



Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter

HOLY ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA & U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS, INC.
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13TH ANNUAL YORK RITE WORKSHOP PROCLAMATION

October 1, 2022

To the Honorable Jeffery Jones, 19th Most Worshipful Grand Master; All Florida Jurisdiction Department Heads; Deputy Grand High Priest Peter J. Bruton; Grand King Andre Reed; Grand Scribe Craig E. Hall; Grand Treasurer Jose "Tito" George; Grand Secretary Canary Williams; Rev. Ernest Powell, Grand Chaplain; All Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests; All Past Grand High Priests; All Excellent High Priests, Kings, Scribes, Treasurers, Secretaries; All Grand and Local Appointed Officers; All Department Heads, and All Companions.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

This Grand Chapter is prepared to put on a workshop like none you've ever experienced! Seeing is believing. EXCELLENCE will be on full display and this event will spark memories for years to come. This year's **workshop** will focus on the good **work**, true **work**, and square **work** of our Companions all across the Jurisdiction.

CALL TO ASSEMBLE

Now, by the prerogative of this office and in conformity with the Constitution and By-Laws governing the Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons of Florida & U.S. Virgin Islands, Prince Hall Affiliated, I, Most Excellent Dr. Elton L. Lewis KYCH, Grand High Priest of all Capitular Masonry, do hereby proclaim the **13th York Rite Workshop**, will convene for all Holy Royal Arch Masons on Friday, January 6th and conclude on Saturday, January 7th, 2023 at the Sheraton Orlando North, 600 N Lake Destiny Rd, Maitland, FL.

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

The host hotel for this event is the Sheraton Orlando North located at 600 N Lake Destiny Rd, Maitland, FL 32751. The hotel can be reached at (407) 660-9000 to make your reservations. Book your rooms under the group name of "**Masonic York Rite Weekend**." The room rate is \$124 per night plus applicable taxes/fees for a traditional single (king bed) or traditional double (queen beds). The room rate is \$144 per night plus applicable taxes/fees for a deluxe single (king bed) or deluxe double (queen beds). The room rate is \$164 per night plus applicable taxes/fees for a club-level single (king bed). Reservation cut-off date is December 14, 2022. (After December 14, 2022 reservation requests are confirmed on guestroom and convention rate availability. If the rate is not available, the prevailing hotel rate will apply.)

The Pass Key for Hotel Reservations:

The pass key for the 13th York Rite Workshop is below. Please click the hyperlink below to access the hotel reservation site:

[Sheraton Orlando North Pass Key - 2023 York Rite Workshop](#)

We are expecting a larger than normal attendance at this event, so make your reservations early. Please do not over book rooms. Reservations are made with a major credit card. The Grand Chapter will not be responsible for cancellation charges or overbooked rooms.

Most Excellent

Dr. Elton L. Lewis K.Y.C.H.

Grand High Priest

Right Excellent

Peter J. Bruton K.Y.C.H.

Deputy Grand High Priest

Right Excellent

Andre Reed

Grand King

Right Excellent

Craig E. Hall K.Y.C.H.

Grand Scribe

Right Excellent

Jose "Tito" George

Grand Treasurer

Right Excellent

Canary Williams

Grand Secretary

Right Excellent

Rev. Ernest L. Powell

Grand Chaplain

Excellent

Jordin T. Chandler

Grand Chair of Foreign

Correspondence

REGISTRATION

Registration is **\$100.00** and must be received no later than **December 9, 2022**. On-site registration is \$125.00. Chapters must pre-register all 5 elected officers: Excellent High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer and Secretary.

All **Appointed Grand Chapter Officers** and Companions who serve as **Joshua or Court Director** for the Heroines of Jericho are expected to **register with their local Royal Arch Chapter**. This will be strictly enforced. Please understand that it should not be expected that the local HOJ Court will pay your registration for you.

Registrations should be mailed directly to the **Grand Secretary, Right Excellent Canary Williams at P.O. Box 16303, Pensacola, FL 32507**. Attached is the registration form. Make all checks and money orders payable to the "M.E.U.G.C." If you send a check there will be a \$40 fee on any returned check plus bank fees. Individuals can also register using PayPal by sending funds to hra.grandtreasurer@gmail.com.

ATTIRE

For the Statewide Exaltation and the Workshop on Saturday, all Companions are to dress in full Royal Arch dress, to include black suit, black socks, red tie, crown, apron, gloves, and appropriate collar. All elected and appointed Grand Chapter Officers are to dress in full ritualistic regalia. Please see the attached agenda for more detailed information with regard to the attire for each event.

OCCASIONAL CHAPTER OPENING

The officers and members of "Historic" Zerubbabel Chapter #1 will perform the Workshop opening in due and ritualistic form.

COLLEGE OF ROYAL ARCH MASONRY

The College of Royal Arch is will convene during this workshop. Our new Dean, Dr. George Lockhart, and the administrators are anxious to continue the rich tradition of this great institution! Dr. Lockhart will provide a list of courses offered along with the instructors of each course by December 1, 2022. All who have not previously enrolled in the College of Royal Arch Masonry will have the opportunity to do so at the York Rite Workshop.

JEWEL CONTEST

We are excited to announce the return of the Jewel Contest. This will take place during our session on Saturday, January 7, 2023. The Jewel Contest is conducted to serve mainly as a learning tool, and to provide uniformity throughout the jurisdiction, in the performance of ritualistic ceremonies. The focus of this year's Jewel Contest will be performing the ritualistic chapter closing. All rules and regulations for the Jewel Contest will be attached to the Proclamation. There will be prizes for first, second, and third place winners.

STATEWIDE EXALTATION

The statewide exaltation will be conducted on Friday, January 6, 2023 at 5:00pm. There will be no dispensation granted for local exaltations. Candidates are required to be present for a mandatory proficiency test on Friday, January 6, 2023 at 4:00 pm. Candidates not present for proficiency will not be permitted to participate in the statewide exaltation.

All Candidates are required to register at the regular rate of \$100.00, which can be submitted along with the local chapter registration.

ROYAL EXTRAVAGANZA GALA

The Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter HRAM and the Most Ancient Union Grand Court HOJ will have their "Royal Extravaganza Gala" on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 7:30 PM. **This is a formal event; therefore, tuxedos and tails are in order with collar (no crown, no apron).** There will be several

presentations made during this event including awards and recognitions for Companions and Chapters around the Jurisdiction. All newly exalted Companions will also be recognized and receive all of their membership items during this event. HRAM and HOJ will take this time to show the full beauty and pageantry that masonry has to offer.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

HAGGAI AWARD: For all companions exalted over the last 12 months and working towards the Haggai Award you have to submit the award tracking form prior to December 9, 2022. If you need the form, contact the Grand Secretary. The Haggai Award was designated as a new member's retention program.

COMPANION OF THE YEAR AWARD: We will award one deserving Companion the "Charles T. Maxwell Companion of the Year" Award. The recipient of this award will be afforded free registration to all HRAM events for the year that they hold the award and will be exempted from Grand Chapter head taxes for the year that they receive the award.

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARDS: We will award one Chapter of the Year Award for a small chapter (20 Companions or less) and a large chapter (20+ Companions) to deserving chapters.

GRAND CHAPTER BOOK OF MARKS

The Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter will adopt an Official Book of Marks for Companions of the Jurisdiction to have their official mark left in perpetuity amongst the archives. Every Companion in attendance can have their mark placed in the Grand Chapter Book of Marks on a first-come-first-serve basis at a cost of \$20.00. All sitting Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest will be exempt from the \$20.00 fee.

In closing, I ask for your continued prayers of intercession for me as I go to the Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth in intercession for you. Let "Holiness to the Lord" be engraved upon all your thoughts, words and actions.

This communication is to be read in its entirety during each meeting before the York Rite Workshop and a copy made available to each member via email or regular mail.



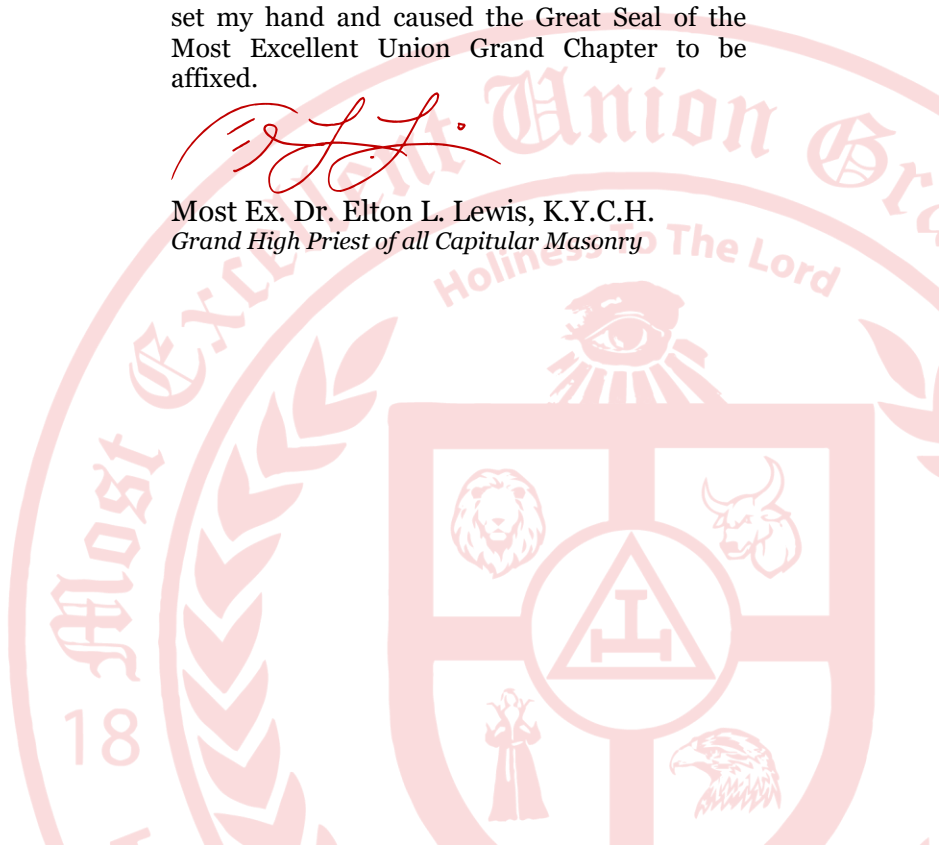
ATTEST,

Canary Williams

Rt. Ex. Canary Williams
Grand Secretary

UNDER THE LIVING ARCH I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter to be affixed.

Most Ex. Dr. Elton L. Lewis, K.Y.C.H.
Grand High Priest of all Capitular Masonry





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Most Excellent Dr. Elton L. Lewis, K.Y.C.H. – Grand High Priest

YORK RITE WORKSHOP AGENDA

JANUARY 6-7, 2023

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	
Fri. Jan. 6	1:00 PM	Registration	Rt. Ex. Canary Williams
Fri. Jan. 6	4:00 PM	Candidate Proficiency Exam – Candidates for Statewide Exaltation ATTIRE: Full HRAM Masonic Dress	Rt. Ex. Craig E. Hall HRAM Candidate Education Team
Fri. Jan. 6	5:00 PM	Statewide Exaltation ATTIRE: Full HRAM Masonic Dress	Statewide Degree Team
Fri. Jan. 6	9:00 PM	Joint HRAM + HOJ Hospitality – Celebration of Newly Exalted Companions ATTIRE: Business Casual	MEUGC HRAM & MAUGC HOJ
LUNCH – 12:00 Noon (On Your Own)			
Sat. Jan. 7	7:00 AM	Registration	Rt. Ex. Canary Williams
Sat. Jan. 7	7:45 AM	Occasional Chapter Opening ATTIRE: Full HRAM Masonic Dress	Harmony Chapter #1
Sat. Jan. 7	8:15 AM	Reception of DGHP and Grand Cabinet	EHP of Harmony Chapter #1
Sat. Jan. 7	8:30 AM	Reception of Grand High Priest	Rt. Ex. Peter J. Bruton
Sat. Jan. 7	8:35 PM	Reception of Dept. Heads/Visiting Dignitaries/Guests	Most. Ex. Dr. Elton L. Lewis
Sat. Jan. 7	8:40 AM	Reception of MW Grand Master & Cabinet	Most. Ex. Dr. Elton L. Lewis
Sat. Jan. 7	8:45 AM	Devotion	Rt. Ex. Rev. Ernest L. Powell
Sat. Jan. 7	8:55 AM	Welcome	DDGHP Clint Brown – Dist. 2
Sat. Jan. 7	9:00 AM	College of Royal Arch Masonry – Course 1	Comp. Dr. George Lockhart
Sat. Jan. 7	10:30 AM	College of Royal Arch Masonry – Course 2	Comp. Dr. George Lockhart
LUNCH – 12:00 Noon (On Your Own)			
Sat. Jan. 7	2:00 PM	Sword Investiture Ceremony	MEUGC Grand Officers and Union Grand Commandery #22 KT Grand Officers
Sat. Jan. 7	2:15 PM	Jewel Contest	DDGHP Cecil Carter – Dist. 6
Sat. Jan. 7	3:45 PM	Life Membership Presentations	Most Ex. Dr. Elton L. Lewis
Sat. Jan. 7	4:00 PM	Presentation of the Official Grand Chapter Book of Marks	PHP Jordin T. Chandler DDGHP Jason L. Fernandez
Sat. Jan. 7	4:00 PM	Final Remarks	Visiting Dignitaries PMEGHPs Department Heads Most Ex. Dr. Elton L. Lewis Hon. Jeffery G. Jones
Sat. Jan. 7	4:30 PM	Official Closing of York Rite Workshop	Grand Elected and Appointed Officers
Sat. Jan. 7	7:30 PM	Royal Extravaganza Gala ATTIRE: Formal HRAM Dress (tuxedos, tails, red accessories, collars, NO crowns, NO aprons)	MEUGC HRAM & MAUGC HOJ