

# The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge



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*Office of the Grand Master*

## PROCLAMATION

HEAR YE!!!

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TO THE BRETHREN OF THE M.W.P.H.G.L., F.&A.M. JURISDICTION OF MASSACHUSETTS, BRETHREN OF  
AFRICAN LODGE NO. 459 AND BRETHREN OF THE PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS

A CELEBRATION OF PRINCE HALL & AFRICAN LODGE NO. 459

To Benefit Prince Hall Masons Worldwide

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Greetings,

I, Bro. Justin A. Petty, by the power vested in me as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024, a day of celebration in honor of our first Most Worshipful Grand Master, Prince Hall and African Lodge No. 459 of Boston, Massachusetts, the birthplace of Prince Hall Freemasonry. Prince Hall Masonry is the oldest Black Fraternal Organization. An appropriate program will be conducted for this memorable weekend. In addition, our acclaimed Charter of African Lodge No. 459 will be on display for our registered members and guests.

African Lodge No. 459 will open promptly at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 2024 at the Masonic Temple with M.W.G.M. Bro. Gregory R. Smith, Jr. of New York in the South, M.W.G.M. Bro. Paul A. Hibner of Pennsylvania in the West and I will preside in the East.

Attached, please find a copy of the detailed letter from the Chairman of African Lodge No. 459, R.W. Bro. Manuel Pires, the Registration Form, Souvenir Journal Contract and an African Lodge No. 459 Membership Application.

Take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly. Issued under my hand and seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D. 2024, A.L. 6024

Fraternally,

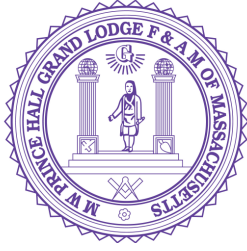
Bro. Justin A. Petty, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Most Worshipful Grand Master



Attest:

Bro. Sammy L. Belton  
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

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## Event Details

The 11th Biennial African Lodge No. 459 festivities and reopening will take place beginning on April 25, 26, 27 through 28, 2024. For this reopening there will be an additional day of activities including a golf tournament. The theme of the 2024 reopening will be “Legends and Legacy.”

The symbolic re-opening is scheduled to take place Saturday, April 27, 2024 with the reception of visiting Grand Masters together with their delegations. The reopening is expected to be magnificent as sitting Most Worshipful Grand Masters from various jurisdictions have been invited to participate as line officers in full colonial dress and regalia. They will represent each of the original Lodge Officers of African Lodge No. 459. This re-opening will feature a theatrical presentation of the birth of African Lodge 459 and her progeny.

There will be a “Sights and Sound” speaker series where well-informed Brethren will make presentations at places of historical significance to African Lodge No. 459 and Prince Hall Masonry generally: Museum of African American History; Cambridge Commons, Copps Hill Burial Ground and Castle Island. The “Sights and Sound” speaker series proved to be informative and well received at our last re-opening. The 2024 reopening weekend will again include a Table Lodge gathering in addition to the usual theatrical play, historic tours, shopping and two evenings of fellowship, entertainment and dancing.

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Registration fee is \$165.00 not including the Table Lodge, which will be an additional \$45.00. The registration fee will cover the Reenactment of the Opening of African Lodge No. 459, the theatrical play and evening entertainment only. The “Sights and Sounds” speaker series will cost \$35.00 per guest. The Saturday evening entertainment and dance function will be held at the William E. Reed Auditorium at the Masonic Temple beginning at 9 PM. The cost will be \$40.00 per guest. The Deadline for registration will be April 15, 2024.

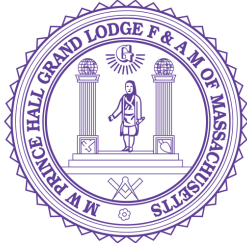
Lodging will be reserved at the Boston Marriot Quincy located at 1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169. (617) 472-1000. Room rates are \$189.00 per night for a double occupancy room and \$199.00 per night for a single king size bedroom. Reservations are to be made under “Most Worshipful Prince Hall African Lodge 459”.

Registration and payment for the Reopening weekend will be available online at <https://www.princehall.org>. All information relative to the reopening, from registration fee to activities will be found at the website. Membership applications will also be available for submission online.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Manuel R. Pires

R. W. Bro. Manuel R. Pires Chairman, African Lodge No. 459



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## ELEVENTH BIENNIAL RE-OPENING OF AFRICAN LODGE No. 459

### Weekend Event Schedule

#### Thursday April 25, 2024

09:00 AM – 05:00 PM

Check-in and Registration

12:00 PM – 05:00 PM

Golf Tournament – Franklin Park Golf Course

05:00 PM – 07:00 PM

Gathering at Long Live Roxbury Micro-Brewery

#### Friday April 26, 2024

09:00 AM – 05:00 PM

Check-in and Registration

09:30 AM – 02:30 PM

Tour - Sights and Sounds Speaker Series\*

06:00 PM – 07:30 PM

Theatrical play\*

08:00 PM – 01:30 AM

Welcome Reception at Biff's Lounge\*

#### Saturday April 27, 2024

10:00 AM – 02:00 PM

African Lodge 459 Symbolic Reopening\*\*

09:30 AM – 06:00 PM

Tour - Casino Trip / Black Heritage Trail\*\*

09:30 AM – 06:00 PM

Tour - Shopping Trip to Premium Outlets\*\*

04:00 PM – 06:30 PM

Table Lodge

08:00 PM – 01:00 AM

Semi-Formal, Live Band Concert and Dance\*

#### Sunday April 27, 2024

09:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Worship Service

12:00 PM

Check-out and Departure

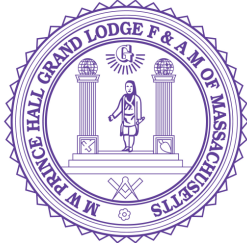
\* Open to Registrants and their guests

\*\* Shuttle bus transportation provided

Participants are responsible for their own meals during tours.

**ALL PARTICIPANTS OF SYMBOLIC REOPENING CEREMONY ARE REQUIRED  
TO BE MEMBERS OF AFRICAN LODGE No. 459**

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## 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Re-Opening of African Lodge #459

April 27, 2024

### Souvenir Journal Advertising Contract

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page w/Picture \$150.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Half Page w/ Picture \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter page \$40.00         | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Card \$15.00         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron's List \$10.00        |  |

Please send copy ready Ad with this contract and payment

Make All Checks and Money Orders Payable to:

African Lodge 459

Mail To: **African Lodge 459 Souvenir Journal Committee**

**Attn: Bro. Darrin E. Hayes**

**24 Washington Street**

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**Phone: (413) 231-7056**

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Ad Contract Deadline: Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

**For More Information Contact:** Bro. Darrin Hayes (413) 231-7056

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