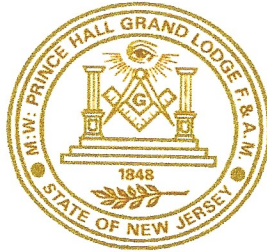


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## Communication To All Prince Hall Temple Association Members Recommendation for the Grand East Sunday, December 12, 2021

To: Right Worshipful Clyde H. Horton, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Jimmy Barnes, Senior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Adrian C. Desroe, Junior Grand Warden, Most Worshipful Brethren, Right Worshipful Brethren, Worshipful Brethren, and Brethren all, greetings.

Pursuant to the Book of Constitutions and Bylaws of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of New Jersey chapter four (Laws Pertaining to the Prince Hall Temple Association, Inc.) section 314 (Meetings and Quorum), the Semi-Annual Meeting was held for ALL MEMBERS on Saturday, December 4, 2021, 10:30AM at Foster's Military Lodge No. 67 in Willingboro, NJ.

The PHTA has been working diligently to research and determine the best options to address the Grand East which suffered a fire on May 3, 2018. The meeting objective was to provide the Craft with viable options for the renovation or disposition of the Grand East at 188 – 190 Irvine Turner Blvd, Newark, NJ. The PHTA provided three (3) options along with the PHTA's specific recommendation.

### **PHTA Recommendation: Option 1: Renovate/Repair the Grand East**

It is the recommendation of the PHTA Board of Directors to apply the proceeds of the sale of the E.T. Bowser Complex to the remaining insurance payout balance and renovate/repair the Grand East. In the event the funds are not sufficient, the PHTA and Grand Lodge will facilitate measures to close the financial gaps as needed.

### **Additional options are provided are as follows:**

#### **Option 2: Selling of Grand East – Erect a prefab/butler building on vacant lot across the street:**

- The projected sale price for the current condition of the Grand East is estimated at \$800K. A more precise appraisal would be obtained if the building is officially put up for sale.
- An 8,800 square foot pre-fab/butler building had estimated costs starting at \$950K (estimation dated 2020). Additional square footage, building planning, zoning, etc. would increase costs significantly.

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**Option 3: Selling of Grand East and Vacant Lot:**

- The total sale of the building and lot could yield an estimated \$1.75M.
- Property appraisals would be obtained to determine more precise estimates.
- A search for a new location would be determined based on costs and needs.

**Next Steps:**

1. Each lodge will be expected to discuss the PHTA recommendation, as well as the other options offered.
2. Lodges are permitted to have virtual meetings for the sole purpose of discussing the PHTA recommendation and options provided.
3. PHTA District Representatives are expected to attend District Meetings and attend Lodge meetings as needed to answer questions relevant to the PHTA recommendation and options.
4. The anticipated date of the election will occur during the week of January 31, 2022.
5. Voting will take place virtually via Election Runner. Each member will be permitted to vote on **ONE (1)** of the PHTA options. Subsequent instructions will be forwarded outlining the voting process and specific timelines.
6. Please direct all questions to your District PHTA Representative.

On behalf of the Prince Hall Temple Association, your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated. Please take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly.

Fraternally,

*Michael A. Wiggins*

Most Worshipful Michael Anthony Wiggins, Grand Master  
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, State of New Jersey

Attest:  
R. W. James G. Allen  
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