

December 3, 2025

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION

(See Digest §23-1.1 [40])

TO: Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Honorary Past Grand Masters, Committee Members, D.D.G.L.'s, Ten Year D.D.G.L.'s, and Subordinate Lodge Secretaries:

Dear Brethren:

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Billy Wayne Bunch, would like to cordially invite all Masons to attend the 208th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi F&AM to be held at the HOLLYWOOD CONVENTION CENTER, 1150 CASINO STRIP RESORT BLVD., TUNICA, MISSISSIPPI 38664, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, **FEBRUARY 24, 25, & 26, 2026.**

ROOM RESERVATIONS:

Group names: **2026 Grand Lodge of MS Annual Communication**

Phone Number: **662-357-7700**

Group Code: **Choose Option 1 – Code SGL0222 (to book room(s))**

Rate: All inclusive Room Rates Include Resort Fees and Tax

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON-THUR</u>	<u>FRI&SAT</u>	<u>SUN</u>
\$69.28	\$74.78	\$102.28	\$69.28

Start Date: **Now Open**

Last Day to Book Room: **February 14, 2025 or once the block is full.**

Book by Phone: 662-357-7700, Choose Option 1, Mention

GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET:

Our Grand Master cordially invites all Masons and their wives to attend the **Grand Master's Banquet on Tuesday evening, February 23 2026, at the HOLLYWOOD CONVENTION CENTER, at 7:00 P.M.** Attire is Formal or Dark Suit for Men and Sunday Dress for Ladies. Tickets are required. You may order tickets using the enclosed forms (*make copies if you or your lodge needs additional copies*). Please order and pay for tickets in advance from the Grand Lodge Office, and you can pick them up at the Grand Lodge Registration Desk on Tuesday, February 24, 2026. The Deadline to purchase banquet tickets is **February 7, 2026, (in order for the Grand Lodge Office to receive your payment prior to the meeting.)**

SECRETARIES:

1. Make plans to attend the **Secretaries Conference at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, February 24, 2026**. This is a very important and informative meeting for ALL Lodge Secretaries, new and long-served, young and old. There is no registration, just show up!
2. Every Lodge **MUST** file a **990-N E-Postcard** with the IRS every year, no exceptions, or you WILL be hearing from the IRS. The deadline for electronically filing the 990-N is **MAY 15, 2026**. Be **SURE** you have remitted for 2026. Email me at **secretary@msgrandlodge.org** and I can forward you information on how to complete this.
3. The **Special Return** (Election of Officers for 2026) must be submitted on Grand View no later than January 29, 2026. Step by step instructions are enclosed with this mailing. We cannot prepare the Directory of Lodges and Officers accurately until the Special Returns have been submitted.
4. If you have not mailed in your **2025 Per Capita Dues** to the Grand Lodge Office, this is the last reminder you will receive. **They are due on or before January 10, 2026**. If your Lodge Per Capita Dues are NOT paid by the Grand Lodge Annual Communication Meeting in February, your Lodge will NOT be able to vote.
5. **Proposed By-Law Changes are enclosed**. Please post at your Lodge, discuss at your Lodge Meetings, and instruct your Representative attending Grand Lodge as to how your Lodge wishes to vote. Individual members can locate copies of the proposals by logging in to Grand View.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Please start preparing, and be ready to present, your Committee Report at Grand Lodge by having your report already printed when you come to Grand Lodge. **Send your Committee Report, typed, in Word format, via email to** manager@msgrandlodge.org, as soon as possible and we will be able to copy it directly into the 2026 Grand Master's Address Booklet and the 2026 Grand Lodge Proceedings book. Each Committee Chairman will be receiving individual emails regarding their Report soon.

SCHOLARSHIPS: The deadline for submitting 1-year Scholarship Applications is March 15, 2026. No faxed copies accepted. **No exceptions!** Any applications received after March 15, 2026, will not be considered.

Per our By-Laws, the Annual Meeting of the members of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi Foundation will be held during the 208th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, F. & A. M.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,



Gary B. Jones
Grand Secretary