Per capita tax due May 1
- Awards are due April 7
- Credentials due April 7

Motion made by TIM James Miller #7, seconded by PTIM Darren Stills #4, to accept recorder's report. Motion passed!

RGTIM Michael Hairston communicated:

- He has visited four councils thus far
- First Sunday in March will be Adoniram Day. Further details are forthcoming.
- March 25th will be School of Light at the Masonic Temple, 1004 Halifax St. in Petersburg.
- Annual Assembly will be May 18-20 at Four Points Sheraton in Midlothian. Opening will be on May 19th. Charlie Alexander has already paid \$1000.00 deposit. Rooms will be \$139.00 per night. Registration will be \$140.00. There is no change in the Souvenir Journal ad amount.

RGTIM Michael Hairston requested the GI Lecturer to give critique:

GI Lecturer Corey Mosley:

- Requested the newly appointed GI Asst Lecturers Rodger Redd #5 and Tyrone Marshall #6 give critique.
- When we meet in May annually it's called an "Assembly" not a Session.

GI Asst Lecturer Roger Redd:

- Stated the 1998 ritual is incorrect. Illustrious companions should get with GI Recorder James Manning to get the most current copy.
- In this house the word "Illustrious" is used.
- Inside Sentinel is used only in the grand session.

GI Asst Lecturer Tyrone Marshall:

- Demonstrated the proper use of the sword.
- Proper placement of items on the alter.
- The sign of fidelity is given to the RGTIM during the opening only.

GI Lecturer Corey Mosley stated the statewide degree work will be January 28, 2023 at the Masonic Temple in Petersburg and the following councils are responsible for degree work:

8th degree - Hiram Abiff #7 and Matthew McGuffey #1

9th degree - Richmond #4, G. A. Betts #5, and Leonard Cox #6

10th degree - James Fuller #2 and Hampton/Newport News #3

- District Deputies are to ensure all required regalia is provided and council members are prepared.
- SOL will be 25 March and elections need to be done before that date. Only TIMs needing the Silver Trowel degree need attend. The fee for Silver Trowel degree is \$40.00.
- Councils need to publicize what they are doing, everything can be put on the Grand Council webpage and the Beehive,
- January 1, 2023, is the deadline for potential candidates to have all necessary paperwork submitted, investigated, and voted by councils.

Council called off at 10:34

Council called back on at 10:54

Ways and Means Committee Report:

GIPCW William Moore had Illustrious Companions Tim Harrison and Ray Jefferson present two fundraiser ideas:

- Each council will receive a calendar in which days can be purchased. If someone wants to put something on the 8th day, they pay 8 dollars and so on. All calendar dates filled will equal \$461.00. All monies to be sent to the Grand Council Recorder where there will be a 60/40 split. Calendars due to the Grand council on or before 25 May.
- Information forthcoming on Prince Hall Grand Council walking shirts or polo shirts.

RGTIM Michael Hairston stated the purpose of the medical committee was to bring knowledge to the members.

Medical Committee Report:

GIPCW William Moore wanted to make sure the Grand Lecturer Roger Redd's information about the importance of getting vaccinated with a Covid, Flu, and pneumonia shot and explained why he still wears a mask to stay safe. Wanted to be sure this gets documented in the Medical Committee Report.

RGTIM Michael Hairston stated there have been many questions about York rite week. Each York Rite house has a representative. Sam Rivers and Charlie Alexander are the committee chair. We hope by the 2023 convention, more information will be provided, and each house will get one day.

Good of the Order: no council had anything to bring before the members

Midyear session called off at 11:34am

Income

Disbursements

\$0.00

\$340.00

**Fraternally,
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Michael Hairston

Michael Hairston #5
Right Grand Thrice Illustrious Master
Prince Hall Grand Council Royal and Select Masters
Commonwealth of Virginia, Prince Hall Affiliated, Inc.

Attest:

James J. Manning III

James J. Manning III #7
Grand Illustrious Recorder

